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Do You Remember?

Nov. 11, 1918, was a hot day in Burnsville in a couple of respects. It was unseasonably warm—some said as hot as a Fourth of July—and conditions were perfect for the torrid celebration that rocked the square that day. Burnsville thus greeted the Armistice in its shirtsleeves. At the

Yancey Calendar

- THURSDAY**
7:30 p. m.—Brush Creek Home Demonstration Club, home of Mrs. Pat Fender; 7:30 p. m.—Masons, Masonic Temple.
- FRIDAY**
1 p. m.—Baseball, Cane River at East Yancey (Burnsville Elementary School Field); 2 p. m.—Burnsville Home Demonstration Club, home of Mrs. John Banks; 8 p. m.—Pensacola School Operetta, school auditorium.
- SATURDAY**
2 p. m.—Yancey 4-H Club's Annual Dress Review and Health Pageant, Burnsville Community Building.
- SUNDAY**
11 a. m.—Cane River High School Baccalaureate Service school auditorium.
- MONDAY**
8 p. m.—Carolina Hemlock Jr. Women's Club, home of Mrs. Woodward Finley.
- TUESDAY**
1:30 p. m.—Newdale Home Demonstration Club, Fellowship Hall of Methodist Church; 2:30 p. m.—Baseball, Cane River at Cranberry.

Yancey Notes

The Rev. Edward Griffith of Asheville will deliver the baccalaureate and commencement address at Burnsville's Oak Crest School May 26 at 3 p. m. Griffith, a native of Burnsville, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Griffith.

The Pensacola Elementary School will present its annual operetta May 17 at 8 p. m. in the school auditorium. The play will be a two-act comedy entitled "Taffy Ann." Sixty children from grades one through eight will participate.

The East Yancey High School beef judging team placed second in the district contest held Saturday at Green Field Farms in Asheville, thus advancing to the state contest to be held in Raleigh in June.

Competing with the top 18 teams from Western North Carolina, the team of Sherrill Crowder, Johnny Hughes, Charles Hyatt and Larry Hughes carefully judged four classes of Hereford cows and heifers for the high finish.

Yancey Obituaries

S. C. EDWARDS
S. C. Edwards, 75, of Rt. 4, Burnsville, died at his home after a brief illness Tuesday.

Mr. Edwards was active in civic and political affairs and was a member of the Yancey County Board of Elections at the time of his death. He was a former county commissioner and had served as a school committee member for the past 30 years.

Services will be held at 3 p. m. Thursday in the Bald Creek Baptist Church.

The Rev. Jack Shinkle and the Mrs. B. M. Tomberlin will officiate. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Saturday in the church cemetery. Pallbearers will be Paul Buck, Annie Pate, Bruce McInosh, Charles Phillips, Clyde N. Young, Jr., Kermit Brittain, Ernest Banner, T. A. Buchanan and Harvey and Elbert Edwards. The body will remain in the Home Brothers Funeral Home until taken to the church to be in state one hour prior to services.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Belle McInosh Edwards, three daughters, Mrs. Clyn N. Young, of Morganton; Mrs. Tracy Minroe of Greensboro and Mrs. Jack Shinkle of Jackson, Tenn.; two sons, Charles and Monroe, both of Erwin, Tenn.; two sisters, Mrs. Rachel Williams and Mrs. Sarah Hershey, both of Rt. 4, Burnsville and Mrs. Ada Ray of High Point; two half-sisters, Amanda Brooks of Concord and Mrs. Carl Bradley of Burnsville; two half-brothers, Lonnie C. Burnsville of Lenoir County, Tenn.; 17 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

ROGER BRADFORD
Roger Bradford, 9, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Bradford of Beech Log, died Monday in a Winston-Salem hospital after an illness of several years. He was a victim of hemiplegia and had received many blood transfusions.

Services were held at 2 p. m. Wednesday at Bald Mountain Free Will Baptist Church.

The Rev. T. A. Wheeler and Mrs. Rev. Zeno Allen officiated and burial was in Sampson Cemetery. Pallbearers were Harry and Larry Bradford, Van and Reed Wilson, Gerald Fender, Jack Ramsey, Clarence McCarty, and Zack Hensley.

Surviving in addition to the parents are four sisters, Mrs. Bobby Hammond of Ft. Benning, Ga.; Mrs. Charles Letterman of Rt. 4, Burnsville; and Misses Dell and Fay Bradford of the home; two brothers, Donnie of Rt. 3, and Danny Bradford of Rt. 4; the paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Milburn Bradford of Rt. 4, and the maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Pate of Rt. 9.

MRS. MINNIE BYRD
Mrs. Minnie S. Byrd, 76, of Pensacola, died unexpectedly Saturday night en route to a Burnsville hospital.

Services were held at 2 p. m. Monday in Pensacola Methodist Church, of which she was a member.

The Rev. Donald Noblett and the Rev. T. E. Woody officiated. Burial was in McChord Cemetery.

Pallbearers were C. W. Robertson Jr., Oliver Hutchins, Jack Joe and Junior Hollifield and Herman Silver.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Willis Woody and Mrs. Daniel Honeycutt of Burnsville; a son, Ralph of Pensacola; two sisters, Mrs. C. W. Robertson of Pensacola and Mrs. Floyd Hollifield of Asheville; three brothers, Luther Silver of Asheville; K. A. Silver of Pensacola and A. L. Silver of Hendersonville.

Four Are Injured In Auto Mishap On Bolens Creek
Four persons were injured about 3 p. m. Saturday in an auto accident on the Bolens Creek Road about a mile south of Burnsville. State Highway Patrolman Ralph McKinney reported.

Most seriously injured was David Lee Blankenship, 15, of Pensacola, who was admitted to Memorial Hospital in Asheville for treatment of head injuries. His condition at last report was critical.

Admitted to Yancey Hospital were Kenneth Eugene Blankenship, 21, of Pensacola, who suffered severe head lacerations and a fractured shoulder; and Howard Roland, 15, of Pensacola, who received a broken arm.

Treated and leased was Linda Sue Edwards, 5, of Pensacola, who suffered both bruises.

Patrolman McKinney said Kenneth Eugene Blankenship was the driver of the car traveling north toward Burnsville. He lost control, coming out a slight curve.

The vehicle opened out of control about 22 feet, veered off the road on the left side, crashed through a fence, hit a wire of the utility pole, and returned several times. The larger Blankenship was thrown about 100 feet from the wreck. The older Blankenship was charged with reckless driving.



REV. CATO DICK
Rev. Cato Dick To Speak Here

The Rev. Cato Dick of Lake Junaluska will be the speaker at the county-wide observance of the John Wesley Anniversary to be held by the Methodist churches of Yancey.

Rev. Dick will speak at the Higgins Memorial Church in Burnsville May 24 at 7:30 p. m.

The Wesley Anniversary is a part of the annual Aldergate Week observance of the Methodist Church.

Rev. Dick was a graduate of the School of Theology in his native land, Norway, and was a practicing engineer when he was converted and called to the ministry. In preparing himself for the ministry, Dick, whose father was a cabinet member of the Norwegian government, attended Boston University School of Theology, graduating in the class of 1924 cum laude.

He was admitted on trial in the New England Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1922, being ordained Deacon that same year. In 1924 he was admitted into full connection and received his Elder's Orders. Rev. Dick served various churches in the New England Conference for thirty years. In June 1952 he transferred to the Holston Conference.

He served Trinity Methodist Church in Canton, Va., for six years, and the historic Arlington Methodist Church in Arlington, Va., for four years until his retirement in June 1952. During his pastorate in Arlington, Epney and Henry College conferred on him the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick are now residing at Lake Junaluska. Mr. Dick was appointed Dean of the Memorial Chapel at Lake Junaluska in January. As Dean of the Chapel and as a minister he continues to serve the Methodist Church as teacher and preacher in various churches within the area.

At Sacred Heart Miss Coletta Is May Queen

Crowning Held Last Tuesday

Miss Cella Coletta, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Coletta of Burnsville, was crowned May Queen Tuesday at the annual May Day festivities of Sacred Heart Junior College in Belmont.

Miss Coletta, a graduate of East Yancey High School, is a sophomore at Sacred Heart. Next year she will enter Mercyhurst College in Pennsylvania as a junior.

The queen has compiled an enviable record in her two years at Sacred Heart.

Besides maintaining an "A" scholastic average, she has acted as president of the student government organization, been on the Belmont Abbey cheer-leading squad, been a member of the Glee Club, been assistant editor of the school paper and been active in the Dramatics Club.

Miss Coletta plans to major in Public Relations.

The Sacred Heart May Day festivities had a theme "Phases of North Carolina History."

The theme was carried out in song and dance depicting the state's folk lore, scenic attractions and industry.



MISS CELLA COLETTA

Burnsville Girl Scout Troops Hold Annual Court Of Awards

Seventy-five Brownie and Girl Scouts of Burnsville's Troops 65, 86 and 88 conducted their annual Court of Awards Saturday (May 11) at Burnsville Elementary School.

Twenty Brownies (or "Fly-Ups") were promoted to the Intermediate level and were promoted to the Senior Troop.

The theme of the Court of Awards was to honor the mothers of girl scouts. A girl entitled "Dear Mom" featuring a fashion show from babyhood to wedding day, was presented by Troop 88.

Brownie troops 65 and 88 presented folk dances entitled "Patty Cake" and "Strut Miss Lucy."

Mrs. W. A. Y. Sargent awarded Curved Bars and First Class badges to ten scouts; Mrs. Craig

English presented Second Class badges to 17; and Mrs. Du Burtone awarded proficiency badges to all 40 members of Troop 88.

Prizes were awarded the following Scouts in an interior decoration contest (winner 1st, first runner-up second):

Living Room—Lindsay Dayton, Pamela Huskey; Dining Room—Julia Pate, Bonnie Hess; Bedroom—Jeanne Ray and Dianne Angel (tie); Deborah McCarty and Irene Coletta (tie); Kitchen—Ruth Price and Martina Evans (tie); honorable mention for unique designs—Rhoda Miller and Deborah Hilliard.

Briar-harp Ray Cut His Rivals To Ribbons

(Editor's Note: Frank Ray, who died in 1924 was the father of Mrs. H. Grad Bailey and the uncle of Dover Fouts, both of Burnsville. Mr. Eric K. Robinson, senior editor of The Asheville Citizen-Times and the author of this article, is born and reared in Frazer in Macon County and knew personally the colorful Mr. Ray of whom he writes.)

Somebody, some time, will write the life of J. Frank Ray, of Franklin Macon County; lawyer, many times a member of the North Carolina General Assembly where made a name known statewide.

In the years 1893-1899 when the Republican-Fusionist coalition dominated the Assembly and most of the state, Mr. Ray was often the leader of the Democratic minority in the house. His wit, often droll and erudite, and his knowledge of parliamentary procedure frequer confused the Fusionist leadership and their followers, forcing them into defeat.

Ray was, of course, ably supported by Democratic members of ability, many of whom were experienced legislators.

In the election 1894 the Fusionists that assumed even themselves of Congressional nomination and especially by Ray of Macon:

There were 41 members in the House, 32 Republicans and 47 Fusionists. But the Democrats were veterans of many political battles; the Fusionists for the most part were green recruits. The Speaker of the House was Republican Zeb Vance Walzer of Davidson County, well educated, especially in law, but almost a freshman in politics and legislation.

In his interesting book, "Editor in Politics," Josephus Daniels said that Frank Ray was "one of the most interesting men of his day." This is an appraisal from one who usually knew every member of the Assembly, many of them with much more than speaking acquaintance.

In Volume II of his four-volume series, Mr. Daniels drew upon his intimate knowledge of state and national politics to write not only interesting but valuable history of persons he knew, of events in which he had a part as editor of the News and Observer and a citizen taking foreful interest in all matters of public concern. He thus in part describes the Fusionist legislature of 1895 and the part played by the Democrats of the House, and especially by Ray of Macon:

"... The Democratic members were men of experience and were well organized. Moreover, they were determined to drive a wedge in between the Populists and the Republicans at every point. The most astute of these Democratic parliamentarians was J. Frank Ray of Macon County, who had long been in the Legislature, who was keen as a briar, full of wit and who could introduce more dilatory motions and tie up legislation longer than any man I have ever seen. Frequently, in the first days of the Legislature, when the Populists and Republicans had a big majority, I saw him smilingly keep everything at a standstill for a whole legislative session. Walzer was no match for him and the Populists had to get up on the floor who could equal him."

In some old scrapbooks still preserved in Macon County, one may still find clippings from the News and Observer which show the Frank Ray tactics on occasions when he rose to the House to discuss some bill offered by the Fusionist leadership which he believed no House majority of an political character by electing six of nine members would really enact into law. For example, one morning he began his introductory remarks, in substance in this way:

"Mr. Speaker, Early this morning, after I had washed my hands and face and said my prayers, I ventured to read again the strangely remarkable proposals embodied in a bill presented to the House late yesterday by the Honorable gentleman from Macon County."

Then, in his own smiling, original way, he would say, in effect, that the proposals were hardly to be matched by consulting the records of some of the "Carpetbag Legislatures" of Reconstruction days. And with a skill divined by his adversaries he would maneuver Speaker Walzer and his aides, delaying House action for the rest of the day or persuade the House to let a committee have the bill for further study.

At home, Frank Ray was a powerful man in jury trials. Tall with flowing, dark, black hair always cut short, heavy mustache, a black frock coat and black string tie, Frank Ray had a courtly or on the stump. He was occasionally seen in the town's amateur theatricals, in which he showed considerable talent.



FRANK RAY AT HIS DESK IN LEGISLATURE