

Sub-District Meeting Draws Large Group

Nearly two hundred people, the largest number ever to attend, gathered at Sutherland Methodist Church on Sunday night May 13, for the Ashe-Watauga sub-district youth meeting.

The program was given by the Boone youth, led by Miss Jane Rivers. Mrs. Joseph Shackford spoke on "Christian Personality is the Finest Fruit of the Christian Home."

A highlight of the evening was a program of three hymns presented by 23 members of the Green Valley School Choir, appearing in their lovely new robes.

Following the worship service, Miss Martha Jean Henson, president, conducted the business meeting. The attendance banner, adopted at the meeting as a regular monthly award to the church having the largest total attendance at the sub-district gatherings, was won by Green Valley with 43 present. Sutherland received honorable mention with 37 on hand.

Principal decisions arrived at were that the editor of the sub-district paper would mail the paper a week in advance of the monthly meetings as the notice of the forthcoming meeting. The pastor of each charge to serve as correspondent for the charge to the paper and news to be turned in by the first of each month, and that each church would bring a monthly payment to the sub-district treasury of 5 cents for each member of the evening fellowship of that church.

The officers for the new year elected were the following: President, Katherine Clay; 1st vice-president, DeLores Stevens; 2nd vice-president, Betty Elliot; secretary-treasurer, Jane Rivers; adult counsellor, Rev. Ralph Miller; worship and evangelism chairman, Peggy Henson; counsellor, Mrs. Don Horton; missions and world friendship chairman, Melba Gilley; counsellor, Miss Loree Harrell; community service chairman, Joanne Moretz; counsellor, Bill Graham; recreation chairman, Milton Barden; counsellor, Mrs. J. T. Shackford; editor of The Watahsefel, Jimmie

Graham; assistant, Armfield Coffey.

The next meeting will be held at Thomas Chapel Methodist Church on the Green Valley Charge June 10, at 7:45 at which time the new officers will be installed.

At the close of the meeting, refreshments were served to the entire sub-district by the Woman's Society of the Sutherland Church.

Housing Program Future Uncertain

By STANLEY JAMES

Washington, D. C.—The Public Housing Administration released some figures last week to prove its claim that housing to be restricted under terms of a House cut is not all metropolitan, or slum-clearance projects. A high official said the latest count, early this year, showed that more than half the housing projects were in towns of 20,000 population or less.

The PHA is striving to retain more of its housing program than the House left when an economy block whacked to 5,000 unit loans the 50,000 which had been approved in committee. The Senate has not yet acted, as this is written. The housing in question is that allowed under terms of the 1949 Housing Act, 810,000 units in six years.

It is built by local, non-profit housing authorities, with federal credit. PHA says this is in reality private housing, since the local authorities own the houses, contract with the builders, etc. Opponents say private building is being cut, and that the government-aid housing program should be cut to conform to the trend and not work an inequity on private builders.

PHA says private builders will get the business either way, and that the private-public argument doesn't hold water. At stake are thousands of low-rent dwelling units, planned for fiscal 1952. PHA officials hoped to finance 135,000. But this figure was halved by President Truman. The House committee whacked it to 50,000. Then came the heavy whack in the House itself.

PHA says 42,000 units are already underway. Another 88,315 will soon reach the stage where bids are needed, but their future is doubtful. If the House cut stands, only 5,000 can be built. Opponents in the House argued whether the war in Korea made houses more necessary than economy, and the latter school of thought won out.

PHA, naturally, thinks housing is now more important than ever, and that the program should be continued unless total war becomes a reality. The cut, an official says, will reach into every corner of practically every state. In many cases, loans for planning have already been made. But neither side moves the other, and the outcome is anyone's guess.

At the present accident rate in the United States, the millionth man will die in a traffic accident about the middle of December, 1951, according to the National Safety Council. The March death toll was 2,710, up nine per cent over March a year ago. Deaths for the first three months of this year totaled 7,900, a ten per cent increase over the same period of 1950.

UNHURT, DIES LATER
Albany, N. Y.—Little Edna Mary Ryan, 7, thought she wasn't hurt when her head struck a pole after she slipped off her sled while coasting. She got up and played with friends the rest of the afternoon. The next night, however, while watching a television program at her home, she collapsed and died—of a fractured skull.

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COVE CREEK COUNCIL OFFICERS—The Student Council at Cove Creek High School completed its organization last week. At a recent election by the student body, officers for the group were chosen. They are pictured above, left to right, J. C. Tester, treasurer; Kathryn Clay, president; Bobby Gors, vice-president; and Doris Vance, secretary.

Garden Time

By ROBERT SCHMIDT

About two months ago I commented in this column about the use of hotcaps for the protection of warm season crops such as cucumbers and melons planted before the safe planting date for those crops. Early in April one of my State College classes in vegetable crops planted watermelons at the Horticultural Farm. Every other hill was covered with a plastic hotcap as soon as planted. At that time it did not appear as though we would have much contrast be-

tween the protected and the unprotected hills. The weather was warm and the unprotected hills came up almost as soon as those under caps. However, during the past two weeks the weather has been cool—especially at night. We have left the caps on for that reason.

As of today, the unprotected plants have made little growth because of the cool weather, while the plants under the caps have made nice growth and are much larger. Also, the cucumber beetles are beginning to attack the unprotected plants. Whether or not the early advantage of the

protected plants will continue throughout the season will have to be answered later.

For the benefit of the housewife who likes to grow iris, I would like to pass on the information that bearded iris may be divided and transplanted as soon as they are through blooming. New, healthy rhizomes should be selected and transplanted so that the top of the rhizome is about level with the surface of the soil. The foliage may be clipped back about one-third to one-half. Iris should be divided at least every three years. A location with full sun is best.

News And Views Of The Farmers

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The Watauga wool pool for 1951 will be weighed at Mountain Burley Warehouse No. 2 on Tuesday, May 29, 7:00 a. m. until all wool is weighed.

Dairy Meeting
A special dairy meeting will be held at the courthouse in Boone on Thursday night, May 24, to discuss recent developments in the marketing program.

Mr. R. G. Lytle and Carl Whiteside will be present to discuss the proposed purchase of part of Coble Dairy Products milk buying stations in this section. All dairy farmers are urged to be present to discuss this matter and make a decision on the purchase plan.

Zionville News

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. George Thomas over the week-end were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilkinson and G. C. of Salem, Va., Mrs. Ella Moretz of Roanoke, Va., Mr. and Mrs. Scott Swift and Patsy Ann of Sherwood, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Mast, Miss Reba Warner, Bristol, Tenn., W. B. Reece and A. J. Younce, Shoums, Tenn.

Bruce South and Mr. and Mrs. Kermit South and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Robert South over the week-end.

Mr. Harold Greer is spending the week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Greer.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Thompson and children Teddie Roger, Linda and Reta and Mrs. Flora Burks of Jenkins, Ky., spent the week-end with Mrs. Alice Miller.

Marriage Licenses

Marriage licenses have been issued by Miss Helen Underdown, register of deeds, to the following couples: Mitchell Harris Walker, of Hillsboro, N. C. and Mary Frances Klutz of Boone; George Grant Townsend, Jr., of Banner Elk and Eva Jo Vance of Crossnore; Paul V. Brown of Sugar Grove and Rose Dillard of Hays, N. C.

News Of Service-Men

Lackland Air Force Base, Texas—Pvt. Carson F. Eller, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Eller of Vilas is completing his AF basic airman indoctrination course at Lackland Air Force Base, the "Gateway to the Air Force."

His basic training is preparing him for entrance into Air Force technical training and for assignment in specialized work. The course includes a scientific evaluation of his aptitude and inclination for following a particular vocation and career.

NOT TOO OLD TO HELP
Buffalo, N. Y.—When a 70-year-old local woman volunteered to donate blood to "help those boys fighting over there," she was too old. She made a contribution, however, of \$100 to the Red Cross blood campaign. She asked that her name be withheld.

PARTY CONVENTIONS
Six cities have made formal bids to act as host to the Democratic and Republican National Convention next year. They are: Chicago, Philadelphia, Detroit, Miami, Fla., San Francisco and Los Angeles. The G. O. P. selected Chicago as its place of meeting. The Democrats will meet late this month to make their decision.

Consumption of fluid milk is gradually expanding despite the fact that retail prices are about 10 per cent above the level of a year ago.

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NEAR BUS STATION—7 room block house, bath, 1-2 acre lot—\$4,000.

HOWARD STREET—11 room, 4 apartments, large valuable lot—\$8,000.

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