

Observe Anniversary Of Soil Conservation District

Teachers Will Have Meeting Here August 23

Superintendent To Present Plans For Coming Year; Urged To Attend

A county-wide teachers' meeting, the first to be held this school year, will be held at the Sparta high school August 23 at 9:30 o'clock, Miss Clyde Fields, county school superintendent, announced yesterday.

All teachers, with the exception of those still attending summer school, are expected to be present. Miss Fields pointed out as a number of new regulations which concern all teachers will be pointed out.

Several changes in the methods of handling truant problems, will be discussed by Swanson Edwards, truant officer.

Dr. R. R. King, Jr., district health officer and Miss Blanche Riddle, county health nurse, will also be present. Dr. King will the dental clinics which are to be presented to the group plans for be scheduled soon after schools open August 25.

Teachers are urged to attend this important meeting, Miss Fields stated.

Dairymen Meet Here On Monday

Breeding Program Is Discussed And Much Interest Is Shown

Much interest in the possibility of establishing an Allegheny Artificial Breeders' Association was shown at the meeting of over 125 dairy farmers held at the courthouse, Monday.

The Allegheny county specialist, and field representative of the Southeastern Scientific Breeders' Association, were present at the meeting and explained to the group the artificial breeding plan which is to be set up for 16 counties in the state, with a central location in Asheville.

If enough interest in establishing an association here can be stimulated, a local person will be employed as a technician, to receive training at State college at a short course which is to be offered there in October.

Twenty proven sires are to be purchased to be located in Asheville, it was pointed out and service requests for Jersey, Guernsey and Holstein sires are to be given to various milk plants by a technician, in charge. Farmers can seek their requests by milk haulers.

A county charter to establish a county unit is necessary and already Selected Dairies has pledged.

Laurel Springs Man Shoots Self

Venner Thompson, 29, of Laurel Springs, is now a patient in the Ashe Memorial hospital as the result of self inflicted gun wounds. Thompson was reported to have accidentally shot himself Sunday night with a German Luger, at his home at Laurel Springs.

The bullet entered his chest near the heart and came out through his back, it was learned. Hospital authorities pointed out that although Thompson's condition was grave, that he would recover.

Bus Drivers To Have School Wed.

Bus drivers, who do not have regular driver's license must obtain them before applying for school bus driver's license, Miss Clyde Fields, county school superintendent reminded the public this week.

All who plan to be drivers or substitute drivers, who have not obtained bus driver's certificates are asked to report to Sparta high school at nine o'clock, Wednesday, August 20.

It will not be necessary for drivers who have obtained certificates to report unless they have been notified to get their buses for the opening of school on August 23.

Scott Will Attend Tobacco Field Day At Test Farm Tues.

WAR MEMORIAL CHAPEL

The War Memorial chapel in Washington Cathedral, where he names and service records of Allegheny county veterans will be entered and memorialized for all time.

VFW To Inscribe Members' Names In War Memorial

Will Be Put In National Shrine In Washington Cathedral

In memory of the sacrifice and in recognition of the loyalty and patriotism of the living who served in the foreign wars of the nation, the names and war service records of local servicemen and women will be enrolled on the permanent national roll of honor at Washington Cathedral by the Bruce Wayne Osborne Post No. 7034, Veterans of Foreign Wars, it was announced by Cecil J. Murray, post commander.

One-hundred and four members of the post are expected to have their names inscribed, Ernest Edwards, post adjutant, stated.

The war memorial chapel, which is nearing completion, is part of the cathedral structure.

Rural Telephone Needs Are Cited

The board of directors of the Allegheny unit of the farm bureau met Friday night at the community building and named a committee to make a survey of the need of rural telephones through the county. Named on the committee were Charlie Collins, Elmer Edwards and Rush Thompson.

Following an investigation, a second meeting of the directors will be called, in order that a report can be made.

Leo Irwin Completes Law Training; Has Good Record

It took twelve years for an Allegheny county man to make himself ready for the career he had chosen but it was not all merely "a going to school job." Leo H. Irwin, 30, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Irwin, of Twin Oaks, last week learned that he was one of the 61 men to pass the state bar examination and he was one of the 183 to pass the district bar association examination. He is now ready to begin work although he had not made definite plans in regard to his location.

Leo graduated from Sparta high school in 1935 with a record of never missing a day in his eleven years of elementary and high school training. He was the valedictorian of his graduating class.

Leo, with another Allegheny

Other Agricultural Leaders Will Take Part On Program

Farmers in this area and others will have an opportunity to learn more about the possibilities of tobacco in this section on Tuesday, Aug. 18, when a Field Day will be held at the Upper Mountain Test Farm at Transou, with Commissioner of Agriculture, W. Kerr Scott and other leaders taking part in the program, which will open at 1:00 o'clock.

Following the opening address by Commissioner Scott, James A. Graham, superintendent of the test farm will introduce other officials.

There will be a short talk on "Turkish Tobacco in the Mountain Area," by John Wilkins, Agronomist of the Extension Service, West Jefferson.

The group will then tour the tobacco fields under the supervision of James A. Graham, Dr. Luther Shaw, USDA, Waynesville; Dr. W. E. Coldwell, Agronomist of N. C. State College; E.

11 Allegheny 4-H Members To Go To Raleigh

To Attend 4-H Club Course Aug. 18-23; Special Program Planned

Five Allegheny county 4-H club girls and six 4-H club boys have been selected to represent the county at the State 4-H short course to be held at State College in Raleigh, August 18-23, it was announced this week. The group will be accompanied by Mrs. I. Som Wagoner, home agent, and J. P. Burch, assistant county agent.

The week's activities will get underway Monday, August 18, when registration will begin and actual club work will begin the following Tuesday morning. Classes will be held each morning and the afternoon will be taken up with county and district winners in dairy production, dairy foods, livestock judging, dress review and health contests will vie for the honor of statewide titles. Recreational programs have also been planned.

One of the main events planned, in addition to trips to the State Capitol, is the program to be presented by the State 4-H Honor Club on Thursday night, and the health pageant and recognition of county and district winners and coronation of State king and queen of revue, featuring the modeling of dresses by preliminary winners.

Club members will stay in college dormitories while they attend the course.

A special 4-H club broadcast

A Community Of Soil Conservation-Minded Farmers



The above picture shows a section of a community in Allegheny county, where many farmers are interested in soil conservation. Reading from left to right; Stripcropping and pasture improvement on the farms of Robert Edwards, Herman Hudson and Cabel Wilson. There are more than 25 other farmers in this immediate community, who also have activated soil conservation plans.

Work Continues On VFW Bldg; Sub-Flooring In

Total Contributions Now \$2,120.80; Much More Is Needed

Work continues on the VFW clubhouse and the foundation for the main floor has already been laid. Cecil J. Murray, post commander, reported yesterday. Regular flooring has been ordered from the Oak Flooring company at West Jefferson, delivery of which has been promised by the early part of September.

All those who have not contributed and who would like to do so, may send their contributions to Gene Irwin, quartermaster, at Sparta.

Plans for sponsoring a street dance to be held in the near future, were discussed at the meeting last Thursday.

A picnic was held last night at Bluff Park for the members and specially invited guests. The next meeting of the post will be held Thursday, August 21.

Contributions toward the building fund now total \$2,120.80, however, \$1,859.10 has already been spent. Those to contribute this

R. L. Doughton Heard By Group

Congressman R. L. Doughton was guest speaker at the dinner meeting of the chamber of commerce held at the community building Friday night when a number of specially invited guests were present.

Mr. Doughton cited to the group the progress Allegheny county had made and paid tribute to some of Allegheny's sons. The speaker was introduced by the president, Ben G. Reeves.

The dinner was served by the ladies of the Lucille Ford Circle of the Sparta Baptist church. Special music was presented during the dinner by Mrs. Walter Johnson.

Horse Show To Be Held At Elkin

Elkin's annual horse show, sponsored by the Lions club, will begin its two-day program August 23, H. Glenn York, president, announced this week. There will be three performances, with night shows on Friday and Saturday and an afternoon show Saturday.

Entries received indicate that stalls will be filled to capacity. Information, entry forms and price lists may be secured by contacting H. Glenn York at Elkin.

History Of New River Soil Conservation District Shows Popularity Among Farmers

Fans See Sparta Defeat Elk Creek 5-0

Also Wins Over Grant 9-7; To Play Here Again Sunday Afternoon

More than five hundred baseball fans gathered at the local baseball diamond, Sunday, to see the 5-0 shut-out game Sparta pitched against Elk Creek. On the mound for Sparta was Geyer. Thompson got on base five times out of five trips to the plate, by an error, hit by a pitched ball and three hits. One of the best plays of the season was made by Mack Caudill when he came in fast from the left field to take a low line drive and relay the ball to first base for the final out of the game. Catching for Sparta was Holloway.

Sparta also scored a victory here, Saturday, defeating Grant 9 to 7.

Sparta will go to Grant, Va., on Saturday and Independence will play here on the Sparta diamond, Sunday.

The public is again reminded of the box supper, to be sponsored by the Sparta ball team, which is to be held Saturday night at the courthouse at 8:30 o'clock. Prizes are to be awarded and a cake walk is to be held. The public is cordially invited. Proceeds will go towards improving the local ball diamond.

White Pine Seedlings Set Out On Busic Farm; Save Soil

J. F. Busic planted a field of beans and followed with small grain on his farm at Piney Creek some ten years ago. In the fall following, the field was so badly eroded that Mr. Busic decided the field was too far gone to cultivate in any longer so he left it without any form of cultivation.

In 1942, with the assistance of the Soil Conservation Service a complete acre by acre conservation farming plan was developed on his farm. White pine seedlings seemed to be the best bet for reclaiming the field.

Clinton Busic, an older brother of J. F. Busic, is now operating the Busic farm and he says, "The cost of grassing this land would have been no expense to speak of."

Other good farming practices have been started on this farm. The New River Soil Conservation District assisted in staking strips on one field last spring. Mr. Busic stated that he believed he should strip crop all other cultivated fields when they are plowed again. He pointed out that he realized that the field stripped last spring has eroded very little during the summer.

Pastures and meadows have both been well treated with lime and phosphate and the once gullied pasture fields are now almost completely covered with grass and clover.

PAUPER SUPPER TO BE HELD FRIDAY

The Young Women's Missionary society of the Methodist church will sponsor a pauper supper at the community building here, at seven o'clock, Friday night.

Tickets are being sold in advance.

Special Program To Be Held Fri. For Two Counties

Dr. Hugh Bennett, E. B. Garrett, I. E. Miles, R. L. Doughton To Speak

Allegheny and Ashe farmers along with other agricultural and business leaders will celebrate the sixth anniversary of the New River Soil Conservation District tomorrow, when tours of the two counties will be made along with a formal program at West Jefferson in the morning and evening. Dr. H. H. Bennett, Chief of the Soil Conservation Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture, along with other authorities in this field, will take part on the program.

Veterans on the farm training program in several counties will attend as well as farmers and others interested in soil conservation.

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 Conservation; E. B. Garrett, State Soil Conservationist, Congressman R. 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

Miss Riddle Is New Health Nurse

Began Duties Here Monday; To Be At Health Department Each Saturday

Miss Blanche Riddle, of Asheville, assumed her duties as Allegheny county health nurse here on Monday. Miss Riddle has been employed for the past two and one-half years by Dr. L. N. Bell in Asheville, having received her training at the Mission hospital in Asheville, of which she is a graduate.

She has just completed six weeks of field training in public health at the Greensboro City health department.

Miss Riddle will be at the health department in the community building each Saturday from the hours of 8:30 o'clock to 12:00 noon to give vaccinations, blood tests and any other such duties. She will also assist in the general clinic which is held each Tuesday by Dr. Robert R. King, Jr., health officer.

Officers of the health department stated that they were very fortunate in securing the services of Miss Riddle. She replaces Mrs. Stewart Medlin, the former Miss Matteline Gambill, who resigned last October.

Weaver Family Holds Reunion

The Weaver family held their annual reunion last Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred G. Weaver, with twenty-seven present.

The following children and grandchildren attended, Mr. and Mrs. Lell Crouse, Mr. and Mrs. James E. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Haswell Bector, Mrs. Glenn Woods and children, Billie and Virginia, of New York; Ray Crouse, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Hashe and son, Ronny, Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Cox and daughter, Charlene; Mr. and Mrs. Add McMillan, Mr. and Mrs. Claude W. Baker and daughter, Marjorie Lynn; Mrs. Shirley Engler and sons, Bobby and J. J. also son, and Mrs. Wade Mattison and daughter, Geneva.

A picnic lunch was served.