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Ray Takes Position With Dow Chemical



Norman Ray, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ray of Burnsville on May 25th graduated from North Carolina State University, Raleigh, with a BS Degree in Mechanical Engineering. He has accepted a position with Dow Chemical Company in Baton Rouge, La.

During his senior year Norman was Treasurer for the Mechanical and Aerospace Society. He also won a silver cup for first place in Fluidice at the Mechanical Fair held in the spring.

Bloodmobile Here June 12

The Bloodmobile will be at the Armory in Burnsville Wednesday, June 12, from 1:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Dr. Garland Wampler will be the doctor in charge, and Mrs. W. P. Honeycutt will be the nurse. The women's organization of the Burnsville Presbyterian Church will staff the canteen. The word is that A LOT OF BLOOD IS NEEDED.

Clean-Up Program Cited By Men's Club

The members of the Burnsville Men's Club wish to express their appreciation for those who gave full cooperation in the May Clean-Up Campaign. On the other hand, we deeply regret that some citizens apparently have no concern and have made no effort to improve the appearance of our fair city; thus they have not only denied themselves, and all the rest of us, of the joy and satisfaction of justifiable pride in having a clean and neat city of homes, roadsides, and sidewalks.

Only by constant effort and wholehearted cooperation of all can we hope to realize a city that does not resemble a dump instead of a charming place in which to live and work.

We are deeply grateful for the helpful publicity given by THE YANCEY RECORD and the Burnsville Radio Station in the clean-up project.

Station WKYK Will Return To Air Sunday

Barring any unforeseen delay, present plans of Radio Station WKYK call for a return to the air Sunday afternoon, June 9, at 1:00 p.m.

The first day back on the air will introduce listeners of WKYK to the station's new sound and new programming. Many of the features of the programming at the old station will be retained, including the "Fun Line" every afternoon, which will continue to be one of the high points of the broadcast day. The devotional program will also be continued.

The station is planning a grand opening and open house at their new location, the time to be announced later.

Miss Bennett Awarded Scholarship



A 1968 Cane River High School Graduate has been awarded a scholarship by the James G. K. McClure Educational and Development Fund to attend Brevard College in September.

Luther H. Lawing, Student Financial Aid Administrator at the College, announced today that Ruth Elizabeth Bennett has been selected as a recipient of the 1968-69 award.

The objective of the McClure scholarship program is to aid financially deserving and academically promising residents of western North Carolina to pursue their formal education beyond the high school level. High school records in both scholarship and leadership, evidence of Christian character, financial need, intellectual promise and demonstrated ambitions are taken into account in awarding these grants, according to Lawing.

Miss Bennett is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Bennett of Route 3. She plans a career in fashion design or interior decoration and hopes to attend the University of North Carolina at Greensboro after two years at Brevard.

CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN ON PRODUCERS' MARKET BUILDING

By: Mr. Thomas F. Byrd

For sometime farmers of Yancey County have been leaving their farms and going elsewhere to seek employment, for the simple reason they could not make a living in Yancey County on their small farms. Farming methods have changed, along with the variety of crops grown. About the only cash crops in the county are tobacco and the growing of livestock. Tobacco allotments have been cut so much it is hardly worth the time to grow it.

For the last few years there has been a lot of talk about keeping our farmers from leaving the county, and suggestions made as to substitutions for tobacco. About the middle of August, 1966, Mr. Yates Deyton, John Ramsey, Tom Byrd and John Powers got together to see what could be worked out which would enable our farmers to make a living and remain in Yancey County. During our discussions it came to our attention that the growing of tomatoes had been a success in some of the surrounding counties, especially Madison. Investigations were carried on, along with interviews with people connected with the growing of tomatoes, to find out what was practical and feasible.

We were at once confronted with the idea that if we raised tomatoes we would have to have a warehouse in which to process them and from which to sell them. After securing the very valuable advice and support of Mr. E. L. Dillingham, County Agent, we called in a number of people connected with the Dept. of Agriculture for the State of N. C., to get their advice and opinion. At their suggestion, the Yancey County Producers' Association was organized, and a Board of Directors, consisting of eight men, was named. It was decided that the U. S. Government through the Farm Home Administration be asked for an appropriation to build and equip a suitable building to carry on this work. The help of Congressman Roy Taylor was enlisted.

In March 1967 Mr. Wilbur Howard, the new Director of the FHA arrived, and he, along with Mr. Paul Laughrun of Burnsville, Regional Director, entered enthusiastically into helping secure the money, and with their help and the support of Congressman Taylor, \$165,000 was appropriated. The Board is also indebted to the Yancey County Chamber of Commerce for their cooperation and a small appropriation made by them.

Prior to receiving the money, the Board set out to obtain a proper site on which to erect

the building. They finally settled on a piece of land back of the Elwood Smith property, near the Sun Valley Nursing Home. A few of the more optimistic members of the Board purchased the property and held it until the money was received. Upon receipt of the money, the site was promptly transferred to the Yancey County Producers' Association. The services of an architect have been secured, the building site is now being graded, and construction will soon begin on a building 200 ft. long and 80 ft. wide.

The Board of Directors feel that this will be a great asset to the farmers and all the citizens of Yancey County, and that it will bring into the county a lot of money, and enable the farmers to stay on their farms, if they want to grow tomatoes.

A building of this character and with these dimensions is big enough to accommodate other crops as well as tomatoes — such as can be profitably grown in Yancey County, such as strawberries, cucumbers, peppers, sweet corn, beans. The Board is investigating the possibility of expanding the use of the building in the future, but for this year the only crop to be handled will be tomatoes.

The building will be ready for use between July 15 and the first of August.

Response Excellent For Youth Jamboree

The Yancey County Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce the excellent response from county youngsters for the first Annual Yancey Youth Jamboree, which is to be held August 8, 1968 at East Yancey High School Gymnasium.

Because of the many entries to date, no applications to perform in the Jamboree can be accepted after Saturday, June 8.

All entrants are regular students in the Yancey County schools, with each school being represented.

Applications have been received for competitive talent in folk singing, spiritual and religious singing, instrumental including the Jews harp and the dulcimer, smooth square dancing, western square dancing, buck dancing and clogging.

The Youth Jamboree is being held in conjunction with the annual Mount Mitchell Craft Festival to provide an opportunity for school children to display talents relating to their rich heritage of folk singing, dancing and music.



Mr. Paul Laughrun, Regional Director of Farmers Home Administration, hands a check for \$65,000 to Rev. John Pow-

ers, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the new Yancey County Producers' Association. The group was gathered

for the official ground breaking ceremony at the site of the new marketing building which will soon be constructed.