

## LOCALS



Monk Higgins is in St. Joseph Hospital, Asheville, where he underwent surgery. He is getting along nicely, and is expected to return to his home Friday.

Roy and James Ray and Joe Young visited Mr. George King in Duke Hospital on Sunday, the 23rd. Mr. King returned to his home in Fort Lauderdale early in the week.

Mr. John Robinson, who has been a patient in Yancey Hospital for sometime, is reported to be improving, and it is hoped will soon be able to return to his home.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Paul Riddle of Route 3 became the proud parents of a baby boy born at Yancey Hospital on the 23rd.

Mr. Lee Boone, Manager of Mt. Mitchell Game Refuge attended a meeting of the Wildlife Resources Commission in Raleigh Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

Mrs. Anglin, Admitting Officer of the Yancey Hospital, reports a full hospital, the latest arrivals being little Phylis Felts of Route 6, who has a broken arm. Others entering the hospital on the 25th and 26 were Mrs. Cordella McIntosh, Mrs. Belle Marsh of Micaville, and Ramona Penland of Burnsville, also Mrs. Wanda Lee of Rt. 5, who suffered an injury to her leg when she fell on the ice in front of the court house on Monday.

Orin John Wilson of Newdale was taken to Mission Memorial Hospital early Sunday morning after a fall on the ice resulting in a broken hip.

John D. McRinney of Newdale is a patient at Spruce Pine Hospital following a heart attack at his home early Friday morning. He is greatly improved.

Mr. Ray Higgins, popular Route 2 mail carrier, is a patient at Duke Hospital, where he will undergo surgery.

Harold Higgins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Higgins, has returned to Murray State College at Murray, Ky., where he is studying for his Masters Degree.

Michael, another son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Higgins, has entered Mars Hill College for the second semester.

Jerry Ayers and Norman Ray from State College are on a visit to their parents.

Mr. Guy Boone of Newdale is confined to his home due to a serious infection of his leg.

Alvin Jones of Newdale is a patient in Fletcher, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Arney Fox, Lisa Fox and Zoe Young were guests of the Brush Creek Community Club's annual rabbit supper on Friday night, the 21st. It was a pleasure to meet with and enjoy the hospitality of this club. The rabbit-stewed, fried and barbecued were delicious, as were all the other "vittles" which were spread on the long table in the club room. Brush Creek won honorable mention in the Farm Division at the luncheon honoring the Community Development Clubs of Western N. C. in December. Af-

## Byrd Creek News

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D. G. Hughes of Jake Hollow visited with his brothers here Jan. 9th, Park and Conway Hughes.

Bobby Barnett recently visited with relatives here. Mr. Barnett is employed at The Blowing Chair Company Lenoir, N. C. 28645.

Wilbur Barnett recently visited Byrd Creek area. Mr. Barnett is now working at Johnson City, Tenn.

Mrs. Junette Jones recently visited with Mrs. R. C. Byrd at Pigeon Roost.

F. L. Earnett was recently on business with Wilbur Barnett.

Those from Pigeon Roost attending the 2nd Sunday night singing on Brummetts Creek, at the Church of the Brethren, were: Mr. and Mrs. Smith Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Barnett, Rev. and Mrs. Aspie McCourry, Wilbur Barnett, Mrs. Robert C. Byrd, Mrs. Seth Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Adkins and the writer. Those from other areas attending the singing were: Mr. and Mrs. John Horton, of Flat Branch, Brisco Peterson, Coopers Branch.

Jack Barnett was here at Byrd Creek recently visiting relatives.

Clate Peterson and Luther were on business with Stewart Peterson, Jan. 10th.

Seth Hughes, Dewey Hughes and R. C. Eyrd were all at the Poplar Creek section on business on Jan. 10th.

Ray Barnett was at Bakersville, N. C. Jan. 10th on business.

Rev. Mr. Harrison Street was reported being on business at Burnsville, Jan. 10th.

Tax-listing was here in this section several weeks ago, with Beecher Griffith of Tipton Hill doing the work.

Ray Barnett of the upper section was at Johnson City recently on business, looking for some hogs, or porkers.

Mrs. Nettie Bennett was reported being at Spruce Pine, 28777 on business recently.

Arb Barnett recently visited with Aspie McCourry at his home here at Dog Flat Hollow. Mr. Bennett recently moved to Byrd Creek area from Honeycutt Hollow.

Arkle Barnett of Pigeon Roost recently visited with his father at Tipton Hill, Rev. and Mrs. Joe Barnett.

Aspie McCourry recently visited with Floyd Miller at

Pigeon Roost.

Floyd Miller was here recently on business — Garther Barnett recently on business on Byrd Creek — Mrs. Sena Ray spent several days recently at Tipton Hill, visiting with Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Miller, — Ray Barnett recently was at Bristol, Tenn. on business. Accompanied by Earnest Whitson of Tipton Hill.

ter visiting with these people, talking with them, as well as partaking of their fine food, we can understand why they were among the "honorable mentions." Mr. E. L. Dillingham, Carlie Rice, and perhaps others from Burnsville wert also guests of the Club. Approximately 50 members and guests were present, in spite of the snow and icy roads.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Miller were reported spending the night of Jan. 14th at Pigeon Roost visiting with Mrs. Sena Ray.

Mrs. Clarence Sturgill visited Byrd Creek recently, accompanying her was her sister Mrs. Ezekial Barnett of Brummetts Creek.

Manuel Peterson of the Poplar area was here two weeks ago on business.

Dewey Hughes was here on business last week from Jake Hollow area.

Fred Honeycutt of the Bady Hollow vicinity was here on business with Park Hughes last week. Mr. Honeycutt fetched several bushels of corn here for grinding.

The weather here at this writing is kindly faired up somewhat, after the big snow-storm we had here Saturday, Jan. 15th, with 10 inches of the white stuff. The most exceptional part of the snow storm was that it dumped up to 10 inches mostly everywhere. The writer heard half dozen reports, and 10 inches was the depths of snow in there, such as Tennessee, Mitchell and Yancey Counties. Some reports say Avery County, North Carolina had little over 10 inches.

Another snow-storm struck this area over the week-end, bringing with it, cold-bitter weather for the area. Up to approximately four inches, fell here in this area through Saturday and up until about mid-day Sunday, Jan. 23rd. The last two major snow-storms we have had here in this area, has dumped up to about 14 inches of the white stuff.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Barnett of Byrd Creek were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Smith Hughes, of Pigeon Roost Sunday, January 23rd.

Rev. Holt Harrell, pastor of the Woodby Hill FWB Church is scheduled for a 11 a. m. service this coming Sunday, Jan. 30th, at the Pigeon Roost FWB Church. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Miss Belenda Hopson, of Byrd Creek, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hopson, is reported ill at this writing. Several here in this area has had colds or flu in the past month.

The birds have moved into this area. Just a day or so before the winter snow-storm moved into this area, it was reported that very large flocks of birds flew across this area. One reporter said that they were by the millions! (This writer didn't doubt it very much, since he saw hundreds fly across before then, and also after). The birds were headed on a north, north west direction.

## OBITUARIES

MRS. SALLIE BRYANT

Mrs. Sallie Bryant, 84, of Celso, died Sunday in her home after a short illness. There are no known survivors.

Services were held at 2 p. m. Tuesday in Celso Methodist Church.

The Rev. Alvin Jones officiated and burial was in Holcombe Cemetery, Burnsville.

## HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL THIS WEEK

At East Yancey last Friday night and Tuesday night the local Panthers took both games from two of Madison County high schools.

The Friday night game with Mars Hill High School proved to be one of the most exciting games, from a local view, played this year by the East Yancey teams. At half-time the Mars Hill boys were leading 47-25.

In the second half the game took on a new color. Silver and Gillespie, held out during the first half, were run in, and the game began to change. The last half began with the Panthers showing their strength. The team averaged four points each minute of play until the game ended. They racked up 64 points in the last half to end the game with a score of 89-74.

East Yancey scoring was Hoover 36, Gillespie 16, Hamby 11, Robinson 11, McCurry 8, Gibbs 4, Riddle 2, Silvers 1.

The Panther girls defeated the Mars Hill team with a score of 49-23. The halftime score was 31-9 in East Yancey's favor.

Scoring for East Yancey were Grindstaff 18, Jones 13, Ballew 12, and Hensley 6. Other East Yancey players in the game were Schwintzer Boone, and Grindstaff.

In the Tuesday night game at East Yancey, the local Panthers defeated both Marshall High's teams.

After losing to Marshall by two points in an earlier game this year for the first defeat in three seasons, the East Yancey girls came back

to win with a final five point margin. The score was 28-23. The halftime score was 20-15 in Marshall's favor.

Grindstaff scored 14, Hensley 8, Ballew 4, Jones 2. Guards were Schwintzer, Boone, and J. Grindstaff.

In the boys game, everyone from East Yancey seemed to get into the act to defeat the Marshall team with a score of 76-46.

East Yancey players were Hoover 19, Hamby 14, Robinson 11, Gillespie 6, Silvers 8, McCurry 6, Young 4, D. Gibbs 5, G. Gibbs 2, Westall 1.

At Newland last Friday night, Cane River's star basketballer Hill turned up the power to score 37 points against Newland High School. However, the Newland boys did some expert shooting themselves, to defeat the hard fighting Rebels with a score of 105 to 89.

Wilson, another Rebel high scoring player marked up 22 points. Other Cane River boys marking up points were Proffitt 14, Tipton 12, Whitson 4, McCurry and Robinson left the scoring to their team mates.

Two of the outstanding point-makers for Newland were Ensey with 24 points, and Greene with 21.

In the girls game the Newland team came back after halftime, when the score was tied 21-21, to defeat the Rebels 35-21.

Ballou for Cane River made 10 points, Fox 5, Holcombe and King three each. Other local girls in the game were Peterson, Austin and Allen.



Photo by Ralph Laughrun

Fast playing and sure into the air for another two shot — Ronnie Robinson goes points against Marshall High.



East Yancey and Marshall go for the ball at the beginning toss Tuesday night.