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FHA Storm Damage Loan

The State Director of the Farmers Home Administration, James T. Johnson, announced today that farmers and other families residing in rural areas who sustained damage from the recent storm may be eligible for assistance from this agency. Persons residing in rural areas and places with populations of 10,000 or less who experienced damage to or loss of their homes, essential farm buildings, or crops or livestock as a result of flooding caused by recent heavy rains may receive long-term, low-interest loans from Farmers Home Administration.

Loans may be made to repair or replace the damaged or destroyed buildings. Farmers who have suffered severe production losses to their major crops and livestock enterprises may be eligible for Emergency Loan assistance to continue their normal operation until they can return to their regular credit sources. Farmers eligible for production type loans must be established operators. Emergency loans may be made to purchase farm machinery and foundation livestock which was lost, destroyed or disposed of as a result of the heavy rain and flooding which followed, as well as to provide funds for annual operating expenses and other related purposes. The loans for annual expenses will be repaid as crop or livestock income is available, generally during the succeeding crop year. Loans to replace capital items may be repayable over 7 years.

Johnson emphasized that this assistance is available whenever natural disasters such as earthquakes, floods, forest fires, severe windstorm, or lightning cause damage whether the damage affects one family or many families.

Further information about these loans may be obtained by contacting the local Farmers Home Administration Office in Burnsville.



(Standing) Ellen Woods, Steve Carlson; (Seated) Jim Fisher, Ginger Fortner, Jim Anderson And Cynthia Holding

Parkway Playhouse Begins Season With Gala Barbecue, Rollicking Comedy

Parkway Playhouse opened its 26th year with its usual gala barbecue chicken dinner on the lawn of Burnsville Elementary Wednesday night, June 28. More than 100 people attended the barbecue.

The dinner guests adjourned to the Playhouse shortly after 8:00 p.m. where many more Playhouse patrons were already

waiting for "Auntie Mame" to begin.

Ellen Woods is a vivacious and captivating "Auntie Mame" -- outwardly brittle and sophisticated, but all too human and vulnerable at heart. She brings to the play the freshness and vitality so necessary to this production. Her "friend" Vera Charles is played by Sue Atherton who will charm and beguile the audience with an important role well performed.

Kenny Woods is quite believable and extremely talented as "Auntie Mame's" young nephew, Patrick. He might almost be playing himself in the role for the credibility he brings to the stage.

Other important actors who certainly deserve mention are Steve Seyfried as Ito the houseboy, Steve, as always, outdoes the orientals in his character roles.

Jim Fisher as Mr. Babcock, Bank Trustee, looks believable and renders his part with aplomb.

Toni Hoffman enters the play during the latter part, but quickly establishes herself as a stenographer of real "character"! She adds much to her comic role.

Jerry Colbert is also witty and appealing as Brian O'Bannon, Irish poet.

And last, but certainly not least, Lauren K. Woods performs the role of Beauregard Jackson Pickett Burnside as only he could do. Witty, urbane,

jovial--and completely and utterly believable in his role, "Woody" does the impossible. He can make himself into the character he is performing so that you'll believe him as Beauregard even if you've known him through the years in numerous other guises.

An excellent actor, Mr. Woods also is directing this play--and if you haven't already guessed, it's a family affair. Ellen and Kenny are his wife and son.

The cast of characters can not all be mentioned individually, of course, but some bit performances were outstanding and added real impetus to the show.

The sets, designed by James Parker, are quite realistic. The scene changes are unobtrusive.

A very interesting feature of this production is the use of slides which set the mood and places of various scenes.

Costumes by Flo Rutherford continue and enhance the 1930 period of "Auntie Mame" and her friends.

Carol Ingram is Stage Manager; Ronald Burns is Technical Director.

"Auntie Mame" offers an evening of delightful entertainment for young and old alike.



Gospel Sing

The Plum Branch Baptist Church, located near Micanville, N.C. is going to build a new church building. They are sponsoring a Gospel Singing to be held at the East Yancey High School on Sunday afternoon, July 9, at 2:00 p.m.

There will be no admission charge, but a free will offering will be taken for this church.

Ted Dent Appointed Chairman Of Advance Gifts Division

Key leadership continues to grow for the Blue Ridge Hospitals Development Fund Campaign as Co-Chairmen Taylor O. Teague and Garrett Dixon Bailey announced today the appointment of R. T. (Ted) Dent as Chairman for the Advance Gifts Division.

Mr. Dent is a resident of Arden, N.C. and President of Diamond Mica Company located in Spruce Pine. His many activities, both professional and civic, include Finance Chairman of the North Carolina State Republican Party, Member of the Society for Advance Management, President of the North Carolina Industrial Mineral Association; former Representative to Buncombe, Mitchell and Avery Counties in the State Senate and a former member of the Board of Trustees of the Blue Ridge Hospital System.

As Chairman of the Advance Gifts Division, Mr. Dent will oversee the organization of major prospects who will be solicited for pledges by campaign volunteers. Those sections are Industrial and Commercial Corporations, Financial Institutions, Utilities, Foundations and interested individuals.

Milton Burleson, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Blue Ridge Hospital System agreed with Vice Chairman James Anglin that "Mr. Dent is a real asset to our campaign ranks. His natural leadership and his experience as the former Vice Chairman of Mitchell County United Fund will provide an inspiration to those recruited in his division."

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Addition Is 'Ragan Wing'

In recognition of the exceptional gift given by Brad Ragan, the Board of Trustees of the Blue Ridge Hospital System by unanimous approval, has named the proposed new addition to the Spruce Pine Community Hospital the "Brad Ragan Wing", and the dining-recreation room, the day room and the conference-dining room complex at the proposed new Extended Care Hospital in Burnsville, the "Florence Ragan Pavilion."

Mr. Ragan's challenge gift to the community led off the campaign for \$1,000,000 now underway in the Yancey-Mitchell County area.

When matched by the people of the Mayland area, the



Brad Ragan

funds will make available new and improved facilities that will have a pronounced effect on the quality of health care to every member of every family served by the hospitals.

The new and expanded buildings will serve as the cornerstone for many services not now readily available to the area residents. They should also contribute a substantial potential for holding down the tendency towards the sky-rocketing costs of hospitalization, through increased efficiencies and expanded use of the Extended Care Unit, which can be operated at a much lower patient/day rate than an Acute Care hospital.

In commenting on the action by the Board, Milton Burleson noted that the enthusiastic support by the Board reflected the attitude of the Yancey-Mitchell community as a whole. Many tributes and comments have been reported to the members of the Board praising Mr. Ragan's generous support for the entire area.

Added Mr. Burleson, "The naming of the units for Mr. and Mrs. Ragan is the very least we can do to express our appreciation and heartfelt gratitude for their wonderful gift."

Junk Car Clean-up Project Needs Information And Release Signatures

After years of discussion deploring the junk car eyesores littering the county, and after several attempts to clean up the roadsides, a major, well-planned project is now being launched to cope with the problem.

This new project whose broad community backing promises real success was launched by the Chamber of Commerce. It is under the direction of Keith Masters, Health Department Sanitarian, assisted by the TVA, who are furnishing a specially constructed truck for hauling the junk cars.

The project is being financed largely by the county, and no charge is made for the service of hauling off abandoned cars.

The heart of the project, and the chief factor which will determine its success is the community cooperation required. It is necessary to have signed releases authorizing the disposal of the junk cars. These releases must be on hand before the truck can pick up cars.

Previous experience with car pick-up campaigns in other areas has shown that success depends largely on the obtaining of these releases. If the truck driver has to waste time hunting up people to sign the

releases, his job is hopelessly slowed down.

Civic clubs and others are now organizing to canvass the county to locate the junk cars and obtain releases. Teams are being formed to cover the county in the next two weeks.

Areas are being assigned to the various volunteer canvassers. Members of the Burnsville Men's Club are covering Jacks Creek and Green Mountain together with all side roads in the area. The Jaycees are covering a large area in the western part of the county.

Cars to be picked up will be conspicuously identified by spray paint markings applied by the canvassers. Pick-up of

cars will start on July 12. When the cars have been assembled on collection sites, a carcrushing company now under contract, will crush and haul off the compacted material.

The project will be helped if people desiring disposal of junk cars on their property will call the Chamber of Commerce in Burnsville, 682-2312, or the Yancey County Health Department, 682-2127.

Help can also be contributed by citizens who have sites suitable for the assembly of cars before the arrival of the crusher. The crushing company contract calls for its cleaning up the site when the job is completed. Sites of an acre or two are needed.

School Calendar Announced

Edgar Hunter, superintendent of school, announces the following school calendar for the coming year:

July 1	12 Months Principals begin work
August 3	Other Principals begin work
August 17	(Thursday) Teachers begin work
August 21	(Monday) Students register
August 22	(Tuesday) First of 180 days of school
September 4	Labor Day (Holiday)
October 9	Parent-Teacher Conference Day
November 7	General Election (Holiday)
November 23-24	Thanksgiving Holidays
December 21	Begin Christmas Holiday
January 2	Resume School after Holidays
January 17	Student Holiday-Teacher Work Day
April 23	(Monday) Easter Holiday

40 Years Service

Philip M. Hensley of Bald Creek is congratulated on 40 years service with the State Highway Commission by Governor Robert W. Scott. The presentation of service awards was made Wednesday at the Highway Building in Raleigh.