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Shown above is Mr. Rex Hensley as he celebrated his 75th birthday with family and friends last Sunday.

Mr. Hensley Celebrates Birthday

Rex Hensley of the Jacks Creek section of the county celebrated his 75th birthday Sunday at his home at Jacks Creek. A picnic dinner was enjoyed by Mr. Hensley and all the guests. The party was given by his children and approximately 150 people attended the celebration.

Mr. Hensley is married to the former Miss Laura Silvers

and they are both residents of this county and have lived here most of their lives. They have 12 children, 65 grandchildren and 27 great grandchildren. He has always worked as a carpenter and is still able to work at his trade.

He is the son of the late Will Hensley and Sarah Bryant Hensley who also were natives of Yancey County.

Scouts Hold Court Of Awards

A joint Court of Awards was held by the Brownies and Girl Scouts of Yancey County on Friday evening, May 21, in the Burnsville Elementary School Auditorium. Prior to the presentation of awards, plays, etc., a program of music, dance and drama was presented.

Junior Girl Scout Troop 88 dramatized a pantomime entitled, "The Sacred Caterpillar", a fairy tale in which a sacred caterpillar protects a young maiden from her enemies.

A Danish Folk Dance was rendered by the Celo Brownies. The Burnsville Brownies sang a song entitled, "The Grown-Up Tree".

The Cadette Scouts rendered

Saturday Is Poppy Day

Poppy Day is Saturday, May 29.

Members of the American Legion Auxiliary will be on the streets selling the red poppies that are made in the Veteran's Hospital by men who will be benefitted by proceeds from the poppy sale. They will receive help for their families and also rehabilitation for themselves.

The Auxiliary sponsored a poster contest for the Cadette Girl Scouts. Winners were first prize, Martha Hess; second prize, Mary Hess and third prize, Bonnie Hess. Runners up were Nora Jane Jarrett and Janet Crisp.

ed a selection of music and drama entitled, "Dear Susan".

Mrs. Betty Edwards, District Advisor from the Pisgah Girl Scout Council, was present and gave a brief talk in which she discussed the Day Camp to be held on June 22-June 27 at the Black Mountain Camp Ground. This Day Camp is open to all girls, whether or not they are enrolled in the field of Girl Scouting. A bus will transport the girls daily by picking them up each morning at 8:30 o'clock at the Burnsville Methodist Church, and returning them there at 3:30 each afternoon. A few vacancies are left, and Mrs. Edwards stated that anyone wishing an application card should contact Mrs. P. C. Coletta, Registrar.

Ten Burnsville Brownies and ten Celo Brownies "graduated" and received their wings and pins from their leaders, respectively being Mrs. Lucille Piercy, Mrs. Ruth Laughrun and Mrs. Kore McWhirter and Mrs. Vivian Autrey.

Mrs. P. C. Coletta and Mrs. Bill Hess, leaders, awarded proficiency badges to members of the Junior Girl Scout Troop, and Mrs. Kenneth Laughrun, leader, presented proficiency badges to the Cadette Scouts. Mrs. Don Burhoe, Neighborhood Chairman, assisted in the Court of Awards.

A flag ceremony was held, which was the concluding number on the program.

Rising Number Of 'Spotted Fever' Cases In N.C.

The rising number of cases of "Spotted Fever" has put North Carolina second only to Virginia in the incidence of this acute communicable disease, according to Dr. Ronald H. Levine, Field Epidemiologist with the State Board of Health. There were six deaths in 1964 out of the 42 reported cases.

"Spotted Fever", sometimes referred to as "Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever" because of its original diagnosis in the Rocky Mountain states, is often misjudged as measles or German measles. It is an acute, communicable disease characterized by fever, headache, muscle pains, and a rash. The rash generally begins on the hands and feet and rapidly progresses to cover the entire body. In severe untreated cases, delirium, convulsions, and death may occur.

The organism that causes this disease (Rickettsia) is very similar to a virus and is transmitted by the bite of the dog tick. The disease is most common on the eastern seaboard, especially in North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, and Tennessee. The largest percentage of cases occurs in the months from July to September when the ticks are most prevalent and when people spend more time out of doors. Almost three-fourths of the cases are in pre-school and school age children.

In calling attention to the seriousness of this disease, Dr. Levine gave the following practical preventive suggestions: (1) Parents should examine their children at least once a day for ticks. If the ticks are present, they should be removed gently with tweezers or forceps so that the head of the tick does not remain imbedded. (2) Dog owners should remove all ticks from their dogs each day. (3) The possibility of "Spotted Fever" should be kept in mind whenever a person complains of a rash and fever during the warm summer months. Antibiotic treatment is effective if instituted early.

Trout

Stocked In Yancey

In accordance with previously approved plans, the Wildlife Resources Commission has completed stocking of 1,000 trout averaging 8 to 10 inches in length, in the waters of Yancey County. These fish were produced at the Federal Fish Hatchery located near Pisgah Forest. District Game and Fish Protector D. R. McCallard directed the release of the fish and solicited assistance from members of the local wildlife

WAMY Announces Notification Of Grant

Ernest D. Epley, Executive Director of W. A. M. Y. Community Action, Inc., has announced that he has received notification of a grant of \$273,183.00 from the Office of Economic Opportunity for Project Head Start classes to operate in Watauga, Avery, Mitchell, and Yancey Counties this summer.

Project Head Start is a special pre-school program designed to prepare children from economically deprived families for entrance into the public schools this fall. Representatives of the Public Schools, Health Departments, Welfare Departments, Home Demonstration Service and Medical Professions will work in a concerted effort to insure the social, physical, mental and emotional preparation of these pre-school children for school. A well-balanced lunch will be provided for the children each day, and school buses will be utilized for transportation purposes.

Epley said that approxi-

mately 932 children are expected to attend the fifty eight pre-school readiness classes in the four counties. School buses will be used to transport these children to and from school. Insurance will be provided so that each child will be protected from the time he leaves home until he returns.

It is anticipated that the staff of Project Head Start will consist of 276 paid employees and 116 volunteers.

The Boards of Education of Watauga, Avery, Mitchell and Yancey Counties will administer the project. W. A. M. Y. is the applicant agent. Classes will be held in the twenty-eight elementary schools in the four counties for eight weeks beginning on June 21. The classes will end on August 13. Children will attend classes five days a week, four hours a day.

Notification of this grant came from the office of Representative James T. Broyhill in Washington.

Jimmy Ray Page For Uncle



Jimmy Ray, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Ray of Burnsville, was recently page for his uncle, Representative Mark W. Bennett. He is the grandson of the late Dr. W. L. Bennett, who was a former Representative from Yancey County.

Jimmy is a rising 8th grade student at Burnsville Elementary School.

club and other interested sportsmen. Those participating in the stocking were: B. W. Ackiss, Refuge Assistant.

The Wildlife Resources Commission has completed stocking of 200 trout averaging 8 to 10 inches in length, in the waters of Mt. Mitchell Refuge. District Game and Fish Protector Mr. Vernie Lee Boone directed the release of the fish.

The Wildlife Resources Commission points out that the cooperative effort of all those interested in the State's fish and game resources will be required to bring about better fishing, the favorite outdoor recreation of so many Americans.

Malcolm Ross Dies In Miami

Malcombe Ross, a summer resident of Burnsville, died in a Miami, Fla., hospital May 23 following surgery. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Camille Ross, and three sons.

Funeral services and burial were in Miami, Fla.

Mr. Ross, whose home is in Coconut Grove, Fla., has been a summer resident here for about 10 years. And at different times during his summer stays here he remarked how much he loved Yancey County, and especially the country people with whom he visited.

He will be best remembered by Yancey County residents for his writings in National Geographic Magazine and elsewhere about the county and its residents. His National Geographic story, "My Neighbors Hold To Mountain Ways", dealt with people in and around Burnsville. Another National Geographic feature story, "N. C. Dixie Dynamo", dealt with the progress being made in North Carolina, especially the scientific progress in the "Triangle" of universities. He had recently completed a book, "Cape Fear River", which will be published in October. This book is one in a series by noted writers, the series being entitled "Rivers of America".

Mr. Ross had been elected to membership in The Honorary Tar Heels, an organization of persons who have made important contributions to North Carolina.

His summer home here is at the headwaters of Mitchell Branch.