ESTABLISHED JULY, 1936 TRENA P. FOX, EDITOR & PUBLISHER MISS. ZOE YOUNG, ASSOCIATE EDITOR THURMAN L. BROWN, SHOP MANAGER ARCHIE H. BALLEW, PHOTOGRAPHER & PRESSMAN PUBLISHED EVERY THURSDAY BY YANCEY PUBLISHING COMPANY SECOND CLASS POSTAGE PAID AT BURNSVILLE, N. C. THURSDAY, NOV. 23, 1967 NUMBER TWELVE SUBSCRIPTION RATES \$3.00 PER YEAR OUT OF COUNTY \$4.00 PER YEAR

Scene From Top O' The Hill

By: Jack Kelly

We didn't get to see too many people for a vis.t on our trip home, this time because Blanche picked herself up a fourcold on her shopping trip to Asheville where she didn't buy anything. Despite being laid up with the cold, I think she got to visit with more people than I did because she went to a Shower the Saturday evening we arrived. Most of the time we spent on grubbing and clearing the bushes and weeds accumulated since we left here last August. I learned one thing while cleaning up the place: brand new dead leaves have no value at all. I bel'eve the Federal Government could set up a project to take care of the leaves. If that is not forthcoming, I hope the good Lord will send a strong wind from the West and blow them all onto the Boyles'

Th's trip home was the one we we been waiting for. This was the last time we would visit because, the Lord willing, we will ret re in late May or early June and move for permanent. Possibly, we might get down for a week in April to open up, get the water turned on and things like that. It will also give me one more chance to convince Blanche that a moving van can make it up the Hill with our furniture. I think she believes that furniture has to be born up here to get here.

A week is too short a time to spend in Burnsville. Like I mentioned, I hardly got to see anyone. Visited a few minutes w'th the various stores and things like that, but not a real visit.

Even on our short visit, I can't neglect my neighbors Ransom and Lizzie Higg ns. It looked like I was always getting coffee, or a snack, or else Lizzie would bring a dish of something across the road to us. I am certain that Lizzie can cook anything better than anyone else can but this shouldn't worry the proprietors of our various eating places because Ransom and Lizzie have no plans for going into bus'ness. Incidentally, the Ray Brothers Market has a good cup of coffee, if you get there early in the morning and look like you are freezing to death.

In talking with Phil Ray, he happened to mention the tax assessing that was going on, and then he, being a good citizen, enquired if I had paid my taxes. That started me to thinking and I couldn't recall having received a bill. As a result, I presented myself at the tax office early the next morn ng. Sure enough, the Office still had the former owner's name listed. We straightened that out and I pa'd the County, then drove over to City Hall and paid my account with the City Fathers. Everybody in both offices was so nice, it was almost a painless extraction of money from me. Then, both Offices promised to bill me personally from now

on, and explained to me that I cun save two percent by paying

Having paid my just debts. I felt sort of Biblical, you know the injunction "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's etc." Anyway, the Caesarian tribute out of the way. I returned to the Hill and the view seemed even more heautiful.

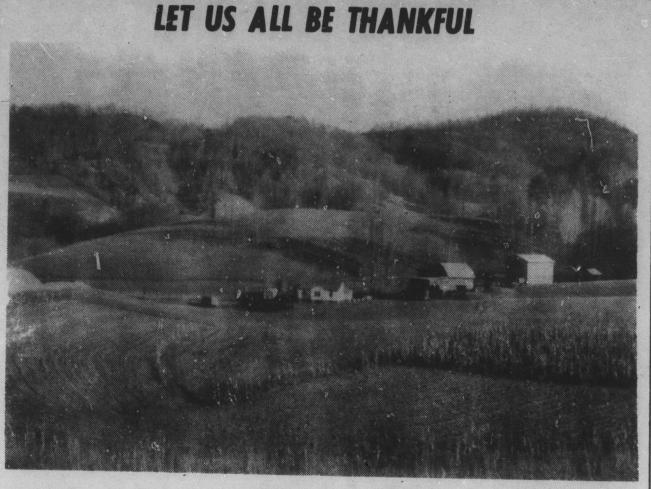
Speaking of the view, this was the first time we had ever seen one section of Burnsv'lle because it was the first time we had been there when the leaves were gene. Gave us an entirely new perspect be. However, the most beautiful view was had at night. Just look off toward the East and see all of the sparkling lights in the various colors. It would make a beautiful post card. I don't see why John Robinson doesn't make one of his terrif'c photographs and reduce in to postcards. I think it would be a real salable item for summei vettors and winter visitors too. The latter will become a bit of the financial structure of this area as soon as someone opens up a winter sports compound. These hills are a natural for ski slopes, and it wouldn't take too much capital to place a manmade lake for skating. Once someone starts into the winter sports business in the area, it is bound to snow-ball into something big. We'll have a half a dozen Ski Lodges around and about before you know it.

In the event that comes about, it will not be this winter, for which I am glad because for all subsequent winters I fully expect Blanche and I will be there and can watch it develop and, possibly, he'n it almo. Right now, we are back in Washington for a final season then, with lots of pleasant memories but with no regrets we will transfer our allegiance to the Town of Burnsville, which will be the culminat on of a dream over fifteen years of age. That puts us in a sort of special classification. Too many people live their lives without attaining a dream they have cherished. We, too, doubtless have missed out on one or two, but as far as we are both concerned, the fact that this one came true, it more than off-sets any of those we had in our

Thankful hearts . . . happy families . . . services in the church of your choice . . . all these are a part of Thanksgiving. May

your holiday hold

many blessings.



The pumpkin has turned to candy roaster and the corn is nct in the shock any more, but we can still be thankful about this time of year that we can have "candy roaster pumpkin" p es and that the corn is in the crib (or field) instead of the shock. Anyway, we all have scmething to be thankful for, and some have a lot.

Take for instance the owner

of the beaut ful farm pictured above. He has a lot to be thankful for, and one thing is for the beauty of his home and farm. And it did not get pretty l'ke that by accident, It took a lot of work. And a lot of work means a lot of good health for somebody, and that is something to be thankful for. And his pride and his family, these, too, help to make a good farm, and he must be thankful for them. And

in all this thankfulness the yield of crops will not be forgotten.

And we are thankful that Yancev County has many, many beautiful farms, owned by people who take pride in themselves, their famil'es, and the land.

We did not know the owner of this farm when it was photographed. But if the owner will drop by the Record Office, we have a five by seven print we will give him.

GARDEN TIME

By: M. E. GARDNER

What do you look for when selecting a Chr stmas tree? Which species do you like best? Do you prefer a North Carolina grown tree or an imported one?

First, what do you look for when selecting a tree? Perhaps the first thing you should look for is freshness. Many trees are cut too soon and transported long distances to market. Frequently the leaves have dried out and are shedding before you buy it. Such handling lowers both the quality and color of the plant. Fragrance is also reduced.

Which species do you like best? The Red Cedar has been a favorite for many, many years and still is. It can be grown from the coastal Plains through the Piedmont. Due to the natural compact habit of growth, it requ res little or no sheering. The fragrance is excellent. It should be used fresh as it has a tendency to dry quickly after cutting - probably best adapted for local retail sales.

Other speces adapted to North Carolina are: Fraser Fir, White Pine, Scotch Pine, and Norway Spruce. Of these species, Fraser Fir and White Pine are presently the most important for commercial production in the mountains of Western Carol ina.

Fraser Fir has good color, pleasing fragrance, strong branches and excellent needle holding ability. It I kes the cool environment provided by the higher elevations and prefers a moist

White Pine is a rap'd grower, has good shape and flexible branches. It requires proper shearing to produce a compact tree. The color is good and the popularity of this species is on the increase.

As I reported to you earlier, the growing of Christmas trees in North Carolina has developed into a full-fledged enterprize backed by a libely Christmas

Tree Association. While the industry is small, in comparison, it has an excellent potential and will grow as our people support

According to L. A. Hampton, forest management extension specialist, approximately one million trees are used in North Carolina homes each year, with 75 per cent of this number imported from Maine and other producing areas.

So you can see the opportunity we have to support a home industry. Ask for North Carolina grown Christmas trees to brighten the Yule season for you and yours.

(slang)

28. Wine recep-

tacles

29. Markets

30. Flower

32. A ratio

37. Copied

39. Island in

40. Bring out

plant

42. An aunt

41. Blue-flower

(S. Afr.)

44. Accumulate

DOWN

1. Mothers

dessert

3. Nonsense!

2. Frozen

N. Y. Bay

Few Floats **Entering Parade**

The Merchants Association, sponsors of the December 2nd Christmas parade, are disappointed at small number of floats being entered. It is hoped that additional floats will be added. The parade may be slightly short on floats, but long on other attractions. The Color Guard with 18 men - of Co. A, 518th Army Reserve Unit of Burnsville, Commanded by Captain Harold Wood of Mars Hill, will add greatly to the occasion. Heretofore colors have been carried either by the Boy Scouts, or by horseback riders. The appearance of the Color Guard of the Reserve Unit will be an added attraction.

CROSSWORD ACROSS 4. Gaelic 23. Torrid 1. Plant insects 5. Upward 24. Scrutin-6. Thong curving of 11. Fruit of the ship's planking 25. Esker oak 26. Dis-12. Fragrance 6. Cavalry trict 13. Untidy sword Attor-14. Founda-7. Floor nev tions (abbr.) opening 15. Pain 8. Flower 27. Fuel 16. Feel regret 9. So be it! 29. Middle 17. Senior 10. Gone by 31. Pauses (abbr.) 16. Regret 33. Notions 36. Part of 18. Voiceless 18. Firmament 34. Father of chimney 20. By way (phonet.) Osiris 37. First man 19. Summon (poss.) 38. Plateau re-21. Turned into 35. German forth gion of Peru 22. Buckeye 40. Greek letter river State 26. Oxeye 27. Hired thugs

