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Burnsville ABC Election Poses A Problem For Town Board

Voting Date Not Set Yet, Says Mayor

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The Burnsville Town Board adjourned Tuesday night without taking action on setting a date for an ABC election.

Mayor Bob Helmle and Commissioners P. C. (Pete) Coletta and B. R. Penland indicated that they would try again Wednesday night.

Helmle reported that the board found itself in quite a dilemma, and said that he could not promise when any concrete action would be taken.

The problem, he said, is that legislation which maneuvered the board into the position of setting up the vote on legalizing the sale of alcohol beverages here was somewhat "thorny."

The original bill, introduced by Sen. J. Yates Bailey of Bald Creek, was almost entirely permissive. It gave the town board authority to call the election on its own motion.

However, section eight of Bailey's bill invalidated anything the town might do if the county commissioners should call for an ABC vote within 60 days of the passage of his bill. The bill was enacted into law June 14.

Later, Rep. Mark W. Bennett of Burnsville successfully attached an amendment to Bailey's bill, making it mandatory for the town board to allow the citizens of Burnsville to vote on the issue. Bennett's move had Bailey's blessing.

"Our problem is this," said Helmle. "We could call an election, hold a registration, have ballots printed, . . . the works. Then, if the county commissioners decided to hold an election, all our work and all the taxpayers' money which had been spent setting up a town election would be down the drain."

Helmle added: "We are definitely not trying to stall. We are all agreed that under the law we must call an election. But we are going to proceed with caution and be certain of our footing."

Helmle said that it would take at least a month before an election could possibly be held after announcement of the voting date.

"It is law that we must give 20 days notice of a registration period, have a seven-day registration and a challenge day," he said. "I don't think it's likely that the issue will come to a vote in July."

Scene

Two carpenters stranded atop a house (a sudden gust of wind had blown their ladder down), waving frantically to passersby on a far-away road . . .

Matronly type rearranging the tissue decorations on a car to be used by newly-weds . . .

Trailways bus straining mightily on the "town hill" grade, although the driver was the only person aboard . . .

Members of the Playhouse contingent and some of the local crowd exchanging incredulous first looks . . .

The "Courthouse Rail Club" giving a newly-appointed sheriff's deputy a good-natured ribbing . . .

Yancey teenage males in the company of Florida lassies from Cattedal Creek (and Yancey lassies trying—much too hard—to pretend that they don't notice) . . .

The weekly Saturday afternoon traffic jam in the Courthouse-Post Office area . . .

State Engineers Reported Making Winter Star Survey

State Highway Commission engineers were reported to Yancey County last weekend, making surveys for the proposed highway from Burnsville to Mount Mitchell.

Several sources indicated that local specialists were looking over the area in southern Yancey. However, the reports could not be confirmed.

Construction of a multi-million dollar resort and recreation facility on Winter Star Mountain in the Cattedal section hinges on the state's building of an access road through the area.

Yates Bennett of Burnsville, a former Highway Commissioner and the Yancey Chamber of Commerce representative to Raleigh

on the resort-highway project, said he understood that the local engineers had been in the Cattedal area.

"I hear they were up there to look over a route that other engineers had proposed earlier, and to make another cost estimate," said Bennett.

Bennett said he expected to be summoned to Raleigh for a conference with officials of the Department of Conservation and Development within a few days.

"These people are extremely interested in this project," he said. "And they feel confident that things will be worked out so that it becomes a reality."

Six Teams Set To Go In Softball

Teams representing six communities will compete this summer in the re-activated Yancey County Softball League.

Set to go are Bald Creek, Bolens Creek, Micaville, Double Island, Green Mountain and Indian Trail. Games will be played Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, with the initial action scheduled for July 9.

A doubleheader will be played at the Burnsville Elementary School field each playing site, beginning at 5:30 p. m. Micaville will play all its games at the Micaville Elementary School, also beginning at 5:30.

Team managers are: Jim Neill, Bald Creek; Rev. A. Z. Jamerson, Bolens Creek; Jimmy Buchanan, Micaville; Ronnie Thomas, Double Island; Lloyd Deyton, Green Mountain; and Charles Justice, Indian Trail.

Each team will play each other team twice. A six-star game pitting the league leader as of July 23 against a team to be selected by the managers of the five other squads will be played July 27 on the Burnsville field. Plans have tentatively been made to hold a double elimination playoff at the end of the regular season.

First half schedule:

July 9—Indian Trail vs. Bald Creek, Bolens Creek vs. Green Mountain, Double Island vs. Micaville.

July 11—Indian Trail vs. Green Mountain, Bald Creek vs. Double Island, Bolens Creek vs. Micaville.

July 16—Indian Trail vs. Double Island, Green Mountain vs. Micaville, Bald Creek vs. Bolens Creek.

July 18—Indian Trail vs. Micaville, Double Island vs. Bolens Creek, Green Mountain vs. Bald Creek.

July 23—Indian Trail vs. Bolens Creek, Micaville vs. Bald Creek, Double Island vs. Green Mountain.

Making Trip The 4th? Be Sure You Can Stop

One of the most frequent mechanical failures responsible for accidents in traffic is faulty brakes.

The State Department of Motor Vehicles, with plenty of evidence in hand, points out that drivers should know the difference between good and bad brakes and the care necessary to keep them in top condition.

In particular, the driver should realize that bad brakes today cannot wait until next week for adjustment; an emergency situation demanding top braking performance can arise at any moment.

In testing the brake system the first thing to do is depress the pedal for solidity. For maximum effectiveness the pedal should not travel very far before a rock-hard solid feeling is noticed. If the pedal feels spongy or travels too far (within two inches of the floor) it indicates the need for an adjustment or for more involved brake work.

Next, make a test stop in the

driveway or on a quiet street. Note any tendency of the car to pull to one side. Then, with the hand brake pulled up tight, accelerate slightly. With good brakes the engine will promptly stall.

Frequent, sudden stops shorten the life of brake linings quicker than anything else. This is a bad practice in the first place and one which is a sure sign of recklessness and driver inattention.

For longer brake life be alert, anticipate stops and begin slowing down gradually.

Roberts Heads Auto Dealers

George W. Roberts, Roberts Chevrolet-Buick, Inc., Burnsville, has been appointed Area Chairman of the North Carolina Automobile Dealers Association for Yancey County, according to an announcement made this week by Troy Smith, president. Roberts succeeds Joe C. Young, also of Burnsville. Roberts will act as liaison officer between new car and truck dealers in Yancey County and NCADA and the National Automobile Dealers Association.

It will be Roberts' responsibility to keep his area informed of state and national affairs affecting the automotive industry and, in turn, to advise the state and national associations of events on the local scene. He will also head a county-wide membership campaign for both organizations in the fall.

Roberts is a Mason, a Shriner, a member of the Lions Club and American Legion.

Bloodmobile Visits July 17

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will make its first Yancey County visit of the 1963-64 fiscal year on July 17, Blood Program Chairman Carlie Rice said Tuesday.

"This will be the first of four visits in a 12-month period," said Rice. "As for the past several years, our quota will again be 400 pints—100 pints each visit."

Rice said the Bloodmobile usually makes its first Yancey visit in August, but that circumstances had forced the advancement. "This is the trip where the agricultural groups usually lend their support," he said. "We hope that we can count on them again."

The Bloodmobile will be at the Armory in Burnsville from noon until 5:30 p. m.

Do You Remember?

Basketball was a comparative new-comer to Yancey County in the early 1920s.

However, the sport's popularity spread quickly and soon even the girls in the county's schools were ardent participants.

Pictured is the 1924-25 Stanley McCormick Institute team, which was coached part-time by Vernie R. Wilson, a Stanley McCormick student, and by Perry A. Ball, a Stanley McCormick professor who now resides in Chicago. Wilson, who continued to coach in the

Yancey County school system until the late 1950s, resides on Jacks Creek. He will teach this year at East Yancey High School.

Team members were (left to right): Ruby Ray, Bess Wheeler, Grace Cassida, Lucille Smith, Lucille Carmichael, Ore Lee, Bailey and Zula Cox. The girl at extreme right could not be identified by Wilson, who loaned this picture.

"I am certain that this is one style the ladies will never revive," quipped Wilson, referring to the uniforms.

The Stanley McCormick team played against teams from the Yancey Collegiate Institute, which was also located in Burnsville, and from the public schools at Bald Creek and Micaville.

Games were played in a small gym in the administration building at Stanley McCormick (it stood on the site now occupied by Paul Laughlin's home), in the auditorium of what is now Burnsville Elementary School or on an outside clay court on the Stanley McCormick grounds.

Community Column

BURNSVILLE

Al Elsaesser of New Holland, Pa., is the guest this week of Bob Pollard. Elsaesser was a resident of Burnsville for five years during the 1950s . . . Mrs. Pollard is reported improving at St. Joseph's Hospital in Asheville, where she has been confined for almost two weeks . . .

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Plemmons Sr., of Tobaccoville, N. C., were the guests last week of their daughter, Mrs. Tom Higgins, and her family . . . Mrs. Higgins and son Chippy accompanied the Plemmons back to Tobaccoville for a brief visit . . .

Miss Jeannie Peterson of Mem-

phis, Tenn., is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Grace Hensley . . .

GREEN MOUNTAIN

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Leone and daughter, who have been living in Europe for the last three years, recently visited here with Mrs. Leone's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Hughes.

The Leones have now returned home to Grand Forks Air Force Base in North Dakota.

The Hughes also had as their guests their other daughters and their families, Mrs. L. B. Bass of Belmont the Carl Harrelsons of Raleigh.

MICAVILLE

Guy Young is undergoing treatment in Memorial Mission Hospital in Asheville.

CANE RIVER

Visiting Mrs. Ruby Silvers last week were Mrs. Stella Robinson and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Barnett, all of Erwin, Tenn.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay McDowell had as their guests over the weekend Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Profit.

Vacationing in Florida this week are Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. David Hylemon and Mr. and Mrs. Carlo Riddle.

Miss Ruby Edwards is confined to an Asheville hospital.

Governor Sanford Lauds 1963 General Assembly

"The 1963 General Assembly of North Carolina earned distinction as a hard working and constructive legislative body," Governor Terry Sanford said in appraising the record of the lawmakers.

The Governor said: "The large majority of the legislators were more interested in producing positive progress for the citizens of North Carolina than in political propaganda."

He asserted: "The beneficiaries of the work of the 1963 General Assembly will be the citizens of North Carolina—and especially the boys and girls of North Carolina."

While "critics were busy on a soapbox looking for headlines," Governor Sanford continued, "the vast majority of the members of the General Assembly were busy in committee rooms looking for a solid record of achievements for all of the People of North Carolina."

Every county and every citizen "can be proud of the long list of accomplishments compiled by the 1962 session," he said.

He pointed out that almost 2,000 bills were considered by the General Assembly and noted: "Not every single bill which you and I might have voted for went on the law books. And some bills were passed which you and I might have voted against."

But, he added, "The excellent

overall record of the representatives of the people was in keeping with the needs and the hopes of the people of North Carolina."

"Education—the number one need of North Carolinians—was the number one achievement of the 1963 General Assembly," Governor Sanford said.

"For the first time in history," he pointed out, "the Advisory Budget Commission and the Administration approved every red cent of the funds requested by the State Board of Education for the boys and girls of North Carolina."

And, the Governor continued, "The 1963 General Assembly, in a nearly unanimous vote, approved almost 100 per cent of those funds. Almost \$50 million was added to the State budget to enrich the education of our sons and daughters."

Another major advance in education, cited by Governor Sanford, came when the Higher Education Bill was overwhelmingly adopted. This bill provides for establishment of State-supported community colleges, for the enlargement of junior colleges at Wilmington, Charlotte and Asheville into four-year colleges, and for the upgrading of the Consolidated University of North Carolina and its campuses at Raleigh, Greensboro and Chapel Hill.

The community colleges will be built where, when and how needed. They will give many young people who cannot afford to go away to college a chance for higher education which they never had before.

A further advancement in education came when the General Assembly made a special appropriation for the training and the education of mentally retarded children—"the forgotten children." The General Assembly also set up a statewide system of educational television to reach the mountains and the Eastern counties of North Carolina.

The General Assembly provided for new vocational education courses to provide skills needed for this Atomic Revolution and Space Age.

In addition to substantial advances for education, Governor Sanford listed the following as some of the major achievements of the 1963 General Assembly:

TRAFFIC SAFETY—The 1963 General Assembly enacted more legislation to stop the slaughter on our highways than any General Assembly since the T-Model. Among traffic measures adopted were: Chemical tests for drunken driving; provisional licenses and driver training courses for young drivers; requirement for seat belts on new cars; additional highway

Patrolmen.

MENTAL HEALTH—The legislators established a Department of Mental Health which will provide a better system against mental illness and better care and cures for the mentally ill.

FARMING—Gave strong budgetary support to the food processing program; authorized a major new agricultural research center in Western North Carolina; continued support for traditional programs.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT—Provided funds for an accelerating program for new industry.

TOURIST TRADE—Increased significantly the promotion of North Carolina's third largest industry—the tourist and travel industry.

UTILITIES—Modernized state's utilities laws. The legislators directed the Attorney General's Office to represent the public's side in utilities cases and authorized a public rate expert to assist in such cases. The lawmakers also required a six-month wait before utility rates can be increased under bond. The size of such increases, under bond, was limited to no more than 20 per cent.

OUTER BANKS—Appropriated funds for the restoration and development of the Outer Banks.

ROADS—Stopped diversions of highway funds and thereby provid-

ed additional funds for building, maintaining and improving roads of North Carolina.

SPACE CENTER—Authorized establishment of a Space Center at the Research Triangle in order "to see that North Carolina, which was late in the Industrial Revolution, is in on the launching of the Space Age."

PORTS—Provided expansion programs at the deep water ports of Wilmington and Morehead City.

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE—Implemented program designed to provide medical assistance for elderly citizens. Also provided greater assistance for medically indigent.

MINIMUM WAGE—Raised minimum wage from 75 cents to 85 cents an hour. "This should mean an increase of more than \$10 million in personal income in North Carolina."

MIGRANT FARM WORKERS—Improved legislation designed to protect migrant workers.

PRISONER REHABILITATION—Improved North Carolina's Work Release Law which has helped make North Carolina one of the few states with a decreasing prison population. The legislators strengthened probation and parole programs.