



Recovery Crew Removes Bodies From Crash Site After Week Long Search

Downed Plane Located:

Week-Long Search Ends

On Friday, October 15, recovery crews retrieved the bodies of four persons who died in the crash of an ambulance plane in the Deep Gap area of Yancey County last Saturday. There were no survivors.

The victims apparently died on impact as the twin-engine Piper Seneca crashed at about 5,400 feet.

four miles north-northwest of the parking lot at Mount Mitchell, the highest peak east of the Mississippi River at 6,684 feet.

The plane was flying from Greenville, S.C. to Philadelphia carrying a former South Carolina resident to a Philadelphia hospital.

Victims were identified as Ephriam Lake, 69, of Consho-

hocken, Pa.; his nephew, James Robinson, 58, of Philadelphia; a nurse, Charlotte Gayman, 25, of Washington, Pa.; and the pilot, Edward Smertmeck of West Virginia.

Members of the Radio Patrol, Rescue Squad, Sheriff's Department, U.S. Forest Service and Civil Air Patrol assisted in the week-long search and rescue operation.

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Carnival Plans Made

A gala carnival to help raise money for a special senior citizens program will be staged in Burnsville on October 30, sponsored by the Yancey County Council on Aging.

The carnival is an outgrowth of the Loaves and Fishes Campaign which had been slated for earlier this year but had to be postponed.

Every Yancey Countian is urged to take part in the festivities which are planned, as enthusiastic participation will mean the difference between its success or failure.

The carnival is basically a fund-raising effort designed to support a "Meals-On-Wheels" Program for senior citizens in Yancey County. This program will augment the Elderly Nutrition Program which has already had great

success in helping give nutritionally adequate meals to the elderly.

The first scheduled event of the day will be a Pancake Breakfast at the First Baptist Church, Burnsville, from 6 o'clock to 9 o'clock a.m. Prices start at \$1.65 for pancakes and coffee, with sausages and other extras served ala carte.

At 9:30 a.m. Wagons assemble behind the old jail building for a Parade down Main Street led by the Mountain Heritage Marching Band in full uniform. The Parade will stop at the square where Os Deyton, County Commission Chairman, will make a short speech and crown a Senior Citizen King and Queen. These two lucky persons will be the oldest man and women with the most

descendents now living in Yancey County. (Descendents counted must now reside in Yancey County.) Persons who think they may qualify should call 682-6011.

Luncheon, prepared by senior citizens, will be served on the town square around noon. Price for this meal is also \$1.65. All proceeds from the meals, as well as from other carnival events, go toward the senior citizen program.

Immediately following lunch there will be Cake Walks to raise money for the Loaves and Fishes Campaign. Cakes are needed for this purpose. Anyone who will bake a cake for the cake walks should call the Senior Citizen Hotline at the above-mentioned number.

An Auction will highlight the carnival, and is slated for 2:00 p.m. in the Post Office Parking Lot. People are asked to donate any item that can be auctioned off, whether it is land, houses, cars, farm equipment, antiques, household goods or just anything. Everyone is asked to look around your house or business for items that you can contribute such as the following: Cooking utensils, Jewelry, Farm Implements, Furniture, Cars, Toys, Yard Tools, Lawn Furniture, Office Equipment, etc. Call 682-6011 if you have anything to donate.

One very different way of raising money for the campaign is the "Dunking Chair" and "Jail". You can have local citizens put in jail by making a donation for this purpose to the Loaves and Fishes Campaign. Further

donations will keep them there until they are finally released and sentenced to sitting in the "Dunking Chair" (a seat over a tank of foam rubber). When the trigger is hit with a ball, the "prisoner" is treated to a dunk. Call the senior citizens hotline with your nominations for persons for the jail and the dunking chair.

Wagon rides will take folks around Burnsville for a modest price during the carnival festivities. Also slated: the Celso Community is making a Spook House at the old jail... We dare you to walk through!

Although the Carnival on the square will end following the auction, it is hoped that everyone present will finish up this gala day at the Troxell Trout Farm where a Fish Fry will be held from 6 o'clock to 8 o'clock p.m. Saturday night.

Democrat Program

A good musical program has been lined up for the Democratic Supper at Mountain Heritage High School this Saturday evening. Beginning at 4 p.m. there will be Lulu Belle and Scotty Wiseman, the Choral Group from the Griffith Chapel AME Zion Church, the Deyton Family Singers, and others. Tickets at \$5 are still available from precinct chairmen and at the door.

Achievement Day For Homemakers

Approximately 50 women from the Homemakers' Clubs of Yancey County attended the annual Achievement Day celebration on October 12, in the Fellowship Hall of Higgins Memorial Methodist Church. The International motif was observed, the theme being "Women of the World-United in Service."

Registration and viewing of international exhibits preceded the covered dish luncheon. The program followed, with Mrs. Ralph Jacks serving as program leader. She introduced Rev. Edith Morgan and Mrs. Ramona Turman, former missionaries to India and Indonesia, who spoke on the culture and

customs of the respective countries.

Miss Joyce Watts, Assistant Home Ec. Extension Agent, presented awards to the following persons for their achievements: Miss Lydia Deyton, Most Outstanding Homemaker for 1976; Open Gate Homemaker Club, Most Outstanding Club; Recognition Gifts to Mrs. C.B. Gillespie and Mrs. Mary Margaret Deyton.

A candlelight installation service followed, with Miss Watts installing the following County Council officers for 1977: President-Mrs. C.B. Gillespie; First Vice President, Mrs. Georgia Cannon; Second Vice-President, Miss Lydia Deyton; Recording Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Phyllis Bailey.

Local Woman's Club Hosts Historical Association

Iva Nell Buckner, Director of Instruction for Yancey County Schools; James Byrd, Media Coordinator for Moun-

United Campaign

The oversize thermometer on the Burnsville Town Square shows that \$8,400 has now been raised in the Yancey County United Way campaign. The goal for this year's drive is set at \$19,000.

Chairman Joe Johnson reports that among contributions already received a considerable number have come from those who had not so far been solicited. By making contributions in this way the work of the campaign volunteers is simplified, and the completion of the drive expedited. Contributions may be sent direct to the United Fund treasurer, Mrs. Muriel Cooper, at the Burnsville Town Hall.

Several additions to the honor roll have been made

Notice

The Board of Elections office will be open every day this week including Saturday.

tain Heritage High School; and Teresa Coletta, County Librarian, will be Speakers of the Day Saturday, October 23, when the Western North Carolina Historical Association meets in its regular fall session at 2:30 p.m. in the Mountain Heritage High School.

The subject will be the history of Yancey County. The Burnsville Woman's Club, led by Mrs. Ernest Briggs, will be hosts for the occasion. The public is cordially invited to the meeting. It is believed the meeting will provide an opportunity for local citizens to refresh their memories on

the yester-years of the Burnsville and Yancey area. The visiting historians are looking forward eagerly to this chance to learn more about one of the most scenic and storied counties in all of North Carolina.

The UNC Historical Association is a cultural, non-profit organization which for many years has promoted the study, publication, dissemination, and preservation of the history of the 23 North Carolina mountain counties.

Quarterly sessions of the Association are convened at some point in the mountain

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FHA Plays Big Part

Local citizens are sometimes unaware of Federal programs that do assist local people and how their income tax dollars are spent.

The Farmers Home Administration purchased 1.5 million dollars of general obligation bonds at an interest rate of 5% in order that Yancey County might have a new consolidated high school. It is a fact that no other agency or lending institution would purchase these bonds at rates and terms given by FmHA. It is through the assistance which this agency was pleased to offer, that Mountain Heritage High School has become a reality.

This agency was not mentioned during the dedication ceremonies at Mountain Heritage, and we believe it is fitting that the part Farmers Home Administration has played should be gratefully acknowledged.



Ronnie Sessions

Country, Bluegrass Show Set

The Newdale Volunteer Fire Department will present a Country & Bluegrass Show on Saturday, October 23, 7:30 p.m. at East Yancey High School. The show will feature Recording Star Ronnie Sessions and the Sugarloaf Ramblers, as well as Johnny Short and The Country Travelers.

Admission is \$2.50 at the door or advance tickets at \$2.00 each may be purchased at The Northwestern Bank. Children under 12 are free.

'76 Farm City Week Chairman Appointed

Joe R. Johnson has been named Yancey County Farm-City Week chairman for the 1976 observance of Farm-City Week. The appointment was announced by C.A. Phillips of



Joe Johnson

Edenton, state Farm-City Week Chairman.

Serving with Mr. Johnson as co-chairman for the county committee is William C. Bledsoe, County Extension Chairman.

Farm-City Week will be observed across the nation on November 19-25, ending on Thanksgiving Day. The purpose of the event is to help create a better understanding between rural and urban people. The theme for 1976 is "A Declaration of Interdependence."

In appointing county Farm City Week chairman, Phillips stated that North Carolina is fortunate to have a fine relationship between urban and rural citizens. "Farm-

City Week can help to maintain and strengthen this relationship," he said.

This will be the 22nd annual observance of Farm-City Week. Last year's observance, according to final reports received at national headquarters, involved the active participation of more than 15,000 communities in the U.S. and Canada.

Farm-City Week is under the direction of a National Farm-City Council, Inc. headed by Don Fricker, Manager of Public Relations, J.I. Case Company, Racine, Wisconsin. Kiwanis International will serve as coordinating agency for Farm-City Week and act as headquarters for the National Farm-City Council for the nineteenth consecutive year.

The National Farm-City Council is composed of representatives from more than 150 major farm organizations, industries, businesses, associations, governmental agencies, educational institutions, and church groups. A Presidential proclamation and a joint Congressional resolution have called for Farm-City Week observances each year since the inception of the event. Farm-City Week has won the Freedoms Foundation's Distinguished Service Award, which carries the same distinction in the community service field as does the famed "Oscar" in the motion picture industry, and the Silver Anvil Award from the Public Relations Society of America for being an outstanding community relations program.



Phyllis Bailey, Mrs. Jacks, Mrs. Gillespie, Lydia Deyton, Mary Deyton, Ramona Turman



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