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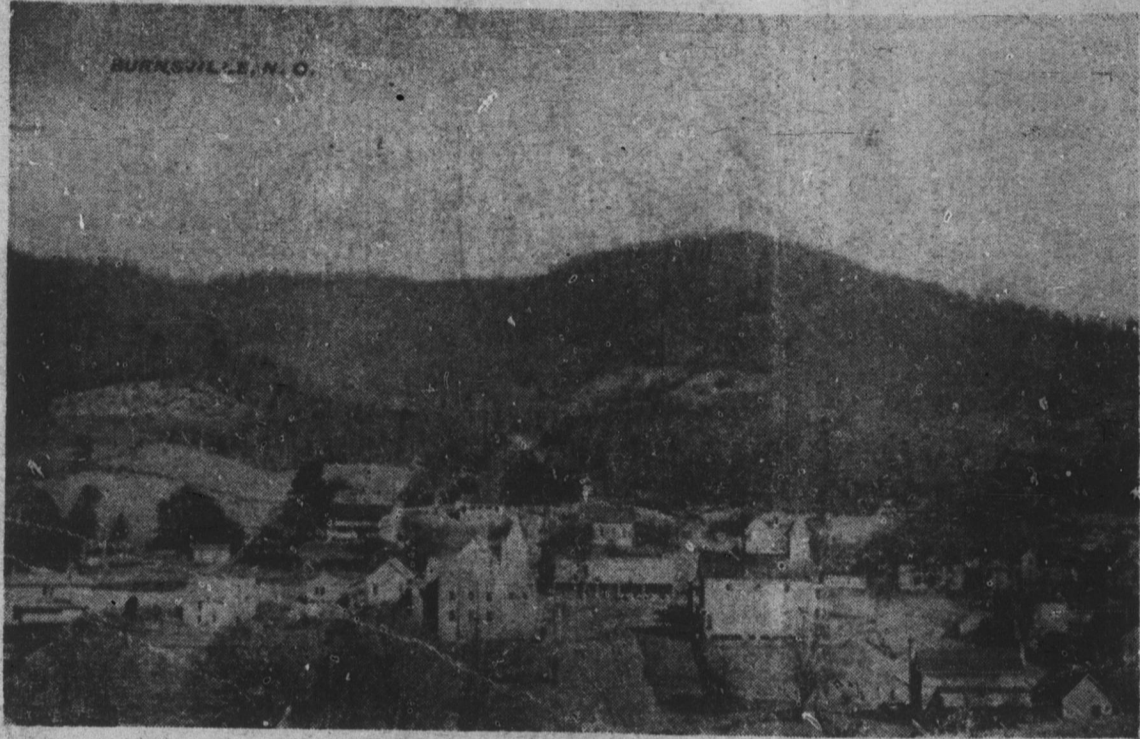
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Do You Remember?

The setting is virtually the same, but the city has changed.

This is Burnsville as it appeared in the years just prior to World War I, nestling cozily under the peak of Green Mountain.

The profile of the peak and the long ridge have been altered only slightly (about the only difference is that a N. C. Forest Service fire tower now sits atop the mountain).

Burnsville, however is different. Only a few of the buildings in this picture still stand.

Those still standing and in use are The Baptist Church (building

in middle foreground with sharp slope); the Captain Bill Moore home (pine-surrounded building on knob to left of the church... it is now the home of Mrs. S. T. Ray); The offices of the late Dr. W. B. Robertson (small building to left and below Ray home... it is now an apartment); The County Courthouse (building with rounded dome in right foreground... it is partially obscured by the old Baptist Church); and the old Citizen's Bank Building (building at right with single window).

Gone are the old Baptist Church, which was later used as a Ma-

sonic Temple; the Burton Hotel (low, long building with white columns at practically the center of the picture); the old Methodist Church (directly behind Burton Hotel); the home of the late Carroll Gillespie (to left of Methodist Church); the home of the late L. E. Briggs (large building with double chimneys in right foreground); the old Cornelius Robinson Drug Store (building adjacent to present Baptist Church); and the Carter Hotel (two-story columned building opposite old Citizen's Bank).

Graduation Ceremonies Set Friday Night At Cane River

East Yancey Exercise Set For May 29



E. K. McLARTY

Annual graduation ceremonies will be conducted Friday (May 24) at Cane River High School and Friday (May 25) at East Yancey High School.

Dr. E. K. McLarty Jr., president of Brevard College, will be the speaker at Cane River. A half-dozen honor students will be the speakers at East Yancey.

Awards and diplomas will be presented at Cane River and East Yancey by Principals Robert P. Peterson and Woodrow M. Anglin, respectively.

Sixty-six are scheduled to turn their tassels at East Yancey while 68 will graduate at Cane River.

The 1963 valedictorian at Cane River is Rosemary Jamerson, daughter of Mrs. Marjorie Jamerson. Salutatorian is Jeanette King, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Grayson King.

Other honor students are Ronnie Ray, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ray; Vaughnie King, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bryan King; and Annette England, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert England.

Sponsors of the senior class are Miss Anastasia Tomberlin, Bill Bailey and Mrs. Robert Peterson. The class officers are Wanda Ruth Pittman, president; Mary Will McPeters, vice-president; Barbara Anglin, secretary; Katrina Webb, treasurer; and Annette England, reporter.

Juniors named to serve as marshals are Akna Chandler (chief), Carolyn Bailey, Ronnie Proffitt, Millie Lou Wilson, Patricia King, Brenda Grindstaff, Jimmie Wilson, Marie Deyton, Sandra Duncan and Pat Tipton.

Dr. McLarty, a graduate of Duke University, has been president at Brevard since 1957. Under him the Methodist-related junior college has experienced remarkable growth, now boasting a virtually new physical plant.

"During his days in the ministry Dr. McLarty served six churches in the Western North Carolina Conference.

"Much in demand as a speaker, he was one of the ministers on an evangelistic mission to Cuba in 1954.

Janet Ohle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Ohle, is the valedictorian at East Yancey. Iris Schwitzer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Schwitzer, is salutatorian.

Other honor students are Frances and Theresa Coletta, Glenda Hall, Mildred Pransell, Hamilton Sheretz, Gloria Briggs, Linda Laughrum and Martha Wilson.

The class officers are Theresa Coletta, president; Miss Schwitzer, vice-president; and Earl Tipton, secretary.

Juniors who will serve as marshals are Donna Lewis and Gerald Fender (co-chiefs), Betty Harris, Charles Willis, Bryon Zover, Alden Chigawa, Linda Hensley, Lavonne Munglock, Gwen Harris, Norman Ray, Jerry Newton, Carolyn Pate, Sharon Howell, Julie Bailey, Barbara Fox, Joyce Bishop, Katherine Hughes, David Coletta, Gary Robinson and Linda Rugges.

(Complete list of graduates at both schools on Page Five).

Yancey Obituaries

MRS. FRED BOONE
Mrs. Fred Boone, 74 of Mica-ville, died in Yancey Hospital Saturday after a brief illness. Services were held Tuesday in Crabtree Baptist Church.

The Rev. Earl Blankenship, the Rev. Jay Blankenship, the Rev. Frank Chapoe and the Rev. C. J. Duval officiated. Burial was in Clay Mound Church Cemetery.

Surviving are the husband; four daughters, Mrs. Forest Thomas and Mrs. Thomas Edge of Mica-ville, Mrs. Sherwin Briggs of Fletcher and Mrs. Steve Yancey, Sam and Elmer of Mica-ville and Byrl of Hendersonville; four sisters, Mrs. Reid Queen, Mrs. Alford Sell and Mrs. Lydia Sell of Little Switzerland and Mrs. Jim Waycaster of Way-lawn; a brother, Babco McMillen of Little Switzerland; nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

The body was taken to the home of Mrs. Thomas Edge Monday morning and remained until time for services.

MRS. EVA ROBINSON
Mrs. Eva Robinson, 53, of Rt. 1, Green Mountain, died Thursday (May 16) in a Spruce Pine hospital after a long illness. Services were held Saturday at Pleasant Gap Baptist Church. The Rev. Wade Boone and the Rev. G. H. Dillinger officiated, and burial was in Fred Young Cemetery.

Surviving are the husband, Grayson Robinson; three daughters, Mrs. Edith Crowder of Rt. 8, Mayan, Mrs. Reba Boone of Burnsville Star Route, and Miss Jean Robinson of the home; four sons, Brown, Kenneth, and Jesse Lee of Burnsville, and Jack Robinson of Rt. 3, Bakersville; five sisters, Mrs. Lena Campbell and Mrs. Julia Wells of Ohio, Mrs. Alice Letterman of Charlotte, Miss Sarah Jane Robinson of Pensacola, and Mrs. Lola Boone of Rt. 2, Burnsville; and five brothers, Roy, Willie, and Carver Robinson of Green Mountain, and Floyd and Wes Robinson of Baltimore.

GEORGE F. McPETERS
George F. McPeters, 58, died at his home near Burnsville Saturday morning after a short illness. He was a disabled veteran of World War II.

Services were held Monday in the home of Mrs. E. K. McLarty, officiating. Burial was in the Low Gap Free Will Baptist Penland Cemetery.

Palibearas were Horace D. Ray Jr., Samuel D. Riddle, Brook Silver, Paul Pressnell, and Frank and Kenneth McMahan.

Survivors include the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe McPeters; four sisters, Mrs. Stanley Pressnell and Mrs. Charles Hensley of Star Route, Burnsville, and Mrs. Harold Simmons and Mrs. W. M. McNeil of Marion; and two brothers, Earl and Carmon of Burnsville.

State Democrat Leader Speaks Here

"The state should help all small counties in their struggle for economic independence, as long as they do not expect a handout" State Democratic Party Chairman Bert Bennett told an audience of party leaders here Saturday.

"Regardless of the size, what affects any county affects the state. We are all in this business of making North Carolina a better state. We have learned that what is good for one county is good for all," Bennett said.

"There are many of our counties that need help from the state. For example, I understand that a plan is now being studied in which several million dollars will be invested in Yancey County if certain conditions can be met. The proper officials representing state agencies should work

hand in hand with your leaders to see that these conditions can be met, for what is being planned here will be of tremendous benefit to the entire state.

"Our image in the Democratic Party is forged by those in positions of leadership. We must con-

stantly remember that what we do, be it the General Assembly or as precinct chairmen, we must continually strive toward making this a better state and we must not get sidetracked on things of little consequence which tend to divide us."

Yancey Calendar

THURSDAY

7:30 p. m.—Annual Recital of Students of Mrs. Garrett Bailey, Burnsville Elementary School Auditorium; 7:30—Mica-ville Community Development Club, Mica-ville School Lunchroom; 8—Burnsville Garden Club, home of Mrs. Troy Ray.

FRIDAY

7:30 p. m.—Ramseytown Community Development Club, Voting House; 7:30—County-Wide observance of John Wesley Anniversary by Methodist Churches, Higgins Memorial Methodist Church; 8—Graduation Ceremonies of Cane River High School, school auditorium.

SATURDAY

7:30 p. m.—Square Dance, Cat-tail Community Recreation Hall.

SUNDAY

2:30 p. m.—Baccalaureate Services of East Yancey High School, school auditorium.

TUESDAY

7 p. m.—Earl Horton Post American Legion and Auxiliary, Community Building.

BY HARVEY PRICE

District Forester

Variations in elevations, aspect, moisture, soil and sunlight are influences controlling our native trees, shrubs, and plants. Many species blooming early in pine locations may be found in flower weeks later in another. The Nantahala and Pisgah National Forests include all combinations of these variables occurring in Western North Carolina. The season for some flowers, therefore, depends on a given location.

This week there is a display of purple rhododendron along sections of the Blue Ridge Parkway through the Catawba-Ranger District from Buck Creek Gap to Deep Gap. The season for this same flower on Roan Mountain is the third week in June. Also in bloom along this section of the Parkway are sand myrtle and pink shell azalea.

For mountain laurel go to Wiseman's View along the edge of the Linville Gorge wild area. Blooming with it are purple rhododendron and punctatum. Flame azalea is now blooming at such places as Hiwassee Lake Campground in Cherokee County. The well-known azalea display on Wiyah Bald takes place in mid June.

En route to these outstanding sites, the traveler may see other flowers in smaller groups. Among them are columbine, iris, mountain magnolia, or wahoo, black locust, bluets, wild geranium, violets in three colors, yellow top, black cherry and others.

Picnic and campgrounds in the national forests are open for use. Many forest roads and trails are

available for hikers and nature-lovers.

Jack Boone was elected President of the Development Club at a meeting of the Mica-ville Community Friday (May 17) at the Mica-ville School lunchroom. Other officers elected are: Floyd Wilson, Vice-President; Mrs. Elizabeth Silver, Secretary-Treasurer; and Mrs. Lela Harris, Program Chairman.

June Street, Home Economics Extension Agent, and Herbert Allen, Agriculture Teacher at East Yancey High School, showed slides and discussed projects which community clubs may participate in.

Goals and objectives will be set at the next meeting scheduled for Thursday (May 23) at 7:30 p. m. at the school lunchroom.

Is your pressure canner safe, or do you know? To be sure, have it checked before you start your season's canning.

Arrangements have been made with Burnsville Furniture & Hardware Co. to hold a Pressure Canner Clinic June 10-15. This test will be free unless repairs are necessary.

If a pressure canner is not functioning properly, much good food can be lost.

Four Yancey County 4-H'ers have been named county winners in the 4-H Health Project.

The 1963 Junior King and Queen are William Lee Tipton of Jacks Creek and Sheila Pate of Bee Log. They won expense-paid trips to 4-H camp.

Gary Bennett from Burnsville and Julia Mae Rutledge of Newdale. They will receive free trips to 4-H Club Week.

The Burnsville offices of French Broad Electric Co. will be closed May 30 in observance of Memorial Day.

Graduation exercises at Bee Log Elementary School will be held Monday (May 27) at 8 p. m. The Rev. A. Z. Jamerson of Bolens Creek Baptist Church will be the speaker.

Honor students who will take part in the program are Carolyn Tallent, Janet Cox, Sheila Pate, Irma Jean Buchanan, Linda Adkins, Donna Harris, David McKinnis and Gene McIntosh.

Principal Ernest Banner will present diplomas and special awards.

The Rev. William W. Laite will be guest speaker at the Higgins Memorial Methodist Church Sunday at 11 a. m.

Dr. Laite, a member of the Florida Conference of the Methodist Church, retired in 1958 after serving the church for 53 years.

During this active history, Dr. Laite built 28 churches, designing many of them personally supervising their construction.

Dr. and Mrs. Laite are not newcomers to Burnsville.

Mrs. Laite was affiliated with Camp Mt. Mitchell for Girls in the 1930s.

The Laites are now partners in a development project on the southern slopes of Flattop Mountain in Yancey County.

mers Association will sponsor a Dairy Princess Contest (May 13) at Mohasco Carpet Company at 7:45 p. m. Mrs. Byrle Robinson and Mack McIntosh are serving as chairmen.

Rules for entering the contest are:

1. Entrants must be at least 17 years of age June 1, 1963, and must be under 26 years of age as of June 1, 1963.

2. She must be at least a senior in 1933-34 school year. If not in school, she must be a high school graduate.

3. She must not be, nor have been, married.

4. She cannot be a professional model or currently hold title as winner of another state-wide contest.

5. She must be a resident of N. C. and must have been a resident of N. C. for at least one year.

6. If county winner, she will represent Yancey County in the Area Dairy Princess Contest.

7. She must be a consumer of milk and dairy products.

8. Contestants will wear evening dresses in county contest.

9. If she becomes State Dairy Princess she must be available for personal appearances until a successor is chosen.

Those wishing to enter should contact Mrs. Alice Hopson, Assistant Home Economics Agent in Burnsville, or call 682-2118. The entry deadline is May 27.

Fleet Y. Proffitt Jr., and Markie Bennett, both of whom served in similar capacities in Raleigh for a week earlier this year, were pages for the Senate.

Young Proffitt is the son of Mrs. Mildred Proffitt of Bald Creek and the late Mr. Proffitt and Markie is the son of Yancey Representative Mark W. Bennett and Mrs. Bennett.

Fleet Jr.'s sister, Susan, was an honorary page at Cullowhee. Randy Banks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Banks of Burnsville was an honorary page.

The The American Legion Auxiliary of Yancey County's Earl Horton Post will conduct its annual sale of Memorial Day poppies Saturday (May 25).

Poppies which will be sold on the streets of Burnsville were made at Oteen Veterans' Hospital. Proceeds go to the patients and to charities for child welfare.

Miss Myra Holcombe was the guest at a bridal shower Saturday (May 18) at the home of Mrs. Ruby Hensley. Mrs. Roy Ray was co-hostess.

The house was decorated in a scheme of late over pink, and arrangements of spring flowers were throughout the house.

Approximately 75 guests attended. Miss Holcombe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hershel Holcombe of Burnsville, will be married next month to Charles Hensley of Burnsville, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Vance Hensley.

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