

One Dead, Three Injured In Car Wreck Saturday

Queenie Shehan Bailey, 73, of Micaville, was killed in a one-car collision in Burnsville late Saturday morning.

Mrs. Bailey, who was driving the car, had just pulled out of Smokey's Drive-In onto Main Street, when the car ran off the left side of the road and struck a utility pole.

The force of the collision caused the instant death of the driver and critically injured her husband, Charlie Bailey. Mr. Bailey, whose head hit the windshield of the car during the impact, was severely cut by the broken glass and was taken to Memorial Mission Hospital in Asheville where he was listed in critical condition.

Two other occupants of the car, Robert Lee Wyatt, 83, of Spruce Pine Route 1 and his wife, Mrs. Nellie Wyatt, 78, also were injured and were taken to Memorial Mission Hospital where Mrs. Wyatt was admitted. She was listed in fair condition Saturday night.

State Trooper M. W. Greene, who investigated the accident, said the group was planning to attend a funeral when the mishap occurred. The funeral was that of Mrs. Bailey's brother, Robert Lee Buchanan, who died last Thursday.

Funeral services for Mrs. Queenie Bailey were held at 2:30 p. m. Monday in Pleasant Gap Baptist Church of which she was a member.

Reverend L. V. Roberts officiated and burial was in the Young Cemetery.

Surviving in addition to the husband are a daughter, Mrs. John L. Hilliard of Burnsville Route 2; four sons, Howard, Lee and Bobby, all of Annapolis, Maryland and Harley Shehan of Detroit, Michigan; a sister, Mrs. Lee Wyatt; 24 grandchildren and a great grandchild.



Patrolman Greene Holds Body Of Victim Following Fatal One-Car Collision



Eyeglasses Hang On Broken Windshield After Crash

One Percent Sales Tax Unanimously Approved By County Commissioners

At the close of a public hearing last Friday on the question of increasing the sales tax one per cent in Yancey County, the Board of County Commissioners voted unanimously to apply the tax, to become effective June 1st. This is the identical tax which was defeated in an election in 1969 by the extremely narrow margin of seven votes.

The decision of the Commissioners to apply the tax was the result of general recognition throughout the county of the drastic need for revenue to proceed with the necessary improvement of the county's school facilities.

The 75 citizens who attended the hearing showed overwhelming support for the tax. Not a single individual in the courtroom remained seated when, at the suggestion of Dover Fouts, a standing vote was called for. Following this dis-

play of support, the commissioners went into a brief huddle, and announced their unanimous decision.

Chairman Oscar Deyton stated that the intention of the Commissioners was that the revenue from the tax should

be used to help with the school building program. He added that the present board would have this intention stated in the board's records. Earlier in the meeting he had stated that the tax is expected to yield

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Men's Club Installs New Officers At Supper Meeting

The Burnsville Men's Club installed officers for the coming year at a well-attended supper meeting last Monday. Mack B. Ray is succeeding himself as president for another year. Herbert Allen is the new vice president, and Ned Jests will serve another year as the secretary-treasurer.

President Ray, in his inaugural remarks, stressed the importance of the service rendered by the club to the community, listing seven objectives

all in the field of community betterment. These included support of the Yancey United Fund; support of boy and girl scouting, a recreation program for the county, and a solid waste disposal project and sanitary landfill.

Following the business meeting John Martin gave an informative talk on international law as related to control of plane hijacking and the international drug traffic.

Burnsville Voters To Elect Town Board Next Tuesday

Burnsville will go to the polls next Tuesday to elect a mayor and two commissioners to serve as the town board for the next two years. The polls will be open at the Town Hall from 7 a. m. to 7 p. m.

The three members of the present town board are running for re-election: Mayor Jim Anglin and Commissioners P. C. Coletta and Bob Helmle. All three have had long experience with the town government. Anglin is now finishing his second two-year term in office. Coletta has served continuously for ten years. Helmle served three terms as mayor from 1961 to 1967. In the fall of 1968 he was appointed to fill the board vacancy caused by the death of Bas Penland. He was re-elected in 1969.

Opposing the present board are Carl Carter, who is running for mayor; Ferrill McCurry and Cecil Shaw who are seeking election as Commissioners. Shaw ran as a candidate for the town board in 1969, but was defeated.

Both the present board and the opposing candidates are reported to be campaigning actively, which should result in a large turn-out of voters. During registration week, which closed last Friday, 29 new voters registered.

The present town board is campaigning on the basis of their experience, and business-like, efficient administration of town affairs, and they point to the many improvements they have made while in office (The

improvements are outlined in an advertisement elsewhere in this issue).

The present board also stresses that they have long been working on a major water system project, with construction scheduled to start this summer. Their experience and background of knowledge, they state, should be highly valuable in seeing this project through to completion.

The opposition candidates state that they are for continuation of the water project, and for the "implementation of other beneficial projects as feasible".

Pre-School Clinics Held

If your child will be six years old on or before October 15, 1971, he is eligible to start school this fall. Now is the time to enroll him at Pre-School Clinic.

You can help your child get started right if you will bring him to the school on Pre-School Clinic Day and meet the teacher and nurse. Your child will have fun seeing the other children.

It is necessary that you, the parent, come with your child.

The clinics this week will be at South Toe Elementary School Tuesday, May 4, 1971 from 9 to 11 a. m.; and at Bald Creek Elementary School on Friday, May 7, 1971 from 9 to 11 a. m.