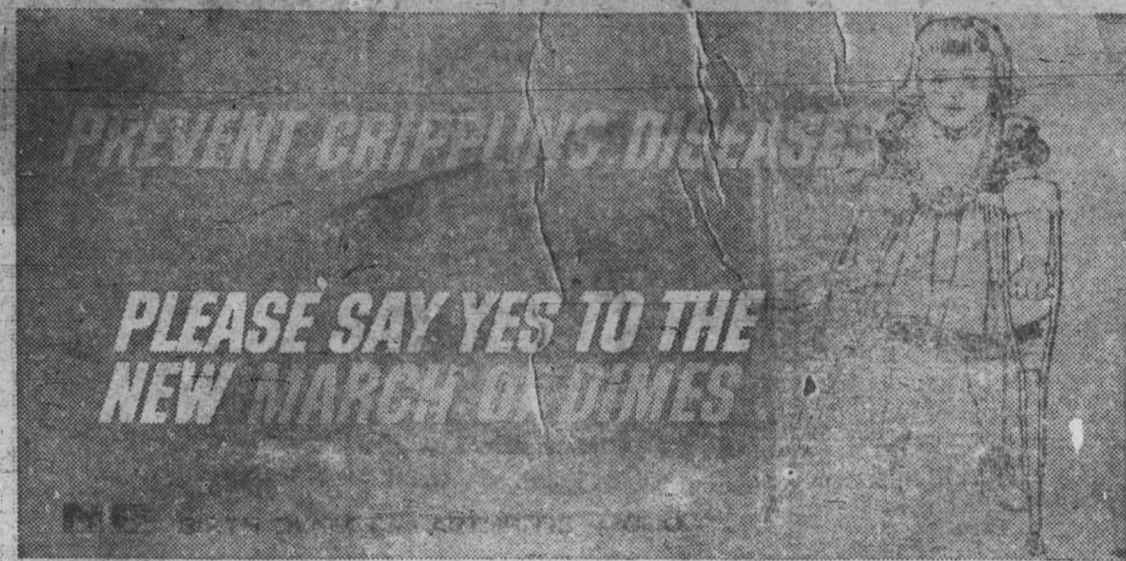


1961 Poster Child for March of Dimes Is Victim of Two Grave Birth Defects



This likeness of Linda Breese appears on millions of posters and coin collectors

Linda Gail Breese, a pictorial and high-spirited young lady of four, who lives in Columbus, Ohio, was named this week as the 1961 New March of Dimes National Poster Child.

Selection of the vivacious child, a victim of the grave birth defects of an open spine and excess fluid on the brain, was announced by Basil O'Connor, president of The National Foundation, parent body of the New March of Dimes. Study and patient aid in birth defects and arthritis, together with continued work in polio, embody the expanded program of the health organization.

In January, during which the New March of Dimes will be held throughout the nation, Linda will probably feel she is facing mirrors everywhere she travels. That's because millions of posters will bear her likeness which, in drawings and photographs, will also be published in thousands of newspapers and magazines. The blonde and blue-eyed child will also appear on network television.

Linda's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Dean E. Breese. Her father is an industrial engineer. Her mother, Dorothy Lohr Breese, in addition to Linda has another daughter, Susan, 14, and two sons, Ronnie, 12, and Terry, six. Tragically, since there is

handicapped Linda among the Breese children, Ronnie is a victim of cerebral palsy but his general physical condition is described as good.

Mrs. Breese has been a Mother's Marcher for the annual March of Dimes.

"My husband and I are deeply grateful that at last something constructive is being done about birth defects," she says. "We pray that The National Foundation, which through public contributions to the March of Dimes, financed the development of the Salk polio vaccine, will in time also solve the puzzle of birth defects, which are the largest unmet childhood medical problem in our country today."

Emphasizing the enormity of the problem, Mrs. Breese cited statistics showing that 250,000 infants in the United States are born annually with significant birth defects. Also, because of these congenital malformations, 34,000 babies a year in the nation are stillborn or die in the first four weeks of life.

Linda underwent surgery to close her spine when she was less than a day old. The operation was performed at Children's Hospital, Columbus, where The National Foundation With March of Dimes funds established the nation's first Birth Defects Study Center a few months ago. Nine months



Linda Breese

later, she again had surgery for excess fluid on the brain, and the little girl today wears a "shunt" tube to drain off this fluid. Linda also uses crutches but has been able to discard her leg braces.

Recently, while helping her mother wash dishes, she took three steps without her crutches—a memorable and hopeful event.

Robbery Under Investigation

Officers of the Yancey County Sheriff's Department are still investigating the double robbery that occurred in Burnsville on Dec. 22. Two Burnsville business places were entered and robbed sometime during the night of Dec. 22. The burglars entered the Carolina Craft Shop in the basement of Ray Bros. Food Center and took several items from the shop. Then the burglars apparently used tools from the shop to effect their entrance into Ray Bros. Food Center. They cut a hole in the floor of the establishment from below and made away with about \$150 in cash and an undetermined amount of merchandise.

Adult Education Courses At Lee Edwards High

Registration for winter adult trade and technical classes will get under way on Monday and Tuesday nights, January 16 and 17, at 7:00 p. m. in the Lee H. Edwards High School Vocational Building. Residents of North Carolina sixteen years of age or older who are not enrolled in the public schools are eligible to attend. The courses are free except for a nominal fee charged for the cost of supplies and use of equipment. Information on these courses may be obtained from Thomas W. Simpson, Director of the Industrial Education Center, whose office is on the eighth floor of the City Building, telephone AL 4-4300. These classes will be transferred to the new Industrial Education Center on Victoria Road, as soon as these facilities are available.

Courses to be offered:

MACHINE SHOP — a 1080 hour certificate course which is approved for veterans training. This class meets on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights, 6:30 to 10:15 p. m. It is open to any individual who desires to become a machine operator or machinist. Register January 16 at 7:00 p. m. Related machine theory and shop practice. Mr. William E. Black and Mr. Earl Elliott are instructors.

BASIC ELECTRONICS TECHNOLOGY — a three month beginning course in electronics covering basic electron theory, circuit components, vacuum tubes, amplifiers, and complex circuitry. Meets on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights from 6:30 to 10:15 p. m. Lecture and laboratory work. Approved for veterans training. Register January 16 at 7:00 p. m. Mr. Steve Creamer and Mr. Daniel Burns are instructors.

ELECTRONICS TECHNOLOGY, Second Quarter — any student who has had current, voltage, power, series and parallel, D. C. circuits, and fundamentals of A. C. is eligible to enroll. Class meets on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights from 6:30 to 10:15 p. m. Lecture and laboratory work. Approved for veterans training. Register January 16 at 7:00 p. m. Mr. Steve Creamer and Mr. Daniel Burns are instructors.

ELECTRICAL APPRENTICE RELATED — a 144 hour certificate class which meets on Tuesday and Thursday from 7:00 to 9:30 p. m. This class is designed to provide the related theory for trainees in the electrical field. Register for this class January 17 at 7:00 p. m. Mr. Bynum Reese is instructor.

ELECTRICAL CODE CLASS — 60 hour class for electricians. Meets on Tuesday and Thursday nights 7:00 to 9:30 p. m. Textbook is American Standard Electrical Code manual. Register January 17 at 7:00 p. m. Mr. Charles Gudder City Electrical Inspector is instructor.

SHEET METAL LAYOUT — 50 hour course which meets on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 7:00 to 9:30 p. m. Advanced course to cover triangulation and simplified triangulation methods. Register January 17 at 7:00 p. m. Mr. Sherman Phillips is instructor.

Mr. and Mrs. Harlon Holcombe, Miss Myra Holcombe and Charles Hensley are in Raleigh this week where they will attend the inauguration of Gov. — elect Terry Sanford. Mr. Holcombe is representative for Yancey County.

The inaugural period began officially at noon Wednesday by proclamation of outgoing Gov. Luther H. Hodges.

Gov. — elect Sanford will take the oath as governor on Thursday at Raleigh's Memorial Auditorium. H. Cloyd Philpott of Lexington will be sworn in as lieutenant governor and members of the Council of State will be sworn in for new terms.

A public reception will be held at the Governor's mansion on Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Holcombe and Miss Holcombe and her escort, Charles Hensley, will attend the reception and inaugural ball on Thursday night.

Radio System Benefits County

14 New Businesses Listed By D & B

There are 14 more business concerns in Yancey County today than there were last year," says Thomas G. Johnson, manager of the Knoxville office of Dun & Bradstreet, Inc. Basing his facts upon a physical count of the January, 1961

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edition of the Dun & Bradstreet Reference Book, T. G. Johnson points out that in 1960 149 businesses were listed in Yancey County and today 163 businesses are listed.

According to Mr. Johnson, each January business concerns in all parts of the United States are asked by Dun & Bradstreet for copies of their financial statements. This year requests are being sent to approximately three million business concerns — to the corner grocery store worth a few thousand dollars as well as to businesses worth millions.

The Dun & Bradstreet Reference Book lists those manufacturers, wholesalers, and retailers who seek or grant commercial credit but it does not include some of the service and professional businesses such as beauty and barber shops, security dealers and real estate brokers. Therefore, the figures for total business in the United States would be higher than the three million quoted above.

When the owner or officer of a business enterprise, or his accountant, fills in and mails his financial statement to Dun & Bradstreet, it becomes a part of the credit report on his business and a factor in determining the credit rating of his business. Mailing the statement, rather than waiting for the Dun & Bradstreet reporter's call means a company's important suppliers will quickly have the latest facts on which to make credit and sales decisions. When the Dun & Bradstreet reporter receives a financial statement in advance of his periodic call, he can make a more complete financial condition of the business and discuss its operation more intelligently.

Back of each listing of a business in the Reference Book is a Dun & Bradstreet credit report. The report includes the following: a history of the business (who owns it, who runs it, and how long it has been operating); a description of what kind of business does and how it does it; a financial section which usually includes the latest financial statement; and a record of how the business pays its bills.

While credit reports are primarily used by business men who want to evaluate the credit risk of a business before shipping or selling, insurance underwriters also use credit reports to review risks, rates, and coverage for fire and other types of insurance.

Presbyterian Church News

Rev. and Mrs. ... are returning home at the end of this week after a two-week holiday in Pennsylvania. Mr. Reeve will again be in the pulpit of this church, the First Presbyterian, on Sunday morning, January 8th, at the 11 o'clock service. "The Climax of Christian Worship" will be the subject of his sermon.

The men of the church will have their monthly breakfast together in the basement rooms of the church 8 o'clock Sunday morning.

NOTICE

The deacons meeting which was scheduled for Jan. 8 at Riverside Baptist Church has been postponed due to plans for a study course not being completed.

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100 PER CENT

United Fund Honor Roll

- ASC Office
County Extension Service
FHA Office
Feldspar Corporation
Glen Raven Mill
Northwestern Bank
Post Office
Roberts Chevrolet-Buick, Inc.
French Broad Elec. Memb. Corp.
Yancey County Health Center
Medical Profession in Yancey
Robinson's Dairy
South Toe School
B. B. Penland & Son

Now In Fourth Year Of Use

The month of January 1961 will see the fourth anniversary of the installation of the Yancey County Police Radio System. This is a significant celebration in the lives of the people of Yancey County. Few people are aware of the benefits that this step in the progress of Yancey County has brought to its people.

The County Radio system is controlled by the base station, "Burnsville-KIM-610." Its transmitter is located atop Phillips Knob with controls in the Yancey County Jail. This base station as supplemented by eight mobile units in the county and contact with three other base stations in the state. The eight county mobile units are divided among the Sheriff's Department, the City Police Department, the City Fire Department, the County Civil Defense, and one walkie-talkie unit. The stations that are in direct contact with Burnsville are: Asheville Highway Patrol, which maintains contact with all highway patrol cars in this area; the Spruce Pine Police Department; and the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department. Indirectly, the Burnsville station is in contact with all police radio stations in North Carolina and several in other states.

This station does not only function as an aid to law enforcement officers in their relentless pursuit of law-breakers, but it does many jobs for the average citizen. This station, which is active 24 hours per day, 365 days per year, performs many civil services. The stations handle, for instance, about 150 death and emergency messages each year. These are messages about the death, injury, or other emergency arising in the lives of relative of people in Yancey County. Messages are delivered free of charge, at all hours of the night or day when all other means of communication have failed.

The radio may also be used to call electrical workers to the scene of a burning building, report an accident to a cruising patrolman, call an ambulance to the scene of a serious accident, and perform many other services for the average citizen.

The radio is also an invaluable aid to law enforcement in the county. It is used to report crimes to officers cruising in the county when they could not be reached by any other method. It is used to identify license numbers on suspicious vehicles and check to see if a car is stolen.

In case of a national emergency, the radio system will be used to coordinate Civil Defense procedures in the county.

In the four years that the radio system has been in effect in the county, it has proven to be worth far more than the cost to the county.

This week we salute the men who had the foresight to plan for the purchase of this system and the operators who have kept it going in the past four years.

1961 LICENSE PLATES GO ON SALE HERE

The new 1961 license plates went on sale here at the Carolina Motor Club, Tuesday, January 3. The Motor Club reported that sales for the first day lagged somewhat behind for the same period last year. Motorists are urged to get the plates early to avoid last minute lines.

Locals

Miss Jean Cooper, student nurse at Rutherford Hospital, spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Cooper, here. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hall and girls, Debbie and Karen, of Johnson City, Tenn., also visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cooper, during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Franklin and children vacationed in Florida during the Christmas holidays.

Farm Census To Be Taken With Tax Listing

The County Extension Office is cooperating with the county tax supervisor and tax listers in the annual farm census. E. L. Dillingham, County Agricultural Agent, said that the information furnished by farmers at tax listing time was very valuable to all agricultural agencies in planning their programs and also in measuring results of various farm programs.

BURNSVILLE NATIVE DIES IN VIRGINIA

Word has been received by Mrs. Mary Lou Sorrells Fulmer, formerly of Burnsville, of the death of her cousin, Alvin York Gardner, formerly of Columbia, S. C. Born in Burnsville.

He died suddenly at his home at 600 Johnson Place, Alexandria, Va. on December 24, 1960.

Mr. Gardner is survived by his wife, Marguerite; three daughters, Jane, Kay and Anne; his mother, Mrs. Wm. S. Gardner, Sr. of Alexandria, Va.; one brother, Wm. S. Gardner, Jr. of Miami, Fla.; one sister, Mrs. Q. S. Johnson (Mary Ellis) of Alexandria, Va.; and several aunts and uncles; two nieces, and one nephew.

Services were conducted in Alexandria, Va. at 1:00 p. m. Wednesday with burial in Arlington Military Cemetery, Arlington, Va. Mr. Gardner was the nephew of the late Mattie Gardner Sorrells of Burnsville.

BLOODSHED BOXSCORE ON N. C. HIGHWAYS

RALEIGH—The Motor Vehicle Department's summary of traffic deaths through 10 A. M. Tuesday, January 3, 1961:

KILLED TO DATE 7
KILLED TO DATE Last Year 10

Obituaries

MRS. MARY ANN GREENE

Mrs. Mary Ann Greene, 79, of Burnsville RFD 2 died Tuesday in a Spruce Pine hospital after a long illness.

Services were held in Youngs Chapel Baptist Church at 2 p. m. Wednesday.

The Rev. R. M. Cassity, the Rev. Jeff Willis and the Rev. G. H. Dellinger officiated and burial was in the Young Cemetery.

She was the widow of the late Wash Greene. Surviving are five daughters, Mrs. Brown Riddle of Spruce Pine RFD 2, Mrs. Frank Burleson and Mrs. Maude Boone of Burnsville RFD 2, Mrs. Fray Williams of Marion and Mrs. Lawrence Carraway of Celio; two sons, Sam Greene of Burnsville RFD 2, and Paul Greene of Spruce Pine RFD 2; three sisters, Mrs. Pink Dailew of Hamrick, Mrs. Martha Robinson of Pices Creek and Mrs. Cornell Good of Hickory; one brother, Charlie McPeters of Woodlawn; 19 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

MRS. GRACE LEWIS

Services for Mrs. Grace Lewis, 62, of Erwin, Tenn., who died Sunday morning were held at 2 p. m. Wednesday in Robert Ledford Funeral Home in Erwin.

Burial was in the Green Mountain Cemetery.

Mrs. Lewis, a native of Yancey County and a member of North Bend Methodist Church, had lived in Erwin for the past 16 years. She died in a hospital in Unicoi, Tenn., following a long illness.

She is survived by four sons, a daughter, five brothers, two sisters and four grandchildren.

MRS. VALERIA RAY

Mrs. Valeria Ray, 61, died at the home of a daughter, Mrs. L. D. Young, in Burnsville Tuesday.

Services were held today (Thursday) in Mt. Olive Baptist Church. The Rev. J. H. Smith officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery.

In addition to Mrs. Young, she is survived by five sons, Ron of Mars Hill, William of Cincinnati, Alvin of Washington, D. C., James

NOTICE

There will be a New Year's Dance at the Community Building in Burnsville Saturday, January 7 at 8:00 p. m. The proceeds will go to the United Fund. Everyone is invited to attend.