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Health Plan For Aged Announced

CHAPEL HILL, N. C. — A proposed plan to enroll the nation's over-65 population in Blue Cross — with the federal government assisting in pay-

ing the premium if necessary — was announced last week by Hospital Saving Association, the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Plan of North Carolina.

WSCS To Meet At Methodist Church

On Thursday, January 18th, at 6:30 o'clock, the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service from the Methodist churches of the county, will have a covered dish supper at Higgins Memorial Church, honoring Mrs. C. G. Norton of Hendersonville, the Secretary of Spiritual Life for the Asheville District.

Obituaries

MRS. ENGLAND

Mrs. Mamie Higgins England, 66, died at her home on Rt. 3, Burnsville, Wednesday morning after a long illness.

Services will be held at 2 p. m. Friday in Paint Gap Presbyterian Church.

The Rev. Bert Styles will officiate and burial will be in the Higgins Cemetery near the church. The body will remain in Holcombe Brothers Funeral Home and will be taken to the church to lie in state for one hour prior to services.

Pallbearers will be Jack McIntosh, Mark England, Arthur Letterman, Garrett Pittman, Donald, Marvin and Arby Higgins and Mack Hensley.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. J. B. Anders of Mars Hill; five sons, A. O. Harry, Edd and Howard of Burnsville and Clay England of Morganton; 14 grandchildren; one sister, Miss Josie Higgins of Spruce Pine; and one brother, Ector Higgins of Burnsville.

SHERMAN RENFRO

Sherman Renfro, 86, of Green Mountain died at his home Thursday afternoon following a long illness.

Services were held in Holcombe Funeral Home Chapel at 2:00 p. m. Sunday with the Rev. Gilbert Akjins officiating. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Liddia Peterson Renfro; two daughters, Mrs. Hank Kissinger of Chicago and Mrs. George Kilmer of Green Mountain; three sons, Cecil and Charles of Green Mountain and William Renfro with the Air Force in New York; two sisters, Mrs. John G. Peterson of Green Mountain and Mrs. Rubie Peterson of Burnsville; and two brothers, Gaither and Burt Renfro of Green Mountain.

S. R. McINTOSH

Samuel R. McIntosh, 75, of Burnsville died at his home Thursday afternoon following a long illness.

Services were held at the First Baptist Church here, of which he was a member, on Saturday at 2:00 p. m. The Rev. Charles B. Trammel, pastor, and the Rev. H. M. Alley officiated. Burial was in McIntosh Cemetery.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Sude Angel McIntosh; one daughter, Mrs. Milton Jones of Burnsville; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; one half-sister, Mrs. Rex King of Santa Rosa, Texas; and five half-brothers, Noah of Caropolis, Pa., and Tom, Troy, Reece and Delzie McIntosh of Burnsville.

Diabetes Detection Campaign To Begin

The Mitchell-Yancey District Health Department, in cooperation with local physicians, and with the support of the North Carolina State Board of Health, is starting a diabetes detection program.

The reason for this program, according to Dr. Wm. B. Stryker, District Health Director, is that many people have diabetes and don't know it. It is important for these people to find out that they have diabetes so that they can obtain medical care. Although this disease cannot be cured, with proper control measures most diabetics can live for a normal life span, and there need be little or no interference with normal activities.

Health Centers at Burnsville and Bakersville will be equipped to perform blood sugar tests. This is one of the best methods of detecting diabetes. If the test performed by the Health Department shows high blood sugar levels, the individual will be advised to consult his private physician for further evaluation and treatment.

The Local Health Department will perform these tests without charge for anybody sent to the Health Centers by local physicians, and for other people who may apply directly to the Health Center for this service.

"We want to concentrate our efforts on the people most likely to have diabetes," said Dr. Stryker. "These are the people over forty years of age, especially women, people who are overweight, the relatives of known diabetics, and persons who have symptoms such as excessive thirst, passing too much urine, great hunger."

Recent development of a relatively simple method of blood sugar testing, using equipment that is not too expensive, has made the introduction of this program possible. It is estimated that between 200 and 250 people in these two counties have diabetes and don't know it. In the drive to find as many of these cases as possible, all physicians in the district are cooperating.

"If we are to get results," said Dr. Stryker, "we need the help and cooperation of various civic groups in passing the information to the people and in urging those most likely to have the disease to take advantage of this simple little test."

Beginning next week in Burnsville on Mondays, in Bakersville on Tuesdays, and Spruce Pine on Thursday afternoons, blood samples for this test will be drawn, preferably one or two hours after a regular meal.

Wm. B. Stryker, M. D. District Health Director

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Laws To Observe Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Laws of Burnsville RFD 4, will observe their Golden Anniversary with open house at their home Sunday from the hours of 1:00 to 5:00 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Laws have lived in Burnsville since their marriage on January 23, 1912. They have nine children which include Charles of Relief; Clarence and Lloyd of Burnsville RFD 1; Roy and Mark Jr. of Brevard; Arnold of Erwin, Tenn.; Wayne of Marion RFD 2; S. C. of Burnsville RFD 4; and Miss Marie Laws of the city.

Mrs. Laws is the former Miss King, daughter of the late S. W. and Julia King of this county, and Mr. Laws is the son of the late Albert and Miranda Laws, also of the county.

All friends and relatives are invited to call at the Laws home on Sunday from 1 to 5 p. m.

March Of Dimes Telethon To Be Held

A star-studded 18 hour Telethon will wind up the 1962 Carolina Triad campaign for the New March of Dimes, W. A. McEluff, Buncombe County North Carolina, Campaign Director, announced today.

The Telethon will take place the weekend of February 10 and 11 beginning at 11:00 p. m. Saturday, and continuing non-stop until 5:00 p. m. the following afternoon. It may be seen over WLOS-TV, Channel 13, in Asheville. The station is contributing its time and facilities as a public service.

Many nationally known television and film personalities, expected to be known shortly, will join with outstanding area talent and personalities in an all out entertainment appeal for the New March of Dimes.

Jack Mitchell, Buncombe County Chapter Chairman, said, "We think this Telethon will be the biggest and most successful charitable program ever produced in this area. We plan to back it to the hilt and hope the general public will respond with the same amount of enthusiasm."

Eighty-two counties from six states, including North and South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, Kentucky and Virginia, will benefit from funds raised on the Telethon. Contributions received from outside Buncombe County will be credited to the respective chapters for use in their own areas.

Funds raised by the Telethon will provide much-needed financial assistance for the medical care of patients suffering from polio, birth defects and arthritis.

The New March of Dimes funds will also be used to save and protect human life through research, and prevent suffering by supporting a professional educational program concerned with training health workers.

Plans For Summer School At WCC

Callowhee — Plans are near completion for the 1962 summer school at Western Carolina College, according to Professor W. B. Harrill, summer school director.

The first term is scheduled for June 11 — July 13, and the second term will run from July 16 to August 17. Twenty workshops and two-weeks short courses will be conducted at various times throughout the two terms.

Professor Harrill stresses the fact that the summer term operates as a fourth quarter of the academic year, and that a student may obtain a college degree in three years by attending three regular terms and three summer sessions.

In addition to the curricula leading to the bachelor's and master's degrees, WCC conducts special programs in a variety of fields. These include a demonstration school for children from first grade through certain high school subjects; classes for gifted and superior children; classes for teachers of gifted children; limited student teaching; library science; workshops for school administrators; music camp for high school students.

Professor Harrill said a number of distinguished visiting professors will conduct summer courses at the college, as well as most of the WCC faculty.

Legion-Auxiliary To Meet

The American Legion and Legion Auxiliary will hold their regular meeting at the Community Building on Tuesday, January 23 at 7:00 p. m. All members are urged to be present.

Weather Summary For Week Ended

January 13, 1962

Last week was a week of hard winter weather throughout North Carolina. As the week began, low pressure moving eastward across the Great Lakes had just swept a cold weather front across the State. High pressure which moved in following the front was large and strong, but settled over the central part of the nation so that offshore storms continued to affect North Carolina weather until Saturday, when fair weather finally spread over most of the State.

January 14-15-16, 17, 18 1962
Rising temperatures Sunday were followed by warm, showery weather Monday, clearing and colder Tuesday, and Wednesday, cloudy and cold Thursday with snow predicted Thursday night.

Temperatures
The week ending January 18th was the coldest week of the winter season, and the minimum temperatures recorded Thursday morning, January 11th, were in some areas the coldest in many years. Zero reading occurred in the Mountains and at a few of the coldest places in the Piedmont while low temperatures between zero and ten degrees were common over the rest of the Piedmont and Interior Coastal Plain. Along the immediate coast low readings were between 10 and 20.

PRECIPITATION

Rain ended Monday of this week. Snow began in the Mountains and western Piedmont Tuesday night of last week and spread across the State Wednesday, last week, bringing accumulations of snow ranging mostly between two and six inches to the western and central portions of North Carolina. In the southern Coastal Plain and along the immediate coast rain and sleet were mixed with the snow and accumulations were small.

Brush Creek Club Holds Annual Rabbit Supper

The Brush Creek Community building was the scene for the traditional "Rabbit Supper" on Friday night, January 12. More than 75 members, their families and friends gathered for an old-fashioned evening of feasting and fellowship together.

Yates Randolph, club president, welcomed the group and Rev. Thomas, pastor of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, gave the invocation. Though this popular January event originally featured rabbit as the main attraction on the menu, the table becomes more laden each year with a wide variety of delicious foods as each homemaker displays her best skill in home cooking.

Physical improvements to the community building already this year include a new double compartment sink with built in cabinets for the kitchen. Last week club members met for a workshop and re-bottomed six chairs which were in need of repair. Other chairs will be repaired at a workshop in the near future.

O. W. Dayton introduced the following guests who attended the meeting: Mr. and Mrs. Fred Anglin, Mr. and Mrs. Don Pardue, Mrs. Alice Hopson, and Charles Steelman, agricultural representatives; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Rice, Burnsville, and Fred Garland, Mitchell County.

The next regular meeting will be held at the community building on Friday, February 9 at 7:30 p. m.

RALEIGH — The Motor Vehicle Department's summary of traffic deaths through 10 A. M. Monday, January 15, 1962:

KILLED TO DATE
KILLED TO DATE Last Year 31

Five Injured In Automobile Accident

Five people were injured in an automobile accident occurring on North Carolina Highway 80 in Celso Wednesday evening around 6:40 p. m.

Dr. Masters Chairman District Board of Health

The Mitchell-Yancey District Board of Health, at a regular quarterly meeting held January 8th in Burnsville, elected Dr. W. B. Masters, dentist, of Bakersville, as chairman of the board. The new chairman replaces Dr. E. R. Ohle, physician, of Celso, who has served in this position since 1959.

Other members of the present board, in addition to Dr. Masters and Dr. Ohle, are: J. Bis Ray, Chairman, Yancey County Board of Commissioners, J. E. Peterson, Chairman, Mitchell County Board of Commissioners, Walter B. Thomas, Superintendent, Mitchell County School System, Robert K. Helmle, Mayor of Burnsville, G. L. Hensley, Postmaster, Burnsville, Mr. L. G. Day, Pharmacist, Spruce Pine. Dr. Wm. B. Stryker, District Health Director, acts as Secretary of the Board.

At the meeting, January 8th, some recent activities of the Health Department were reviewed, and plans for some new activities were outlined by Dr. Stryker. A diabetes detection program to include blood sugar tests at the Health Centers for persons who may have diabetes, is one of the services to be started next week. Another service to be re-started at the Health Centers is the operation of "planned parenthood" clinics.

Mrs. McElyea Speaks To PTA

Mrs. A. M. McElyea, Executive Director of the Pisgah Girl Scout Council from Asheville, presented a very informative program on Girl Scouting at the meeting of the Burnsville Elementary Parent-Teacher Association in the school lunchroom on Tuesday evening.

Mrs. McElyea explained the purposes, methods and procedures used in the field of scouting by the Brownies, Intermediates and Senior Scouts. She illustrated her talk with slides which showed the various activities in scouting. Members of the Brownie Scout Troops, Intermediate Troop and Senior Troop performed the Flag Ceremony.

Mrs. P. C. Coletta, program chairman, introduced the speaker and also members of the Scout Troops who performed the Flag Ceremony.

Highway Comm. Hearing In Hickory

Raleigh — The State Highway Commission will hold a public hearing in Hickory at the Municipal Courtroom on Thursday, January 18, 1962 at 11:00 A. M.

The hearing is on the proposed addition of two travel lanes for US 64 and US 70 from the east end of the Interstate 40 connection to the west end of the four lane Hickory Bypass.

A map is posted in the Burke County and Catawba County Courthouses showing the location of the proposed project.

The public is invited to attend the hearing and all interested persons will be given the opportunity to be heard at the hearing.

In charge of the hearing will be Highway Commissioner Murray Tate of Hickory, Highway Commissioner R. W. McGowan and Public Relations Officer Roger R. Jackson, Jr.

Thomas Hensley, of Marion Rt. 5; Miss Naomi Gouge, Luther Robinson and Charles and Angela Robinson all of Burnsville RFD 5, were admitted to Yancey Hospital Wednesday night with lacerations of head, face and body.

The accident occurred 6:40 p. m. Wednesday as Thomas Hensley of Marion RFD 5 and Miss Gouge of Celso were headed south on NC 80 and Luther Robinson and two grandchildren, Angela and Charles Robinson, all of Celso were going north and the two cars collided. Both automobiles, Hensley was driving a 57 Ford and Robinson a 60 Ford, were total losses. Patrolman Powell, investigating officer, stated that investigations were incomplete and no charges had been made so far, due to the condition of the occupants who are still in Yancey Hospital and unable to discuss conditions of the accident as yet.

Mr. Robinson is suffering from broken ribs and lacerations of the body; Angela Robinson, granddaughter, has a broken leg, and Charles Robinson, grandson, has bruises of the face. Miss Gouge and Mr. Hensley have lacerations and bruises of the face and body. All patients were reported to be in good condition this morning.

Patrolman Wilson of Celso brought Mr. Robinson and grandchildren and Miss Gouge to the hospital and Holcombe Brothers ambulance carried Mr. Hensley.

Rural Family Purchases To Be Surveyed

Families living on farms and in towns of less than 2,500 population in North Carolina will be asked by the U. S. Department of Agriculture to report on things they bought and the money they spent in 1961, it was announced today by Henry L. Rasser, State Agricultural Statistician.

The interviews will be part of a nation-wide survey to gather information for use in the Consumer Price Index, a government figure which measures the cost of living. It has been 20 years since such a survey was made, which included rural as well as city families.

The study is being made jointly by the U. S. Department of Agriculture and the Department of Labor. The Consumer Price Index is issued monthly by the Department of Labor.

Eight counties in North Carolina will be included in the nation-wide sample of rural families living on farms and small towns. The counties are Ashe, Cherokee, Cleveland, Duplin, Martin, Pitt, Richmond and Stokes. About 30 families in each county will be interviewed. The information will be confidential and will be combined with information from other families and used only for statistical purposes, Mr. Rasser stated.

Interviews will begin on January 29 and will continue through February.

Counties chosen to represent the nation and families chosen to represent the county were selected by scientific sampling methods.



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