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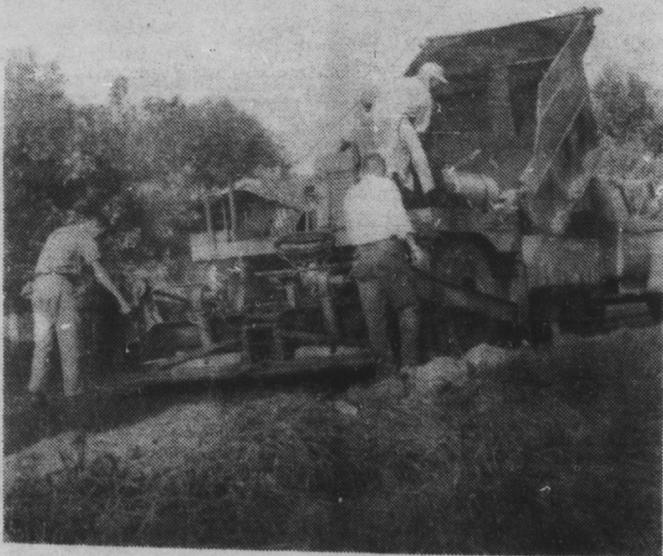
Burnsville, N.C.

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A primer coat of asphalt is being sprayed on a gravel surface before a paving machine spreads "hot mix" surface on one of Burnsville's streets.



A paving machine packs a "hot mix" of asphalt surface on one of our streets.

Several Streets Surfaced or Repaired In Burnsville

At least a dozen Burnsville streets were completely surfaced or received repair surfacing during the past week.

Mayor R. K. Helmle said this week that 8500 square yards of new surfacing was being completed on Burnsville's streets, with 10,000 square yards of resurfacing on various streets within the town limits. Also, the mayor said, approximately 5,000 square yards of streets have or will receive a surface treatment.

Treatment consists of a coating of liquid asphalt with a covering of sand on an existing pavement.

One street that paving was completed on is East-West Blvd. which runs from one side of "Town Hill" to the other between Main Street and 19-E Bypass.

Asheville Paving Company,

under the supervision of consulting engineers D. S. Colburn Company of Asheville, is doing the paving.

Contract price of the paving is \$26,000, Mayor Helmle said. Powell Bill funds are being used. However, some of the town's General Fund money may be required, Mr. Helmle said.

In the near future some streets will be widened by the town with local labor without contract, according to the mayor. This work will be on streets that have narrow pavements.

Mayor Helmle passed on some advice from the contractors to automobile owners. The contractor advised that when liquid asphalt gets on a car, it should be removed as quickly as possible with fuel oil or kerosene. The longer asphalt stays on a surface, the more difficult to remove, he said.

Man Injured In Shooting Incident

Jimmy Ballew of Celso was injured in the leg Sunday night in a shooting incident in East Burnsville.

According to Sheriff Charlie Bradford, the incident took place around 9:30 p. m. in front of Edge's Laundromat. Sheriff Bradford said LeRoy McCracken was arrested at his home around 10:00 p. m. in connection with the shooting. He was later released on bond.

Ballew suffered a flesh wound in his leg and was released by Dr. W. A. Y. Sargent after treatment.

In the investigation of the incident, Sheriff Bradford said that Ballew stated he was shot by McCracken. McCracken made no statement as to the actual shooting, the sheriff said, but did state as he walked past a group of boys at the location that he was cursed by members of the group.

Roberts Named To Agent's Office

According to a joint announcement made by the County Commissioners and the N. C. Extension Department, Darrell Roberts has been named as Assistant County Agent for Yancey County. He will assume his duties here October 1.

A native of Pike County, Kentucky, Mr. Roberts attended the University of Kentucky for two years and graduated from the University of Florida with a degree in forestry.

Mr. Roberts was the winner of a state and national 4-H scholarship and will devote much of his time in this county in 4-H work.

The new assistant agent is no stranger in Yancey County. He spent about two years with the U. S. Forest Service here. He is married to a local girl, the daughter of Mrs. Dan Harris of Celso.

He is replacing Waightstill Avery who is being transferred to Mitchell County.

Fire Dept. Kept Busy During Weekend

The Burnsville Volunteer Fire Department was called to the scene of a fire at Cane River about 2:30 p. m. Sunday-morning. Fire Chief Robert Hilliard said that the house was owned by Jesse (Continued on back page)

Four Traffic Accidents Reported In County During Week-End

Yancey County was plagued with a number of automobile accidents over the past week end, according to Patrolman C. W. Warren.

Around 6:30 Friday evening a chain reaction pile-up resulted in damage to four cars with no serious injury. The pile-up occurred on the highway in front of Cane River High School.

Patrolman Warren said one car heading east on the highway had stopped on the crest of the hill waiting to make a left turn into the school parking lot. Another car crossed the top of the hill, and unable to stop rammed into the back of the stopped car. Shortly thereafter, two other cars piled into the wrecked cars.

None of the cars were traveling at a fast rate, the patrolman said, and no serious injuries occurred. The last car in the line received the greatest damage.

Later Friday night, around 9:45 p. m., a two-car collision occurred near the sharp curve in front of the home of Charles Fox in West Burnsville.

Edward Proffitt, 23, of Rt. 3, received head and facial laceration and back injuries in this accident, according to Patrolman Warren, who investigated.

The accident occurred, the

officer said, when Proffitt was attempting to pass Robert Hoilman, 18, of Rt. 1, Parkersville. Hoilman started to pass a vehicle in front of him at about the same. He hit the Proffitt vehicle, causing it to strike a rock off the highway on the left and turn over.

The passenger in the Proffitt vehicle, Bobby Smith, was not injured. The Proffitt Youth was treated in Yancey Hospital.

On Sunday two wrecks occurred. Patrolman Warren, who also was the investigating officer in these accidents, said a car driven by James Earl McPeters failed to make a curve on Prices Creek road, ran off a bank and turned over. One of the passengers, Mrs. Arthur L. McPeters, received treatment in an Asheville hospital.

The other Sunday accident occurred on Pig Pen Road just off Highway 187. Officer Warren said. He reported that a 1966 Ford driven by George Martin Ayers of Rt. 2, Green Mtn., turned off Highway 197 and met Charles Rock of Burnsville, also driving a 1966 Ford. A head-on collision occurred the patrolman said.

Ayers received slight injuries, it was reported.

U. F. Drive To Get Underway Oct. 11

Dates for this fall's United Fund campaign were set for October 11-25 by the Rev. John Powers, Chairman of the 1966 drive to raise money for a score of agencies whose services benefit the people of the county.

This year's campaign will be geared to run for two weeks and will seek to solicit funds from industrial personnel, business firms, wage earners, professional people, and retired persons living in the bounds of Yancey County.

"We are telescoping our drive into a two weeks period," Mr. Powers said Friday, "because we want to get on the job right away and carry out the campaign without bothersome delays."

The 1966 fund raising effort is shooting for a goal to raise \$9,500 00, which is a market increase of more than one thousand dollars over the budget figure set for last year.

Money raised in Yancey County goes to support more than twenty agencies and causes which directly or indirectly serve Yancey County. Two local causes, right here at home, are the Yancey Hospital and the Dread Disease Fund.

The Yancey Hospital will be recipient of a grant of \$500.00 if the 1966 Budget is fully subscribed, which will be placed in the general fund of the hospital to help finance its operation.

The Dread Disease Fund, which is also slated to receive \$500.00, provided medical assistance for more than fifty cases of critical illness in the county over the past year.

Newdale To Exhibit At Fair

Among the many attractions at the N. C. State Fair to be held in Raleigh October 10-15, will be an exhibit by the Newdale Community Club, who will represent Yancey County and Western North Carolina in the Community Development Exhibits.

Newdale was runner-up in the non-farm division of the Western North Carolina contest in 1965. They were selected by the state committee fair official, N. C. State University, Community Development Leaders, and representatives of other agricultural agencies.