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Mrs. Johnson Attends National HD Meeting

Mrs. Kenneth Johnson, Green Mountain, attended the 1961 meeting of the National Home Demonstration Council at the University of Maine. Mrs. Johnson is chairman of District IV Home Demonstration Clubs which includes Yancey, Madison

and Buncombe Counties. Theme for the meeting was "The Unfinished Work" and was attended by thousands of homemakers from across the nation. There was an outstanding array of speakers and programs arranged, and an all day tour of the beautiful Bar Harbor area of Coastal Maine was a highlight of the National Home Demonstration Council visit to Maine.

Cattail News

By: Agnes M. Angell

After a long hot, dry eight days in Miami, Fla. visiting the sick and dying in different hospitals, I began my journey back to Pensacola, N. C. with two friends, Mrs. Mary Cummings, a former summer resident of East Burnsville, and Mrs. Marie Riker Folsom. We rode steadily under cloudy skies, which made for comfortable driving, along the well-known no. 441 route to Canal Point, Okcechobe and Junction with no. 60 which we took to Lake Wales, glimpsing as we passed, the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Cain, which were an aspect of being well cared for during their absence. We changed to Route no. 27 through Haines City and Leesburg, changing there for a short cut via no. 10 to Wildwood, where we picked up no. 441 again which took us over the boundary line into Georgia. We put up in the MOON MOTEL at Homerville, Ga. for the night, after a hearty supper at a nearby restaurant. The summer heat required air-conditioning, and the noise of the air-conditioner made it difficult to sleep.

The next morning we had our breakfast again at Jeff's Restaurant, opposite the Motel, and took off about 7:00 A. M. following no. 441 to Douglas, changing to no. 221 to Clark Hill, and on to Abbeville, S. C. where the service station attendant furnished us with a short cut to Princeton where we found the junction to Route no. 25, which brought us to Asheville. We took Mrs. Folsom to the home of a mutual friend, Mrs. Clara Mulloy Pultin in Black Mountain, and Mrs. Pultin bedded us down for the night. Wednesday afternoon saw us in dear old Burnsville again, and finally Pensacola, where the coolness of the mountains greeted us like dew from heaven. Oh! how good it was to be back. Looking up at the clear blue sky, I offered a prayer of gratitude and praise for the blessings of a safe trip, and thanks for my humble mountain shelter.

Mrs. Cummings and I eagerly awaited the coming of her friend, Mrs. Louise Hodor and daughter, Mrs. Robert Cassidy, from Chicago. They were a day or two late, because of heavy traffic, and insecurity as to location - Mrs. Hodor not having visited here since Mrs. Cummings left East Burnsville five years ago. However with the arrival of our party, our pleasure was complete, and we settled down to a life of ease and comfort during their stay.

Mrs. Alice Scarlette reported that her daughter Neva Renaldo and granddaughter Lucy, had departed Sunday, Aug. 27th; Lucy to go to Louisville, Ky. to finish her training for dental hygiene, and Neva to return to her employment in Miami Beach. Mrs. Scarlette also advised that 17 of our colonists had left for their several homes in one day. I found that the Milldollars, Gronquist, Mrs. West, the W. Keith Phillips, the Grassmucks, the Wm. McCains, the Ben Reynolds, the Spears, the Threadgills, Mrs. John W. McCormick, the Andres, the Schnapps, Dornbachs, and a few others, like the Thomas McCouns, Jr. who are renting the Richard Plumer cabin, were still in the Cattail Colony. If I have missed any, it is because I have no further knowledge.

I learned that Dr. Thos. Henchey and Mrs. Henchey are here for a week. Mrs. Andre's daughter, Pauline, advised that they would be leaving this weekend. Mrs. McCormick is expecting husband, (Continued from page 5)

Civil Defense Meeting Held

Approximately 75 people attended a Civil Defense meeting which was held at Firth Carpet Company Tuesday, September 5th, with Mr. Yates Bailey, Director in charge.

Mr. Bailey brought several facts to the attention of those present. He stated that:

1. We must have a fall-out shelter for our County Government, City Government and Civil Defense Headquarters.
2. Since we cannot see, feel or taste radio active particles, we must have instruments and someone trained to do this job.
3. A system must be worked out to take care of the school children whether they be kept at school or sent home.
4. Highways must be cleared within 15 minutes after the alarm. Can we do this?
5. We must start thinking and planning for home protection.

Committees were appointed to work out details for carrying out a Civil Defense Program. Dr. Garland Wampler was appointed chairman of a committee to request a mobile hospital which can be obtained from the Government if the county can supply storage and heat. Serving on the committee are Bob Helmle, L. G. Deyton, Mack Ray and James Fox.

A committee was appointed to work out two plans for taking care of school children. One plan is to take them home. The other plan will be to keep them at school in the event it may not be possible to leave the school. Serving on this committee are R. A. Radford, Woodrow Anglin, Dawson Briggs, Vernie Wilson, Horace D. Ray, Jr., J. T. Blalock, Charles Hopson, Lealon Robinson, all School Principals and the School Superintendent.

The next Civil Defense meeting is scheduled for October 3rd at 7:30 p. m. at Firth Carpet Co.

Baptist To Hold Associational Clinic

An Associational meeting for Sunday School Workers, Training Union Workers, Brotherhood and individuals from each church who are helping with music, and Associational W. M. U. Officers will be held on Thursday, September 7th at 7:30 o'clock at the Bolen's Creek Baptist Church. All officers in these organizations are urged to attend this clinic.

Locals

Mrs. Lyda Higgins has returned home from Pensacola, Florida where she has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jack Silvers for the past two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Garry Cooper of Durham was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Vance Webb of Higgins during the Labor Day week-end. Miss Julia Silvers has returned after spending her summer vacation with her grandparents at Higgins.

Rev. Charles B. Trammel attended a meeting of the Baptist Executive Committee of the General Board in Raleigh the first of this week.

Mrs. W. B. Wray has been sick for several days. She has been suffering from an attack of pneumonia, but reports are that she is much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bostian of St. Louis, Mo. were recent visitors of his mother, Mrs. Mollie Bostian, here.

Mrs. Willard Honeycutt of Jacks Creek has moved back to Brevard College for the school term where she is employed as school nurse.

Mrs. Utah Styles is spending a few weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Kelly Layell.

Mr. and Mrs. Creed Hylemon visited Mr. and Mrs. Lattie Stiles over the week-end.

Mrs. Margaret Allen is visiting friends and relatives in Weaverville.

Mrs. Kelly Layell has returned (Continued on back page)

Highway Commission Meets In Raleigh

In a meeting on August 31 in Raleigh, the State Highway Commission approved low bids on 17 projects in 18 North Carolina counties involving almost 120 miles of road work. Total low bids came to \$5,788,535.66. One bid on 2.75 miles of grading on an Ashe County Road was rejected by the Commission because it overran engineering estimates. The grading project will be re-advertised at a later date under different specifications.

The only intrastate project in the approval was for 8.12 miles of grading and structures in Gaston County on the section of I-85 between Gastonia and a point near Kings Mountain. Successful bidder was Clement Brothers Construction Company of Hickory with a bid of \$1,348,291 for roadway work, and Wilson Construction Company, Inc. of Salisbury for structure work at \$1,118,819.32.

Also approved was the paving contract for the first section of the Raleigh Beltline, which went to Bellenger Paving Company of Greenville, S. S. and Propst Construction Company of Concord for \$981,368.10.

In other action, the Commission approved establishment of a ferry service between Emerald Isle and the Carteret County mainland near NC 24, in accordance with the general ferry policy of the former Commission. Under this policy, if it remains in force, the Emerald Isle ferry would be a toll operation, since access to the island is available by bridge between Morehead City and Atlantic. Toll-free ferry service is provided only where such ferry service is the only access to remote but inhabited areas served by state roads.

Chairman Merrill Evans told the Commission it would be furnished with cost estimates on the ferry service at its next meeting, when the matter will be probed further.

The lion's share of Secondary Road projects, to be built out of an \$18,000,000 Secondary Road allocation, were approved, and Chairman Evans urged Commissioners to complete their studies of roads in their districts and complete the programming of projects by the next Commission meeting, pointing out that there remains some \$7,000,000 in rural road monies yet to be allocated to the various counties and yet to be applied to specific road projects.

The Commission also adopted a policy on improvement of Secondary Roads, which incorporates a priority formula, but with greater flexibility than in former policies.

Also approved were \$79,386 in urban street improvements in 11 cities, and \$128,255 in access and public service projects in 20 counties.

Regional Boy Scout Leader To Visit Area

Mr. John Hackney, deputy regional executive of Region VI, Boy Scouts of America, will spend two days in the Mayland district this week, visiting and meeting with many of the local Scout leaders. He will be accompanied by Frank Gay, district Scout executive of the Daniel Boone council serving the local district.

On Thursday night representatives of all of the institutions sponsoring Scouting units in the district will hold their district committee meeting in Spruce Pine. Mr. Hackney will be the guest of honor and featured speaker. The meeting will be held at 7:30 p. m. in the American Legion Scout Hut, opposite the Ellen Mills.

Yancey county members of the committee who will meet, along with Scouters from Avery and Mitchell counties include Donald I. Burhoe, vice-chairman for the county, Robert K. Helmle and Dr. Melvin W. Webb, Burnsville,

Downing Promoted



CAPT. GEORGE A. DOWNING
The former Commander George A. Downing has been promoted to the rank of Captain in the United States Coast Guard Reserve.

Captain Downing will remain as Director of the Reserve at the Ninth Coast Guard District Headquarters in Cleveland, Ohio. Prior to assuming this position on April 24, 1959, he held the corresponding post in the Seventh Coast Guard District, Miami, Fla.

Captain Downing received his first commission as Ensign in the Coast Guard Reserve in 1941. Before entering the Coast Guard, he served in the New York Air National Guard and the N. Y. National Guard (Cavalry). He enlisted in the 192nd Observation Squadron, 27th Division Aviation, New York National Guard, Miller Field Station in 1922.

In 1927 to 1933, Captain Downing's interest in horses and the Cavalry associated him with the New York National Horse Show which he assisted in managing the Madison Square Gardens event for six years. Also, during this time, he was Eastern Editor for "Sportologue," a horse show magazine.

In 1933, Captain Downing worked for the U. S. Engineer Corps as a Civilian Land Abstractor at Passamaquoddy, Maine. Upon his return to New York, he was associated with the firm of Albert Ashforth as a real estate broker.

Captain Downing joined the U. S. Coast Guard Reserve, which later became the Coast Guard Auxiliary, in October, 1940.

In 1947, Captain Downing requested release to inactive duty taking residence at St. Thomas, Virgin Islands. Then due to the Korean action, returned to active duty at Coast Guard Headquarters, Washington, D. C.

Captain Downing is married to the former Phyllis Burke, Old Forge, N. Y., and they have two daughters, Burke, 12, and Padgett, 8. They maintain residences at 3613 Bayview Road, Brcksville, Ohio; Coconut Grove, Florida, and they also have a home in the Cattail Community, Pensacola. He will retire from the Coast Guard in October.

Youth Canteen Report

(By: Walla Mae Hicks)

The Yancey County Youth Canteen will be held at Firth Carpet Company this Saturday night, September 9, from eight to eleven o'clock. The gates open at 8:00 and close at 8:30, and open again at 11:00. The Canteen is for high school and college youth from 14 23 and features square and round dancing. It is sponsored by the East Yancey and Cane River PTA's with Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Zaver and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Ballou as advisors.

Rev. Frank K. Chapo, Micaville, Edd Howell, Arbuckle and Fleet Y. Proffitt, Bald Creek.

During the meeting plans will be discussed for a district Scout rally and field day in Spruce Pine later this month, a basic training course for Scout troop operation in local United Fund drive, and an annual appreciation dinner for leaders in November.

Bloodmobile Visit A Success

The Bloodmobile visit on August 31st, was a success, thanks to all who worked so hard to make it so. The Agricultural Council, the Gray Ladies, the Women of the Cane River Baptist Church, Dr. E. R. Ohle, Mrs. Mary Yelton, R. N., and the Firth Carpet Company for the use of their Cafeteria.

Brown Presents Science Circus At Burnsville School

Pupils of the Burnsville Elementary School saw the Bob Brown Science Circus No. 2 Wednesday morning in their gymnasium. Twenty-three of them, from the first grade through the eighth, took part in the various scientific stunts.

The Science Circus is an educational assembly program approved by educational groups and individuals as a stimulus to greater interest in science. Brown conducted the program in person, assisted by Miss Barbara Black.

Science Circus No. 2 consists of experiments in the vibrations, mainly sound and light. Music was made to travel across the gym on a beam of light from an ordinary flashlight, voice was transmitted by invisible infrared light, a boy lit an electric lamp with a match.

In experiments in sound, three pupils breathed helium, a harmless gas that changes the voice to a comical falsetto. Two boys volunteered to let the audience listen to their heart sounds, and a girl ate a piece of celery for the sensitive microphone.

In a section on the gamma ray, Brown allowed a pupil to hold a piece of uranium fuel. Several of the boys tested their wrist watches for radioactivity. A dangerously radioactive needle of radiocobalt was demonstrated without pupil participation.

Two special licenses from the Atomic Energy Commission authorized Brown and Miss Black to carry and show the radioactive substances in schools.

"We did not get the licenses because the Atomic Energy people like us especially," Brown commented, "but they wanted to do all they could to help us to get you, the pupils, more interested in science. Science needs you."

Brown is the author of a book of simple experiments in science. It is called "Science Circus", and is a collection of experiments that have run in his newspaper column. Some 80 papers are carrying the column this fall.

The pupils who took part in the school program yesterday included: Janice Hunter, Dennis Pate, Randall McCurry, Janet Crisp, Dan Hensley, Ramona Penland, Charlie Deaton, Linda McMahan, Wade Towe, Jackie Jones, Mary Burhoe, Danny Wilson, Linda Towe, Homer Wilson, Cris Cooper, Gary Bennett, Danny Styls, Mike Whitson, Jeanne Ray, Vickie Banks, Lynn Peterson, Shirley Wheeler, and Virginia Bodford.

Mr. Hunter, the principal, has invited Mr. Brown to return next year with his science circus No. 3, consisting of simple experiments taken from his book "Science Circus".

Sheriff Banks Investigating Burglarly

The French Broad Electric Membership Corporation office was broken into Monday morning. Sheriff Donald Banks said the safe was cut open with a torch early Monday morning after one or more persons crawled through a broken window. The burglary netted \$401.88 in cash, Sheriff Banks said.

Investigation of the burglary continues as officers consider possible clues in the case. The Buncombe County Sheriff's Department has been requested to assist in the investigation.

One hundred and eighteen people presented themselves with 99 pints of blood being collected. Twenty-six people gave for the first time. Blood was replaced for eight people who have used blood recently.

Those giving were: John C. Hutchins, Oscar W. Deyton, Charles W. Steelman, Don C. Pardue, Arthur Hughes, Luther J. Thomas, Mafrie A. Banner, Lydia M. Hensley, John R. Allen, Opal McDougald, Cecil Penland, Eugene Patton, Elizabeth Anglin, Ashton H. Ramsey, Virginia Boone, Lawrence Hopson, Carl Hughes, Reed H. Hughes, N. F. Street, Louise L. Burleson, Lawrence R. Higgins, Claude Peterson, Barbara Gouge, Kate Sparks, Clesen Letterman, Peter K. Schwintzer, Arthelia H. Brooks, Lawrence King, Wade H. Styles, Margie Allen, Earl S. Young, Frank Young, Clarence Laws, Lloyd Buchanan, John Bailey, Judy Ann Ray, Lena Harris, Sherwood Whitson, James W. Ray, Lawrence Boone, Ralph Proffitt, James B. Gardner, Mrs. Erwin Burhoe, Jack B. Kelly, Wayne Young, Lotus Grindstaff, Ranis Autrey, Donald Ball, Homer Huskins, Howard W. Wilson, George Murdock, Britt Mitchell, James H. Smith, James Neill, Charles Edward Neill, Daw Harris, Russell Boone, James A. Roland, Robert Lee McKinney, Harold L. Harris, Wilma Harris, Mack B. Ray, Mary Ellen Ray, Frank Deyton, Horace D. Ray, Clarence Barnett, Willie Dale Burton, Roosevelt Penland, Ralph Byrd, Loy McCurry, James William Penland, Merley Edwards, Vernon Allen, Philip C. Ray, Dixon Bailey, Emily Lan Whittington, Mable Henson, Gerald Murdock, Ralph B. Adair, Helen McCurry, Mary J. Hughes, William E. Silver, Claude S. Leford, Jesse Fox, Donald Harrell, Richard Bailey, Miss Lydia Deyton, Carroll Wesley Angell, John Burleson, Herman W. Bostian, Louis Donald Wilson, Kenneth Hensky, Robert C. Howell, Elizabeth Rathburn, John R. Ollis, James C. Froula, Fred J. R. Street and Bill Evans.

The next bloodmobile visit to this County will be Thursday, November 16. Be sure that your family has blood protection, be sure and visit the Blood Bank on its next visit. As one donor remarked after giving on this visit "I not only gave a pint of blood but I got a good physical before I gave it."

Nine pints of blood was donated for Kay Boone, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Boone, at this visit, Kay underwent surgery in Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem, last Friday.

A One Man Show of oils and water colors of J. Robert Miller opened on September 6th at the Pack Memorial Public Library in Asheville. This exhibition will be hanging at the Library until the 25th of September.

There is also a joint exhibition of paintings by Frank Stanley Herring and J. Robert Miller at the Asheville Art Museum. This show will be on display for the public through October 1st.

Friends of Mr. Miller and Mr. Herring in Burnsville are warmly invited to see these exhibits.

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A late scheduled football game will be played on the Cane River High School field Friday night, September 8 at 8:00 p. m., between the Mountain City, Tenn., Wild Cats and the Cane River Rebels.

NOTICE