

Fox Attacks Dogs On Yancey Farm

Last Thursday on a farm in this county an incident occurred which may well have set off a minor panic, but which proved to be a very unusual minor happening.

A fox, according to information from the District Health Department here, attacked dogs on the farm of Ralph Ray at Riverside. First reports were that the fox had attacked cattle on the farm. The animal was captured at the time and died the night of its capture.

Health authorities, fearing that the fox may have had rabies, sent the head to Johnson City, Tenn. for an examination of the disease. The examination proved negative.

In the past western counties of North Carolina have been known to loose great numbers of livestock because of an outbreak of rabies among dogs in the counties, foxes and other wild animals. In one county such an epidemic among wild and domestic animals caused the loss of thousands of dollars from livestock on individual farms.

These outbreaks of the terrible disease, which not only is a danger to a loss of property but endangers human life, was brought under control by the sane thinking of dog owners and cattle growers.

Wardens were employed to see that all dogs in the county were vaccinated for rabies. Reports show that owners who were opposed to such action saw the necessity of control when they began loosing livestock as well as dogs from the disease.

State health authorities have been insistent, for several years, in precautionary measures when the danger of rabies arises and Dr. B. B. McGuire, of the local health department gives several points along this line:

If a fox or other wild animal attacks human beings or animals, they are likely to have rabies.

If such happens, it would be best to avoid encounter with such an animal and it should be shot on sight. Avoid shooting it in the head, if possible.

If a fox or other wild animal is seen wandering aimlessly in the settlement, on the highway, or any other unnatural place, shoot it and call the health department. Again avoid shooting it in the head, if possible.

Any animals that may have encountered the fox, such as cattle, dogs, hogs, etc., should be confined for at least two weeks where no other animal will contact them. If any signs of illness develops within two weeks chances are that the animal will have come down with rabies. If any signs of illness are seen call your veterinarian at once.

Take all people who may have had an encounter with such an animal to their private doctor.

Have all dogs given anti-rabies treatment every year (phenolized vaccine) or every three years (chick embryo vaccine).

Jacks Creek Home Demonstration Club Meets With Mrs. Briggs

The Jacks Creek Home Demonstration Club met Friday night, November 21 at the home of Mrs. Osborne Briggs with Mrs. J. B. Stamey, president, in charge of the meeting.

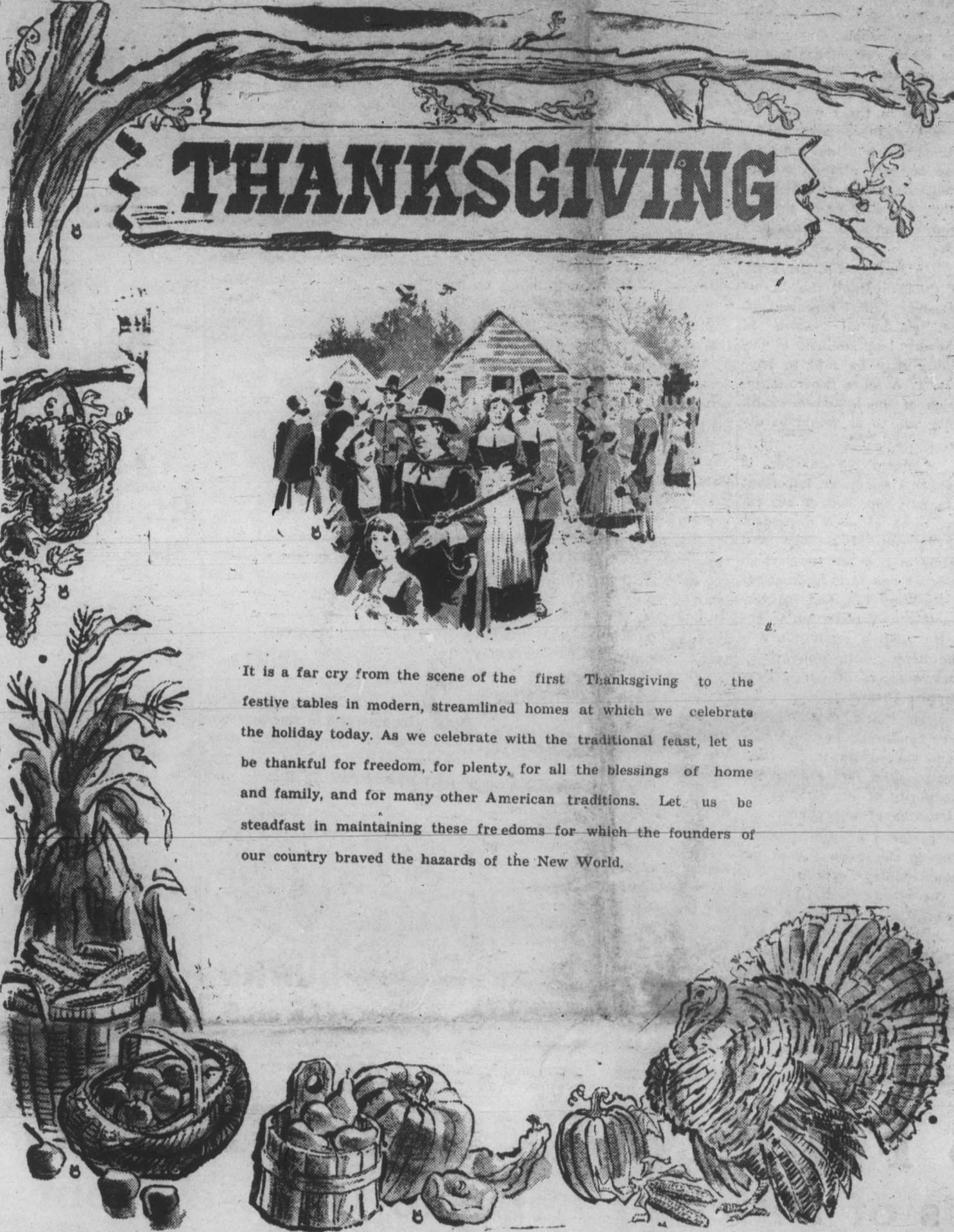
Mrs. Evelyn Wilson gave the devotional.

Miss June Street held a very helpful demonstration on the care and use of the sewing machine.

Mrs. Ralph Proffitt of Bald Creek was a guest at the meeting.

The December meeting will be a Christmas party in the home of Mrs. Cecil Anglin. Mrs. Bruce Bailey, Mrs. Ray Higgins and Mrs. Carl Evans will help with the plans for the Christmas community party.

During the social hour Mrs. Briggs, assisted by Mrs. Edith Renfro and Mrs. Willard Honeycutt, served a delicious salad course.



It is a far cry from the scene of the first Thanksgiving to the festive tables in modern, streamlined homes at which we celebrate the holiday today. As we celebrate with the traditional feast, let us be thankful for freedom, for plenty, for all the blessings of home and family, and for many other American traditions. Let us be steadfast in maintaining these freedoms for which the founders of our country braved the hazards of the New World.

Forest Fire Danger Slightly Reduced

The slightly damp weather yesterday reduced, somewhat, the forest fire hazard in the mountains. However, J. Craig English, county ranger, said that the small amount of rainfall had lessened the danger very slightly and that clear windy weather would place the forest area in the same dangerous condition it has been in for several weeks.

Mr. English said that forest officials have been considering closing forests to hunters because of the extremely dry weather which is hazardous in relation to forest fires. The ranger said that there have been no forest fires in this county thus far, although he reported two grass fires—one at Celero and one at Cane River.

With the lack of rain the forests of Western North Carolina have become tinder-box-dry, and the hazard of forest fires mount with each day without rainfall. Mr. English said that Yancey County has received only six one hundredths of rain this month. And each day without rain causes a build-up of dryness in the leaves which increases the great danger of fire.

Ranger English said that fire danger is measured on a meter scale and is designated by numerical classes. The mountain region was in class 5, until the recent slight rainfall, and this is considered to be an extremely dangerous point from a standpoint of fires.

Mr. English pointed out that it would be a very easy matter to start a fire in this area where the fallen leaves have become powder dry from lack of rain, and a fire at this time in practically any forest area in this county would be almost impossible to control. Our neighboring county, Mc-

Dowell, has had 1000 acres burned over, and at least a dozen fires were reported this week in the mountain forestry districts of three states.

The danger of forest fires has not been equal since the dry period experienced in 1951, Mr. English said, and conditions now are equal to that time. Closing the forest to hunters will depend on whether or not rain falls to the extent that hunting is considered safe by the State Wildlife Commission and the Forest Service.

G. K. Kilby To Hold Special Services

G. K. Kilby of Swannanoa will hold a special song and Thanksgiving Service at the Gospel Mission at Pensacola next Sunday, November 30 at 7:00 p. m.

This service is the beginning of the Christmas month activities in which visiting preachers of the Gospel and singers will take part. Lon Autrey of Pensacola is in charge of singing. The Mission has been re-decorated for this special Christmas month occasion.

All people of all faiths are cordially invited to attend the meetings.

Rural Telephone Survey To Be Held

The final rural telephone survey will be held Friday, November 28. Anyone who can assist in this survey is asked to contact the county agent's office. All those who have received applications through the mail should complete and return them to the county agent's office as soon as possible.

James C. Froula Speaks To Members Of Newdale Club

The Newdale Community Club met November 20 at the Newdale Presbyterian Church with twenty two members present.

Harvey Johnson, president, presided over the business session.

After the devotion, Mrs. Guy Boone introduced the speaker, Mr. James C. Froula of the Forest Service. He spoke on the planting of white pine seedlings, and the care of the trees. He also showed a film on soil conservation.

Mrs. Georgie Edge was named as the new secretary during the business session.

The next meeting of the club will be on the third Thursday in December at the Newdale Methodist Church.

U. S. Air Force Needs Pilots And Navigators

S. Sgt. James W. Small, local Air Force Recruiter announced today the immediate need for pilots and navigators for the U. S. Air Force.

Applications are now being accepted for these two programs. All who are high school graduates and interested in earning over \$5000.00 a year are urged to contact the local Air Force recruiter who will be at the court house in Burnsville from 10:00 a. m. to 4:00 p. m. Tuesday, December 9, 1958; or write the Air Force Recruiting Office, Room 400, City Building, Asheville, N. C.

Upon graduation from pilot or navigator training there is opportunity of being commissioned as a second Lieutenant in the U. S. Air Force with unlimited opportunities for travel, promotions, prestige and many other advantages.

Cane River High School Dedicated

Dedication services for the Cane River High School were held Sunday with E. C. Funderburk, superintendent of Asheville city schools, as the principal speaker.

Mr. Funderburk pointed out that education is the most potent weapon against communism in his dedicatory address.

Mrs. Max Proffitt, president of Cane River Parent Teacher's Association, accepted the building, on behalf of Cane River citizens, from C. P. Randolph who represented the Yancey County Board of Education.

Soil Conservation District Election To Be Held

One supervisor is to be elected to the board of supervisors of the Yancey County Soil Conservation District. The election will be held the week of December 2-6.

Present members of the board of supervisors are James B. Stamey, John M. Deyton and Thad Ray. Mr. Stamey's term expires on December 31, 1958. He is eligible for re-election.

The duties of the board of supervisors are to carry on a program of soil and water conservation in the district. They secure the assistance of federal, state, private agencies, and businessmen by promoting the soil and water conservation program. Through agreements with state and federal agencies the district supervisors provide technical assistance to the farmers of the county on their soil and water management problems.

The newly elected supervisor will serve a term of three years.

Ballot boxes will be placed in the following business places: Farmers Federation Store, Burnsville; Deyton Farm Supply, Burnsville; Proffitts Store, Bald Creek; Silvers and Dellinger, Mcaville; and Ed Hipkins store at Jacks Creek.

New Masonic Lodge For Burnsville

Grand Master of Masons of North Carolina, James G. Johnson, of Charlotte announced this week that a new Masonic Lodge will be instituted in Burnsville Saturday, December 13. There has not been a Masonic Lodge in Burnsville since 1934.

Grand Master Johnson announced

that Harlon Holcombe has been named Worshipful Master with J. O. Shepard named as Senior Warden and Robert Rhinehart as Junior Warden.

The Lodge has purchased the old American Legion building which is adjacent to the community Building in West Burnsville.

There will be 48 charter members. Other officers include J. Hubert Cooper, treasurer; Gus Peterson, secretary; Max Penland, senior warden; Mack Branton, Junior Warden; Edd Hensley and Woodrow Ballev, Stewarts.

The stated communications will be held on the third Thursday of each month. The building is being remodeled at the present time to meet the needs of the new lodge.

Mr. Holcombe was Master of the Bald Creek Lodge in 1953 and Mr. Shepard was master of that lodge in 1955.

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the creation of a strong civil defense is of prime importance to the citizens of Burnsville, N. C., as it is to all Americans, and

WHEREAS, an effective non-military defense is a deterrent to war because no aggressor is likely to attack a nation it cannot defeat, and

WHEREAS, a strong civil defense offers our best hope for survival and recovery in the event of an attack, and

WHEREAS, the total defense we must achieve can be obtained only by action at all levels of government in order to establish, direct and execute measures for survival and recovery, and

WHEREAS, President Eisenhower, recognizing the importance of individual preparedness by every American, has designated Sunday, December 7, 1958, as Civil Defense Day,

NOW, THEREFORE, I James W. Ray, Mayor of the City of Burnsville, N. C., do proclaim the aforementioned day as Civil Defense Day in Burnsville, N. C., and recommend to my fellow citizens appropriate observance of this day set aside to symbolize the need for defense preparedness.

IN WITNESS THEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Burnsville, N. C., to be affixed this 21st day of November, 1958.

(signed) James W. Ray, Mayor

Yancey Hospital Report

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Perry England of Burnsville, RFD 3, a daughter, Susan Denise, on November 23.

ADMISSIONS:

Other admissions this week are S. V. Randolph, Rt. 1, Burnsville; Joe Whitson, Rt. 4, Burnsville; Zula Wilson, Pensacola; Janet Bailey, Teddy Allen, and Dennis Bailey of Burnsville; Joe Ray, Rt. 1, Burnsville; Eloise England, Rt. 3, Burnsville; Hattie Tilley and Essie Renfro, Green Mountain; Atlas Styles of Mcaville and Judy Ann Phillips of Rt. 3, Burnsville.

U. S. Savings Bond Sales In N. C. Pass \$40 Million Mark

Savings Bonds sales in North Carolina during October were \$3,835,853, bringing the sales for the year to \$40,360,14. This is in excess of 82 per cent of the annual goal of 49 million dollars.

For the first ten months of 1958, combined Series E and H Bond sales were up 2 1/2 per cent over the same period last year. Series H Bond sales were up over 42 per cent; Series E Bond sales were down 14 per cent.

Yancey County sales for October were \$3,011.80. For the January-October period County sales total \$69,441.75, which is 51 per cent of its 1958 goal.

Presbyterian Men To Sell Christmas Trees Again This Year

The Burnsville Presbyterian Men's Organization will sell Roan Mountain Christmas Trees again this year in Burnsville.

This Organization has sold trees in Burnsville for several years. Proceeds from the Christmas tree sale are used for special church projects.

Further information as to the dates the trees will be sold will be announced later.

Mars Hill College To Observe Homecoming Today

MARS HILL — Thanksgiving and Homecoming, a pair of distinctly American celebrations which have been combined into a single tradition-filled program by Mars Hill College, will be observed here today.

Former students of the 103-year-old Baptist junior college have been invited back, and several hundred of them are expected to join current students and their parents, faculty members and other friends of the college in the day-long observance.

A full schedule, including singing, worship, pageantry, feasting, visiting and forensics, has been planned for the day and will follow a traditional routine.

Members of the Baptist Student Union will set the mood for the day by going about the campus and the community at daybreak singing Thanksgiving hymns. They will be dressed as pilgrims and as Indians in preparation for a pageant later in the morning which will depict scenes from early Thanksgiving in America.

At 9:45 a. m. students, visitors and residents of the community will gather in the sanctuary of the Mars Hill Baptist Church for a special worship service. Chief feature of the program will be a pageant "Lest We Forget," which was written by Dr. Ella Pierce, head of the college English department. This will be the 31st consecutive year it has been presented. Music for the service will be provided by the college band, a campus choir and the college touring choir.

Dr. Hoyt Blackwell, president of the college, will preside over the service; Dean Ralph M. Lee will read President Eisenhower's Thanksgiving Proclamation; Bill Smith of Asheville, president of the alumni association, will bring greetings in behalf of former students; and Dr. Robert Seymour, pastor of the church, will deliver a brief Thanksgiving sermon.

An offering for North Carolina Baptist children's homes will be taken during the service. The offering was initiated in 1897, when Dr. R. L. Moore became president of the college, and has been received each year since.

Following the service, the traditional Thanksgiving meal, turkey with all the trimmings, will be served in the college dining hall. The afternoon will be free, allowing time for watching football on television, visiting with friends and touring the campus. That night the Philomathian Literary Society, a student organization, will present its anniversary program in the college auditorium.

The program will include several forensic contests and a surprise grand finale.

NOTICE

North Carolina license tags and title transfers available at Yancey Merchants Association on the Square.