

## The Byrd Creek Tidings

By: Donald McCourry

Rt' 1, B.x 16, Relief, N. C.  
Mr. and Mrs. Glen Maddox of the state of Mich., were here over the week-end, visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Seth Hughes, and also a sister and a brother.

During the 4th, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hughes of Penna., were here visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Seth Hughes and a sister and brother.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith Hughes of Pigeon Roost spent several days recently up north, visiting with relatives.

Bill Willis from Pennsylvania is here at the present time, visiting with relatives and friends. Mr. Willis plans a several weeks stay while here.

The writer of this column recently traded his '59 Chevy car for a blue and white Cattleman Pontiac, '61. The writer also recently had moved in on Mr. Peterson's trailer lot in west Burnsville. A '67 Mobile Home. The writer extends his greatest appreciation to all the visitors to his new home in the past month. The writer only stays at the Mobile Home during part time. It's 12x45 feet. The visitors were: Rev. and Mrs. Wade Murphy, and two children; Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Austin, and seven children; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Austin, and two children; all of Burnsville; Mr. and Mrs. Rennie Austin of Marion, N. C.; Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Miller and two children of Relief; Park and Floyd Hughes, Walter Ray and son of Relief; Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Fender of Burnsville, and two children; Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Ray of Charlotte. Mrs. Fender is the writers half-sister, and had been nearly 17 years since we had seen each other, until July 16, 1967. Jimmy, the writer's half brother, and had been nearly 18 years since seeing each other, until July 23, 1967, and Rev. and Mrs. Charles Webb and two children, of Green Mountain.

Rainy weather has prevailed here in this mountainous section nearly all of this summer. This is a good season for crops. The writer used to keep a record of the weather but no longer keeps any record of the

weather conditions, due to so much work and travel and church work, the writer is kept nearly busy. The writer for 4 Sundays in a straight sung with a quartet and duet over WKYK in Burnsville, at 1 p. m., up until Sunday, July 16th.

This writer used to have several readers of his column in two local newspapers, which we wrote for one nearly 3½ years. We would like to welcome all of you back to reading it once more, if in any interest to you. Would like to receive a letter or card, if you read this.

## Springs Should

## Be Properly

## Protected

For sometime now we have had, and are still having, showers in the vicinity. Many people of Mitchell and Yancey counties do not have their springs properly protected from surface water, animals, etc.

There is no law requiring private home owners to properly protect their domestic water supplies but we strongly recommend that every one do this on their own. When surface water or animals have access to your spring, then a public health hazard exists. The cost to properly fix a spring or reservoir is usually small and not prohibitive of most all our people. It is difficult to do concrete work in the winter time so now is a good time to do this kind of work.

The health department will be happy to assist anyone in our area in a problem as important as this is; we will also tell you the proper way to sterilize your spring reservoir and, or, pipeline.

DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT, By: Jake F. Buckner, District Sanitarian.

## Spotted Fever Cases Rising

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. P. E. Schrag, Field Epidemiologist, Communicable Disease Section Board of Health, Raleigh. There have been several deaths already this year and a large number of cases have occurred considering that it is still early summer.

"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. Schrag 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.

## NEW BOOKS ADDED TO REGIONAL LIBRARIES

By: Ashton Chapman

DO GOOD by William Sayres is a novel about a Peace Corps reject, in a dusty South American village.

TREBLINKA by Jean-Francois Steiner is causing a world-wide re-examination of the Jewish experience in face of the Nazi holocaust.

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE: CHAOS OR COMMUNITY? In its breadth of vision, its compassion, freshness and felicity of style this book by Martin Luther King Jr. is a major advance along the frontier of democracy.

THE CONVERTS. Following his much-praised Julius Caesar novels, Rex Warner has written a fascinating reconstruction of the early years of St. Augustine.

THE ANTHEM. Bold and sweeping in scope, moving from the present day to the 16th century and back again, this novel by Noel B. Gerson is the story of the de Motauban family, a family that bears witness to the bitter and often bloody fight for religious freedom.

NEW TRENDS IN THE SCHOOLS, edited by William P. Lineberry. An interesting and important sidelight on American education, which has entered a period of great ferment.

TALL AND PROUD by Vian Smith is the story of how a girl's desire to be with her horse enables her to overcome the fear and pain of polio and learn to walk again.

THE PEACH STONE, Stories from Four Decades. A wide experience of American life is interpreted in this rich collection of short stories by Paul Horgan.

PASSIONS OF THE RING. Love and hate, fear and violence, envy, vengeance are the passions that make a world in miniature of Boonham's circus in this novel by Arthur Acred.

ANALOG 5, edited by John W. Campbell. These nine tales from the pages of Analog Magazine range from a nightmarish novella about a deadly international war game to a witty fantasy about the difficulty of finding, and keeping, super-sized pets.

BREED OF GIANTS. The Cumberland fells of England's lake country is a marvelously fitting background for the triumphant affirmation of life as symbolized by the Shire horses in a novel by Joyce Stranger.

WHEN SHE WAS GOOD by Philip Roth is the story—at once satiric and serious—of Lucy Nelson, a Midwestern girl who believes herself to be a moral superior of her family and friends.

COLUSSUS by D. E. Jones is a novel of tomorrow that could happen today. There is excitement and drama in the stark confrontation between Prof. Forbin and his monstrous creation.

THE MAN WHO LOVED CHILDREN by Christian Stead (new edition). In Samuel Clemens Pollit, a scientist employed by the government, is offered an uncannily accurate characterization of the complete egocentric, seemingly adored by his six children.

## Library Acquires

## Color Slides

By: Ashton Chapman

The Avery-Mitchell-Yancey Regional Library, composed of the public libraries in Bakersville, Burnsville, Newland and Spruce Pine, has recently acquired a series of color slides on ARCHITECTURE, PAINTING AND SCULPTURE available for groups wishing to exhibit them with a projector.

Accompanying the slides is a comprehensive manual on ART HISTORY AND RELATED STUDIES, edited by Nahum Tschachason. The slides cover examples of painting etc. from the paleolithic period to the present.

Inquiries about available dates for booking the slides are invited. Interested persons should contact the librarian at any of the four public libraries composing the three-county regional library.

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