

**OBITUARIES**

**Byrd**

**ZEKE BYRD**

Services for Zeke B. Byrd, 72, who died Friday, were held at 2 p. m. Sunday in the chapel of Groce Funeral Home, Asheville.

The Rev. D. M. G. Warner officiated. Burial was in Brown Cemetery, Cullowhee.

Pallbearers were Vernie Wilson, Hubert Cooper, James Rhash, Robert Hughes, Barry and Robert Peek, Edward Graham and Roy Ray.

Mr. Byrd served for many years as district ranger in a number of U. S. National Forests, including Nantahala and Pisgah national forests and the Arkansas National Forest.

He later was connected with the TVA land acquisition office, with headquarters in Bryson City. He returned to Burnsville in 1945, where he taught biology in East Yancey High School until his retirement in 1961.

Mr. Byrd, a Yancey County native, graduated from the University of Georgia School of Forestry in 1925.

He was a former district president of the N. C. Education Association and was a member of Higgins Memorial United Methodist Church. He was a World War I veteran, serving with the 119th Infantry, and was a member of the American Legion here.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Lois Wike Byrd; a daughter, Mrs. Margaret Dendy of Young Harris, Ga.; two sons, Charles E. of Marietta, Ga., and Richard E. Byrd of Atlanta; seven grandchildren and a number of nieces and nephews.

**Miller**

**W. BURGIN MILLER**

W. Burgin Miller, 94, died unexpectedly Monday afternoon at his home.

He was a native of Mitchell County and a retired farmer.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Nellie Hensley and Mrs. John Bennett, and a son, Bill Miller, all of Burnsville Rt. 6; three half-sisters, Mrs. Ebel Gilley and Mrs. Mae Autrey, both of Burnsville Rt. 2, and Mrs. Marjorie McCurry of Marion; two half-brothers, Clyde and Frank Miller, both of Spruce Pine; 10 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Services were held at 2 p. m. Wednesday in Bolens Creek Baptist Church.

The Rev. A. Z. Jamerson and the Rev. Richmond Barnett officiated. Burial was in the family cemetery.

Pallbearers were Kenneth McMahan, Cloyce Silver, Frank and Edgar Hensley, Pender Harris, Donald and Jimmy Owens and Willie Bennett.

**Sparks**

**MRS. DANA SPARKS**

Services for Mrs. Dana W. Sparks, 60, who died Friday in Westminster, Md., were held Tuesday at 11 a. m. in Pleasant Grove Baptist Church.

The Rev. Frank Parsons officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Maude Higgins of Westminster and Mrs. Mae Parker of Baltimore, Md.; a son, Oscar Sparks of Bellaire, Md.; and two sisters, Mrs. John C. Woody of Burnsville and Mrs. D. S. Johnson of Green Mountain

**Wilson**

**THOMAS Y. WILSON**

Thomas Y. Wilson, 44, formerly of the Swiss section of Yancey County, died unexpectedly Sept. 24, in Ulysses, Pa.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Jack Russell of Swannanoa and Mrs. Frank Bradley of Asheville; two sons, Gary of Swannanoa and Lee Wilson of Detroit, Mich.; three sisters, Mrs. Madge Bryson, Mrs. Creed McIntosh and Mrs. Clyde Ollis, all of Asheville; four brothers, Paul of Flint, Mich., Arnold of Portsmouth, Va., Earl of Panama City, Fla., and Van Wilson of Greenville, S. C.

Services were held at 2 p. m. Wednesday in Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Swiss.

The Rev. Jay Blankenship officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery.

**Woman's Republican Club Meets**

The Yancey County Woman's Republican Club held its regularly scheduled meeting September 26th at Republican Headquarters.

The club at this time adopted its by-laws and voted on officers who were elected as follows:

Chairman, Mrs. Billy Wilson; Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Dean Chrisawn; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Steve Boone; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Reba Woody; Treasurer, Mrs. Belle Griffith; Assistant Treasurer, Mrs. Bert Stamey.

Also at this meeting committee Chairmen were appointed as follows:

Membership, Mrs. Earl Young

Program, Mrs. W. P. Honeycutt; Finance, Mrs. Bert Stamey; and Public Relations, Mrs. Steve Boone and Mrs. Dean Chrisawn.

Mrs. Honeycutt, working with the American Red Cross brought Ditty Bags to the meeting. Twelve of the bags were distributed to the members to be filled for servicemen in Vietnam for the Christmas Season. These were presented to Mrs. Harlon Holcombe on Tuesday, October 8, by Mrs. Peggy Wilson, Chairman. This endeavor has given members a great sense of accomplishment.

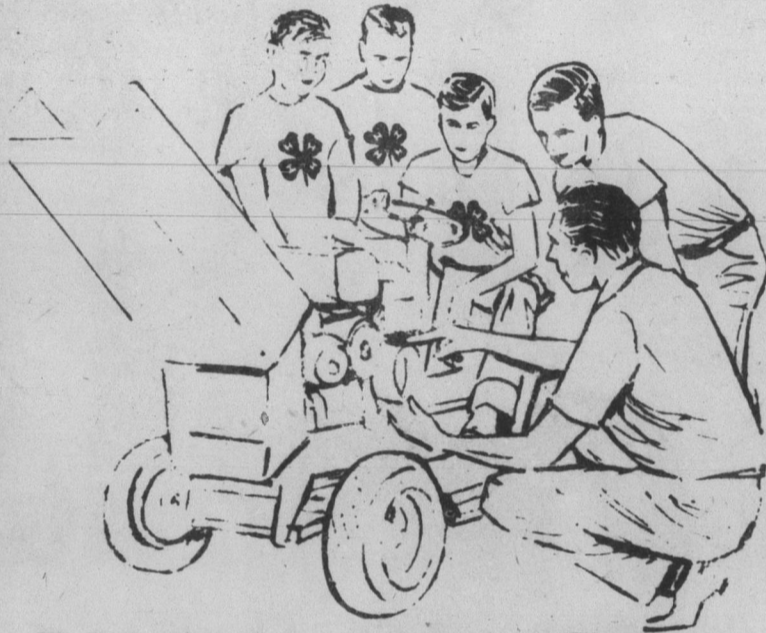
Members are well pleased with the progress and interest shown in the club and would like to urge all women in the county to attend meetings.

**Cider Pressing At Republican Headquarters**

There will be an old fashioned Cider Pressing at Republican Headquarters on Sunday afternoon, October 13th from 2:00 to 5:00. All people in the county, young and old, are invited to see Cider pressed on the spot and to sample old fashioned fresh cider. Come one, come all, it's open house.

There will be a meeting of Republican men and women on Thursday, October 10th at 8:00 at Republican Headquarters in Burnsville. All fellow Republicans are urged to attend to discuss matters of great importance to the County.

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