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Yancey First In Absentees

By the use of absentee ballots the Democrat party swept every one of its candidates into office on Tuesday, November 6.

Out of 1895 absentees certified the Democrats cast at least 1474, because the Republican's total absentees amounted to only 421, and

Rites Held For William F. Grassmuck

William F. Grassmuck, 87, of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and Pensacola, died in a Burnsville hospital Sunday morning after a short illness.

Mr. Grassmuck was a jeweler in Cincinnati, Ohio for 55 years before retiring to Fort Lauderdale. He had maintained a summer home in the Pensacola community of Yancey County for 12 years.

He was a member of Yeatmen Masonic Lodge 162 in Cincinnati, a Scottish Rite Masonic order, and a Shriner.

Services were held at 2:30 p. m. Tuesday in Holcombe Brothers Funeral Home chapel here.

The Rev. Donald Noblett officiated. Burial was in Asheville Gardens of Memory near Asheville.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Grace Sullivan Grassmuck; two daughters, Mrs. Deke Moffitt of Fort Thomas, Ky., and Mrs. Keith Phillips, Jr. of Coral Gables, Fla.; two sons, Louis B. of Cincinnati and Raymond M. of Fort Lauderdale; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The following poem written by Dr. John H. Hanger, First Methodist Church, Coral Gables, Florida, was used in the funeral services of Mr. Grassmuck.

ILL REMEMBER

I'll remember William Grassmuck for the kindness of his ways
That made the sun shine brighter on so many days.
I'll remember his quotations and his wit, his genial smile,
His gracious hospitality extended all the while.
I'll remember his affection for his dear devoted wife,
Whose tender care and thoughtfulness increased his span of life.
I'll remember God has promised to such a man as he
The blessings of his Heaven throughout all eternity.
I'll remember William Grassmuck and I'll pray I may possess
A measure of the peace he knew which brought such blessedness.

Services For Bill Allison

Bill Allison, 65, died in Burnsville last Thursday morning after a short illness.

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

The Rev. R. F. Hilliard officiated and burial was in Academy Cemetery.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Marjorie Pernicano of Inkster, Mich.; and one son, Charles Allison of Washington, D. C.

Services Held For Mrs. Bodford

Mrs. Martha Bodford, 63, of Burnsville, died unexpectedly Monday in an Asheville physician's office.

Services were held at 2 p. m. Wednesday in Windom Methodist Church. The Rev. Thomas Rutledge and the Rev. J. H. Black officiated. Burial was in the Pete Young Cemetery.

Surviving are two daughters, Miss Grace Bodford and Mrs. Hope Dale of Burnsville; a son, Reid Bodford of Burnsville; and a granddaughter.

Thanksgiving Service At Methodist Church

The annual Burnsville Community Thanksgiving service will be held at the Higgins Memorial Methodist Church on Wednesday, November 21 at 7:30 p. m.

Speaker of the evening will be The Rev. Woodward Finley, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church here. The Rev. Raymus Hilliard, pastor of the Methodist Church, will be in charge of the service and The Rev. Charles B. Trammel, pastor of the First Baptist Church, will also participate in the service.

The choir will be made up of members of the three cooperating churches, the Presbyterian, Baptist and Methodist.

A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend this service.

Pilgrims' Declare Celebration In 1621

The Pilgrims were joining some strange company when they declared a Thanksgiving celebration in 1621. For the practice of giving thanks for a plentiful harvest goes back almost to the time when man first gave up wandering and hitched himself to a plow.

Along the Mediterranean, ancient peoples held festivals at harvest time in honor of a mother goddess. The Semites called her Astarte, while the Phrygians named her Semele.

The Romans honored Ceres, the goddess of agriculture, in a celebration called the Cerealia, reports World Book Encyclopedia. And the Greeks paid tribute to Demeter in secret rites called the Eleusian Mysteries.

Christianity put an end to many of these festivals, but a pagan-inspired belief in the Corn Mother, or the Mother of Grains, survived among some peasants in the British Isles and Europe. Her spirit was thought to live in the last sheaf of grain left standing in the field.

In northern England, the last handful of corn was the "kirm," and sometimes it was fashioned into a "kirm doll." In Austria it was shaped into a wreath and placed on the head of a girl who became the harvest queen.

During the Middle Ages the most common thanksgiving and harvest festival was held on the Feast of Saint Martin of Tours, or Martinmas, on November 11. People throughout Europe still celebrate the day with feasts and new wine.

The Pilgrims probably became familiar with this celebration when they went to Holland to escape persecution in England, and it may have been the remembrance of this holiday that inspired them to hold a thanksgiving feast after their first prosperous year in the New World.

Mrs. Dent To Assume Hostess Duties in Raleigh

Mrs. James M. Harper, Jr., Southport, President of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs, has announced that Mrs. Raymond T. Dent of Spruce Pine will assume the duties of Hostess at the Federation Headquarters on December 1st. Mrs. Dent succeeds Mrs. Roland M. Latham who has served in this position for several years. On the occasion last week of her retirement, Mrs. Latham was honored by the Federation with a luncheon at the Raleigh Carolina Country Club.

Mrs. Dent, President of the Federation from 1958 through 1960, has served the organization in many capacities and is currently the chairman of the Sallie Southall Cotton Loan Fund. She is Vice-president of the Western North Carolina Diocese of Episcopal Women, a member of the Spruce Pine Hospital Board of Trustees, and President of the Spruce Pine Friends of the Library. She has been associated with her son, R. T. Dent, Jr., in the Diamond Mica Company, serving as Vice President.

Having travelled extensively in this country and abroad, Mrs. Dent said she is looking forward to living in Raleigh which will bring her closer to the home of her grandchild and her daughter, Mrs. John R. Curtis of Chapel Hill.

In welcoming Mrs. Dent to her new position, Mrs. Harper said, "We are thrilled to have another outstanding clubwoman as Headquarters Hostess and we feel most fortunate to have Mrs. Dent in charge of our Federation home."

Cane River Ends Season By Defeating EY

Cane River High School, winless in nine outings during the past season, ended the football season, Tuesday night by upsetting East Yancey High by a score of 27 to 7.

Johnny Robinson led the Cane River assault with a three-touchdown performance which included runs of 15, 2 and four yards. Mike Evans tallied Cane River's fourth touchdown on a five-yard burst.

Evans also scored three of the extra points.

Cane River's third touchdown was set up when Clifford McPeters blocked an attempted punt by East Yancey.

Eugene Roberts scored East Yancey's only touchdown in the fourth period on a five-yard plunge. Norman Ray added the extra point.

Dr. Sargent To Be Out of Town

Dr. W. A. Y. Sargent will be out of his office, beginning Tuesday of Thanksgiving week. He will be visiting his father in Brattleboro, Vt., who is in his 92nd year.

Dr. Sargent will return to his office on Monday, November 26.

Locals

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Nichols and children of Knoxville, Tenn. were the week-end guests of Mrs. Nichols' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Buckner, here.

Mrs. Basil Presslar and children of Asheville were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Buckner here last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Banks and daughter, Cathy, visited relatives here over the week-end, before going on to Utopia, Mich. where Mr. Banks will be employed.

Mr. Banks received his discharge after serving three years as Jet Mechanic with the U. S. Air Force at Tinker Base in Oklahoma City.

Hunter Crossing Permits Issued By Parkway

Although all hunting is strictly prohibited within the boundaries of the Blue Ridge Parkway, the National Park Service, in order to cooperate as fully as possible with the State Game Department, the United States Forest Service, and hunters, has made arrangements for hunters to park on the Parkway right-of-way to reach certain hunting areas.

Blue Ridge Parkway Hunter Parking and Crossing Permits for the 1962-63 hunting season are available and may be obtained from any Park Ranger.

Rangers may be contacted and Hunter Parking and Crossing Permits may be obtained at Oteen Maintenance Area, Mile-post 382.4 and Gillespie Gap Ranger Office, Milepost 330.9.

Regulations concerning the Hunter Parking and Crossing Permits will be the same as in previous seasons, however hunters are reminded that every hunter must have a permit. The hunting or molesting of any kind of wildlife within the parkway boundaries is strictly prohibited.

The Singecat Parking Overlook, South of N. C. Route 88 near Buck Creek Gap is the only overlook on the Asheville district authorized for hunter parking.

As in the past many unnecessary permits are issued to hunters who merely use the Blue Ridge Parkway as a route for a stopping point outside Parkway boundaries. Hereafter any hunter who travels the Parkway and does not use the Hunter Parking Area at Singecat Overlook will not be required to obtain a Parking Permit.

National Park Service Regulations require firearms transported in vehicles must be empty, cased or securely wrapped. Also regulations prohibit stopping along the Parkway for the purpose of loading or unloading hunters, game, or dogs.

Lodge No. 17 To Meet Thursday

Stated Communication of the Burnsville Lodge No. 717 A. F. & A. M. will be held in the Lodge Hall Thursday at 7:30 p. m. All Master Masons are invited.

Mrs. Peterson Dies In Ala.

Mrs. Wilma Roland Peterson, 68, died at her home in Birmingham, Ala., on Wednesday, after a long illness.

She is survived by the husband, Bill Peterson of Birmingham; two daughters, Mrs. Thomas Stealy of Memphis, Tenn. and Linda Jean of the home; the parents; Mr. and Mrs. Emory Roland of Burnsville; one sister, Mrs. Roy Allison of Hickory; three brothers, Jack of Providence, R. I., and E. J. and James R. of Burnsville.

Funeral arrangements under the direction of Holcombe Brothers Funeral Home are incomplete at this time.

DOUBLE ISLAND NEWS

By: Mrs. Dewey Hall

Roy Hall and family of Michigan visited his parents and friends here last week-end.

Funeral services were held in the Double Island Church for Mrs. Anna Pressnell on November 13 and burial was in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Nola Laws and family visited her son, Oscar Thomas and family, in Kingsport, Tenn. last week-end.

Susan Hall is confined to her home due to illness at this time. Mrs. Jake Robinson is also very ill at this time.

Mrs. Edward Laws is a patient in the Spruce Pine Hospital.

Mr. Earl Robinson is able to be out again after a serious heart attack.

Cling Thoma is confined to his home due to illness at this time.

Brownie And Girl Scouts Present Program

An enjoyable program of music and character portrayal was presented on Saturday evening, November 10, at the Elementary School by members of Brownie Troop 65 and 86, and members of Girl Scout Troop 88. The occasion was to honor the parents of the troop members, and also some Girl Scout guests from Leicester, N. C.

Presbyterian Women To Meet With Mrs. Roberts

Thursday, November 15 at 7:30 p. m. the women of the First Presbyterian Church of Burnsville will meet at the home of Mrs. George Roberts. Mrs. Fred Anglin will be co-hostess.

Mrs. Harlon Holcombe and Mrs. W. L. Smith are in charge of the program.

A Thank Offering will be taken at this meeting.

Census Bureau To Collect Employment Information

Information to be used in compiling national figures on employment and unemployment will be collected locally during the week of November 19 in the Current Population Survey. It was announced today by the Bureau of the Census, U. S. Department of Commerce.

The information collected from local families will be combined with that collected in 332 other areas of the country to provide the national estimates. Approximately 35,000 households are covered each month in the Current Population Survey. These households are selected at random under the Census Bureau's scientific sampling program to provide a representative cross-section of all classes of the population, and all types of areas in the country — large cities, small towns, rural areas, and so forth.

Facts on employment and unemployment collected locally are forwarded to Census Bureau headquarters in Washington to be processed by the Bureau's electronic computers, to provide the national estimates. The national report covering the information collected during the week of November 19 will be issued in Washington early in December.

Current Population Survey information will be collected locally by: Mrs. Edna L. Harmon, 81 Wolfe Cove Road, Asheville, N. C.

Jaycees To Hold Organizational Meeting

A Jaycee meeting will be held the Burnsville Fire Department in Burnsville on Thursday night at 8:00 p. m. Representatives of the Old Fort Jaycees will be present to help with the organization of the J. C.'s here.

All young men between the ages of 21 and 35 are urged to attend Jaycees here.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our appreciation to our many friends who have expressed their love and affection for their Uncle Billy. We want to thank The Yancey Hospital staff, Rev. Donald Noblett and Dr. W. A. Y. Sargent, and all our friends for the floral offerings and all their expressions of sympathy.

The William Grassmuck Family

The Republican Woman's Organization of Yancey County will meet at Pete's Snack Bar on Thursday, November 29, at 7:30 p. m. All Republican women of the county are urged to attend this meeting.

was to honor the parents of the troop members, and also some Girl Scout guests from Leicester, N. C.

Brownie Troop 65 presented a vibrant Hillbilly Band, with appropriate costumes and actions. Brownie Troop 88 rendered an Indian song, with supplementary pantomime.

The leaders of Troop 65 are Mrs. Jack Edge, Mrs. Julian Cornwell, and Mrs. Jack Kelly. The leaders of Troop 86 are Mrs. Bill Hess and Mrs. Arney Fox.

Girl Scout Troop 88 presented a costume character show, in which the Scouts portrayed famous characters from books, plays, and also famous characters of today. Winners were: First-Pollyanna, by Cordelia Miller; Second-a Tom Sawyer by Susan Rutledge, and Bozo, The Clown, by Bonnie Hess; Third—won by three Scouts, who were: Cinderella, by Juliette Buckner, Aunt Jemima, by Rebecca Pale and Aladdin and the Lamp, by Anita Anglin.

Following is a list of characters in the order of their appearance: Jackie Jones, Rumpelstiltskin; Anita Anglin, Aladdin and the Lamp; Patricia Randolph, Betsy Ross; Nora Jane Jarrett, Dutch Girl; Dianne Angel, Little Black Sambo; Arlene Rector, Little Black Sambo's mother; Gayla Cooper, Alice in Wonderland; Geraldine Styles, A Pilgrim; Kathy Silver, Queen Elizabeth; Ruth Price, Little Girl With Seven Names; Bonnie Hess, Bozo, the Clown; Lynne Butner, Yellow Fairy from Good Fairy Tale Book; Pam Styles, Huckleberry Finn; Virginia Bodford, Hopalong Cassidy; Jean Howell, Tito in Hopalong Cassidy; Patsy Higgins, Little Red Riding Hood; Rebecca Pale, Aunt Jemima; Deborah Hilliard and Jeanne Ray, the Mystifying Twins; Pam Huskey, Fairy Godmother; Juliette Buckner, Cinderella; Irene Coletta, Bluebeard; Trula Huskey, one of Bluebeard's wives; Mary and Martha Hess, Jack and Jill; Cordelia Miller, Pollyanna; Lujda Dayton, Jack, Be Nimble; Susan Rutledge, Tom Sawyer; Julia Pate, Peggy in Pecheus D Island (Ice Land Fisherman); Sandra Fox and Mary Burhoe, Romeo and Juliet; Ramona Penland, Margaret Riddle, Jean Holcombe and Jennifer Jarrett, The Beverly Hillbillies.

Following this, an investiture service for seven new girls who have recently joined the troop was held. Mrs. Don Burhoe, Girl Scout District Chairman, presented pins to Bonnie, Mary and Martha Hess, Jean Howell, Rebecca Pale, Ruth Price, and Susan Rutledge.

Refreshments were served and a social hour followed.

Leaders of Girl Scout Troop 88 include Mrs. Max Penland, Mrs. Bob Hillard, Mrs. W. A. Y. Sargent and Mrs. P. C. Coletta.

Fox Receives Master's Degree

Gleah E. Fox has received his Master's Degree in Education from the University of North Carolina where he attended summer school.

He graduated from Burnsville High School and attended Wake Forest College and is now employed in the Asheboro City School system. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Fox of Burnsville.



RALEIGH — The Motor Vehicle Department's summary of traffic deaths through 10 A. M. Monday, November 12:

KILLED TO DATE 1108
KILLED To Date Last Year 1028

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