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Tobacco Average Good In County

According to E. L. Dillingham, Farm Agent, most of the tobacco in the county will be sold by the time the market closes for Christmas. Mr. Dillingham stated that due to the favorable weather we have had this fall that farm-

ers got their tobacco on the floor earlier than in previous years. He estimates that the tobacco sales will bring in approximately one and half million dollars to the farmers of the county this year. There are around 1200 acres of tobacco in Yancey County with an average of 2300 lbs. per acre. Approximately half of the income in Yancey County comes from tobacco. The average price this year has been \$65 to \$66. The price has dropped a little in the last few days but according to the Farm Agent this was due to wet tobacco. Tobacco as a whole has weighed a little light this year.

Duke Endowment Releases Annual Reports

Charlotte — The changing picture of hospital services and institutional care of children in North Carolina and South Carolina is revealed in annual reports of the Hospital and Orphan sections of The Duke Endowment, which were released here today.

The reports, published in a new format, show that The Endowment exceeded previous records in appropriations for non-profit hospitals and child care institutions in the fiscal year October 1, 1960, to September 30, 1961, and that staff services to assisted institutions continued on an expanded basis.

According to Marshall I. Pickens, director of the two sections and a trustee and the secretary of The Endowment, the amount appropriated for operating expenses and capital purposes was \$3,977,781, an increase of nearly \$1,478,000 over the previous year's record total of \$2 1/2 million. Appropriations were: \$1,555,282 toward operating expenses of 183 hospitals with \$1 contributed for each free-bed day of care reported; \$1,982,900 for 54 projects in construction, equipment, and purchase of hospitals; and \$439,599 to assist 43 child care institutions in the care of orphan and half orphan children.

The year's appropriations brought to \$38,254,062 the funds given to hospitals and to \$6,454,869 those given to child care institutions since the first appropriations were made in 1925. Yancey Hospital here received \$914.00 for operating expenses.

Cantata Catches Spirit Of Christmas

To a world dark with despair came the soft light of hope. God visited the darkness. He came quietly, through the back door, to Bethlehem, a sleepy town in the hill country of Palestine. A star in the sky, a band of angels, a handful of shepherds, a trio of men from the East caught the deep meaning of the visit, and rejoiced.

"A Star in the Sky," a cantata of Christmas carols by Bruce Carleton, catches anew the joy of the birth of Jesus. The joint choirs of the Higgins Memorial Methodist Church and the First Presbyterian Church will put the cantata to song on Sunday afternoon, December 16. The production is slated for 4 o'clock in the Higgins Memorial Church.

Soloists for the performance will be Jo Lynn Urquhart, soprano; Mary Cecil Sievers, alto; Raymond Shepherd and Jim Bingham, tenor duet; and Jack Kelley, bass. The organ accompaniment will be provided by Mrs. Albert Williams. Mrs. Warren S. Reeve is responsible for the direction. The public is warmly invited to attend.

BLOODSHED BOXSCORE ON N. C. HIGHWAYS

RALEIGH — The Motor Vehicle Department's summary of traffic deaths through 10 A. M. Monday, December 3, 1962:

KILLED TO DATE 1199
Killed To Date Last Year 1118

First Book By Plymouth Writer



A young North Carolinian, Gene Harris of Plymouth, is having his first book, *Smoke on Old Thunderhead*, published November 29 by John P. Blair, Publisher, of Winston-Salem.

Mr. Harris attended the public schools in Plymouth and then went on to study graphic arts. He does free-lance work in oils and water colors, but his main interest is in creative writing. This is his first venture in writing for juvenile readers, although he has been trying his hand at composition since high school days.

Smoke on Old Thunderhead, a story for children eight to thirteen, is about a boy, a witch and a wild black bear who are drawn together by a raging forest fire in an adventure set in the Great Smoky Mountains. The central character is a young mountain boy who evokes an exciting chain of events by disturbing a witch's prized tree. Much suspense is created by the interrelationship of sorcery, bear hunting and forest fire.

The illustrator, Don Harris (no relation to the author), is also a native North Carolinian now working as art director for an advertising firm in Roanoke, Virginia. He received his training at the Harnes School of Art in Sarasota, Florida, and at the Boston (Massachusetts) Museum School of Fine Arts. The drawings for *Smoke on Old Thunderhead* are his first in the field of book illustration.

Garden Club Meets With Mrs. Proffitt

The Garden Club met on Friday night at the home of Mrs. Fred Proffitt. Mrs. D. R. Fouts was associate hostess.

The business session was presided over by Mrs. E. L. Beeson, president of the club. Officers were elected for the coming year, as follows: Mrs. W. A. Y. Sargent, president; Mrs. E. L. Beeson, first vice-president; Mrs. Ike Laughrun, 2nd. vice-president; Mrs. E. R. Gillespie, recording secretary; Mrs. Grady Bailey, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Wayne Ray, treasurer.

Mrs. Charles Proffitt reported that the civic committee is making plans to repair the monument on the Square. If anyone has a picture of the monument in its original form, please contact Mrs. Proffitt.

Mrs. Sargent reported that the 300 pounds of daffodil bulbs which had been received as a gift from Mrs. P. N. Pratt of Bena, Va., have been distributed to the schools, the churches and other public places suitable for planting. Other members of the committee to plan and oversee the planting are Mrs. Charles Proffitt and Mrs. Grady Bailey.

Mrs. Sargent was in charge of the program. She showed slides of scenes in Vermont and North Carolina and gave an interesting travelogue. She closed her program by reading the poem, "The Legend Of The Iris."

During the social hour the hostesses served a dessert course. Mrs. Z. B. Byrd was a guest of the club.

Brevard Brings Undefeated Team Here Friday Night

The Brevard Tornadoes will meet their long standing rivals, The Mars Hill Lions, on the Burnsville Elementary Gymnasium floor at 8:00 o'clock, Friday December 7th.

Brevard has not been beaten in 4 straight games, and are rated as one of the best Junior College teams in the South. The team is made up of veterans that are averaging 90 points per game and have gone over 10 mark already this season.

The Mars Hill College Lions, who are in the 33 year of their 4th year status, have met Tusculum, a 4 year college, and lost by only two points. They have played one Junior College game which they won easily. The Mars Hill team is also a team of experienced players.

The contests between these teams last year were thrillers. The outcome of an encounter between these two arch rivals can never be determined until the last whistle is blown.

The game is being sponsored by the Burnsville Lions Club, with hopes that it may become a permanent sports attraction. The club hopes that some of the two colleges and basketball fans of the county will turn out in large numbers.

A preliminary game for 6:30 o'clock has been arranged between the Micaville and South Toe Elementary School Girls Teams. For those who come early, they will have an opportunity to see future high school players in the making.

Mr. and Mrs. Brinkley Observe Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Brinkley will observe their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday at an open house at their home in Burnsville from 2 until 5 p. m. They were married December 7, 1912, and have lived all of their lives in Burnsville.

All of their children and grandchildren will gather on Sunday for the observance. These include three sons, Clyde Brinkley of Burnsville, Jack of Monticello, Ga., Reece of Spruce Pine, and four daughters, Mrs. Reece Robertson of Weaverville, Mrs. Ronald Wilson of Marshall, Mrs. Edgar Ball of Tamaheanck, Va., and Mrs. Thomas Robinson of Micaville. They also have 12 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

S. T. Hensley Dies In Michigan

S. T. Hensley, 83, of Rt. 4, Burnsville, died Thursday afternoon in a Detroit, Mich. hospital, where he had gone to visit a son.

Services were held at 2 p. m. Sunday in Bee Log Baptist Church. Burial was in Hensley Cemetery.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Reagan Wilson and Mrs. Joe Fla-

Hunger Can't Wait

Despite orbits in space and prospects of trips to the moon, down on earth the fact is that half the people still do not have enough to eat.

Most of us in the United States can wait in comfort while scientists probe the way to future marvels. As Christmas nears, our greatest problem may seem to be what to buy as gifts.

But not our neighbors across the world who are never sure of their next meal. Unless someone helps, they may not live to see another holiday season, let alone the Lunar Age. It is on their behalf CARE currently seeks funds for its Food Crusade.

The aim is to deliver 7,500,000 packages to the needy of 20 countries, in the names of Americans who give \$1 per package. The foods are mainly U. S. agricultural abundance. Linked with CARE "partnership" programs whereby local governments pay distribution costs, the packages will complete a year-long plan to help feed 26,000,000 people in 32 countries.

Our response determines their fate — undernourished school children, refugees, disaster victims, destitute families in Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, the Middle East. While we look to the moon, they hunger for the food we store from our farms. Help for those in need, regardless of faith or country, is the essence of Christmas. Before the holidays come, mail your dollars to: CARE Food Crusade, New York 16, N. Y.

Rev. and Mrs. Hilliard On Vacation

The Rev. Raymus F. Hilliard, pastor of Higgins Memorial Methodist Church, and Mrs. Hilliard left Thursday morning for a two weeks vacation. Rev. and Mrs. Hilliard drove to Port Everglades, Fla. where they boarded the SS Argentina for a Caribbean Cruise. Pastor Hilliard will serve as the Protestant Chaplain for the 19 day cruise.

The Rev. G. C. Graham of Spruce Pine will conduct services at Higgins Memorial Church on December 9 and 16 at 11 a. m. The Rev. Thomas Rutledge, pastor of Martins Chapel Church, Newdale can be called for pastoral services; his telephone is 675-4170.

Mr. and Mrs. James Bingham of Burnsville and Florida will accompany Rev. and Mrs. Hilliard on the cruise.



Bradford of Rt. 4, Burnsville; five sons, Fred and Blaine of Ypsilanti, Mich.; Roscoe of Welch, W. Va.; Burlis of Indianapolis, Ind.; and Martin of Rt. 4, Burnsville; a sister, Mrs. Axie Whitson of Rt. 4, Burnsville; and three brothers, Hiram and Mark of Rt. 4, Burnsville and Oscar of Jacksonville.



NEW STUDENT LOAN PLAN for North Carolina students receives official sanction from Governor Sanford. Oscar J. Mooneyham, Sr., (r) President of the North Carolina Bankers Association, accepts congratulations for N. C. bankers who developed the plan.

Dauble Island Fourth Place In Contest

Double Island Community won 4th place and \$100 in the farm annual Community Development Awards luncheon held in Asheville at the City Auditorium on December 1. The community was judged on the following basis: participation in community projects, increased income, home improvements and youth program.

Films To Be Shown At Library Meeting

Two films will be shown at the Friends of the Library meeting in Burnsville on Saturday evening, December 8, at 8 p. m.

"Universe" explains present scientific knowledge and theories of the solar system and the galaxies beyond the Milky Way. Dr. Donald MacRae of the University of Toronto presents the observations of astronomers and introduces the questions that puzzle philosophers as well as scientists. This outstanding film stretches the imagination as well as enlarges the knowledge. It is produced by the Canadian National Film Board and is 28 minutes long.

"Adelie Penguins of the Antarctic" is an unusual color film showing the life of cycle of penguins as observed by a team sent out by the American Museum of Natural History. It is appealing to all ages.

The program is sponsored by the Yancey County Friends of the Library and the public is invited to attend.

Mr. Price Speaks To Lions

Mr. H. R. Price, Forest Ranger of the Toecane District, spoke to the Lions Club Thursday night on the improvements being made in the Toecane District. Mr. Price stated that the recreational facilities on Roan Mountain, South Toe, and Flat Top are being improved. The South Toe District has been expanded to take in the old Optimist Camp, and camping facilities are being made to accommodate 100 families, this will take care of the families that stay for several weeks, not just for a day. These improvements are creating employment for local people.

Three new members were taken into the Club on Thursday night. The new members include Paul Wooten, with the Wesco Telephone Co., Mr. Price, and Arney Fox, manager of the Northwestern Bank here.

Bruce Westall, James Bingham, and E. L. Beeson entertained members of the club with selections on their string band.

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United Fund Honor Roll 100 Per Cent Contributing

In the following organizations 100 per cent of employees have contributed to the 1962 campaign of the Yancey United Fund.

- ASCS Office
- County Agent's Office
- The Northwestern Bank
- Carolina Tire Co.
- Doctor's and Hospital Staff
- Farmers Home Administration
- South Toe School
- Oak Crest School
- Town of Burnsville Employees
- Roberts Chevrolet-Buick, Inc.

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