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## First Baptist Cantata Sunday 5 P.M.

It would seem that First Baptist has a full schedule during the Christmas season, which began Wednesday evening with a program of music by the Junior and Youth Choirs, composed of Christmas hymns and anthems.

Sunday evening, the 15th, at 5:00 p. m. the choir of First Baptist will present a cantata, entitled "Sing Noel". The cantata

will be under the direction of the music director, Mike Williams. Soloists for the cantata are as follows: Sopranos — Connie Parker and Jan Boydston; Altos — Linda Deyton and Mrs. R. L. McIntosh; Tenors — Jim Turner and Bob Thomas; Baritone — Duane Addison. The organist will be Dan Hardin and pianist Terry Kenney. The public is cordially invited to attend this program of music.

A Christmas party will be given for the beginners and primaries of the church on Monday evening, the 16th, at 7:00 p. m.

On Monday afternoon at 3:00 p. m. the church will hold the annual Extension Department social at the church, at which time all shut-ins of the Extension Dept., of the church will be entertained with a Christmas party.

## Sun Valley Staff, Patients Express Thanks

Mrs. Clyde Anglin, Supervisor, the staff, and patients at Sun Valley Nursing Home would like to express their sincere gratitude for the many kind deeds that have come their way during the Christmas season.

First, is the beautiful Christmas tree donated by Mrs. Z. B. Byrd, and put in place by employees of the nursing home. Next came the decorations of the tree, which was done with hand made decorations by the women of the First Presbyterian Church, Burnsville.

Not to be out-done by the Presbyterians, the Sue Brown Circle of Higgins Memorial United Methodist Church contributed and assisted in decorating the outside of the building, including the candles and greens by the door. They also placed a beautiful Christmas arrangement on the door at the nurses' station.

The family of Mrs. Greenlee, a patient from Grassy Creek, gave a beautiful wreath for the door. The family of another patient, Mr. Hal Briggs, donated an arrangement for the lobby.

The patients and staff of the nursing home are looking forward to a visit from the young people of Rebels Creek Baptist Church, who on Dec. 24th will re-inact their Christmas play, complete with props and costumes.

Several other things are on the schedule for Christmas week, including a party by the women of the First Presbyterian Church, visits and carol singing by other church groups.

It looks like a happy time for the patients at Sun Valley, and we are sure will leave a warm feeling in the hearts of those sharing their Christmas with them.

## Citizens Urged To Vote In Election Of Supervisors

All qualified voters in Yancey County are urged to vote in the election of supervisors for Yancey Soil and Water Conservation District. Pursuant to North Carolina Statute 139-9 as amended by Chapter 815 of the 1963 Session Laws, an election will be held in Yancey County on December 13, 1968, to elect two supervisors for the Yancey Soil and Water Conservation District for a three-year term beginning January 1, 1969. All qualified voters residing in the county will be eligible to vote in this election. Candidates for this office are George W. King, Burnsville, N. C. and Carlie R. Rice, Route 6, Burnsville, N. C.

## REGIONAL LIBRARY CAN HELP ADULTS NEEDING DIPLOMAS

By: Ashton Chapman

There are 62 million men and women who never finished high school. This includes a number of adults now residing in Avery, Mitchell and Yancey Counties who, for a variety of reasons, were unable to attend high school or had to withdraw from high school before obtaining a diploma.

The Avery-Mitchell - Yancey Regional Library has recently acquisitioned kits especially designed for just such persons who may now wish to study, in their spare time, toward securing a High School Equivalency Diploma.

The paper-back books making up these kits include the following: "Reading For Comprehension" (Books 1 and 2); "Better and Faster Reading;" "Basic Skills in English" (Books 1 and 2); "Increase Your Vocabulary" (Books 1 and 2); "Work-A-Text in English" (Books 1 and 2); "We Hold These Truths" (a documentary history of the U. S.); "A Selection of American, English and Continental Short Stories; Great English and American Poems; A Basic Course in Mathematics" (Books 1 and 2); "Handbook of Basic Science;

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## Chrisawn Aboard USS Kitty Hawk

(Q0622) USS KITTY HAWK (CVA-63) at sea (CHTNC) Dec. 9 — Storekeeper Third Class Alden B. Chrisawn, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben H. Chrisawn of Route 5, Burnsville, N. C., participated in operation "Beef Trust" aboard the attack aircraft carrier USS Kitty Hawk off the coast of Southern California.

The last major First Fleet exercise of the year, the eight-day exercise involved 28 ships and 31 air squadrons, including four Canadian units.

Designed to prepare U. S. units for the conditions encountered in Southeast Asia and throughout the Western Pacific, the exercise consisted of missile firing exercise, bombing practice, close air support and anti-submarine warfare.

Cruisers and destroyers fired their guns at the San Clemente Island Range and at a target hull the ex-USS Jesse Rutherford, while guided missile ships tested their batteries against drone aerial targets in the Pacific Missile Range.

Carrier and land based aircraft flew strikes against the San Clemente Island Range, while the entire task force guarded against two U. S. submarines playing aggressors.

## OBITUARIES

HAROLD BURTON

Services for Harold Burton, 58, who died Monday, were held at 3 p. m. Wednesday in the chapel of Holcombe Brothers Funeral Home.

The Rev. J. M. G. Warner officiated. Burial was in the Burton-Howell Cemetery at Bald Creek.

Pallbearers were John Roberts, James Fox, George Roberts, Glenn Shepard, Hubert Morrow, James Proffitt, Claude Peterson, Jim Anglin and Donald Banks.

Mr. Burton, a native of Yancey County, had been living in Johnson City, Tenn., for the past four years, where he was district manager for P. F. Colvers, Inc. of Louisville, Ky. He was a member of Bald Creek United Methodist Church.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Doris Gunn Burton; three daughters, Mrs. Allison Tipton of Asheville, Mrs. Sam Riddle of Burnsville and Miss Patricia Burton of the home; four sisters, Mrs. Kirk Wallin of Johnson City, Mrs. Mary Cecil Severs and Mrs. Fay Howell, both of Bald Creek and Mrs. Ruby Bailes of Rockford, Ill.; and two grandchildren.

REX BRADFORD

Rex Bradford, 70, Rt. 4, died unexpectedly at his home Monday afternoon. He was a retired merchant and farmer.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Wednesday in the chapel of Holcombe Brothers Funeral Home. Burial was in Hensley Cemetery. Pallbearers were Harrison and Wade Cooper, Roy Randolph, Isaac Higgins, Martin Hensley, Joe Bradford, Nealy Ledford and Orville Lewis.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Martha Hensley Bradford; a daughter, Mrs. Freida Maxley of Greenville, Tenn., a son, Paul Bradford of Petersburg, Va. a sister, Mrs. Mack Hensley of Burnsville, Rt. 3; three brothers, Oscar of Burnsville, Rt. 4, and Arthur and Andy Bradford, both of Erwin, Tenn., and four grandchildren.

Polling places will be located at Johnson and Co. Store, Burnsville; Dillinger and Silvers Store, Micaville; J. F. Robinson Store, Cane River; Proffitt's Store, Bald Creek and Young's Grocery, Windom.

According to Mr. Walter Edwards, Vice Chairman of the District, this election is held annually to fill the expired terms of the board. Yancey District has five supervisors who meet regularly to seek solutions to local conservation problems. These supervisors, as public officials, serve without pay for their time.

## 'Operation Santa' In Full Swing

"Operation Santa Claus" is in full swing in this area. This is a state-wide effort to obtain Christmas gifts for the 15,000 patients in North Carolina's State mental hospitals.

All kinds of gifts are needed for this project. Clothing items are welcome, for both male and female adults and children, especially the extra large sizes. Personal or recreational items are appropriate, too — such as costume jewelry, dolls, educational toys, stationery and stamps, billfolds, playing cards, etc. Also needed are larger gifts for the hospital wards — TV sets, popcorn poppers, hair dryers, electric razors, and the like.

The Rev. Don Elly, "Operation Santa" Chairman, for Yancey County Mental Health Association, said today that all gifts should be left unwrapped, although gift paper and ribbons are most welcome, too. Gifts may be brought to the following places:

Office of the Yancey County Chamber of Commerce, Town Square, Burnsville or Bill Bailey's Discount Store, just off the square.

Any organization wishing to donate money may send it directly to the Director of Volunteer Services — Broughton Mental Hospital, Morganton, N. S. Don't wait, please give today, the drive will end December 14.

## Methodists To Present Cantata

Sunday afternoon, at 4:00 o'clock, the choir of Higgins Memorial United Methodist Church will present a Christmas cantata, entitled "A Star in the Sky", under the direction of Mrs. Orlena Williams. That evening at 7:00 p. m. the children and young people of the church will give a Christmas program in the fellowship hall of the church, at which time Santa will make his annual visit.

Higgins Memorial has set aside Sunday, the 22nd for a "White Christmas" offering of food,

toys, clothing and money, which will be distributed to needy families in the county. Gifts should be brought to the church at either the morning, afternoon, or evening service.

Visitors and members attending Higgins Memorial will have the privilege of hearing their beautiful new organs — one in the sanctuary and one in fellowship hall. In addition to the two new organs, the church has also recently acquired a new tract of land, known as the Justice place, joining the church to the left.

## Gortney Receives Medal

WURZBURG, GERMANY (AHTNC) — Army Sergeant Roy C. Gortney, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde B. Gortney, and wife, Ellen, live in Green Mountain, N. C., received the Army Commendation Medal Nov. 9 while serving with the 688th Artillery Group near Wurzburg, Germany.

Sgt. Gortney earned the award for meritorious service during his last assignment in the 31st Artillery Brigade in Oakdale, Pa.

The Army Commendation Medal is awarded to personnel who while serving with the Army distinguish themselves by heroism, meritorious achievement or meritorious service. The medal was established by the Secretary of War on December 18, 1945.

A fire distribution operator in the group's Headquarters Battery, he entered the Army in August 1965 and completed basic training at Ft. Gordon, Ga.

The 24-year-old soldier graduated in 1962 from Cane River High School, Burnsville.