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## Red Cross Bloodmobile To Be Here Tuesday

### Many Donors Needed To Meet Shortage

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will visit Burnsville on Tuesday, May 6, and will be set up in the basement of the First Baptist Church from 1 to 6 p. m. The American Legion and Auxiliary is sponsoring this visit, the first in the

county since October, 1957, since the February visit had to be canceled due to extremely bad weather.

It is hoped that a large number of donors from all sections of the county will volunteer, since there is an extreme shortage of blood. Everyone giving blood now will have it available without delay if needed in his family. Giving now may be the means of saving a life or hastening the recovery of one of your own family. Mrs. Evelyn Pate, blood program chairman for Yancey County stated.

This service to humanity can be ready for emergencies only if the people respond when visits are made by the Bloodmobile, she said. Please tell your friends about this Bloodmobile visit and ask them to come and give blood. Remember the date and place, May 6, from 1 to 6 p. m. at the First Baptist Church Burnsville.

### Mrs. Allison Speaks To Garden Club

Mrs. H. M. Allison, of Johnson City, was guest speaker at the Garden Club which met at the Nu-Way Inn last Friday evening. Hostesses for the meeting were Mrs. W. E. Black and Mrs. C. E. Laurens.

Mrs. Ike Laughrun, program leader, introduced Mrs. Allison, who showed color slides of private gardens in Johnson City and also color scenes of Roan Mountain, Marion, Va., and of Miami Fla.

Mrs. W. A. Y. Sargent, president, presided at the business meeting. Reports were made on the sale of dogwood trees and the flower beautification contest. The Burnsville Cleaning establishment has entered the contest, bringing to 26 the total number of entrants.

Mrs. Hobart Ray, Mrs. W. B. Wray, Sr. and Mrs. Rush Wray were guests of the club.

During the social hour, the hostesses, assisted by Mrs. Rush Wray, served a dessert course

### Pre-School Clinics

The Yancey County Health Department has scheduled a pre-school clinic today (Thursday) at Clearmont School, beginning at 9:00 a. m. Dr. M. W. Webb has volunteered to give physical examinations to pre-school children at this clinic.

The next pre-school clinic is scheduled for Burnsville School on Friday, May 9th, at 9:00 a. m. Dr. W. A. Y. Sargent has volunteered to give the physical examinations at this clinic.

### Home Demonstration Week Begins Sunday

RALEIGH—Sunday, May 4, will mark the beginning of observance of 13th National Home Demonstration Week in North Carolina during which around 64,000 home demonstration club members join with 6 1/2 million club members in America, in recognizing club work and its leaders Ruth Current, state home demonstration agent, has announced.

Governor Luther H. Hodges said in a recent statement, "We are proud of our state-wide home demonstration program, and in recognition of its leadership, achievements and objectives, I am happy to designate the week of May 4-10, 1958, as National Home Demonstration Week in North Carolina and call it to the attention of all our people."

Among the purposes of the national observance are the aims to acquaint more people with the total Extension Service program, emphasizing its contribution to home and family living, to help homemaker know and use research findings related to the home and family; and to give special recognition to volunteer leaders, whose part in planning and carrying out the program make possible the magnitude of home demonstration work.

Part of the state observance will include a special program, Friday, May 9, in Raleigh at the Pullen Memorial Baptist Church when a group of home demonstration citizenship and international relations leaders will meet in recognition of the United Nations and its part in promoting world peace.

According to Miss Current, today's home demonstration program provides emphasis on assistance to families in adjusting to the changing times with programs based on helping families in planning and managing family living education, consumer information, and health education and safety.

The theme of this year's event is "Today's Home Builds Tomorrow's World."

### Week Of Revival To Begin Sunday At Methodist Church

A week of revival and evangelism will be held at the Higgins Memorial Methodist Church beginning next Sunday, May 4, and closing on Mother's Day. The pastor, Rev. O. L. Brown, will do the preaching. He will be assisted by the Cecil K. Myrick, of French Broad Methodist Church, Asheville, who will lead the singing and give other help. The services will begin at 8:00 each evening.

Visitation evangelism is being done this week with teams of two going into the homes of prospective members.

At the worship service this Sunday morning, Miss Hope Bailey will be guest soloist.

### Mt. Pleasant Church To Sponsor Supper

Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church will have a church supper Saturday night, May 3, in the Community Building at Swiss. Serving will begin at 6:30, and the price will be \$1.00 per plate.

### Many Students Take Scholarship Qualifying Test

Sixty second-semester juniors from the five Yancey County high schools were given the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test on April 29 at the new East Yancey School.

The test was on a voluntary basis and the following students represented their classes:

Bald Creek — Sarah Ellen Proffitt, Cindy Tomberlin, and Wilma Jean Ball.  
Be Log — Linda Ann Higgins, A. J. Howell, Devon Randolph, and Bill Cooper.

Burnsville — Betty Jean Proffitt, Penny Landreth, Billie Katharine Elliott, Carol Mitchell, Hil-da Higgins, Phyllis Owens, Opal Bradford, Reid Peterson, Steve Laughrun, Brenda Anglin, Mary Alice Westall, Charles Deyton, Judy Ann Ray, and Jean Cooper.

Clearmont — Mary Ann Letterman, Frances Higgins, Mary Evelyn Hughes, Hope Deyton, Verna Peterson, Arlene Grindstaff, and James Byrd.

Micaville — Lloyd Harris, Wayne Saylor, Jason Silver, Faye Edwards, Kitty Wilson, James Laws, Brenda English, James Robert Blevins, Katie Styles, Merita Buchanan, Johnny Keith Geouge, Emma Lou Gurley, Bobby Balow, Sheila Autrey, Emma Robinson, Lorena Rector, Billie Jo Mace, Norma McDougald, Lois Ann Autrey, Jean Shuford, Dolores Wyatt, Juanita Tipton, Genevieve Gouge, Billy Young, Larry Howell, Charles Braswell, Jerry Howell, Jimmy Thomas, Ronald Howell, Donald Autrey, Richard Young and Jimmie Bailey.

Micaville and Burnsville schools furnished sandwiches and milk.

### Presbyterian Men's Breakfast

The monthly Breakfast of the Presbyterian Men will be held in the Presbyterian Church on Sunday Morning, May 4th, at 8 o'clock. As there are plans that may make this an especially interesting meeting, all men of the congregation are invited to be present, and to bring their friends.

May 4th to 11th is designated as National Family Week, and in observance of it, Rev. Warren S. Reeve will preach Sunday morning on the subject, "Your Home A Household for God."

### Talent Show At Micaville School

Students of Micaville School will present a Talent Show Friday night at 7:30 in the school auditorium. Every class in the school will present numbers in the program, which will include folk dances, square dances, flimflam acts, skits, songs and melodrama.

Admission will be 25c for students and 40c for adults.

## Town-Wide Beautification, Clean-Up Campaign Officially Launched Today

Burnsville's town-wide "Clean-Up Campaign" was launched officially this morning and will continue through May 15. The campaign has become an annual event in Burnsville due to the effort of civic organizations and town officials, who continue to encourage the cooperation of every citizen in improving the appearance of the town.

### Lions To Complete Broom Sale Friday

Members of the Burnsville Lions Club will re-visit the homes that were missed during the first sale which was conducted several weeks ago.

These brooms are manufactured by the N. C. Industries for the Blind, located in Guilford County.

Anyone wishing to purchase a broom before they are revisited may get their broom from Lion President George Robinson at Robinson's Grocery.

### Micaville Youths Injured Sunday

Two Micaville youths were slightly injured when their car they occupied went out of control and overturned in a field off N. C. 80 seven miles south of Burnsville Sunday.

The State Highway Patrol said they were Carson R. Hughes, 18 and Leonard Ray, 16. Hughes was charged with reckless driving.

### Regional Training Union Meeting

Gerril Allen, Lavinn Murdock, and Barbara June Fox of the Bolen's Creek Baptist Church participated in the Regional Junior Memory Work Tournament at Hazelwood. They were recognized as Regional winners. Barbart Pate, winner in the associational Sword Drill Tournament represented the association in the Regional Tournament. She is a member of the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church. Gerald Murdock of the Bolen's Creek Baptist Church represented the association in the Regional Speakers' Tournament and received second place.

### WSCS Meets Tonight

The Woman's Society of Christian Service will meet at the Higgins Memorial Methodist Church tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock. The Mildred Ray Circle will be in charge of the program. The pastor, the Rev. O. L. Brown, will install officers for the incoming year.

Hubert D. Justice, county school superintendent, underwent surgery Monday at Mission Memorial Hospital, Asheville. His condition is reported to be satisfactory.

more beautiful and better place to live.

1. Encourage owners to protect their property by repairing and painting buildings and fences; re-landscaping lawns and planting easy-to-grow perennials, shrubs and flowering trees; pruning hedges and keeping fence rows cleared of brush and undesirable plants which decrease the value of property and impair the appearance.

2. Promote clearing of vacant property of brush, weeds and trash; beautifying vacant lots by planting flowering shrubs and trees, especially along the entrances to the town, to add color and generally improve the appearance to passers-by.

3. Encourage residents and owners of business places along the approaches to the town to give special attention to the beautification and improvement of their property.

A clean, fresh and attractive town is inviting and reflects the civic pride and interest of its citizens. During the next two weeks, everyone is urged to get in friendly competition with his neighbor and utilize our spring clean-up energies for a better, more beautiful Burnsville.

### Rural Mail Box Improvement Program

The annual rural mail box improvement program will be observed this year during the week of May 19th to 24th.

The department wishes to encourage patrons of rural delivery service to provide suitable boxes erected and maintained for easy and safe accessibility presenting a neat appearance, and affording protection to mail. Boxes that are improperly erected in unserviceable condition retard delivery of mail and expose it to the weather.

Names of box owners should be inscribed on the side of the box visible to the carrier as he approaches or on the door of box if boxes are grouped. The box numbers may be inscribed on the box if desired, boxes and supports should be kept painted.

Rural mail boxes must be located on the right side of the road in the direction of travel of the carrier in all cases, where traffic conditions are such that it would be dangerous for carriers to drive to the left in order to serve the boxes, or where their doing so would constitute a violation of State, or local traffic laws and regulations.

### Annual WMU Meeting

The first session of the annual WMU meeting of the Yancey Baptist Association will be held at Brown's Creek on Sunday, May 4, at 2:30 p. m. The host pastor, the Rev. P. L. McMahan, will give the devotion. Local chairmen will present their phase of the work, and a speaker and trio from Mars Hill will give the closing meditation.

The second session will be held Saturday, May 10, at 7:30 p. m. at Mount Pleasant Baptist Church. The young people of the association will give the devotion. Miss Beverly Neilson, State Sunbeam director, and Jerry Potter, missionary to the silent people, will be guest speakers.

Escaped Convicts  
Charged In Death  
Of Doctor's Wife

A stolen truck occupied by two escaped convicts from a Yancey County prison camp gang, crashed head-on into a small sports car near Bat Cave early Monday, killing the wife of the head of the community's hospital.

The victim was Mrs. Elaine Hershey Burch, 35. Her husband, Dr. William Burch, head of the Valley Clinic at Bat Cave, was injured but not seriously.

The two convicts left the scene of the accident but were captured in the vicinity 10 hours later after an intense manhunt. They had been on the run since escaping Friday from the Yancey work gang in Bad Creek section with two other prisoners.

They were identified as John Miller, 26, of Albemarle, and James Crispy, 23, of Concord. The two were quoted by the State Highway Patrol as saying that they were the occupants of the truck at the time of the crash. Patrolmen said the truck was on the wrong side of the road when it met the sports car.

In a hearing at Hendersonville later in the day, Miller, who said he was the driver, was bound over to Superior Court on charges of murder, reckless driving leaving the scene of an accident and driving without a license. Crispy was bound over on four counts of aiding and abetting the charges lodged against Miller.

Miller was serving five to eight years from Stanley County for arson, and Crispy was serving five to eight years from Mecklenburg County for breaking and entering. The truck involved in the tragedy was reported stolen from Ross Miller, of Rt. 1, Burnsville, about 9 p. m. Sunday.

The two other convicts who escaped with Miller and Crispy were captured at about 7 a. m. Monday in the Bald Creek section. They were Luther Honeycutt, Jr., 20, of Wadesboro, who was serving five to ten years from Anson County for breaking and entering, and Glenn Hensley, 34, of Asheville, serving life from Buncombe County for murder.

The Burches, parents of two daughters aged 7 and 9, were to have started vacation Monday.

### LOCAL WOMEN ATTEND PTA CONVENTION

Mrs. James Ray and Mrs. Reece McIntosh attended the North Carolina PTA Convention, held last week at the City Auditorium in Asheville.



AT THE DISTRICT HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB MEET Mrs. Willard P. Honeycutt (left in photo) of Yancey County, was elected district president at the annual meeting of the fourth district of the N. C. Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs held at the Weaverville Methodist Church on April 22. Mrs. Mary F. Ray (right) Buncombe Home Demonstration Club agent, congratulates Mrs. Honeycutt and Mrs. Donald Shook (center) of Leicester, who was elected second vice president

### PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the general health and welfare of our citizens depend upon wholesome surroundings arising from good clean living conditions, and

WHEREAS, the lives and property of our people are endangered by fire caused by the cluttered conditions in homes, factories, alleys and streets, and

WHEREAS, we are all dedicated to the great mobilization effort for the defense of our democratic heritage and freedoms,

THEREFORE, I, James W. Ray, Mayor of the city of Burnsville, do hereby designate May 1, 1958, as official opening day of the clean-up, paint-up, fix-up program, to continue through May 15, 1958, and call upon all departments of the city, its commercial organizations, civic clubs, schools, churches, boys' and girls' clubs, and all other associations, and our people in general to take an active part in this constructive program for community improvement to insure success.

This the 24th day of April, 1958.

Mayor JAMES W. RAY, City of Burnsville.

## Progress In Rural Development

By Mack B. Ray, Chairman  
Yancey Agricultural Workers' Council

To date, seven Yancey County communities have entered the Western North Carolina Rural Community Development Program for 1958. It is remarkable what a community can do when the people work together for the betterment of the whole community. Throughout Western North Carolina, progress is "bursting" out in communities that are organized and planning for their future. Many communities have reached back into the past and recaptured the art of working together in a cooperative effort. They have rekindled the American spirit and enthusiasm that our forefathers had and from which our nation has developed as a world leader.

Some of the main purposes of organized communities is to stimulate better farming methods, improve living conditions in the community and provide supervised recreation for young people. This can be achieved through group action and community teamwork.

All agricultural agencies in the county are cooperating to promote this program. To encourage a wider participation by communities, cash awards are again being given this year. Funds will be made available from the Yancey United Fund and other sources. Provided as many as 16 communities enter the County Rural Community Development Contest, it is planned to have eight cash awards as follows:

1st place — \$200.00; 2nd place — \$150.00; 3rd place — \$100.00; 4th place — \$75.00; 5th place — \$50.00; 6th place — \$50.00; 7th place — \$50.00; and 8th place — \$25.00.

In addition, the county winner will be eligible to compete with other county winners from Western North Carolina in the Western North Carolina Rural Development Program. Valuable cash awards are again being offered for the county winners. Also, the State Board of Farm Organizations and Agricultural Agencies is offering awards to counties in North Carolina making outstanding achievements in Community Development. The first place county will receive \$500.00 and a pla-

que, and the second place county will receive \$300.00 and a plaque.

When driving in many communities in Western North Carolina, it becomes very evident the countryside has been made more attractive. Neat mail boxes have been erected. Community Centers have been built. Community signs and name plates proudly show where you are and who lives in the community and on different roads. Neglected cemeteries have been cleaned off and beautifully landscaped. Churches have been painted. Homes, farms, fence rows and thickets have been made neat and attractive.

Communities in Yancey County that have organized and elected officers for 1958 are Hardscrabble, Brush Creek, Green Mountain, Bee Log, Ramseytown, Jacks Creek and Double Island.

Meetings are scheduled soon for several communities to discuss plans for organizing and projects for 1958. Tentative meetings are planned for Indian Creek, Possum Trot, Newdale, Cane Branch, Pensacola, Bee Branch and Swiss, with several communities showing interest. All paid agricultural workers of the county will be glad to cooperate and assist any community that desires to organize. Programs will be provided when requested from members of the Yancey Agricultural Workers Council. The cooperation of business firms, professional workers and all people of the county is needed in order to have a better county in which to live.