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## TRAGIC FIRE TAKES LIFE OF R. C. ROBINSON

Tragedy struck a family at Newdale on the Blue Rock Road when fire took the life of one man, leaving his wife severely burned.

A fire from unknown causes broke out in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Robinson of Newdale shortly after midnight Monday morning. Robinson was burned to death and his wife was hospitalized with second degree burns. A son received minor burns and a daughter escaped uninjured.

Charles Crowder, Chief of the Newdale Volunteer Fire Department, said that they were called out at approximately 12:20 Monday morning in connection with the fire.

Crowder reported that when the son escaped from the fire he ran to a neighbor for help, who in turn went to another neighbor's house and called the Burnsville Fire Department.

The Department here summoned the Newdale Fire Department. When the Newdale Volunteers arrived at the scene, the house was falling in according to Chief Crowder. It was later learned that mem-

bers of the family were awakened by intense heat and smoke from the fire which evidently had started in the bedroom where three members of the family were sleeping.

Mrs. Robinson and the son jumped through a window of the fiery room and a daughter who was sleeping in another bedroom escaped through the front of the house.

When the fire had been wat-

ered down so that an investigation was possible Crowder said that the body of Robinson was located in a bedroom near the bed. Robinson suffered a brain tumor approximately two years ago and was totally paralyzed for a long period of time.

Funeral services for Robinson were held at 2:00 p. m. Tuesday at Blue Rock Baptist Church.

The Rev. Lloyd Glenn officiated and burial was in the church cemetery.

Surviving in addition to the widow are two daughters, Mrs. Jane Presnell and Miss Kathy Robinson; two sons, Marvin and Ralph all of Newdale; three sisters, Mrs. Clinton Brewer and Mrs. Connie McNeal of Newdale, Mrs. Dorothy Silver of Burnsville RFD 2, and two brothers, Dwayne of Mt. Vernon, Ohio and Raymond of Spruce Pine.

## TOWN ELECTION SET FOR MAY 4

The Town Election will be held May 4 at Town Hall. The polls will open at 6:30 a. m. and close at 6:30 p. m.

The present board is running for re-election. No opposition candidates filed.

The present board members running for re-election are Robert K. Helmle, Mayor; P. C. Coletta and B. R. Penland, commissioners.

The term of office is two years.



Photo by John Robinson

Pictured above are outgoing and incoming officers of District IV of the Home Demonstration Clubs of N. C. They are left to right: Mrs. Brooks Wilson Sr., retiring president, Yancey County; Mrs. E. O. Burnette, incoming president, Madison County; Miss Margaret Decker, 1st. vice president, Buncombe County; Mrs. Willard Honeycutt, 2nd vice president, Yancey; Mrs. Bill George, secretary-treasurer, Madison, not pictured; Mrs. D. P. Vining, historian, Buncombe County.

## Dist. HD Clubs Hold Meeting

The District IV of the Federation of the Home Demonstration Clubs of North Carolina was held on April 20 at 10:00 a. m. in the First Baptist Church, Burnsville. District IV is composed of Buncombe, Madison, and Yancey Counties, and approximately 150 ladies attended this meeting.

Mrs. Brooks Wilson, president, presided at the meeting, with Mrs. Willard Honeycutt serving as Secretary. Rev. Harold McDonald gave the devotional. Mrs. P. C. Coletta gave the speech of welcome, with the response being made by Mrs. Helen Gardner. The speaker for the occasion was introduced by Mrs. Brooks Wilson. She was Dr. Eloise Cofer, Assistant Director, Home Economics, N. C. Extension Service, who spoke on "Initiative, Motivation and Inspiration of The Appalachian Region."

Mrs. Andrew Johnson from Yancey County gave a report of the Nation Citizenship Conference, and Miss Margaret Decker from Buncombe County reported and presented slides on the National Meeting in Hawaii.

A luncheon followed at the Community Building with reports being made by the various committees. The following officers for 1965-66 were then installed by Mrs. Callie Hardwicke, District Home Economics Extension Agent:

President, Mrs. E. O. Burnette; First Vice-President, Mrs. Margaret Deyton; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Willard Honeycutt; Secretary, Mrs. Bill George.

Members of the group and their families would be covered under the contract.

Everyone is urged to donate on this visit. There is immediate need for blood as there is a patient in Chapel Hill who will undergo heart surgery



Photo by Archie Ballew

The Apple Cider Singers: Amelia Penland, seated; left to right, Jerry Clevenger, Margaret Riddle, Ramona and John Penland; sang folk songs at the Men's Club supper meeting at the Community Building Monday night.

## APPLE CIDER SINGERS SERENADE MEN'S CLUB

Strumming and singing music as sweet as their name, the Apple Cider Singers presented a program of traditional American folk songs before the Burnsville Men's Club at its April meeting this past Monday night.

The celebrated singing group led off its program with a delightful rendition of "Sylvie," the song which won for the teen-age singers a first prize at the recent Mountain Youth Jamboree in Asheville.

Jerry Clevenger, Amelia, Nona, and John Penland, and Margaret Riddle, all students at East Yancey High School sing with captivating style to the accompaniment of two guitars, a banjo, a uke'ele, a tambourin, and a pair of musical spoons.

Also on the Monday night program was Jimmy Childers, of Sylvia who described plans to establish a thousand kilowatt radio station in the vicinity of Burnsville.

Mack B. Ray, the new club president, outlined an ambitious program for the members of the civic organization, with a goal of making the Men's Club a vital force in the affairs of the region.

## \$1,000 PRESENTED TO LIBRARY

Mrs. Dorothy Thomas Regional Librarian, accepted a \$1000 check, one of ten annual Dorothy Canfield Fisher Awards, in ceremonies at the Mitchell County Courthouse in Eakersville Sunday afternoon.

Elaine von Olsen, acting state librarian, presented the check to the Avery-Mitchell-Yancey Regional Library on behalf of the Book-of-the-Month Club, which sponsors the awards.

Dr. D. Hiden Ramsey, publisher of the Asheville Citizen

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Photo by Archie Ballew

Scene of the tragic fire which took the life of R. C. Robinson in the Newdale section early Monday morning.

## BLOODMOBILE HERE THURSDAY

The Bloodmobile will be in Burnsville on Thursday, May 6 at the Armory from 12:30 to 6:30 p. m.

This is the last visit of the fiscal year and only 54 percent of the quota has been met. The quota for this year was 450 pints, and only 246 pints have been collected. The quota for this visit, is a minimum of 100 pints.

The Newdale Volunteer Fire Department is sponsoring this visit. The women of the Newdale Methodist Church will be in charge of the canteen. Dr. Melvin W. Webb will be the physician and Mrs. Bill Perkins the nurse in charge. The Gray Ladies will assist.

Mr. E. L. Dillingham, blood chairman, announced that in any organization or group where as many as 25 or more of that organization donated blood that the remaining mem-