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Above is pictured a part of the fish pond where two 12-year-old girls lost their lives. The boat in which they were thought

to have been in is in the foreground. Their bodies were recovered only a few yards out from the boat.

Two Young Girls Drown In Farm Pond

Tragedy struck in two Horton Hill Community homes Tuesday. Two 12-year-old girls, Patsy King and Nancy Whitson, lost their lives from drowning in a fish pond on the farm of Mrs. T. A. McKinney.

According to reports, the two girls left home Tuesday morning on their bicycles and told a neighbor lad that they were going swimming.

Early in the afternoon members of their families became worried about the girls and began to enquire if they had been seen.

Mrs. McKinney and a neighbor boy found the girls' clothes by the pond and help was summoned.

The Spruce Pine Rescue Squad took part in recovering the bodies from 12 feet of water only a few yards from shore.

A boat used on the pond was floating loose, and it was thought that the girls were in the boat and that through some mishap both fell into the pool.

Joint funeral services will be held at three o'clock Thursday in the North Bend Free Will Baptist Church, with Rev. Lyda Letterman and Rev. George Higgins officiating. Burial for Patsy King will be in the Fairview Cemetery. Burial for Nancy Whitson will be in the Peterson Cemetery.

The girls were cousins and sixth grade students at Clearmont Elementary School.

Patsy King is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis King; a sister, Diana Lynn King, of Green Mountain; her maternal grandfather, Ike Whitson of Green Mountain; the paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom King, Burnsville, Rt. 1.

Nancy Whitson's survivors are, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rob-

ert Whitson, Jr., two sisters, Dobra and Lisa; two brothers, Stephen and David, all of Green Mountain; her maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom King of Rt. 1, Burnsville; her paternal grandmother, Mrs. Violet Whitson of Green Mountain.

The bodies will remain at the funeral home until taken to the church 30 minutes prior to the funeral.

Citizens Call For Election Of Education Board At Mass Meeting

A mass meeting of 130 Yancey County citizens Saturday afternoon at the Courthouse in Burnsville turned into an emphatic endorsement of legislation that would call for the election of members of the Yancey County Board of Education.

Senator Ted Dent and Representative Ernest Messer, who attended the meeting, expressed whole-hearted support of pending Raleigh legislation to make mandatory the election of county board of education members on a state-wide basis.

Yancey County is presently one of seventy North Carolina counties in which members of the board of education are appointed by the State Legislature.

A bill, soon to be voted on in the Senate, would make the boards of education in all Tar Heel counties an elective office on either a partisan or non-partisan basis.

In effect, members of the board of education in each county would have to stand for election by the people like any other public official.

The occasion for calling the

Singing On The Mountain June 25

By: Frank O'Brien

GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN-

The largest yearly event in the mountains of the South, the 43rd annual Singing on the Mountain, will be held June 25, and is expected to attract over 25,000 visitors and participants.

This year's principal speaker will be Gov. Robert E. McNair of South Carolina, who is waiving his rule against Sunday public appearances in this instance because of his "deep interest in the program and its religious nature."

The famed, all-day religious singing convention also will feature gospel singing quartets and groups from all parts of the South, and it will be held on the ancient slopes of Grandfather Mountain, tallest peak of the Blue Ridge Mountain Range.

Gov. McNair's invitation was extended by Arthur Smith of WBTV in Charlotte, who also serves as music master for Singing on the Mountain. Smith, himself a musician and nationally-known television personality, will head his own Crossroads Quartet as one of the featured gospel singing groups.

This unique highlands event is headed by Joe Lee Hartley of Linville as chairman, and Jack Cook of Linville as vice chairman. Hartley is the son of the founder of the mountain religious singing convention. Cook is a singer and member of a church quartet.

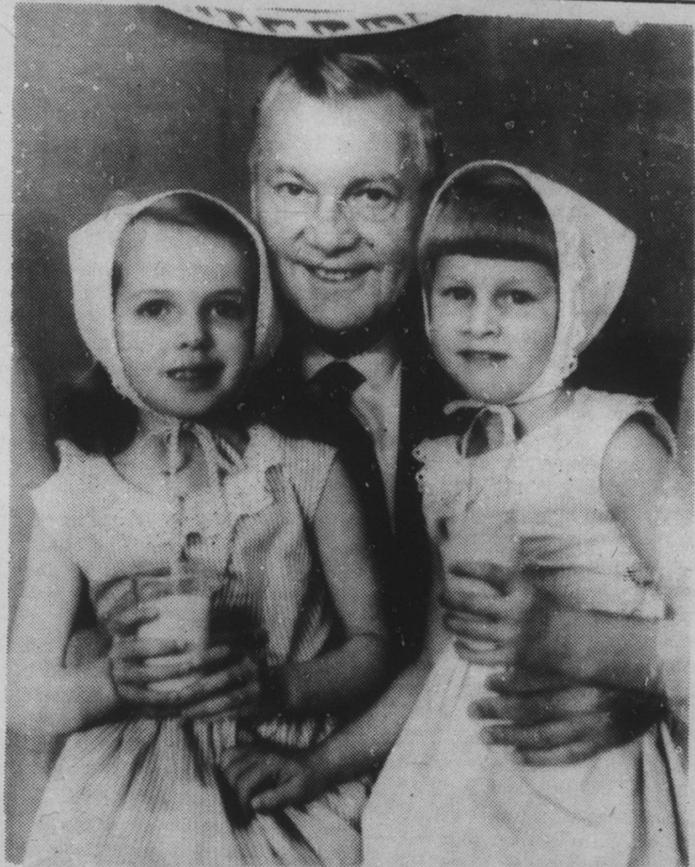
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meeting were newspaper reports that Senator Harry Buchanan of Hendersonville intends to introduce an amendment to the Senate bill which would exempt Yancey County, along with twenty-three other western counties, from conditions imposed by the state-wide bill.

Strong opposition was expressed at the Saturday meeting to any move to exempt Yancey County. The two legislators were plying with numerous questions about the best method to forestall Buchanan's move.

Those attending the meeting were advised to write personal letters to Representative R. D. McMillan, Chairman of the House Committee on Education, and Senator Clyde Norton, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Elections and Election Laws.

Senator Dent said he proposed to fight on the Senate floor any efforts to exempt Yancey County, and Representative Messer explained that he would make every effort to obtain the adoption of statewide legislation to provide for the election of county school boards.



Gov. Moore Salutes N.C. Dairy Industry

Governor Dan K. Moore joins two young dairy maids in saluting the North Carolina Dairy Industry. In saluting the North Carolina Dairy Industry, Governor Moore said, "We propose a toast to milk — the beverage that has helped our children grow taller; our young adults more vigorous; and our senior citizen to enjoy the longest most productive lives in the history of the world.

June is Dairy Month and I encourage all our citizens to enjoy milk and dairy foods and we do urge civic and business organizations to cooperate, in public and private, in order that we may enjoy improved health and increased prosperity.

Young ladies, join with me in saluting the North Carolina Dairy Industry.

June is Dairy Month."

June is Dairy Month and many and varied activities are taking place across the state to celebrate. Some of the activities taking place in North Carolina include ice cream festivals, dairy parades, June Dairy Month breakfasts and luncheons, dairy fashion shows, dairy demonstrations, ball game promotions, and a host of similar activities.

"Fresh, Fast and Fun with Dairy Foods" is the 1967 theme.

The value of milk sales to North Carolina dairy farmers and processors is nearly 150 million dollars. North Carolina has nearly 3,000 Grade A milk producers and over 5,000 persons employed by North Carolina's 54 dairy plants.

Leaders in agriculture, business, education, and government, and scores of enterprises tied to the multi-billion-dollar dairy industry are uniting with the dairy industry in this annual observance of June Dairy Month.

Bruce Bailey of Jacks Creek has been named Dairy Month Chairman for Yancey County.

Auto Accident Fatal To William Hampton

Yancey County's first fatal automobile accident occurred early Wednesday morning in the Brush Creek section of the county.

William A. Hampton, 38, a Korean War veteran, was killed near his home between five and six o'clock Wednesday morning when the Jeep pick-up he was driving left the road and overturned.

According to Patrolman R. V. Davis, who investigated, the accident occurred on highway 1317, a rural paved road.

Hampton, reported to be on his way home after working a late shift, was employed at the Burnsville Mill of Mohasco Industries.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 2:30 p. m. at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, with Rev. Roach and Rev. Shell officiating. Burial will be in the Woody Cemetery.

Surviving are the wife, Mrs. Wilma Woody Hampton; the father, William Hampton of Erwin, Tenn.; three sisters, Miss Betty Hampton and Mrs. Bobby Lingerfelt of Erwin, Tenn., and Mrs. Ralph Hughes of Marietta, S. C.; four brothers, Sam of Fletcher, N. C., Hobart of Webber City, Va., Paul of Henderson, N. C., and Henry of Erwin, Tenn.

The body will remain at Holcombe Funeral Home until thirty minutes before the service, at which time it will be moved to the church.