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World Mission Conference Begins With Mission Rally

The World Mission Conference will begin on Saturday night, October 13th, with a Mission Rally at 7:30 p. m. All churches will be meeting at the First Baptist Church. Rev. Zevedee V. Moss, foreign missionary

to Zambia will be the speaker for the evening. He is the director of the Baptist Communications Centre. Fifteen missionaries representing home missions, state missions, and foreign missions will be present for the rally. This will be an opportunity to meet and talk with each of the missionaries.

Helms Sends Assistant

U.S. Senator, Jesse Helms (R., N.C.), today announced that Keith Weatherly, Staff Assistant for Western North Carolina, will be in Burnsville on Thursday, October 4th to meet with local citizens.

Weatherly will be available to receive suggestions and to make note of problems between 2:30 and 4:30 p. m. in the Yancey County Courthouse.

Weatherly's visit is part of a continuing program to give North Carolinians an opportunity to keep in close touch with their Senator.

Senator Helms said, "Mr. Weatherly will be available to answer questions, discuss problems and receive any suggestions, all of which will be relayed to me here in Washington." "I sincerely hope that many people in Yancey County will visit Mr. Weatherly in order that I might have the benefit of the thinking of the people of North Carolina."

Organization To Meet Here

The Knights of Pythias, a fraternal organization will hold an organization meeting Thursday night at the Amberjack Restaurant. Knights of Pythias promotes friendship and goodwill and was first organized in 1864. There are some two thousand lodges in the United States. The meeting will be held at 8:00 p. m. and anyone interested in the organization is invited to attend the meeting.

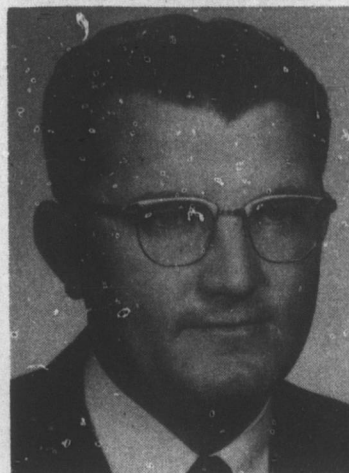
Employ Handicapped Week

WHEREAS much progress has been made in this city to see that our handicapped residents are rehabilitated and restored to a place in society where they can be productive and economically independent; and WHEREAS these handicapped persons, once placed in suitable employment, are able to return in taxes many times the original investment in their rehabilitation; and WHEREAS it is the responsibility of all of us to see that the doors of opportunity are open for these qualified handicapped persons, and that they are given an equal chance to prove their capabilities; and WHEREAS not only the handicapped persons and their families will benefit, but the entire economic structure of our community will benefit from their production; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the week of October 7-13, 1973, be observed as NATIONAL EMPLOY THE HANDICAPPED WEEK, and that during that week we renew our pledge to make year-round efforts to better the lot of our handicapped citizens.

James A. Anglin, Mayor
Town of Burnsville



Rev. I.V. Crouch



Rev. Gene Henson



Rev. George E. Head



Mrs. Fred B. Moseley

Town Board Announces Candidacy; Seeks Re-election By Voters On November 6

The present town board of Burnsville, consisting of Mayor James Anglin and Commissioners P. C. Coletta and Bob Helme have announced that they will seek reelection in the November 6 town election.

The three board members are all veterans of long service on the town board. Coletta has served twelve years, Helme eleven, and Anglin six. The term of office is two years, and in previous elections all three have been given impressive votes of confidence by the town

electorate. It is recognized that the present board is a team that has worked harmoniously together, and that they have furnished the town with a non-political, businesslike administration. During their terms of office, extensive improvements have been made in the town facilities and town services.

Until Monday night when the announcement was made, uncertainty existed as to the board's willingness to serve another

term. Privately, board members had expressed themselves as desiring to relinquish the job.

It is understood that factors influencing their decision to seek reelection were the still incomplete water project, with "bugs" remaining to be eliminated, and several important changes in town administration legislated by the N.C. General Assembly, which have not as yet been fully implemented. The present board, having been deeply involved in these changes, believes that their experience will facilitate the changes to the new procedures. Involved in these changes are entirely new town accounting, upgrading of the police force, and the introduction of new stringent supervision of the town's water and sewer systems.

Citizens not now registered to vote in the November 6th state and town elections have only until next Monday to effect the necessary registration.

This may be done at the office of the County Registrar, Mary Ohle, on the first floor of the county courthouse on Friday, October 5, and on Monday, the eighth. The office will be open all day on these two days. Registration for both the state and town elections is accomplished at the same time.

So far, the electorate seems to be displaying apathy regarding the November elections. The inactivity at the registration office may be attributable in part to misunderstandings created by the new election statutes which require both town and county registration books to be in complete agreement.

To put the new requirement in effect notices were sent to 57 persons now registered on the town's books, but not registered with the county. Although the notice stated that failure to register with the county would disqualify the person from voting in the town election, few have so far responded to the notice. Time is now running out.

Mohasco Appointees

Management appointments in the Carpet Operations of Mohasco Industries, Inc. were announced today by Albert Openshaw, Vice President, Mfg.

Theodore C. Ballou is appointed General Manager, Oak River Mill, Bennettsville, South Carolina, and Frederick N. Bacon is appointed General Mgr. Burnsville Mill, Burnsville, N.C. Both facilities are used to manufacture yam for the Alexander Smith, Mohawk Carpet and Firth Carpet Co. divisions of Mohasco.

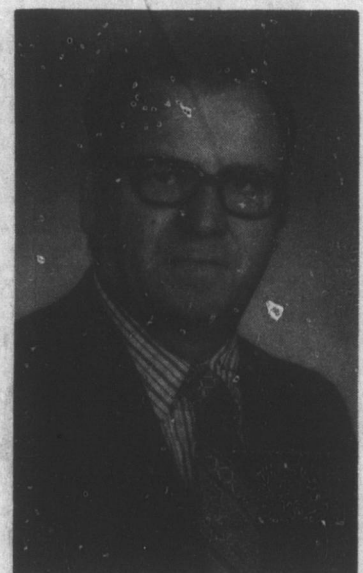
Mr. Ballou comes to his new post from Burnsville Mill where for the past 10 years he served as General Manager and earlier as Superintendent. A 27 year veteran with the company, he succeeds Alvah Hamm who has retired.

Mr. Bacon, also a veteran employee, has held various management positions since joining the company in 1941. In 1962 he was named Controller for the Burnsville Mill and for the past year has served as Assistant Plant Manager.

In their new posts Mr. Ballou will relocate to the Bennettsville area and Mr. Bacon will continue to live in Burnsville.



Fred Bacon



Ted Ballou

Handicapped Need Chance

Recently released data, obtained during the 1970 census, indicates that there are 337,648 handicapped persons of working age in North Carolina. These findings were announced today by Fred D. Hauser, Chairman of the Governor's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped. Fred D. Hauser released these figures in connection with National Employ the Handicapped Week, October 7-13. The Governor's Committee is coordinating observances of the Week throughout the State.

Of the total number of handicapped residents, 153,889 are actually in the labor force, Mr. Hauser added. "This shows that we are still dependent on employers of this state to give more handicapped persons a chance to prove their worth," he said.

The Governor's Committee is a volunteer-oriented group dedicated to removing the psychological, legal, and environmental barriers to employment of the handicapped. They have been conducting the hire-the-handicapped campaign state-

wide for the past quarter century. During that period, Mr. Hauser emphasized, handicapped workers have built up a reputation for job performance that matches or actually surpasses that of their non-handicapped co-workers.

Mr. Hauser urged all employers to make extra efforts during Employ the Handicapped Week to consider handicapped applicants for any job opening they have advertised. If they want help in locating qualified handicapped persons, he said, they should contact the local office of the public employment service, or the division of vocational rehabilitation.

Revival Set

The Bald Creek United Methodist Charge will hold Revival Services beginning Sunday, October 7 through Friday, October 12 at 7:30 each night, according to pastor, Edith P. Morgan. The preachers will be Rev. and Mrs. Leslie Ditchfield from Weaverville. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Legion Auxiliary Week

WHEREAS, the American Legion Auxiliary was founded to aid the American Legion, an organization of war veterans dedicated to continuing service to God and Country; and

WHEREAS, the ten thousand members in North Carolina have contributed to the welfare of all people through its programs of service to the community, state and nation; and

WHEREAS, the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of North Carolina, has one of its esteemed members, Mrs. Buford M. Jarrett of Shelby, serving this year as the National President of the world's largest women's patriotic organization; and

WHEREAS, the leaders of the American Legion Auxiliary from over the Nation will assemble with the people of North Carolina to honor Mrs. Jarrett at her official Homecoming in Shelby, North Carolina, on October 5 and 6, 1973; now

THEREFORE, I, James A. Anglin, Mayor of the Town of Burnsville, do hereby proclaim the week of October 1 through 6, 1973, as AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY WEEK, and do call upon all citizens, business houses and organizations to join with me in commending the good works of this organization as an expression of our appreciation of the services and contributions of our American Legion Auxiliary members and to signify our support of their various programs of endeavor following Mrs. Jarrett's theme of "America, A Family Affair". IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Burnsville on this October 1, 1973.

James A. Anglin, Mayor
Town of Burnsville



Charlie Briggs Shows Petition For Dumpster Return

Citizens Protest:

Petition Sent To Governor

By Carolyn Yuziuk

Almost 2000 Yancey Countyians have signed a petition urging the North Carolina State Highway and Public Works Commission to permit dumpsters on the rights of way of the State Highway in Yancey County. The Petition reads: "We, the undersigned citizens and residents of Yancey County respectfully request that the State Highway and Public Works Commission permit the trash bins or dumpsters to remain on the right of way of the State Highway. All of these dumpsters have been placed at points where there was wide shoulders in the road and are not in the way of travel and keep a lot of garbage and refuse from being dumped along the highways." It will be sent not only to the State Highway and Public Works Commission but also to North Carolina Congressman Roy Taylor and Governor James Holshouser.

Charlie Briggs, a disabled Viet Nam veteran who singlehandedly circulated the petition throughout Yancey County and accumulated the impressive number of signatures, said that everyone he spoke with was upset over the action taken by the Highway Commission in removing dumpsters from the highway rights of way, and was anxious to do whatever they could to help.

Already, since September 15 when the dumpsters were removed from key locations in the county, area residents have noticed the difference. Several people remarked that cans and waste papers are appearing on the roadsides again, and litter is accumulating, especially on the highway rights of way.

One prominent Yancey County resident remarked that if people dump their refuse on these rights of way as they had done before the dumpsters were located in these areas perhaps the Highway Commission will see this trash accumulation as their own problem as well as the County's problem.

"The argument that the dumpsters constitute a traffic hazard is not a valid one," another irate citizen stated. "The two one-lane bridges we still have on 19E, our major highway, constitute the real hazard--and when are they going to make a ruling on them!"

Apparently a letter to Governor Holshouser by a spokesman for RAD (Rural Area Development) elicited the response from him that there is a law which forbids the State Highway rights of way from being used for other than highway purposes. Surely it can be argued that it is the business of the Highway Commission to keep its highways clean and free from litter?

The citizens of Yancey County think so--and those contacted have unanimously supported the petition. Those who were not contacted and wish to add their viewpoint are urged to write to Governor James Holshouser, Governor's Mansion, Raleigh, N.C.; or write directly to the State Highway and Public Works Commission, N.C. Dept. of Transportation and Highway Safety, Raleigh, N.C.

"In the meantime," declares Yancey County Commissioner O. W. Deyton, "communities affected by dumpster relocation must find a suitable location on private property. The County Commission has been unable to do so." "I had gotten used to being able to fish in Cane River without a Clorox bottle hitting my line," said Charlie Briggs. "I'm sure most other people feel as I do that if we cannot restore an effective dumpster program, Yancey County roadsides and waterways will again be buried under tons of litter."

Charlie added that he especially would like to mention that the Cane River High School teachers and entire student body unanimously and enthusiastically signed his petition. Phillip Banks will make copies of the petition, and Lloyd Miller will assist in mailing it off. "I couldn't get to everyone," said Charlie, "and I hope those who didn't sign will send their own letter to Raleigh."

McDonald Named Chairman

Rev. Harold McDonald was recently named county chairman of the SITE (Sound Investment In Tomorrow's Future) Committee. SITE is a statewide organization of citizens interested in promoting the \$300,000, 000 state bond referendum to be voted on on November 6,

Yancey County will receive \$711,000.00 for school construction and renovations under this plan. Rev. McDonald will be working with PTA's, civic groups and other organizations and interested groups in getting the information to the people about the upcoming election.