

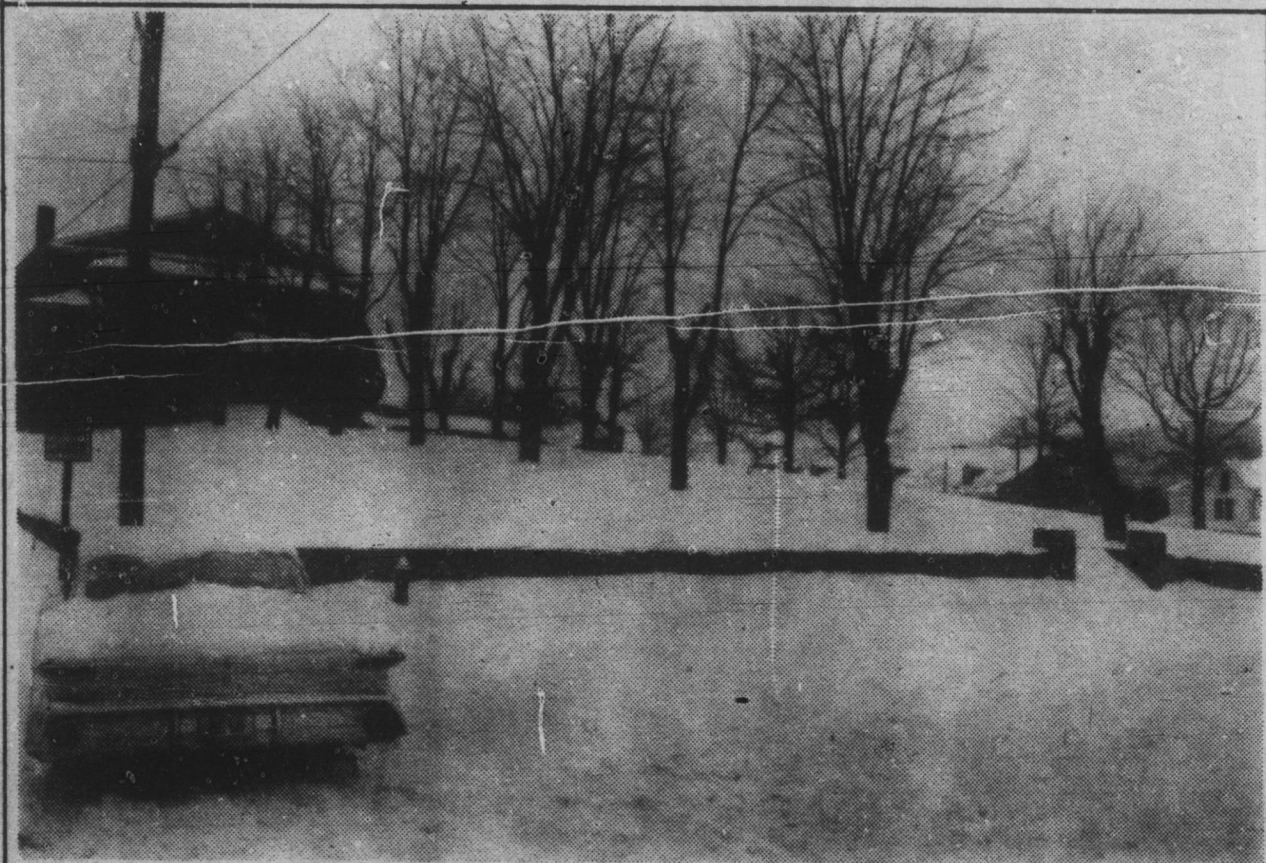
# THE YANCEY RECORD

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Here Is The School, But Where Are The Children?

## Miss Bennett Nominated For Reynolds Scholarship



GREENSBORO — Alumnae committees appointed for every county in North Carolina are this month interviewing the 256 nominees for the Katherine Smith Reynolds Scholarships at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Serving on the Committee for Yancey County is Mrs. Reece L. McIntosh, Jr., of Burnsville.

Nominee from the county, an outstanding member of her graduating class, is Ruth Elizabeth Bennett of Cane River High School. Betty is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Bennett of Route 3, Burnsville.

There are presently 48 Reynolds Scholars at UNC-G. Twelve scholarships are awarded to each freshman class. The awards are valued at \$1,400 and are renewable for four years of study.

The selection of Reynolds finalists was delegated to the Alumni Association of UNC-G by the Reynolds Foundation when the program was initiated in 1962. District committees were appointed to serve this function.

The Reynolds Scholarships were established by the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation in memory of Mrs. Katherine Smith Reynolds, a Woman's College (now UNC-G) alumna, wife of the founder of Reynolds Tobacco Company, and mother of the late R. J. Reynolds, Jr.

The Foundation recently made a grant of \$65,000 to support the awards and the annual Reynolds Lecture during the 1968-69 academic year at UNC-G.

**J. W. Ray,**

**85, Passes**

J. Willard Ray, 85, retired farmer of the Bolen's Creek section of Yancey County, died early Mon. Jan. 16 in a hospital after a short illness.

Mr. Ray, a lifelong resident of Yancey County, was a rural mail carrier and a member of the Yancey County school committee for many years. He was a member and deacon of Bolen's Creek Baptist Church.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Ruth Sholes and Mrs. G. Leslie Hensley; two sons, Roy and James Ray, all of Burnsville; three sisters, Mrs. Lizzie Griffin, Mrs. Lillie Griffin and Mrs. Mollie Silvers of Burnsville; two brothers, Welze of Lakeland, Fla. and Jesse Ray of Asheville.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 p. m. Tuesday in Bolen's Creek Baptist Church. The Rev. A. Z. Jamerson and J. M. G. Warner officiated and burial was in Holcombe Cemetery. Pallbearers were Jess Styles, Arney Fox, Jimmy Ray, W. J. Banks, Robert Hilliard and Billy Ray Riddle.

## Rev. Powers Reappointed To Council

Rev. John Powers of Micaville has been re-elected a director of the Asheville Agricultural Development Council for 1968 representing Yancey County. The election took place at the annual meeting of the 18 county area development association last week.

Purpose of the program, which was started 18 years ago and has been repeatedly cited by many area and national leaders for the outstanding results obtained, is to help promote farm and rural improvements on an area basis. It is operated by a board of directors representing all the 18 westernmost counties of the state.

A major activity of the Agricultural Development Council is sponsoring and promoting the Western North Carolina Community Development Program in cooperation with the agricultural agencies and local sponsors in each county.

## Thullen Will Meet With Workers

Dr. Manfred Thullen, Community Development Specialist, N. C. State University, will meet with Yancey County Agricultural Workers at the County Extension Office on Tuesday, January 23, 2:30 p. m.

Plans will be made for leadership training so that the community leaders, through their own initiative, may effectively identify and solve the various problems directly affecting their welfare.

All Agricultural Workers are urged to attend.

## Huskins Appointed Associate Of State Supreme Court

Associate Justice J. Will Pless, Jr., of the State Supreme Court today advised Governor Moore that he will retire effective Saturday, February 3, 1968. Justice Pless will qualify as an Emergency Justice of the Court under the provisions of G. S. 7-51 and will be available as his services are needed.



Honorable J. Frank Huskins

To succeed Justice Pless, the Governor announced he will appoint the Honorable J. Frank Huskins, Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts and a former Judge of the Superior Court.

"We regret losing the services of Justice Will Pless, who has given the full measure of service to the people of North Carolina throughout a long and illustrious career," Governor Moore said. "We wish him a happy retirement. At the same time, I feel the State is fortunate in having a man of the ability of Judge Huskins to assume this important position."

Justice Pless, who was appointed to the Court on January 20, 1966, told Governor Moore in a letter advising of his retirement:

"This is really a great Court. Every member of it is learned, industrious and dedicated. There can be no better court anywhere, and I do not know its equal. It has been a pleasure to be associated with the other justices in spirit of harmony, cooperation and friendship, and I shall always cherish my relationship with them."

"There are many reasons why I am retiring. The main one is that I am just tired. After ten years as solicitor, thirty-two years on the superior court bench and two years on the Supreme Court, I feel the need of rest which I want to take while my health is good."

"In view of the assistance this court will have from the Court of Appeals, I am very hopeful that the work there will be reduced to the point that it can be accomplished with reasonable effort and labor, which is not now the case. All of the justices

are having to work several hours a night and on weekends in addition to the usual office hours. There is no such thing as a forty-hour week, but there are plenty that run to sixty or seventy hours. With respect and appreciation, J. Will Pless, Jr."

Justice Pless was born in Brevard in 1898. He attended Davidson College and the University of North Carolina, where he received his law degree in 1919.

He was a district solicitor from 1924 to 1934, when he was appointed to the Superior Court bench by the late Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus. He was elected four times without opposition and served as a Superior Court judge longer than any other North Carolinian.

Judge Huskins was born near Burnsville on February 10, 1911. He attended Mars Hill College from 1927 to 1929, the University of North Carolina, 1929-30, and the University of North Carolina Law School from 1930 until his graduation in 1932.

He was mayor of Burnsville from 1938 to 1942 when he resigned to accept a commission in the United States Navy.

He served as the Representative from Yancey County in the General Assembly sessions of 1947 and 1949.

On May 25, 1949, he was appointed chairman of the North Carolina Industrial Commission by W. Kerr Scott and was reappointed by Governor William B. Umstead on May 28, 1953. He resigned in January, 1955, to accept appointment by Governor Luther H. Hodges as a Superior Court judge. He was elected in November, 1956, to a full eight-year term as Resident Judge of the Twenty-Fourth Judicial District, composed of the counties of Madison, Yancey, Mitchell, Avery and Watauga, and was reelected in November, 1962, to an eight-year term.

He was appointed July 1, 1965, by Chief Justice Emory Denny as Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts, and was reappointed in February, 1966, by Chief Justice R. Hunt Parker.

## Farmers Urged To Return Form

Sometime ago farmers who signed up to grow trellis tomatoes were given a Membership Survey form to complete and return to the Farmers Home Administration office. As of today, only a few of these forms have been returned.

It is of utmost importance that each person signed up to grow tomatoes complete one of these forms.

The Community Action Program, WAMY, County Agent's Office and the Farmers Home Administration office staff will assist you in completing these forms.

In order to further advance with this cooperative these forms must be in the FHA Office real soon.