

To These Farewell!

MRS. JOYCE A. ROBINSON

Mrs. Joyce Arrowood Robinson, 49, of Wyandott, Michigan died on March 15, 1976. A native of Yancey County she had been living in Michigan for about ten years.

Surviving are the husband, Clyde M. Robinson; three daughters, Mrs. Bernice Walker and Mrs. Gail McComb of Michigan, and Mrs. Barbara Morris of Old Fort, N.C.; four sisters, Mrs. Lillis Mitchell of Elizabethton, Tennessee, Mrs. Kate Hensley of Delaware, Mrs. Lovie Laws of Route 2, Green Mountain and Mrs. Ida Ruth Phillips of Route 1, Burnsville; one brother, James (Bud) Arrowood of Burnsville; seven grandchildren and a number of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held in McCall's Funeral Home Chapel in Marion, N.C. on Friday, March 19 at 2 p.m. The Revs. Clifford Early, Bill Connor and Otis Parrish officiated and burial was in the McCurry Cemetery in Yancey County.



Church Dedication Service

Dedication services will be held Sunday, March 28, at 2 o'clock at the Morning Star Baptist Church, Micaville. The two former pastors, Rev. L.V. Roberts and Rev. C.J. Wyatt will deliver the dedication sermons. The Primitive Quartet will be singing.

The church was organized July 18, 1971. The new building was built the summer of 1972, and the church began having services in it in November 1972. The last of the church debt was paid in February 1976. The pastor, Rev. Howard Wilson, and the members extend a cordial invitation to everyone.

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Inquiries and comments on ancient and unusual words continue to come our way, one of the most persistent being the expression "fornent".

Following traditional usage it is apparently spelled in a variety of ways, as is seen in a recent letter from Edwin Judkins of Bristol, Virginia.

"Did you ever get the word *fernas* straightened out? When Saint George has slain ye draggon

He set him down furnist a flaggon
And wit you well, Within a spell.

He had a pleasant jag on!
"With jokes aside, it seems to me that this is not one word but the combination of two words as used in mountain speech, and this is the reason Noah Webster did not put it in his book.

"Also there are two words of different meaning. If a happening occurred in front of your face or house, it is *fore at* or *forent*. If it happened down the road at the intersection, it is *far and at* or *farent*, say something like Fargo Express. This word has been slurred in conversation, *ferant*, *forent*, *furnist*, etc."

An explanation of the term comes by way of a letter (previously quoted but apparently missed by some readers) from Randolph Roberts, also of Bristol.

"In Webster's New International Dictionary of the English Language, 1926 edition, one finds: fornent, fornenst, prep. (Fore, adv.; plus anent) Obs. or Scot & Dial. a, opposite to; facing; over against; alongside. b, fer; regarding. c, opposed to; against. d, towards; in connection with. Another spelling found is *fernenst*.

"It is obvious from the contradictory definitions given that the person using the word could let it mean whatever he had in mind, and

the listener could do likewise, unless the context in which the word was used gave a definite clue as to its meaning.

"In the 1930's I heard the word used in court cases by people living in remote areas of Wise, Dickenson, and Buchanan Counties, Virginia. As I remember in those cases the word was usually intended to mean opposite to or facing."

Readers who responded to this column's inquiries about madstones some months back may be interested in the March edition of *North Carolina Folklore Journal*, specifically an article by Dr. Joseph D. Clark of Raleigh, a former resident of East Tennessee.

A special monograph issue on *Madstones in North Carolina*, it surveys their location, ownership, physical origins and characteristics, their uses, and their reliability as curative agents.

Dr. Clark's publication is an interesting and important

contribution to the study of folk medicine.

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Senior Citizens News Column

BY DON TURMAN

A public hearing to assess the needs of citizens of Yancey County was held at the courthouse on Thursday, February 19. A large number of senior citizens were among those present and some of the needs expressed included home improvements (septic tanks, bathrooms, etc.), transportation, recreational facilities (parks, community center, etc.), additional nursing home facilities, increased homemakers services, additional home health services, meals-on-wheels for the elderly, and a crisis center.

An excellent example of how churches can contribute to the lives of senior citizens is provided by the Brown's Creek Baptist Church in Celso. Mrs. Gladys Sandlin made an appeal to the members of the church to make telephone calls and visits to some of the senior citizens in the community who are living alone or are homebound. Approximately 20 persons volunteered and each one is now calling an elderly person at least once each week and making occasional visits. Additional calls and visits are made during times of special need or as the volunteers desire. The older citizens were first contacted to see if they would be interested in having someone contact them in this way. Obviously this program means a great deal to the senior citizens and is the kind of program that other churches could begin.

WAMY Community Action, Inc. has recently begun providing bus service for senior citizens. Routes and schedules have been set up. Persons interested in using

this service should call the WAMY office at 682-2610 for additional information.

Transportation is one of the greatest needs of senior citizens in Yancey County as well as throughout the United States. Just remembering to include a senior citizen on regular trips to town or to the store would be an important service. Providing transportation to the doctor and other special places is greatly needed. If just a few citizens were willing to give a little time for this, the problem could soon be solved. Do this on your own if you know someone who needs your help or call the Senior Citizen Hotline (682-6011) and volunteer to provide transportation to someone in your area who may call in for help.

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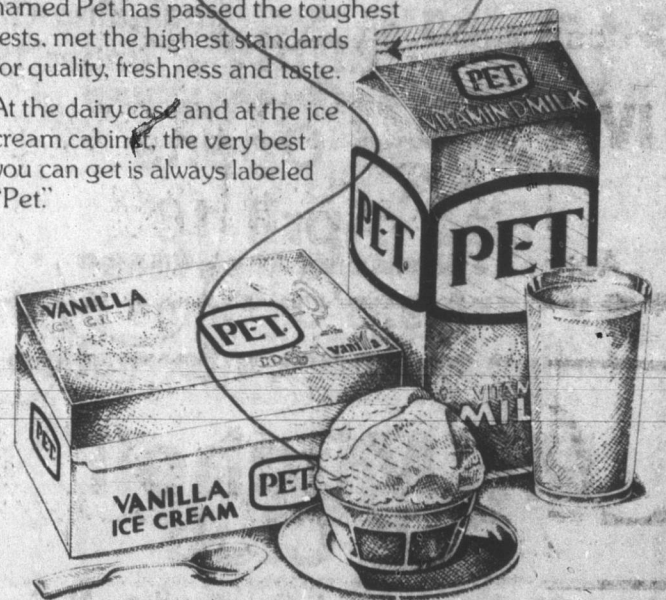
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ROY RANDOLPH

Roy Randolph, 72, of the Riverside Community died Saturday morning in an Asheville hospital after a lengthy illness. He was the son of the late Isaac and Sallie King Randolph, a native of Yancey County and a retired carpenter. His wife, Zetta Peterson Randolph died in 1970.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Louetta R. Harris of Burnsville; one son, Danny Randolph of Burnsville; two sisters, Mrs. Arthur King of Burnsville and Mrs. Frank Andrews of Leesburg, Ala.; two brothers, Sammy Randolph of Mars Hill and Billy Randolph of Detroit, Michigan, and a grandson, Randy McIntosh of Burnsville.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Monday in the Chapel of Holcombe Brothers Funeral Home. Revs. Kenneth Mashburn, Howard Buchanan and Allen McKinney officiated and burial was in the Cane River Church Cemetery.

MARY RAY

Miss Mary Ray of the Concord Community died in a Burnsville hospital Wednesday morning, March 17, after a brief illness.

She was the daughter of the late Robert S. and Joanna Dellinger Ray.

Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Mildred Ledford and Miss Maglee Ray of Burnsville; and one brother, Thad Ray, of Burnsville; and ten nephews and nieces.

Funeral services were held at 3 p.m. Friday in the Chapel of Holcombe Brothers Funeral Home. Rev. Ben L. Ray and Rev. Don Sides officiated and burial was in the Ray Family Cemetery.

Sports News

Yancey County Recreation Commission

Woman's Volleyball night will be every Tuesday night until further notice, from 7:30-9:30 at the Burnsville Gym, according to the Yancey County Recreation Commission.

A Woman's softball meeting is scheduled for Wednesday night, March 24, at 8:00 p.m. in the County Courthouse. All interested women are asked to attend.

The Yancey County Recreation Commission is sponsoring a Yancey County Mens Volleyball League. Games will be played at the Burnsville Gym and the dates and times are as follows:

Wed., March 24
6:30 Smokey vs. Spikers
7:30 C.B. vs. Athletics
8:30 Eagles vs. Jordan
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Thurs., March 25
6:30 Smokey vs. Athletics
7:30 C.B. vs. Jordan
8:30 Deytons vs. Spikers
bye Eagles

Yancey County Mens Fas Pitch Softball League will meet Thursday night at the Yancey County Courthouse at 7:30. All managers must be there and any men who are interested.

Religious Overseas Appeal

America's three major faiths are uniting again in an annual Religious Overseas Appeal to carry on world-wide efforts to alleviate suffering and help people build new lives. The message to church-goers and the general public will continue through the Lenten season and culminate on March 28, the fourth Sunday in Lent. The three fundraising efforts are the Catholic Relief Services, the Protestant "One Great Hour of Sharing" and the United Jewish Appeal.

In a world where disasters occur frequently, where over 15 million homeless and stateless refugees struggle for subsistence, and grinding poverty and hunger are the lot of half the world's population, the relief and rehabilitation agencies of the three faiths have joined together in the once-a-year fund-raising campaign for the past 24 years.

The three faiths reach millions in travail and teach those in need how to help themselves through developmental programs. These include agricultural projects, food-for-work projects and a host of other programs on nearly every continent. In all programs emphasis is placed upon aid to children, pregnant and nursing women and the aged. These and hundreds of other programs will be benefited and supported through the response of people in churches and synagogues to the interfaith appeal.



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