

Highway Commission Approves Access Road Mt. Mitchell

Raleigh, N. C.—The State Highway Commission has approved and set up funds for road work in the county.

This work involves an access road to Mt. Mitchell, the specifications of which are to be determined by surveys and plans.

It is anticipated that work on this road will be completed by July of 1960 at an estimated cost of \$325,000.00 — a special allocation by the Governor.

Once funds have been approved for similar projects, the money is encumbered until such time as the actual work is completed.

Yancey Hospital Report

Births—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Gomer Miller of Bakersville on March 24 a son, Thomas Alan.

Other Admissions—Ruby Wilson, Rt. 1, Green Mountain; Shirley Blevins, and Nevelle Miller, Bakersville; Dorothy Jarrett, Danny Blevins, Mary Hensley and Genevieve Bailey, Burnsville; Billie Dale, Estella Hughes, and Robert Renfro, Green Mountain; Sylvester Ray, Ethel Phillips and Ada Higgins, Rt. 3, Burnsville; Welzie Bishop, Dovie Briggs, Danny Dale, Jeff Doan and Lois Evelyn Doan, Burnsville Rt. 2; Eugenia Wright, Ridgecrest; Sadie Honeycutt, Relief; and Millie Wilson, Rt. 1, Burnsville.

Obituaries

WILLIAM JACKSON THOMAS

William Jackson Thomas, 98, retired farmer, died at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Doc Cooper at Green Mountain RFD 1 Sunday.

Services were held at 2:00 p. m. Tuesday at North Bend Free Will Baptist Church. The Rev. Mr. Arrowood officiated. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Texie Webb Thomas; four daughters, Mrs. Cooper and Mrs. Smith Johnson, both of Green Mountain, Mrs. Wesley Banks of Erwin, Tenn.; and Mrs. Charles Arrowood of Limestone, Tenn.; a son, Joe Thomas of Erwin, Tenn.; two sisters, Mrs. Doss Laughrun of Unicoi, Tenn., and Mrs. Tom Edwards of Green Mountain.

MRS. MARY GEOUGE

Mrs. Mary Geouge, 69, widow of W. R. Geouge, of Burnsville RFD 2, died in a Marion hospital Monday following a long illness. Services were held at the Blue Rock Baptist Church at 2:30 p. m. Wednesday.

The Rev. Lloyd Glenn officiated, and burial was in the church cemetery.

Surviving are two sons, Paul Geouge of Celso, and Lee Geouge of Newport News, Va.; five daughters, Mrs. Roy Holden of Marion, and Mrs. Floyd Thomas of Burnsville RFD 2, Mrs. Ruth Higgins of Drexel, Mrs. Arvil Thomas of Henderson, and Mrs. Jessie Crisp of Hampton, Va.; 27 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; five sisters, Mrs. John Robinson and Mrs. Vernon Bradley of Old Fort, Mrs. M. M. Murphy and Mrs. Walter Loftis of Hamrick, and Mrs. Jessie Murphy of Morganton; and four brothers, Lonnie Wilson of Pleasant Garden, Talmage and Worley Wilson of Hamrick and Joe Wilson of Okanogan, Wash.

MRS. MARY BRYANT EDWARDS

Mrs. Mary Bryant Edwards, 88, of Burnsville RFD 3, died Saturday at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Silas Hensley.

Services were held at 2:00 p. m. Monday in the Elk Shoal Union Church. The Rev. Troy Young and the Rev. Darrel Parris officiated. Burial was in Gibbs Cemetery.

Mrs. Edwards was a lifelong resident of Yancey County and the widow of the Itae J. M. Edwards.

Surviving are the husband; two daughters, Mrs. Garrett Hughes of Bald Creek and Mrs. Wesley C. Edwards of Bald Creek; a brother, Charles Bryant of Erwin, Tenn.; eight grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

First Baptist Church To Hold Series Of Revival Services

The First Baptist Church will hold its spring revival with services each evening next week, March 30 to April 5. Services will begin at 7:30 with special



REV. L. H. HOLLINGSWORTH



MR. JOSEPH O. STROUD

song service directed by Mr. Joseph O. Stroud, Secretary of the Department of Music, North Carolina Baptist State Convention. Mr. Stroud before coming to his present position was Minister of Music at the First Baptist Church, Statesville, N. C. and prior to that he held the same position with the College Avenue Baptist Church, Lenoir, N. C.

The Rev. L. H. Hollingsworth is pastor of the First Baptist Church, Boone, N. C. and is currently serving as president of the General Board of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention. He will bring his first message on Monday evening, March 30.

There will not be a day service, however, three chapel programs have been arranged in which both Mr. Stroud and Mr. Hollingsworth will appear. Tuesday, March 31, at the East Yancey High School; Wednesday, April 1, at the Burnsville Elementary School; and Thursday, April 2, at the Cane River High School.

The pastor and the members of the First Baptist Church extend a cordial welcome to everyone to attend the services.

Home Demonstration Club Meets With Mrs. Silver

The Burnsville Home Demonstration Club met Wednesday, March 18, at the home of Mrs. Mollie Silver. The president, Mrs. Frances Low, presided over the business session which consisted mostly of making plans and preparations for the Federal District meeting of the Home Demonstration Clubs of Buncombe, Madison and Yancey counties. It was stated that this meeting would be held on Tuesday, April 21, at the Burnsville Methodist Church.

Miss June Street was in charge of the program and gave a very interesting demonstration on the making of slip-covers. She illustrated her talk with various fabrics and materials and showed the proper technique of measuring a living-room chair which needed re-covering. Other aspects and problems of making slip-covers were discussed.

The hostess served a dessert course, and the meeting was adjourned.

Faith Fellowship Mission To Occupy New Location

Evang. H. M. Alley, founder and director of the Faith Fellowship Movement, announced this week that this non-sectarian missionary program, which has been in operation for several years, will soon begin a regular schedule of weekly services in a building located at the intersection of Main and Summit streets, one block east of Burnsville Town Square.

This building, according to Mr. Alley, has recently been rented from Mr. Sol Evans, and will be converted into an auditorium as soon as the necessary furnishings can be secured and installed.

For five years, ending in November 1958, Faith Fellowship had its headquarters in the Tabernacle Building in East Burnsville, but since that time has been meeting once each week in different homes.

Evang. Alley states that the name Faith Fellowship Mission not only indicates a meeting place, but stands for a Christ-Centered Missionary program, providing worship services and Bible instruction, as well as other helpful activities and features, such as annual and special Bible School and Missionary Conferences.

"One of our mottoes," says Mr. Alley, is: 'Faith Fellowship, where everybody is SOMEBODY,' and that indicates our welcome to ALL people, both saint and sinner, rich or poor, educated or un-schooled, high or low; or of whatever church, and those who have no church connections."

Mr. Alley further states that Faith Fellowship, which has both local and non-resident members, including seven active missionaries in Foreign Mission fields, is not operated in opposition to other established churches, but to meet a definite need for an un-denominational Mission Church Center in this area, as well as to participate in the common Christian Cause of National and world-wide evangelization and Missions.

Yancey 4-H Club News

The Annual Yancey County 4-H Talent Show is scheduled for Tuesday, April 7, at Burnsville elementary gymnasium. There will be approximately 30 members from the clubs all over the county. Everyone is invited to attend.

There were five long-time records completed by Yancey County 4-H Club members and sent to the district judging. Those submitting records were Viann Duncan, dairy calf record; Patty Mayberry, canning and food preparation; Helena Hensley, livestock; and A. J. Thomas, tractor care. These records will be judged by a group of agents from different counties. The records will be given ribbons of blue, red, white and yellow to show the progress the club member has made and the completeness of his record. Those records which receive blue ribbons may be submitted for State competition, in the fall.

Virginia Cox, assistant home economics agent, will be assisting the judging this week.

"Getting the Most Out of The Sewing Machine" is the title of the sewing training which was given to four 4-H Community clothing leaders last Thursday and Friday at the Singer Company in Asheville. Those attending were Mrs. Kenneth Johnson, Brush Creek; Mrs. Cleo Byrd, Ramsey; Mrs. Lloyd Miller, Higgins; and Mrs. Johnny Johnson, Cane Branch; and Miss Virginia Cox, assistant home economics agent.

This was given for the purpose of training leaders to help the younger 4-H members with their clothing projects and to teach the club members how to use the sewing machine. The leaders also learned many things about care, and adjustment of the sewing machine. These leaders will be working with the club members in their communities in teaching these sewing techniques.

Mrs. Laughrun Hostess To Garden Club

Mrs. Ike Laughrun was hostess to the Garden Club last Friday night.

The business meeting was presided over by the president, Mrs. Dawson Briggs. A plan, presented by Mrs. Fred Proffitt, Chairman of the Civic Committee, to set maple and perhaps oak trees on the Square, was approved by the club. Mrs. Proffitt said that the hard wood trees eventually would take the place of the locust trees which are becoming unattractive. She said when the hard wood trees became large enough for shade, the locust trees would be removed.

Further plans were made for the flower arrangement contest for public places. A suggestion that the club co-operate with the Mayor, Mr. James Ray in his annual town clean-up drive was approved.

Mrs. Troy Ray was program leader. Mrs. Ray introduced R. K. Heimie who spoke on the origin of our garden flowers.

During the social hour, the hostess served a dessert course.

ACP Help Available On Spring Conservation Work

Raleigh — Any Yancey farmer is eligible to participate in the 1959 Agricultural Conservation Program and farmers in all counties are signing up to carry out spring practices under this national program of Soil and Water Conservation. Fred L. Anglin, office manager of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation County Committee, said today.

To sign up, a farmer should con-

tact his local ASC office. In signing up under the 1959 ACP to carry out soil and water conservation practices, the farmer does not obligate himself in any way; but he does become the key participant in a farmer-government partnership which can mean much for the future strength of our agriculture.

The ACP for 1959 is a flexible program that can be tailored to fit the conservation needs of every farm in North Carolina. This flexibility that really meets the conservation needs of farmers in the Coastal Plain, in the Piedmont, and the Mountain sections of this State was brought about through the combined efforts of the Soil Conservation Service, the Forest Service, the Extension Service, and the ASC.

Under the 1958 ACP, some 2000 farmers joined hands with taxpayers to strengthen the Nation's Soil and Water resources. According to Ratcliff, the fact that there are now ample supplies of all major foods to meet our domestic and export needs is an indication of the effectiveness of the program in which the farmers and the Nation share the cost of practices which protect the Nation's food and fiber-producing ability.

Farmers who cooperate with this program must put up their share of the out-of-pocket cost of the approved conservation practice as well as perform all labor involved. In turn, the farmer and the Government enter into a contract which works to the benefit of both partners.

Health Dept. News

By: Dr. E. B. McCulloch

A great many parents say that they will not have their babies vaccinated against Diphtheria, Whooping cough and Tetanus, as well as Smallpox, until they enter school. The law says that all children in North Carolina must be vaccinated during the first year of life against Whooping cough, Diphtheria and Tetanus. The law also states that all children must be successfully vaccinated against Smallpox before they enter school.

The third grades were examined in all counties in this health district this year. Avery County had 165 third grade children with smallpox scars, and 100 without. Yancey County had 191 children with scars, and 63 without a scar. Mitchell County cards have not been counted so there is no definite figure for that county yet, but it is felt that the figures will not be far different from the two counties just given.

Parents are urged to have their children immunized against these preventable diseases before schools open. Private doctors should be seen and requested to give the vaccinations. For those unable to pay for the vaccinations, the Health Department will give them free of charge.

Clinics are held as follows: Monday afternoons, Burnsville; Tuesday afternoons, Bakersville; Thursday afternoons, Spruce Pine; and Friday afternoons, Newland.

EYE CLINICS

Many children fail to pass their school work due to inability to see. All of these children could be discovered and given glasses in a single year if enough eye clinics could be held. Only thirty-five children can be examined at each clinic. These clinics are held monthly.

In the last four clinics held there were 137 children examined, 107 glasses fitted, 13 referred for treatment, 12 referred for surgery, and 9 that needed no service.

NOTICE

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



Mrs. Hester Honeycutt Observes 95th Birthday

By: Hope Bailey

BURNSVILLE—Mrs. Hester Honeycutt observed her 95th birthday on Thursday, February 26, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. Z. Jamerson, at Bolens Creek. Mrs. Honeycutt was born in the Jack's Creek section of Yancey County and has lived there all her life.

She is the daughter of the late W. K. Byrd and Mollie Harrell Byrd. Her grandfather, Billy Byrd, was one of the earliest settlers of Yancey County.

Until three years ago, Mrs. Honeycutt was very active, and worked at the many crafts she has been interested in all through the years. Weaving was one of her major interests and she made homespun blankets and coverlets for each of her eleven children. She also has done much quilting and rug making.

The first time Mrs. Honeycutt read the Bible through was during the 1st World War, and she is now in the process of reading it for the 24th time. She

is a member of the Jack's Creek Baptist Church.

Members of her family observed her birthday with a dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Z. Jamerson at Bolens Creek. Those present, in addition to Mr. and Mrs. Jamerson, were Mrs. Margaret Johnson, of Fayetteville; Mr. and Mrs. Willard P. Honeycutt, of Jack's Creek; Dewey G. Honeycutt, of Rising Fawn, Ga.; Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Robinson and daughter, Brenda, of Marion; Mrs. Alice Rector, of Shelby; Mr. and Mrs. George Rector and children, Mark and Marna, of Shelby; and Mrs. Lynn Ross and daughter, Cathy, of Marion. Also present at the dinner was a house guest and family friend, Mrs. Nettie Ray, of Bolens Creek.

Three sons, who were unable to attend the event, are Carl Honeycutt, of Topeka, Kansas; Lenoir Honeycutt, of Hudson, Ohio; and Murray Honeycutt, of Oak Ridge, N. C.

Mrs. Honeycutt has nine grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren. She is spending the winter with Mr. and Mrs. Jamerson and expects to return to Jack's Creek in April for the summer.