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W. T. Martin, postal service officer, of Greenville, S. C. is shown above presenting Mr. Paul Buck his certificate of appointment as acting postmaster in Burnsville. Mr. G. Leslie Hensley, retiring postmaster, is shown looking on.

Paul Buck Appointed Acting Postmaster At Hensley's Retirement

On December 30 G. Leslie Hensley retired as Burnsville postmaster after 30 years and six months service. He began his duty as postmaster on June 23, 1933.

Paul E. Buck has been appointed as acting postmaster for the Burnsville office.

During Mr. Hensley's years of service as postmaster here, he was very active in civic and church affairs. He was a charter member of the North Carolina chapter of the National Association of Postmasters. He served as state president of the organization, was a national director, and held all offices of the state chapter at some time during his 30 years

service as postmaster.

Mr. Hensley is a member of Higgins Memorial Methodist Church, is a charter member of Burnsville Men's Club and served as president of that organization.

He has been chairman of the savings bond program in Yancey County since 1940 and has received several national awards for achieving the bond quota in the county.

The son of the late James B. Hensley and Mrs. Hensley of Asheville, Leslie moved to Burnsville in 1906 and has resided here since that time. He has been associated with Yancey Insurance Agency for several years and expects to be more active with the agency during his retirement. He says, also, that some of his time will be used in fishing and visiting. And at the present time he is visiting his son, George Leslie, Jr., in Sebring, Fla. He has one daughter, Mrs. Russell W. York, who resides in Asheville.

Paul E. Buck, appointed as acting postmaster upon Mr. Hensley's retirement is the son of the late Mr. D. M. Buck and Mrs. Pearl Buck of Bald Mountain.

Mr. Buck, following his graduation from high school in Yancey County, attended the University of North Carolina where he majored in Personnel Management. He was employed with Glen Raven Silk Mills as an Industrial Engineer after serving in the U. S. Air Corps during World War II. Since 1950 Mr. Buck has been managing his farm and his mother's farm at Bald Mountain.

Mr. Buck's father represented Yancey County in the North Carolina Legislature five times. And his sister, Hope Buck, served as superintendent of Yancey County Schools for four years.

Mr. Buck and the former Maude Peak of Erwin, Tenn. were married in 1942 and reside at Bald Mountain. They have one son, Frederick Charles.

Mr. Buck has served on the local draft board since 1948 and served ten years on the Bee Log School Board. Presently he is a member of the Citizens Committee For Better Schools, appointed by Governor Sanford, and is a member of the Moorehead Foundation of the University of North Carolina.

Higgins Joins Sports Staff Of Charlotte Observer

J. Tom Higgins, former editor and publisher of The Record, will join the sports staff of the Charlotte Observer on Jan. 31.

Higgins will edit the outdoor page for the Charlotte paper, will be a special writer on participation sports and will also cover some competitive sports.

Higgins, 26, the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Higgins of Burnsville, was affiliated with The Record throughout 1963.

A Yancey County native, he has prior experience in the sports field. He was a sports reporter for the Durham Morning Herald immediately before joining The Record, and before that was a member of the sports staffs of the Winston-Salem Journal and Sentinel and Asheville Citizen-Times.

A 1955 graduate of Burnsville High School, Higgins attended Brevard College for two years and began his newspaper career in 1957 as reporter-photographer for the Canton Enterprise.

While in Burnsville he was a member of the Burnsville Men's Club and the Methodist Men's Club of Higgins Memorial Methodist Church.

Mrs. Higgins, the former Caroline Plemmons of Winston-Salem, was active in local club and church work. She was secretary of the Carolina Hemlock Junior Woman's Club, was teacher of the Junior Sunday School class at the Methodist Church and was counselor of the church's Youth Fellowship organization.

The Higgins' and their son, Chip, plan to move to Charlotte within the next few days.



Lewis R. Holding, President of the statewide First Citizens Bank & Trust Company, has been named North Carolina Chairman of the 1964 American Cancer Society Crusade.

In making the announcement of Holding's acceptance to the position, Senator Irwin Belk, Vice President of the North Carolina Division, American Cancer Society, stated the young bank executive would assume his leadership duties immediately and he would "be a working chairman across the State, day and night."

Examination For Postmaster Announced

An examination for Postmaster at Burnsville, North Carolina, \$995 a year, will be open for acceptance of applications until February 11, 1964, the Commission announced today. This examination has been announced under revised qualifications standards agreed upon between the Commission and the Post-Office Department.

Competitors for the postmaster vacancy in this city must have at least 3 years of experience (education above high school level may be substituted for 1½ years of experience) showing that they have the ability to conduct and manage the community's postal business efficiently and to supervise employees so that customers are satisfied with the service.

Competitors must also show that they are of good reputation and that they can deal with the public agreeably and effectively.

Applicants must take a written test. Those who pass will be assigned final ratings on the basis of this test and on their experience, and fitness for the position.

They must have resided within the delivery of the office for one year immediately preceding the closing date of the examination. In addition, they must have reached their 18th birthday on the closing date for acceptance of applications; however, this age limit is waived for high school graduates. They may be appointed when they reach their sixteenth birthday provided local child labor law permits. Persons over 70 years of age cannot be appointed.

Complete information about the examination requirements and instructions for filing applications may be obtained at the post office for which this examination is being announced. Application forms must be filed with the U. S. Civil Service Commission, Washington 25, D. C., and must be received or postmarked not later than the closing date.

Plans For Museum Aboard U. S. S. North Car. Underway

Plans for the establishment of the Museum aboard the U. S. S. North Carolina Battleship Memorial have progressed to the point where the Roll of Honor of North Carolina's World War II Dead are ready to be submitted to the engraver.

This Roll of Honor will be the most important feature of the Museum. Every effort is being made to insure that there will be no omissions or other errors in it. For that reason we are publishing the list of names of the men from this county who lost their lives in World War II while in a line-of-duty status. It is requested that our readers report any discrepancies directly to the Battleship Memorial, P. O. Box 417, Wilmington, North Carolina.

Following is the list of names of those who lost their lives during the conflict:

- Ballew, Edward E., Beaver, Joseph C., Bennett, Sam B., Blankenship, John W., Buchanan, Edison, Buchanan, Lizzie J., Burdison, Weldon C., Chrisavon, Olin O., Deyton, Paul F., Edwards, Plen, Eifler, Arnold A., Fields, Willis L., Jr., Fox, Warren C., Galloway, Alfred L., Gibbs, Walter, Gouge, J. L., Hall, George W., Haney, Vester, Hensley, Warren J., Higgins, Ned, Hillemon, Ward F., Holloway, Joe F., Honeycutt, James E., Loftis, Howard D., Marsh, Bill, McCarry, Seth, McDaniels, Theron E., McIntosh, Jack Nash, William Peterson, Homer, Rathbone, Alvin C., Rathbone, Mack T., Ray, Rex F., Riddle, Luther A., Robinson, Jack W., Roland, Verlin B., Saylor, Edward, Taylor, Arthur, Thomas, Guy D., Tipton, Isaac W., Whitson, Benjie, Wilson, Ralph J., Wilson, Zack R., Young, Smith J.

Duncan Reports Progress Made Last Year By Northwestern Bank

The stockholders of The Northwestern Bank met at 11:00 in the Directors Room of the Home Office in North Wilkesboro on Tuesday, January 21.

Mr. Edwin Duncan, Sr., president of The Northwestern Bank, made the following report:

"It is with pleasure that we report the net operating profits in

1963 were \$3,013,639.21 as compared with \$2,159,456.63 in 1962. The net profits, after income tax was paid and accrued for 1963, were \$2,354,743.09 compared to \$1,578,287.97 in 1962, or \$5.46 per share against \$4.06 per share on the average outstanding shares in 1962.

Ten new plants began operations and several ex-

The substantial increase in loans during 1963 has resulted in a larger Reserve for Possible Loan Losses which in turn has reduced income tax for the year. If our loans do not increase proportionally in 1964, a greater portion of our earnings will go into income tax.

In our trading area business conditions were spotty. Farm production was affected by the worst drought in years as well as low prices. Tobacco in volume was off 25 per cent or more. On the other hand, industry employed a record listing plants increased their facilities, hiring more people and producing more goods than in any other year. The tourist business reached an all time peak with more than five million people traveling the Blue Ridge Parkway. The net result of these activities was the increase of our total resources from \$170,000,000 to \$190,000,000.

As in the past, all assets considered for federal examiners, state examiners, or our auditors were charged to expense or reserve accounts."

B. R. Penland of Burnsville was re-elected as director from the Burnsville Branch.

Dr. Davenport Will Speak To Coin Collectors

The public is invited to attend a coin show, sponsored by the collectors in this area, in the Community Building in Burnsville, Sunday, January 25th from 2:00 to 5:00 p. m.

Dr. William Davenport of Spruce Pine will show part of his famous collection and will speak to the group. This part of the program is set for 2:30 and will be of interest to the amateur collector and the beginner, where they will perhaps get a chance to see specimens that they have never seen.

Dr. Davenport has been interested in the hobby for several years, and he has been seriously collecting since 1908. He has shown his collection at many of the large shows and has won several awards for his displays.

There will be no charge for admission, and all collectors in this area are asked to bring their specimens or collections, large or small to show. Any one with a small or large collection of coins or currency, a single coin or any other item of interest to the collector is urged to bring them along.

Group Meets With Governor On Winter Star Project

Yates Bennett and Mark Bennett were in Raleigh Tuesday for a meeting with Governor Sanford concerning the Winter Star project on Cattail Creek. Also in the meeting was Attorney Stone of Black Mountain who represents Frank T. Sedlaco, the Chicago financier of the proposed Winter Star project, and Percy Threadgill of Miami, Fla. owner of the Cattail Creek property.

Bennett said the project had recently bogged down due to conflicting interests in the lease for the parties concerned.

Yates Bennett was in Miami, Fla. last week where he conferred with Mr. Threadgill concerning further negotiations between him and the Chicago parties.

Mr. Bennett stated that their meeting with the governor gave promising indication that the state proposed road would be constructed as was previously planned if workable negotiations are brought about by Mr. Threadgill and Mr. Sedlaco. It was understood, however, that unless the project was not to be a reality the road would not be constructed.

A new lease on the property involved has been drawn and sent to Chicago for the approval or rejection by Mr. Sedlaco.

Mr. Bennett stated that it was generally felt by the group who met concerning the project that new documents would probably be acceptable to both parties. And if the lease is negotiated it was thought that some actual work should be begun on the project before long.

Senior Girl Scouts Available For Baby Sitting

The Senior Girl Scouts, all high school girls, are available for baby sitting in the evening. The standard price will be 50c per hour which is standard price of baby sitting in Burnsville, where one is available.

Whenever possible two girls will serve as baby sitters together, but the price will remain 50c an hour. Miss Annie Hassell, Senior Girl Scout Leader, has stated that she will endeavor to have at least one of the two girls sitting to be a high school junior or senior as they have extra experience and training in handling children. Many of the girls have first aid training as well as training from their Girl Scout program in Child care.

Persons wishing to use this service should call Miss Hassell, 682-2375, or Mrs. Craig English, 682-2133 as far in advance of the date baby sitting is required as possible.

The girls plan to use this money to build a fund for a proposed trip to the beach this summer.

Wilson Will Take Farm Course At State College

Billy Wilson, a commercial apple grower of Pensacola Community, will represent Yancey County in the Short Course in modern farming at N. C. State College January 27-February 7.

Young Wilson has been active in 4-H, Community Club, and other youth activities. He is a member of the active army reserve.

Billy is at present working with his father, C. D. Wilson, in the operation and management of the hore orchard consisting of approximately 50 acres of trees and a storage and grading house.

Courthouse-Jail Property Purchased Wednesday

The site for the new courthouse and jail was selected Wednesday and the transfer of property to Yancey County is underway, according to County Attorney, Bill Atkins.

The site selected is on the East end of the square and south of Main Street and is owned by the George W. Anglin heirs.

Mr. Atkins said that Henry Gaines, architect, a member of the Six Associates Architectural Firm of Asheville met with the

Board of County Commissioners and recommended that the Anglin property would be the most appropriate site for the new county building.

The cost of the property is \$60,000 which will leave \$31,000 from the bonds and federal grant for the actual building construction.

Mr. Atkins said that it was thought that arrangements for bids for the construction of the courthouse and jail would be made within 30 days.

Miss Hassell-Mrs. Tyner Will Speak At Library Meeting

Highlights of their European trip will be given by Miss Annie Hassell and Mrs. T. M. Tyner at the Yancey County Library, Burnsville, on Saturday evening, January 25, at 8 p. m.

"SIGHTS, SOUNDS, AND SOUVENIRS OF EUROPE" is the title of their presentation which will combine an account of their trip last September with anecdotes, pictures of places visited, and a display of some of the souvenirs they could not resist.

The talk is sponsored by the Yancey County Friends of the Library. The public is invited.

Locals

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Hunter and children of Statesville spent last week-end visiting relatives here. Mrs. Hunter's father, Mills Edge, is very ill at his home in Newdale. Clarence Edge of Florida also visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mills Edge, of Newdale due to the illness of his father.

Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Robinson and children of Asheville visited Mrs. Robinson's father, Jess Buchanan, and her sister, Mrs. Jeanette Randolph, and family here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Leslie Hensley are visiting George Leslie, Jr. in Sebring, Fla. this week.

B. R. Penland, Jay Edge and Robert Presnell attended the Stockholders meeting of The Northwestern Bank in North Wilkesboro Tuesday.

Mrs. Ray Bodford is undergoing treatment in Yancey Hospital here.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Davis and son, Jan, of Asheville visited her mother, Mrs. W. C. Murphy, here Sunday.

Mr. Ted Phillips who is employed in Johnson City, Tenn. visited his family at Newdale last week-end.

Zoe B. Young of Durham who has been visiting relatives in the county since Christmas returned to her home in Durham last week.

Mrs. Ethel Hughes is a patient in Yancey Hospital where she is undergoing treatment.

Mrs. Emory Roland of Burnsville underwent surgery in an Asheville Hospital this week.

Mrs. Charles B. Trammel visited her daughter, Mrs. Max Fox, in Boone the first of this week, while Rev. Trammel attended a meeting in Raleigh.