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Incumbent Town Board Sweeps To Easy Victory

Boy Scout Program Becoming In Area

The Boy Scout program is growing steadily in the May-district. BSA officials report. The newest additions to the Scouting family in the area are a Scout Troop at Newdale and a neighborhood Cub Scout den and a Boy Scout patrol at Pensacola.

The new troop at Newdale is sponsored by the Young Adult Class of Martin's Chapel Methodist Church. Brant Young is Scoutmaster. Paul Wilson is his assistant. Rev. Thomas Rutledge is the institutional representative and Bradley Wilson is chairman of the five-man committee. Seventeen boys became members of Troop 520.

Sam D. Riddle will serve as Scoutmaster of Neighborhood Patrol 505 at Pensacola, and Mrs. Mary Ellen Ravis the den mother of Neighborhood Den 505. She has three Cub Scouts in the den, while Riddle has four

Scouts in the patrol. Both units are expecting to register additional boys after June 10.

Troop 509, sponsored by the Micaville Presbyterian Church, has recently been reactivated and nine new members joined last week.

Prospects look good for the organization of several more new units within the next two months. A meeting was held recently to organize a Cub Scout Pack in the Newdale-Micaville area. Approximately eight boys will become members of a den in each community. Other bright prospects include a neighborhood Cub den at Little Switzerland and Boy Scout troops at Grassy Creek and Green Mountain.

Plans have also been made to reactivate Cub Scout Packs 505 at Spruce Pine and 504 at Burnsville. Scout Troops 511 at Bakersville and 525 at Hawk, and Explorer Post 525, Hawk

3 Injured In Mishap On NC 197

Three Yancey County youths were injured one of them critically, Saturday (May 4) after the truck with which they were towing a race car hurtled over a 40-foot embankment.

Most seriously hurt, and still unconscious in an Asheville hospital with a reported brain injury, is Charles Hensley, 20, of Rt. 3, Burnsville.

Admitted to Yancey Hospital and still confined there are Kermit Banks, 23, of Rt. 3, Burnsville, and Charles Randolph, 20, of Burnsville, a student at Milligan College at Johnson City, Tenn.

Banks sustained serious multiple body lacerations and Randolph a slight head injury and shock.

State Highway Patrolman R. R. McKinney, who investigated, said the accident occurred about 5 p. m. on N. C. 197 about three miles north of Burnsville.

The quartet was towing a car to be driven by Banks to the Bristol International Speedway in Bristol, Va. McKinney said Randolph and his college roommate, Don Bowles of Winston-Salem, were riding in the cab. Randolph was driving.

Banks and Hensley were in the truck bed.

Nearing the bottom of a steep grade on Mine Fork Mountain, the racer slipped off the road into soft dirt where some repair work had been done. The truck was thus thrown out of control and veered across the left side of the highway and overturned over the embankment, coming to rest on its top.

The car, torn loose from the tow bar, also overturned and came to rest upright. The car stopped only inches short of Bowles, who had been thrown from the truck. He miraculously suffered only a slight hand injury.

The truck appeared to be a total loss, but damage to the car, one of several maintained by the Ransom Pate and E. G. Adkins racing team, was reported slight.



Do You Remember?

Practically every resident of Yancey County in the 1900s at one time or another had his feet under the table in the building pictured above.

The Byrd Hotel was one of Yancey's first boarding houses and it was noted for the fine food that its various operators placed before guests.

It was an extremely popular spot with Yancey Countians who came to Burnsville during court week, for auctions, and so forth.

Built and operated by Col. John Byrd, the business at the time of this picture taken in 1914 was being operated by Mr. and Mrs. W. C. (Will) Ramsey, both now deceased.

The Byrd house was located on what is now Green Mountain Street, opposite the site now occupied by Higgins Memorial Methodist Church. It burned in 1920.

Posing in the picture above are Mr. and Mrs. Ramsey and Mrs. Hattie Peterson on the lower porch; and the Ramsey's daughters, Lizzie

(now Mrs. Ransom Higgins) and Vastie (now Mrs. Grady Hensley) both of Burnsville on the upper porch.

In the automobile at right is Ransom Higgins and Charlie Cox. The youngster on the sidewalk is another Ramsey child, Salvey, now of Alexandria, Va.

This car, a 1914 Model T Ford, was one of the first three automobiles in Yancey County. Owned by Higgins, it bore the license plate 123456.

Burnsville Balloting Is Heavy

Burnsville's incumbent town board got a whopping vote of confidence Tuesday in the town's 14th annual election.

Re-elected for another two-year term were Mayor Bob Helmle and Commissioners P. C. Coletta and B. R. Penland.

Helmle defeated Attorney E. H. Atkins 330 to 202. Coletta was the leading vote-getter with 445 votes, and Penland received 437.

Molt Hensley and Ralph Peterson, the other candidates for commissioner spots, received 121 and 171 votes, respectively.

It was by far the most hotly contested election in years. Of the approximately 750 eligible voters 619 voted.

As far as could be determined, it was the biggest turnout ever.

As the count-off began it appeared that the mayor's race would be extremely close. However, when half the tickets had been counted it was apparent that the old board would triumph handsily.

The incumbents campaigned on their record, which included a major reduction of the town debt. Atkins based his campaign on better city streets and lower water rates.

Helmle made this post-election statement: "In behalf of the Burnsville board of commissioners I wish to express appreciation for the vote of confidence given us in the Tuesday election.

"During our term of office we shall continue to do our best to provide efficient, businesslike town government, and work for the improvement of Burnsville.

"The responsibility for the town's welfare and progress does not, of course, rest just with the town board. We are all involved in this important business of the town's affairs.

"Everybody's cooperation is needed, and in view of the election results, we know we can expect this cooperation and we face the next two years with confidence."

Bloodmobile To Visit Here

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 County has been given a quota of 100 pints each visit. When the Bloodmobile unit was last here in February only 89 pints were collected. There were 102 people who presented themselves to give blood, but 13 were rejected.

The Blood Program Committee, of which Carlie Rice is Chairman, felt that although the quota wasn't met, the county did well, considering that there was snow and the flu epidemic was at its peak.

The Committee is striving to see that on May 15 the County will meet the 100-pint quota, as well as make up the 11 pints it lacked in February.

Dr. Garland Wampler will be the physician on duty and Mrs. Bill Penkins will be the registered nurse during the Bloodmobile visit. The Pensacola Home Demonstration Club will have charge of the Center.

Supper Slated

The Riverside Baptist Church will sponsor a fund-raising supper May 18 in the cafeteria at Cane River High School. Serving will be from 5:30-8:30 p. m. Admission is \$1.

Rep. Taylor Invites Group To Blue Ridge

WASHINGTON — Congressman Roy A. Taylor has invited fellow members of the House Interior Committee to visit his Western North Carolina congressional district June 14-15 for a conference on recreation and conservation and a study of road needs.

Rep. Taylor said the recreation-conservation conference had been arranged by Gov. Terry Sanford and would be held at Fontana Village.

As a joint purpose, the congressman suggested that the trip would

afford members an "excellent opportunity" to view mountain areas through which an extension of the Blue Ridge Parkway would pass.

Rep. Taylor is the author of legislation which authorized a study of extending the famous scenic highway. Results of the study will be released within a few weeks, he said.

The visiting congressmen would also be able to see for themselves the volume of summer traffic on roads in the Great Smoky Mountain National Park and appraise the need for additional park roads, said Rep. Taylor.

The congressman said "quite a few" of the Interior Committee members had told him they would try to make the trip.

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What's Going On? There's A Road On Big Bald

A Yancey Countian got a big shock the other day.

En route home from Asheville, he rounded a curve near Weaver'sville and gazed fondly at the sight of Big Bald Mountain lying in the distance to the north.

Suddenly, something atop the mountain glistened brightly in the sun.

Understandably puzzled, the chap decided to drive down to Bee Log near the foot of the mountain and see what it might be that was shining atop the famed Yancey peak. He feared a plane had crashed.

He found, to his surprise, that what he had seen atop the Bald was a car. Now any Yancey Countian knows that a car can't get to the top of the Bald, for there's no road.

Ah, but times have changed. . . What's going on on Bald Mountain?

The Buck family, owners of the treeless peak and surrounding area, are only at liberty to say that the land has been temporarily leased to a five-man organization.

But it is obvious to any one who cares to take a look that something big is up (literally) on Bald Mountain.

A fine, wide, new road has been cut to the peak and across to a spot on the Tennessee side of the mountain. There are several smaller roads branching off the main artery.

Someone is mighty interested in the beautiful, meadow-capped peak . . . but who? . . . and why?



SCENE OF MYSTERY—Pictured above is Bald Mountain, the treeless sentinel of Northwestern Yancey County atop which much unexplained activity is in progress. For details see story (left) and for more pictures see Page Four.

Yancey Obituaries

MRS. ABBIE WYATT

Mrs. Abbie Buchanan Wyatt, 73, of Micaville, died Wednesday at her home after a long illness.

She was the widow of Grant Wyatt.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Dolly Boone and Mrs. Hoy Boone, both of Micaville, and Mrs. James Dale of Green Mountain; four sons, Arnold of Greenville, S. C., Jack of Green Mountain, Brown of Micaville, and the Rev. Cleveland Wyatt of Westminster, S. C.; two sisters, Mrs. Lee Wyatt of Spruce Pine and Mrs. Bill Sheehan of Micaville; a brother, Lee Buchanan of

Burnsville; 38 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p. m. Friday at Pleasant Gap Church.

Officiating ministers will be the Rev. Charles Duval, the Rev. J. A. Blankenship, the Rev. Earl Blankenship, and the Rev. Frank Chappo. Burial will be in the White family cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Wade, J. B. James and Bruce Boone, Morris Dale, Albert and Larry Chapman. The body is at the residence, Holcombe Brothers Funeral Home is in charge.

MRS. CLINTON GARDNER

Mrs. Clinton Gardner, 49, of Micaville, the former Maude Buchanan, died unexpectedly Wednesday (May 1) in her home.

Services were held at 2:30 p. m. Friday in Pleasant Gap Baptist Church.

Rev. C. J. Duval officiated with burial in Double Island Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Paul, Bob and Robert Robinson, Marvin, Daniel and Dennis Buchanan, Junior Woody, Bobby Gardner, Filmore Hughes, and Luther Lawhern.

Surviving in addition to the husband, are the mother, Mrs. B. W. Buchanan of Green Mountain; three sisters, Mrs. Biss Ray and Mrs. Dave Cunningham of Asheville; and five brothers, Jess, Ade and Bill of Spruce Pine, Fred of Burnsville and Sam Buchanan of Green Mountain.

Holcombe Brothers Funeral Home was in charge.

MRS. HATTIE AUSTIN

Mrs. Hattie Sisk Austin, 78, of Burnsville, died Wednesday in Yancey hospital after a long illness.

Services were held at 2 p. m. Thursday at Holcombe Brothers Funeral Home Chapel.

The Rev. Lee Talmadge officiated and burial was in Holcombe Cemetery.

Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Ora Pyatt of Chesnee, S. C., and Mrs. Ella Long of Marion; a brother, Tate Sisk of Mt. Olive; five half sisters, Miss Nettie Sisk of Shelby, Mrs. Zennie Kaiser of Kannapolis, and Mrs. Mae Patton, Mrs. Annie Harris, and Mrs. Belle Harris, all of Forest City; and four half brothers, Pat of Morganton, Woodrow of Forest

City, Mack of Bostie, and Carl Sisk of Erwin, Tenn.

MRS. MARTHA ANGLIN

Mrs. Martha Anglin, 80, of Rt. 1, died suddenly at her home Wednesday.

Services were held at 2 p. m. Friday in Bank's Creek Presbyterian Church.

The Rev. Sam Miller officiated. Burial was in Anglin Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Donald Ralph, and Arnold Metcalf, Vonno Anglin Jr. Viss Ledford and Ben Ball. Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Kitty Merritt of Swannanoa; three sons, Goebel and Vonno of Rt. 1, and Herman Anglin of Swannanoa; two sisters, Mrs. Lee Ball of Rt. 3, and Mrs. Sally Hager of Johnson City, Tenn.; 13 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

W. A. BLACK

W. A. Black, 95, died in the home of a son, Brady Black, near Burnsville Monday afternoon.

Services were held at 2 p. m. Wednesday in Windom Methodist Church.

The Rev. Thomas Rutledge, the Rev. Ralph Young and the Rev. T. E. Woody officiated. Burial was in Dull Young Cemetery.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Angie Smith of Burnsville; and five other sons, the Rev. J. H. Black of Asheville, the Rev. H. N. Black of Johnson City, Tenn., J. E. Black of Marion, Roy Black of Pickens, S. C. and Glenn Black of Marion.

Holcombe Brothers Funeral Home was in charge.

Yancey Eligible For Insurance

For the first time in Yancey County, Federal Crop Insurance is being made available to tobacco growers.

According to Cecil Anglin and Paul Buck, through whose office the insurance is being handled by various agents, farmers have until May 21 to sign up for the insurance which protects their crop against all disasters except theft and negligence.

"If interest is shown in tobacco insurance, chances are that we will be able to get insurance on Morganton, Woodrow of Forest