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Court House Burnsville, N.C.

Do You Remember?

The big, greyish building with the shiny silver-painted dome was the pride of Yancey County in 1912, when the photo above was taken.

Few of the other mountain counties had a courthouse like it.

Only four years old at the time, the building sat alone in a treeless, grassless plot that became a quagmire in wet weather. Nevertheless, it was then as now, a popular gathering spot where men with a few idle hours to pass traded news and talked politics. However, it was a place to be

dodged by the younger set, especially after dark.

"There were no street lights then, of course," explains Mrs. P. C. Coletta, whose daughter, Irene, donated this picture. "And the courthouse with its cold, dark windows and that building behind it were frightening to children."

"The wooden building adjacent to the courthouse was supposed to be haunted. It was called the Masonic Temple since the Masons held their meetings in an upstairs room. Caskets were stored and sold in the downstairs section.

"A great deal of secrecy surrounded the Masons then and that plus those caskets gave the children of those days in lurid fascination. None of us would go near the area after dark."

The shiny dome, muddy streets and Masonic Temple are all gone now. The latter's spot is occupied by a building which houses the U. S. Post Office and other government agencies.

The old courthouse may disappear soon also if Yancey leaders are successful in obtaining funds to build a new one.

Illinois Organization Offers Big Bond On Cattail Project

The Illinois organization that has proposed to construct a resort and recreation area on Cattail Creek has offered to post a \$5 million cash bond to show its intentions are serious. The Record learned yesterday.

The organization, headed by Nick Stigallo of Oak Park, Ill.,

Frank T. Sedlacek and Henry F. Kosaka of Berwyn, Ill., will make the offer shortly to the State Highway Commission, with whom the fate of the project apparently hangs.

Construction of the facility, which would include a complex of motel and convention buildings around a ski slope, skating areas and golf course, hinges on the state's building of an access road from the Burnsville area to Mount Mitchell via Cattail.

The huge bond offer is being made to assure state officials that the plans will be pursued to fulfillment if a road is constructed.

Meanwhile, Congressman Roy A. Taylor of Black Mountain threw his support behind Yancey County in its drive to make the proposal a reality.

In a letter to Sedlacek last week Taylor said:

"I was extremely delighted to learn of your proposals for the development of a year-around resort and recreation center on Cattail Creek in Yancey County. Please accept my congratulations and appreciation for selecting Western North Carolina.

"You could not have selected an area more abundant in the beauties of nature nor more richly endowed with the finest human resources. I am confident that as plans for your project develop, the

community leaders and citizens of Yancey County will be increasingly anxious to lend their cooperation and support in any manner indicated. I am happy to pledge my support and express the hope that you will call upon me whenever I may be of assistance.

"It was with great interest that I read the account of your proposal in newspapers of the area. The project you envision seems to include everything which would appeal to both summer and winter visitors to Western North Carolina."

Health Dept. To Hold Pre-School Clinics

The local Health Department has announced that a Pre-School "Round-Up" will be dated this spring at the various elementary schools in the county, at dates to be announced later.

Parents are requested to take their children who will be starting to school next fall to their families so that if physical defects are found they may be corrected before the beginning of school.

North Carolina laws require that children be immunized against diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus, Smallpox and Polio before they are allowed to enter school. These immunizations should be completed before the beginning of school in the fall. They may be given by the family physician or obtained at the Health Center

in Burnsville on Mondays between the hours of 12:30 and 4:30 p. m. If given by the family physician, a certificate of immunization should be sent to the Health Department for permanent recording.

The Health Department will supply blanks to parents of pre-school children for submitting needed information regarding the child. Parents are requested to contact the Health Department if they have a child who will enter school for the first time this fall.

MEETING CANCELED

The Burnsville Garden Club's meeting for March, scheduled for Friday (March 8) has been canceled.

The Community Column

BURNSVILLE

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Smith of Burnsville vacationed in Florida last week with Mr. and Mrs. James Freeman of Charlotte. Mrs. Freeman is the former Jean Ray Smith of Burnsville.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lee Fox and daughter Jane of Winston-Salem visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Fox, last week. Glenn Fox of Asheville also visited the Willard Foxes over the weekend after attending last week's North Carolina Education Association meeting in Asheville.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Presnell returned to their home here this week after visiting their daughter, Mrs. Alex Helms and her family in Roanoke, Va. They also visited Miss Zoe Young in Durham en route home.

Miss Clara Ayers, Mrs. Ethel Riddle and Mrs. Bess Beaver are visiting relatives in New Jersey this week.

Ronnie Webb, son of Dr. and Mrs. Melvin Webb, and David McIntosh, son of Mr. and Mrs. Reece McIntosh, visited their parents

last week. The boys are in school at Randolph-Macon Academy in Virginia.

Dean Plimmons Sr. of Winston-Salem and Dean Jr. of Frederick, Md., visited Mr. and Mrs. Tom Higgins earlier this week.

Troy Ray of Burnsville is reported seriously ill in Yancey hospital.

Gurney O. Arrowood of Marion, an insurance agent who spent much time in Yancey and made many friends here, died Monday in his home after a brief illness.

CANE RIVER

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence King and sons of Erwin, Tenn., and Mr. and Mrs. Everett Harding were the guests last weekend of Mr. and Mrs. Sam King.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Lee Hensley and children visited the Fred Bryans in Garden City last week.

Wayne Jay McDowell of the U. S. Air Force, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jay McDowell, has been assigned to Hunter Air Force Base in Savannah, Ga.

Mrs. Elbert McIntosh is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Monroe King.

Also visiting in the Cane River area last weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Silvers and daughter, who visited Mrs. Ruby Silvers; and the Willie Jay Ferguson family of Johnson City, Tenn., who visited Mr. and Mrs. Carlo Riddle.

The Junior Class of Cane River High School will sponsor a spaghetti supper Saturday night (March 30) in the school cafeteria.

Plates will be served from 6 to 8 p. m.

A dance will follow at the school after the supper. The admission charge is \$1.00 for adults and 75 cents for students.

Tickets can be purchased from any junior or at the door.

NEWDALE

Newdale area parents met in the fellowship hall of Martin's Chapel Methodist Church Thursday night and discussed the possibilities of forming a Boy Scout Troop with Frank Gay, Field Executive of the BSA in the Daniel Boone Council.

A meeting of boys will be held later. In the meantime, boys 10 and over who would like to become Scouts may obtain application blanks from the Rev. Thomas Rutledge at the Newdale Methodist parsonage or from Brant Young.

GREEN MOUNTAIN

The Green Mountain Home Demonstration Club met recently at the home of Mrs. Lloyd Hilemon and named the following committee chairmen:

Community services—Mrs. Tom Laws; Health and Safety—Mrs. Lloyd Hilemon; Education and Loan Funds—Mrs. Jess Fox; Citizenship and International Relations—Mrs. Ray Fox; Music—Mrs. Billie Ray Ayers; Public Relations—Mrs. Yates Deyton; 4-H Club Leader—Mrs. Lloyd Hilemon; and Recreation—Mrs. W. D. Garland.

BALD CREEK

A bingo party has been scheduled at 7:30 p. m. Saturday in the Bald Creek Community House. The public is invited.

Yancey Calendar

SATURDAY

6 p. m.—Spaghetti supper and dance, sponsored by Junior Class, Cane River High School.

MONDAY

6 p. m.—Family Night Series (conclusion), First Presbyterian Church, Burnsville; 7:30 p. m.—East Yancey PTA, East Yancey High School.

Dr. H. V. Simon To Speak At Presbyterian Dinner

The First Presbyterian Church of Burnsville will hold the last of its series of Family Night Dinners, based on the theme "What Presbyterians Believe," Tuesday (April 2) at 6:30 p. m. at the church.

Dr. Hugh V. Simon, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Greeneville, Tenn., will be the speaker. His subject will be "Sin: You Know What I Mean."

Dr. Simon is a native of Kansas. He attended the University of Kansas for two years and then entered the insurance field. He continued in insurance until he entered the Army in 1942 and served for 45 months, 18 of which were spent in the European Theater. After completing his tour of duty, Simon returned to college and completed his B. A. degree at



Washburn University, Topeka, Kan. He then entered Louisville Seminary and graduated in 1950.

Simon has served pastorates in Rockwood, Tenn., and Pratt, Kan. He is present Moderator of Holston Presbytery, U. P., U. S. A. (United Presbyterian Church, U. S. A.).

Dr. Simon received an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Tusculum College where he has been a guest instructor.

Preceding the program Jack Kelley will lead informal singing.

Mrs. Harlon Holcombe and Mrs. Carl Ray will coordinate the decorations and food for the covered-dish type supper.

A separate class will be held for young people in the first through sixth grades.

REVIVAL SCHEDULED

A Revival has been scheduled to begin April 15 at the Western Burnsville Baptist Church, Rev. Fred Harrell announced this week.

The Rev. C. N. Buchanan of Bakersville will conduct the services, which begin at 7:30 each evening.

Lime Use Explained By Agent

E. L. Dillingham, Agricultural Extension Chairman for Yancey County has indicated that a number of questions are being asked about lime, especially from farmers who recently had soil samples tested. The two most common questions are why so many fields show a need for lime and why soils limed last year are still acid?

Dillingham explains that soils are acid for a number of reasons. First they are naturally acid before cultivation. If not limed they tend to remain acid. After lime is applied and mixed with the plowlayer soil acidity is neutralized, but cropping, additions of some types of fertilizer and insecticides, example, copper sulphur dust on grapes, leaching and especially deeper plowing cause the soil to gradually become acid again, until a point is reached where reliming is necessary in order to maintain the soil pH within the desired range. Increasing the depth of plowing by only two or three inches usually mixes extremely acid subsoil material with the normal plowlayer. Deeper plowing is often a good practice but liming rates must be adjusted to take care of the increased acidity added to the plowlayer. Deep plowing can result in a need for liming soils which otherwise show a satisfactory pH in the top six inches.

Dillingham also explains why it is often difficult to measure a pH change in the soil after liming. Probably the most frequent difficulty is the lack of complete mixing of the lime with the plowlayer sampled. Spreading lime before plowing can result in most of it being turned under to the bottom of the plowlayer. Lime should be mixed with as much of the plow layer as is possible. It will help to apply lime, disk, then plow.

Liming soils, especially those showing extreme acidity in the plowlayer, is an important step toward higher per acre yields and efficient production. For best results lime should be added two to four months of planting. If the lime cannot be applied until just before planting, it is still better than not liming at all.

Crop Dusting Set Next Week

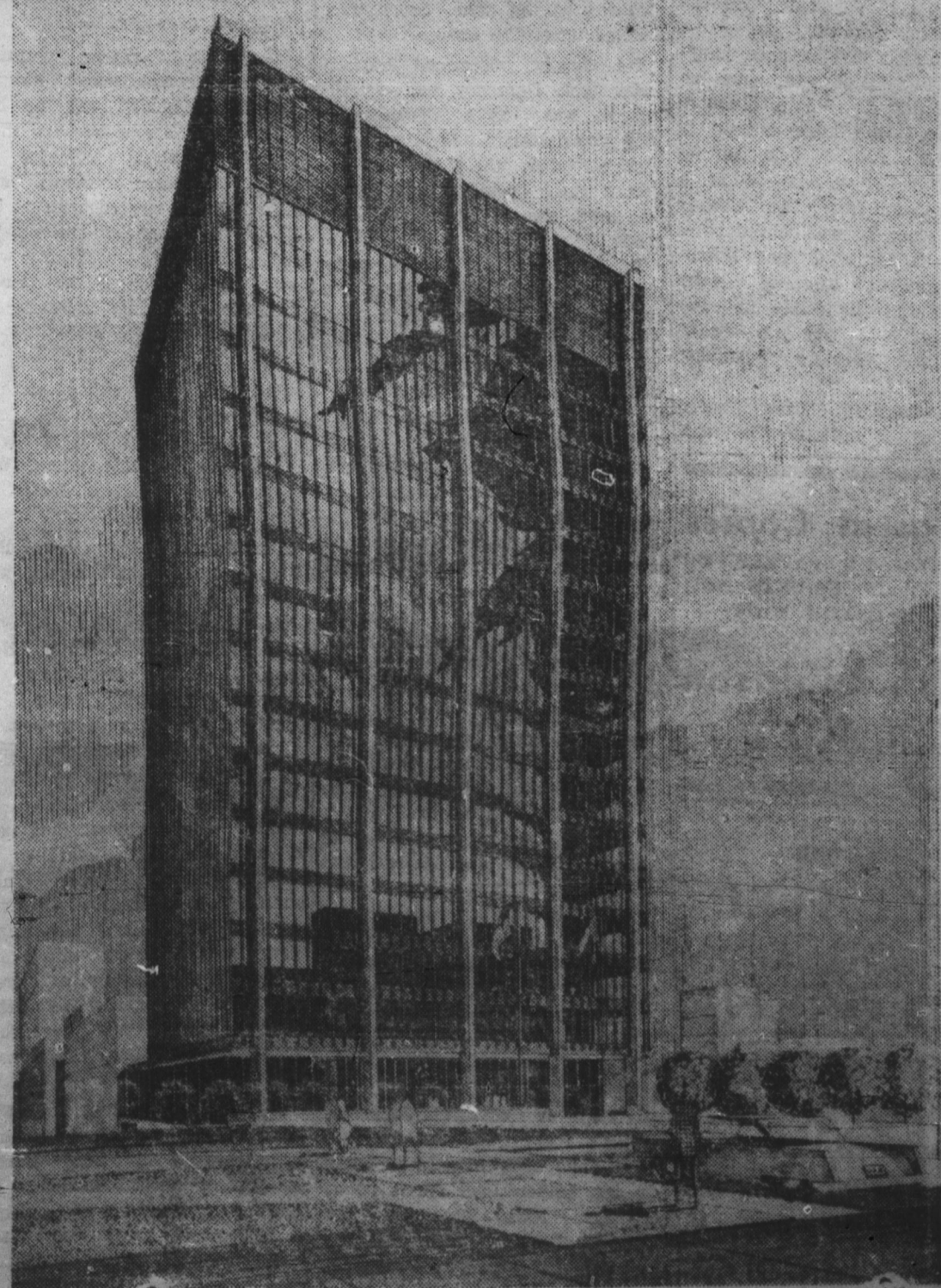
The selection of a suitable landing strip has been settled and plans are on the go to start the airplane fertilization program for Yancey County.

The Turner Flying Service of Henderson will spread the fertilizer, with the farmers bringing their fertilizer to the place.

The cost of this service will be \$1.35 per hundred pounds of material spread.

If weather is favorable, this work should take place around the first of April.

Farmers who plan to have fertilizer applied by air are: Luther Ayers, George King, Ben Randolph, Byrle Robinson, Fred McCurry, W. O. Briggs, J. B. Stamey, R. P. Peterson, Clay Morrow and Max Proffitt.



TO CHANGE SKYLINE—A new "peak" that will greatly alter Western North Carolina's skyline will soon appear. It will be The Northwestern Bank's new 19-story building in Asheville. (See story on Page Five).