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## Repaving of Highway Through Town Complete

Repaving of the portion of Highway 19E through the city limits of Burnsville was completed Wednesday. The contract for the paving was let on July 14th.

The repaving consisted of a complete surface on Highway 19E from the city limits on the west side of Burnsville to the city limits on the east side and included curb to curb repaving around the town square, which is included in the highway. 1200 tons of plant mix went into the 1 1/2 miles of paving in Burnsville. The mix was type wearing surface I-1.

The contract, which was awarded to Asheville Paving Co., included the by-pass through Marshall and streets in Marshall. The Marshall by-pass contract was Federal Aid. However, the street work in both Burnsville and Marshall was regular state work order. Fred Davidson of Hendersonville was resident engineer in charge of the resurfacing, and inspectors were John B. Chastian, Jr. of Hendersonville and Jack Buckner of Asheville.

## Obituaries

### FLEMING HYLMAN

Fleming Hyman, 87, died of injuries sustained at his home in the Schronce Creek section of Yancey County Monday. Pender Pate, 61, of the Schronce Creek section has been charged with murder in connection with the fatal beating of Hyman, his uncle, with whom he made his home.

Sheriff Donald Banks said Hyman was struck over the head with a shotgun about 2 p. m. during a drunken party at the Hyman home. He died about 4:30 p. m. in the Yancey Hospital.

Dr. Melvin W. Webb, Coroner, said Hyman died of a fractured skull.

Sheriff Banks said that he is holding Pate without bond. Alex Bradford, 36, and George Edwards 48, both of Bee Log, and Gordon Bush, 52, of the Schronce Creek section, material witnesses have been released on bond.

### L. W. McMAHAN

L. W. McMahan, 88, died Wednesday morning in his home on U. S. 70 at Swannanoa after a long illness.

Mr. McMahan, was a native of Yancey County, but had lived in Swannanoa for 38 years. He was a retired carpenter.

Surviving are three sons, Hobart, Dewey and Glen of Swannanoa; two daughters, Mrs. J. E. McMahan of Black Mountain and Mrs. S. E. Slagle of Swannanoa; three sisters, Mrs. Jessie Riddle and Mrs. Sloan Banks of Burnsville and Mrs. Ida Nanney of Black Mountain; and a number of grandchildren.

Services were held at 2 p. m. Friday in Swannanoa Free Will Baptist Church. The Rev. Milton Hollifield, pastor, officiated. Burial was in Mountain View Memorial Park, with grandsons as pallbearers. Flowerbearers were women of the church.

### MRS. LEDFORD

Mrs. Maude Ledford, 70, of Pensacola died in the Yancey Hospital Thursday night after a short illness.

Services were held at 2 p. m. Saturday in Pensacola Free Will Baptist Church.

The Rev. Lyda Lettman and the Rev. T. E. Woody officiated. Burial was in Atkins and Ledford Cemetery.

Surviving are the husband, Noah Ledford; two daughters, Mrs. Ruby Briggs of Asheville and Mrs. Helen Thompson of Pensacola; two half-sisters Mrs. Bill Stamey of Asheville and Mrs. Anderson Bugg of Detroit; one half-brother, Creed Elkins of Mars Hill; 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

### MRS. EMMA RIDDLE

Mrs. Emma Banks Riddle, 76, of Burnsville, died in Yancey Hospital Saturday morning after an illness of three weeks.

Services were held at 3 p. m. Sunday in Concord Union Church near Burnsville.

The Rev. James Beaver and the Rev. H. M. Alley officiated. Burial was in Wilson Cemetery.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Ernest Frost and Mrs. Leonard Lewis of Morehead City and Mrs. Lewis Robinson of Burnsville; three sons, Shelby of Lenoir, Jay and Robert of Burnsville; a brother, Charles Banks of Kansas.

## BLOODSHED BOXSCORE ON N. C. HIGHWAYS

RALEIGH—The Motor Vehicle Department's summary of traffic deaths through 10 A. M. Monday, August 21:

KILLED TO DATE 669

KILLED TO DATE Last Year 694



W. R. (BILL) EARNHARDT

A meeting of all presidents, secretaries, and district officers of District 31-B, Lions International will be held Wednesday, August 30, 1961 at the Community House in Morganton, N. C. at 7:00 p. m.

This will be a dinner meeting. New officers and committees will be presented and plans for the coming year will be discussed.

District Governor, W. R. "Bill" Earnhardt, will conduct the meeting.

## Go-Kart Racing Results

Seven big Go-Kart races were held at the Yancey Go-Kart Raceway Sunday, August 20. Bobby Silvers, Billy McCurry and Phil Styles were the winners of the main events.

Time trials began at 2:30 p. m. with the class A, which is the 16 year old and under drivers. Bobby Silvers of Burnsville led the class at the time trials at 15.10 seconds, second was David Reel of Marion at 15.80 seconds, third was Randal McCurry of Burnsville at 16.25 seconds and last was Gary Winters of Marion at 16.75 seconds.

In the Class A Super time trials it was Billy McCurry of Burnsville in first place at 15 seconds, second was Dick McIntosh of Burnsville in 15.40 seconds, third was Jack Plank of Asheville in 15.50 seconds, fifth was Red Brown of Asheville in 16 seconds, sixth was Frank Winters of Marion in 16.10 seconds and last was Theron Woody of Burnsville in 17 seconds.

In the class B, twin motored Karts it was Phil Styles of Burnsville in 15 seconds, and the Kermit Banks Kart of Burnsville in 15.60 seconds.

The class A decision had three races; two 10 lap races and a 20 lap race. Randal McCurry of Burnsville won one 10 lap race and Bobby Silvers won the other 10 lap race and the main event 20 lap race.

The class A super division had only two races (due to the rain); one 10 lap and one 20 lap race. Billy McCurry of Burnsville won both races.

Phil Styles won both class B races.

Next Sunday there will be 8 big races. Warm ups begin at 1:30 p. m. and time trials begin at 2:30 p. m.

There is also Go-Kart racing at the Marion Go-Kart Raceway every Saturday night with the race beginning at 8 p. m. Marion Raceway is located just North of Marion at the intersection of highways 70 and 221.

City, Mo.; 11 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

### S. T. McCURRY

Sidney Talmadge McCurry, 55, of Chase, Md., formerly of Yancey County, died Friday night in Chase from injuries received in an automobile accident.

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

The Rev. Troy McCurry officiated. Burial was in the family Cemetery.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Axie Peterson McCurry; two sons, Leroy of Burnsville and Herman of Chase; a daughter, Mrs. Curtis Durham of Chase; four sisters, Mrs. D. J. Peterson, Mrs. Dewey Bailey and Mrs. Aaron Bailey of Rt. 1, Burnsville and Mrs. Ernest Hensley of Limestone, Tenn.; and a number of grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Homer, McDonald, Harold, A. J. and Lester Laws, Jr., Dennis King, Edd Edwards and Billy Young.

## District Health Director Needed

By: F. R. Ohle, M. D., Chairman, District Board of Health

The Avery Mitchell Yancey District Board of Health met in Spruce Pine on July 21st. The meeting was open, and was attended by several interested citizens from the three counties.

The District Health Department has not had a regular full time Health Director since Dr. Cameron McRae left the district over three years ago. After long search a suitable candidate for the position has been found, but the Board of Health has been unable to approve his application because the Commissioners of Avery and Mitchell Counties have refused to appropriate funds sufficient for a Health Director's salary.

It was the unanimous opinion of the Board of Health that a Health Director is essential to the proper functioning of a Health Department, and that the public health will be menaced if a Health Director is not employed.

The Board of Health voted to dissolve the present three County Health District if only the Mitchell and Yancey County Commissioners agree to an adequate appropriation, and to form a new Health District comprising Mitchell and Yancey County. It is hoped that there will be enough public interest in the three counties to render this action unnecessary.

## FEDERAL WAGE-HOUR LAW CHANGES BECOME EFFECTIVE ON SEPTEMBER 3rd

RALEIGH — Tar Heel employers were reminded today that amendments to the Fair Labor Standards Act, generally known as the Federal Wage-Hour Law, become effective on Sunday, September 3, 1961.

The reminder came from State Labor Commissioner, Frank Crane, who administers the Federal Wage-Hour Law in North Carolina under a 22-year old cooperative agreement between the N. C. Department of Labor and the U. S. Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Division. North Carolina is the only State having such an agreement for local enforcement of the Federal law.

Commissioner Crane said that employees who are now covered by provisions of the Wage-Hour Law will be entitled to a minimum wage of at least \$1.15 an hour starting September 3rd. The law continues to apply to employees engaged in interstate commerce or the production of goods for interstate commerce, unless specifically exempt.

### New Coverage

Coverage of the Act also has been extended to employees of large enterprises engaged in commerce or the production of goods for commerce, Crane said. These newly covered employees, mostly in the retail and service trades, will be due a minimum wage of at least \$1.00 an hour, starting September 3rd. Also newly covered are employees of some gasoline service stations, local and interurban transit systems, and construction enterprises.

Crane said the Act's overtime provisions will continue to apply to workers who are already covered. They require time and one half pay for all hours worked over 40 in a workweek. For employees who are newly covered under the Act, he said, overtime pay will not be required until 1963.

### Exemptions

Exemptions continue to apply to such establishments as hotels, motels, restaurants, hospitals, movies, and a few other service establishments. Crane added that the retail or service establishments exemption now in effect will continue to apply to establishments which are not in a \$1,000,000 enterprise, or if in such an enterprise, have less than \$250,000 in annual gross sales.

Commissioner Crane said that employers or employees who have questions on how the amended Act applies to them may obtain answers by writing or calling the Wage-Hour Office in the North Carolina Department of Labor, P. O. Box 1151, Raleigh, N. C.



PETER HAMMER

The development potential of this area will be reviewed by the Western North Carolina Regional Planning Commission at 12:30 P. M., Wednesday, August 30th, at the Asheville City Auditorium.

Mr. Philip Hammer, President of Hammer and Company Associates, will present the findings of his firm's economic study evaluating the Region's development potential. The study began in October, 1960, and was financed jointly by the Commission and public utilities serving the area.

The study projects the Region's economic development potentials to 1980, outlines challenges for local leadership, and describes some problems to be created by future development. Members of the Planning Commission can supply luncheon tickets at \$2.00 each. Tickets may also be obtained by P. O. Box 7148, Asheville, N. C.

Hammer and Company Associates are prominent in the field of economic and business research. Their offices in Atlanta and Washington serve nationally known commercial and industrial concerns as well as government.

## Carolina Hemlock Road Improvement

It was announced by Forest Supervisor, Peter J. Hanlon that surfacing of the recreational area within the Carolina Hemlock Recreation Area will begin next Tuesday, August 29th. This work will be performed by the Asheville Film Driveways Incorporated.

In the interest of public safety Mr. Hanlon stated it would be necessary to close the area to public use for the remainder of the year while construction work is in progress.

## Locals

Miss Willa Mae Hicks of Newdale has returned home after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harley Webb, in Hampton, Va.



Photo by Gary Murdock

Viam Duncan, Yancey County 4-H Club Member, won the fitting and showmanship contest in the Jersey breed for the third year in a row Tuesday, August 8, at the Western North Carolina District Jr. Dairy Show at Enka. Sandra Duncan also won 3rd place in the fitting and showmanship contest. Nellie Sue Thomas of Brush Creek was also selected and participated in the same contest. All three of these girls were selected for this contest for their ability to fit and handle their animals in the show ring.

In this show there were five

## Two Charged in Robbery of Elderly Woman

A month-long investigation in two counties into the theft of three fox dogs near Asheville last

July 22 has led to the arrest of six persons, two of whom are charged with the robbery of \$880.00 from an aged Burnsville woman.

Sheriff Donald Banks has disclosed that investigation by his department in cooperation with the Buncombe County Sheriff's Department has resulted in the arrest of Howard Smith, 43; Warren Blevins, 34; Robert Hensley; Leroy McCracken; Daniel Fox, all of Yancey County; and Roy Lee Fox of Buncombe County.

They were tried Friday in Buncombe County Court.

Sheriff Banks stated that questioning of Blevins led to the accusation against him and Smith of stealing the money from the Burnsville woman, Mrs. Mary Henson.

Special investigator, Flake Moffitt, of the Buncombe County Sheriff Department said the 86-year-old welfare recipient had withdrawn \$880 from the bank and that this fact had been learned by Smith and Blevins. The two men went to the woman's home on August 5 and one held her while the other removed the money from inside her dress where she had it pinned.

During the investigation of Blevins, a quantity of copper tubing was found in his home. The tubing had been taken from a church under construction in Burnsville it was stated.

As a result of the investigation three other men were arrested. Sheriff Banks said McCracken, Daniel and Roy Lee Fox were charged with the theft of hunting dogs at various times.

Banks said statements were made by Smith and Blevins concerning the robbery of the woman and warrants from Yancey County charging first degree burglary have been served on the pair.

In Buncombe County Court Friday Blevins was given a sentence of 12 months on the road on each of two counts of larceny of dogs, the sentences to run consecutively. Each was suspended three years on court conditions, and he was turned over to Sheriff Banks to answer the other charges here.

Robert Hensley was sentenced to 12 months on the roads for the theft of one of the dogs, suspended three years under court conditions; and the defendant was turned over to Sheriff Banks to answer charges of theft of copper tubing here.

Leroy McCracken, convicted of larceny of a dog, was sentenced to six months on the roads suspended two years on payment of \$50 and \$20 costs.

Daniel Fox, convicted of larceny, was given 12 months on the roads suspended three years under court conditions, and he was turned over to the U. S. marshal because of a federal suspended sentence.

Blevins and Smith will be tried in the November term of Superior Court here for the burglary of Mrs. Henson.

## McIntosh Completes High School

Cynthia McIntosh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rex McIntosh of Bee Log, North Carolina, has completed High School training with Wayne School of LaSalle Extension University in Chicago and has been awarded a diploma, according to an announcement received from the school. Miss McIntosh was graduated with a fine record as a student, making excellent progress through the course.

## NOTICE

There will be a decoration at the Byrd Cemetery in Ramseytown on Sunday, September 3rd, at 2:00 p. m.