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Navy Presents Ship's Bell

The ship's bell from the destroyer USS Bums was presented last week by the United States Navy to the Town of Burnsville. The ship Bums, which saw extensive service in the Pacific in World War II, was the second Navy ship to be named for Otway Bums, for whom the town was also named.

Taking part in the presentation on the town square were (l. to r.) Major Romie Bums, ret., great grandson of Capt. Bums, Mayor James Anglin, J. Ardeil Sink, president of the Yancey County Chamber of Commerce, and Bob L. Jones, Recruiting Officer of the U. S. Navy office in Asheville.

It is planned to display the bell, which weighs 85 pounds, in the new Yancey County Library, which will serve as a repository for material of historical interest relating to Burnsville and Yancey County.

Halloween Safety Rules May Stop Holiday Tragedy

Apples, cookies, candy, cider, and donuts seem to be right along with the witches, ghosts, ghouls, and goblins of Halloween. The goodies are treats -- payments in lieu of tricks. Or are they?

This Wednesday evening the annual pilgrimage begins for the long anticipated treasures. Will it be "trick or treat?" or, trick or treatment? For many children it is an evening of great fun and adventure, but for some it can turn into a night of tragedy and sorrow.

Each year, far too many children are injured and killed Halloween Eve by motorists unable to see them darting unexpectedly into the street. Others are badly burned as their costumes are ignited by flames from lighted candles and lanterns. These tragic situations could be avoided if parents observe rules of good sense and safety, such as the following suggested by Liberty Mutual Insurance Companies.

Use only bright costumes. A white sheet is more easily seen by a passing motorist than a black-clad witch. But even brightly clothed children may be hard to distinguish as the evening darkens so fluorescent strips which would make

them even more visible is suggested.

You are advised not to allow children to carry lighted candles, or lanterns, or any type of open flame. Many children have been burned in past years when their costumes often made of extremely flammable material, caught fire. A flash-light would be easier to carry, and would also make crossing the street safer.

Be sure to chaperone all children who would not normally be allowed outside alone at night. Younger children should be out only in the early evenings. The discreet presence of an adult can stop a problem situation from developing.

A major problem each Halloween is children who have been cut, drugged, or poisoned. Apples and cupcakes can have razors hidden in them. Any kind of non-commercially packaged edible can have drugs or other poisonous ingredients added to them. Be very careful that gum, candy, and other snacks are securely wrapped, and that the wrapping has not been opened and resealed. It is best to trick or treat in your neighborhood.

Keep a light on in front of your house so that there is no danger of children being injured by walking into objects or holes they cannot see in the dark. If there is a pet in the household, keep it away from the door.

Children enjoy putting on make-up as a part of their costume but be careful of what they use. Cheap make-up can in many instances cause complexion problems for youngsters -- or hurt their eyes.

Finally, when your child goes out for the evening, make sure you know where he or she is going and what time he or she should return.

Halloween can be a real treat for everyone. One way to ensure it is to follow these simple rules of safety. The result will be an enjoyable and safe evening for children and parents alike.

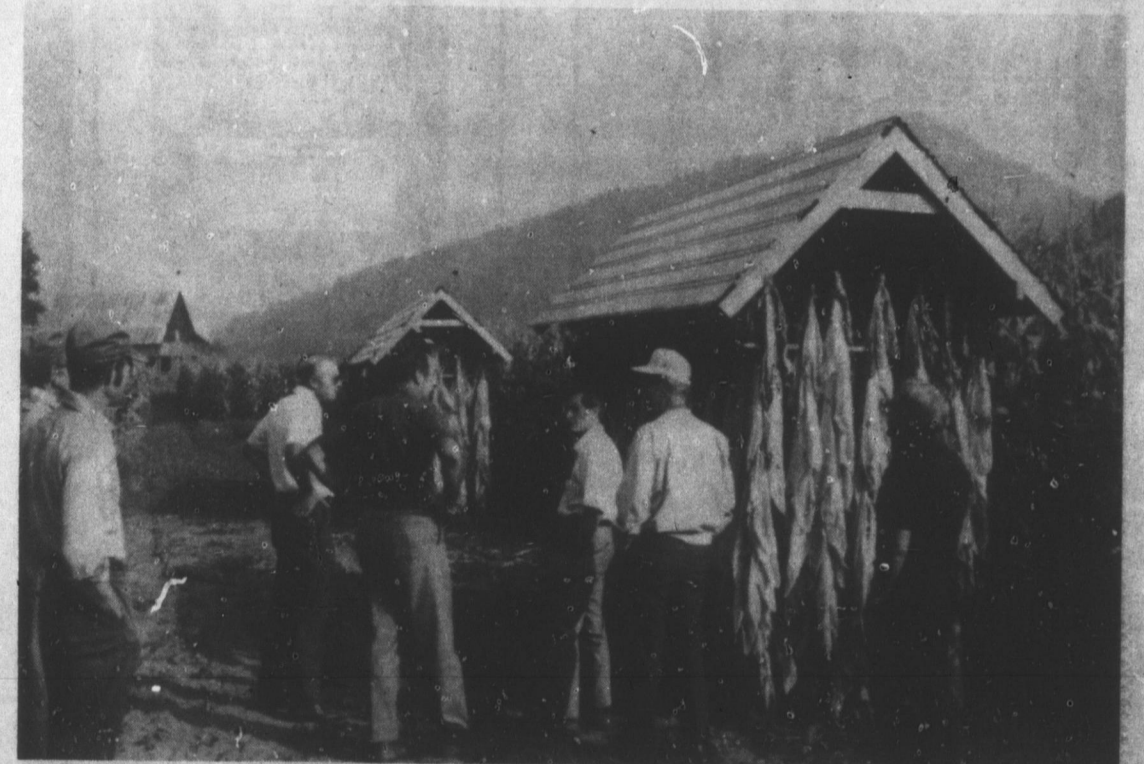
Safety on Halloween is not a magic act.



J. W. Westall Spots A Rack Of Tobacco In The Field



Curing Racks In The Field Under Temporary Roof



Housing Tobacco By The Rack Full On The Westall Farm

Tobacco Harvest Demonstration

The way we grow tobacco may soon change. As farmers know, growing the crop in the field is the easy part. The "crunch" comes at harvest time, when many hours of extra hand labor must be found to cut, transport and house the tobacco. A long-range research project sponsored by the Mountain Research Station and the Agricultural Extension Service is now under way here in Yancey County at the Westall farm on Price's Creek. In this experiment, steel racks which hold twenty-eight sticks of tobacco are filled from the stick row. These racks are then handled by a tractor equipped with a front-end loader. In short, 1500 pounds of tobacco may be handled at one time, instead of one stick at a time.

The steel racks, which also serve as curing tiers, may either be left in the field under temporary roofs or stacked under a shed. Either way, the labor required to house an acre of tobacco can be cut to less than half. The present lease and transfer regulations now make it possible to bring a large acreage of tobacco onto one farm. This means that by mechanization an interested grower can now handle enough tobacco to make a good living without running into insurmountable labor problems.

The harvesting and curing demonstration is on view at the Westall farm on Price's Creek Drive by and take a look. Some of the things being done may fit on your farm.

High Pastures To Celebrate

High Pastures is having a 5th birthday and invites the public to help celebrate and dedicate the new buildings to the Lord.

November 7 to 11 has been set aside for ceremonies of praise, celebration and thanksgiving. The main speaker on this occasion will be Floy Cox, pastor of Forest Drive Baptist Church, Columbia, S. C. He and his wife, Ruth, are widely known for the ministry of the Word, music and praise.

For those who are staying on the grounds the program will commence with a 6:00 p. m. supper on Wednesday, November 7, followed by a 7:30 service which will be open to the public. Thursday and Friday evenings will be the same. At 9:30 a. m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, morning services will be held and are also open to the public. Thursday and Friday afternoons there will be free time to meditate and communicate with the Lord on the many hiking trails.

Saturday afternoon at 4:00 p. m. tours will be conducted for those who have not yet seen the new buildings. Everyone is invited to these tours, followed by a 5:00 p. m. birthday buffet supper, complete with cake. The buildings will be dedicated at the 7:30 p. m. evening service. Sunday morning at 10:30 guests will partake of the Lord's Supper. A farewell dinner will be served to those who are staying on the grounds.

In order to plan for the birthday buffet, those who plan to attend must make reservations no later than November 1. The phone number at High Pastures is 682-3138.

Forest Service Plants Trees

The North Carolina Forest Service is now taking applications for tree seedling and signing contracts for tree planting for the coming planting season. According to County Forest Ranger Hensley approximately 100 acres have been contracted for planting by landowners throughout Yancey County.

The price for planting 538 White Pine trees per acre is \$29.50 for open area and \$35.50 for cutover woodland. These prices include the trees and a crew to plant them. Also, you can order White Pine seedlings for \$16.00 per thousand and plant them yourself.

Interested landowners should contact Ranger Hensley by calling 682-2352 or 682-2133 during the day or 682-6346 at night.



Giant Candy Roaster On Display

Vernie Wilson and John Byrd--two Jack's Creek farmers can celebrate a king-sized Halloween this year. Their giant pumpkin (or candy roaster) weighs 212 1/2 pounds. It measures 6 feet 2 inches around at the smallest place with an 8 1/2 foot circumference at the largest place. If you are interested, take a look at the giant at Deyton Farm Supply where it is on display. They left one weighing 226 pounds at home. Vernie says this project was done "in cahoots" with John furnishing seed and know-how and Vernie the soil and water. Is there anyone who can top this record? If so, please call the County Extension Office.