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Employees receiving twenty-year awards at anniversary banquet at Nu-Wray Inn given by Glen Raven Mills. Left to right, C. Woody, Burlus Cannon, another 20-year employee was not present. Bill Silver, Ned Wilson, James Hoover, Brooks Boone, and J. present.

GLEN RAVEN CELEBRATES TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY WITH AWARDS DINNER

Officers and employees of the Burnsville plant of Glen Raven Silk Mills celebrated their twentieth anniversary Tuesday night, May 6 with a dinner at Nu-Wray Inn. Coupled with the anniversary celebration was the giving of awards to five, ten, fifteen and twenty-year employees. Approximately sixty employees, officers, and guests attended the dinner.

Don Burhoe, Vice President of Glen Raven Mills, Inc., and general manager of the Burnsville plant, gave a resume of the operation of the mill here during the 20 year period from May, 1948 to the present time. Mr. Burhoe said that the initial operation of Glen Raven Silk Mill here consisted of sufficient employees to operate twenty-four looms; that in 1958 the growth of the weaving operation went to 318 looms; and now there are 610 looms, turning out fabric at the rate of 600,000 yards each week.

The beginning years of operation of the mill here, Mr. Burhoe referred to as a "period of survival." He said lack of experience in the beginning resulted in low production and inferior quality of cloth. However, as time went by, the production and quality picture changed.

The total personnel of the plant was more than commended for loyalty and services rendered beyond that which was required. It was pointed out by Mr. Burhoe that because of the willingness of technical employees to give extra time and effort, new machines were placed in operation on different occasions before the machine manufacturers were able to offer the services of their own technicians to set the machines.

Mr. Burhoe went on to say that the attitude of employees, expressed in their willingness to do more than called for in the line of duty, is the prime reason the largest single addition to a Glen Raven plant is now underway here.

Roger Gant, Jr., Vice President and Treas. of Glen Raven Mills, Inc., praised the Burnsville Mill and personnel for their safety program. He said that the plant here has not had an accident in five years. He also pointed out that the Federal Government is talking about an industrial safety program. However, Mr. Gant said, the accident rate by federal employees is twelve per cent higher than industrial accidents in this country.

Mr. Gant pointed to "dark clouds" ahead in the economic and financial outlook for the nation, with a "tight money" situation and interest rates roaring to the highest point in fifty years. But, Mr. Gant said, Glen Raven Mills officials are taking a contradictory view for the Burnsville mill. He told the group that the employees and plant here are the "Elite" of the Glen Raven operations, and that the company was going ahead with a good outlook in the future for the Glen Raven Mills here. He also said that the management had more confidence in their Burnsville operations and employees than at any other location of plants.

Plant superintendent Bill Silver read the names of those receiving awards. The department supervisors made the awards to the employees.

Other out of town guests at the anniversary dinner included Edmund Gant, Vice Pres. and Secretary of Glen Raven Mills Inc., and Harry Willis, Director of Personnel.

Bald Creek Homemakers To Meet

Young Homemakers of the Bald Creek Community will meet Monday, May 13 at 3:00 p. m. at the Bald Creek Methodist Church. Plans will be made for monthly programs in home economics which are of special interest to the homemakers.

A special project of this group will be to have planned group activities for the pre-school age children of mothers who will be attending the meetings.

Mrs. William Fender has served as chairman for arrangements and has urged all homemakers to attend this first meeting.

A program, "Standards In Crafts" will be given by Mary Margaret Deyton, Home Economics Extension Agent.

**LEND A HAND
TO MAKE OUR
COUNTY MORE
ATTRACTIVE.**

**PICK - UP
PAINT - UP
PATCH - UP**

CANDIDATES SELECTED FOR NOVEMBER ELECTION

Aged Resident Lost In Colberts Creek Section

The Newdale Fire Department and McDowell Rescue Squad was called to the South Toe section Tuesday afternoon to aid in searching for an aged resident of Colberts Creek.

Monroe Phillips, 91, who lives alone on Colberts Creek was seen Tuesday morning about 10 o'clock by a neighbor. When Mr. Phillips was not seen after that time, the neighbor became alarmed and called the Sheriff's Office here.

The alarm was sent out and a search by neighbors and the Newdale and McDowell County groups got under way around 4 p. m. that afternoon.

Julian McGee of the Newdale Fire Department found the 91-year-old man about half a mile from his home at the head of Colberts Creek. He evidently had gone for a walk and became lost. His condition was reported to be good when found.

County Working To Obtain Garbage Route

Interested citizens representing community clubs, industry and civic clubs met with the Yancey County Board of Commissioners in the Courthouse here Monday and discussed the possibility of obtaining a county garbage route.

Mr. Jake Buckner, county sanitation officer, met with the group and explained the sanitation laws pertaining to this type program.

The county officials are trying to locate two sites, one in each end of the county, at this time.

Vincent Westall and Paul Buchanan are interested in the route and have accepted the job. A minimum fee of \$2.00 per month has been set up depending on the amount of garbage picked up from the patrons.

It is hoped that the program will be in effect by the middle of the summer.

Twenty five or thirty people attended the meeting. Another meeting will be held in the near future and interested people will be notified and invited to attend.

Democrats went to the polls Saturday to select candidates for the November election. Approximately 1300 Democrat voters appeared at the polling places throughout the county, but Republican voting was much lighter.

In the race for Governor, Scott led here by a large majority, with 1076 votes to 166 for Brughton and 18 for Hawkins.

On the Republican side of the Governor's race, Gardner took the lead for a nearly two to one over Stickley, with a vote of 246 to 129.

In a more local race J. Yates Bailey, running from this county, led in the race for State House of Representatives, although the voting was close for the three candidates. Bailey led the way with 849 votes, with Ramsey 725, and Messer 515. The Republicans had no race for Representative.

For State Senate, in which the Democrats had no race, Briggs led with 279, with Dent a close second with 243, and Ledbetter 139.

Ervin pulled far ahead of the other three Democrat candidates in the race for U. S. Senate, with 853 votes. Fred Brummitt of Bakersville was next with 262, while Gahins polled 33 votes here and Pratt 52.

On the Republican side for U. S. Senate, Somers led with 183 votes, with Teeney 66 and Zimmerman 89.

No race for Congress in this district by Democrats. However, Republican Harvey more than doubled the vote here against Daughtridge with a count of 250 to 98.

In the Republican race for Judge of District Court, Braswell polled 272 votes with Holsouser 209, and Young 163.

Students Awarded Scholars Medals

Miss Kay Robinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Robinson, Micaville and Miss Frances Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Wilson, Mcaville, were two of the fourteen students awarded a Scholars Medal for having the highest scholastic average for the year at Warren Wilson College, Swannanoa, North Carolina.

Miss Robinson and Miss Wilson are graduates of East Yancey High School.

Warren Wilson College is affiliated with the United Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.