

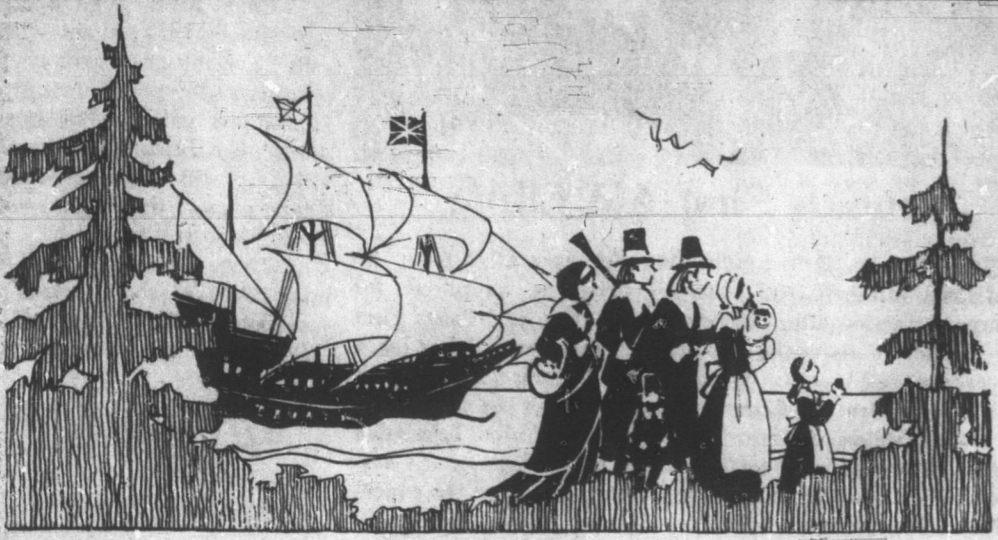
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Thanksgiving

We have many things to be thankful for during this Bicentennial era. The most cherished of our nation's blessings... freedom... has given Americans the right to a life rich in liberty, justice, happiness.

Burnsville Churches To Hold Annual Thanksgiving Service

This Wednesday, November 26, the Burnsville churches will meet for the Annual Thanksgiving Service at 7:30 p.m. at Higgins Memorial United Methodist Church. Those participating will be First Baptist Church, Griffith Chapel A.M.E. Zion, and Higgins Memorial Methodist Church.

music from the combined choirs and the Griffith Chapel choir.

Following the service refreshments will be served in the fellowship hall. The nursery will be open.

The entire community is invited to participate in this Thanksgiving Service.

Yancey School Holidays

Yancey County Schools will be closed for Thanksgiving Holidays on Thursday and Friday, November 27-28. Christmas Holidays will

begin at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, December 19. Schools will reopen on Monday, December 29. New Year's Day will also be a holiday.

Civic Leader P.C. Coletta Dies; 14 Years On Town Board

The town of Burnsville was shocked and saddened Monday night at the news of the death of a leading and well-loved citizen, Peter C. Coletta. He was completing his 14th year on the Burnsville Town Council, having been elected first in 1961. His seventh consecutive term of office was ending this coming December 1, and he chose not to run for office in the recent town election.

He died unexpectedly in Yancey Hospital Monday, at the age of 70.

A native of Gastonia, Pete Coletta was a graduate of North Carolina State University with degrees in chemical and ceramic engineering. He came to Burnsville in 1929 with Feldspar Milling Company, and at the time of his death was a director and head of the Purchasing Division of Feldspar Corporation, Spruce Pine.

He played an important role in saving the local Black Mountain Railroad from abandonment in 1955, and in the formation of the Yancey Railroad. He was for many years vice president of the railroad's board of directors.

Mr. Coletta served regularly as a volunteer worker on the fund-raising campaigns of the Yancey United Fund; he was very active in the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Burnsville.

Surviving are the wife,

Gladys Chase Coletta; four daughters, Miss Theresa Coletta of the home, Miss Irene



Pete Coletta

Coletta of Atlanta, Georgia, Miss Frances Coletta of St. Louis, Missouri, and Mrs. Charles L. Hoke of Washington, D.C.; two sons, Joe Coletta of Tucker, Georgia and David Coletta of Maysville, Kentucky; a brother, Anthony Coletta of Gastonia, and three grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, in the Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Reverend Michael Hoban, Pastor, and Reverend Anthony Cahill, O.S.B. will officiate and burial will be in the Academy Cemetery.

Another well-known resident of Burnsville died Saturday morning in an Asheville Hospital after a short illness.

G. Leslie Hensley, Sr., a native of Yancey County died at the age of 75.

He was a retired Burnsville Postmaster after thirty years service, and was past president of the North Carolina Association of Postmasters.

Mr. Hensley was a charter member of the Burnsville Men's Club and had been very active in community and civic affairs. He was a member of the Higgins Memorial United Methodist Church, having held many church offices, and presently was church treasurer. He and his wife were operators of Ruby's Gift Shop in Burnsville.

Appraiser Revalues Property

All real property owners in Yancey County are receiving notices of their property revaluation effective January 1, 1976. According to O.W. Deyton, Chairman, Yancey County Commissioners, revaluation of property is required by North Carolina State Law to take place every eight years. "The eight years were up for us in 1975," he said.

The Consolidated Appraisal Company, which is approved, as is also required by law, by the North Carolina Department of Revenue, has worked for over six months on the property revaluation during 1975. When the work was finished, Deyton noted that "We think the total tax collected will be about the same as last year."

"The taxes are set according to the needs of the county," he explained. "And since we can see no great change in the needs of the county for the next fiscal year, with the valuation increasing, the tax rate will decrease considerably."

"It is impossible to calculate your property taxes at present," said Deyton. "You should not attempt to calculate them based on last year's rate," he added.

If anyone feels that their property is unfairly appraised they should carefully read the entire tax notice, fill out the bottom part correctly and send it in to the tax office to set up an appointment with the Appraisers.

The Commissioner emphasized that the tax office cannot do anything to change the appraised value. Only the Appraiser can change the property value through an appointment. The deadline for applying for a change in your property valuation is December 1, 1975.

"Remember," Deyton repeated, "you should not attempt to figure your property taxes on last year's rate. The tax rate will be lower this coming year."

Toe River Arts Council Meeting Planned In Mitchell

The Toe River Arts Council will have an organizational meeting Tuesday, December 2, at 8:00 p.m. in the Harris High School Auditorium. Ms. Mona Hanes, who is community consultant with the North Carolina Arts Council, will be coming from Boone to speak at the meeting. She will talk about possible activities for the arts council and ways of organizing to carry them out.

Ms. Hanes herself comes from a strong background in the arts. She attended the North Carolina School of the Arts in Winston Salem for three years where she studied voice, speech, acting and dance. She has had the leading role in numerous productions in North Carolina and Virginia. These roles include Laura in "The Glass Menagerie," Anna in "The King and I," Julie Jordan in "Carousel," and Guinevere in "Camelot." She has also earned a B.A. in sociology from the University of North Carolina in Greensboro.

Ms. Hanes became interested in arts councils when she worked for the Winston-Salem Arts Council in a production by the Little Theatre. She says, "I was amazed by the amount of very productive work an arts council can accomplish with community support. The possibilities of an arts council in all areas and phases of life are endless." She sees the purpose of her job as community consultant as "to strengthen existing arts councils and develop new ones."



Fire Training At Hospital

Twenty nine employees of Yancey Hospital are now enrolled in Fire Service Training classes offered through the Human Resources Department of Appalachian University. Classes from each of the hospital's three shifts are meeting one hour weekly for the five-hour staff development class. All segments of the hospital are participating in the training with enrollment from the nursing staff, office and administration, lab, kitchen and maintenance departments. Training includes studies of the causes of hospital fires and methods of extinguishing hospital-type fires, the chemistry of fire, portable fire extinguisher study and portable extinguisher practice, review and discussion of the hospital's fire and emergency disaster plans, and evacuation and patient removal procedures and practice. David Setzer, captain of a company of Marion Fire Department and a member of the North Carolina Society of Fire Service Instructors, is teaching the classes.



Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Wolfson Relax At Asheville Farm

WNC Artist Sends Paintings To China; First American To Exhibit

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Wolfson, pictured above relaxing at their farm in Asheville, have always appreciated the beauty of the mountains in this area where Mr. Wolfson, owner of TV Channel 13 as well as Beaver Lake Golf Course, takes an active interest in his stable of thoroughbred race horses—a welcome diversion from multiple national and international business affairs.

noted artist in the Chinese style of painting and has

achieved worldwide recognition when two of her

paintings were chosen as the first by an American to be exhibited in Peking, China. The paintings were selected by the U.S. Envoy to the People's Republic to hang in the U.S. Liaison Office in Peking as a symbolic evidence of friendship between two great peoples.

Mrs. Wolfson, whose paintings reflect her thorough understanding of Chinese philosophy and life so essential to Oriental art, states that "Art transcends politics, and if the paintings have helped bring people a little closer together, that is the best success any artist can have."

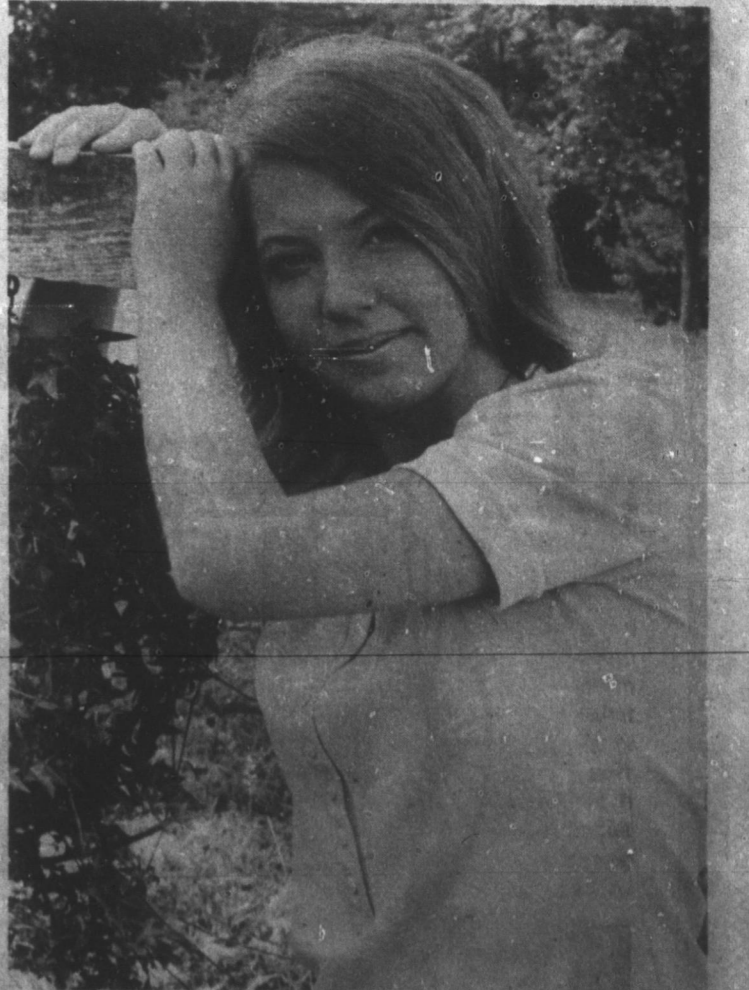
All proceeds from the sale of her paintings go into a scholarship fund for young art students.



Chinese Year of the Rabbit



Plum Blossom Branch



Mona Hanes, Arts Council Consultant

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