

'Honest John' to Be Used During Army Exercise

Exercise COLUMBIA CLIFF, an Army training exercise conducted under the supervision of Hq., U. S. Continental Army Cmd., will be executed by the 3rd U. S. Army Missile Cmd. at Ft. Bragg, April 20-29. The exercise will be conducted at Ft. Bragg and Ft. Stewart, Ga.

Armed with the Honest John rocket, the unit will have a chance to prove its combat capability and readiness during the exercise. The rocket itself is not a guided missile, but a free-flight vehicle. That is, it is aimed the same as regular artillery and the projectile, once launched, can not be guided or mechanically intercepted by electrical means. The Honest John is 27 feet long and weighs about 6,000 pounds. Its range is approximately 17 miles.

Since the Honest John is aimed like an artillery cannon, its 13-man crew can set-up and launch it within a few minutes after arriving in position. Once preliminary preparations are complete the launcher is checked thoroughly on its five-ton truck launching bed. Within a few minutes, the crew is in a firing pit and the signal is given for firing the rocket.

Once the Honest John is airborne, the crew can pick up its equipment, load it into vehicles and speed off to another pre-determined firing site where another rocket will be waiting. The ability to "shoot and scoot" with a deadly punch is the prime characteristic of the missile command's rocket battalion.

Ministerial Group Elects Vice-President

The Rev. U. S. Leverett of Aberdeen was elected vice-president of the Sandhills Ministerial Association at a meeting of the group at the Church of Wide Fellowship Monday.

The Rev. Carl Wallace, president, presided at a session that heard committee reports and discussions of some of the Association's activities, including vesper services at the Lennox Training School, McCain and conducting morning devotions on a Radio Station WEEB program.

Church-related camping programs were discussed, a relatively new development in the educational field of churches.

Membership of the organization includes white and Negro Protestant ministers of this area.

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Revival services will begin at Vass Baptist Church Sunday night, April 17, at 7:30 p. m., with the Rev. Paul West of Pinebluff bringing the message each evening. The Rev. West is a native of Raleigh, a graduate of Wake Forest College and attended Southwestern Theological Seminary for three years. The public is cordially invited to attend.

The Vass-Lakeview Seniors were recently entertained by their parents at a spaghetti supper at the Vass Community House. The tables were decorated with the school colors, blue and white and each place-card had the outline of a senior on it. The food was served by Charles Cameron, Fairley Cameron, Bonnie Callahan, Mary Lynne Oldham, and Jeanette Mullinix of the Junior class and Ann Frye of the Sophomore class. Dancing afterwards was enjoyed by all.

Miss Lunette Barber, Wildlife Commission representative of Raleigh spoke in the Vass-Lakeview auditorium recently. She delivered a most interesting message on how we are using the things God has given us and how we must improve those used.

Circle No. 1 of the Vass Methodist Church met in the fellowship hall of the church for their monthly meeting. The program was conducted by Mrs. Henry Klingenschmidt who was assisted by Mrs. Annie Callahan, and Mrs. Horace Mullinix. The business session was presided over by the president, Mrs. J. E. Hudson. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Horace Mullinix.

An Easter egg hunt will be provided for the children at 3 p. m. Saturday at the Methodist Church.

After morning services at the Methodist Church, a picnic dinner was enjoyed Sunday. At the conclusion of the meal the first training session of the Ever-Member Canvass program was conducted by the Rev. T. Fant Steele, Jr. in the absence of Mr. Ed Finch.

April 5th saw the Vass-Lakeview Blazers win their third straight baseball game, 6-4, without a loss. While Derry Thompson was holding the Pinehurst nine to only 2 hits, the Blazers were collecting 7, one of which was Sam Frye's second homer of the year. The Aberdeen Red Devils were the next victims of the Blazers as David Jones pitched a three-hitter and won 9-2. Four consecutive

hits in the 3rd and three hits and a walk in the 7th were enough to give the Blazers a 7 run advantage.

The Easter Sunrise service will be held this Sunday, April 17, at the Vass Presbyterian church with their pastor, the Rev. A. C. Trivette, conducting the service. The Methodist, Baptist, and Presbyterian churches take part in this 6 a. m. service. The public is invited to attend.

Mrs. Karl Schweinfurth was hostess to the Vass Woman's Club on Friday night at her home. Mrs. W. J. Morgan presided. Mrs. A. D. McLaughlin, chairman of the garden's department, reported the planting and work done near the bridges in Vass. Plans were made for two money-making projects to be undertaken in the month. The year books which had been made by a committee composed of Mrs. E. L. Finch, Mrs. C. R. Pope, and Mrs. W. E. Gladstone were distributed. The covers of the year books had a drawing of the Vass Community House. This had been done by Miss Bonnie Callahan. One page in the book is in memory of a club member, Mrs. George W. Brooks. Mrs. A. G. Edwards, chairman of the American Home Department, was program leader. She read what Gov. Hodges had to say of religion in the Soviet Union. Mrs. P. A. Wilson read the club woman's hymn. Mrs. W. J. Morgan of the local school board spoke to the club of the school consolidation problems in Moore County. The hostess served ice cream, cup cakes, nuts and hot coffee to the thirteen members and their guest speaker, Mr. Morgan.

Circle No. 2 met in the fellowship hall of the church with Mrs. A. G. Edwards, Sr. hostess. Mrs. H. A. Borst, chairman, presided over the business session. The program, "Open Our Eyes That We May See" was led by Mrs. A. G. Edwards, Jr. Those taking part were Miss Louise Leslie, Mrs. W. A. Muse, Mrs. C. L. Tyson, and Miss Bessie Cameron. Refreshments were served and the meeting adjourned.

Horace Mullinix visited friends and relatives in Uwharrie and Ophir during the weekend.

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