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National Library Week April 16-22

April 16-22 is National Library Week. Library facilities in our county have grown in the past 38 years. The first public library came

Raleigh Report

(By: Representative Holcombe)

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Several members of the General Assembly have been seriously considering introducing a bill to correct a situation which has existed in the state for too long.

Although we have on the statute books a compulsory school attendance law, we do far too little to see that it is enforced. Some county and city units have attendance officers but in many counties no one actually does the job. As a result county and city units lose many teachers needlessly each year because no one actually goes to the trouble to round up all those under 16, absent from classes without just cause, and take them back to school.

Currently, each county and city education unit is charged with the responsibility of enforcing the compulsory attendance law under rules and regulations prescribed by the State Board of Education. But the law at best is not strong enough. It says only that the units "may employ special attendance officers to be paid from funds provided in the current expense fund budget of such administration unit."

WELFARE DEPARTMENT

The law provides further that in case this is not carried out by the unit in question, that the duties shall be performed by the superintendent of public welfare.

As a result we have in North Carolina only 69 units with truant officers. The other 104 units trust the duties to the superintendent of public welfare.

NO STATE FUNDS

If such an act were introduced it would include the attendance officer in the regular state budget with the county, probably furnishing the office, supplies, telephone and other local items. This would not cost the county or city units very much money but would prove of great benefit to them as they work to improve their daily attendance records which is the basis on which teachers are allotted.

HOSPITAL EXPENSE

Rising costs of hospital and medical care have been a source of worry not only to the individual but also to the hospitals. Chief complaint has been that the indigent patient, those not eligible for aid under the federal or state welfare program, has caused the deficit of the private hospitals to go higher and higher.

Under terms of Senate Bill 12 and a bill introduced in the House by Dr. Rachel Davis of Lenoir county, the state would be able to participate in the plan for this type patient which means they would receive federal matching funds.

But matching funds is not a good term since the federal government would furnish 80 per cent of the money, the county and state would divide the other 20 per cent. Under terms of the two above measures the hospitals would receive \$13.80 per day where under some circumstances before they have received only \$1.50 per day from the county alone.

BILLS DIFFERENT

The bills are somewhat alike but differ substantially on two or three points.

Under Senate Bill 12 the patient in order to be eligible for assistance must meet the requirements set for welfare cases, while the Davis Bill would make any person over 65 eligible for medical assistance, providing they could prove they were unable to pay.

Neither of these two programs should be confused with the proposed Social Security measure which has yet to be considered in the U. S. Congress.

into existence in 1923; the first county library was established 16 years ago, in 1945. The bookmobile first warmed up its motor 11 years ago. Seven years ago, in 1954, the library owned 7000 books. These were borrowed, altogether, 23,000 times in a year.

Now there are 10,000 books borrowed around 33,000 times in one year, both from the library itself and from the bookmobile. And between 500 and 600 new books are being bought each year.

The bookmobile travels at least 400 miles every month to reach readers outside Burnsville.

The library at present is open: Tuesdays, 2-5; Wednesdays, 9-1, 2-5; Saturdays, 9-12. Telephone MU 2-2600.

In addition to all this the library subscribes to 15 magazines for the use of the patrons, gets books upon request from other libraries, and has films available for enjoyment and education.

The cost of running the library is around \$10,000. At present, \$9,700 of this comes from the county, the state, the United Fund, and for this year from a Federal Aid grant.

Mrs. Carl Carter is librarian in Yancey County, and Mrs. Dorothy Thomas is supervisor in the three counties. Mitchell, Avery and Yancey with Miss Antonette Earle as her assistant.

Mrs. Carter is in the library here on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays, and covers the county with the bookmobile on Mondays and Fridays.

The three counties own a big bookmobile jointly which makes three trips in this county each month.

The Library Board, appointed by the County Commissioners, includes H. G. Bailey, Robert Helmle, Mrs. Evelyn Pate, Charles Brown, Max Penland and Yates Bailey.

Mrs. Carter stated that no fines will be charged this week on overdue books.

Two-Day Craft Workshop To Be Held

Miss Marjorie Shearin, Extension Home Marketing Specialist from N. C. State College, will hold a two-day craft workshop at Firth Carpet Company cafeteria on Tuesday, April 25, and Wednesday, April 26.

Copper tooling and aluminum chasing and embossing will be taught. These classes are designed for those who are interested in developing quality crafts. The selling of crafts is becoming more popular in our mountain area and this is a good way to add some additional income.

Several women have already signed up for the classes. If others are interested, please contact the Home Agent.

Civil Defense Day April 28

National Civil Defense Day will be observed on Friday, April 28th. All radios and television sets will leave the air from 4:00 to 4:30 p. m. Residents are requested to keep off the highways and streets during this 30 minute period.

Yates Bailey, Civil Defense Director of this county, has asked these questions: "How many people are prepared for an emergency? How many fall-out shelters have been prepared in the county and do they contain enough food and water to take care of the family for 14 days?"

Anyone needing information as to the construction of fall-out shelters may obtain it free of charge from the Civil Defense Organization.

FOR A RICHER, FULLER LIFE YEAR ROUND, READ



National Library Week April 16-22, 1961

Reading enriches the mind, satisfies the spirit, increases knowledge, stirs the imagination. During National Library Week — and throughout the year — use and support your library! Build your own home library. "For a fuller, richer life—Read!"

Obituaries

J. ROBERT GOUGE

J. Robert Gouge, 74, of Celis, died unexpectedly Friday morning in the home of a daughter, Mrs. Love Carroway.

Mr. Gouge was a native of Yancey County, a son of the late James and Jane Buchanan Gouge. He was a retired farmer.

He was a member of the board of deacons of Brown's Creek Baptist Church.

Surviving in addition to the daughter, are seven sisters, Mrs. Carl Riddle, Mrs. D. C. Cassida, Mrs. Deldie Hall and Mrs. Missouri Hensley of Burnsville, Mrs. Ella Harris and Mrs. Elizabeth McMahan of Marion and Mrs. Wellzie McMahan of Newdale; and two grandsons.

Services were held at 2:30 p. m. Sunday in Brown's Creek Church. The Rev. R. A. Pate, the Rev. E. J. Hall and the Rev. Frank Parsons officiated. Burial was in Carroway Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Sam Hensley, Troy Ray, Edward Gibbs, Elmer Westall, Floyd Autrey, Emerly Chrisawn, Bradley and Lewis Shuford.

FERRELL MILLER

Ferrell Miller, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clay Miller of Ramsey town died in his home Saturday morning after a long illness.

Surviving in addition to the parents are a sister, Lane; and two brothers, Vern and Don of the home; the paternal grandmother Mrs. Joe Miller and the maternal grandmother, Mrs. Joe Whitson of Rt. 4, Burnsville.

Services were held at 2:30 p. m. Monday in Millers Chapel Free Will Baptist Church.

The Rev. Charles Webb and the Rev. H. G. Adkins officiated. Burial was in Miller Hill Cemetery.

JOHN BENNETT

John B. Bennett, 60, of Asheville died in St. Joseph Hospital Sunday night after a long illness.

Mr. Bennett was employed by the N. C. Employment Security Commission and was a veteran of World War II. He was a member of Earl Horton American Legion Post and a member of Asheville First Baptist Church.

A former resident of Burnsville he had lived in Asheville for about 20 years. Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Annie Wray Bennett; a daughter, Miss Joy Bennett of the home; and three sisters, Mrs. Cora P. Ake of Green Mountain, Miss Nettie Bennett of Burnsville and Mrs. Zeb Bennett of Charlotte.

Services were held at 11 a. m. Wednesday in Burnsville First Baptist Church.

The Rev. James Parham, the Rev. C. B. Trammel and the Rev. O. L. Brown officiated. Burial was in Holcombe Cemetery.

Pallbearers were R. K. Morrison, Jennings Hall, Henry Hickman, Ernest Pierce, G. L. Hensley, O. W. Wilson, Guss Peterson, and Troy Ray. Honorary pallbearers were members of Victory Bible Class of Asheville First Baptist Church, men from the Asheville NCESC office and members of Earl Horton Legion Post.

Pfeiffer College Fine Arts Festival April 27th

Misenheimer, N. C. — Pfeiffer College's first annual Fine Arts Festival will be opened with the presentation of Arthur Miller's award-winning drama, "The Crucible" on Thursday, April 27. The ten-day event will feature regional artists, several of national fame, and faculty students.

One of the notable individuals who will share in the festival is Randall Jarrell, outstanding American literary figure, Greensboro. He is winner of the 1951 National Book Award. Others include Ben Owen, famed North Carolina master potter, Seagrave; folk art artist, Jane Bishop Hobgood and Arthur Tement, Salisbury; and the recognized young American pianist, William Lewis, Alton, Greensboro.

Miss Peggy Wells, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Wells, East Main Street, Burnsville, will be among the 75 students sharing in various aspects of the festival. She is a member of the lighting crew for the production of "The Crucible."

A graduate of East Yancey High School in 1950, Miss Wells has been active in many campus affairs during her freshman year. She is a major in Christian Education.

The Fine Arts Festival will climax the 1950-51 cultural program at the liberal arts college. This program will feature a series of art exhibitions in the student center, musical programs, a fine film series, dramatic productions, and lectures — all free to students.

Annual Associational WMU To Meet April 24th

The annual meeting of the WMU of the Yancey Association will be held in the Cane River Baptist Church on Monday night, April 24 at 7:30 p. m.

Miss Miriam Robinson, Executive Secretary of the WMU of North Carolina, and Miss Lorene Tilford, missionary to Taiwan will be guest speakers.

Miss Tilford spent many years as missionary to China. She was driven out during the war years, and since 195 has been teaching and doing evangelistic work among students at Provincial College in Taichung, Taiwan. She is now home on furlough.

Mrs. Jess Styles, president of the Associational WMU, will preside.

NOTICE

Services will be held at the Tabernacle, Burnsville each Saturday night at 7:15 p. m. Rev. Jesse Huggs will deliver the messages.

Senior Scouts Participate In First Aid Course

By: Carolyn Ray

The Senior Girl Scouts of Burnsville will participate in a Red Cross First Aid Course instructed by Patrolman A. W. Rector, beginning Thursday, April 20. The course will last five weeks, with two-hour sessions from 7:30 to 9:30 each Thursday night at the Burnsville Community Building. The only charge will be \$7.50 for a Red Cross handbook. Any other interested women in the community are invited to attend these meetings.

The Senior Girl Scouts of Burnsville held a slumber party for the troop at the Community Building last Friday night. All the girls enjoyed the party.

Western District Chiropractic Assoc. Meets

Thursday April 13, The Western District Chiropractic Association met at the Lake Tahoma Steak House in Marion. Dr. W. L. Bell of Marion was elected president of the association for the coming year. Dr. William Beale of Albemarle was vice-president and Dr. William Straughn of Charlotte, the secretary-treasurer.

The program consisted of a talk by Dr. Bell on the "Physiology of Diving," and a talk by Mr. Floyd Harper of Charlotte entitled "Rip Van Winkle Looks at Chiropractic."

The Ladies Auxiliary of the N. C. C. A. met in the office of Dr. Bell and a program was given by Mrs. Ethel England of Marion.

Rural Telephone Service Seen In Near Future

Information from Western Carolina Telephone Company regarding the REA loan to build telephones in Yancey County is being processed.

Mr. and Mrs. Slagle Open City Drive-In Here

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Slagle and young daughter, Vickie Lynn, have moved here from Maryland, and are living in the Jack Edge house in East Burnsville. Mr. and Mrs. Slagle are operating the City Drive-In and Restaurant, formerly the LFI Smoky Drive In.

Mr. and Mrs. Slagle are former residents of Mitchell County, and the Slagle family has been in the restaurant business for many years.

Brownie Leaders Honored

Mrs. Jess Styles, Mrs. Robert Hilliard, and Mrs. Nick Huskey, Brownie Scout Leaders, were honored on Saturday, April 15th, by several of their Brownie Troop.

The third grade Brownie friends of Linda Deyton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Deyton, were guests of Miss Deyton and her parents on Friday night. On Saturday the Brownies prepared lunch, assisted by Mrs. Deyton, and served the lunch to their leaders.

Guests included Jeanie Ray, Denise Piercy, Parola Styles, Karen Proffitt, Pamela Huskey and Cordelia Miller.

ed through regular channels as rapidly as possible. The telephone company is now staking out lines to be built with money received from the loan. Applications and right-of-ways are being signed up by company employees and everyone is urged to cooperate.

E. L. Dillingham, County Agricultural Agent, states that Yancey County citizens and groups have been working for several years to get telephone service and that this news about the plans for construction is certainly good news.

Members of the County Telephone Committee are H. D. Ray, Jr., Sam Wheeler, Lloyd Miller, C. E. Bailey and O. W. Deyton. Dr. C. M. Whisman is treasurer, and C. P. Randolph is legal representative for the committee.

Rebels Gain 6-0 Victory Over Laurel

Junior pitcher Dean King pitched the Cane River High School Rebels to a 6-0 victory over Laurel High School on the winner's diamond April 5.

King faced only 24 batters, but he struck out thirteen of them. He walked none while giving up only two hits.

The Rebels scored three runs in the first inning and won going away.

Laurel 000 00 0-2 5
Cane River 310 101 x-6 4 1
L. Cutshaw, D. Cutshaw (1), J. Cutshaw (4) and Roberts; King and Riddle.

Dr. McRae's Meditation In Devotional Guide

Nashville, Tennessee. Dr. Cameron F. McRae of Waterloo, New York, is the author of a meditation accepted for publication by The Upper Room world-wide devotional guide according to an announcement by Dr. J. Manning Potts editor. The daily devotional guide with a circulation of over 3,250,000 copies is printed in 37 editions and 81 languages. It is distributed in more than 100 countries.

Each day's reading in The Upper Room includes a Bible reading, a Bible text, a prayer, and a thought for the day. Because of the wide readership and popularity of The Upper Room, it is considered a high honor to have a meditation selected for publication in this devotional guide which has such wide interdenominational use. It is estimated that 70,000 churches provide copies of The Upper Room as a part of their ministry.

Many thousands of copies of each issue are distributed by chaplains serving with military forces, chaplains in veterans and other hospitals, and by chaplains serving prisons and other institutions. For visually handicapped people The Upper Room is available in Braille and Talking Book editions. The meditation written by Dr. McRae is published in the May-June issue and will be used on May 18. This is the annual Lay Witness number in which every meditation is written by a layman or laywoman.

Locals

Born to the Rev. and Mrs. John D. Divers, Waynesboro, Va., a son, Jeffery Alan, on Monday, April 3. Mrs. Divers is the former Mary Evelyn Hensley of Burnsville.

Cleatus Sparks and son, Charlie, of Nashville, Tenn., Mr. and Mrs. Mark Williams and Mrs. Oscar Ferguson of Asheville were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Styles and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Anglin last week.

Mrs. Lucy Kuykendall of Asheville. (Continued on back page)



Pictured above are, from left to right, Ronald Thomas, Norman Ray, Dudley Robertson, Van Hylemon, Bala McCurry, Sandra Allen, Mrs. Carl Carter and Carolyn Ray. These boys and girls are taking advantage of the facilities of The Yancey Library.