



Just got back a little while ago from the Burnett-Shope reunion, and we are somewhat fagged out. I think it grows a little in numbers every year, and the excellent programs continue. I learned today that it was started in 1911.

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Asheville, suffered a stroke last week. He is out of the hospital now, and is at the home of his daughter, Mrs. McKinley Boyd on the Johnson School road.

Mrs. Eliza Bruner of East Marion, and Mrs. Mary Padgett of Fayetteville, had a long visit and dinner with Minnie last Friday.

Our grandson, Ralph Bruner, stayed several days with us last week to do some painting on our house. We asked him where he learned to paint, he said when he was a small boy he had a little wagon, he painted this wagon a different color every week. Later he painted his mother's kitchen furniture, and now he paints houses.

Mrs. Carl Bowness tells me that her family is enjoying homegrown sweet corn now. They carry this out in the recommended manner; while she gets the water a-boiling, Mr. Bowness runs to the corn-patch, plucks the succulent ears from the stalks, races back, throwing husks east and west as he comes. In a matter of seconds, the corn is in the pot. Connoisseurs say that this is the only way one can get the finest flavor of the corn.

The katydids are singing tonight. Gee, what a drowsy sound they make (12 weeks until frost).

This is Monday morning, I guess we had better have a little story before closing this column. Did you ever try to rob wild bees? I went along for the fun once when I was a teen-age lad. My brother, Lloyd, had found this bee tree while cutting timber on the Gonbrook property. We didn't know much about bees, although Dad had a number of hives, so we got Bud Morris, and his son, Garland, to go with us.

This tree was on a laurel covered ridge just below Gonbrook. We didn't think Mr. Martin would like us cutting a tree in the middle of the night, so we slipped into the place. Lloyd guided us to the tree. Some of us were carrying timber-cutting tools, and others had buckets for the expected honey.

Bud was a mountaineer who really lived in the mountains, and harvested nature's good things as they came in season. Wild honey was one of his special crops, but he was surprised when we got to this tree. It was a huge dead chestnut. It is said that wild bees seldom stay in a dead tree. They had probably hived here when the tree was alive, and became attached to their home, and lingered on after the blight killed it. It was about five feet in diameter at the butt, and well over 50 feet tall.

We trimmed the laurel from around the stump, and the men started notching the tree, throwing it right down the hill, so it would fall quick. Garland and I laid the long crosscut saw across the upper side, and started cross-cutting the dead giant. It seemed like the noise we made was terrific, because we were trying to be quiet. We cut first on one corner, and then the other, taking turns at the saw; cutting a large tree down is a hard job, but we were used to it in those days.

At last a sharp crack rent the still night, we knew the tree had started to fall. We sawed like mad right through the center of the cut. Finally, with a long creaking groan the leafless treetop started swaying across the star-studded sky, heading for its last resting place. There was a crashing thud, followed by a deep roar as the great chestnut fell in the hollow below. As soon as the danger of falling branches had lessened we followed the trunk looking for the bees. Lloyd and I stayed well behind the light, we didn't want to feel the stingers. Bud let out a mild whoop, he found the bees. The tree had broken right where the hive was, honey was oozing out of the cracks in the wood, angry bees were buzzing about. Bud started chopping the wood away, fussing at Garland all the while to hold the lantern in a different way. Every little while Bud's long mustache would jerk convulsively, and he would suck in his breath with a sharp hiss, we knew he had got a sting. Garland got stings too, but he merely laughed, noting much was serious to him in those days.

They drove the bees out of the honey as best they could with rag smudges, and scooped the amber harvest into the buckets. I guess we got five or six gallons of honey and rotted wood, and left quite a lot for it was so hard to get.

At last they were through, and we made our tortuous way out of a laurel thicket. We stopped by my brother's, Ernest's, lumber yard; got on a low lumber stack, and divided the honey. We ate some of it, being careful of the bees that were still in the cells. Bud cautioned Garland not to eat too much of the hot honey, as it could upset his intestinal tract. We went on to where we had left our horses and made our way home. Country butter and wild honey were the order of the day for the next few weeks.

Swannanoa Leagues' Baseball Standings Listed

Scores in Swannanoa baseball for the week ending July 26 are as follows:

Babe Ruth League Standings

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Bees	7	4	.636
Wasps	6	5	.545
Yellow Jackets	6	6	.500
Hornets	4	8	.333

Beacon Little League Standings

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Cards	6	2	.750
Cubs	6	2	.625
Giants	4	4	.500
Braves	1	7	.125

Beacon Little League Batting Avg.

Billy Webb, Cubs, .523; Larry Waldrup, Braves, .500; Daen Robinson, Cards, .482; Ron Lowe, Braves, .470; Ted Luckadoo, Cards, .460; Billy Stewart, Giants, .454; Ted Tipton, Giants, .450; Butch Garvin, Cards, .416; Terry Bryant, Cubs, .400; Danny Plemmons, Giants, .400; Bobby Stewart, Cubs, .370; Ronald Owensby, Giants, .370; Doug Cline, Giants, .364; Ed Bryant, .364; Jim Hardin, Cubs, .360.

Gene Rutledge, Cards, .360; Buddy Stevenson, Cards, .353; Johnny Reese, Cards, .333; Terry Price, Cards, .333; Billy Pace, Giants, .333; Joe Brooks, Cubs, .304; Jim Coman, Cubs, .300; Jerry Brake, Giants, .300; Sam Wimberly, Braves, .300; Arnold Gragg, Cards, .290; Cris Plummer, Cubs, .280; Scotty Wagner, Cards, .27; Cotton Patton, Braves, .260; Ted Bryant, Braves, .259; Terry Ramsey, Giants, .250; Brad Franklin, Giants, .250; Leonard Ballard, Braves, .250; Billy Wright, Cubs, .250; Mike McClure, Giants, .235; Steve Higgins, Cubs, .230; Luther Spivey, Cubs, .230; John Owensby, Cubs, .200; Joe McPherson, Cards, .200; Toby Patton, Cards, .181; Steve Peek, Giants, .16; Joe Oates, Braves, .153; Wayne Oates, Braves, .142; George Lemieux, Cubs, .136; Tim Lewis, Braves, .077; Buddy King, Braves, .066.

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Beacon Little Boys League

Cubs vs. Braves at Coman Field, July 22.

Team	R	H	E
Braves	1	0	1
Cubs	3	0	2

Battery—Plummer and Hardin. Leading hitters, Hardin, Webb and Stewart.

Braves battery—Wimberly and Lowe. Leading hitter, Lowe.

Braves vs. Cards at Coman Field, July 23.

Team	R	H	E
Cards	0	4	0
Braves	3	2	0

Cards battery, Gragg, Stevenson and Robinson. Leading hitter, Garvin.

Braves battery—Waldrup and Lowe. Homerun, Ronnie Lowe. Leading hitters—Lowe, Waldrup, Patton.

Giants vs. Cubs at Coman Field, July 24.

Team	R	H	E
Cubs	0	0	2
Giants	1	0	2

Cubs battery—Stewart and Hardin. Leading hitters—Webb, Bryant, Stewart.

Giants battery—Pace and Bryant. Leading hitter—Plemmons.

Cards vs. Giants at Coman Field, July 25.

Team	R	H	E
Giants	1	0	1
Cards	7	1	1

Cards battery—Garvin and Robinson. Leading hitters—Garvin and Gragg.

Giants battery—Brake and Cline. Leading hitters—Bryant.

State Fair List Due Out Soon

Opportunities to make money are listed in the 1958 edition of the premium list of the North Carolina State Fair which went to press this week.

The list contains offers of over \$53,000 in cash to exhibitors who show and win at the annual fall exposition to be held in Raleigh Oct. 14 through 18. Last year \$49,649.62 was paid in awards to some 3,500 exhibitors from 93 counties of North Carolina, and 13 other states. About \$27,000 went to livestock exhibitors while the rest went to photographers, painters, sculptors, wood carvers, 4-H-ers, Future Farmers, housewives, hobbyists, field crop growers and a host of others who showed items ranging from pictures to preserves, from aromatic tobacco to rag dolls and from apples to well-played zithers.

Two groups of hobby exhibits have been added this year due to popular demand. Folks with either creative or collective hobbies wishing to show their collections should write for a list and entry blanks now.

—Anytime is a good time to get rid of cull cows.

—A well-oiled farm machine costs less in the long run.

Offering Fosters Scholarship For Hong Kong Study

A special project of the Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly staff each year at this time is the Lottie Moon Christmas offering. The goal this year, as set by the staff, is \$1000 and will be sent to Hong Kong, China, to send four students to the University of Hong Kong for a year. The total received thus far is \$932.00.

In past years the staff offering has gone, in 1955, to Cuba to help establish a religious assembly similar to Ridgecrest; in 1956 to Kotzebue, Alaska, for furnishings in the new Baptist church and pastory; and in 1957 to purchase medical supplies for Southern Rhodesia.

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Class	Age	Gaits Required	Sponsor
1. Lead Line	— 10 and under	Must be Led	Lance's Esso Service
2. 3 Gaited (any tack)	— 12 and under	Walk, Trot, Canter (reverse field)	Cliff Meyer, Builder
3. 3 Gaited (any tack)	— 15 and under	Walk, Trot, Canter (reverse field)	Eckles Realty Co.
4. 3 Gaited (any tack)	— Adult (open)	Walk, Trot, Canter (reverse field)	Phil Stevens Plumbing & Heating
5. Ponies (any size)	— Under 12	Pleasure Gait	Earley's Drive-In Cleaners
6. Pleasure (any tack)	— 12 and under	Walk, Trot or Pace, Canter, Pleasure	Begley's Fishing Lake
7. Pleasure (any tack)	— 15 and under	Walk, Trot or Pace, Canter, Pleasure	Junior Chamber of Commerce
8. Pleasure (any tack)	— Adult (open)	Walk, Trot or Pace, Canter, Pleasure	Jackson Trading Co.
9. Bareback	— 15 and under	Walk, Trot, Canter	Star Store
10. Camp Equitation—15 and under (campers only)	(English Tack)	Walk, Trot, Canter	Black Mountain Insurance Agency
11. Camp Equitation—18 and under (campers only)	(English Tack)	Walk, Trot, Canter	Swannanoa Bank & Trust Co.
12. Equitation — 15 and under	(English Tack)	Walk, Trot, Canter	Garland and Long Tire Co.
13. Equitation — Adult (open)	(English Tack)	Walk, Trot, Canter	Valley Insurance Co.
14. Horsemanship — 15 and under	(Western Tack)	Walk, Trot, Canter	Camp Rockmont for Boys
15. Western Working — Adult (open)		(1) Weave barrels (timed) (2) Fast run, dismount, ground tie, remount, return	Key City Laundry
16. Pair Class (any tack)	— Open	Walk, Trot, Canter (reverse field)	B. M. Lions Club
17. Wheeled Vehicles — Two or four wheels		Exhibition, Appearance, Skill	White Insurance Agency
18. Tennessee Walking — Adult (open)		Flat footed walk, running walk, canter	Earle Chesterfield Mills
19. 5 Gaited (any tack)	— Adult (open)	Walk, trot, slow gait, rack, canter (reverse field)	Camp Merri-Mac for Girls

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