

NEWSLETTER



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The Plymouth mine mule driver and the mule that talked. A true story!

There once was a young mule driver who worked in Plymouth mines, so the story goes. He was small of stature and a live wire. He was a cursing, swearing, whipping fool. (Otherwise a likeable fellow.)

He would drive his mule's hard, beating and swearing at them and then beating them again, to get them to pull the loads of coal.

One day another miner watched the mule driver whip those poor old beasts. He decided to pull a trick on him. (This guy could throw his voice.) So he hid where the mule driver couldn't see him. When the mule would turn and look at the mule driver, this miner would throw his voice and make it sound like the mule was talking.

The mule driver raised his whip and lashed the mule on it's back. The mule turned and looked at the mule driver and said "don't beat me"

Once again he raised his whip and struck the poor brute. The mule turned and said "Please don't hit me again" The mule driver was in shock, but for the third time he whacked the Poor devil over the back. The mule turned around and said "please don't hurt me anymore. You know I can't pull this car load of coal"

That did it! That mule driver dropped the reins and ran like the dickens out of that old dark mine, frightened out of his wits.

The mine boss tried to convince the mule driver that they pulled a joke on him and the mule didn't really talk. He said you might have thrown your voice, but you couldn't have moved that mules lips. He never drove mules in the mine again. He went to work in the mine loading coal.

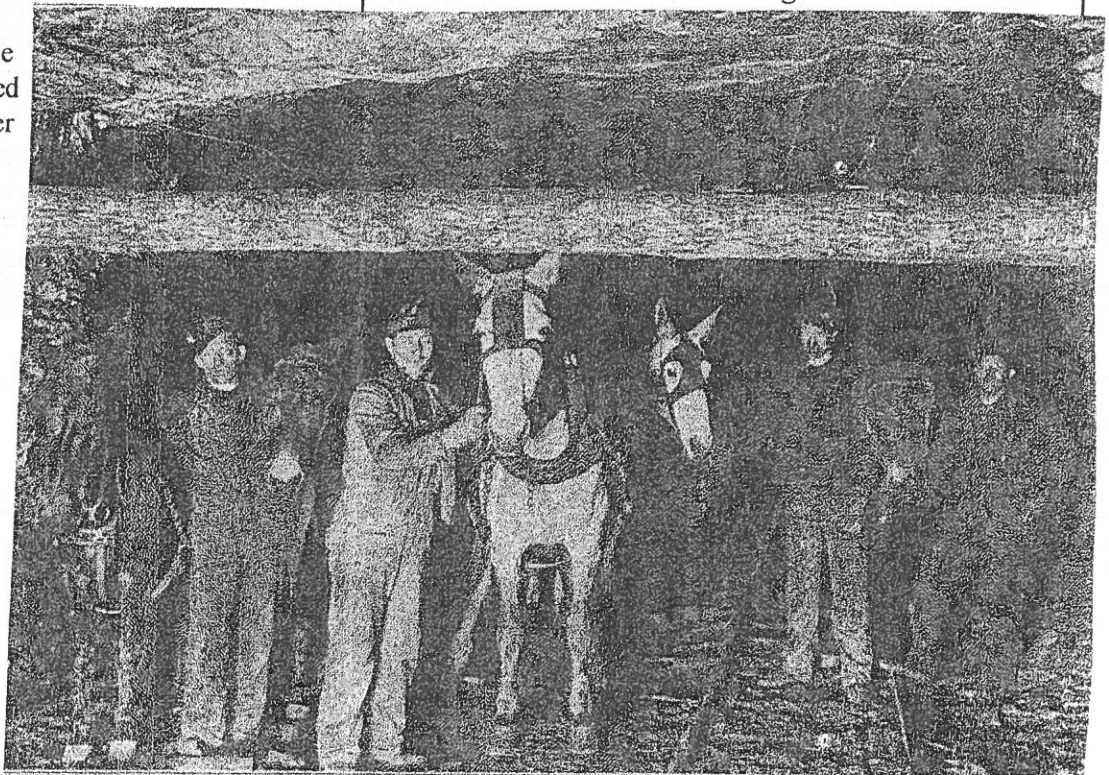


PLATE XX—Passing Siding, Plymouth Coal and Mining Co.

This photo was taken in 1912 at the entrance of Plymouth mine. Does anyone recognized the men? The man in this true story is not in this picture.

*Photo provided by Ginny and Bobbie Gibbs.
Story told by Peg Dailey. Thank you all for your help.*

Happy Birthday Jesus!

Corona Virus in Bancroft; Several people in Bancroft had or does have the Corona Virus.. Please be careful and thoughtful of what the consequences are. Don't spread the Virus. Distant yourself and where a mask when close encounters. Respect each others space. Hopefully the innocations will be here soon.

Some people I understand are going to get the test to see if they have it before the Holiday get togethers. That would make it more safe and relaxed during the Christmas Season.

Brrr! Bring your pets inside on these cold, cold days and nights. If humans are cold outside the pets are too! Don't let them shiver!

Santa Clause is getting the Rain Deer ready. Are all you little we people being good? You better watch out , you better not shout because Santa Clause is coming to town . Leave Santa some cookies and milk.

Police calls: **Nov 1st.** Suspicious vehicle 5604 Charleston Rd.

Nov. 2nd Unrully juvenile- Drew St. **Nov. 12th** Hit and Run-Phoenix Lane

Nov 22nd Shots fired-Town Park **Nov. 23rd.** Domestic -Washington St.

Churches in Bancroft: **Elizabeth Baptist Church** has church on Sunday evening. Streaming 11:00am Sunday Morning on Facebook.

Church of Christ has church on Sunday morning.

Church of God has Streaming on Sunday morning at 11:00am. Church of God Mission.com. Also can be picked up on facebook.

St. Patrick Catholic Church.

2 Chronicles 7-14 If my people which are called by my name shall humble themselves, and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

Bancroft Thanksgiving Parade Two Golf carts ,people walking their dogs. A deputy went in front and blew the siren. It was so cute and hopefully will grow next year. The beginning of Bancroft parades. Bringing back the old

fun time Bancroft. Lets get involved. Let's get creative for the next Thanksgiving Parade. Hopefully the Virus will be gone.

Best Decorated House Contest WE are having a Christmas decorating contest. The winner will get a picture of their house in the Newsletter ,Bancroft Facebook and Website. Use your creating powers!

Attention Kids the **Elf on the Shelf** should arrive soon. What is your elf's name? Let me know so I can put it in next months paper , text me at 304-421-5751

Our Condolance to Patrolwoman Johnson of Chas. P.D.She is an organ donor. She is still giving back.

Poca Food Pantry. If you would like to donate food or money to the food pantry call Drema Ward at 304-437-3552 . It is times like this we should reach out to others. Please give.

Obituary: Our neighbor Denver Flowers has passed away.

Editors Corner. Have a wonderful Christmas. Remember the reason for the season . Please participate in the NewsLetter, So we can keep it going. Don't forget the shut ins. Send a card or facebook. Let them know we care. Send stories, recipes, comments or anything of interest to Bancroft

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Bancroft Volunteer Fire Department



We would like to wish all a **VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS** and a **VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR**. We hope that all are being safe during these trying times.

1 OCTOBER fire season started. Open burning is not allowed between the hours for 7am to 5pm.

We have already responded to numerous structure fires during the month of November. Please be aware of your surroundings in your home. Below are a few suggestions:

Please buy only flame-resistant Christmas Decorations.
Replace string lights that show signs of worn or broken wiring.
Please refrain from using candles, but if do keep away from children and pets.
Keep your decorations away from doors and windows, so not to block.

Please let's be safe and have a good holiday

The fire department responded to the following calls for the month of November:

EMR 2
Illegal Burning 1
Structure Fires 5
Move up to another Dept 2

Thank You for Allowing Us to Serve You