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## Flu Epidemic Hits Yancey; Estimated 1-of-3 Are Sick

### Adults Hit Hardest By 'Asian Bug'

Approximately one-third of Yancey County's estimated 15,000 residents have been stricken by the flu epidemic which is sweeping across the country, Dr. W. A. Y. Sargent of Burnsville said Friday.

Dr. Sargent said it is the worst outbreak he has seen in several years here.

"There is absolutely no room in Yancey Hospital," he said. "We are filled to overflowing, and there is nowhere to put patients, even those in dire need of hospitalization."

In one case, an elderly, partially-paralyzed lady who has no one to care for her at home, had to be put on the hospital's waiting list.

Yancey's five doctors have been working day and night in an effort to combat the influenza, but it's a slow, tedious job since so many house calls are necessary.

Most of those with the virus have been adults. School attendance so far has deviated very little from the normal absence rate.

"The flu epidemic," said one of the doctors. "Those with the flu should take very good care of themselves and not take chances by getting out."

All the doctors urged Yancey Countians to refrain from visiting friends and relatives in the hospitals and clinics except in emergency cases.

"The Yancey Hospital has been on quarantine for a week, but people still show up at visiting hours," said Dr. Sargent. "This is the biggest way in which this flu can be spread. Please, do not visit unless absolutely necessary."

### Sorry To Be Late, But We Were Bugged

Did you receive your Record a day or so late this week?

We can answer that one for you. . . We know for sure that you did.

Now don't berate your postman. It wasn't his fault. It was ours. But we feel we have a good excuse. We were bugged!

On Friday (Feb. 23) Thurman Brown, the Record's one and only compositor, came down with the flu. In rapid succession, the bug bit T. Horace Higgins, the Record's jack-of-all trades, Tom Higgins, the editor and publisher, and Mrs. Lois Roland, the linotype operator.

Mrs. Roland's troubles were two-fold as her daughter, Sandra, also became sick and was hospitalized.

We struggled back to work at noon Wednesday two and one-half days behind schedule, still weak but determined. On Saturday morning we finally made it—the paper was completed. This marks one of the few times the Record has been published on Saturday.

We apologize for the delay, but we feel you understand if you now have the flu, we know you will. We'll be back on schedule next week.

Oh yes, we are all recovered now, thank you.



TWO FOR THE SHOW—Sometimes it takes a fella and his buddy to get a cow ready for a show. Dean Jarrett (left) and Glenn Pressell of Double Island clip Dean's guernsey. This is typical of the way 4-H'ers, who are presently observing their week work together.

### 4-H Clubs In Yancey Have Week

At the present time there are 160 members enrolled. There are no 4-H clubs in the county. The community 4-H was started in 1956.

Community 4-H Clubs organized and the adult leaders of these clubs are as follows:

Double Island — Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Thomas; Arbuckle — Mr. and Mrs. John McMahan; Brush Creek — Mr. and Mrs. Wade Randolph; Newdale — Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Gibbs; Pensacola — Mrs. Katie Wilson, Sammy D. Riddle; Jacks Creek — Mrs. Carlie Rice; Buster Stamey; Bunick — Mrs. Edna Bowditch; James McDougald; Green Mountain — Mrs. Lloyd E. Boone; Yates Deyton; Eagle Creek — Mrs. Ben Ball; Mrs. Max Horton; Bald Creek — Mrs. Shelby Robertson.

These leaders meet with their clubs each month.

Extension 4-H Agents hold training meetings to assist leaders with their monthly programs and to acquaint them with county, district and state 4-H activities.

Very soon, 4-H Clubs will be organized in all communities in the county that would like to have them.

### PTA Group Will Hear J D Expert

Gene Jarvis of Asheville, an expert on juvenile delinquency, will address a combined meeting of Yancey County's Parent-Teacher Associations next week.

Jarvis is scheduled to speak Monday night (March 4) at East Yancey High School at 7:30 p. m.

Jarvis is now an officer in the Asheville Police Department, specializing in juvenile work. He is considered among the best in the country in his field.

A native of Asheville, Jarvis attended Springfield College in Massachusetts, majoring in Physical Education. Upon graduation in 1952, he became physical director of the Asheville YMCA.

In 1956 he became affiliated with the Asheville Police Department's juvenile control offices, and two years later was promoted to sergeant in the detective office, still specializing in juvenile work. He has attended numerous colleges offering courses on juvenile delinquency, including the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

He is a member of several advisory committees of the Cross, is a member of a teenagers' Sunday School class at Asheville's Christian Church, and is a past member of the Boy Scouts of America Council.

He is the son of the late Judge N. C. Jarvis, he is married to the former Jean Andrews of Durham, and they have two daughters.



GENE JARVIS



YANCEY COUNTY'S 4-H LEADERS—(top, left to right) Samuel D. Riddle, Mrs. Katie Wilson, James McDougald, Edna Bowditch, Mrs. Cora Pressell, Mrs. Bernice Randolph; (middle, left to right) Tom Gibbs, Mrs. Mary Alice Gibbs, John McMahan, Mrs. Ruth Rice, Buster Stamey; (bottom, left to right) Mrs. E. Robertson, Mrs. Jean Hilemon, Yates Deyton, Mrs. Jenny Thomas, J. D. Thomas. Not pictured are Mrs. Jay Ball, Mrs. Opal Horton, Mrs. May Banks and Wade Randolph.

### Do You Remember?

Recall the Burnsville Eagle? It was Yancey County's first newspaper, and one of the earlier weeklies in Western North Carolina.

The paper was established by the late John N. Lyon and the late O. A. Lewis (pictured above) in 1896 in Greenville, Tenn. Around the turn of the century they moved their equipment across the mountains to Burnsville.

The Eagle, as it was called until 1936 when it became The Yancey Record, had three homes in Burnsville. It first was located in a frame building on the site now occupied by Ray Brothers' Grocery. Later it was moved to the building now occupied by Ruby's Flower Shop and John

Robinson's Photo Studios.

This picture was taken in 1928 at its third and final location, the site where the Blue Ridge Hardware Co. building now stands. Next door was a garage (now the building contains Burnsville Dept. Store), and one of the gas pumps is visible through the open door of the print shop. An obviously curious youngster (he has his thumb in his mouth) is standing in the door, apparently marveling at the camera.

This picture as donated by Mr. Lewis' children, who often helped him publish the paper.

One of them, Miss Bess Lewis, a Yancey County teacher, vividly recalls taking the press for her father (the press is to Lewis' left

in the picture.)

Publishing a paper was an extremely slow process in those days," Miss Lewis recalled. "The type had to be set by hand, letter-by-letter. Then, when the paper to be printed was ready, you had to be in the chases between each impression. The latter was my job. I remember my friends called me a 'Little Printer's Devil' and it made me boiling mad."

There were, in addition to Bess, seven other Lewis children who at one time or another assisted their father. They are Ralph of Enka, Joe, Oliver and John of Burnsville, Mrs. Dora Horton of Asheville, Mrs. Margaret Hensley of Banner Elk and Mrs. Mary Branch of Vienna, Va.

### Locals

Yates Bennett of Burnsville underwent surgery Friday at Veterans Hospital at Oteen. He is chairman of Yancey County's Democratic party.

Miss Cynthia Ann Randolph of Winston-Salem spent last weekend here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Randolph.

Miss Carolyn Clevenger of Carson-Newman College in Jefferson City, Tenn., visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Clevenger, last weekend.

Jimmy Hughes, who recently retired from the armed services, is visiting his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Clapp in Burnsville.

Mrs. Frank Howard Lewis Jr. was honored Friday night at a shower at the home of Mrs. Carol Angel. Mrs. John Ryan of

Johnson City, Tenn. was co-hostess. The Lewis reside in Washington, D. C.

J. P. (Francis) Robinson of Cane River is in Durham for a check-up at Duke Hospital. R. L. McIntosh, Gene Higgins, Phil Harris and Bill Silvers, all of Burnsville, attended "Speed Weeks" last week in Daytona, Fla.

Troy Ray of Burnsville is confined to Yancey Hospital.

Misses Fran and Rusty Plemons of Winston-Salem are visiting their sister, Mrs. Tom Higgins in Burnsville this weekend.

Mrs. A. G. Edge of Burnsville is a patient in Yancey Hospital. Mrs. Raymus Hilliard was honored at a baby shower Thursday in the home of Mrs. Mack Ray.

### YANCEY OBITUARIES

#### ROSCOE McMAHAN

Roscoe McMahan, 73, of Burnsville, died Saturday morning Feb. 16 in Yancey Hospital after a two week illness.

Services were at 2:30 p. m. Feb. 17 in Laurel Branch Baptist Church at Pensacola.

The Rev. A. Z. Jamerson and the Rev. Ralph Mumpower officiated. Burial was in the family cemetery.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Oscar Hensley of Burnsville; a son, Burns of Swannanoa; a sister, Mrs. Judd McMahan of Asheville; and three brothers, R. H. and Hilliard of Pensacola and Willard of Swannanoa.

#### College Choir To Sing Here

The Mars Hill College Touring Choir will present a program of sacred music March 10 at the First Baptist Church in Burnsville.

The visitors will sing during the evening hour of worship. The program will present "All Breathing Life," "O Saviour Throw The Heavens Wide," "Let Down Thy Bars, O Death," "The Brazilian Psalm," and several spirituals, including, "Creep Along Moses," "Good News," "Wonderful Counselor," and "My Lord, What A Morning."

#### Higgins Church Has New Elder

Gerald Clark of Asheville has been appointed to act as lay assistant at the Higgins Seventh Day Adventist Church during the absence of Elder A. J. Skender.

Elder Skender recently accepted an appointment at Charlotte in the Carolina Conference of Seventh Day Adventist Headquarters.

Two deacons were recently ordained at the Higgins church. Ordained during services Feb. 18 were John Woody and W. J. Clapp, both of Rt. 2 Burnsville.

## Rep. Taylor Requests Reappraisal At Oteen

WASHINGTON — Congressman Roy A. Taylor has called on the Veterans Administration to re-evaluate accommodations at its Oteen Hospital.

In a letter to VA Administrator John S. Gleason, Jr., Rep. Taylor said he had information that the waiting list of patients seeking admission to Oteen had surged to 404 veterans.

The Congressman said this was the total on Feb. 5 and included 258 medical patients and 146 surgical patients.

"Veterans' service officers and organizations in western North Carolina are greatly disturbed over this large waiting list and resulting long delay in providing hospitalization for qualified veterans," declared Taylor.

"If a veteran is entitled to hospitalization, he should get it when he needs it, not many months later," said the congressman.

He called Gleason's attention to a VA policy statement of 1950 in which the VA pledged as follows: "The Oteen situation will be watched carefully. If at any time it becomes apparent that an increase in accommodations is re-

quired to meet the demand, we will give consideration to providing additional beds."

Rep. Taylor declared, "I believe it is apparent that an increase in accommodations at Oteen is required. I request that you re-evaluate and re-study the bed capacity, with a view of increasing the capacity to reduce and eliminate this waiting list."



REP. ROY TAYLOR