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Sgt. Robinson Receives Bronze Star

TUY HOA, VIETNAM (AHT-NC) — Army First Sergeant Owen Robinson, (right), son of Mrs. Minnie Robinson, Route 3, Burnsville, N. C., receives the Bronze Star Medal during ceremonies near Tuy Hoa, Vietnam, May 10.

Sgt. Robinson received the award for outstanding meritorious service in combat operations against hostile forces in Vietnam from May 1967 to May 1968.

The sergeant, first sergeant of Company A, 577th Engineer Battalion near Tuy Hoa, entered the Army in April 1948 and completed basic training at Fort Jackson, S. C. He arrived in Vietnam in May 1967 and was last stationed with the 802nd Engineer Battalion.

His wife, Sue, lives at 961 E. Duane Ave., Sunnyvale, Calif. The sergeant, who holds the Army Commendation Medal is a 1948 graduate of Bald Creek (N. C.) High School.

Head Start Classes Begin In Four County Area

Summer Head Start classes started Monday, June 17 in the four county W. A. M. Y. area. Thirty-four teachers and 34 teacher aides are now hard at work with the pleasures and difficulties of introducing 500 children to the new world of school.

There are 22 Head Start Centers in Watauga, Avery, Mitchell and Yancey Counties, and the public is urged to visit a local center before the summer session ends July 26.

Volunteers from teenagers to grandparents are needed, and will find that spending a few hours with these children is a richly rewarding experience.

Head Start Director Lorene Greene has announced the following teachers and aides for Yancey County:

Bald Creek Elementary Center: Lola Anne Hensley, Lillian S. Tomberlin, teachers; Dorothy Mary Fox, Gladys Mae Buckner, aides.

Bee Log Elementary Center: Shirley W. Edwards, teacher; June Fender, aide.

Burnsville Elementary Center: Ruth Hensley, Enola Wilson, teachers; Rhodica Ray, Glenda Young, aides.

Clearmont Elementary Center: Maphrie R. Wilson, teacher; Betty Jo McCurry, aide.

Micaville Elementary Center: Bernice H. Justice, Doris L. Young, teachers; Lillian Fern Robinson, Deloris Hughes, aides.

Pensacola Elementary Center: Orlena Williams, teacher; Phyllis Gardner, aide.

South Toe Elementary Center: Thanna Davis, teacher; Viola Miller, aide.

Robinson On Duty In Vietnam

WITH U. S. COMBAT AIR FORCES, Vietnam — Airman First Class Johnny L. Robinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Robinson of Rt. 1, Burnsville, N. C., is on duty at Tan Son Nhut AB, Vietnam.

Airman Robinson, an airframe repairman, is a member of the Pacific Air Forces. Before his arrival in Vietnam, he was assigned to the 7th Field Maintenance Squadron at Carswell AFB, Tex.

The airman is a 1966 graduate of East Yancey High School.

His wife, Carol, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hall of Rt. 1, Green Mountain, N. C.

MORE LOCAL LEVEL PARTICIPATION ON APPALACHIAN PROGRAM URGED BY STATE OFFICIALS

Higgins Member Four Gallon Club

The local Red Cross Blood Program is happy to announce that Arnold E. Higgins has become a member of the Four Gallon Club. Mr. Higgins has been giving blood regularly since 1951.

Durard A. Robinson has given his sixteenth pint of blood, which makes him eligible for the Two Gallon Club.

New members of the One Gallon Club are: Charles E. Black, Mrs. Maxine Turbyfill, Frank A. Thomas.

Yancey County fell behind in its blood quota on the last visit of the Bloodmobile. There were only 51 pints collected. Eight persons were rejected, of whom two were permanently rejected for medical reasons.

Those who did not find it convenient to give blood on June 12th will have another opportunity. The Asheville Regional Blood Center has announced the schedule for Yancey County for the fiscal year 1968-69, which is as follows:

Wednesday — July 24, 1968;
Thursday — October 3, 1968;
Wednesday — January 22, 1969;
Thursday — March 6, 1969.

4-H Members Attend Activity Day

Sixteen 4-H Club members and leaders from Yancey County attended the Western District 4-H Activity Day at Sylvan Webster High School on Tuesday, June 25 and saw county winners from 18 Western Counties give demonstrations in the many projects carried by the members.

A talent team from Pensacola; Danny Ray, Glen Williams and Bobbie Lee Riddle, participated in the talent contest and entertained the entire group of about 800 at the afternoon assembly in the gymnasium.

Delegates attending from Yancey County and the demonstrations they attended are as follows:

Electric — Jimmy Norris, Forrest Ballew and Randy Wilson.

Wildlife and Tobacco — Garry Grindstaff and Johnny Blair.

Sewing — Sherry Harrison and Dairy Foods — Katie King.

Ramona Bowditch, former County District and State Clothing Winner, Mrs. H. D. Ray, Jr., and County Extension Agents, Pat Guyer and Mary Margaret Deyton accompanied the delegates to Sylva.

"Men often dream dreams of what could be. They recognize in their surroundings the ingredients for something better, for making things easier and more pleasant for themselves, for providing more meaningful and more beneficial life for their children. Too often those dreams are not fulfilled. For lack of resources, the potential is not realized. For lack of courage, the challenge is not confronted. For lack of initiative, the task is not begun. There are many who dream of better things and who do nothing to change reality."

These were the opening words of Gov. Dan Moore Tuesday as he addressed the Appalachian Development Conference at Asheville-Biltmore College.

The two-day Governor's Conference on Appalachian Development was called by Gov. Moore because, the Governor said, "It is the people who are responsible for the recent surge of progress. . . . It is the people of Western North Carolina who must see that the impetus for improvement is not lost, that the progress which benefits all people continues and accelerates in the months and years ahead."

In words to impress the need of expanded private enterprise upon the men and women invited to attend the conference, Gov. Moore said that extended school facilities are worth little unless good jobs are available for those who take advantage of the educational opportunities, and that access roads are important to more people when they lead to better jobs.

In ending his address, the Governor said that "Western North Carolina will become in the future what you would have it become."

Dan E. Stewart, Director N. C. Department of Conservation and Development, praised the high type of labor found in this part of the state. He also pointed out that within the past ten years in this region of North Carolina 302 new industries have been established, 619 have expanded, with an investment of more than \$800 million. These industries, Stewart said, have created new annual payrolls of \$245 million.

Mr. Stewart stressed the point of the need for local governments and investors to develop water and sewer facilities, which are requirements for development and growth of an area. He said that "the potential growth pattern is being seeded by State and Federal funds". Beyond this point, however, local governments and private investors must take over.

Persons attending the Governor's Conference from this

county included Supt. of Schools H. D. Justice, Attorney Phillip Thomas and Arney Fox.

Fox Awarded Commendation Medal

PLEIKU, VIETNAM (AHT-NC) — Staff Sergeant James G. Fox, son of Mrs. Zilla Fox, Route 3, Burnsville, N. C., received the Army Commendation Medal June 10 while serving with the 4th Infantry Division near Pleiku, Vietnam.

Sgt. Fox earned the award for meritorious service as a member of Battery A, 6th Battalion of the division's 29th Artillery.

The sergeant, whose wife, Inez, lives at 12½ Palzer St., Asheville, entered on active duty in January 1953, completed basic training at Ft. Chaffee, Ark., and arrived in Vietnam last June.

Sgt. Fox attended Cane River High School in Burnsville.

Fourth Of July Plans Underway

The residents of White Oak Creek Road are planning their annual Fourth of July Parade and Picnic.

The parade will pass Lily Ballew's store at 11:00 a. m., having started at the upper end of the White Oak Creek Road. Any group or individual who want to be in the parade should contact Mrs. John Ramsey.

At 1:00 p. m., after the parade will be a covered dish picnic in the yard of Mary Jane Ballew's home. The friends and neighbors of White Oak Creek residents are invited to bring themselves and their covered dishes and join in the fun and singing.

In case of rain, the parade and picnic will be held on the next sunny day.

Bennett To Teach At Lee Edwards

Harold Bennett, Jr., has accepted a position in Lee Edwards High School, Asheville. He will be teaching in the Business Education Department. Harold will graduate from Appalachian University, Boone, this summer with a Degree in Business Education. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bennett, and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Pender Bennett, Burnsville.