

Looking Back

Burnsville Hatchery was an important business

By Lloyd Bailey

The betterment of egg production or maximum broiler stock, suggested poultry associations, was dependent upon the proper breed of chicken.

Therefore, farmers such as my father Glen Bailey, during the 1930s and 1940s, rather than depending upon a multitude of mixed mongrels that had come down through the family farm lot, suddenly started ordering such types as White Leghorns, Rhode Island Reds, Buff Orpingtons, Anconas, Barred Rocks (similar to the slender Dominiques, locally called "Domineckers"), White Rocks, Wyandotters, and so on.

Chicks were advertised for sale in such publications as The Progressive Farmer and could be delivered in large chirping boxes by the U.S. mail.

It may come as a surprise to the reader that our local area once had a thriving hatchery. An article in a local newspaper has the following headline, "Burnsville Hatchery Has Added 66,800 Egg Capacity And Is In Market for Eggs."

It was owned and operated by G.B. (Green Berry) Woody and W.D. Jester. Woody's house still stands on West Main Street in Burnsville and remnants of the hatchery, which had an apartment upstairs, survive nearby on the by-pass.

The family also managed three large chicken houses at Bald Creek in connection with Proffitt's store.

Perhaps it is in order to relate a few humorous episodes that arose about chickens in our geographical area.

1. A "good ol' boy" (better not to be named here) who "didn't get out much," stopped at a restaurant with his friends and they pondered the menu. He saw an item that was familiar and in answer to the question of the waitress as to what he would have, responded, "Chicken, I reckon!" Her understandable follow up, in local lingo for "How do you want it fixed?" was "What kind?" To which he replied, "Ah, Dominecker, I reckon!"

2. Dover Fouts, attorney and one-time mayor of Burnsville, liked to hunt quail. He returned from an expedition and stopped at the court house before going home. His friend, Grady Bailey whose office was in the same structure and knowing where he had been, came outside to ask how many he had collected.

The Burnsville Hatchery advertised its "modern hatchery" and services in this advertisement that ran in the Tri-County News in January of 1952.

Dover held up two fingers as Grady was peering around in back of the vehicle to see them. They were covered, and Dover displayed a reluctance to show them. It turned out that Dover had accidentally shot two Dominique chickens and an irate farmer had demanded that he pay for them!

3. One day while sitting on my grandparents' porch on Bailey Branch of Jacks Creek, I viewed a chase that was a sight to behold. My sister's Cocker Spaniel was "mixing it up" with a large Buff Orpington rooster. Down through the long yard they charged, the dog in full pursuit and barking in full voice while the rooster was squawking.

The yard ended at a creek bank and there was no further place to go. The rooster, sizing up the situation, decided that he had had enough of the chase. He turned and charged the dog, and back up the length of the yard they came, the rooster pecking

at the dog's behind who was really "picking them up and laying them down" (as the saying goes), his ears flapping in the breeze.

At the other end of the yard stood the barn that blocked further pursuit. The dog wheeled around, snarling, whereupon the rooster fled back down the yard, his heavy legs making a thumping sound at every step.

Again, the creek bank loomed as a barrier and this comical scene once again reversed itself. By the time that they reached the barn, both had apparently had enough of the whole thing and that was the end of it! Amazing scene, never to be forgotten!

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Five-year statewide bird survey in March

NC Bird Atlas needs help of birdwatchers for research, conservation

A group of government agencies, universities and nonprofit organizations will launch the first-ever NC Bird Atlas survey this March.

The statewide community science survey will harness the power of thousands of volunteer birdwatchers to map the distribution and abundance of birds from the Blue Ridge Mountains to the Outer Banks.

The observations will give researchers a comprehensive picture of bird populations across N.C. and help wildlife officials, land managers and conservation organizations make important conservation decisions about the state's avian population.

Organizers are starting volunteer recruitment and encourage birding enthusiasts of all experience levels to get involved by visiting NCBirdAtlas.org.

Bird atlases are large-scale, standardized surveys and have taken place in states across the country since the 1970s.

The NC Bird Atlas, led by the NC Wildlife Resources Commission and partner groups, including NC State University, North Carolina Natural Heritage Program, Audubon North Carolina, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, University of North Carolina at Wilmington and Catawba College, will collect five years of survey data starting this spring.

The survey will divide the state into 937 "blocks," each roughly 10 square miles. Volunteer observers will work with regional coordinators to fan out across each block over the course of the project and record the birds they see. All of the data will be submitted through eBird, an online, user-friendly database of crowd-sourced bird observations.



This is the common "Snowbird" (also called 'Slate-colored Junco') we see in fall and winter at lower elevations. Photo by Steve Buettner, photographer for N.C. High Peaks Birders Birders

Participation in the NC Bird Atlas is like birding, except that participants will be asked to slow down. Rather than trying to observe as many bird species as possible, the breeding portion of the Atlas requires observers to watch individual birds closely and make note of behaviors.

For example, an observer watching a Carolina Wren might take note of whether the bird is singing, or perhaps gathering twigs and leaves in its beak to build a nest.

"More people than ever before are learning to identify the cardinals, chickadees, and all the other bird species at their backyard feeders," says Scott Anderson, bird conservation biologist at the N.C. Wildlife Resource Commission. "The NC Bird Atlas is a great opportunity for people to use these new-found skills and give a little back."

The project comes at an important time for bird conservation. A recent study published in the journal "Science" documented the loss of nearly three billion North American birds since 1970, primarily as a result of human activities. The data collected will help prioritize conservation to benefit the most imperiled North Carolina birds.

The NC Bird Atlas project's mission is to mobilize thousands of volunteer birdwatchers across the state to log all bird species over the span of five years.

The data collected will help state wildlife officials, land managers, and conservation organizations make important conservation decisions.

More information about the NC Bird Atlas and volunteer opportunities visit NCBirdAtlas.org, or email coordinator@ncbirdatlas.org.

LEGAL NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE, YANCEY COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Thomas Cooper Whitley of Yancey County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons and corporations having claims against the Estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned on or before the 5th day of May, 2021 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 3rd day of February, 2021.
Bruce A. Whitley
116 Rio Rancho Road
Georgetown, TX 78628
Published February 3, 10, 17, 24, 2021

LEGAL NOTICE IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE, YANCEY COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Terrie Leann Gordon of Yancey County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons and corporations having claims against the Estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned on or before the 12th day of May, 2021 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 10th day of February, 2021.
Jesse Trimble
401 Green Mountain Drive
Burnsville, NC 28714
Published February 10, 17, 24, March 3, 2021

LEGAL NOTICE THE GREAT STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA IN THE COUNTY OF YANCEY IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION, BEFORE THE CLERK 21 E 29

In the Matter of the Estate of HENRIETTA TOMBERLIN, Deceased
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
HAVING QUALIFIED as Executrix of the Estate of HENRIETTA TOMBERLIN, deceased, of Yancey County, NC, this is to notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to present them to the undersigned on or before 25 May, 2021, or this notice will be pled in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 24th day of February, 2021.
PEGGY C. HOWELL
750 Sam Greene Road
Burnsville, NC 28714
DONNY J. LAWS
Attorney at Law
PO Box 397
Burnsville, NC 28714
Published: February 24, March 3, 10, 17, 2021

LEGAL NOTICE IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE, YANCEY COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Larry Douglas Edwards of Yancey County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons and corporations having claims against the Estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned on or before the 26th day of May, 2021 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 24th day of February, 2021.
Louella Deyton Edwards
722 East Main Street
Burnsville, NC 28714
Published February 24, March 3, 10, 17, 2021

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

North Carolina General Statute 160D-510 requires "as a condition of adopting and applying zoning regulations under this Chapter, a local government shall adopt and reasonably maintain a comprehensive plan or land-use plan". The Town is required to hold a public hearing prior to the adoption of the comprehensive land-use plan. On March 4, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. the Burnsville Town Council, during its regular business meeting, will hold a public hearing in the Burnsville Town Center at 6 South Main Street, Burnsville, North Carolina. The purpose of the public hearing is to hear public comment on the proposed Comprehensive Land Use Plan for the Town of Burnsville. A copy of the proposed Comprehensive Land Use Plan is available for review on the Town of Burnsville's website and at Town Hall.

During the State, County and Town State of Emergency for the COVID-19 pandemic, members of the Burnsville Town Council may hold official meetings by use of conference telephone or other electronic means pursuant to North Carolina Statute 143-318.13. Members of the Town Council joining by electronic means shall be deemed present for purposes of a quorum and voting. Members of the public shall wear masks and a minimum of six (6) feet of distance between persons shall be maintained at all times. A live stream of the meeting will also be accessible to the public via the Burnsville Town Center's YouTube Channel. Comments will be taken at the meeting and may also be emailed to publiccomment@townofburnsville.org.

Individuals requiring special accommodations for this meeting, or for other questions and concerns, please contact the Town Clerk at (828) 682-2420. Published February 17, 24, 2021

LEGAL NOTICE IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE, YANCEY COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Having qualified as Co-Executors of the Estate of William O. Riddle of Yancey County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons and corporations having claims against the Estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned on or before the 19th day of May, 2021 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 17th day of February, 2021.
Phillip Riddle
Johnny Riddle
26 Bakers Creek Road
Burnsville, NC 28714
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LEGAL NOTICE IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE, YANCEY COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Donna Jean Deyer of Yancey County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons and corporations having claims against the Estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned on or before the 18 day of May, 2021 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 8th day of April, 2020.
Robin Dreyer
940 Grindstaff Road
Burnsville, NC 28714
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LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION; STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA; YANCEY COUNTY;

In the General Court of Justice; Superior Court Division; Before the Clerk; 20E294; In re Estate of Louis Dayton Leadbetter; To All Unknown and Unlocatable Heirs of Louis Dayton Leadbetter: Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled estates proceeding. The nature of the relief being sought is probating a lost Last Will & Testament of Louis Dayton Leadbetter. You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than 40 days from the first publication of this notice, and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought.

This, the 10th day of February, 2021.
Christopher C. Wilms, Jr., Attorney for Applicant, 2314 S. Miami Blvd, Ste 151, Durham, NC 27703.
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LEGAL NOTICE IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE, YANCEY COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of Terry Lee Talley of Yancey County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons and corporations having claims against the Estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned on or before the 12th day of May, 2021 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 10th day of February, 2021.
Tanner North Talley
5608 Unionville Brier Road
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Published February 10, 17, 24, March 3, 2021

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