

County To Observe Soil Conservation Anniversary

New Milk Plant Of Coble Dairy In Operation

Handles 31,000 pounds of Milk Daily; Cecil Rector Is Manager

The new milk receiving station, a branch of Coble Dairy Products Company, of Lexington, is now in operation at its location on U. S. Highway 88 here in Sparta. The new plant, which is under the management of Cecil Rector, is now handling 31,000 pounds of milk daily. All grades of milk are being received and nine milk routes are being covered. The new plant is also handling local milk. The company is also planning to build Grade-A dairy barns in the county and at present has begun work on one on the farm of Carey Wagoner at Piney Creek. Others will be constructed later, it was pointed out. The new plant is under the management of Alleghany county men. Cecil Rector, the manager, formerly in the mercantile business at Piney Creek, has also had experience in dairying having (Continued on Page 4)

Alleghany Unit Of Farm Bureau Names Officers On Monday

DR. BENNETT COMING



Dr. H. H. Bennett, chief of U. S. Soil Conservation Service, who is coming to Alleghany and Ashe counties.

Rush Thompson Is Named President; Board of Directors To Meet Fri.

Permanent officers for the county unit of the Farm Bureau were named at a mass meeting held at the courthouse Monday night when Rush Thompson was chosen president. Named as vice president was Charlie Collins, secretary, Roy Ellison. A board of directors, consisting of one farm bureau member from each of the seven townships was also named. They were Gap Civil, Elmer Edwards; Cherry Lane, Dewitt Bryan; Glade Creek, Fred Collins; Cranberry, Robert Joines; Prather's Creek, Dan Jones; Piney Creek, Herbert Osborne, and Whitehead, Lonnie Edwards. Present for the meeting was George Farthing, field representative of the bureau, who spoke to the group on objectives of the bureau as well as pointing out the accomplishments of the past. He cited the work of the bureau in regard to the Extension Service, A. A. A., Soil Conservation, subsidy prices of various commodities during the war and the stand taken recently in regard to bean market prices. The county unit of the bureau now has 50 members and the goal for the ensuing year has been set at 300 members. There will be a meeting of the board of directors tomorrow night at eight o'clock at which time plans for the year will be worked out.

Girl Scouts On Way Home From International Meeting



Girls on their way home from the International Girl Scout encampment at Camp Bacee, Pa., visit Franklin institute in Philadelphia and stand on a huge locomotive at the museum. Representing five countries, the girls are (left to right): Jackie Gieson, Luxembourg; Monique Scheuer, Switzerland; Jacqueline Figure, France; Bigit Leijerstam, Sweden; Ginette van Hoorebeke, Holland; Dorthea Reiner, Germantown, Pa., and Margarite Quezada, Guatemala.

Dr. Bennett Is To Visit County Friday, Aug. 15

Tours Of Soil Conservation Work Are Being Planned For Groups

Hundreds of people from Ashe county and other sections will visit this county next Friday afternoon on planned tours to observe the work being done in soil conservation. The groups will include national, state and district figures, including Dr. H. H. Bennett, Chief of the Soil Conservation Service of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. The tours are planned in connection with the all-day program observing the sixth birthday of the New River Soil Conservation District. The formal part of the program will be held at West Jefferson, to which everyone is invited. Among those taking part on the program in addition to Dr. Bennett will be Dr. I. E. Miles, director of soil testing division, N. C. Dept. of Agriculture; Herbert White, President of the N. C. Association of Soil Conservationists; E. B. Garrett, State Soil Conservationist, Congressman A. L. Doughton, Dr. B. B. Dougherty and others. The program will open Friday morning at the community building in West Jefferson, at 10:30. Following registration and viewing of exhibits, the group will adjourn to the West Jefferson high school building for a formal meeting. Here Dr. Miles, E. B. Garrett, Congressman Doughton and others will speak briefly. The meeting will adjourn at 12:30 for lunch. At 2 o'clock in the afternoon the group will meet again at the community building and will leave (Continued on Page 4)

Wiley Johnson Buried Saturday

Father Of Sparta Man Dies At Age Of 84, At West Jefferson

Funeral service for Wiley Clark Johnson, 84, was held Saturday afternoon at two o'clock at the Piney Creek Methodist church. Officiating was Rev. John Tolliver and burial was in the church cemetery. Mr. Johnson, who was a farmer and livestock dealer at Piney Creek, had been making his home with his daughter, Mrs. Pearl Wyrick, for the past several years. He had been in ill health for some time and succumbed here Friday. He is survived by the following children: Mrs. Pearl Wyrick, of West Jefferson; Mrs. Claude Hawkins and John W. Johnson, both of McAlester, Okla.; Ben H. Johnson, of Kansas City, Missouri; Glenn F. Johnson, of Sparta; Mrs. Claude E. Small and Mrs. C. H. Small, both of Edenton; Mrs. O. J. Pennington and Louis W. Johnson, both of Jefferson; Mrs. Roger Bare, of Wagoner; Mrs. Gilbert Hall of Manhattan Beach, Calif.; and Mrs. Roy McCauley, of Boulder City, Nevada. Also surviving are 49 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Rev. B. A. Poole Dies In Virginia

Well Known Methodist Minister; Last Rites Held Friday Morning

Funeral service for Rev. Byrum Alfred Poole, 81, for more than 60 years a Methodist preacher and also a retired Grayson county public school teacher, was held Friday morning at eleven o'clock at the Brush Creek church. Officiating was Rev. David G. Moxley, pastor of the Spring Valley Methodist church. He was assisted by Rev. B. L. Chastain, Rev. E. L. Wiley and Rev. Lonnie P. Shaw. Interment was in Vaughan family cemetery. Flower girls were nieces of the deceased and other friends of the family. The deceased died at his home near Independence on the Sparta road last Wednesday night. He had been confined to his home practically ever since he suffered a paralytic stroke in May, 1945. Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Donna Vaughan Poole, a son, Rixey, of the home; one sister, Miss Lottie Poole, of Galax, Va.; and two brothers, Wythe Poole, (Continued on Page 4)

Dairy Meeting To Be Held Mon. At Courthouse

Will Also Discuss Plans For County Guernsey Breeders' Association

There will be a meeting to determine the farmers' interest in the establishment of an artificial dairy breeding unit here on Monday night at 8 o'clock at the courthouse, it was announced this week by Emerson Black, county agent. This is one of the 17 meetings which have been arranged throughout Western North Carolina by the N. C. Extension Service. At these meetings, information will be given concerning the value of artificial breeding, its cost to the farmer and the type of local organization needed through which to operate, it was stated. All dairymen and other interested parties in the county are urged to be present at the meeting. F. R. Farnham, Extension dairy specialist of State College, will be present for the meeting and plans for organizing will also be discussed.

Basement Of VFW Building Completed; Work Continues; Contributions Total \$1812

Welfare Report Given Thursday

Seven New Applications Are Approved For Old

board approved seven new applications for old age assistance, rejected three applications and terminated one grant, Swanson Edwards, welfare superintendent reported this week. The county board also approving small increases in grants for most old age assistance recipients in order to bring the average monthly payment for this county up to \$17, the minimum average payment recommended by the State board, it was pointed out. For the month of July, a total of \$2437 was paid to 154 OAA recipients in the county at an average grant of \$15.82. The board also approved one application for aid to dependent children, rejected on application, (Continued on Page 4)

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pledged to loan as much as \$80 each in answer to the letters sent out by the Bruce Wayne Osborne Post 7034 last week. Others are expected to send in loans as well as contributions. Work continues on the building and Commander Murray reported yesterday that the basement blocks had all been laid. Clint Caudell has completed work with the bulldozer and the basement floor has been leveled. It has been impossible to accomplish much work, due to the fact that lumber could not be secured, however since the road to Piney Creek has been opened, it is hoped that lumber can be (Continued on Page 4)

Veterans Urged To Make Loans To Local Post; More Money Needed

The building funds raised for the VFW clubhouse now total \$1,812.30, Cecil J. Murray, post

have been planned for them. Descriptions and information relating to these trips will be available at the meeting.

Full Payment To Be Given By AAA

Alleghany county farmers can expect full payment on practices on minimum assistance approved prior to May 23, the county AAA office was notified through the State department this week. Notices of minimum assistance were sent the farmers on May 21 and they are asked to contact the local AAA office for payment.

School For Bus Drivers Planned

A second school for bus drivers has been scheduled for August 20, Miss Clyde Fields, county school superintendent, announced this week. It was necessary to schedule the second one due to the fact that only five prospective drivers came to the one last Tuesday. Miss Fields stated that she wished to remind all persons who plan to drive buses that they must secure a bus driver's license and must attend the school. The school will be held at Sparta high school at nine o'clock, August 20. C. I. Yelton will be in charge.

Truck Burns At Twin Oaks, Sat.

A truck owned by the Queen Trucking company, of North Wilkesboro, was damaged beyond repair when it caught fire near the Twin Oaks Motor company Saturday night. The blaze was said to have caught when the driver was trying to refill the gas tank. The Independence Fire department was called; however the blaze was brought under control with the water supply from the Twin Oaks Motor company before the fire fighting squad could reach the scene. The driver of the truck was reported to be unharmed.

Nineteen Men Jailed In July

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75 Feet Drilled In Town Well

Work on the town well at the location on Mack Atwood's property got underway on Tuesday and late yesterday afternoon it was reported that 75 feet had been drilled in regard to unfinished business drilled. Already water has been struck but it was reported to be only a small vein. The well is being drilled by R. E. Faw and Sons, well drilling concern of Hickory.

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MISS CLYDE FIELDS AT SCHOOL MEETING

Miss Clyde Fields, county school superintendent, is attending meeting of state superintendents which is being held at Western Carolina Teachers' College at Cullowhee, this week. She was accompanied to Asheville by Miss Pearl Fields, Miss Evelyn Brown and Miss Johnnie Gambill.

R. L. Doughton To Speak Friday

Members of the Chamber of Commerce are reminded of the meeting to be held at the community building tomorrow night when Congressman R. L. Doughton will be the guest speaker. A special program has been planned including special music which will be presented by Raymond Weems, soloist, who will be accompanied by Mrs. Walter Johnson. Dinner will be served at 7:30 o'clock by the ladies of the Lucille Ford Circle of the Sparta Baptist church.

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S. Carolinian Praises News

In a letter received here by Claude Miles at the Firestone store, A. L. Wood, prominent citizen of Gaffney, S. C., praised The Alleghany News and stated that he was very interested in the activities of the county. Mr. Wood said, "At the death of Rufus Doughton, I sent for a copy of The Alleghany News, which would carry the 'home town' writeup. This led into my being a subscriber ever since. "Had I not received a leg injury I had intended making a trip to your town to the horse show. In my party I had hoped to carry Gov. Thurmond, the Soil Conservation Chief, the ex-president of South Carolina Press Association and an ex-sheriff. "I watched your ABC campaign and election likewise, there. But did I cheer the results." Although some Alleghany county citizens have moved away it is evident that they still like to know what is happening in the folks back home.

Individual Winners In The Lamb Show

The first five winners and the prize winning lambs in the individual class in the 1st county lamb show held last week at West Jefferson were, reading from left to right, Bobby Black, fifth place; Helen Delp, fourth place; Duane Kilby, third place; Hugh Black, second place; Ray Delp, first place.

Higgins Rites Held Wednesday

Funeral service for David Crockett Higgins, 89 year-old resident of Ennice, was held yesterday at eleven o'clock at Pleasant Home church. Officiating was Rev. W. H. Handy assisted by Don Smith and burial was in the cemetery there. Mr. Higgins, well known throughout the county, suffered a stroke on Thursday and died suddenly. He is survived by his wife and four children, Mrs. Ennice Moxley, Mrs. Ella Evans, Mrs. Zolhe Edwards and Artemis Higgins, all of Ennice, and one sister, Mrs. Tiny Brannock, also survives.

Hit-Run Drivers Are Liable To Heavy Penalties In N. C.

Raleigh—Drivers who "hit and run" without stopping to aid their victims and motorists who fail to report their accidents to the police, sheriff's department or highway patrol, are dealt with sternly under North Carolina law. Commissioner of Motor Vehicles Landon C. Rosser explained that the law requires that the driver of any vehicle involved in an accident resulting in injury or death to any person shall immediately stop at the scene of the accident. "Hit and runners" will receive heavy punishment. The law specifically states that such persons will be punished by imprisonment for not less than one nor more than five years, or by a fine of not less than \$500, or by both fine and imprisonment. In addition, the driver's license will be (Continued on Page 4)

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Farm, Home Week To Be Held Soon

Attention is called to the fact that Alleghany farmers and their wives, along with others throughout the state, are invited to attend Farm and Home Week program to be held in Raleigh August 22-25. Classes and lectures of interest, including many noted speakers, will appear on the program.