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Junior Foresters Attend Field Day

By: Dilda Fender
Eleven Yancey County Junior Foresters attended the first field

PIANO RECITAL

Students of Mrs. Mary Cecile Severs will present a piano recital on Monday evening, May 22 at 8:00 p. m. in the Bald Creek School. The public is cordially invited to attend the recital.

Obituaries

ROY-MATHIS, JR.

Roy Mathis, Jr., 23, of Rt. 3, Burnsville, died Friday night in an Asheville hospital after a short illness.

Mr. Mathis was an employee of Great Lakes Carbon Corp. of Morganton. He was a native of Yancey County.

Surviving are the parents and five sisters, Mrs. Jack Penland of Cane River, Mrs. Willie J. Ferguson of Johnson City, Tenn., Mrs. Willard Neighbors of Hamkt, and Mrs. James Robinson and Miss Louise Mathis of Rt. 3, Burnsville; four brothers, Ed of Hickory, Wayne of Jacksonville, Ward of Concord and Ted of Rt. 3, Burnsville; and the paternal grandmother, Mrs. Cordelia McIntosh of Bee Log.

Services were held at 2:30 p. m. Sunday in Elk Shoal Baptist Church.

The Rev. E. G. Adkins and the Rev. Hugh Gowan officiated. Burial was in Proffitt Cemetery.

Fallbearers were Jimmy Neal, David Peterson, Morris Buckner, Troy Mathis, A. Wintz McIntosh, Dean Wilson, Eddie Proffitt and Bill Blankenship.

MRS. EULA HENSLEY

Mrs. Eula Wilson Hensley, 58, of Rt. 1, Burnsville died unexpectedly at her home about noon Tuesday.

The widow of Shelby Hensley, she is survived by two daughters, Miss Hilda Hensley of Kingsport, Tenn., and Mrs. Warken Roland of Asheville; six sons, Leslie of Asheville, Albert of Marion, Craig with the U. S. Navy, Wilson of Burnsville and Lloyd and Ronnie of the home.

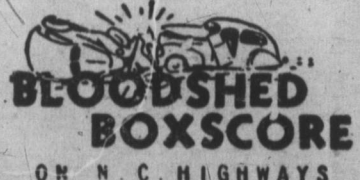
Also the mother, Mrs. Millie Wilson of Rt. 1, Burnsville; two step-sons, Molt of Burnsville and William of West Virginia; and two brothers, Lawrence Wilson of Valhalla, N. Y., and Vernie Wilson of Burnsville.

Services will be held today (Thursday) at 2:00 p. m. in Jacks Creek Baptist Church. The Rev. Howard Buchanan, pastor, will officiate. Burial will be in Byrd Cemetery.

MARY BRACKENS

Mary Jane Brackens, 64, died at her home at Rt. 4, Burnsville Monday. Funeral services were held at the home on Wednesday at 2:30 p. m. The Rev. Emory Edwards and the Rev. Paul Ledford officiated. Burial was in the family cemetery.

She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Mark Johnson of Long Beach, Calif., and one son, Douglas Brackens of Rt. 4, Burnsville; four sisters, Mrs. Milburn Bradford, Mrs. Linn Wilson, Mrs. John McCurry of Rt. 4, Burnsville, and Mrs. Rose Ann Ledford of Bakersville; one brother, Garrett Wilson of Cane River; 4 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren.



RALEIGH—The Motor Vehicle Department's summary of traffic deaths through 10 A. M. Monday, KILLED TO DATE 368 KILLED TO DATE Last Year 388 DAY, MAY 18, 1961

Raleigh Report

(By: Representative Hoke) INSPECTION LAW

Biggest news in the General Assembly last week was defeat of the mechanical inspection law of automobiles which had passed the senate without a dissenting vote.

This was one of the most controversial issues to come to the floor of the House this session and produced more than two hours of steady debate. In the final windup no one had an opportunity to vote for or against the bill. By a parliamentary maneuver opponents gained the floor and amended it to death by removing some 40 counties from the affects of the bill.

Following this procedure an opponent moved that the bill and all its amendments, "do lie upon the table." Thus, those voting to table were, in effect, voting against the bill and those voting against tabling were voting for the bill.

The vote was extremely close, 58 to table and 55 against tabling. Seven were not present for the roll call. Immediately following the announcement of the results by the speaker the opponents put the clincher on which means that it would now take a two-thirds majority to bring it out for further consideration.

In my opinion this is a dead issue

FINANCE

The subcommittees in the house and senate last week began their task of shaping up a tax measure to supply the 1 1/2 billion that will be needed to carry on the state services for the coming biennium. Although they are keeping their thoughts to themselves, it was learned that the members are going over the various tax proposals one by one with each committee member having an opportunity to express his views.

Those of us from the west who favor a tobacco tax and increased levies on luxuries, even a four percent measure, have had little encouraging news. But you never can tell.

After the subcommittees decide there must still come consideration by the full committee in both the house and senate and then final passage on the floors of the two bodies.

Around legislative circles in Raleigh the feeling is that most of the governor's quality education program will be adopted. The battle over where to get the money has just started.

CHERRY POINT

On Wednesday of last week the General Assembly went to Cherry Point Marine Corps Air Base near Newbern to help in the observance of Armed Forces Day.

Just four minutes to the start of gigantic air show by dozens of jets and a squadron known as the Blue Angels, a typical coastal rain storm blew in from the Atlantic and washed out the principal part of the program. But we did see and inspect many of the latest type planes and had an opportunity to see them take off and land. The signs everywhere cautioned us to "Beware of the exhaust and intake of the planes." But in my opinion the noise which the jets make is more deadly than the fire which boils out the tail of the plane when it is ready to take off.

HUGE BASE

Many of us were surprised to learn that there are 7,000 marines and 3,000 civilians at Cherry Point. We had an excellent meal in one of the many dining rooms which is used for the enlisted personnel. I tried to find out what those who served us had done to draw KP but never did get a satisfactory answer.

I was interested in learning that the Marine Corps uses all enlisted men as navigators. The sergeant stationed aboard the training plane to answer questions explained with pride that "we use all enlisted men as navigators and we have never lost a plane because of faulty navigation."

Auto Theft Reported Here

A 1958 Oldsmobile belonging to Jack Patton was stolen from his home in Burnsville sometime during the night of May 18, according to Sheriff Donald Banks. The car was parked in Mr. Patton's garage on the evening of the 16th. About 11:00 p. m. Mr. Patton's daughter, Louise Murphy, heard the sound of a car driving away but was not suspicious. The theft was not discovered until about 12:50 p. m. Wednesday, May 17th. Mr. Patton stated that the keys were not left in the car.

Honeycutt Wins REA Scholarship

By: Wanda Tipton, Electrical Home Economist for French Broad Electric Membership Corporation

Each year THE CAROLINA FARMER sponsors the Rural Electric Scholarship Contest. High school boys and girls receiving electric power in any of the 32 North Carolina Cooperatives are eligible for participation. The winner in each cooperative competes for the state prize which is a \$500 scholarship. Transistor radios were awarded to the winners in the individual cooperatives.

"My Electric Corporation, A Good Citizen" was the title of the 1961 contest. The winner for French Broad EMC is Tony Honeycutt, Tony, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Biss Honeycutt, lives at Route 4, Burnsville. He is 16 years old and in the 11th grade at Cane River High School.

PRIVILEGE LICENSE TO BE BASED ON CENSUS

The 1960 Census will be used in determining State Schedule "B" Privilege License tax liability for the year beginning June 1, 1961, according to information furnished by Mrs. Sam J. Huskins, local Deputy Collector for the North Carolina Department of Revenue.

Mrs. Huskins states that many Privilege Licenses are based on population and suggests that the taxpayers refer to the Schedule "B" Partial List, which is being mailed together with application blanks to taxpayers throughout the State within the next few days. Privilege Licenses not based on population will not be affected by these population changes.

The 1960 population figures for some of the places in Yancey County, Burnsville 1,388.

If any taxpayers in Yancey County are in doubt as to their correct tax liability or need assistance in filing their applications, Mrs. Huskins suggests that they contact her at her office, which is in Polard's Drug Store, 2nd Floor in Burnsville, North Carolina, or call her at Murray 2-2418, and she will be glad to furnish and information desired.

Box Supper At Community Building

The Men's Club, Woman's Club, Junior Woman's Club and American Legion Auxiliary will sponsor an old time box supper to be held at the Community Building on Monday, May 22 at 7:00 p. m.

Proceeds from this event will go to the operation and maintenance of the Community Building. The East Yancey square dance team under the direction of Mrs. Lee Wallace, will give an exhibition at 8:30 p. m. There will also be four or five musical numbers presented after the Square Dance Team performs. The public is invited to attend this program.

BROWNIE TROOP HOLDS ANNUAL COOKOUT

The Brownie Troop 86 had their annual cookout Tuesday afternoon, May 16, at Lakewood Acres, owned by Frank Deyton. Transportation was furnished by Mrs. Jess Styles, Mrs. Nick Huskey, Mrs. Bob Hilliard and Mrs. Ben Banks. An enjoyable time was had by all.

Hurleigh To Be Guest Of Whitener

Washington, D. C.—Robert F. Hurleigh, president of the Mutual Broadcasting System, will be a special guest this week on Congressman Basil L. Whitener's radio program carried over stations throughout the 11th Congressional District.

Hurleigh is an outstanding broadcasting executive and heads the world's largest radio broadcasting system.

The month of May is National Broadcasting Month throughout the United States. Congressman Whitener stated in Washington that he was very pleased to have Hurleigh appear on his program to discuss some of the major problems existing in the broadcasting industry.

Schools Can't Thrive On Political Hogwash

(The following is a reprint of a timely editorial from the Asheville Citizen published on May 17th.)

When hard-core politicians take over a school system, education suffers.

Mars Hill—with its pupils boycotting classes and 30 of its 35 teachers threatening to leave over the dismissal of a principal—is, at the moment, a show-window case in point. But Mars Hill is merely one example in a state where the laws encourage political manipulation of the public school system.

A Democratic legislature appoints Democratic school boards which name Democratic school committeemen. Except in those counties where the people elect their school commissioners under special enabling acts, the voice of the people is ignored unless it is a Democratic voice.

As a result, the local political bosses exert more influence over the school personnel than the professional administrators or the patrons.

This can be a particularly vicious system in areas such as Madison County where the Democrats, though a minority, still exert political control of the educational machinery. It can lead—and clearly does—to constant pressure on teachers and principals to "vote right" and contribute campaign funds or face the prospect of dismissal at the end of the school year. It is a corruptive process that disrupts the educational function, destroys teacher morale, and filters through to the students with corrosive impact.

Ironically, what is happening at Mars Hill happened at Mars Hill, on a small scale, exactly 10 years ago when seven teachers were notified they wouldn't be reappointed and three others resigned, charging political pressure.

After citizens of the community mounted an organized protest, a commission from the National Education Association, on request of the state unit, made an investigation.

The following excerpts from the report on that probe are interesting and, perhaps, pertinent: "Unfortunately, politics of the machine variety has been a definite force contributing to the dismissal of teachers in Madison County during recent years. The split in the Democratic party in (Mars Hill) has forced many teachers to align themselves either with the controlling 'machine' or with the 'other faction' and has led to acts of intimidation and reprisals against them."

"Testimony given before this investigating committee revealed a number of cases in which teachers had been 'let out' because they did not 'vote right' or because they refused to contribute to the Democratic campaign fund when solicitations were made, either through a direct visit of one of the campaign managers to the schools

Twenty-four Enter Dairy Princess Contest

Twenty-four Yancey County girls are entering the Dairy Princess contest which will be held at Fifth Carpet Company on Wednesday, May 24 at 8:00 p. m. The following girls are participating

BEE LOG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GRADUATION EXERCISES MAY 23

The Bee Log Elementary School will hold promotion exercises on Tuesday, May 23 at 8:00 p. m. There are 42 students to be promoted to high school. Honor students will give talks with Mr. Ernest Banner, principal, awarding the diplomas.

in the contest: Helen Louise Proffitt, Natalie Grindstaff, Fredia Francis Hill, Cane River; Martha Ann Dale, Barbara Carroll, Naomi Jean-Geouge, Brenda Joyce Hunter, Sybil Edwards, Nancy Howell, Naomi Ruth Ferguson, Catherine Hughes, Patricia Joe Mayberry, Iris Randolph, Joyce Mitchell, Patricia Storie, Viola Hollifield, Linda Louise Young, Glenna Buchanan, C. Ha-Coletta, Jerlene Metcal, Frances Rector, and Lucille Rathburn, East Yancey; Judy Ramsey, Burnsville; and La Della Duncan, Burnsville, Rt. 1.

Russell Boone and Claude Sparks of East Yancey and Oscar Fender and Dean Honeycutt of Cane River will serve as escorts.

The girls will be judged on the following basis: friendliness and ability to meet people; beauty, personality, poise and photographic qualities; healthy appearance, natural attractiveness and natural colored hair; pleasing voice, ability to think before an audience and effectiveness of presentation.

The winner of the county contest will compete in the state contest which will be held in Wayneville on June 12. If a Yancey County girl should be a winner, she would participate in the state finals at the North Carolina Dairy Princess Contest in Asheville.

through sending a note around to teachers. "If teachers will not cooperate with the controlling group, or 'machine,' the tendency is to replace these independent souls with those who will vote as they are told."

"A Democratic stronghold in a Republican county, Mars Hill holds the key to the selection of the County Board of Education. Consequently much pressure is put on teachers and their relatives in order to swing the vote."

CLEAN-UP WEEK IN BURNSVILLE

May 15 through May 29 has been proclaimed as Clean-Up Week for the Town of Burnsville.

During the period May 15 through May 29 there will be extra pickups by the town trucks hauling refuse. Any person wanting extra pickups is asked to call the town office. Tree branches will not be hauled to the city dump as there is no way to dispose of them there, although they will be hauled away by the city trucks if persons requesting this has a place for them to be hauled and disposed of.

HIGHWAY CONTRACT TO BE LET IN JULY

The contract for construction of the link of highway 19E from Micaville to Burnsville is tentatively set for letting in July providing sufficient right-of-way can be acquired by that date. According to the Right-Of-Way Department in Raleigh negotiations are completed on much of the right-of-way and it is hoped that the contract may be awarded and construction progressing before next winter.

MISS REEVE' PIANO PUPILS CANDIDATES FOR MEMBERSHIP IN FRATERNITY

Young piano pupils from the class of E. Joan Reeve, Lebanon Valley College Music Department, Annville, Pa., have registered as candidates for membership in the National Fraternity of Student Musicians, sponsored by the National Guild of Piano Teachers of which their teacher is a member. This group of young piano hobbyists will play in the National Piano Playing Auditions, Reading, Pa., section and strive for Fledgling, Local, District, State, National, or even International honors which the Mother organization will confer according to the number of standard classic, romantic and modern pieces chosen from the Masters of pianoforte literature each student can creditably perform in the presence of an imported examiner of note from another state.

Begun at Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Texas, in 1929, national headquarters are still maintained in Texas, where Rules and Regulations are available on request free of charge by addressing Piano Guild, Box 1113, Austin, Texas.

What, then, can citizens do in such a situation? They can clamor, of course, for a law to provide for the local election of local school boards—a law which a Democratic legislature has stubbornly resisted, except in a few counties.

They can petition for abolition of school committees, where much of the manipulation of teachers originates.

Failing in both aims, that can organize—and organize with strength and purpose—to rid the schools of political dominance.

At the conclusion of its 1951 investigation, the NEA Commission made these recommendations in the Mars Hill case:

"1. Selection of candidates for board of education membership should be on the basis of character, ability, and intelligent interest in children.

"2. Citizens should demand similar high standards to be used in the appointment of the members of the local school committees in Madison County.

"3. The County Board of Education and local school committees should accept full responsibility for securing the best qualified teachers, principals, and other school personnel available. Both these bodies must be free from all political and business pressures.

"4. Citizens should hold their district school committee and County Board responsible for providing the best possible conditions for children to grow and develop mentally, physically, and morally. Such conditions include not only buildings, grounds, and equipment, but also an assurance to teachers that their continued employment depends solely on the effective performance of their duties as teachers."

The points made are as valid today as they were ten years ago.

Money alone can't buy North Carolina or its separate counties a "quality" school program—not if politicians administer it and political bosses control.

Mars Hill is merely a show-window case—and one of many. But the goods on display look uncommonly shoddy.