

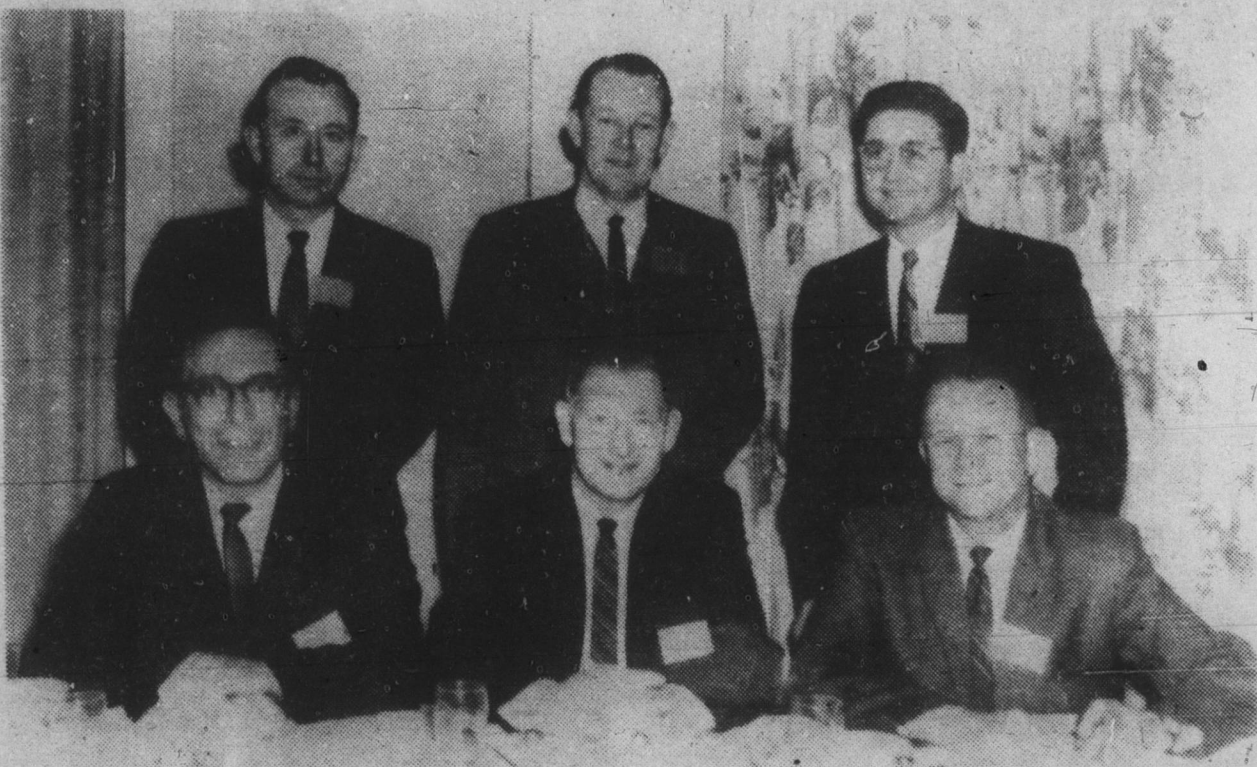
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Pictured Above Left To Right: Allan Duckett, Dean Shields, Jim Story, Marshall; Back Row, Paul Wooten, Burnsville, James Armstrong And C. F. Gore Weaverville.

Accident Fatal To 14-Year-Old

Huskins Sworn In As Associate Justice

RALEIGH (AP) — J. Frank Huskins was sworn in Monday as an associate justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court to succeed retiring Justice J. Will Pless Jr.

Chief Justice R. Hunt Parker administered the oath of office to Huskins, who is a former director of the administrative office of the courts and a former Superior Court Judge.

Parker also administered the oath to Huskins' successor, Bert M. Montague, who was promoted from assistant director to director of the courts administrative office, and to Frank W. Bullock Jr., who succeeded Montague as assistant director.

Parker noted that Gov. Dan Moore has appointed four members of the state Supreme Court, all six members of the new state Court of Appeals, and will by the expiration of his term have named a majority of the Superior Court judges in the state.

Parker said the state has been fortunate in having a former jurist as governor at a time when so many court vacancies have occurred.

A 14-year-old youth, Gary Lee Howell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vance Howell, died in an Asheville hospital Wednesday afternoon from injuries sustained in an auto-bicycle accident Tuesday evening, according to Patrolman Roland Davis.

According to Patrolman Davis, who investigated the accident, the Howell youth was traveling east on Highway 19-E on a bicycle east of Burnsville when a 1967 Cadillac driven by Mrs. Vivian Wright Vance of Plumtree, also heading east, struck the Howell youth, Patrolman Davis said. The accident occurred around 6:25 p. m.

Mrs. Vance, who is 63, stated that she did not see the bicycle and youth until he swerved in front of the vehicle, the patrolman said. The bicycle did not have any lights and the youth was dressed in dark clothes. Mrs. Vance was returning from Asheville where she had been visiting her husband who is ill.

It was thought that the Howell youth may have planned to turn into the old paved road, No. 1427 just east of Jay Styles' store, and swerved in front of the vehicle before making the turn.

The accident was termed unavoidable, and no charges were made against Mrs. Vance.

Arrangements for funeral services for the youth have not been announced.

Ben Deyton To Coach All-Star Team

East Yancey Coach Ben Deyton was honored last week as being named Blue All-Star basketball team coach this year. The Blue-White All-Star game is an annual event when basketball stars from high schools in counties bordering Buncombe County play all-stars from Buncombe County schools. The game this year will be played March 29 at Roberson High School.

Deyton has distinguished himself as coach of East Yancey's football teams and both boys and girls teams in basketball. He can boast of coaching basketball teams at East Yancey High School that have won four Appalachian Conference championships and three tournaments. And last year his boys team played in the state tournament at Durham after winning the District 8, class A championship.

A basketball player himself, Coach Deyton played at Braxton Junior College and at Milligan College, where he received a degree in physical education.

The overall record made by Deyton at East Yancey is impressive. His girls have a 100 win with 14 lost, while the boys have won 66 and lost 19. And in football the record shows 22-7-1 during his years as coach.

Coach for the White All-Star team will be C. L. Moore, coach at South French Broad in Asheville.

WESTCO PLANS CUSTOMER SERVICE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

A Customer Service Improvement Program involving an expenditure of \$1,102,000 has been planned for Yancey and Mitchell Counties by the Westco Telephone Company according to James Armstrong, President of the company.

This program was discussed at a meeting held for the news media on Feb. 2, at Dillsboro, N. C.

Direct Distance Dialing (DDD) improved long distance facilities, additional outside plant and central office facilities for new customers and facilities to improve service to present subscribers have been scheduled. The three year construction program will be culminated in the fourth quarter 1970, Armstrong said.

Separate projects have been set up for Burnsville, Bakersville, and Micaville. In Burnsville 1968 and 1969 will be banner years in its growth and development. Direct distance dialing has been programmed at a cost of approximately \$34,500 in 1969. The "Primary Switching Center" will be located in Asheville for this new media of telephone communications for subscribers.

In 1968 an expenditure of approximately \$178,000 has been budgeted for Burnsville. The extension of cable facilities into Jack's Creek and Prices Creek will cost an estimated \$45,000. A cable relief job and the replacement of old lead cable in Burnsville has been programmed at a cost of \$55,000 to upgrade customer service and to improve service. Routine outside plant extensions, central office additions and central office maintenance to keep pace with customer demand and to improve the quality of service to present subscribers will cost approximately \$98,000.

In 1969 an estimated \$290,800 have been scheduled. The old open wire long distance circuits out of Burnsville will give way to a modern cable system at an estimated cost of \$135,000. The rehabilitation of outside plant, customer station installations and central office maintenance to improve the quality of service to our customers, Armstrong said.

Morrison Construction Co Makes Low Bid On Church Plant

Sealed bids on construction of a new church and education building for the First Baptist Church here were opened last Thursday in the church. Five construction companies submitted bids on the construction.

The low bid was made by Morrison Construction Company, Shelby. The base bid was \$299,888.00, with alternate construction bids of \$7,700.00 and \$1,500.

On Monday night all sub-committees comprising the church building committee met in the church with the architect and voted to accept the bids made by Morrison Construction Company, and to present it before the church Sunday. Building plans had previously been presented and accepted by the membership of the church.

Work toward construction of the new buildings should begin soon. The structure will be built on the north side of Green Mt. Street between the town square and Higgins Memorial Methodist Church.

Taylor Announces Candidacy

Congressman Roy A. Taylor of Black Mountain today announced his candidacy for reelection as 11th District Representative in Congress. He has forwarded his filing fee to the State Board of Elections.

He will seek nomination in the May Democratic primary.

Taylor, 58, has represented the 11th District in Congress since 1960. "During my eight years in Congress a record has been established and I hope that the people will judge me by that record," Taylor said.

A former state legislator and attorney for Buncombe County, Rep. Taylor now seeks his sixth term in Congress. He is a member of the House Interior Committee and chairman of the Subcommittee on National Parks and Recreation.

Young Republicans To Organize

A Young Republican Club organizational meeting will be held Monday night, Feb. 12, at 8:00 o'clock at the Blue Ridge Cafeteria. All young Republicans (18 to 40), who are interested in better government, and helping in the election of their chosen representatives for County, State and Federal offices are urged to be present for this important meeting.

Mrs. Elsie Pyatt, of Marion, N. C. 1/2 Campaign Manager for Mr. Scott Harvey, will be guest speaker.