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## Raleigh Report

(By: Representative Holcombe)

Action on major issues in the General Assembly was light last week as the finance committee be-

## Library Announces Notable Books Of 1960

"Notable Books of 1960" as selected by a national committee have been announced by the Notable Books Council.

This list includes the following books available in the libraries of Avery, Mitchell, and Yancey Counties:

**THIS IS THE AMERICAN EARTH**, by Ansel E. Adams and Nancy Newhall. The rhythmic prose and peerless photographs are an outstanding contribution to the cause of conserving our national scenic resources.

**BORN FREE**, by Joy Adamson. Elsa, orphaned lion cub, was raised as a pet, then re-educated to return to the African jungle.

**PICTURE HISTORY OF THE CIVIL WAR**, by the editors of American Heritage. Lucid prose plus fine pictures and maps make this outstanding.

**AN AMERICAN DIALOGUE**, by Robert M. Brown and Gustave Weigel. "A Protestant looks at Catholicism and a Catholic looks at Protestantism" — a salutary exchange.

**GRANT MOVES SOUTH**, by Bruce Catton. Emergence of Grant as a great military leader.

**CLEA**, by Lawrence Durrell. Final volume of the "Alexandria Quartet," exploring with discerning insight man's quest for life's meaning.

**THE CHILD BUYER**, by John Hersey. An attempt to purchase a 10-year old boy genius for exploitation, cast in the form of Senate hearings.

**THE LEOPARD**, by Giuseppe di Lampedusa. Urbane portrayal of the dissolution of a nineteenth-century aristocratic Sicilian family.

**TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD**, by Harper Lee. A young girl's growth in tolerance and understanding in an Alabama town of the 1930's.

**THOMAS WOLFE**, by Elizabeth Nowell. This penetrating biography by Wolfe's literary agent is an outstanding contribution to literary history.

**ROBERT FROST; THE TRIAL BY EXISTENCE**, by Elizabeth S. Sergeant. An affectionate, sensitive biography, enriched by numerous quotations and parts of poems.

**THE RISE AND FALL OF THE THIRD REICH**, by William L. Shirer. Revealing "inside" picture of a dark period of history.

**JOURNEY INTO SUMMER**, by Edwin W. Teale. Exploration from New Hampshire to the Rockies.

**WALK EGYPT**, by Winnie Williams. Vital story of a strong-willed woman, told in the distinctive rich speech of her Georgia hills.

## Sacred Heart Parish Supper

Sunday, April 9, members and friends of Sacred Heart parish will have a pot-luck supper at Firth Cafeteria. The supper will begin about 5:30. A classic western movie starring Gary Cooper will follow. All are welcome to attend, and should make arrangements with members of the parish.



**RALEIGH**—The Motor Vehicle Department's summary of traffic deaths through 10 A. M. Tuesday, April 4, 1961:  
KILLED TO DATE 251  
KILLED TO DATE Last Year 248

gan public hearings on proposed tax bills which would provide funds for the expanded educational program as outlined by Governor Sanford in his special message early this month.

At the same time that the finance committee started public hearings, we, in appropriations, heard the last group making pleas for more money.

Chairman Tom Woodard, of appropriations, and Senator Jim Stikeleather, are expected to name sub-committees early next week to begin the long and tedious job of cutting and trimming the requests to fit the expected revenue. For several weeks heads of state institutions and agencies have appeared before our committee asking that the budget for the coming biennium be increased. The total requested above that already recommended is in excess of two million dollars. The job of going over these requests line by line is expected to require several weeks time.

During the past two weeks new tax proposals have been pouring into the hopper at an increased rate.

In addition to the Governor's 3% across the board sales tax the finance committee now has before it many alternate suggestions.

One that created a stir in the General Assembly and among the citizens of the state was by Womble of Wake County to increase the sales tax to 4% and leave all exemptions as they now are. Many other suggestions are included in the large number of tax proposals now before the group.

We are interested in the suggestion by the North Carolina Hospital Association that the state's contribution for public assistance cases be increased by \$600,000 by the coming biennium. It must be kept in mind that by doing this the state would receive an extra five million dollars from additional federal funds which would be of great assistance to the counties and small hospitals of the state. I intend to watch this request very closely in the sub-committees.

A joint resolution which could have far reaching effect on the economy of North Carolina was to the effect that the United States take immediate action to establish quota by country and by category on textile imports. The resolution pointed out that the textile industry employs one out of every two persons in manufacturing in the state and is vitally important to the economy of the nation. Also, that the imports of foreign textiles have reached an all time high and are increasing each year at an alarming rate.

Explaining that these imports are responsible for the loss of hundreds of thousands of textile jobs and the closing of many textile plants, the resolution urged the president and congress to take whatever steps are necessary to immediately establish textile quotas.

## Beef Cattle Referendum Carries

By: E. L. Dillingham, County Agricultural Agent

The Yancey County Extension Office cooperated with livestock owners in the educational program connected with the Beef Cattle Referendum held March 25. Yancey County voted 80 for and 2 against.

The money collected from the program will be used to promote the consumption of beef. Ten cents per head of livestock over \$20 in value would be collected on all cattle sold for slaughter.

Roy Ray was chairman of the Yancey committee with the following members — H. D. Ray, Jr., Paul Buck, O. W. Deyton, Grover Robinson, Luther Ayers, Joe Young, W. O. Briggs, Yates Bailey and Charlie Rice.

## Pre School Clinics To Be Held

Pre-school clinics will be held at Clearmont on Friday, April 7 and at Bee Log School on Friday, April 14. These clinics will begin promptly at 9:00 a. m. Parents having children who will attend these schools are urged to bring them to clinics on the above dates. Then to clinics on the above dates.

## Obituaries

### MRS. LAURA THOMAS

Mrs. Laura Jane Thomas, 82, of Rt. 2, Burnsville died Monday in a Spruce Pine hospital after a long illness.

Mrs. Thomas was the widow of Zeb Thomas who died in 1945. She was a daughter of the late David and Emmaline Buchanan Hughes and was a member of Double Island Baptist Church.

Services were held in Double Island Baptist Church at 2:30 p. m. Wednesday.

The Rev. G. H. Dellinger and the Rev. Wade Brown officiated and burial was in the church cemetery.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Rosa Woody and Mrs. Lillie Wilson of Lenoir and Mrs. Texie Presnell of Rt. 2, Burnsville; one son, Grady Thomas of Rt. 1, Green Mountain; three sisters, Mrs. Sam Sparks, Mrs. Jim Dulaney and Mrs. Martha Laws of Burnsville; two brothers, Latt and Fonze Hughes of Rt. 6, Burnsville; 26 grandchildren and 33 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Paul Thomas, Phil Thomas, Jr., Phil Thomas, Sr., Charles Hopson, Clifford Milton and Jack Wilson.

### REV. C. C. ADKINS

The Rev. Christopher C. (Kit) Adkins, 93, a retired Baptist minister, died Sunday afternoon in the home of a son, the Rev. Gilbert Adkins of Green Mountain, after an illness of two years.

Surviving in addition to the son are five daughters, Mrs. Bryan Higgins of Relief, Mrs. Guss Peterson and Mrs. W. D. Adkins of Burnsville, Mrs. John F. Phillips of Littleton, Pa., and Mrs. Niram Miller of Detroit, Mich.; four other sons, M. M. and Jim of Erwin, Tenn., the Rev. E. G. Adkins of Burnsville and Horace of Flint, Mich.; 46 grandchildren, 50 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

Services were held at 2:30 p. m. Tuesday in Byrd's Chapel Baptist Church.

The Rev. Vivian Brown and the Rev. Mr. Green officiated. Burial was in the Wilson Cemetery. Pallbearers were Dennis, E. G., Wayne and Kenneth Adkins, Reid Peterson; Ralph Tipton, Carl Bailey and Charles Ray.

### MRS. NELLIE CANNON

Mrs. Nellie M. Cannon, 84, died Wednesday, March 29th, after a long illness at the home of a son, Burlas Cannon.

Services were held at 2 p. m. Friday, March 31, in Green Mountain Free Will Baptist Church.

The Rev. Ed Woody officiated. Burial was in Miller Cemetery.

Surviving in addition to the son are one daughter, Mrs. Erskine Miller, and eight grandchildren, all of Burnsville.

### CHARLES EDWARDS

Charles Edwards, 88, of Rt. 1, Burnsville, died Sunday morning in his home after a long illness.

Mr. Edwards was a lifelong resident of Yancey County. He was a retired poultry and produce dealer.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Sidney Laws and the Misses Ola and Carrie Edwards, all of Rt. 1, Burnsville; and one grandchild.

Services were held at 10:30 a. m. Tuesday in Mine Fork Free Will Baptist Church.

The Rev. Francis Radford officiated. Burial was in Bailey Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Joe, Clair, Emory and Jack Laws, Biss Peterson and Clarence Deyton.

## Highway Comm. Approves \$172,000 For Urban Construction

Raleigh—Meeting here today, the State Highway Commission approved more than \$172,000 in Urban Construction Funds for improvements in 12 counties.

The funds will be used for urban projects in the following counties: Washington, Moore, Richmond, Scotland, Anson, Union, Cleveland, Burke, Yancey, Madison, McDowell and Orange. Funds approved included: \$20,428 for resurfacing South West Broad Street in Southern Pines; \$20,000 for resurfacing 1.84 mile of US 19-E through Burnsville; and \$18,372 for resurfacing NC 54 in Chapel Hill, from Country Club Drive to the intersection of US 15-A and US 501-A.

In other action, the Commission added some 25.16 miles of Secondary roads to the system, while deleting 3.80 miles. Also approved were some 40 secondary road construction projects in 10 counties. At the same time, the Commission dropped a Secondary road project in Moore County because right of way could not be obtained.

The roads body also adopted rules and regulations as well as a toll charge schedule for the operation of the Atlantic-Ocracoke ferry scheduled to begin operations May 1. Chief Highway Engineer C. W. Lee told the Commission that toll charges would be made for all passengers and vehicles, including State-owned and operated vehicles. He added that he hoped the schedule can be put into effect on May 1st, with a daily departure from Atlantic at 8: A. M., and a return trip leaving Ocracoke Island at 2 P. M. Transit time, he said, would be approximately four hours.

The Highway Commission also approved an ordinance calling for the establishment of no-parking signs along the entire US 301 Rocky Mount Bypass. This step was taken in an effort to reduce driving hazards on the road brought about by vehicles being parked along the shoulder.

## Appreciation Expressed

Rev. Warren S. Reeve, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church here, and who is a patient at Black Mountain Sanatorium expresses his thanks to all the people throughout the town and county who have sent so many cards during the Easter season. Rev. Reeve has been answering all cards and letters previously received, but at this time he is not able to do this, so he requested that his appreciation be sent in this way.

## Children's Clothing Needed For Clothing Closet

The Junior Woman's Club which sponsors the Children's Clothing Closet here has reported a great need for children's clothing. They have distributed many articles of clothing to needy children and adults during the winter months, which has enabled some children to stay in school. Anyone having clothing to donate to this worthy cause may call Mrs. Garland Wampler, Burnsville and she will pick them up or they may be taken to the Welfare Department here. Clothing is distributed under the supervision of the Welfare Department.

## East Yancey Beta Club Plans Activities

By: C. Lia Coletta, Beta Publicity Manager

The senior members of the East Yancey Beta Club were the guests of the junior members at an informal Easter party given for them on Saturday, March 25. The party was held in the Firth Cafeteria at 7:00 p. m.

On April 7, nineteen Beta members and two sponsors, Mrs. Mickie Zuber and Mrs. Raymond Shepherd, will leave for the Beta Convention which is to be held at the George Vanderbilt Hotel in Asheville. The group will attend various lectures, workshops, etc. on Friday and Saturday. On Saturday night, they will attend the convention ball and return home afterwards.

The junior members plan to elect officers and make plans for the 1961-62 school year at the next monthly meeting in April.

## Ralph H. Sams Receives Promotion

Major Ralph H. Sams has been promoted to rank of Lieutenant Colonel, Armor USAR, effective 2 March 1961.

Lt. Colonel Sams is a recent graduate (1959) of the Senior Tactical College of the U. S. Army, The Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

He was born at Burnsville and is also a graduate of the Officer Candidate School, Fort Knox, Ky., 1943, The Advanced Armor Officers School, Fort Knox 1949, and The Infantry Officers Advanced Course, Fort Benning, Ga., 1953.

Colonel Sams saw service in various overseas command positions during World War II and the Korean Conflict.

His present address is listed as Fairmont Road, Route 3, Candler, N. C. where he resides with his wife and daughter, Elizabeth age 7.

## Home Improvements Made In 1960

Over five thousand rural families in communities that participated in the Western North Carolina Rural Community Development Program reported spending nearly six million dollars for home improvements during 1960. This information is included in a summary released this week by the Asheville Agricultural Development Council.

Largest single item was the building of 415 homes at a cost of \$2,614,500. Other major items were the painting of 1444 homes on the

inside, 897 painted outside, 672 families installed running water, 600 bathrooms put in and 622 homes remodeled. Major electrical appliances purchased by the rural families reporting cost \$488,446.

"The amazing results achieved by the people in the organized communities in the way of building community centers, beautification, and other community projects is well known," stated John D. Smith of Brevard, area chairman of the Community Development Program. "However, just as important is the great progress made by individual families in the way of home improvement," he added.

Not all community attention was focused on the side of spending money. Equal attention was given to trying to increase the income of the communities, both through better farming and non-farm sources.

Of the five thousand families who turned in reports, 1776 or approximately one-third had raised their income during the year. Of these some 600 had developed some entirely new sources of income.

In the way of better farming, there was a 28 percent increase in dairy cows in the communities during 1960, a 45 percent increase in silage stored, vegetable acreage gained by one-third and increases were reported in hatching egg flocks, market egg flocks and broiler production.

Major items in better family living included the canning of 732,114 quarts of food, over 280 thousand quarts frozen and 388,000 pounds of meat frozen. Of the five thousand families, 4149 are covered by Social Security, 3878 carry hospital insurance and 3358 take a newspaper.

During 1960, major emphasis was put on youth programs, with prizes being awarded for the first time to the communities on the basis of youth activities.

A total of 1475 young people worked on community projects during the year and 1200 adults helped with various youth programs during the year. The greatest number of youth — 2994 — participated in church organizations, with 1459 in the 4-H Club, 359 in Future Farmers of America, 835 in Future Homemakers of America and 356 in Scouts.

## Locals

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Edwards and daughters, Sue Jerri and Carolyn Ann, have returned to their home in Jeger, W. Va. after spending Easter holidays with Mrs. Edwards' parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Ledford of Burnsville, Route 4. Also spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Ledford were Mr. and Mrs. Scott Ledford and sons of Asheville and Eddie Ledford of Charlotte.

James H. Cherry III has been home visiting his mother, Mrs. Katherine Cherry, for spring holidays. Mr. Cherry is a freshman at Princeton University, Princeton, N. J. Mrs. Cherry and family spent the Easter week-end with her sister, Mrs. John Blake, in Lyman, S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Les Ray Robertson visited relatives here during the Easter week-end. Mrs. Edwin Wilson and children of Pa. are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Dawson Briggs here this week. Mrs. Briggs has returned to her home after undergoing treatment in Yancey Hospital and is reported to be much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Brinkley and family of Monticello, Ga.; Mr. and Mrs. Edd Ball and family of Virginia; and Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Wilson of Marshall spent the Easter holidays with Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Brinkley here.

Mr. and Mrs. Jennings Hamrick and daughter of Winston-Salem visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bodford, here during the holidays.

Miss Norma Edge of Charlotte visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Edge, of Newdale last week-end.



**RADIOLOGICAL MONITORING** is one of the principal courses stressed today by most civil defense organizations as a preparation for saving life from radioactive fallout which could follow a nuclear attack. A corps of citizen specialists is being trained to measure fallout and forewarn the public. New laws allowing the Federal Government to assume half the costs of hiring more State and local civil defense workers are now speeding this and other CD programs. In the top picture, Robert S. Rits (far right in audience), now Illinois Civil Defense Agency training officer under the shared-cost program, sits in on a monitoring course in Evanston taught by Mrs. Laura Nissen, the city's training, information and radiological defense officer. She also has recently become a paid employee, selected to devote full time to civil defense under the financial aid program. Rits later worked the material obtained at Evanston into a similar course at the underground Du Page County Civil Defense control center near Wheaton, Ill. (bottom). (OCDM Photo)