

Planning Group Local Health Council Meets

A meeting of the planning committee of the Watauga Health Council was held Thursday evening, July 15th.

Dr. William Happer, health officer of Caldwell county, presented the experience of that county in the use of their new health center. He stated that the department staff, before that time housed in the Courthouse basement, carried out a limited program not only because of limited space, but because of limited calls from the public. The general public did not look to such an agency for services, feeling the program was for those unable to plan for their own needs.

Later, with the adequate space and facilities of the health center, it was soon recognized that

the health department reached out to help meet the needs of the entire community. The gamma globulin program carried out as that county met a polio epidemic last year, could never have been possible if the department had still been in the cramped quarters of the Courthouse basement. So the program has expanded. Now a heart clinic is doing a big task in locating and diagnosing heart disease, getting cases under treatment by the family physician early, particularly in rheumatic heart disease, before severe heart damage has occurred, thus preventing recurrent attacks. With no increase in staff the program has developed nearly three times its previous volume and scope.

Today public health is meeting

the challenge of our modern complex life, with its stresses and strains, with services in the fields of maternal, child health and infant health, mental health, heart disease, cancer, accidents, chronic diseases, and environmental sanitation that reach every individual in the community in some way. The health of the entire population is the responsibility of public health. The backbone of civil defense is adequate public health facilities as in any major disaster they must act.

Providing, then, for a well-organized public health department, is a local governmental responsibility, as in no other way is a population prepared to meet these threats to its health.

Whether an epidemic, flood, major fire, bomb or any war emergency strikes a people, an adequate health department is their first line of defense.

It was decided at the meeting to urge the citizens of the county to ask their appropriating body, the county commissioners, to allocate funds for the building and equipping of a health center for Watauga County for which state and federal funds are available to pay 3-4 of the cost. The funds for this vital service of the local government should come from tax funds.

Joe Oakes Dies At Banner Elk

Little Joe Oakes, 6 months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Oakes of Banner Elk, died on July 17th.

Services were held on July 18th at the Beech Valley Baptist Church, with burial in the Beech Valley cemetery. Rev. Ed Farthing was in charge.

The survivors include the mother and father and nine brothers and sisters.

RECEIVES PROMOTION

Ft. Campbell, Ky.—Sergeant John T. Coffey, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Emery Coffey of Route 2, Boone, N. C. was promoted to his present rank on June 24. He is now serving with the 601st Quartermaster Co. (Aerial Supply) which is attached to the famed 11th Airborne Division, stationed at Ft. Campbell, Kentucky.

Prior to his entrance in the Army in May 1950, Sgt. Coffey attended Appalachian High School. He received his basic training at Fort Knox, Kentucky in May 1950. At the present time he is a dispatcher within his unit.

COTTON

The Department of Agriculture has reported that cotton in cultivation on July 1 totaled 19,961,000 acres, a decrease of 21 per cent from last year.

News of Servicemen

GETS DRIVER AWARD

Corporal Willie H. Younce, Sugar Grove, has been presented a Third Army Safe Driving Award for two years safe driving of an Army vehicle.

Corporal Younce is assigned to the Georgia Military District Headquarters with duty as driver of the mail truck.

During the two years of his assignment he has not had an accident. His award for safe driving is the first ever presented to a Georgia Military District driver. The recognition is set up as an incentive toward safer driving of military personnel.

With the exception of three months combat, Corporal Younce has driven Army vehicles for nine years.

He is a veteran of both World War 2 and the Korean war and is the holder of the Purple Heart with one cluster.

Corporal Younce lives with his wife and two sons, Timothy and Kenneth, in Atlanta.

IN PHILIPPINES

Clark AFB—Newly arrived is the Philippines to serve a tour of duty with the U. S. Air Force is Airman Third Class William L. West, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arlie W. West, RFD 1, Box 116, Ferguson, N. C.

Following his arrival overseas, A 3-c West was assigned to the 6208th USAF Hospital at Clark Air Force Base, 60 miles north of Manila.

A graduate from Ferguson High School, A 3-c West joined the U. S. Air Force in November 1953.

COMPLETES BASIC TRAINING

Fort Jackson, S. C.—Private John W. Main, son of Marvin Main, Todd, N. C., has completed his basic military training with F Company, 501st Airborne Infantry Regiment here.

Private Main was a member of a unit which was designated to take part in an important training experiment ordered by the department of the Army. His unit was one of those selected at Fort Jackson for organization into platoon packets. The men assigned to the platoon were kept together during their training, and

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are being sent to their new duty station as a complete platoon, instead of as individual replacements.

Fall Seeding Practices Are Being Approved

The Watauga County ASC Committee is now approving fall seeding practices for pasture, meadow and alfalfa. Farmers who plan to carry out these practices should file their request for cost sharing at the county ASC office immediately. Limestone will also be available for cropland to permit the use of legumes and grasses for soil improvement and protection.

A soil test is required for all fall seeding practices and the application of limestone. If the farmer does not have one, containers and information sheets are available at the county office. Returns now may be had within a week or ten days.

This week the committee mailed out approvals for all requests on file, including a number of approvals for permanent type practices such as open ditch drainage and tile drainage. Farmers should also consider their needs for drainage, and, if any exist, they should contact the county office for further information and approval.

In these days of limited production, farmers should give more consideration to conservation on their farms. Practices under the Agricultural Conservation Program are designed for this purpose, and no farmer can afford to pass by the opportunity the Government offers for sharing the cost of real conservation on his farm.

John Ruffing Gets Recognition

John T. Ruffing, of Greensboro, representative of Carolina Securities Corp. of Raleigh, has been awarded membership in the Sales Council, national professional sales organization.

Announcement was made by C. G. Davis, editorial director of the Stevens-Davis company, of Chicago, Ill., publishers of "Men Who Sell."

Sponsored by the Stevens-Davis company, the Sales Council is composed of a select group of professional salesmen, who by their thinking and cooperation, have directly benefited the advancement and improvement of their fellow salesmen throughout the United States and Canada.

Ruffing represents his firm in the Piedmont and Northwestern sections of North Carolina. He is a graduate of Appalachian State Teachers college.

Gen. Gruenther warns Senate unit of Russian power.

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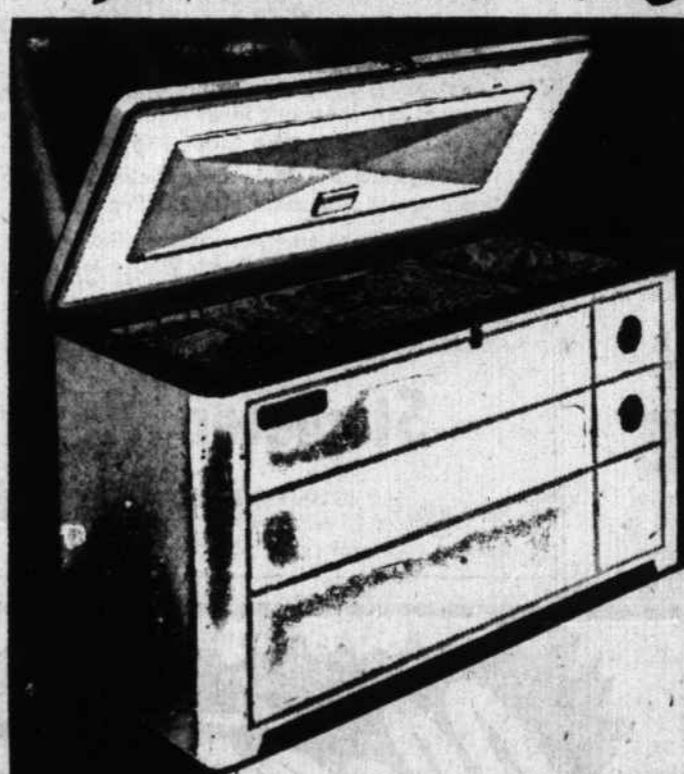


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