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Do You Remember?

The building pictured above, the old Burnsville Mill, still stands and is a sight familiar to Yancey Countians of today. However, few of the present generation know its "illuminating" history.

The mill, which gave the street its name — "Mill Street" — is located near the intersection of Summitt and Main Streets.

It was built in 1912 by Cornelius Robertson, E. F. Watson and W. M. (Will) English. The latter attained sole ownership in 1920. (Robertson and English are the men pictured).

Craig English, Yancey County's veteran forest ranger, virtually grew up at his father's mill. "I looked like a ghost most of my

younger years, I was so white from the dust that got on me at the mill," he said.

Craig added that he remembered times when 20 to 25 wagons were tied up near the mill, their owners waiting their turn to have corn, wheat or rye ground. "Why, some people even brought food and camped nearby when they brought their grain at harvest time. They knew there would be a crowd and a wait."

The mill served a dual purpose in 1923, much to the relief of Burnsville residents.

A log dam on Cane River owned by the Burnsville Electric Company washed away that year, throwing the town into darkness and forcing Burnsvillians to break

out oil lamps and candles.

However, the electric company, which was headed by Bob Wilson and Green Woody, and mill-owner English hit upon a solution.

The power company's generator was brought from the dam site to English's mill and placed in the engine room; at night a belt from English's one-cylinder, gasoline powered engine was put on the generator, thus furnishing the town with light. "It was dim, but it was light," said Craig English.

Will English continued to operate the mill until advancing age forced his retirement in the late 1940s. It then had several operators before finally going out of business within the last decade.

A Rarity In Burnsville: Town Election Is Hot!!

BY TOM HIGGINS, Record Editor

Burnsville's biennial town election, traditionally a "ho-hum" affair attracting a small percentage of the eligible voters, took an about-face this week.

The political fires—and some passions—are raging as the May 7 polling date draws near. Prospects are for a heavy turnout and an extremely close contest for the three posts at stake.

Locked in conflict for the mayor's spot are incumbent Bob Helme and attorney Bill Atkins, a veteran in Yancey County politics. Both are Democrats.

Incumbent commissioners B. R. Penland and P. C. (Pete) Coletta are also seeking re-election. Their opposition comes from Molt Henstey, a former Clerk of Court, and Ralph Peterson, ex-Burnsville Police Chief who was blinded in a gun battle while attempting to make an arrest several years ago.

Practically every phase of city government seems to be an issue, but most of the talk in the court-house corridors and on the square is about water rates, parking meters, streets, sewage disposal and the police department. Of course, rumors are flying about what will happen concerning personnel for these departments, if various candidates are elected.

Helme, Penland and Coletta stood on their record in an ad appearing in this week's Yancey Record advertisement that he was at issue with the incumbents on water rates, streets and certain actions of the police.

He emphasized, however, that contrary to rumor he had not "decided on certain ones" for various jobs and would not think about this until having taken the oath

of office, if elected.

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by both groups almost nightly for the past week or so.

The polls will open Tuesday at the town hall at 6:30 a. m. and will remain open until 5:30 p. m. Election officials are Ed Banner, registrar; Phil Ray and John G. Wilson, Judges.

Yancey Notebook

RALEIGH — A bill carrying a 1963-65 \$25,000 appropriation for Parkway Playhouse at Burnsville was introduced Wednesday by Rep. Mark Bennett of Yancey County.

A total of \$5,000 would be allocated for maintenance, alterations, improvements and new construction at the facilities used by the playhouse but owned by the County Board of Education.

The remaining \$20,000 would be authorized for internal operation and production costs, including training and teaching in the performing arts and for providing personnel for the playhouse's annual summer theater workshop.

The bill was sent to the Appropriations Committee whose joint subcommittee is now nearing the end of its basic work of all 1963-65 appropriations bill.

be at Celso at 10 a. m. and at Newdale at 11. Rev. Byrd Metcalf assistant at Bald Creek, will be at Elk Shoal at 10 a. m. and at Horton Hill at 11.

The Future Farmers of America Beef Cattle Judging team from East Yancey High School won the annual Blue Ridge Federation contest, held at Warren Wilson College Tuesday (April 25).

The local team, judging four classes of Herford cows, steers, and heifers, amassed a total of 1,140 points out of a possible 1,200 points, thus advancing to the District Contest to be held at Green Field Farm in Asheville May 11.

Members of the East Yancey entry included Johnny Hughes, Larry Hughes, Charles Hyatt and Sherrill Crowder.

Yancey. The drive has two objectives — to save lives now and to save lives in the future. Everyone is asked to take an active part in achieving these objectives.

Heeding the advice in the literature left by a volunteer calling on you could help save your life. A generous contribution would help save other lives now as well as in the future.

The immediate objective of the Crusade is to save half of those who develop cancer each year — or lives of 255,000 men, women and children. This can be done if we are able to persuade people to get to their doctors in time for prompt treatment. But now only one out of three patients is saved because of delay in diagnosis. This is why the educational phase of the Crusade is so important.

District Chairmen from various sections of the County are: Bald Creek, Mrs. Mildred Proffitt; Bee Lox, Mr. Ernest Miller, President of the Community Development Club; Burnsville, Mrs. Annie W. Bennett; Higgins, Mr. Baxter Silver; Micaville, Mrs. Lea Harris.

The Home Demonstration Clubs under the direction of Miss June Street will also be among the Crusade Volunteers. Mrs. Margaret S. Tyner is Publicity Chairman.

On Saturday (April 27) Cane River High School's juniors and seniors held their annual banquet.

Approximately 200 attended the banquet, held in the school cafeteria, which had been decorated in a Spanish theme. Entertainment was provided in the form of speeches by Ann S. Vito, Wasda Pittman, Rosemary Jamerson and David Edwards.

Music was provided by a visiting band from Johnson City, Tenn., "The Willows."

A large mural of Spanish scenes covering the back wall was painted for the occasion by Don Wilson. After the banquet, a dance was held in the school gymnasium.

The 1964 wheat referendum can affect future legislation on all farm programs according to A. P. Hassell, Jr., Executive Director for the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation State Committee. The attitude of Congressional leaders and the entire Nation toward supply management programs is at stake on May 21.

A favorable vote would indicate that farmers are willing to keep their production in line with the needs in return for a guaranteed price support. An unfavorable vote would indicate that farmers want to control production and would sell their wheat at the going market price.

Hassell says that all Congressmen do not think in terms of the successful programs such as the agricultural conservation program, tobacco program, peanut or cotton programs. Instead, they think of the "farm program" in general and an unfavorable vote would mean to them that farmers were opposed to all programs. Hassell urges each wheat farmer to get all the facts and cast his vote on May 21.

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be in Burnsville Wednesday (May 15) from 11:30 a. m. to 5:30 p. m. in the U. S. Army Training Center (better known as the Armory Building). The Armory is located at the corner of Main Street and Orchard Street.

Yancey Obituaries

MRS. LINNIE PATE

Mrs. Linnie H. Pate, 59, of Green Mountain, died Friday in Yancey Hospital following a long illness.

Services were held at 3 p. m. Sunday in Holcombe Brothers Funeral Home.

The Rev. Gilbert Adkins officiated, burial was in Hylemon Cemetery.

Palbearers were Larry and Betty Morrow, Keith Higgins, Sammy and Floyd Hylemon Jr., Clarence and Olan Pate and Julie Tipton.

Surviving are the husband, John Pate; three sisters, Mrs. Clay Morrow and Mrs. Clyde Higgins of Burnsville and Mrs. John Meador of Asheville; and three brothers, Carl and Floyd Hylemon of Burnsville and Earl Hylemon of Kansas City, Mo.

L. D. ANGEL

L. D. Angel, 59, of Scotch Plains, N. J., a former Burnsville resident, died April 25 in Scotch Plains.

A native of Yancey County, Mr. Angel was a retired port engineer with Standard Oil Co. of New

Jersey.

The body was brought to Burnsville where services were held at 2:30 p. m. Sunday in West Burnsville Baptist Church.

The Rev. Fred Harrell and the Rev. Ralph Greene officiated. Burial was in Daniels Cemetery at Hughes.

Palbearers were Bobby and Danny Angel, Glenn and Frankie Lance and Tony and Clayborn Greene.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Dolly Vance Angel; a daughter, Mrs. John Salm Jr. of Alabama; the mother, Mrs. R. V. Angel of Burnsville; a sister, Mrs. Zula Saulmon of Baltimore, Md.; a brother, Para B. Angel of Burnsville; and two grandchildren.

Holcombe Brothers Funeral Home of Burnsville was in charge.

JAMES D. RAY

James D. Ray, 50, of Meaville, died in a Spruce Pine hospital Sunday at noon after a long illness.

Services were held at 2 p. m. Tuesday at Bowditch Union Church. The Rev. Sam Moore and the

Rev. George Anderson officiated and burial was in Carroway Cemetery.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Maxie Hoover Ray; two daughters, Mrs. Robert Hall of Connecticut and Miss Barbara Ray of the home; four sons, Dan, Lloyd, Leonard, and Philip Ray, all of Micaville; the mother, Mrs. John Ray of Micaville; three sisters, Mrs. Georgia Robinson of Burnsville, Mrs. George Anderson of Marion, and Mrs. Paul Gardner of Connecticut; five brothers, Frank of Burnsville, Roy of Micaville, Carl of Swannanoa, Arthur of Celso and Paul Ray of Oteen; and two grandchildren.

RICHMOND WILSON

MARION—Final rites for Richmond A. Wilson, 59, of Marion, who died in an Asheville hospital Monday, were conducted at 2 p. m. Tuesday in Mt. Mitchell Baptist Church in the Busick section of Yancey County. Burial was in the Gregg Cemetery.

Mr. Wilson was an employe of Elon-Hawkins Lumber Co. of Marion and was a carpenter. He was surviving are the widow, Mrs. Bessie Murphy Wilson; two daughters, Mrs. Junior West of Burnsville and Clifton of Marion; the mother, Mrs. Mary Wilson of Old Fort; six half-sisters, Mrs. Randolph Johnson, Mrs. Calvin Grogan, Mrs. Alex Simmons, Mrs. George Allison and Mrs. Ernest Allison, all of Old Fort; and Mrs. Lester Roland of Black Mountain; two half-brothers, William and James, both of Old Fort; and eight grandchildren.

Arrangements were under direction of Holcombe Brothers Funeral Home of Burnsville.

MRS. FLORENCE HUNTER

Mrs. Florer Hunter, 97, died about noon Friday in her home in Burnsville after a long illness.

Mrs. Hunter was a former school teacher, having taught in Yancey County schools and at the old Yancey Collegiate Institute.

Services were held at 2 p. m. Sunday in First Baptist Church of Burnsville, where she was the oldest living member.

The Rev. C. B. Trammel officiated and burial was in McIntosh Cemetery.

Cane River Student Dies In Auto Mishap

A 16-year-old student at Cane River High School, John L. Webb Jr., of Burnsville RFD 4, was killed about 10 p. m. Wednesday when a car in which he was a passenger ran off a slight curve on U. S. 19-W nine miles northwest of here and plunged into Cane River.

His body was recovered about 150 feet downstream by members of the Spruce Pine Rescue Squad just after 8 a. m. Thursday.

Yancey County Coroner Dr. W. A. Y. Sargent said Webb's death was due to drowning.

State Highway Patrolman R. R. McKinney said Webb was a passenger in a 1955 Ford automobile operated by Jonathan Clay Wheeler, 18, of Burnsville RFD 3, a senior at Cane River High School.

Wheeler was admitted to Yancey

County Hospital with lacerations and bruises.

Two other passengers in the car, Keith Silvers, 19, and Ewert Hylemon, 20, both of RFD 4, were unhurt, according to the patrolman. McKinney said the car apparently went out of control, after which it skidded down the highway 425 feet and ran over a 10-foot embankment into the river.

It came to rest on its top in the middle of the river, where the water is approximately seven feet deep.

Webb was the third traffic fatality in Yancey County this year. All have occurred in the past two weeks.

The youth is survived by the parents Mr. and Mrs. John L. Webb Sr.; a brother, Bobby, and a sister, Elizabeth, of the home



TO FOLLOW ANCESTOR'S LEAD — Burnsville's famed blacksmith Daniel Boone (above) will follow this month the lead of the great-great-great grandfather for whom he is named. Burnsville's Dan Boone, like ancestor Dan, has envisioned a golden premise in the "west" and will head there soon. Boone is using his forge and widely renowned, hand-built scale-model steam locomotive to Maggie Valley in the Smokies. "I certainly like to leave Burnsville," declared Boone, a Yancey County native, "but business outlook in Maggie Valley is so good that I have no other alternative." Boone will operate his forge and train—he'll have about twice as much track as he had at his "Boonville" site here—in June to October. He will return to his shop in Burnsville during the winter to fill orders taken the summer at the Haywood County tourist mecca.