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Rural Telephone Loan Approved

Information received by The Yancey Record from Congressman Basil L. Whiteber is that the Rural Electrification Administration has approved a telephone loan in the amount of \$6,198,000

Obituaries

MRS. GEORGE ROBINSON

Mrs. George Robinson, 66, died unexpectedly around noon Wednesday, June 28 in the Yancey Hospital here.

Services were held at 3 p. m. Friday in Burnsville Presbyterian Church.

The Rev. Thomas Andrews, pastor, officiated. Burial was in Holcombe Cemetery.

Surviving are the husband; two daughters, Mrs. W. L. Smith and Mrs. Harlon Holcombe; and two grandchildren.

Pallbearers were E. L. Dillingham, Norman Barnett, Clifford Faulker, Claude Peterson, George Roberts and Raymond Shepherd, Jr.

LOYD PRESNELL

Lloyd Presnell, 60, of Rt. 1, Burnsville, died in the Yancey Hospital Tuesday after a short illness.

Mr. Presnell was a son of the late James D. and Martha Alice Parker Presnell.

Services were held at 2 p. m. Wednesday in Newdale Presbyterian Church.

The Rev. Bert Styles officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. George Parsley of Newdale and Miss Lillian Presnell of Thomasville, Ga.; and a brother, Robert Presnell of Burnsville.

Pallbearers were Arney Fox, Allan and R. C. Parsley, Clarence and Harold Presnell and Tommy Gibbs.

MRS. ROLLIN HENSLEY

Mrs. Rollin Hensley, 61, of Pensacola, died in the Yancey Hospital Thursday morning after a two-week illness.

Services were held at 2 p. m. Saturday at Low Gap Free Will Baptist Church.

The Rev. Johnson White and the Rev. Homer Arrowood officiated. Burial was in Low Gap Cemetery. Pallbearers were Horace Daniel Ray, Charles Ray, Sammy D. Riddle, Oliver McMahan, Carl Rathburn and Earl McPeters.

Surviving are the husband; four daughters, Mrs. Frank Silvers and Mrs. Ruggles Fox of Black Mountain, Miss Phyllis Hensley and Miss Juanita Hensley of Pensacola; six sons, Ford, Bobby, David, Charles, and Richard of Pensacola and James Hensley of Norfolk, Va.; three sisters, Mrs. Lorine Taylor, Mrs. Flora Rutledge and Miss Nell Elkins of Kingsport, Tenn.; two brothers, Kyle of Kingsport, Tenn., and Gail Elkins of Rogersville, Tenn.; and 14 grandchildren.

AMOS H. ROBINSON

Amos Herbert Robinson, 56, of Asheville died early Monday morning in Memorial Mission Hospital.

He was a native of Yancey County and had resided in Buncombe County for the past 18 years. He was a member of the Double Island Baptist Church at Green Mountain; and was a son of the late Coman Robinson and of Mrs. Martha Robinson, who survives.

Also surviving are the widow, Mrs. Dorice Robinson; two daughters, Mrs. Leroy Harvey of Fort Knox, Ky., and Mrs. William Thomas of Kona; four sons, Leonard Robinson of Asheville, Herbert Robinson Jr. of Green Mtn., and Roger Dean and Lynn Edward Robinson of the home; three sisters, Mrs. Ruth Freeman of Burnsville, Mrs. Fred Jenkins of

for the Westcoast Telephone Company, a subsidiary of the Western Carolina Telephone Company, to construct 1,215 miles of new telephone lines and the rebuilding of 439 miles of existing telephone lines in Western North Carolina.

The loan will enable Westcoast Telephone Company to acquire ten existing telephone exchanges, including the one at Burnsville, and to purchase sites for additional exchanges. 5,456 existing telephone subscribers will be benefited by improved telephone service and 6,862 new subscribers will receive initial telephone service.

In announcing the loan in Washington, Congressman Whitener stated, "I am delighted that REA has approved this loan. Yancey, McDowell and Madison Counties in my district will receive new and improved telephone service. In addition, other counties in Western North Carolina will be given the most modern telephone service possible. Senator Ervin and I have worked with the REA for the past two years to get this loan approved and we have had the splendid cooperation of the North Carolina Utilities Commission, the state REA Agency and local citizens. The new telephone service to be provided by the loan will greatly aid the economic growth of Western North Carolina."

Elkin and Mrs. Sam Buchanan of Green Mountain; three brothers, Earl R. and Virgin Robinson of Green Mountain and Phil Robinson of Baltimore, Md., and four grandchildren.

Services were held at 2:30 p. m. Wednesday in Double Island Baptist Church. The Rev. Ade Buchanan, the Rev. Geoffrey Knott and the Rev. Ed Ingle officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery.

CHARLES GARLAND

Services for Charles Garland, 74, who died at his home in Green Mountain Wednesday, June 28, were held at 2 p. m. Sunday at Deyton Bend Methodist Church.

The Rev. Collins M. Benefield officiated. Burial was in Byrd Cemetery in Mitchell County.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Malisia G. Garland; four daughters, Mrs. George Murphy of Cleveland, Ohio, Mrs. Alfred Higgs and Mrs. Mary Ellen Garland of Lakeland, Fla., and Mrs. Bernardo G. Rios of San Juan, Puerto Rico; five sons, Robert, with the U. S. Air Force in Texas, Lee with the U. S. Air Force in Germany, George of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Raymond of Lakeland, Fla., and Blanchard Garland of Green Mountain; three sisters, Mrs. Luther Whitson, Mrs. N. J. Blanchard and Mrs. Lyda Baker of Wilmington, Calif.; and six grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Johnny Hughes, John Garland, Jack Wyatt, Garrett Tipton, Lloyd Hughes and Wayne Tipton.

MRS. MARY HEAGER

Mrs. Mary M. Heager, 79, of Pensacola, died in Yancey Hospital Wednesday morning after a short illness.

Mrs. Heager was a former resident of Miami, Fla., and had lived in Pensacola for approximately 15 years.

Surviving are the husband, George C. Heager; three daughters, Mrs. Rebecca Tolliver of Philippine Islands, Mrs. Esther M. Whitley and Mrs. Marie Miller of Miami, Fla.; two sons, James S. of Vero Beach, Fla., and George B. Heager, Jr., of Miami; a sister, Mrs. Wayne T. Montgomery of Miami; and 15 grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the direction of Holcombe Brothers Funeral Home.

MRS. ANNE BENEDICT

Mrs. Anne K. Benedict, 67, of Pensacola, died in an Asheville hospital Wednesday morning after



"Hawaii's never seen a muu muu like this." That's what Mrs. Terry Sanford (at left) told Nancy Quinn, wife of Hawaii's Governor William F. Quinn, as she presented her with a muu muu made in North Carolina from North Carolina cotton. The gift exchange was a highlight of the Sanford's first visit to Hawaii as delegates to the National Governors' Convention. The Sanfords (for left and far right) are pictured with the Quinns in the garden of Washington Place, official residence of the Hawaii governor. Governor Sanford wore an aloha shirt (this one made in Hawaii) for the occasion.

Parkway Playhouse Opens Friday

Beautiful Burnsville's talented theatrical group opens its fourteenth season with a presentation of the world famous Tennessee Williams play "The Glass Menagerie." This moving and exciting story of a family, sometimes gentle, often harsh, deals with the trials and tribulations of a widowed mother of a son and crippled daughter in her attempts to make a safe place in the world for them.

This play is spiced with humor and pathos under the direction of Lester L. Moore and will present to the audience Blanche Kelly and Anthony Maltese in the lead roles of the mother and son. Miss Kelly is a favorite of long standing and will be particularly remembered for her magnificent performances of last season's opening play, the drama of Thomas Wolfe, "Look Homeward Angel." Mr. Maltese starred last summer in "Finian's Rainbow." For the other parts in the play, Karen Lachowitch and Howard Rosemarin, both both winners of Acting Awards, have been selected, and their presence in the cast tends to guarantee the play's success.

Curtain time for all performances - 8:00 p. m.

Fifth Annual Arts and Crafts Festival

Acting Director Lester L. Moore of the Parkway Playhouse announced "open" invitations to the Fifth Annual Arts and Crafts Festival to be held in Burnsville's Town Square on August 12th.

This fabulous Fair has grown a month-long illness.

Mrs. Benedict formerly lived in Staten Island, N. Y., and Miami, Fla. She was the wife of the late Robert C. Benedict.

Services will be held at 2 p. m. Saturday in Holcombe Brothers Funeral Home.

The Rev. Thomas Andrews, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Hilliard, will officiate. Burial will be in Holcombe Cemetery.

Surviving are two stepsons, Frederick Hughes and Francis Charles Benedict of Staten Island, N. Y.; a sister, Miss Elizabeth Knudsen of Pensacola; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Mexican Crafts On Display In Yancey Library

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Chase from Penland School of Handicrafts have placed an excellent exhibit of Mexican handicrafts in the large window of the Yancey County Public Library in Burnsville, North Carolina.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Chase are instructors at the Penland school and these art pieces were secured when they were in Mexico to study crafts at the INSTITUTO D'ALLANDE at San Miguel Mexico.

The exhibit includes copper vases, silver jewelry, lacquer plaques, in metal work; baskets, straw figures, rugs and mats in woven materials and beads; masks, carvings and wooden trays made from native woods.

Mr. Chase took photographs and has enlarged over fifty of these pictures of people and places in locations which they visited. Many of these large photographs are on display inside the library. People from the entire area have come by the library to see and admire these unusual crafts.

The exhibit is to remain at the Burnsville Library through the month of July. Anyone interested in seeing it may come by the library in the Randolph Building behind Ruby's new Flower Shop in Burnsville.

Since the area is necessarily limited, Mr. Moore requests that all who wish space contact Dr. Harry J. Greene by mail, phone, or in person at the Parkway Playhouse, Burnsville.

A particularly hearty invitation is extended to Dance Groups, Folk Singers, and Musicians - newly formed groups as well as those who have appeared at past Festivals.

Why The Sales Tax On Food Was Adopted

(By: Representative Holcombe)

THE BUDGET

For days to come citizens will be asking why the sales tax on food was adopted instead of some other source.

After months of study by one-

half the senate and one-half the house on the finance committee why did this group come up with the proposal which was adopted in the senate by a vote of 43 to 6 and in the house by 86 to 33?

Proponents of the measure said they decided as they did because of the following:

The sales tax on food was the only certain way to raise the money needed for the extra services which had been approved by the vote of the people when they voted for Terry Sanford for governor through two stiff primaries and in the general election.

The house voted unanimously for the appropriations bill (which provides the money for all the state services and institutions for the next two years) and could not in good conscience vote against some way to raise the funds.

The east had enough votes pledged (from the eastern counties and tobacco growing areas) to knock out a tax on this item. Thus a vote for a tobacco tax might look good to the home folks in some instances but those voting for it knew that it had no real chance of being passed.

An increase of more than that proposed on whiskey would have actually raised less money because it would have put the price in North Carolina far ahead of bordering states and would have given a free hand to the bootleggers and those dealing in moonshine.

The 4% tax, increase the levy on those items now taxed and leave the exemptions as they now stand, would have raised the money but would have placed an unfair burden on those now paying and would have been harmful to the business places in counties bordering on South Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee and Georgia.

A crown tax is now levied by only two states, South Carolina and West Virginia. Other states that have tried it have dropped it when they found it didn't bring in much more money than they received under the straight three per cent which is the rate now in North Carolina.

The proposed increase in income taxes, both individual and corporate, was rejected because many felt that the rate is already high enough.

Many legislators remembered during the past few years when the administration had suggested that the local communities should shoulder a greater burden of the support of the schools. Since that could mean only one thing: an additional tax on real estate the lawmakers decided that it would be far better to broaden the tax base so that everybody paid than to keep adding on to those who were already paying.

NO INCREASE

Although the sales tax was extended to food and other items, including newspapers, the appropriations committee accepted a proposal that support of the prison department be shifted from the highway fund to the general fund. Thus more than \$20 million, which had formerly been diverted from gasoline and auto license tax, will now be available for roads.

This shift prevented a certain raise in gasoline tax of one cent per gallon and an increase of at least 50 per cent in the cost of auto license.



PAULETTE ANDRE from Pensacola and Fla. was among the contestants and was a runner-up in the talent division. A local square dance team also performed. Pictured at right, bottom is a finest from Spruce Pine, Kathryn Lantz. Only one thing was missing on the Rean, the cold weather had kept the Rhododendron blossoms away.

Photos by Gary Murdock

Atop Roan Mountain Gail Robertson of Spindale was crowned 1961 N. C. Rhododendron Queen by Gail Balley the retiring Queen. First runner-up was Susan Stamey of Asheville.

For additional information see Cattaal News, page five.

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FRIDAY & SATURDAY AT PARKWAY PLAYHOUSE