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Organization Being Formed To Attract New Industries

A meeting to consider formation of a tri-county organization to aid in attracting new industries to Yancey, Mitchell and Avery counties will be held in the grammar school auditorium at Spruce Pine at 7:30 p. m. tonight, Thursday, March 6. All those interested are invited to attend. Among the speakers at the meeting will be a representative

Presbyterians To Have Week Of Evangelistic Services

Each night of the week beginning Sunday, March 23rd and continuing through Friday, March 30th, special evangelistic services will be held in the Burnsville Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Ray Graves of Bulls Gap, Tennessee, will be the special speaker at these meetings. Mr. Graves, though still a young man, has preached in many countries of the world, and has commended himself to many as a singular talent and consecration. The public is cordially invited to come to these meetings, which will begin at 7:30 P. M. The Rev. George R. Blue, who was guest preacher in the Presbyterian Church last Sunday, is to be installed as minister in charge of the Madison County Larger Parish on this coming Sunday night, March 9th in the church at Walnut. The Rev. Warren S. Reeve is to deliver the installation sermon.

Mr. Reeve will be preaching in his own pulpit, as usual, Sunday morning, his sermon subject being, "The Tenderness Severity of God".

Letterman Retires As Celso Postmaster

CELO, March 1 — Joseph W. (Uncle Joe) Letterman, 79, retired Friday as Postmaster at Celso after serving for 15 years. Letterman is reportedly one of the oldest postmasters to retire in Western North Carolina in recent years. Born Sept. 3, 1878 at Toledo in Yancey County, he has resided at Celso since 1932 and was appointed postmaster on Feb. 28, 1943. Prior to his postal work Letterman had served 13 years with the Clinchfield Railroad as station agent at Green Mountain and Toecane and eight years with the register of deeds office in Buncombe County. He is a member of the Celso Methodist Church and has been active in community affairs. Floyd Autrey has been named acting Celso Postmaster. Miss Susan Shepard of Mars Hill College visited her parents in Burnsville over the past weekend. She was accompanied home by Miss Emily Dunn of Hamlet, N. C., a suite mate at Mars Hill. Mr. and Mrs. Philip Ray spent last week-end in Atlanta.

Highway Personnel Praised By Babcock

Raleigh, N. C. — Highway Director W. F. Babcock has issued a statement praising the work of highway personnel throughout the State for their efficient efforts in clearing highways following the severe snow and ice storm. "I think their work has been magnificent under trying circumstances of the worst winter we've had in many years," said Babcock. Babcock said road crews, especially in the western part of the State, worked around the clock to scrape road surfaces buried under a snowfall of 8 to 14 inches. Babcock concluded, "I think we all owe a special vote of thanks to maintenance personnel who worked in sub-freezing weather to clear our highways and restore normal traffic. At best, working on an open-motor-grader is a rough job."

Burnsville Woman In Auto Accident

Mrs. Alma Holcombe, of Burnsville, was slightly injured Tuesday when her car struck another vehicle on U. S. 10-23 near the Buncombe-Madison county line. Patrolman W. A. Kincaid reported the car driven by Mrs. Holcombe struck another car halted on the highway for a school bus discharging passengers, causing the second car to hit the rear of a truck. Mrs. Holcombe sustained minor injuries of the left leg and was taken to a Mars Hill physician for treatment. She told the patrolman that she apparently stepped on the accelerator instead of the brake. She was charged with following too closely. Neither of the other drivers were injured. Both passenger cars were damaged extensively.

"Keep North Carolina Beautiful"

By L. R. Harrill
State 4-H Club Leader

As one travels from the sand-washed shores of the Atlantic to the loftiest peaks in Western North Carolina and observes the natural beauty of our State, there comes the thought that the writer and composer of "America, the Beautiful" must have passed this way. Surely, no one can find within the bounds of any state as much natural beauty as can be found within the boundaries of North Carolina. It is only natural, therefore, that in looking for a specific project to paramount during the observance of National 4-H Club Week, March 1 through 8, that "Keep North Carolina Beautiful" should be selected by North Carolina 4-H Club members. It is also appropriate that the state with the largest enrollment of 4-H members should be the state that should give its full support to this state-wide program of keeping North Carolina beautiful.

Beef Cattle Producers To Meet

Beef cattle producers will meet at the farm of Roy Harris on Georges Fork Road at 10 a. m., Friday, March 7, for a demonstration by James Patterson, State College livestock specialist, on beef cattle management. The County Agent's office is urging all beef cattle men to attend this meeting. The cattle referendum for Saturday, March 15, will be explained and plans for the election announced. Reece McIntosh has been appointed manager of the referendum for Yancey County. Places for voting on March 15th are Farmers Federation, Burnsville; Pensacola Post Office, Pensacola; R. A. Radford's Store, Cane River; J. W. Howell and Son Store, Green Mt.; Lloyd Miller's Service Station, Burnsville, Rt. 4; and Dellinger and Silver Store, Micaville.

Two Appeal Court Order In Madison

MARSHALL, March 4 — The Madison County Election Board controversy headed for the State Supreme Court today when two members of the board appealed from a Superior Court ruling that had set aside their action abolishing seven Madison voting precincts. M. B. Blankenship and William V. Farmer, of whom the ruling was sharply critical, appealed the order issued yesterday by Judge J. Frank Huskins. The appeal was perfected before Judge Huskins today by W. E. Anglin and G. D. Bailey of Burnsville, attorneys for Blankenship and Farmer. Judge Huskins' order had accused Blankenship and Farmer of acting in "bad faith" and in coalition with the Republican party to gain control of election machinery in Madison County. Blankenship is a Democrat, member of the board, Farmer is a Republican. Third member, and chairman, is Marvin Ball, Democrat.

WCS TO MEET TONIGHT

The Woman's Society of Christ-fan Service will meet at the Methodist Church tonight, Thursday, at 8 o'clock. The Sue Reynolds Circle is in charge.

Give 15 Rafts For Girl Scout Work!

By Carolyn Clevenger

Folks, Girl Scout week is here again. And with Scout Week comes the "cookie peddlers". These girls will go from house to house selling delicious Girl Scout cookies. If you buy some, you will surely be in for a treat! These cookies come in three delicious flavors, mint, sandwich and sugar. They sell for forty cents a box — a real bargain! Proceeds from the cookies will be spent for improvements on the Girl Scout Camp at Brevard. In case you do not live near a Scout, you may purchase cookies from various booths around town. Another observance of Girl Scout Week is the decorating of store windows with Girl Scout equipment. This year, Mrs. Doris Edge, proprietress of the Doris Shoppe, has ever so graciously consented to donate for the Scout's use, two of her display windows. Girl Scout Week will be observed from March 8 through the 15th.

Burnsville PTA Honors Founders

The Burnsville PTA observed founders day with a special program Tuesday night, Feb. 25 at the school. The program chairman was Miss Sarah Hensley. Following the singing of "America", the devotional message was given by Miss Laura Mae Hilliard. A duet was sung by Gerald and Gary Murock, accompanied by Miss Cynthia Randolph. A play, "Of Any Child Alive", was presented with the cast of characters including Mrs. P. C. Colette, narrator; Mrs. Arney Fox, hostess; Mrs. Don Burhoe and Mrs. Warren Franklin, parents; Mrs. M. P. Zuber and Mrs. Mark Bennett, teachers; and Mrs. Fred Phoenix and Mrs. Henry Stamey, founders. Past presidents were recognized and presented with corsages. Those present were Mrs. S. T. Ray, Mrs. C. R. Hamrick, Mrs. Hershel Holcombe, Mrs. Clarence Burton, Mrs. Roy Ray and Mr. I. E. Clevenger. The program ended with the singing of "Hail, Oh Faithful Founders". During a short business meeting, the president, Mrs. James Ray, appointed a nominating committee so as to have the new officers elected in time to attend the state convention to be held in Asheville in April. Other committees were appointed to work on two new projects: grassing the campus around the elementary school building and the front of the high school building, and providing new encyclopedias for the high school library. Both projects are to be worked out before the end of the school year.

Jacks Creek HD Club Meets

The Jacks Creek Home Demonstration Club met at the home of Mrs. Gwen Bailey Friday, Feb. 28. After all pertinent business was discussed, a most interesting demonstration on color was given by Miss Virginia Cox. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Enola Wilson at which time the club is planning to invite Mrs. Juanita Proffitt to be their guest and show the slides of her trip to the far east.

Cub Scouts Planning Meeting

A planning meeting for the Cub Scouts will be held Tuesday, March 11, at 8:30 at the home of Cubmaster William A. Tuttle. All committeemen and den mothers will make plans for the Cub Scout over-all program and for the Lions Club-Cub Scout banquet to be held on Thursday, March 13.

BEE LOG COMMUNITY CLUB TO MEET

The Bee Log Community Club will meet Wednesday night, March 12, at Bee Log High School. All residents of the community are urged to attend.

SINGING CONVENTION

The Yancey County Singing Convention will be held Sunday, March 9, at the Free Will Baptist Church in Pensacola. All singers and the general public are invited.

Mrs. Brown Speaks To Garden Club

Mrs. O. L. Brown was guest speaker at the Garden Club, which met with Mrs. D. R. Fouts Friday evening. Mrs. Troy Ray, program leader, introduced Mrs. Brown who displayed some of her works of art, including pictures in water color, pastels and oils. She told how she went about painting pictures and showed the different kinds of brushes and paints she used. Mrs. Brown showed some lovely pieces of her hand painted china and explained in a general way how china is painted. There will be one of Mrs. Brown's pictures on display at the Woman's Club Art Exhibit in Charlotte in April. The business meeting, which was presided over by Mrs. W. A. Y. Sargent, president of the club, it was voted unanimously to cooperate with other clubs in writing a history of Yancey County. Mrs. Fred Proffitt explained the project and cited the importance of having a complete recorded history of the county. Mr. James Hutchins initiated the project. He has been interested in this work for many years and has much historical material of the county. Mrs. Fred Proffitt and Mrs. Brady Bailey were appointed to serve with members of the other clubs on the history committee. Mr. Hutchins will act in an advisory capacity to the over-all committee. At the social hour, the members of the club recalled interesting stories they had heard of early settlers and of historical events of the county. The hostess served a delicious dessert course.

Low Appointed To Commission

Leonard Lowe, attorney, businessman, and farmer of Forest City and Caroleen, has been appointed a member of the Beef Cattle Commission of the Western North Carolina Agricultural Development Council, according to an announcement made by Gay Shelton of Asheville. Mr. Lowe served as president of the Rutherford County Farm Bureau last year and is presently serving as a director of the North Carolina Angus Association. The first meeting of the Commission will be held at Buck's Restaurant on Wednesday night, February 26th. Mr. Lowe is a candidate for Solicitor of the 18th Solicitorial District.

Forest City Attorney Addresses Lions Club

Leonard Lowe, an attorney from Forest City, and candidate for District Solicitor of the 18th Solicitorial District, was the speaker at the last meeting of the Lions Club held in the Presbyterian Church on Thursday night, February 27th. Mr. Lowe is a member of the Forest City Lions Club and served as president of the club in 1953. He spoke on the responsibility of each Lion to himself, his family, his church and his community. Six boys from the Ruth School of Rutherford County accompanied him and entertained the club with pantomime and song — features that have already won for them appearances on TV. Members of the club were agreed in thinking that this was one of the best programs provided this year. H. D. Justice is chairman of the program committee. G. Dixon Bailey, Robert Rhinehart and Dr. C. M. Whisnant were appointed a committee to represent the Lions Club at the meeting to be held in Spruce Pine for the information of a tri-county organization to encourage the bringing in of new industry into this area.

Auto Hits School Bus, No Injuries Reported

A school bus occupied by 30 students from Bald Creek School was struck by a passenger car last Thursday afternoon on Highway 19E, the State Highway Patrol reported. Patrolman A. W. Rector said no one was injured. He listed the driver of the bus as Roy Ayers, 17, of Burnsville RFD 1 and said J. C. Edwards, 27, of Cane River, was operator of the car. Edwards was charged with reckless driving. Rector quoted Edwards as saying that his car started skidding as it reached the crest of a hill and that he pulled it to the left side of the highway to avoid hitting the bus. About that time, Rector quoted Edwards as saying, Edwards spotted some students crossing the road, cut his vehicle back and it skidded sideways into the rear of the bus. Rector estimated damages to the Edwards car in excess of \$500. The bus was only slightly damaged.

Farmers Federation Stockholders Meet

Yancey County Farmers Federation stockholders held their annual meeting Friday, Feb. 28, at the Federation store in Burnsville. The president, Jamie Clarke, presided and gave the general report. The Federation string band provided some of its famous music. Charles Davis, general manager, pointed out how operational expenses have been decreased and marketing facilities and business have been increased. In the future, emphasis will be placed on laying flocks rather than increasing broiler flocks. Total over-all sales showed an increase of \$615,392 for the last six months. Norman Barnett, general store manager, told of the training school for store managers recently completed and of new and improved lines of goods added. E. L. Dillingham, Yancey County farm agent, gave an interesting talk on the Pullet Chain, 4-H Club activities and the good relationship between farm agencies and cooperatives. Other speakers were E. E. Patton, who spoke on the possibilities of Turkish Tobacco; Mrs. Helen Williams, who spoke on the health program and Blue Cross; and Jack Waldrep, who spoke on the Lord's Acre plan. The local store committee was re-elected. Tom Ray was re-nominated as a director and H. W. Higgins was nominated as a new director. Those winning baby chicks were Grant McCurry, C. A. Proffitt, Gus Edwards and Isaac Fox. Coffee and do-nuts were served.

ASC Quarterly Staff Conference

The State ASC Committee held a quarterly staff conference in Asheville at the George Vanderbilt Hotel on February 26 and 27. The following people attended the meeting from the Yancey County office: Alvin Pate, chairman of the county committee; Fred Anglin, county office mgr.; Anna Lou Hughes, Leonard Ayers, Annette Byrd, and Faye Young, office clerks. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the current status of the Soil Bank program, performance operations, ACP, use of new forms, and a new uniform filing system. Hbrace D. Godfrey, state administrative officer, led the discussion. Mr. Godfrey was assisted by several other ASC employees from the state office, including the district fieldmen and two members of the state committee. From all indications, the acreage reserve phase of the Soil Bank Program will not be in effect after 1958. Those in the Yancey County Office feel that these meetings are very informative and most essential in carrying out the obligations to the farmers.



LOOKY! LOOKY! LOOKY! — HERE COMES THE GIRL SCOUT COOKIE SALE!

Girl Scout Cookie Sale Begins

With a goal of 32,000 boxes — or 1,200,000 cookies — the Girl Scouts begin tomorrow their annual cookie sale in the seven counties served by the Pisgah Girl Scout Council. Profits from the sale will help develop the Girl Scout camp located eight miles south of Brevard. The Girl Scout organization is maintained in Yancey County by contributions to the United Appeal. The funds make no provision for capital expenditures. Last year's cookie sale raised \$5,000 and provided the camp with its first tent unit, consisting of seven tents with platforms, a troop house, and a

Wash House, with Facilities for 20 Girls and a Number of Adults. Some 136 Girls Participated in the Camp Program Last Summer. Numerous Girls from the Yancey District Attended.

District Chairman is Mrs. Rush T. Wray, who announces that this year for the first time three kinds of cookies, made by a prominent Southern baking company, will be available through March 22nd. So keep your eye open for a girl in a Brownie or Girl Scout uniform, with green and silver boxes under her arm. It may still be chilly weather but she hopes to see the camp near Brevard soon sprouting forth another bright new tent unit.