

Football Champions

[Cont'd from page 1] conference. At times he looked superb passing the ball but his strong point was running the option play. At fullback Greg Fender consistently turned in admirable performances as a blocker. Doug McLain was the team's best defensive player. Bill Shade, playing from the slotback position was Hardy's number one pass receiver.

The offensive line of Burnsville drew praise from opposing coaches all season long. Starters Jackie Buch-

anan, Jimmy Gilley, Daniel Canipe, Jamey Snyder, Ricky Cooper, Tony Williams and Roger Peterson were noted for their quick charge and blocking ability. They received help from a good group of substitutes including Freddy Brown, Marty Honeycutt and David Beaver.

Three boys who played mostly defense and turned in some great performances were Donald Thomas, Mike Woody and Bradley Grindstaff. Tigers were coached by Larry Howell, Chip Zullinger and Gordon Banks.



Communities Receive Awards

The Annual Community Development Awards banquet was held Thursday night, October 30, at Cane River High School lunchroom with Captain H.M. Warner, president of the Community Development County Council, presiding. Frank Sikorski welcomed the group. Chris Silver and Lisa Dayton provided entertainment with piano and songs. Speaker for the occasion was D.D. Robinson, District Extension Chairman, who was introduced by O.W. Dayton, Chairman of County

Commissioners. Awards of money and certificates were presented to the various communities for their Beautification Work, Youth Programs and Overall Achievement. First Place awards were to Jacks Creek for Beautification and Brush Creek for both Youth Programs and Overall Achievement. Bill Lovan, French Broad Electric; Hazen Ledford, Northwestern Bank; and Ben Floyd, United Fund Campaign Chairman, all representing the respective sponsors, presented the awards.

Mayland Concert Series Coming Up

The Mayland Concert Series will be presented in the coming months by Music in the Mountains. These concerts will be held at the Presbyterian Church, Burnsville at 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 18, a program of choir and instruments from All Souls Church, Biltmore, will be presented with Marilyn Keiser, organist.

Tuesday, February 10, a violin and piano recital by Vartan Manoogian and Clifton Matthews of The North Carolina School of the Arts.

Thursday, March 18, will feature a piano recital by Marvin Blickenstaff, soloist and professor of music from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Mr. Blickenstaff has studied with Mme. Lili Kraus.

Monday, May 3, is a chamber music concert for violin, cello, and harpsichord by May Jo Grey of Mars Hill College, and Eve Lynne Reeve, Celo Chamber Player of Burnsville.

The season tickets at \$6.00 can be used in any way, to attend each of these concerts or to take the whole family to

one concert. The season ticket also entitles the holder to attend the North Carolina Little Symphony Concert on Tuesday, May 18, at 8:15 p.m. in the First Baptist Church, Burnsville. Entrance at the door will be \$1.50, except for the Symphony which is \$2.50.

Also included in the Mayland Concert Series are two Family Musicales (no charge) featuring local musicians. The Yancey County Musicales will be on Saturday, January 24 in the Presbyterian Church, Burnsville. The Mitchell County Musicales will be Saturday, January 31,

in a hall to be announced. Tickets are available by writing to Music in the Mountains, Burnsville, N.C. 28714, or can be picked up at the Yancey County Chamber

of Commerce, the Yancey County Country Store, the Nu-Wray Inn, the East Yancey and Cane River High Schools. Senior citizens in need of transportation or tickets are invited to call Music in the Mountains, 675-4060 or 675-4659.

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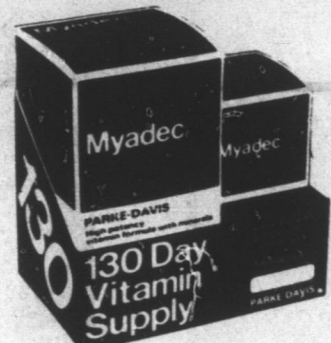
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Revival At Young's Chapel

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To These Farewell!

CARL ROBERTSON

Carl Robertson, 73, of the Upper Jacks Creek Community died unexpectedly at his home Monday morning. He was a native of Yancey County and a retired saw mill worker and farmer.

Surviving are the wife, Belle Lewis Robertson; four daughters, Mrs. Kenneth Silver of Burnsville, Mrs. Ray Clawson of Swannanoa, Mrs. Raymond Sisk of Erwin, Tennessee and Mrs. Tommy Miller of Morganton, N.C.; two sons, Harvey and Frank Robertson of Burnsville; one sister, Mrs. Delia Bryant of Oak Bluff, Mass.; 17 grandchildren and three great grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the West Burnsville Church of God of which he was a member. Revs. J.W. Shook and Kermit Kennedy officiated and burial was in the Robertson Family Cemetery at Wilson Branch.

SAMUEL B. SPARKS

Samuel B. Sparks, 97, of Burnsville died Sunday afternoon in a Burnsville hospital following a long illness. He was a native of the Brush Creek Community of Yancey County and a member of the West Burnsville Bapt. Church.

Surviving are the wife, Elmira Hughes Sparks; five daughters, Miss Ruth Sparks of the home, Mrs. R.C. Pruitt of Southgate, Michigan, Mrs. W.M. Chesson and Mrs. H.C. Thomas of Riverview, Mich., and Mrs. Gerald Foster of Hawaii; three sons, Carl of Green Mountain, Oscar of Lincoln Park, Mich., and Bruce Sparks of Mount Olive, N.C.; one sister, Mrs. Tina Adams of Asheville; three brothers, John Sparks of Anaheim, California, Jack Sparks of Palmdale, Calif. and Charles Sparks of Johnson City, Tenn.; 16 grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren, and 3 great great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. in the Chapel of Holcombe Brothers Funeral Home. Rev. Fred Harrell and Rev. Arthur Woody officiated and burial was in the Double Island Church Cemetery.

Notes Of Appreciation

We wish to thank all our friends and neighbors for their most gracious help and understanding during our hours of sorrow. All have done their utmost to make our burden easier to bear.

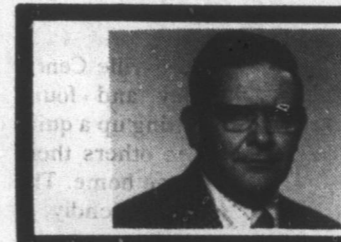
The Bascomb Hensley Family.

The family of Carmen McMahan wishes to express their sincere appreciation for the many acts of kindness shown to them by their



Senior Citizens Don Costumes

Senior Citizens from the Nutrition Program visited SCORE and WAMY office last Friday. With these colorful outfits, it was a big treat for all!



Agri-Vues

BY WM. C. BLEDSOE
AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION CHAIRMAN

The purpose of stripping and sorting burley tobacco is to bring together leaves of like group, color, and quality. The several groups have different physical and chemical properties and each makes a different contribution to the strength, taste, flavor, and aroma of smoke in the finished product. Proper stripping and sorting enables manufacturers and exporters to choose the type of tobacco they need for specific purposes.

Properly sorted tobacco leaf should always bring top prices. Tobacco that is poorly sorted and badly handled will



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bring high prices when burley is in short supply. This condition has existed for the past two or three years and prices have been at a premium. In 1974 the belt-wide average price was about \$27 per cwt. above the average support price. In many instances, all offerings on a warehouse floor sold for the same price and only a small percentage of the total crop was placed under government loan. This situation has resulted from increased usage of burley tobacco along with relatively poor crops in the burley belt during the last several years. However, these conditions will not continue indefinitely and growers should not anticipate premium prices for poorly sorted, mixed, and contaminated tobacco.

Stripping and preparing burley tobacco for market is the most time-consuming phase of production, requiring up to one-fourth of the total labor expended. Because of the temporary reduction in price spread among grades and due to the scarcity and high cost of labor, many producers are tempted to cut corners in the stripping and handling operation. Attention to a few simple but important details will enable the grower to do a better job of stripping.

It is easier to do a good job if workers have a comfortable grading room. This point becomes doubly important if women are hired for grading. With good quarters they are among the best of employees for this job and, over the whole burley belt, they strip a large percentage of the crop. A grading room should be large enough and should have some provision for heating.

Good lighting is essential for proper sorting. Use fluorescent lights if electricity is available. As a minimum for each worker, use a unit containing two 40-watt deluxe cool white tubes or one containing one 40-watt cool white tube and one 40-watt daylight tube. In the absence of electricity, utilize plenty of window space. Windows should extend the length of the stripping bench. North lighting is considered best.

The crop should be fully cured and in keeping order before stripping. The top leaves should break clean from the stalk. Do not grade tobacco in excessively high case as it may heat when packed down. Also, the strings and slivers hanging from the butts of the hands will alert the federal grader that it was stripped when too heavy and he may include a "W" (Wet) in the grade. Avoid packing cured tobacco on the ground.

Producers tend to forget the importance of support prices. It is the amount the grower receives when his crop goes under loan and it is the starting point above which bids must begin at sales. Support prices are based on grades; a well sorted and attractively displayed crop will receive a higher federal grade than one that is poorly sorted and crudely handled. Wet, unsound, frozen, or nested tobacco will not merit price support.

Leaves are stripped from the bottom to the top of the stalk and occur on the stalk in a certain order or group. Flyings are at the bottom, lugs next, leaf at and above the mid-point of the stalk, and tips at the top. Growers who sort tobacco according to the groups should consistently expect top prices for the respective grades.