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Forest Service Plans 2 Building Projects, Will Employ 75 Men

The U. S. Forest Service announced this week an allocation of \$70,000 for construction projects in Yancey and Mitchell Counties. District Ranger Harvey R. Price of the Toxane Ranger District, headquarters of which are in Burnsville, said that approximately \$30,000 of the funds will be spent in Yancey County. Ranger Price also said that approximately 75 men will be hired by the Forest Service, which has until May 25 to complete the projects.

Kelley said Mitchell County's share of the funds would be used for work on the Roan Mountain. "We're planning to plant several thousand fir seedlings on the Roan," he said, "and also to do some repair work on the roads." In addition, a trail will be built through the rhododendron gardens and the small upper parking area will be paved.

The Yancey-Mitchell allocation is approximately one-sixth of the total presented to North Carolina. "It's certainly a boon for us," said Harris. "By using the funds in this manner we not only help out the unemployment situation, but we also give the economy a further slight boost by constructing recreational attractions for tourists."

Funds Appropriated For Parkway Work

WASHINGTON — A total of \$32,000 in Public Works Acceleration funds has been referred to stimulate construction of trails and picnic areas along the Blue Ridge Parkway in Ashe, Avery and Yancey Counties. Rep Roy A. Taylor, who repre-

sents Yancey County, said the new funds will also be used to clear scenic overlooks, erect boundary markers and fences and aid in soil conservation projects. The funds will be administered by the Department of Interior, said Taylor.

Mrs. Bennett Is Elected To HD Presidency

The Burnsville Home Demonstration Club held its monthly meeting last Friday and chose its officers for the next two years. Elected during the session at the home of Mrs. W. A. Y. Sargent were Mrs. John Bennett, President; Mrs. Guss Peterson, vice-president; Mrs. Arthur L. Lerman, secretary-treasurer.

Following her election, Mrs. Bennett then appointed the following project leaders and committee chairmen: Mrs. Guss Peterson, food and nutrition; Mrs. Clyde Whittington, food conversation; Mrs. Charles Proffitt, home management and loan funds; Mrs. Sargent, family life, health and safety; Mrs. Julia Gillespie, home beautification; Mrs. Frances Lows, clothing; Mrs. Floyd Davis, crafts.

Also, Mrs. Hattie Cleaver, community service; Mrs. Letterman education; Mrs. Harvey Bowen, citizenship; Mrs. Dorothy Banks and Mrs. Mollie Silvers, international relations; Mrs. P. C. Coletta, public relations; and Mrs. George King, recreation. Miss June Street, county home economist, was in charge of the program and headed a discussion on "how to stretch the food dollar."

The congressman noted that the Interior Department is also releasing \$120,000 in additional APW funds to boost fish and game conservation projects in North Carolina.

"This money will make it possible for North Carolina to undertake hunting and fishing restoration projects which otherwise would have encountered long delays," said Taylor.

Actual expenditure of these funds will occur after individual state projects are cleared by the Area Redevelopment Administration and projects are urged upon by the Interior Department and the N. C. Wildlife Resources Commission.

On such projects, the federal government will bear up to 50 per cent of the total project cost. The remainder must come from state funds, said Rep. Taylor.

Conley Speaks To Methodists

Last Sunday morning a record of over 40 members and guests attended his regular monthly breakfast meeting of the Methodist Men of Higgins Memorial Methodist Church.

A decision was made to carry on the two activities which proved successful last year, the "Pancake Supper" and the distribution of "birthday" calendars.

The program for the meeting was provided by Sinclair B. Conley of the Jack's Creek Community. Conley's observations and advice, based on 51 years as a teacher, were both entertaining and challenging, and were enthusiastically received.

Women's Club Heurs Hunter

The Carolina Hemlock Junior Women's Club met Monday night in the home of Mrs. Charles Steelman and heard Ed Hunter, principal at Burnsville Elementary School speak on the history of Yancey County.

Hunter is regarded as an expert on the subject, as his thesis for his Master's Degree was on Yancey.

In the business session of the meeting, club members voted to continue the "Clothing Closet" project in which garments are collected, mended and presented to needy children. (Persons wishing to donate clothing are requested to contact Mrs. Ray Hilliard).

Stroke is one of the commonest of all blood vessel diseases. Only a few years ago the physician could do little for the stroke victim. Today many patients can be offered aid after stroke can be prevented, the North Carolina Heart Association reports.

Do You Remember?

Recall the days when the town square in Burnsville looked like this? There were the unique (compared to those of today) steel lampposts with the wiring under ground. And there were benches spotted about under the towering locusts.

Time was when you could spend a Sunday afternoon reclining on those benches and catch a glimpse of practically everyone in town. Or else, if you were a pedestrian, you could sit down and take a

breather after making that long pull up the hill from the east side of town.

Back in those days the area behind the statue was the "gridiron" for kids playing touch football (yes, it was popular here even before the Kennedys). That section is now occupied by the "information house."

Captain Burns still possessed his sword, too. The commander of the Revolutionary privateer came through the war unscathed,

but some vandals (reportedly from Tennessee) finally inflicted a wound, taking his saber and most of one limb.

And remember those attractive trees which marked each corner of the square? (Called traffic hazards," they were removed years ago when there was two-way traffic around the "garden."

After this feature is removed, the signs and near head-on collisions it became obvious that something had to be done, so the trees were

cut down to improve visibility. When the accidents continued, the one-way regulations of the present were put into force. Imagine trying to readjust to two-way now!

(Do you have an old photo of a notable event or landmark — buildings, bridges, etc. — of Yancey County? If so, would you consider loaning it to The Record for this feature? Such photos submitted will be returned UNHARMED, and credit will be given the donors).

Wilson To Head Area Dairymen

Robert Wilson of Bakersville was elected President of the newly organized Mt. Mitchell Dairy Herd Improvement Association, Inc. at a meeting in Burnsville of Madison, Mitchell and Yancey County dairymen.

Other officers and directors elected are: Gerald Young, Mars Hill, vice-president; Ed Wilson, Jr., Bakersville, secretary-treasurer; Glenn Buchanan, Green Mountain, Ralph Ray, Cane River, and Doyle Cody, Mars Hill, directors; Max Proffitt, Burnsville, director at large.

John Bailey of Green Mountain has been employed as the official DHEA tester for the association.

W. E. Mainous, Extension Dairy Specialist from N. C. State College will meet with the group January 29 at 8 p. m. in the Courthouse in Burnsville to complete arrangements. All charter members of the association and others who plan to start testing are urged to attend.

ACP Gives Awards To Yancey Farmers

Several Yancey County farmers have received awards for their work in projects of the Agricultural Conservation Program, the Burnsville ACP office announced Wednesday.

At a meeting held recently in Morganton, "awards of merit" were presented to Mark Hall, Ekird Hunter, Jess Buckner, Britt Holloway, W. M. Hall, Hunter Maney and Jack McIntosh.

The awards were signed by the Secretary of Agriculture, Orville P. Freeman.

The following ACP committees from Yancey County received citations from the chairman of the state ASC committee for their contributions in getting from five to nine new farms to participate in the 1962 programs:

Tilden Fender, A. E. Miller, Craig Franklin, Flay Hensley, Hoover Johnson, Jerry Ayers, Elmer Peterson John Evans, Jay Briggs, Johnny Fox, Crawford Jones, Edd Wilson, Charles J. Wesson, Mack Hiskins, Lonas Grindstaff, Ralph Wilson, Sam Riddle and Jack Holfield.

Tar Heel farmers have an opportunity in 1963 for making better use of their Agricultural Conservation Program than ever before, says A. P. Hassell, Jr., Executive Director for the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation State committee.

With a continued need to shift

production of some acreage of soil depleting crops, farmers have unequalled opportunity to use the Agricultural Conservation Program in the seeding of grasses and legumes. In doing this, co-operating farmers will not only be helping to bring production in balance but they will be building reserves in the soil to meet future needs.

The seeding of grasses and legumes is only a part of the job of most effective conservation. The 1963 Agricultural Conservation Program also contains practices providing for the application of liming materials on farmland, contour strip-cropping, forest tree planting, construction of farm ponds for livestock water or irrigation, construction of sod waterways and several others.

To help farmers use the program to the best advantage, elected farmer-committeemen are available in every farming community. Hassell urges all farmers to use these men in analyzing the conservation needs on their farms. "Conservation can be the salvation of farmers in their time of need," he said.

"They should all go by their local ASCS Office, discuss their conservation needs with the personnel there and, if their needs can be met through the program, they should sign the necessary papers on that visit."

Yancey Shivers In -12 Degrees

The thermometer nose-dived far below zero in Burnsville for the second time this winter Wednesday night, hitting an unofficial 12 below.

The mark equaled the lowest temperature previously recorded here this winter.

Roads were left icy in spots by the frigid snap, and driving in most sections was hazardous.

At least one fire was blamed indirectly on the weather. A home owned by Grove Hunter and occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hensley, was extensively damaged Thursday morning by a blaze which started in a fire.

The Burnsville Volunteer Fire Department extinguished the flames quickly after arriving at the scene just outside the city limits. Firemen estimated damage at approximately \$1000.

Hospital Begins Search For Twins

Somewhere in Western North Carolina, a particular set of twins is in for a pleasant surprise. But first they must be found and the public is asked to help locate them.

The subjects of this novel search are the oldest living twins born in Asheville's St. Joseph's Hospital. Since its start as a General Hospital in 1938, over 25,000 births have taken place in St. Joseph's, of which approximately 200 were twins.

When found, and certified from hospital records, as "the oldest," the twins will be invited to be guests of honor at the Mardi Gras Ball to be held in the Asheville municipal auditorium Feb. 16th. The Mardi Gras is a pre-lenten dinner dance, sponsored annually by the 300 members of the St. Joseph's Hospital Guild. This year is the Silver Anniversary of both the hospital and the guild.

Anyone having information as to the identity and whereabouts of the oldest living twin born in St. Joseph's, are asked to contact: Mrs. Freeway by phone, Alpha 4-3241. St. 54 in Asheville.

Yancey Calendar

- FRIDAY**
7:30 p. m.—Basketball, Crossmere at East Yancey and Cane River at Mars Hill.
- MONDAY**
7:30 p. m.—4-H Club Leader Training Seminar, Cafeteria, Firth Carpet Co.
- TUESDAY**
2 p. m.—Home Demonstration Club County Council meeting, Cafeteria, Firth Carpet Co.; 7:30 p. m.—Basketball, Marshall at East Yancey and Bakersville at Cane River.
- WEDNESDAY**
4 p. m.—Yancey County Chapter of American Red Cross meeting, County Courthouse.
- THURSDAY**
7 p. m.—Fellowship Supper, Higgins Memorial Methodist Church.

Scene Around Town

Two prominent citizens talking about the cold snap. "You know," said one, "we didn't have a flake of snow on Bolen's Creek. I guess it's too close to heaven to snow up there." Replied the other: "Or vice versa."

Car upon car being pushed off Thursday morning following the big freeze of Wednesday night (12 below zero... Ice frozen on windows — ON THE INSIDE... Sand scattered on icy streets by the State Highway Department, turning the asphalt to a chalky white... Townspeople bundled and bent against bone-chilling winds, hardly recognizable under all their wraps... Monstrous, yet sleek, jet bombers "buzzing" the square on practically every clear day, obviously making simulated bombing runs... Knots of civic leaders gathered at their favorite meeting place—the corner grocery store — excitedly discussing the upsurge of activity in the county (drive for new educational, drive for new Baptist Church, Ford Foundation

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study, Forest Service and Blue Ridge Parkway appropriations) and arguing about the possibilities accompanying each... Students from nearby colleges home again already for another vacation, this time during the mid-term break (and sweating out results of their exams)... Another accident at the complicated intersection near the eastern foot of "town hill"... Kids testing the thickness of ice on frozen ponds and (to their very obvious disappointment) finding it too thin for skating or sliding.

BLOODSHED BOXSCORE
ON N. C. HIGHWAYS

RALEIGH — The Motor Vehicles Department's summary of traffic deaths through 10 A. M. Monday, January 21, 1948:

KILLED TO DATE
Killed To Date Last Year 40

CR Club Holds Library Meet

BY ROSEMARY JAMERSON
Cane River High School notes: The Library Club met last week for a discussion on the importance of books.

Several members presented a program, "How to Process and Care For Books." Library conduct was also discussed, along with the Dewey Decimal System and several American and English authors.

Members wound up the meeting by reviewing a partial list of 130 new books in the library.

On Thursday and Friday the books were put to best advantage during mid-term tests, each of which lasted 1½ hours.

The end of the exam period was marked Friday by basketball games against East Yancey. Cane River managed a split before a record home crowd, the girls losing while the boys triumphed.

Legion In Anti-Red Move

The Earl Horton American Legion Post of Yancey County lent its support this week to the state organization's drive against alleged communists and communistic literature at the University of North Carolina.

"We want to go on record as being opposed to what is being allowed to go on at Chapel Hill," said Guss Peterson of Burnsville, the local post's secretary.

"We are in the process of draft-