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## Winners Announced In Annual Awards Meeting

The 15th. Annual Awards meeting of the Asheville Agricultural Development Council for the Community Development program of Western North Carolina was held Saturday, December 5, in the Asheville City auditorium under the slogan "There is no limit to what a community can do if it wants to."

### County Resident Featured In Charlotte Paper

A Yancey County resident, whose hobby and business is candles, was publicized in last Sunday's issue of the Charlotte Observer.

A beautiful color picture of Mrs. Joseph LoPiccolo among her candles and flower arrangements appeared on the front page of the Woman's section in the Charlotte paper Sunday.

The picture accompanied an article about Mrs. LoPiccolo and her candles written by Eudora Garrison, Homemaking Editor of the Observer.

Mr. and Mrs. LoPiccolo came here a few years ago from New Jersey and built a home on Brown's Creek in the Celso section of the county, and opened the Candle Light at Celso.

A visitor to Candle Light will find all types of candles from different parts of the world in various types and sizes.

The first candle in her collection was given to her by the owner of Gantsch Wax Works in Germany when she was only six years old, according to the Observer story.

She became interested in candles several years ago and has made two trips around the world and visited many of the World's best known wax works and candle makers.

Since opening her shop at Celso less than a year ago, she has had visitors not only from this country but from a few foreign countries.

Mrs. LoPiccolo is known for her beautiful flower arrangements as well as her candles. Those people interested in beautiful and varied types of Christmas candles will surely find them at the Candle Light at Celso.

## Obituaries

### MRS. EMMA McNEIL

Mrs. Emma Gibbs McNeil, 92, died Saturday morning in a McDowell County nursing home following a lengthy illness.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Mollie Robinson, Mrs. Glenn Gouge and Mrs. Fred Grindstaff, all of Burnsville Rt. 5; a son, W. M. McNeil of Marion; 28 grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

Services were held Monday at 2 p. m. in Browns Creek Baptist Church of Celso.

The Rev. Ralph Mumpower and the Rev. Lloyd Glenn officiated and burial was in Ballew Cemetery.

### MRS. MARY EDWARDS

Mrs. Mary Edwards, 99, of Burnsville, died at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Charlie Miller, Sunday after a long illness.

She was a native of Yancey County, and was the daughter of Saul and Esther Sparks Miller. She was the wife of the late John Henry Edwards.

Surviving are a son, Thomas Payne of Burnsville; three sisters, Mrs. Grover Hunter and Mrs. Frank Laws, both of Burnsville; and Mrs. Christina Johnson of Green Mountain; 11 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren and 13 great-great-grandchildren.

Services were held at 2 p. m. Tuesday at the Green Mountain Freewill Baptist Church.

The Rev. Frances Radford and the Rev. T. E. Woody officiated and burial was in Holcombe Cemetery.

ton, director of the Asheville Agricultural Development Council, presided.

The luncheon, with about 750 attending, opened at noon. Invocation was by Rev. Thomas Rutledge of Newdale Methodist church. Entertainment was by Skylanders Quartet. Address was by John C. Suerth, President of Gerber Products, presentation of awards was by Earl W. Eller, mayor of Asheville and president of the Council. Awards for Yancey County were: Brush Creek, Honorable Mention, \$50.00; Double Island 3rd. prize \$200.00; Newdale, Youth Award \$140.00.

### "The Messiah" To Be Presented By Mars Hill College Choir

MARS HILL—A 130-voice choir of Mars Hill College students will present "The Messiah" by George Frederick Handel in a special Christmas concert here Friday night.

The public is invited; no admission will be charged.

The performance, featuring the combined Touring Choir and the Campus Choir under the direction of Robert C. Rich, will be held in the school's 1800-seat Moore Auditorium beginning at 8 p. m.

The moving choral work will be accompanied on the college's 65-rank, four-manual Aeolian-Skinner pipe organ, which is valued at \$100,000. Organist will be Norman Selby, a talented music major from Onancock, Va.

### Cadet Scout Troop Express Their Thanks

The Girl Scout Cadette Troop 65 wish to thank the following people and business places for their help in the building of the float which won first prize in the senior division in Burnsville's first Christmas parade held last Saturday.

Those donating time and materials for the float were Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Laughrun, Mr. and Mrs. Carrol Angel, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Crisp, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fouts, Mrs. Margaret Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hilliard, Mr. and Mrs. James Ray, Deyton Farm Supply, Ike Laughrun Tin Shop, Morgan Brothers, Luther Ayers, Yancey Builders and Supply, Ray Brothers Food Center and Robert Chevrolet-Buick, Inc.

Without the help of these people it would have been impossible to have entered a float in the parade.

Mrs. Kenneth Laughrun and Mrs. Bill Fouts are leaders of the Cadette Troop.



Photo by John Robinson  
Happy Birthday to Bobby Joe Young, one year old on November 25. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Young of Green Mountain.

### Miss Bryant And Miss Banks Will Help "Parson Of The Hills"

Last year, the Bakersville Lions Club, sponsors of the North Carolina Rhododendron Festival received a letter from Rev. Charles Keys, known through the South as "The Parson of The Hills." He asked the festival if they would send Miss Bost who was reigning Queen and little Debby Biddix, the Junior Queen to help Fred Kirby and others bring hope and cheer to the annual Christmas Party he holds for the underprivileged deep in the mountains of Wilkes County.

This was something new, Queens at a party for the needy—the request was carefully weighed by the Club and finally, a decision was made to send them. Their appearance was a fantastic success—their being present and helping distribute gifts in near zero weather seemed to put a spark of hope in the eyes of little girls. As one news man put it "It worked."

This year Miss Judy Bryant of Spray and the nine year old beauty from Burnsville, Sheree Lisa Banks will join the Parson in Hickory Sunday morning December 20th and go in Jeeps along with other celebrities deep into the hills to help make this the best Christmas Party the Parson has ever had. Miss Banks will be taken to Hickory by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Banks. Miss Bryant will take one day off her appearance schedule in Chattanooga, Tenn., and drive to Hickory the 19th in order to be there early the morning of the 20th.

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Photo by John Robinson  
Happy Birthday to Royce Michael, 10, and Danny Wayne Ball, 9, who celebrated their birthdays on November 20 and 21. They are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel H. Ball of Burnsville.

### Merchants Assoc. And Chamber Of Commerce Expresses Appreciation

To the Citizens of Yancey County.

On behalf of the Merchants of Yancey County and the Yancey County Chamber of Commerce we would like to express our gratitude to everyone who helped make Yancey County's first Christmas Parade such a resounding success. The parade was something everyone in Yancey County can be proud of. It would have been a credit to a much larger community.

Our special thanks go to those who donated the prizes given the best floats, to the organizations which built floats, to those who took part in the parade, and to everyone who came to see it. We are particularly grateful to Santa who gave two hours of his valuable time in this busy season to be with us.

Vincent Westall, President Yancey Merchants Association  
Charles B. Gillespie, Jr., President Yancey County Chamber of Commerce

### Local Boy Wins Ask Andy Contest

The Ask Andy contest column, a feature of the Asheville Citizen-Times was won by David Banks, age 11, Burnsville, for submitting the winning question to Ask Andy. The question is "What is Cobalt?" The first part paragraph of Andy's reply is as follows:

"Cobalt is one of the 90 or so chemical elements in the crust of the earth. Its listing on the periodic table shows it to be related to iron and nickel, and like these elements, cobalt is a tough metal. The earth's deposits of nickel, however, are four times greater and its deposits of iron some 20,000 times greater than its scarce supplies of cobalt."

David is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Banks of Burnsville. David attends Burnsville Elementary School where he is in the sixth grade. He received a 20-volume set of the World Book Encyclopedia as a reward for submitting the winning question.

### Delta Kappa Gamma Society Holds Meeting Here

Alpha Rho Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society held its last meeting December 5, 1964, at the home of Misses Willie Molt and Sara Hensley, Burnsville, North Carolina. The Christmas decorations throughout the house created a festive atmosphere for the program topic, "Christmas Cultural Patterns." Mrs. Ethel Blevins, president, presided. Mrs. Exam Lew's read a story of the first Christmas from St. Luke, and the group sang some favorite carols. Mrs. Mae Fortner spoke on Christmas customs in other lands, and a piano solo was given by Mrs. Joan Reeve. Mrs. Grace Elledge concluded the program with a Christmas reading.

After the program the guests were served refreshments.

The other Yancey County members present, in addition to the Miss Hensleys, were Mrs. Exam Lewis, Mrs. Dorothy Ray, Miss Islean Ray, Mrs. Vera Ray, Mrs. Joan Reeve, Mrs. Eva Robertson, Miss Anastasia Tomberlin, and Mrs. Doris Tomberlin.

### NOTICE

Yancey County Courthouse personnel were left off the United Fund Honor Roll last week in this paper. The personnel in the courthouse were 100% and should have been added to the list.

### Mrs. E. L. Briggs Guest Speaker At Garden Club

Mrs. E. L. Briggs was guest speaker at the December meeting of the Burnsville Garden Club Friday night at the home of Mrs. Fred Proffitt.

Mrs. Briggs was introduced by Mrs. D. R. Fouts, program leader, told about the tour she and Mr. Briggs took of eight European countries last May. The guided tour included Scotland, France, Italy, Germany, Holland, Switzerland and Denmark.

Mrs. Briggs told of the points of interest visited in each country, and related many interesting, and sometimes humorous, sidelights of the tour. She also told of the large variety of flowers in the well-kept public gardens and parks as well as these seen in the lawns and countryside along the trip. Enhancing the interest of her talk was a display of souvenirs, which she had purchased in the various countries she had visited.

During the business meeting, presided over by Mrs. W. A. Y. Sargent, president; Mrs. Fred Proffitt, first vice president; Mrs. Ike Laughrun, second vice president; Mrs. Charles Proffitt, recording secretary; Mrs. H. G. Bailey, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. Brooks Wilson, treasurer.

The club voted to raise the dues for one year to \$5.00 in order to help pay on the indebtedness for the restoration of the Otway Burns monument on the square.

Mrs. D. R. Fouts assisted the hostess in serving a dessert course during the social hour. In addition to Mrs. Briggs, guests of the club were Mrs. P. C. Coletta and Mrs. Hope Bailey.

## Around 4000 People Watch Burnsville's First Christmas Parade

Approximately 4000 people viewed Burnsville's first Christmas Parade here last Saturday. Several people made the statement that there were more people in Burnsville on Saturday than had ever been here in one day before.

The parade was a huge success despite the somewhat disagreeable weather. The floats were beautiful and showed a tremendous amount of work by the different organizations represented in the parade. The bands did a good job

and were enjoyed by all the spectators as were the two clowns who added much fun and laughter on the festive occasion. Joel Russell and Sam Boone. The grand finale was the Chamber of Commerce Float bearing the grand old man from the North Pole, Santa Claus, who with the help of his two elves, tossed candy to the children along the street.

Judges were Mayor Robert K. Helmle, Mrs. Peg Lo Piccolo, Mrs. Ernest Briggs, Rush T. Wray and Bill Stewart who found it very difficult to pick the winners from the many beautiful entries.

In the senior division the winning floats were first: Burnsville Cadette Scouts, \$75.00 Second: Burnsville Methodist and Baptist Churches, \$50.00; Third a tie, Cane River and East Yancey High Schools, \$25.00 each. Fourth, Pensacola Community, \$10.00.

In the Junior Division—First, Brownie Scout Troop 66, \$50.00; Second Westminster Fellowship by the Presbyterian Church, \$35.00; Third, Burnsville Girl Scouts, \$25.00; Fourth, Burnsville Elementary School, PTA, \$15.00; Fifth, Clearmont Elementary School, \$10.00; Sixth, South Toe Elementary School, \$10.00.

In next week's issue of The Yancey Record pictures of the winning floats and parts of the parade will be shown.

### Presbyterian Church To Present Nativity Scene

The First Presbyterian Church of Burnsville will present their live Nativity Scene on the church grounds on December 18-19 and 20th. The scene will be presented each night at 7:30 p. m. on these dates.

The Presbyterian Church has presented this Nativity Scene at Christmas time for the past two years and it has been enjoyed by many people.

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Mrs. P. C. Coletta of Burnsville was featured as Woman Of The Week in Monday's Asheville Citizen. The photo is by Bert Shipman, Staff photographer.

The many and varied talents of Mrs. P. C. Coletta of Burnsville are not hidden under a bushel. She is a Yancey County native, the former Gladys Ray Chase, daughter of the late Dr. and Mrs. W. D. Chase and granddaughter of G. D. Ray who founded the Nu-Way Inn. She graduated from woman's College with an A. B. degree in English and drama. After teaching several years she married Pete Coletta, a N. C. State graduate, now manager of the Feldspar Corp. at Bowditch.

Gladys is the mother of six children — and survived, having four in college at the same time. The oldest son, Joe, is a graduate of Belmont Abbey College and is married. Ceila is a

senior at Mercyhurst College, Erie, Pa.; twins Frances and Teresa are sophomores at Sacred Heart in Belmont and David is a freshman at Appalachian State Teachers College in Boone. Irene is in the ninth grade at East Yancey High School.

Prominent in Girl Scout work, Gladys has been a leader and troop organizer for 10 years. She has taught her Scouts to make puppets and to give shows, often using material she has written. Her ability to dramatize a situation as a means of driving home a point is one of her greatest talents. When entertainment is needed for any cause Gladys can usually write suitable material.

For eight years she was corresponding secretary for the Woman's Club, on the program committee for two P. T. A.'s at once, is now youth work secretary for Asheville Methodist District, young fellowship counselor and has taught Sunday School 10 years. Home Demonstration Club work comes in for a share of time too; she has been an officer many years. Her other hobbies are reading, making puppets and doing original needlework. At the moment she is completing the 30th menu for her daughters and their college friends.

Mrs. Coletta certainly must have inherited more than a fair share of that early pioneer energy.