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School District Divisions Under Consideration

The Yancey County Board of Education, W. H. Peterson, Mark W. Bennett, and J. Leland Robinson, along with Superintendent Hubert D. Justice, visited Raleigh, North Carolina on Monday, July 7, 1958 for the purpose of holding a conference with Dr. Charles F. Carroll, State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Factors that should be considered in dividing Yancey County into two high school districts, were discussed.

The first rule set up to be used as a guide was that the welfare of all the people of Yancey County

should be considered in an objective, impersonal manner, and what is best for all should be done.

Secondly, the condition of the routes by which the children would be transported, along with the time element necessary to transport them, were agreed upon as being important factors in assignment.

Community interests and pride were discussed, and it was agreed that children of the same communities should be assigned the same school, as far as is practical and in keeping with all factors.

The capacities of the two high school buildings should not be exceeded, it was decided; and the children should be so divided that one building would not be crowded. Another important point established was that if any building exceeds twenty teachers, there would not be enough classrooms.

The present and prospective growth of Yancey County will be given careful consideration before dividing the two high school districts.

One of the last rules agreed upon was that natural boundaries, such as rivers, creeks, highways, mountain ridges, etc., should be considered.

The Yancey County Board of Education found the conference very beneficial and worth the time and effort necessary for holding the conference. Further, the Board members would appreciate any constructive suggestions that would help them in making the division.

A careful survey of Yancey County has been made by the State Department of Transportation. Maps have been made showing the residence of every child in Yancey County. This survey will prove valuable in making the division.

COMMUNITY CLUB News

NEWDALE CLUB CARRIES OUT PLANS FOR COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT

The Newdale Community Club met Wednesday evening, June 25, at 7:30, with Mrs. True Elliott, vice president, presiding. After a short devotion, Mrs. Shirley Ann McAlister, secretary read the minutes of last meeting.

During the business session, the men decided to make signs to designate entering and leaving Newdale community. Plans for construction of picnic tables were discussed, and the ladies made plans for serving food at Mica-ville School on June 28th, during the election. A location for garbage disposal for the community was discussed.

The sign for Martin's Chapel Church has been completed and erected. This project was sponsored by the Youth group.

HORTON HILL COMMUNITY CLUB MEETS

The members of the Horton Hill Community Club held their regular meeting at the Horton Hill Church, Thursday night, June 26.

The meeting was conducted by Fred Anglin, president.

For devotion, the Scripture was read by James Byrd and the invocation was given by Noah Hughes.

Plans were made to improve the mail boxes of the community members by having all boxes constructed alike and putting name signs on them. It was decided to put signs at the Fairview Cemetery and at the community entrances.

Lemonade and cookies were served for refreshments.

The next meeting scheduled is for Thursday night, July 10 at 8 p. m.

RAMSAYTOWN CLUB HEARS GUEST SPEAKERS

The last Ramsaytown Community Club meeting was held June 20. The program was opened with a devotion and the thought for the week.

The main discussion was on agriculture, and present for the discussion were two guest speakers, Roy Spaw and one of his colleagues from Pet Dairy Co., Jonesboro, Tenn. They showed an interesting film on better dairy cattle, better barns, and modern dairy stalls for milking.

Refreshments were served at the close of the program, followed by cake walks. The proceeds from the cake walks went to the 4-H Club.

The next meeting will be on July 11 at 7:30 p. m. The emphasis will be on Home Demonstration work. Guests will be Miss June Street, Home Agent, and Miss Virginia Cox, Asst. Agent.

A covered dish supper will be served, and the proceeds will help with club projects. Everyone is invited to attend this meeting.

SINGING CONVENTION

The Yancey County Singing Convention will be held Sunday, July 13, at the Pensacola Methodist Church. The program will begin at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, and the public is cordially invited to attend.

What!!

(From the Greensboro Daily News)

By T. H. Wingate

THE HILLS are ringing with the racket of a new feud. Participants are Malcom Ross, whose article recently appeared in National Geographic Magazine and Miss Hope Bailey, of The Yancey Record, Burnsville weekly.

Meanwhile, according to a "local" in The Record, Mrs. Ross and son have arrived in Yancey County to spend a few weeks at their summer home, and they will be joined soon by Ross. That will shorten the range for the sniping, which has been carried on so far via typewriter and the U. S. mail.

(Editor's Note: This clipping from the July 7th issue of The Greensboro Daily News came to us via our old friend, "Mutt" Burton, columnist for The Greensboro Daily.)

Miss Janelle Wins "Miss I. Q." Title

Miss Harlene Janelle, of Little Rock, Arkansas, won the "Miss I. Q." title at the Dixie Frolics in Daytona Beach last Friday and Saturday. She was sponsored in the contest by the Little Rock Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Miss Janelle, a rising sophomore at Arkansas Polytechnic College in Russellville, was officially chaperoned by her mother, Mrs. Harley W. Janelle, of Burnsville. Miss Janelle's prizes for winning the "Miss I. Q." title were a trophy and a portable typewriter. The Dixie Frolics are sponsored by the Daytona Beach Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Miss Janelle also holds the title of "Miss Hospitality of Arkansas" and will be a contestant in the "Miss Arkansas" contest next week, to be sponsored by the Johnson County Peach Festival Board, in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Inside Reading

Read the new feature, "Words of Life" which will appear every week on page two of this newspaper.

"Overlook On Life", by our weekly columnist, the Rev. Warren S. Reeve, deals this week with the Geographic story about this area.

Those of you, who have been following the current "feud" over Malcom Ross' story in the June Geographic, will want to read "The Last Word", which appears on page two of this issue of The Yancey Record. "The Last Word" is our associate editor's reply to Mr. Ross' "Open Letter To H. B.", which was published in the June 26th issue of this newspaper.

Evening Classes For Adults At Parkway Playhouse

Harry Greene, Director of Crafts at the Parkway Playhouse, announced this week that evening classes for adults will be conducted this summer. These classes will meet Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 9:30.

The classes will be in native gem-stone, polishing and silver-smithing and will cost five dollars for each two week unit.

A similar program was carried out last summer with much success. The items created by last season's students were on exhibit at the Playhouse during the last show, and included such pieces as tiger-eye rings, silver bracelets, polished gem brooches of silver cuff-links. People seeing the exhibit were amazed at the many intricate and beautiful designs.

Dr. Greene again will be in charge of these informal classes. Registration is on the 8th and 9th of July, and classes will begin on Thursday, the 10th of July.

This summer, why don't you tear yourself away from the one-eyed monster, television, and spend two evenings a week learning an interesting and constructive hobby? It's here for you - take advantage of it!

Local Men Named To Forestry Post

RALEIGH — L. A. Ayers and P. D. Ayers, of Burnsville, have been named Yancey County Public Relations Representatives by the N. C. Forestry Association, President G. E. Jackson, of Washington, N. C., announced today.

Their volunteer duties, Jackson explained, will consist of furthering in Yancey County the N. C. Forestry Association's purposes to promote protection, development and wise use of North Carolina's forest, soil, water, wildlife and other resources; to increase forestry's total contribution to North Carolina's living; as well as to cultivate and maintain a public acceptance, appreciation and understanding for Tar Heel forestry.

Membership in the N. C. Forestry Association is open to any Tar Heel citizen interested in the wise use and development of North Carolina's resources.

Volunteer Firemen Entertain Guests

Members of the Burnsville Volunteer Fire Department entertained their families at a steak-fry Tuesday night at the firemen's club room. The event was to have been held out-of-doors on the spacious lawn at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Troy Ray; but due to rain, the firemen moved their guests (and charcoal grills) indoors to the club room.

The guests included Mr. and Mrs. Lee Yelton, of Williston, S. C., and former residents of Burnsville. Mr. Yelton was a member of the Volunteer Fire Department here before he and his family moved to South Carolina.

Hostesses for the event were Mrs. Troy Ray, Mrs. Norman Barrette and Mrs. Bob Hilliard.

Still Time

The first grading of the flower box contest has been completed. It was a real joy for the judges to see flowers at: The Faith Fellowship Mission, Wyatt's Upholstery, The Yancey Record, The Hampton Guest House, The North-western Bank, Center Barber Shop, Yancey Barber Shop, Nu Wray Inn, Fay's Beauty Shop, Randolph's Beauty Shop, The Court House, The Telephone Building, Yancey Hospital, Mt. Mitchell Motel, and Roberts Chevrolet, Inc.

However, in checking the original list of entries we found there are several who do not have their flowers out yet. There is still time, so please do it soon. We are happy our program to promote flower boxes was started before B. N. G. A. (before National Geographic article). The gay flowers in your window boxes are outward and visible signs of your appreciation and pride in your community. A second reason for them is because "mountaineers" like to have pretty things. Yes, "mountaineers" are consciously or unconsciously influenced daily by the abundance of natural beauty and the strength of the mountains.

Mrs. W. A. Y. Sargent
President, Garden Club

Escapee Seized

One of three convicts, who escaped Wednesday from a road gang in Yancey County, was captured near Pensacola, Friday, July 4.

John J. King, 18, of Hendersonville fled the road gang along with Harry E. Davidson, 29, of Cincinnati, and Leroy Matthews, 29, of Charlotte.

The other two escapees are still at large.

King was sentenced in Henderson County to 3 to 5 years for attempted arson.

Playhouse Graduates Contribute To Theatre In Many Lands

By Paul Burton

Have you ever wondered what happens to summer stock actors and technicians after theatre doors close at the end of the season?

Usually the only way to keep up with these many individuals is through the "grapevine", and the Parkway Playhouse in Burnsville has a fine communicative system of this type.

The "grapevine" during the past year has been especially active. In this way it was first learned that Andy Prince of Valdosta, Ga., who was at the Playhouse in 1955-56, had won for himself the lead role in LOOK HOMEWARD ANGELO on Broadway, replacing Anthony Perkins. In Burnsville Andy displayed his acting ability in roles ranging from "a country bumpkin" in DIRTY WORK AT THE CROSSROADS to "Touchstone" in Shakespeare's AS YOU LIKE IT.

Another Playhouse graduate making a name for himself is Tommy Rezzuto of Asheville, N. C. Tommy worked with the company in 1950-51, returned as Technical Director and Designer in 1954, and now holds the same titles with the U. of North Carolina's famed Carolina Playmakers.

Warren Hansen and Sharon Frye, from Watseka, Ill., and Miami, Fla., respectively, both troupers in 1955-56, are in New York studying drama and from all reports their futures look most promising. Perhaps the most beautiful portrayal ever presented at

Playhouse Corporation Is Owned By Yancey Citizens

Orville Revelle's "Pass In Reaction" will U. of M. take should view", reprinted in last week's Yancey Record from the Fort Lauderdale Daily News, was read with interest.

In consideration of the last two paragraphs of the column however, it appears that some clarification may be in order. In these passages the columnist links Malcom Ross with the "U. of Miami, through which college credit is offered at the Burnsville Playhouse.

His final comment is, "What

REA Engineer Aids Telephone Service

E. P. Holmes, telephone engineer with the State REA in Raleigh, arrived Monday in Yancey County to assist the Rural Telephone Committee in completing the survey that has been under way for some time.

Mr. Holmes will be available to work with community leaders in getting additional applications and in explaining the program to community clubs, civic groups, and others.

The committee reports that around 200 paid applications are already in and that a goal of at least 350 paid applications has been set as the minimum.

Those interested in contacting Mr. Holmes can reach him through the Yancey County Agent's office.

DECORATION SERVICE

A decoration service will be held at the McClure and Young Cemetery, Bolens Creek, on Sunday, July 27, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

the Playhouse was created by Sharron when she appeared as "Emily Webb" in OUR TOWN.

Those remembering CAROUSEL in 1956 will immediately associate the show with Joan Sena, of Miami, Fla., who sang the role of "Nettie Fowler." Jean finished her degree in music at the U. of Miami and is preparing herself for the Metropolitan Opera by further training in Scala, Italy.

Spain is Carol Turner's new home, where she is studying their native Flamenco dance. In Burnsville for the 1956 season only, she appeared in CRADLE SONG and danced in CROUSEL.

There are, of course, many others just as important as the ones mentioned, but space does not permit their inclusion.

Sponsor of the Playhouse in Burnsville is the Drama Department of the U. of Miami. This theatre has likewise made many "name" contributions to the entertainment world. Among these are the movie and television stars, Robert Horton and Phil Carey, and the late Mike Todd's production assistant, Richard Towers.

This summer the Playhouse company of thirty aspiring dramatists will play their talents in THE RAINMAKER (July 18, 19), STAGE DOOR (July 25, 26), A ROOMFUL OF ROSES (Aug. 1, 2), DR. FAUSTUS (Aug. 8, 9), and finally, TEAHOUSE OF THE AUGUST MOON (Aug. 14, 15, 16).

Wonder what tomorrow's "grapevine" will have to say about the successes of these people?

Mayor's Proclamation

The Town of Burnsville heartily supports the Burnsville Women's Club in welcoming all visitors and summer residents to the town and county. The people of the Town of Burnsville hope that each of you will attend the 18th annual reception given by the Burnsville Women's Club for visitors and summer residents. This reception is to be given tonight, July 10th, at the Community House, from 8 o'clock until 10 o'clock.

James W. Ray, Mayor
The Town of Burnsville

First of all, it should be pointed out that the publication of Ross' "My Neighbors Hold to Mountain Ways" was carried out independently and was in no way endorsed by the U. of Miami. Also, it seems the theme of the resulting National Geographic article was far removed from the original idea.

It was generally understood in Burnsville that the feature was to be on culture in this mountainous area. A theme illustrating the ways in which we have preserved the cultures of our forefathers and yet welcomed the introduction of classical and modern influence.

As it was, the final product was not at all representative of this area, and it is felt that it was not meant to be. The unfortunate part, and the point upon which the friendly "controversy" is based, is that Ross did not make it clear in his piece that he was not trying to be representative.

Now to get back to the Playhouse. The Drama Department of the U. of Miami, it must be remembered, is primarily a means whereby college credit can be given the students of the Playhouse. Because of its affiliation with the Playhouse, the University receives an invaluable amount of fine publicity and prestige.

The Playhouse is a self sufficient corporation owned by the citizens of Yancey County and was built and is operated by them through two administrative groups, the Yancey County Board of Education and the Playhouse Board of Directors. These local groups obtained the necessary capital for its construction from the citizens and the Rockefeller Foundation.

The Board of Directors contracted the administrative abilities of Gordon Bennett in 1953, when Woman's College lost sponsorship. Bennett had been an integral part of the operation from its inception in 1947.

Appointed Director of the program, Bennett's task was to reorganize the theatre operation and negotiate with qualified colleges and universities in order to offer scholastic credit. Since he was an Assistant Professor of the U. of Miami, it was only logical that he attempted to link this institution with the Burnsville Playhouse.

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Services At Presbyterian Church

On Sunday, July 13th, there will be Divine Worship in the Burnsville Presbyterian Church at 11 A. M. The minister, Warren S. Reeve, will preach on the subject, "The Preparation of God."

Sunday School, under the superintendency of Mr. George Robinson, precedes this service, and begins at 9:45. Visitors welcome.

Burnsville Lions Install Officers

Lewis Dameron was installed as president of the Lions Club at a Ladies' Night program last Thursday night. Everett Dillingham, deputy district governor, served as installing officer.

Other officers and directors elected were J. N. Barnett, vice-president; Hubert Johnson, 2nd vice-president; Herman S. Reeve, 3rd vice-president; S. Reeve, secretary; Louis as treasurer, Don Bufamer; Harley Janelle; Dr. J. C. Cornwell; Roger Hyatt; and Bostian were elected.