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Fine Crop Of Burley

A Tobacco Production meeting for Yancey County farmers will be held Thursday night of next week, February 19, at 7:00 p.m. in the courthouse. Many topics of interest to Burley Growers will be on the program according to W.C. Bledsoe, County Extension Chairman. Some of them are: planted tips, variety choices, fertilization tips and ideas for labor saving. Included also will be the latest information on diseases and insects. The program will include a review of Yancey's ON-FARM-TEST results produced over the past 4-5 years, Bledsoe continued. One planted cover will be given free as a door prize.

Burley growing is a multi-million dollar crop in Yancey. All growers are urged to attend. Pictured above is Mr. Rex McIntosh in a fine crop of Burley.

Basketball Game Interrupted By Call For Fire Fighters

The basketball game of the South Toe PTA vs the South Toe Fire Fighters was interrupted on Friday, February 6 due to a fire in an

unoccupied house on Halls Chapel Road. Many home-

baked goods were donated and thankfully received. Perhaps a rematch will be arranged to determine a winner.

The fire fighters were called out again Sunday night to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Ray on Blue Rock Road. Flames were blazing 10 to 15 feet out of the windows at the end of the mobile home. The fire was brought under control in less than two minutes but could not be completely extinguished for an hour.

The smokey interior required the use of Air Paks and 4 bottles of compressed air were used. Damage was heavy, but the family escaped unharmed.

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Students On College Dean List

Sheree Lis Banks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Banks of Burnsville has been named to the fall semester dean's list at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. To make the dean's list, a student must earn a 3.2 grade average on the 4.0 scale while taking 15 letter grade hours of credit, or 3.5 average while taking at least 12 but less than 15 letter grade hours.

Ronne Biggerstaff was named to the Dean's List at Lees-McRae College for the first semester. The Dean's List was released earlier this week by the Academic Dean's Office. In order to be placed on the Dean's List, a student must maintain a B average or above. The student must carry 15 credit hours and maintain a minimum of 3.0 quality point average.

Ronnie is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul D. Biggerstaff of Burnsville.

Agri-Vues
 BY WM. C. BLEDSOE
 EXTENSION CHAIRMAN

With the fuel shortage and increased prices for energy more people than normal are using fireplaces and stoves this winter. The amount of heat you get from your fireplace and how much you enjoy it depends on the kind of wood used.

FIREPLACE WOOD
 Some woods are "hotter" than others. A good rule to remember is the heavier woods are hotter. Shagbark hickory and white oak make extremely good fuels. Others include beech, red oak, ash, dogwood, locust, maple and apple. Green wood has only 60% the heat value of dry wood. Split wood burns better than round wood.

TOBACCO PLANTBEDS
 Many people are thinking about plantbeds. It's o.k. to think and plan but seeding should not be done before March 15. More people will be using nylon and plastic covers this year. They do an

excellent job but require some special handling techniques different from cotton. Shortage of water is the biggest enemy of plantbeds. Locat the bed and make preparations to water your bed.

BLACK SHANK
 This disease has gotten a foothold in Yancey. To halt its progress every grower needs to know how to recognize it and know how to avoid getting black shank. Information on Black Shank, plantbeds and a lot of things will be given to growers at the Extension Burley Tobacco Production meeting next Thursday night (February 19, at 7:00 p.m.) in the Courthouse, Burnsville.

PLANTS-PLANTS-PLANTS
 Gardeners and producers interested in Strawberry and Blueberry plants should take advantage of pooled order prices through your Extension Service. Get your order in before supplies run short. Order taking ends the middle of March.

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Folk-Ways and Folk-Speech
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Recent Folk-Ways columns on the speech of Appalachia prompted a number of responses on mountain expressions, some calling for information, others providing it.

A letter from Mrs. Clara Hill Carner, founder and president of the Smyth County, Va. Historical and Museum Society, falls under the latter heading. She sends a list of expressions and provides appropriate categories for their use.

EXPRESSIONS SHOWING ONE'S SOCIAL STATUS
 Eats high on the hog
 Belongs to the upper-crust
 Bon-tons
 Keeping up with the Joneses
 Born to the purple
 Blue-bloods
 Sit above or below the salt
 Salt of the earth
 Upper rail
 Small potatoes & few in the hill

Rag-tags and bob-tails
 Scum of the earth
 Gully dirt
 High and might
 Small pumpkins

A call last week from Rip Collins of Blowing Rock requested a list of Appalachian expressions for various phases of winter. I did a bit of head-scratching and came up with the following, though I suspect the calendar assignment depends on what part of Appalachia one lives in: Locust winter, redbud winter, sarvice winter, gooseberry winter, dogwood winter, blackberry winter, whippoorwill winter.

As readers will readily see, most of these expressions actually refer to delayed cold snaps in early, middle, or late spring rather than in winter itself. Sarvice (service) winter, for instance, is usually in early April, dogwood winter around Easter, and blackberry winter after the blooms appear and the farmer gets his planting done.

In a recent column we reported on a letter from George Scarbrough of Oak Ridge, Tennessee, in which he reminisced about the always colorful-sometimes violent-language of his father, who he identified as a kind of latter day scop who passed on the oral traditions of the Appalachians.

Charles Gillespie,
 & Ferril McCurry's

HEALTH NEWS
 from Pollard Drug

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If you're like many pharmacy customers, dry itchy winter skin can drive you nutty.

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Space and editing requirements did not allow us to use all of the material, so we would like to use samplings from a rather extensive Scarbrough glossary in the present edition of Folk-Ways. No attempt has been made to classify the following:

DEFINITIONS
 hog-eyed-squinty or squench eyed.
 roostered up (for a fight)- became belligerent.
 roached-hair set in a frontal wave
 ass over tincup-head over heels.
 gussied up--dressed up.
 set-to-a fight.
 Bapsousing-baptizing.
 scrooch, serouge, or scrunch down--attempt to conceal oneself.
 whomp-sided- antygogglin' grapes of wrath-hemorrhoids.
 bluejohn--weak or skimmed milk.

EXPRESSIONS
 Straight as a crow to a guinea's nest (direct).
 Gag a dog off a gut wagon (pretty sickening).
 Nose so turned up she'd drown in a rainstorm (snotty or snobbish).
 Talkin' to hear my head roar (nobody listening).
 So thirsty I could drink Jordan dry.
 You're trying to climb a short mountain to a high place.
 He walks like a snake with his back broke.
 He was runnin' so hard his shadder was two miles behind him.
 I look like the hind wheels of destruction.
 I look like hell in a hack.
 He ain't got no brains-- just a headful of stumpwater.
 I only raised a shirttailful of corn this year.
 She's meaner than forty dogs.
 Empty as a soapgourd.
 Hersin' the hymn (whinnying or singing through the nose)
 My hair looks like a stumful of granddaddies.
 His breath makes a skunk cabbage smell like a lily.
 Not ripe enough to pull and too green to grow.
 A swallow of that moonshine is like a Christmas tree going down backward.
 A Wilkes County reader who chooses to be identified only as "an old lady" recently sent a couple of expressions our way, along with explanations: What goes under the sow's belly will come back over its back. (Things we do, good or bad, nature will take care of the reward or punishment.)
 My cake was bedaciously ruined (a complete failure).
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