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Rural Areas Entering Development Contest

A total of 41 rural areas have entered the 1961 Western North Carolina Rural Community Development Program to date. Organized communities in Yancey county that have entered include

Horton Hill, Brush Creek and Newdale.
Participation in the area wide improvement program is open to any rural area which is actively engaged in an organized improvement program. Entry deadline is May 15.

A total of 128 communities in 15 counties competed in the program last year and even more are expected to enroll this year. Cash awards exceeding \$10,000 will be presented to the communities making the most progress. Area awards amount to \$3600 and the remainder will be in local county awards.

This year for the first time the communities will be judged in two separate divisions, farm and non-farm. Communities in which 50 percent of the families farm, either full-time or part-time, are in the farm division. All others will be judged in the non-farm group. Duplicate awards will be presented in each division. Communities will be judged next fall on the basis of community improvements, home improvements, increased income and youth program.

In addition to the overall prizes, \$500 in awards will go to the five communities having the best youth programs.

The area program is sponsored by the Asheville Agricultural Development Council in cooperation with the county agricultural agencies and local sponsors.

According to John W. Spier of Asheville, president of the Agricultural Council, "The Community Development Program has proven what can be done by the people in our rural areas working together. All Western North Carolina has benefitted from the spirit and enthusiasm of the organized communities. I urge leaders in those communities not in this program to contact one of the agricultural agencies and get organized now."

Faith Fellowship Announces New Location

Faith Fellowship Mission will observe Easter Sunday with special services on property which the group has bought in the Mitchell Branch area. A small house has been converted for temporary use in regular Sunday School and church services.

According to Evang. H. M. Alley, Director of The Faith Fellowship program, a church building will be erected on this property as soon as sufficient funds and materials can be secured. Mr. Alley states that the entire property will be deeded to the members of Faith Fellowship as an operating church group, and will be administered by a responsible board of trustees. Any person or group interested in helping financially in this badly needed mission program are asked to see or write to Mr. Alley, whose home adjoins the above property, or whose address is P. O. Box 368. All donations will be promptly acknowledged with the Faith Fellowship official receipt, signed by both the Director and the treasurer of the Finance Committee, who is Mr. Ben L. Riddle, also of Burnsville. Either of these will be glad to furnish any desired information relative to the whole enterprise.

The general public is cordially invited to attend the opening services on Easter Sunday, beginning with Sunday School at ten o'clock, followed by preaching at eleven a. m. The evening service will be at 7:30 p. m. Special singers have been invited.

Mr. Alley suggests that visitors, who are not familiar with this new location, turn north on Burnsville's town square, and drive straight ahead to where The Health Center Building appears on left. Directly opposite, turn square to right on gravel road which leads to Mission within 150 yards.

Holiday Fatalities For Holiday Period Estimated

Charlotte — The N. C. State Motor Club estimates that at least 15 persons will die in traffic accidents on North Carolina highways during the Easter weekend.

Highway fatalities for the holiday period will be counted from 6 p. m. Friday through midnight Monday. The state's Easter traffic toll last year added up to 12 killed and 335 injured in 594 accidents.

Of the 619 driver violations reported, the leading causes of accidents were speeding, failure to yield right of way, following too closely, driving under the influence of alcohol and driving on the wrong side of the road other than passing.

North Carolina's highway deaths for the first three months of this year are running neck and neck with the pace set in 1960, when the traffic toll reached 1,220, second highest on record. It was exceeded only in 1941, when 1,289 persons were killed.

Thomas B. Watkins, president of the motor club, urged drivers to heed rules of the road and exercise courtesy and caution in an all-out effort of cooperation in Gov. Sanford's new highway safety program to reduce the state's highway slaughter by at least 100 victims this year.

Obituaries

MRS. OLA DODD

Mrs. Ola Laws Dodd, 52, died Friday morning in Yancey Hospital after a long illness.

Services were held at 2:30 p. m. Sunday in Covey Rock Free Will Baptist Church.

The Rev. Jesse Hughes and the Rev. Charles Webb officiated and burial was in the family cemetery.

Surviving are the husband, Will J. Dodd; one daughter, Mrs. Fats Deyton of Hickory; two sons, Paul Laws of Green Mountain and Tommy Laws of Hickory; the mother, Mrs. Charles Laws of Green Mountain; a sister, Mrs. Ray Fox of Green Mountain; three brothers, Glen Laws of Erwin, Tenn., Jack and Bill Laws of Green Mountain; two step-daughters, Mrs. J. Z. Peterson of Weaverville and Mrs. Gay Bailey of Detroit, Mich.; a step-son, Henry Dodd of Ashtville; and five grandchildren.

MRS. PANSY YOUNG

Mrs. Pansy McCurry Young, 72, died at the home of a daughter, Mrs. R. L. Whitson of Johnson City, Tenn. Saturday morning. Mrs. Young was a native of Yancey County, the widow of Carl T. Young.

Services were held at 2 p. m. Monday in Holcombe Brothers Funeral Home here.

The Rev. Carl C. Murray officiated. Burial was in Wilson Cemetery.

Surviving in addition to the daughter are another daughter, Mrs. T. A. Buchanan of Burnsville; a son, Norman L. of Daytona Beach, Fla.; five grandchildren; and five brothers, R. A. McCurry of McMinnville, Ore., L. C., Frank R. and Jeter McCurry of Seattle, Wash., and C. C. McCurry of Del Paso Heights, Texas.

HOBERT McPETERS

Hobart McPeters, 63, of Pensacola, died in an Asheville hospital Saturday morning.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Mae Mathis McPeters; four daughters, Mrs. Jessie Landecker of Ramsen, N. Y., Mrs. Berlyn Allen of Swannanoa, Mrs. Clarence Pace of Burnsville, and Mrs. Mary Ann Miller of Los Angeles, Calif.; three sons, Ray and Wayne of Pensacola and Carroll of Ypsilanti, Mich.; two sisters, Mrs. Belle McDowell and Mrs. Doshia McManahan of Pensacola; and three brothers, Woody of Burnsville, Joe and G. G. of Pensacola.

Services were held Tuesday at 2:00 p. m. at Laurel Branch Baptist Church at Pensacola. The Rev. Ralph Mumpower and the Rev. A. Z. Jamerson officiated. Burial was in Penland Cemetery.

Garden Club Meets With Mrs. O. L. Brown

The Burnsville Garden Club met at the home of Mrs. O. L. Brown with Mrs. I. R. Laughrun as associate hostess.

The program led by Mrs. Dawson Briggs, featured original literary work by members of the club. Mrs. Briggs read an original composition entitled "Some Thoughts In Regard To Spring". The piece was couched in lilted prose, ranging from the whimsical to the serious. Poems were read: "Spring Trilogy" written by Mrs. Fred Proffitt, and "My Garden At Night" written by Mrs. Grady Bailey. Mrs. Fred Proffitt read the poem "My Garden" by Ralph Waldo Emerson.

Mrs. D. R. Routs, first vice president, presided at the business session. It was announced that the maple and dog-wood trees, destroyed during the winter, had been replaced on the square and that arrangements had been made to trim the shrubbery.

The club voted to sponsor, again this year, the flower box contest for public places. This beautification project is under the direction of the civic committee, composed of Mrs. Troy Ray, Mrs. Charles Proffitt, and Mrs. Dawson Briggs. Judges will be appointed and prizes offered. More information about the contest will appear in the Record next week.

During the social hour the hostesses served a dessert course. Mrs. Hattie E. Clevenger was a guest and Mrs. W. L. Bennett, who has been spending the winter in Florida, was welcomed back to the club.

Methodists To Hold Meetings

The Methodist Churches of Yancey County will unite their efforts for a series of meetings on the theme "Into All The World Together". Each of the four meetings will be held at 7:30 in the evenings at the following places:

April 6, Bald Creek; April 9, Pensacola; April 16, Celso; and April 20, Burnsville.

The theme for the worship services will be "Mighty Winds of God". Mrs. O. L. Brown has made a sketch to illustrate this idea.

Representatives from the seven churches are working with Mrs. Tillie Brooks to prepare for these services. The program is planned with adults in mind, but young people will be welcome. It will include group discussions, special reports, slides, film strips and a drama.

Virgil Settle To Speak To Community Club

Virgil Settle, representative of the State Grange, will be the speaker at the Pensacola Community Club meeting Tuesday night, April 4. All club members and others are urged to attend. The meeting will be held at the Pensacola School.

E. L. Dillingham Attends Raleigh Meeting

E. L. Dillingham, member of the Statewide Committee on Lions Club Blind activities, attended the meeting in Raleigh Saturday to assist in judging the blind activities reports from all clubs in the state.

Winners will be announced at the State Lions Convention in Greensboro in June.



RALEIGH—The Motor Vehicle Department's summary of traffic deaths through 10 A. M. Monday, March 27, 1961:
KILLED TO DATE 217
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Sunrise Service To Be Held Sunday Morning

The First Presbyterian Church, Higgins Memorial Methodist Church and First Baptist Church of Burnsville will unite in an early service Easter Sunday morning to be held in the Higgins Memorial Methodist Church. The service will begin at 6:45 a. m.

The Rev. O. L. Brown, pastor of the church, will have charge of the service. The members of the choirs of the churches participating are requested to help with the music under the direction of the choir director of the Methodist Church.

The Rev. Charles B. Trammel, pastor of First Baptist Church, will bring the message this year. The services rotate among the First Baptist Church, Higgins Memorial Methodist Church and the First Presbyterian Church.

American Red Cross Gray Lady Class Formed

Plans are under way to form a new American Red Cross Gray Lady class to serve in the Yancey Hospital. Women in this area who are interested in joining this class, or who think they might be interested, should be at the Community Building in Burnsville on April 10th at 8:00 PM to meet professional workers from the Red Cross office in Asheville. At that time a date will be set to begin the training course.

A "capping" service will also be conducted on April 10th for ten women who have served their probationary period in the Yancey Hospital. The public is cordially invited to attend this capping service for the first class of Gray Ladies.

It will be at the convention of the capping service that the Red Cross personnel will meet with the prospective Gray Ladies. If further information is desired before April 10th, it may be obtained by telephoning either Mrs. Harlon Holcombe, MU 2-2330 or Mrs. Robert L. Rhinehart, MU 2-2123.

Pre-School Clinics To Be Held

Pre-school clinics will be held at Pensacola School on Tuesday, April 4th, and at Clearmont School on Friday, April 7th. These clinics will begin at 9 A. M. Parents who have children entering either of the above schools for the first time this fall are urged to bring their children to the clinics.

Presbyterian Church News

The Rev. A. Alden Pratt of Banner Elk will supply the pulpit at the First Presbyterian Church here Sunday, April 2.

Rev. Warren S. Reeve, pastor, who is undergoing treatment at Western North Carolina Sanatorium at Black Mountain is improving. He has been a patient there for around a month.

OES To Hold Public Installation

Bald Creek Chapter No. 276 Order of the Eastern Star will hold public installation at the Burnsville Masonic Hall, on Friday, March 31st, at 8:00 p. m.

Officers to be installed include Nancy Styles, Worthy Matron; Frank Bowditch, Worthy Patron; Billie Jean Styles, Associate Matron; Lloyd Miller, Associate Patron; Sarah Hensley, Secretary; Betty Hensley, Treasurer; Cora Cox, Conductress; Margaret Miller, Associate Conductress; Alma Shephard, Chaplain; Robbie Heavener, Marshall; Anastasia Tomberlin, Organist; Alma Holcombe, Adah; June Miller, Ruth; Edna Bowditch, Esther; Mary Alice Miller, Martha; Lillie Ballew, Electa; Louise Robinson, Warder; Harlon Holcombe, Sentinel.

The public is cordially invited to attend the installation services.

Whitener Appointed To Special Textile Com.

Washington, D. C. The special Textile Committee composed of members of the United States House of Representatives under the chairmanship of Carl Vinson (D-Ga.) met with the Cabinet Textile Study Committee and

with President John F. Kennedy at the White House on Monday. Congressman Basil L. Whitener of the 11th District is the North Carolina member of the special committee.

County Com. On Aging Meets

The need for nursing home facilities that can meet the new state requirements was stated to be one of Yancey County's urgent problems at a meeting of the county Committee on Aging held on March 23rd at the library in Burnsville.

A second need is for services to the aged in their own homes. It has been estimated that 70% of the health needs of the older age population could be met at home if help was available to teach home nursing skills to the families of older persons.

The County Committee is gathering information about the number of persons requiring institutional care, the number now in nursing homes, the number needing occasional homemaker or nursing care in Yancey County.

A general meeting is planned in May when the facts can be presented and the problem discussed by interested citizens. Persons interested in the problem are asked to get in touch with any member of the present committee: Miss June Street, secretary; Mr. Hubert D. Justice; Rev. O. L. Brown; Miss Laura Hrliard; Mr. Harold Steadman; Mrs. Arthelia Brooks; Mr. L. G. Deaton; Mrs. Annie To Ballard; Mrs. Dorothy Thomas.

The Yancey County Committee was appointed 2 years ago by the Governor's Coordinating Committee on Aging. It represents a concerted effort in North Carolina to understand the problems and the possibilities of the steadily increasing segment of the population that is made up of "senior citizens."

Revival Services At First Baptist Church

A series of revival services will begin at the First Baptist Church, on April 2. Services will be held daily from April 2 through April 9 at 7:30 p. m. There will be no day service, however, service will be held on Saturday evening.

The guest minister will be The Rev. Lowell F. Sodeman, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Rocky Mount, N. C. Rev. Sodeman is a former pastor of Mars Hill College Baptist Church, and Porter Memorial Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky. He is currently serving as trustee of Wake Forest College and in other responsible places of leadership in the North Carolina Baptist State Convention.

This will make the third time Rev. Sodeman has been guest minister for revival services in the Burnsville Church.

Music will be provided by the church choir directed by Mrs. Charles I. Wiker; Rev. Charles B. Trammel is pastor.

Catholic Holy Week Services

Holy Week services will be held in Spruce Pine only. On Holy Thursday the Mass of the Lord's Supper begins at 6:00 p. m. The Good Friday services commemorating Our Lord's Passion and Death will begin at 3:00 p. m. Father Raymond in charge. The Night Watch of the Resurrection will begin at 11:00 p. m. Holy Saturday.

Easter Sunday morning the Mass of the Resurrection will be offered in the Burnsville Sacred Heart Chapel at the usual time, 9:00 a. m. All people are welcome to attend all of these services.

At the morning meeting held in the office of Secretary of Commerce, Luther Hodges, the committee members each voiced their desire for immediate relief from foreign imports of textile products. This plea was made to Secretary Hodges and to the members of his Cabinet Textile Committee, composed of the secretaries of state, Agriculture, Treasury and Labor.

In the afternoon the group met with President Kennedy for an hour and fifteen minutes at which time each of the congressmen was called upon to express his views upon the critical textile problem.

Congressman Whitener pointed out to the president that his district was the largest textile producing district in America and that one fourth of all textile employees in America are residents of the state of North Carolina. He further pointed out that the textile industry is an efficient industry but that notwithstanding its efficiency it was faced with a critical competitive problem through excessive imports of foreign made textiles. Whitener also told the president that in addition to the job loss being experienced by the people in North Carolina that the flow of foreign made textiles was having a harmful effect upon the wage scale of American workers as well as the work load being required of them. In addition he stated that this increasing work load and hindrance to better wages was contrary to the national interest of our country having almost the same amount of impact as the loss of job opportunities.

On being asked as to his impression of the meeting with the president, Congressman Whitener stated: "The president is very knowledgeable in the textile field and I am convinced that he has a strong desire to be of assistance in meeting this serious problem. I am most optimistic after having had the privilege of meeting with President Kennedy."

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Home Demonstration Council Meets

By: June Street, Home Ec. Agt.
The Yancey County Home Demonstration Council met at Firth Carpet Company cafeteria on March 23 to make plans for the spring activities. Mrs. H. D. Ray, Jr., president, presided.

Mrs. Ray reported on the District planning Meeting which was held in Asheville. Plans were made for the Yancey, Buncombe, Madison County district meeting which is scheduled at the Manor in Asheville for April 6. The following people were nominated to serve on the program and committees:

Mrs. Brooks Wilson, Pensacola—Response to Welcome; Mrs. Horace Daniel Ray, Jr., Pensacola—Roll Call of County; Mrs. Ralph Proffitt, Cane River—Installation of Officers; Mrs. Champ Ray, Newdale—Resolutions Committee; Mrs. Harry Bowen, Burnsville—Courtesy Committee; Mrs. Clyde Edwards, Newdale—Place Committee; Mrs. Herman Howell, Arbutle—Registration Committee; and Mrs. O. W. Deaton, Brush Creek—Nominating Committee.

The date of National Home Demonstration Week was announced and plans were made for its observance.

A report from the Home Agent on the Home Demonstration Building Fund was given; \$114 has been paid to the state treasurer. Newdale, Brush Creek and Burnsville were recognized for having paid their total amount. Jacks Creek Club has contributed a good portion of its share.