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SUPERIOR COURT WILL OPEN ON MONDAY

N. C. Legislature Takes Steps Toward Adjournment

School Budget Is Cut By Senate; Other Cuts Made

Calendar Committee Is Nam- ed To Speed Adjournment Of Lawmaking Body

By Staff Writer

Raleigh — (Special) In a move looking toward final adjournment of the Legislature, House Speaker Kerr Craige Ramsey Tuesday named a calendar committee.

The committee customarily is appointed in the closing days of the General Assembly to take over work of the regular committees. From now on most new legislation in the House will be referred to the calendar committee.

In the Senate, Lieutenant Governor H. P. Taylor said that no calendar committees would be named unless the Senate should decide one is needed. However, he asked the regular Senate committees to speed up their consideration of legislation.

A highlight of committee action Tuesday was the decision of the Senate's Committee on Public Utilities to amend a House-passed measure calling for a reorganization of the State Utilities Commission. The committee struck from the bill a provision to increase membership of the commission from three to five. The measure had been requested by Governor Scott.

The House Health Committee, meanwhile, was giving its blessing to a Senate-passed measure to forbid handling of poisonous snakes by religious cultists. Representative Burl Hardison of Craven tossed into the House a bill to abolish the State Wildlife Resources Commission and to return to the State Department of Conservation and Development the administration (Continued on page 8)

Scout School To Open Mon. Night

All Ashe County Scouters Are Urged To Attend This Course

Rev. John W. Luke, Boy Scout chairman for the Ashe district, announced yesterday that all plans were complete for the opening of the leadership training course for scouters on Monday night at the community building.

"This is an authorized course and all Scouters, who are interested, are urged to attend," Chairman Luke stated. The motto is "Learn by Doing" which is the plan the chairman has for the course, as different scouters will have parts on the program each night.

Scout executive Joe Edwards, will be here for the meetings next Thursday and Friday nights and will be in charge of the camping trip that the scouters will take on Friday night.

The meetings will start at 7:30 p. m., and will be held at the community building. Chairman Luke pointed out.

18-Year-Olds Must Register

Miss Winona Roland, clerk for the local draft board, stated yesterday that she again wanted to remind all boys that must register with the board within five days of their eighteenth birthday.

She said that it is imperative that these boys register with the board.

Any person who is registered with the local board should notify the board of any change of address, the clerk added. She pointed out that it was necessary to have the correct address at all times of all registrants of this board.

Churches To Hold Special Services Observing Easter

FUNERAL FRIDAY



George Coolidge Holman, who will be buried tomorrow at Laurel Knob.

Military Rites For G. C. Holman Will Be Friday

County Man Was Killed In Action On April 9, 1945 In Germany

Final rites will be held for George Coolidge Holman, another Ashe county war hero, on Friday at 2:00 p. m., at the Laurel Knob church. Burial will follow in the family cemetery.

Holman, 21, was killed in action in Germany, April 9, 1945, after having served some time in the army during the past world war.

Revs. Hoyt Wood, C. C. Murray and H. M. Winkler will conduct the funeral service. (Continued on page 4)

Sale Of Easter Lilies Saturday

J. V. Caudill, chairman of the Easter Seal Sale Drive for the benefit of crippled children, said yesterday that he expected to end the drive on Saturday.

At this time the tiny Easter lilies will be sold on the street by school children in order to raise more funds. "Cooperate in this drive by wearing one in your coat lapel," Mr. Caudill said.

Ashe County Spelling Bee To Be Held Tuesday Night

Hundreds of Ashe county children will vie for honors in the annual American Legion Spelling Bee, that will be held Tuesday, April 19, 7:00 p. m., at the courthouse.

J. B. Hash, who has charge of the spelling bee, stated that there will be a contest for every grade from the fourth through the twelfth with medals for each grade winner. He added that every school in the county is entitled to enter one representative from each grade that is taught at the school.

Spelling is one of the most popular subjects taught in the schools today and all children are looking forward to this annual spelling bee, one of the officials stated.

A. B. Hurt, superintendent of schools, pointed out that the county winner in the grades, through the eighth grade would be eligible to represent the county in the Winston-Salem Journal-Sentinel Spelling Bee,

Jefferson And West Jefferson Groups To Have Sun- rise Service Sunday

Easter will be fittingly observed by the churches of Ashe county on Sunday when a number of special services are to be held. The Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian churches of Jefferson and West Jefferson will unite in an early sunrise service at 7:00 Sunday morning on the Wayman Hill between the two towns. Special music will be furnished by the West Jefferson high school band for this occasion. Everyone is invited to attend this service.

At nine o'clock, Rev. J. N. Atkins, of Boone, will conduct the Easter communion service at St. Mary's Episcopal church. Mr. Atkins, who has held services in the past is well known in this section. The public is cordially invited to this service.

Other churches of the Jeffersons will hold their regular services on Sunday morning, with Easter music and special Easter messages.

Most of the other churches of (Continued on page 4)

County Farmers Take Advantage Of PMA Program

Entire Amount Of \$114,000 Has Been Obligated To Producers Already

Ashe county farmers made a record for themselves for early applications in the PMA improvement plans this year. Records show that all of the funds have been allotted before the closing date of April 15. Melvin Campbell announced yesterday that the entire allotment of \$114,000 for the county had already been obligated and that no more purchase orders for materials could be issued to producers.

"Purchase orders which have not been taken to the dealer will be cancelled Monday, April 18 and this money used on other farms. Farmers holding purchase orders should have them filled at once," he said.

About twenty-five hundred farmers have received material for the 1949 program, it was revealed.

"The county committee and office personnel wish to thank the (Continued on page 4)

John M. Ballou, 77, Buried On Monday

The funeral service for John M. Ballou, 77, of Grassy Creek, who died at the Ashe hospital on April 9, was held at the Pleasant Valley church at 2:00 p. m., Monday, April 11. Burial was in the church cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, Katy Ballou; two daughters, Mrs. E. W. Phipps and Mrs. Fannie Paisley; and three sons, L. C. Ballou, S. W. Ballou and E. W. Ballou and several brothers.

Sincere Wishes To Everyone For A Joyous Easter



Officers Of New Rebekah Lodge Are Installed

Mrs. Grace L. McGrady Is Noble Grand; Mrs. Clyde Goodman, Vice-Grand

Officers have been installed in the recently organized new Skyland Rebekah Lodge No. 159. Leaders pointed out that the new lodge, with 38 members, was considered one of the largest of its kind in the State.

The following officers have been installed:

Mrs. Grace L. McGrady, Noble Grand; Mrs. Clyde Goodman, vice grand; Mrs. Ivan Miller, recording secretary; Miss Ruth Weaver, treasurer; Mrs. Claudia Johnson, warden; Mrs. Cora Frazier, conductor; Mrs. Nell Weaver, inside guardian; Mrs. Elizabeth Wyrick, outside guardian; Mrs. Hattie Roten, chaplain; Mrs. Ruth Weaver, right supporter; Mrs. Myrtle Garvey, left supporter; Mrs. Myrtle Garvey, left supporter; Mrs. Myrtle Garvey, left supporter; Mrs. Myrtle Garvey, left supporter.

Last Rites Held For Mash Infant

The funeral service for Wilma Jean Mash, one month old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Mash, Pore's Knob, was held yesterday afternoon at the North Beaver Baptist church with interment in the Severt cemetery. Revs. Tommy Simon and E. Z. Sexton conducted the service.

The baby was born March 11 at the Ashe Memorial hospital and died Monday afternoon at the home.

She is survived by her parents and six brothers.

Easter Business Reported Good

Merchants here reported good Easter business with emphasis being placed, as usual, on clothes. According to all predictions, the people should be well dressed for this joyous occasion.

The sale of Easter cards, candles, toys, novelties and egg dyes has been unusually heavy this year.

There have already been many calls for pure white eggs for the pre-Easter egg hunts, local stores report.

The people should be well fed for Easter as many advance orders for special Easter foods have already been placed with local grocers. The traditional ham appears to be the favorite.

The advance sale and special orders for flowers indicate that many will enjoy these during Easter.

Trout Season Opens In This Area Friday; Closes July 31; Many Streams Well Stocked

Swanson Edwards Died Thursday; Buried Saturday

Former Welfare Worker In Ashe And Alleghany Welfare Depts.

The funeral service for Lee Swanson Edwards, 34, superintendent of the Caldwell Welfare Department and former case worker in Ashe Welfare Department and superintendent of Alleghany Welfare Department, was held Saturday afternoon at the College Avenue Baptist church, Lenoir.

Officiating at the service were Rev. W. F. Woodall, Rev. F. G. Walker and Rev. W. T. Whittington. Burial was in the Greer family cemetery, near Todd.

Edwards died at his home Thursday morning following a critical illness of several months.

He had been in welfare work since 1937, with the exception of two years spent with the U. S. Medical Corps during World War II. One year of his service was spent in India.

For three and one-half years prior to going to Lenoir, Mr. Edwards served as welfare superintendent in Alleghany county and had served previously as case worker in Ashe county.

He was born in Ashe county January 4, 1914, the son of C. E. and Lou Greer Edwards. He was married to the former Miss Ma-

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Red Cross Drive Fund Still Short Of Quota Of \$1500.00

Ashe county is still short of its quota of \$1500.00 for the 1949 Red Cross fund drive, according to reports made by Coleman Payne, drive chairman, yesterday afternoon.

Chairman Payne stated that it was necessary that all reports be turned in to him no later than April 15 and urged all of those who have made no contributions to see him at once. He reported that \$1220.32 had been raised.

Contributions not previously reported include the following: G-F-P Chevrolet, \$25.00; Parker Tie Company, Cash Wholesale Grocery and W. J. Parts Co., \$10.00.

Five dollar contributions were received from A. B. Graybeal, Farmers Supply, Mrs. Earl Graybeal, Barr Insurance Agency, Fred G. Ray, Mrs. Ethel J. Blevins, A. D. Goodman and Mr. and Mrs. Phleat Fender.

Mrs. J. E. Roe, Oddie J. Cox and Buster Hardin, \$3.00 each.

Hundreds Of Fishermen Are Expected To Take Advan- tage Of Opening Day

Anglers in this area, who have long awaited the officials opening of the trout season will have an opportunity to try their luck and skill on Friday as the season officially opens.

Many streams in this section are reported well stocked and sportsmen are expected to find "as good fish as have ever been caught," that is if they can be caught, one game protector remarked. Basin Creek, in the Bluff Park area is expected to attract a record number.

This year's trout season extends from April 15 through August 31, 1949, with a daily creel limit of 10, and a possession limit (Continued on page 8)

Drive-In Theatre Opened Near Here

Ashe county's first drive-in theatre is now in operation, featuring two shows nightly. It is located on Highway 16, two miles east of Jefferson.

The management stated that there was parking room for about 300 cars and that the new theatre, modern in every respect, was equipped with individual speakers with volume control for each car. It was announced that first run pictures would be shown and that there would be two performances nightly, beginning at 7:30.

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One Murder And Manslaughter Cases On Docket

Judge Don Phillips, Of Rock- ingham, To Preside; Fin- ley May Be Tried

The April term of Superior court for the trial of criminal cases will open on Monday morning, with Judge Don Phillips, of Rockingham, presiding, when a number of cases including one murder and two of manslaughter are expected to be tried.

Jack Finley, arrested in connection with the fatal shooting of Byard Blevins on election day last November 2, at the voting place in Horse Creek precinct, White Oak school, will be tried. Finley has been held in the Ashe county jail for some months awaiting trial.

Manslaughter cases expected to be heard include those of Bryce Mash and Bill Miller. Charges against these two grew out of the death of Claude Dancy, near Glendale Springs on July 12, 1947.

A number of divorce cases are expected to be heard as well as others which have been tentatively placed on the docket.

These include Bill Bumgarner for carrying a concealed weapon and assault with a deadly weapon; Ray Austin, Clyde Collins and E. G. Lyall, charged with (Continued on page 8)

Children's Camp Topic For Rotary

Jack Sharpe And Marvin Cul- breth To Speak To Jef- fersons Rotary Club

Jack Sharpe and Marvin Culbreth, members of the Blowing Rock Rotary club, will speak at the meeting of the Jeffersons Rotary Club at the community building tonight on the camp for crippled children that is being constructed between Boone and Blowing Rock.

"Short movies on the camp will be shown in addition to the talks," Lawrence Tyson, who has charge of the program, stated.

Dean McMillan, club president, said yesterday that there would be an election of board directors of the club at the meeting also. At the meeting of the present board of directors Monday night, it was decided that the incoming president and secretary of the club would be the official delegates to the district convention at Hendersonville, starting April 24.

At the meeting of the club last week, the Jefferson high school negative debate team defeated the Lansing affirmative team in the annual Rotary debate. Jefferson, represented by Misses Anne Francis and Nancy Haynes, won the cup for the second straight year, therefore giving the school permanent possession of the cup. J. B. Hash, debate chairman, also presented individual medals to each debator. Lansing was represented by Misses Marlene Jones and Katherine Carter.

Local Bottler Receives Award

The West Jefferson Dr. Pepper Bottling Co., recently was cited as one of the three Grapette bottlers in North Carolina to receive the 1948 "Award for Product Excellence."

Grapette bottlers in 52 cities in the United States were cited for this award.

The award was created by the Grapette Company to honor bottlers and production personnel in bottling plants, who conscientiously and consistently endeavor to produce grade "A" Grapette.

Carl Colvard, manager of the local bottling plant, said that he was very happy to receive this award.