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Ashe County Agricultural Fair To Be Held Again This Fall

Ashe Democratic Delegates To Convention Uninstructed

Resolution Passed At County Convention Indorsing National and Local Adm.

A large number of Ashe county delegates and alternates, who were elected last Saturday afternoon at the county convention, plan to attend the State Democratic convention in Raleigh tomorrow.

The county's official Democratic delegation will go to Raleigh uninstructed as to how to vote on the proposed "North Carolina for Roosevelt" resolution. Ashe was one of the few counties in the state that did not pass a resolution at the county convention indorsing Roosevelt for a third term. In fact, no such resolution was presented.

Following an address by Congressman R. L. Doughton, however, a resolution was unanimously passed, commending and indorsing the national, state and county administrations.

The resolution was as follows: "We, the Democrats of Ashe county, North Carolina, in convention assembled on this the 11th day of May, 1940, do hereby resolve:

1. That we recommend and endorse the record of the National Democratic Administration under the able and humanitarian leadership of our President, Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

2. That we commend and endorse the record of the State Democratic Administration under the leadership of our able, eloquent and beloved Governor, Clyde R. Hoey.

3. That we commend and endorse the record made in the administration of our county affairs by the present county Democratic Administration and the careful and economical management of county affairs by our Board of County Commissioners.

The county's 38 delegates from the 19 townships were selected by a nominating committee and were unanimously elected. Any good Democrat in the county was invited to go as an alternate. The (Continued on Page Eight)

Mrs. Bare Will Be Buried Today

Died At Her Home At Wagoner, Tuesday At The Age Of 71.

Funeral service will be held this morning at 10 o'clock for Mrs. Rettie Bare, of Wagoner, who died Tuesday at the age of 71, following serious illness.

Rev. John W. Luke and Elder Worth Davis will be in charge of the service which will be held at Roan's Creek church and burial will follow in the church cemetery.

The deceased who was a native of Ashe county was the daughter of the late Porter and Sarah McGuire Goodman. Her husband, Floyd C. Bare, preceded her to the grave some time ago.

She is survived by seven daughters and three sons: Dr. Goodman Bare, of Anderson, S. C.; Roger and Robert Bare, of Wagoner; Mrs. Field Sheets, of West Jefferson; Mrs. Mack Sheets, of Mateland, W. Va.; Mrs. Ray Campbell, West Chester, Pa.; Mrs. Lemmons Mash, Mrs. Dewey Bledsoe, Mrs. Coy Atwood, Mrs. Bill Bledsoe, all of this county.

MAKE CONTRIBUTION TO ASHE HOSPITAL

Work is now going forward on the Ashe County Memorial hospital which is nearing completion. But added contributions are going to be needed to buy fixtures before the building is completed. Wade Eller is chairman of the drive to raise \$2,000 for this purpose. Those who have not done so, are asked to contribute.

This week Mrs. Emaline Cox Miller, well known 92-year-old Laurel Springs woman sent in a contribution. Her interest at this age should inspire others to give, members of the board pointed out.

NEW LANSING PASTOR



Carl H. Stark, Jr., completed his training at the Union Theological Seminary at Richmond this week and will report to the Lansing Presbyterian church, as pastor, Saturday. Mr. Stark will preach at Jefferson Sunday morning and evening. He will serve as pastor of the Lansing, Foster Memorial and Gillespie Presbyterian churches.

CHATAUQUA DIRECTOR



Rev. W. C. Cooper, who yesterday concluded a successful Christian Chatauqua, at Obids where a number were received into the church. There were 115 enrolled in the Bible school.

Sixty Boys Join County Cow Club

Biggest Problem Now Is Getting Good Cows Seven Bought Last Week.

Over sixty boys have applied for membership in the Ashe County Cow Production Club that is being sponsored by the county agent's office, through the cooperation of the Kraft Cheese plant here.

All boys in the county are eligible to join and assistance will be given to them in the purchase of cows. The cheese plant has agreed to set them up as regular customers. The agricultural committee of the Rotary club is cooperating in helping to arrange (Continued on Page Eight)

Social Security Benefits Ashe County Around \$85,250

Ashe County residents and communities have benefitted about \$85,250.00 through operation of the Social Security program, it is estimated by Charles G. Powell, Chairman of the North Carolina UCC.

Unemployment Compensation, or benefits to workers temporarily out of jobs, is usually the largest item in the ten divisions of the program, in counties with fairly large industries. In the two years of benefit payments, 1938 and 1939, the distribution was \$10,481.28, included in 1,565 checks to county residents.

Through cooperation of Mr. Nathan H. Yelton, State Director of Public Assistance, and Dr. Roma S. Cheek, executive secretary of the State Commission for the

Ashe Red Cross Chapter Is Asked To Raise \$400.00

Victims Of War Feel Urgent Need For Aid. National Goal Ten Million.

DRIVE IS NOW ON

The Ashe county chapter of the American Red Cross has been asked to raise \$400.00 to help relieve suffering in Holland, Belgium and other sections of the European war area.

Norman H. Davis, a director of the American Red Cross, Washington, D. C., sent L. P. Colvard, chairman of the Ashe chapter, the following telegram last Friday:

"With the invasion of Holland, Belgium and the French borders, the war has entered a phase which will eventually and at once bring widespread and appalling suffering to millions of helpless men, woman and children. In order to inaugurate widespread relief measures, the American Red Cross is at once launching a campaign for a minimum of ten million dollars. Your chapter's quota is \$400. Please at once mobilize the entire leadership of your chapter and community in order that your quota may be raised and exceeded without delay. Chapters may retain 15 percent of collection to cover their local war relief expenses."

At a meeting of officers and several members of the local chapter, held last night at the community building, plans were made to conduct a county-wide drive.

All towns in the county will be canvassed and all ministers are urged to make an appeal in each church. Voluntary contributions should be sent to Mr. Colvard at Jefferson or to Gale McMillan, treasurer of the chapter, West Jefferson.

"The horrors of this second great World War are being pictured to us every day in the press and over the radio and, in the name of humanity, it is the very least that we can do to help relieve misery and suffering in these war-torn countries," Mr. Colvard said.

"We, of the American Legion, know something of this suffering and we know the great work that is being carried on by the American Red Cross. Just think of conditions in peaceful little Holland and Belgium, brought on by ruthless invasion."

John I. Anderson Joins Post Staff

John I. Anderson, Jr., who will receive an AB degree in journalism from the University of North Carolina in June, has joined the advertising and news staffs of The Skyland Post and The Alleghany News.

Mr. Anderson, a brother of Ed M. Anderson, and a native of Rockingham county, recently completed his work at the University and will return to Chapel Hill next month to attend graduation exercises.

At the University he made an outstanding record. Among other things he was a member of the U. N. C. glee club for four years and a columnist on the Daily Tar Heel.

Town Board Plans Improvement Of Streets This Year

Plans Discussed At Call Meeting Held With New Mayor Friday Night.

JONES REELECTED

One of the first matters to come before the re-elected town board was a discussion of the improvement of the streets, at a call meeting, held on Friday night.

Plans have been submitted to the local government commission which will, if approved, permit the board to submit a bond election to the town, to raise the sponsors part of around \$16,000 to be used with approximately \$30,000 provided for in a WPA Project, now pending approval.

Members of the board pointed out that before the year was over they hope to bring about improvements and to do away with much of the dust and dirt in the business sections.

Re-elected members of the town board were sworn in by the new Mayor, H. C. Tucker, who had previously been sworn into office by Squire A. F. Rose.

Other routine matters transacted at the meeting, Friday night included the re-election of F. B. Joines as town clerk and manager.

The election of the town's policeman was deferred to the first regular meeting of the board which will be held the first Friday, in June.

John Hoffman Coming On Tues.

Rep. Candidate for Governor To Speak At Court house at 1:30.

Grant Bauguess, Ashe County Chairman of the Republican executive committee announced yesterday that John R. Hoffman, Republican candidate for governor, would speak at the county courthouse, on Tuesday, May 21.

The speaking will be held at 1:30 and every one is invited to hear Mr. Hoffman who is from Burlington. In discussing this candidate J. B. Robertson, of Burlington, said, "He is a farmer by birth, a blacksmith and a carpenter by trade, a lawyer by profession, and a candidate for governor on the Republican ticket by choice." He has practiced law in Burlington since 1907, and has long been active in public life.

Mr. Hoffman who comes to Ashe at the invitation of the executive committee and members of his party, will be the first Republican candidate for governor to make an appearance before the general public, in the county this year.

George Pritchard, of Asheville, recently spoke to the Jeffersons Rotary club.

Ashe WMU Met At Old Fields

The W. M. U. of the Ashe Missionary Baptist Association met yesterday at the Old Fields Baptist church.

Delegates from practically all of the churches in the county were present and an interesting program, featuring reports and talks, was enjoyed.

Mrs. Ralph Parsons, of West Jefferson, president of the organization, presided. Speeches were made by Mrs. James, of Elkin, representatives of the state W. M. U., and several ministers, including Rev. G. L. Trivett, formerly of Ashe and now of Alvarado, Va.

Mr. Trivett, who was quite popular in the county, left Ashe about two years ago. His many friends were glad to welcome him back.

MRS. CRANOR WITH WELFARE DEPARTMENT

Mrs. C. M. Cranor, of Wilkesboro, has been added as a temporary case worker in the welfare department, Miss Ruth Tugman, superintendent announced this week. Mrs. Cranor will handle the case work for the WPA applications which come through the welfare department.

Judge And Solicitor Get Together



After some persuasion, the Post Photographer finally got the two distinguished gentlemen shown above, to pose together for a photo. Both of them jovially contended that the appearance of the other one would not be an asset to the picture. Shown on the left is Solicitor Erle McMichael, of Winston-Salem and on the right, Judge Z. V. Nettles, of Asheville. They held court here and in Alleghany county recently and Judge Nettles is scheduled to preside over the May-June term of Ashe superior court.

Tri-County Rally For Mr. Broughton Here On Sat.

COMING HERE SAT.



Hon. J. M. Broughton, of Raleigh, Democratic candidate for governor who will speak here at a tri-county rally, on Saturday afternoon.

Reival To Start Sun. At New River

A revival meeting will commence Sunday at the New River Baptist church this Sunday afternoon and it continue for two weeks, Rev. W. T. Whittington, pastor, announces.

Services will be held each night at 8 o'clock and two local ministers, Revs. Paul Phipps and Gwyn Blackburn, will do most of the preaching. They are both members of the church and have been ordained doing the past year.

Holland, Crushed By Nazis Armies, Has Surrendered

Bomb-blasted and encircled, Holland, Tuesday night, ordered its troops to cease fighting the German invaders everywhere except in the fringe of low islands on the kingdom's southwest coast.

The order to surrender was given by the commander-in-chief of the small Dutch army which for five days took all the punishment the Germans could inflict. Holland's Queen who had fled from the country to England had empowered the commander to make any military decisions he deemed necessary.

The speed of which Germany's war machine travelled through the Netherlands stunned the rest of the world. Its capitulation after

Many Expected To Hear Raleigh Candidate for Gov. Speak At 2:30 P. M.

Plans are now being perfected by Judge H. C. Tucker, Capt. George B. Doggett and other leading local Democrats, for the tri-county rally to be held here on Saturday when Hon. J. M. Broughton Democratic candidate for governor will speak, following a parade.

The speaking will probably be held on the high school grounds if the weather permits, and is expected to draw a large crowd not only from this county, but from Watauga and Alleghany as well, as the rally is for the three counties.

Leaders here pointed out that they planned to secure a band, and would parade through West Jefferson before the speaking in order that more of his supporters might see and hear Mr. Broughton.

The speaking is scheduled to open at 2:30 when the popular candidate for governor will discuss his policies and plans for North Carolina.

Mr. Broughton spoke here some time ago before the members of the Jeffersons Rotary club when he outlined the many resources and possibilities of this state.

Mr. Broughton, who is a prominent member of the Raleigh bar, has long been active in civic and religious life. He represented Wake county in the legislature for a number of years and has always been an advocate of education.

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Committee Met Monday Night To Formulate Plans

Sponsors To Be Same As Last Year. H. D. Quessenberry Elected Secretary.

COMMITTEES NAMED

An Ashe County Fair will be held again this year under the sponsorship of the Rotary club, American Legion, Legion Auxiliary, Woman's Club and county farm agent's office, it was decided Monday night when representatives from these organizations met at The Skyland Post office, together with other interested citizens, at the invitation of the directors of the Rotary Club.

It was pointed out that the fair last year was such an overwhelming success that the public expected a continuation of this annual event.

County Agent C. J. Rich and his assistant, H. D. Quessenberry, said that there is a great deal of interest and that the farmers and their wives are looking forward to displaying exhibits in the fair again this year.

The executive committee for the 1940 edition of the fair is about the same as last year. It is composed of the following representatives: Ed M. Anderson, Levern Johnson, Gale McMillan and Langdon Scott, of the Rotary Club; Jack Rhodes, P. G. Wright, of the American Legion; Mrs. A. B. Hurt, of the Woman's Club; Mrs. P. G. Wright, of the Legion Auxiliary; Messrs. Rich and Quessenberry, of the farm agent's office; Gwyn Price, dairy and REA representative; Supt. J. B. Hash, schools; W. B. Austin, county representative; Lester Segraves, representative of West Jefferson town board.

Ed Anderson was elected chairman of the executive committee (Continued on Page Eight)

Baby Is Found Slain In Boone

Body of Infant With Crushed Skull Found in Cemetery. No Clues Developed.

Boone. — Coroner Richard E. Kelly of Watauga county said yesterday that a baby found in the Boone cemetery Monday had been murdered. Kelly said an autopsy revealed the baby had breathed and the skull was crushed.

An investigation is being made, the coroner said, and while no arrests have been made, promising clues have been uncovered.

The body of the new-born male infant was found by Monroe Grimes, cemetery caretaker. Indications were that the body had been in the cemetery for two or three weeks.

It was wrapped in a towel, a copy of a Greensboro newspaper dated January 23 and an old bag. The body was covered by a flat rock which had been used as a temporary headstone. The baby weighed eight pounds and was fully developed.

Oscar S. Atkins of the state bureau of investigation is assisting local officers in the inquiry. Papers and towels found with the body have been sent to Raleigh for laboratory examination.

JOE GISH

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YES SIR, A CROOK'S WAGES ARE USUALLY PAID OFF IN LEAD.....