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Ground-Breaking Ceremonies Wednesday For Bank Building

Ground-breaking ceremonies for the Northwestern Bank Building, Asheville, North Carolina, were held at 11:30 a. m. at the construction site of Pack Square. During the ceremonies Weldon Weir, city manager of Asheville, handed the building permit to Dr. Gene Whittington, architect for the building, William E. Little and George S. Goodyear, then presented Edwin Duncan, president of the Northwestern Bank, the key to the foundation. Mr. Duncan activated the drill, signifying the beginning of the foundation structure. At least 44 caissons drilled holes, 40 feet deep and up to 5 feet in diameter, filled with concrete and steel will be the base of the building. The building will rise 215 feet above Pack Square from this base.

Buchanan Assigned To Fort Huachuca, Ariz.

Donald Buchanan, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Buchanan, RFD 1, Burnsville, entered the military service in October 1963. He completed his basic training at Fort Gordon, Ga. in December, and spent two weeks at his home here during the Christmas holidays. He was re-assigned to U. S. Army Electronic Proving Grounds at Fort Huachuca, Arizona for schooling in electronics and radar where he rates in the top five in his class. He writes that Arizona has a wonderful climate, warm days and cool nights.

Donald graduated from Burnsville High School and attended Mars Hill College for two years and took some training at East Tennessee Teachers College, Johnson City, Tenn. He would be very pleased to hear from any of his schoolmates and friends. His address is Pvt. Donald L. Buchanan, U. S. 8638413, Ft. Co. USACSS, (Str. Dept.) 8219 Fort Huachuca, Arizona.

Tomato Growers Meet Tonight

Yancey County tomato growers will meet Thursday night, February 26, at 7:00 p. m. in the courthouse to discuss marketing and production plans for 1964. The market opportunities of the co-operative markets in the area will be discussed, along with other market outlets. E. L. Dillingham, County Extension Chairman of Yancey County, said that the outlook for tobacco made it more necessary than ever for farmers to look to other enterprises for an increase in their income. Slides will be shown of recommended practices and results of successful growers will be shown.

Bank Will Observe Holiday Saturday, Will Remain Open Friday Until 5

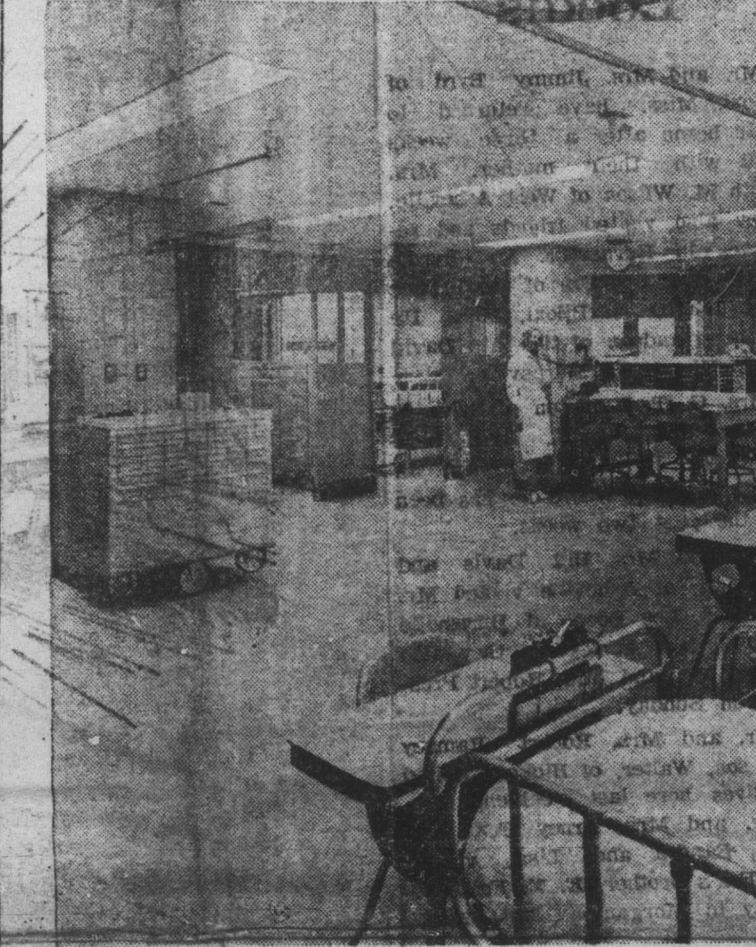
The Northwestern Bank will be closed next Saturday, Feb. 22, in observance of Washington's birthday. The management has announced that they will remain open until 5:00 p. m. Friday, Feb. 21, in order to give added service to those people who cannot get into the bank before 2:00 p. m. Officials of the bank states that the bank will be open for business every Friday from 4 to 5 o'clock. This is being done so that the people who work the first shift in the plants and cannot get into the bank before the 2 o'clock closing time may be able to transact their banking business at that time. This will be a temporary arrangement until the bank management determines how many people will be helped. If it is found that this arrangement will be helpful to a sufficient number of people then it will continue on a permanent basis.

Mountain Youth Festival Unique

Asheville, N. C.—The 16th annual Mountain Youth Jamboree will be held at Asheville's City Auditorium April 1-2-3. The youth of eleven counties of these southern mountains will come together to sweep through the colorful patterns of the mountain square dances, and to pick and to sing the ballads and haunting melodies that have enlivened isolated mountain ridges and coves these past two centuries. It is different in the youth of the participants and the music they sing and play. It becomes unique when these factors are combined with the man whose dream and life it has been these 16 years. Hubert Hayes was a playwright of these mountains. His historic drama "Thunderland" played here three years. His "Tight Briches" was rendered well on Broadway. Then came a stroke, a heart attack, significant brain damage. He would write no more. One thin thread held his interest. . . to preserve the traditional music and dance forms of his land, and to pass them on renewed to its youth. What health and strength there was came under further repeated attacks. Somehow his "festival" provided the power his body no longer could. He directed from a wheel chair. Visited cabins and remote schools in a wheel chair. Lert a hospital and oxygen tent by ambulance and stretcher to be "there." Each have kept the other alive. man, mountain children and festival. Next Saturday he will travel 110 miles auditioning. Much of next week he will spend in bed, to recover and to gather strength for another Saturday. His reward will come April 1. Another generation will be singing of the rambling boy, of Sourwood Mountain. And the musical heritage of the Southern Highlands will lose ground a shade less rapidly, than if a tall man with a lisp and a limp had given in to the hopeless odds of stroke and heart a decade ago.

Sparks Active In Heart Sunday, Mathematics Club At ASTC

BOONE—This year there is one Yancey County student at Appalachian State Teachers College, Boone, who is active in the Mathematics Club, according to an announcement by Dr. G. T. Buckland and Mr. Sam Travis, sponsors of The Yancey County student, Kenny Sparks. The Mathematics Club is an organization composed of mathematics majors and other interested students. This club holds its purpose to stimulate an interest in mathematical activities. Some of the activities of the organization are club discussions, field trips, lectures, and guest speakers, and occasional socials.



A view of the new 12-bed intensive care unit at North Carolina Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem. Six beds are in private rooms. The others are in cubicles separated by curtains. This unit provides care for critically ill patients who need constant observation and professional care, and will be expanded to 27 beds.

Ted Mathis Given Student Teaching Assignment

MARS HILL — Ted Lee Mathis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Mathis of Rt. 3, Burnsville, has been given a student teaching assignment by the education department of Mars Hill College. A senior at the Baptist school, Mathis will practice teach at East Yancey High School near Burnsville for ten weeks, beginning March 16. He is one of 80 Mars Hill students who have been assigned in the college's first student teaching program. Formerly a junior college Mars Hill has upgraded to senior college status and the teacher education program is one of its newly developed curricula.

Mass Polio Drive Taking Shape

Monday night, February 10, 1964, a special meeting was held at Harris High School in Spruce Pine where Dr. James W. Johnson of Spruce Pine, and Dr. George Kimberly of Bakersville, President of the Mitchell-Yancey Medical Society, brought into sharp focus their plans for mass Polio Immunization for Mitchell County with the first feeding on Sunday, March 8th. A similar meeting was conducted in Yancey County by Dr. Garland E. Wampler and Dr. Hahn. The program has been so well set up by the Medical Association that the original 18,000 doses have been increased to 22,000. Mrs. David Blevins and Mrs. Linton Greene both of Spruce Pine agreed to serve as co-chairmen of the Spruce Pine area and Mrs. Nina Turbyfill R. N., has been placed in charge of setting up the feeding stations in Spruce Pine. Others in the county will be announced next week. 5 STATIONS IN MITCHELL—5 IN YANCEY The schools in Mitchell and Yancey County have agreed to open their facilities on Sunday, March 8th in which the feeding stations will be set up. Listed in Mitchell County are Bakersville High School, Tipton Hill High School, Buldlean School, Harris High School, and Harris Elementary School. The five schools which have been set up in Yancey County are East Yancey, Cane River, South Toe River Elementary, Clearmont Elementary, and Bee Log Elementary. BI-COUNTY MEETING HELD On Monday night, February 17, 1964, another special planning meeting was held at East Yancey High School. Attended by workers and interested people from both Mitchell and Yancey County.

Peterson Family Named Farm Family Of 1963

The State Farmers Home Administration Advisory Committee inaugurated a program of selecting a "FHA Farm Family of the Year" for North Carolina in 1963. This will be an annual citation recognizing the family in the State that has done the most outstanding job of improving their farming, family living and service to their community. The Elmer B. Peterson family of the Brush Creek Community has been nominated for this citation from Yancey County. The family consists of Mr. Peterson, his wife, Alma Rae, and daughter, Rhonda Lynn who is in the sixth grade at Clearmont School where she ranks high in her class. The Petersons received their first FHA loans in 1957 and progress was moderate but steady until 1963. Changing farming conditions caused the Petersons to do a lot of "good thinking" and results are listed below. Improved Farm Practices: In 1963, 15 acres of land were cleared, bogged and seeded to fescue and ladino clover. 20 acres of permanent pasture were fertilized and for the first time was top dressed with 200 lbs. nitrate of soda per acre with excellent results. Increase of corn silage and yield increased from 150 tons production to 300 tons in 1963 extending feeding period of silage from 5 to 9 months. Herd has been increased from 18 to 28 cows, by purchasing 10, and bulling 8 being replaced by heifers. Financial Progress: Estimated value of inventory increased \$8,250 and increase in net worth was about \$7,000 in 1963. Gross farm income increased \$2,840. — increased milk sales being responsible for the increase. Property: During the year a new 6 stall, walk-thru type milk parlor was constructed at a cost of \$15,000. A barn shed 30'x60', was constructed at a cost of \$4,000. 15 acres cleared, bogged, fertilized and seeded in fescue and ladino clover at a cost of \$10,000. A used furnace and new cabinets in kitchen were installed in 1963 and all rooms painted. Cost \$700. Total spent on improvements amounted to about \$31,000. Improved Family Living: During the year all rooms were heated, with all rooms being heated. Kitchen was redecorated after new cabinets had been installed. All rooms except living room were redecorated. Telephone was installed. Family Participation in Community Affairs: The Petersons have been very active in the Brush Creek Development Club. Mrs. Peterson is secretary and she stated that they had never missed a meeting. They are regular and active attendants at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church where Mrs. Peterson is an Officer in the Sunday School. Overcoming Adverse Conditions: In 1963 the Petersons realized that the day of a very small successful dairy farmer had passed, that to stay in the business they would have to grow and grow rapidly. Additional acreage was obtained and paid for in 1962, setting the stage for the 1963 accomplishments. The major difficulty overcome in growing larger was purchasing additional cows and milk base, increasing from 11,000 lbs. to more than 21,000 lbs. monthly. This was done at an additional cost of \$6,000.

Top Enlisted Men Announced

The two top enlisted men in the 45th Artillery Brigade (AD) the NCO Specialist of the Quarter and the soldier of the Quarter have been announced. The two outstanding soldiers are SSgt. Conway Blankenship, Headquarters, 4-59, and Cpl. Charles D. Treese, Headquarters, 4-17. It was announced by Brigadier General John D. Stevens, commanding general, 45th Artillery Brigade. SSgt. (AD) Conway Blankenship, launcher crewman section chief of C-4-59, is the NCO Specialist of the Quarter. Competing against other men was Sgt. Blankenship was selected for his military bearing, leadership, past record, and knowledge of his military subjects and current events. Sgt. Blankenship entered the Army in 1961 and took his basic training at Camp Stewart, Ga. Prior to his coming to CBtry, he served in Okinawa. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mack Blankenship of Burnsville.

First Lady Offers Heart-Warming Salute to Heart Fund Volunteers

Dear Friends,
My highest praise goes to the 1,750,000 volunteers who will visit their neighbors on Sunday, February 23rd, to raise funds for the campaign against heart disease and other circulatory diseases. This campaign gives us all the chance to help the scientist in his laboratory, the doctor and the nurse in their work of healing, and the patients in their urgent need.
Heart disease respects no barriers of class or region or sex. Many homes have known its mark of pain and suffering. Its challenge is constant and our response cannot be less than the need and the opportunity. I am sure that the volunteers will be received most cordially as they go on their errands of mercy and good citizenship.
Sincerely,
Lady Bird Johnson
Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson



NO. 1 HEART VOLUNTEER is Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson, who, in her capacity as National Honorary Heart Sunday Chairman, has directed the message shown at left to the 1,750,000 volunteers who will call on their neighbors this week-end to distribute heart-guarding information and to receive contributions to the Heart Fund. She has long been an active and influential figure in the fight against heart and blood vessel disease.

LEGION-AUXILIARY WILL MEET

The American Legion and Auxiliary will hold its regular meeting Tuesday, February 25 beginning at 7:00 p. m. with a covered dish supper. longer could. He directed from a wheel chair. Visited cabins and remote schools in a wheel chair. Lert a hospital and oxygen tent by ambulance and stretcher to be "there." Each have kept the other alive. man, mountain children and festival. Next Saturday he will travel 110 miles auditioning. Much of next week he will spend in bed, to recover and to gather strength for another Saturday. His reward will come April 1. Another generation will be singing of the rambling boy, of Sourwood Mountain. And the musical heritage of the Southern Highlands will lose ground a shade less rapidly, than if a tall man with a lisp and a limp had given in to the hopeless odds of stroke and heart a decade ago.