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Bond Election Is Carried By Big Majority Vote

Two Men Hospitalized After Shooting Affray

Two Yancey men were hospitalized from injuries which resulted from a shooting early Friday morning during a rucuss in the police station or information house on the town square.

Rufus Fender of the Bee Log section was sent to an Asheville hospital and Charles Fox, sheriff's deputy and jailer, was taken to Yancey Hospital following the affray. Fender had a leg injured about the knee, and the deputy had a flesh wound in his lower leg. According to an official the trouble began when J. B. Fender and

Rufus Fender appeared at the station, allegedly to get two men, also from the Bee Log section, who had been arrested earlier Thursday night.

The Fenders took blackjacks from two of the officers, beating Deputy Charles Fox to the floor, it was said. And during the scuffling, Roy Fox, also a deputy and brother of Charles, drew his pistol and fired wounding Rufus Fender and accidentally wounding his brother.

J. B. Fender was released under a \$2500.00 bond, while Rufus is still in the hospital.

Highway Expenditures In 1963 Released By Department

RALEIGH — During 1963 the North Carolina State Highway Commission let to contract 1,109 contract miles of improvements of highways, streets and secondary roads. Actual contract value of these improvements totaled \$59,233,755.

A breakdown of expenditures shows that \$15,164,013 was for stage construction projects in some 50 miles of Interstate Highways, and the remaining \$44 million was distributed between Trunk System Routes, the Trunk Feeder System, the Rural Collector System and the Secondary Road System.

Carry-over projects which had been let in previous years and were completed in 1963 totaled \$57,814,428 in actual contract value on 1,236 miles of roadways. \$17 million of the total amount was

spent on work for the Interstate System. \$23 million on other Trunk Routes, \$10 million on the Trunk Feeder System, \$4 million on the Rural Collector System and \$14 million on the Secondary System.

At the end of 1963 contracts valued at \$66,534,735 were still active and had not been completed.

Total value of all contracts active sometime in 1963 is \$134,348,162. This amount does not include right of way acquisition, engineering or contingencies, nor work completed by Highway work forces or maintenance.

Since 1953 the North Carolina State Highway Commission has received a total of 2,991 contracts for 14,743 miles of contract work with a total contract value of \$3,68,887,853 for the 11 year period ending December 1963.

Brush Creek Club Holds Annual Rabbit Supper

Brush Creek Community Club celebrated its 12th anniversary by holding its annual rabbit supper on Friday, Jan. 10 at 7:00 p. m. at the Community Building. The snow, ice, and cold weather didn't seem to keep folks away. Sixty people were present in spite of the weather and in spite of an exciting basketball game between the keen rivals of Cane River and East Yancey.

Mrs. Mary Margaret Dayton, Director from Yancey County, of the Western North Carolina Agricultural Development Council, greeted the victors which included Everett Dillingham, Charles Steelman, and Alice Holton from the Extension Office; Mack B. Ray with the Farmers Home Adm., the Mayor of Loafers Glory, Fred Garland, and his wife and daughter.

There was no planned program. The only speeches ever allowed on this occasion are just a few words to say, "I am glad to be here," by the out-of-community dignitaries.

The men in the community start hunting rabbits just as soon as the season opens and keep it up until the supper. The women in the community cook the rabbits in every possible way they can be cooked. In addition, they have other foods and a wide selection of desserts.

Evidently, rabbit is not too hard on the stomach or else there would be a lot of sick people in Yancey and adjoining counties.

Sign-Up For Feed Grain Program To Begin Feb. 10

The sign-up for the 1964 feed grain program will begin on February 10, and run through March 27, according to J. T. Randolph, County Office Manager of the Yancey Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation County Office. He said further that the 1964 program is essentially the same program that was available in 1963. The program will be voluntary, all bases are combined, and farmers must divert at least 20 percent of the total base to be eligible for diversion payments and price support.

Randolph explained that in some cases, farmers will get slightly higher payments this year. Farmers that divert over 40 percent of their base will get the higher payment rate on all the diverted acreage. They may divert the larger of 25 acres or 50 percent of their base. Any farmer with questions about his individual farm should contact his ABCS office.



DR. J. IVERSON RIDDLE

Dr. Riddle Will Speak To Woman's Club

Dr. J. Iverson Riddle will speak to the joint Senior and Junior Woman's Club meeting on Monday, January 20 at 8:00 p. m.

Dr. Riddle is currently employed by the State of North Carolina as Superintendent of Western Carolina Center, which is now under construction at Morganton. He is Clinical Instructor in Psychiatry at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, School of Medicine, and his special interest is emotional problems of brain injured children.

Dr. Riddle's father, Harry Lee Riddle, is a former native of Yancey County, leaving the county when he was a young man and he is the present Mayor of the town of Morganton.

Dr. Riddle is a native of Morganton. He attended Medical School at the University of North Carolina School of Medicine; also took his undergraduate training at the University of N. C. He served a General Rotating Internship in 1955 at City Memorial Hospital in Winston-Salem. He had three years Residency in Psychiatry at North Carolina Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill; attended the postgraduate course in Mental Retardation offered at the National Institute of Mental Health at Letchworth Village in New York State in 1959; and served two years as a Lieutenant Commander as a member of the Psychiatric Staff at the U. S. Naval Hospital in Charleston, S. C.

The public is invited to hear Dr. Riddle at the Community Building on Monday night. He will speak on Emotional Problems of Children.

Burnsville Nears 10 to 1 For Issue

The election on a bond issue of \$250,000 to erect a new courthouse and jail was carried by a great majority Tuesday.

More than two thousand voters braved the icy weather to go to the polls. And 1715 voted in favor of the bond issue.

Burnsville township, as was expected cast the most votes of any polling place in the county. Seven hundred fifty votes were cast in favor of the issue by Burnsville citizens, while only seventy eight cast their votes against issuing bonds for the new construction.

Only one township cast more ballots against the issue—Ramseytown cast twenty-six votes for the bond issue and twenty-seven against it.

All other precincts were in favor of the issue, and in most places by a large margin.

The Federal Government is giving the county a grant of \$341,000 to aid in constructing the new building.

At the time of this writing, location for the courthouse had not been obtained nor decided upon. Several locations have been considered, and settlement on a site should be made within a short time, officials believe.

Business Places Close Wednesday Afternoon

Burnsville establishments were closed Wednesday afternoon. It was decided by members of the Merchants Association that business places will close from January through November at noon Wednesdays.

In the past grocery stores have not closed, and it is understood that they will not close this year. The Wednesday afternoon closing will include the postoffice and bank.

Services Held For Former Resident In Oregon

Thomas K. Wilson, 73, of Portland, Ore., brother of Mrs. S. K. Ray of Asheville, died November 13, in Clackamas, Ore., after a long illness.

A native of Pensacola, he was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Wilson and grandson of Big Tom Wilson of Pensacola, friend and guide of Dr. Elsha Mitchell for whom Mt. Mitchell was named.

Mr. Wilson went to Oregon in 1903 where he worked for a number of years as a locomotive engineer in the lumber camps of Oregon. While an engineer he invented the friction block for locomotives, which he patented.

At the time of his death, Mr. Wilson owned Columbia Manufacturing Co. where he made the friction blocks and also manufactured rifles.

He was a member of Sunnyside Lodge No. 163, AF and AM and Al Kader Shrine.

Services were held Nov. 20 at McGinnis and Wilhelm Funeral Home chapel. Burial was in Portland Memorial Cemetery.

Surviving in addition to the sister are the widow, Mrs. Lemira J. Wilson; a daughter, Miss Patricia J. Wilson of Pendleton, Ore.; a son, Theodore T. of Clackamas, Ore.; another sister, Mrs. Lucy Wilson Sturgille of Oakley; four brothers, Emitt, George, Denver and James, all of Pensacola, and two grandchildren.



ROBERT ALLAN MOORE

Celebrated his third birthday on January 10, 1964. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Moore of Orlando, Florida and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Banks of Burnsville RFD 3.

Traffic Fatalities

RALEIGH — The Motor Vehicles Department's summary of traffic deaths through 10:00 a. m. Monday, January 13:

Killed to date 48

Killed to date last year 32

National Science Foundation Meeting In Texas

Boone—Dr. F. Ray Darrick, professor and chairman of the Appalachian State Teachers College department of biology, will attend a meeting of the National Science Foundation in San Antonio, Texas, on January 16-17.

Dr. Darrick said that the two-day meeting is being held for the purpose of making plans for the summer science training programs for high school students on the various campuses across the country. This meeting is also for the directors of the campus programs.

This is the fifth consecutive year that ASCS has participated in the National Science Foundation program. A cosmopolitan group of 25 high school boys and 25 girls will be selected to attend the training program at ASTC this summer. Half of the group will be selected for studies in biology and the other half for studies in geology.

Students will be selected by screening tests and interviews at testing centers in Boone, Winston-Salem, Charlotte, Asheville, Johnson City, Tenn.; Augusta, Ga.; Greenville, S. C.; Charleston, S. C.; and Columbia, S. C.

To be selected a student must be in the top 10 per cent of his class in science. Dr. Darrick said that the Summer Science Training Program is for high-ability secondary students in science.

The purpose of the program is to encourage the scientific interest of high-ability secondary students by providing opportunities for such students to study and work with experienced scientists.

Locals

Col. and Mrs. W. C. Airheart, stationed in Chinhae, Korea, spent the Christmas holidays in Hong Kong. Col. Airheart is Senior Marine Corps advisor in Korea. Mrs. Airheart, the former Miss Edna Atkins of Pensacola, is principal of one of the service schools in Korea.

Mr. Dean C. Plemmons of Tobaccoville, N. C. suffered a slight stroke at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Tom Higgins and Mr. Higgins, here this week. He returned to his home near Winston-Salem for medical treatment in Baptist Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Edge are on a buying trip to Charlotte this week.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Roberts visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Lamb, in Sampson Memorial Hospital in Clinton, N. C. over the week end where they are recuperating from an automobile accident on Christmas Eve.

Mr. Plato Penland has returned to his home here after surgery in Mission Memorial Hospital in Asheville, he is reported to be getting along well.

Mrs. Tom Griffith is confined to her home here due to illness.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Leslie Hensley visited Mr. Hensley's brother and family in West Jefferson last week-end.

Mrs. James Ray is undergoing treatment in St. Joseph's Hospital in Asheville.

Burnsville School PTA To Meet Monday

Burnsville Elementary School Parent-Teacher Association will meet on Tuesday, January 21 in the school lunchroom.

Mrs. P. C. Coletta, program chairman, will be in charge of the program. She will present a film entitled "Angry Boy."

Due to Mr. Ralph Adams, president, moving away from Burnsville, Mr. Harold Harris, vice-president, will take over the duties of president and will preside at the next meeting.

SECOND STORM OF THE YEAR STRIKES MOUNTAINS

The second snow storm of the New Year struck Western North Carolina Sunday. Schools were closed from Monday through Wednesday and business was at a near standstill. Traffic was blocked in most places and the secondary roads were almost completely cut off. Temperatures dropped to near zero. Mt. Mitchell reported from 10 to 12 inches of snow in the last storm which fell on the layer still on the ground from the New Years storm.

Tuesday temperatures started upward and fair weather has prevailed through this writing.

Newdale Youth Group Presents Program To Lions

The Newdale youth group gave a program for the Lions Club Thursday night featuring the phases of their program that won the county youth development contest and also honorable mention in the WNC Development Council contest. Rev. Thomas Rutledge, leader of the youth group, and Charles Crowder, president of the Newdale Community Development Club, were in charge of the group.

President Jack Kelley announced that the Club had sold 30 fruit cakes and that the profit on them went toward the blind aid fund, including Christmas presents for 27 adults and children.

March Of Dimes Sing In Asheville

The Big Annual March of Dimes Gospel Singing will be held at the Asheville City Auditorium on Saturday, January 18 from 7:30 to 11:30 p. m.

All singing groups and individuals, professional or otherwise, are invited to participate in this worthy cause.

There will be no admission charge. However, an opportunity will be provided for those who wish to make a contribution to The New March of Dimes.

Everyone is urged to come and bring their friends. All proceeds will go to the March of Dimes. C. E. Bailey is chairman of arrangements and Master of Ceremonies will be E. J. Ball, assisted by Frank Reed.

The sing is being sponsored by the New March of Dimes.



Atkins Commissioned Second Lt.

Morris D. Atkins, son of Mrs. T. M. Atkins of Pensacola, was commissioned a second lieutenant December 20 on graduation from the Officers Candidate Course at Marine Corps Schools, Quantico, Va. Leadership and physical fitness were emphasized during the 12-week course.

Mrs. W. A. Banks of Burnsville is shown pinning the lieutenant bars on her brother, Lt. Atkins, while his mother, Mrs. T. M. Atkins looks on.

He is now attending the 26-week Basic School required of all newly commissioned Marine officers.

Upon completion of the advanced course he will be assigned to a Marine Corps unit for duty or to another school for further training.

Lt. Atkins received his BS degree from Western Carolina College, Cullowhee in June after three years of study.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Banks and children, and Mrs. T. M. Atkins attended his graduation from the Marine Corps School in Quantico in December. Lt. Atkins has returned to Quantico after two weeks leave which he spent here with his mother and other relatives.

Personal Income Low, Report Shows

Governor Terry Sanford today termed the report on personal income in North Carolina "as further proof, if they were needed, that we must redouble our efforts in North Carolina to lift the economy of all sections and all citizens."

The North Carolina Department of Tax Research released a county by county break-down on "Estimates of Personal Income in North Carolina for 1962." It showed the per capita income of the State as a whole at \$1,732 for 1962.

Said Governor Sanford: "While these figures show an improvement in our State over previous years, they show, at the same time, the long distance we have yet to go.

"There are many historical reasons why North Carolina's per capita is low. But future historians

will not excuse us of this generation if we fail to take the steps necessary to raise that per capita.

"These figures on per capita again point up the need for a continuing drive to improve our educational system. They show also the need for yet greater efforts in our campaign for new industry which set a new record in 1963.

"And these figures point up the challenge inherent in programs like the North Carolina Fund and our general assault on poverty.

"North Carolina has, in this century, pulled itself up by its bootstraps. We need to pull even higher. We can. We will."

Estimated population for Yancey County 1962, was 12,745 with a total personal income of \$18,622 and per capita personal income of \$991 and County rank of 95.



GERALD MURDOCK

Murdock Reassigned To Chanute AFB

LACKLAND AFB, Tex.—Airman Gerald L. Murdock, son of Mr. and Mrs. George C. Murdock of Burnsville, N. C., is being reassigned to Chanute AFB, Ill., for technical training as a United States Air Force communications analysis specialist.

Airman Murdock, who enlisted in the Air Force a short time ago, has completed his initial basic military training here.

The airman, a graduate of Burnsville High School, attended Mars Hill College.