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Record Price Set At Yule Tree Sale Here

At least 21 interested Christmas tree buyers from different sections converged on Burnsville Monday...

Home Demonstration Women To Hold County Achievement Program

By: June Street, Home Agent

The Yancey County Home Demonstration Club women will have their annual County Achievement Program November 7 at Fifth Carpet Company cafeteria at 6:30 p. m.

After a covered dish supper, a short program will be held. Mrs. J. B. Stamey, County Council President, will preside. Mrs. Ralph Proffitt, former State Home Demonstration Club president, will install the 1959-60 County Council Officers.

FLOOR FINISHING DEM. A floor finishing demonstration has been planned at the home of Mrs. Lat Elliott, Jr. of Newdale Wednesday, November 12, at 1:30 p. m.

All persons interested in finishing furniture or floors are invited to attend.

Certificates Of Commendation Presented To Clubs

By: Lewis Dameron, Soil Conservationist

Jacks Creek Community, Brush Creek Community, and Mr. John M. Deyton were presented certificates of commendation for their work in behalf of the "Keep North Carolina Beautiful" program Monday morning by Mr. W. M. Hall, Chairman of Yancey County Board of Commissioners.

The communities and Mr. Deyton were presented these awards for promoting and carrying out an outstanding soil and water conservation program in their areas of Yancey County.

Other work carried out by individuals and groups in Yancey County to improve and beautify the county and North Carolina has been seeding of church and school grounds, clearing and seeding of cemeteries, and individual home improvement by both adults and 4-H Club members.

Tobacco Grading Demonstrations To Be Held In County

Tobacco grading demonstrations will be held in two different parts of the county Friday, according to E. L. Dillingham. The first meeting will be held at the farm of Nelson Woody on Jacks Creek at 9:00 a. m. Then, at 2:00 p. m. a demonstration will be held at the farm of Mat Whitson in the Ramsaytown section.

Dillingham said a government grader will hold the demonstration to give farmers a better idea on how to grade and tie their burley to get the most per pound from sales.

day for the only sale of Christmas trees cut from Federal land in the Southeast.

The annual sale of balsam fir trees to be taken from Roan Mountain was held at the Community Building here where sales were made through oral bids. Only 16 of the 21 bidders were successful in buying trees at the average price of \$1.39 per tree.

This year 12,965 trees were bought for 18,075.35. These trees were sold in 31 lots from 105 to 1000 trees, according to James Froula, forest ranger.

The sale was conducted by U. S. Forest Service district ranger Clifford Faulkner.

According to Mr. Froula successful bidders came from Winston Salem, Newland, Blowing Rock, Asheville, Johnson City, Tenn. and Birmingham, Ala.

The 31 cutting units from which the trees will be taken covers an area of approximately 99 acres according to the Forest Service official. Trees to be taken are previously marked by the Forest Service. The cutting will be done by the buyers, under the supervision of the Forest Service.

Twenty five percent of the total income realized from the tree sale will be returned to Mitchell County in lieu of taxes and 20 per cent will be returned to this district.

The use of fir from this section for Christmas trees, wreaths and other Yule decorations seems to be becoming more popular each year. Although, more trees were sold last year for this purpose with a price of \$1.11 each.

Forest officials stated that firs from Roan Mountain are classed among the best for Christmas decoration uses. The demand for firs is increasing most likely for the reason that needles from these trees do not shed so readily and stay green longer than most common types used for Christmas decorations.

Trees bought at these sales are re-sold by buyers all over the Southeast.

The cutting of trees on Roan Mountain is so arranged by the Forest Service that remaining trees improve their growth from year to year.

Scouting In This Area To Be Discussed At Meeting

All fathers of Boy Scouts in Yancey County, and all others interested in supporting a strong Scout organization in the county are invited to attend a meeting to be held Monday night, November 10th at 8 p. m. at the Burnsville community building.

Joseph D. Edwards, Scout Executive of the Daniel Boone Council of Western North Carolina, and Walter Whitakes, Field Scout Executive of the Council will discuss the status of Scouting in this area, with particular regard to the importance of strengthening the organization in this county.

Burley Market To Open November 24th

Announcement has been made by the Burley Sales Committee that the date set for opening burley markets will be November 24. The committee set auction schedules for the eight-state burley belt.

Many Yancey County farmers have begun working their tobacco into grades, and it is estimated that more than 60 percent of Yancey's crop will be marketed before the warehouses recess for Christmas.

County farm officials believe that more tobacco will be marketed this year than last, and that quality of the leaf will be higher. An increase in price is almost insured this year, since the government support price is increased more than two cents.

Films Available Through Spruce Pine Public Library

Informational films available for borrowing from Avery, Mitchell and Yancey County libraries during the period November 3-28 has been announced by Mrs. Z. V. Hall, librarian.

The "Oregon Trail" recreates the tremendous saga of the Westward movement. It presents some of the important reasons for the migration to Oregon in terms of a pioneer family group involved not only in the forces of history, but also with their own family problems.

"Sibling Relations And Personality" demonstrates the relationships a child has with his brothers and sisters throughout developmental years, an important factor in personality shaping. It emphasizes the importance of understanding complex personality influences in helping youngsters through childhood and adolescence.

"Resolve of Patrick Henry" reconstructs March 23, 1775 in Richmond, when Patrick Henry's famous speech swayed Virginia convention in favor of establishing the proposed militia, a major event in the growing rebellion of the colonies.

"The Synagogue"—Two thousand years in Jerusalem, the passover meal is served. Men accompany women to the synagogue where they sit in separate pews. Prayers, the singing of psalms, and the threefold ceremony of the passing of the cup are observed.

All films should be booked through the Spruce Pine Public Library, which handles films for the Tri-County area. Reservations may be made by telephone.

Yancey Schools Admitted To Skyline Conference

Both Cane River High School and East Yancey High School were admitted to the Skyline-A Conference at a meeting of the athletic conference in Asheville Monday night.

Attending the conference from this county were Hubert Justice, Robert Peterson, Glenn Painter and Reece Wilson, who represented the two new Yancey County high schools.

To be able to enter into athletic contacts with other schools, it is necessary to be a member of a conference.

The Skyline Conference covers so many counties that it was believed by Mr. Justice, who was named to the committee, that the conference may be split into two divisions. Mr. Justice pointed out, however, that due to the size of the two Yancey County schools they would probably have to play teams from schools larger than those found in this conference.

Others on the conference committee besides Mr. Justice are Brown Griffith, Clyde, N. C. chairman; W. A. Hord of NCSA, John Norton of Spruce Pine, and Howard Barnwell of Marshall.

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In 1957 tobacco was grown on 1900 Yancey County farms. Eleven hundred thirty-three acres of land was used to more than two and a quarter million pounds of tobacco.

Yancey County School Children To Be Examined

By: B. B. McGuire, M. D. District Health Director

The District Health Director has started examining the school children in Yancey County. The third grades in Bald Creek and Clearmont schools have already been examined. One of the most amazing things concerning the examinations was that of seventy-four children examined in these two schools, twenty one did not have smallpox scars. It has been a law in North Carolina for some years that all children before entering school must have a smallpox scar.

For those children whose parents were not present for the examination, a notice will be sent to the school for the parents, urging that certain defects be corrected and that they see their private physician or dentist for this work.

For those children who have no smallpox scar, it is urged that they be taken to their private physician immediately for this vaccination. The Health Department is ready to give the vaccination free to children whose parents are not able to pay their doctors to do it.

The Superintendent of Schools, through school health funds and the Health Department is planning for a more accurate and extensive examination of children's eyes in order to determine which children need further examination by an ophthalmologist. The charts and view boxes for these examinations will be ready very soon.

Lawrence A. Butner, Well Known Farmer, Dies

Lawrence A. Butner, 82, well known farmer and life long resident of Yancey County died suddenly with a heart attack between 10:30 and 11:00 a. m. at his home yesterday.

Mr. Butner, who turned 82 Monday, was near his home spreading gravel on a driveway when he was seized with a heart attack, it was reported.

Dr. M. W. Webb was summoned as early as possible following the attack but Butner was reported to be dead when the Doctor arrived.

Survivors are the wife, Mrs. Anna Butner; three daughters, Miss Mary Lou Butner of the home, Mrs. Elmo Edwards of Burnsville, and Mrs. Floyd Banks of Maryville, Tenn.; one son, Henry Butner of Orlando, Fla.; and four grand children.

Funeral arrangements will be announced later. Holcombe Bros. Funeral Home will be in charge.

United Fund Drive Extended

United Fund officials for Yancey County announced this week that the fund drive will be extended to November 15. This extension of time has been made to give workers more time to collect their pledges and to give people who have neither given nor pledged a chance to contribute to this worthy cause.

The goal set by the United Fund budget committee is \$8,790.00. To date only a small percent of the goal has been sent in to the treasurer of the drive. Several of the workers have not yet turned in funds collected, and collections from some of the schools have not been made.

Officials of the fund drive urge that each person who has made a pledge to get their donation in as soon as possible and they also urge persons who have not pledged or donated to do so.

The Yancey County United Fund is designated to aid many local organizations who no longer make separate fund drives.

Sr. Woman's Club To Hold Regular Meeting

The Burnsville Woman's Club will meet at the Community Building Thursday, November 13 at 8:00 p. m.

Democrats - Republicans Split Ticket Tuesday In Mixed Balloting

Yancey County split candidates between Republican and Democratic parties Tuesday in what is termed as one of the most mixed

Jack Kelly Receives Nomination To Ford Foundation For Playwrights

Playwright John Barry (Jack) Kelly of Miami, Fla., well known to summer theatre fans here for his work with the Parkway Playhouse, recently received nomination to the Ford Foundation for Playwrights.

Kelly, with his wife and two boys, spent three seasons here working in different capacities with the personnel of the Parkway Playhouse. Two of his plays, "Goodnight, Mr. Lincoln" and "Gulbranc's Panic" were produced on the stage of the Playhouse. His wife, Blanche, is remembered for her outstanding character roles in many of the summer productions here.

The Ford Foundation for Playwrights has received two plays from Kelly, "Gulbranc's Panic", first produced here, and "The Line", a new play.

The Ford Foundation Program for Playwrights has been established to assist the qualified playwright by making his work visible, and by affording him experience in the technical problems of writing production.

Under the Foundation Program up to ten new plays worthy of production will be selected by a panel of Judges. Neither adaptations of another's work nor plays that have been produced professionally will be considered. Each of the plays selected will be given a production at one of the ten theatres outside New York under subsidies from the Ford Foundation.

In addition, each playwright will receive normal royalties and travel and subsistence allowances permitting him to join in the production from casting through performance, as well as an opportunity to make desirable script revisions which develop from the production process.

The ten theaters will express their choices among the ten scripts, but in the event of duplicate choices, the playwright will decide which theater will produce his play.

Candidates for selection must be nominated by qualified persons. To be eligible for nomination, a playwright must be an American citizen and must have completed at least two full-length original plays.

It is expected that the scripts chosen for production will be announced in the late spring of 1959, with performances in most cases being in the fall of 1959.

The ten theaters participating in the program for 1959 are: The Actor's Workshop, San Francisco, Calif.; Alley Theatre, Houston, Texas; Arena Stage, Washington, D. C.; Boston University Division of Theatre Arts, Boston, Mass.; Carnegie Institute of Technology Department of Drama, Pittsburgh, Penn.; Margo Jones Theatre, Dallas, Texas; The Omaha Community Playhouse, Omaha, Nebraska; Playhouse, Erie, Penn.; Stanford University Department of Drama and Speech, Stanford, Calif.; and Tulsa Little Theatre, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Blood Mobile Unit To Be In County Tuesday

The Red Cross Blood Mobile unit will be at East Yancey High School November 11 from 1:00 to 6:00 p. m. The Patient Teacher's Association is host for this visit.

Citizens are urged to make this day a real Armed Forces Day by helping to give someone another chance at life.

For county offices, including State Senator and Representative Democrats won four places and gave up six to the Republicans.

Canipe of Mitchell County defeated Brown for the Senate with a majority of more than 2000 votes. However, Brown led his opponent in Yancey County by 111 votes. For County officials Republican Donald Banks defeated Sheriff

4-H County Council Holds Meeting

By: Virginia Cox, Ass't Home Agt.

The first 4-H County Council for the school was held October 30 at the Community Building. There were approximately 85 members present and 5 adult leaders. Arlene Grindstaff, president for 1957-58, presided. Becky Proffitt was in charge of devotions. The following officers for 1958-59 were elected: Arlene Grindstaff, president; Mary Alice Miller, vice-president; Becky Proffitt, secretary; Claude Sparks, treasurer; Louise Mathis and Everett Randolph, song leaders; and Ronnie Bailey, reporter.

After the election of the county council officers, the 4-H club officers from each school met in groups to discuss the responsibility of the particular office which they hold. The discussion leaders in the various groups were as follows: president group, Don Pardue; Assistant County Agent; vice-president group, Roger Hyatt, Assistant County Agent; secretaries' group, June Street, Home Agent; song leaders, Claude Sparks and Sandy Garland, 4-H club members, adult leaders, and Virginia Cox, Assistant Home Agent.

The group reassembled for a few minutes of recreation planned to help them "get acquainted".

Ralph Proffitt Attends Insurance Workshop

Ralph T. Proffitt, Bald Creek insurance man, has returned from Charlotte, N. C., where he and other Mutual Of New York specialists participated in a two-day workshop on new methods of business insurance planning.

Conducting the workshop was a team of experts from MONY's home office in New York City, including Paul Brower, director of advanced underwriting, Richard T. Borah, assistant director of employee benefit sales, and William J. Neilan, advanced underwriting specialist.

Topics discussed included the development of practical pension programs for small employers and the use of insurance to fund executive compensation plans, including stock bonuses, purchases and options, and deferred compensation plans.

Benefit Supper To Be Held At Mt. Pleasant Church Saturday

The Mt. Pleasant Church at Swiss is sponsoring a benefit supper Saturday, November 8, beginning at 6:30 p. m. The supper will be held at their Community Building and plates will be served at \$1.00 each.

Proceeds from this supper will be applied on the parsonage debt.

Terry Hall by a margin of 812 votes.

The figures on the voting at this time are unofficial. Following is the unofficial balloting for county officers.

For State Senate, 30th District: Albert Canipe (D) 3088; Charles L. Byrd (D) 3199.

For State Representative: Harlon Holcombe (D, incumbent) 3415; Bill Blalock (R) 2871.

For Clerk, Superior Court: Lowe Thomas (D, incumbent) 3347; Mrs. Lawrence Hall (R) 3081.

For Sheriff: Terry Hall (D, incumbent) 2831; Donald Banks (R) 3643.

For Chairman, Board of County Commissioners: Lloyd Fortner (D) 3073; Robert Presnell (R) 3363.

For Member, Board of Commissioners: (two elected) Lloyd Miller (D, incumbent) 3113; D. H. Harrison (D, incumbent) 2990; Clayton Whitson (R) 3278; Rotha Bailey (R) 3189.

For Coroner: Oscar Fender (D) 2968; Dr. M. W. Webb (R) 3325.

Officials stated that Gaston Angel (D) defeated W. L. Allen (R) as Justice of the Peace in Burnsville Township. However, actual balloting figures were not available.

Frank Lewis was elected as County Surveyor. He was unopposed.

Next week we expect to have information available to give official balloting by precincts.

Movies On Forest And Game Conservation Available

A series of free-on-loan sound-color (16mm) movies on forest and game conservation are available to teachers of Yancey, Mitchell and other counties it was stated in Burnsville last week by W. L. Shaddix, a former teacher, who represents the Free Film Library, Southern States Forest Fire Commission, Inc.

In addition to the conservation talking pictures the Commission on application will also send a list of free visual aids on travel, including Niagara Falls, Grand Canyon, and other interesting tourist attractions. The work is financed by about 1,000 lumber, banking, and furniture interests of both Southern and Northern states.

The program was begun in 1939, and is well known here in the rural areas as the sponsor of "Grand Ole Opry" broadcasts in appeals for "volunteer brush top help" when and wherever a fire is seen in any woodlands. The campaign has been so practical that the Virginia School Board has made it an official part of the school training—the volunteer fire brush top fighting.

This program will help educate the younger generation on how to provide paper wood from defective, crooked and diseased trees instead of denuding off all healthy young poplars, pine, and gum. "A healthy tree twenty years old that will sell for only fifteen cents for pulpwood now will bring ten times this if held a few more years until large enough for lumber logs, Mr. Shaddix stated. He was here to discuss the work with some local school authorities.

Mrs. Susie Cuthbertson Appointed As Public Health Nurse In Avery County

Mrs. Susie Cuthbertson of Newland has been appointed as Public Health Nurse for Avery County. Mrs. Cuthbertson is a native of Johnson City, Tennessee and is a graduate of Appalachian Hospital of that city. She is a graduate of Washington College High School, Washington College, Tennessee. She has done private duty at Banner Elk and Crossnore and general duty at Crossnore and Spruce Pine hospitals. Department officials feel that they are fortunate in having the services of Mrs. Cuthbertson.