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Ashe Baptist Sunday School Meeting, 16-17

Two-Day Session To Be Held At The West Jefferson Baptist Church

GOOD PROGRAM

The Ashe County Baptist Sunday School Conference will be held at the West Jefferson Baptist church June 16-17 when an interesting program relating to the work of the various departments will be carried out. The theme for the opening session is, "The Why and How of My Department."

Saturday evening administration will be discussed by R. R. Campbell; adult departments, by Hon. Ira T. Johnston; young people, by Prof. A. Dell Goodman; intermediates, by Miss Minnie Haire; juniors, by Mrs. R. V. Parsons; primaries, by Miss Vivian Parsons; beginners and cradle roll, by Mrs. W. T. Whittington. Miss Gertrude Graybeal will give a summarizing talk.

Assembly reports will be heard and following some special music, Professor J. C. Goodman will address the entire group.

Sunday morning the regular Sabbath school and preaching service will be carried out. In the afternoon departmental conferences will be held and reports and plans for the coming year will be given before the closing address.

Representatives from various Sunday schools of the county have been invited and a good attendance is expected.

To Hold Meeting For All Midwives

Full Schedule Announced. Dr. King Will Be In Charge. Must Register.

Midwife meetings will be held from June 10th to June 21st in various communities in the county. Dr. Robert King announced yesterday, and all midwives are urged to attend any meeting convenient to them.

Dr. King stated that the meetings are held for the purpose of securing 1940 practice papers, which the law requires, for registration of new midwives and for inspection of the equipment used.

Schedule of meetings:
June 10, Lansing school building at 10: A. M.
June 11, Crumpler school building at 10: A. M.
June 13, Fig, Riverview school at 10: A. M.
June 17, Todd school building at 10: A. M.
June 18, Idlewild school building at 10: A. M.
June 21, Jefferson health department at 10: A. M.

To Hold Crippled Children's Clinic In Ashe June 20

Dr. J. S. Gaul, of Charlotte, will conduct a regular crippled children's clinic in the office of the county health department on Thursday, June 20, starting at 2 o'clock, it was announced today. The clinic will be sponsored by the Rotary Club and all cripples in the county are invited to attend the free clinic.

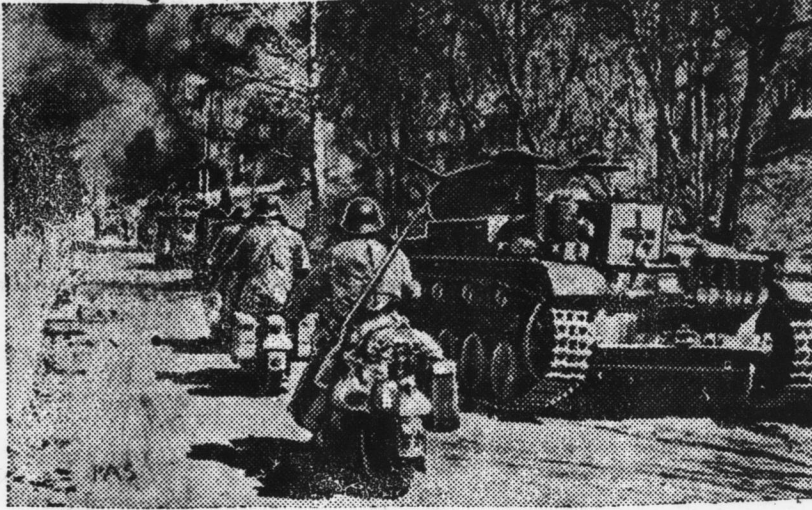
MAYOR TUCKER HAS NEW COURT ROOM

West Jefferson's court room was moved this week by Mayor H. C. Tucker, to the John Weaver building on the corner of Jeffersonian Avenue and Church Street. All those arranged before the Mayor were tried there on Monday, instead of in the building where the town's office has been located for the past three years.

Mayor Tucker stated that he changed his court room because of lack of space, and other inconveniences.

Members of the town board stated that the matter of change had not been brought before them for action, but would probably be discussed at the regular meeting, on Friday night, F. B. Jones, the town clerk, has not moved his office.

And The Nazi Machine Rolls On



ON THE WESTERN FRONT—German motorcycle troops passing a big tank as they move along, on the way to the front. In the distance smoke indicates that houses are burning—the result of the Nazi air bombs.

Funds To Build REA Extension Lines To Be Allocated July 1

Communities Desiring Electricity Must Submit Applications At Once.

REQUIREMENTS GIVEN

An allocation of funds to the Caldwell Mutual Corporation to build 125 miles of approved REA extension lines in Ashe, Alleghany, Watauga and Caldwell counties will be made July 1, and all other communities interested in securing electric lines should get busy at once and submit applications, Supt. G. F. Messick announced yesterday.

"We have been assured that all additional applications from communities that meet the REA requirements will be approved in connection with this allocation," Mr. Messick stated.

"If you want electricity and if your community's application has not been submitted and approved, now is the time for every farmer in the community to get busy, make a survey, secure rights-of-way, membership applications and have everything in readiness to turn over to our engineer who will be in the Ashe county farm agent's office on Friday and Saturday, June 14 and 15," he explained.

Mr. Messick said right-of-way forms and application blanks could be secured from the Graybeal Drug Store or from any of the four Caldwell directors in the county.

It was specifically pointed out that this offer expires on June 15, as the Caldwell Mutual must have all applications in Washington by June 20.

To meet requirements, an average of five farmers per mile must sign applications and secure all rights-of-way.

Of the 125 miles of extension lines already approved, approximately 40 miles will be constructed in Ashe. These extensions include the Big and Little Laurel sections.

"It will probably be a year before your community has a similar opportunity to get electricity. If you want it, please get busy now," he urged.

The corporation is now serving around 3,000 members.

CHANGES POSITION



Rex Morton, popular young West Jefferson business man, has resigned as manager of Reins-Sturdivant and accepted a position with the Parker Tie Company. (Photo by Parkway Photo Shop.)

County Welfare Dept. Announces A New Schedule

All applications for any type of assistance through the county welfare department can be turned in only on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, Miss Ruth Tugman said yesterday.

Heretofore, WPA, surplus commodity, NYA, Old Age, and other applications have been accepted six days a week, but after today applications can only be taken the first three days of the week.

Miss Tugman urgently requests that all persons seeking aid through the welfare department comply with the new schedule.

The portable dipping vat, purchased by the directors of the Ashe Sheep Growers Association, arrived yesterday and will start out on the rounds today, with Barlow in charge of operations.

Continuance Of County's Health Dept. Is Assured

Dr. King Discusses Matter With Commissioners. Discuss Proposed Budget.

JURY LIST DRAWN

The county board of commissioners virtually assured Dr. Robert R. King that the county would provide funds for the continuance of the health department during the ensuing year.

In connection with this discussion, the commissioners also talked about the proposed budget estimate for the coming year, which starts July 1.

L. P. Colvard was instructed to draw up a suggested budget estimate for consideration at the July meeting.

It was indicated that the levy for 1940-41 will be about the same as of the current year.

A large number of routine business matters were disposed of and a jury list for the July-August term of court was drawn.

Work Started On A New Home For Segraves Motor

Modern New Brick Building To Be Erected Around Welch's Store

An extensive building program has been started at Lansing by Cal Segraves, owner and manager of the Segraves Motor Company.

Mr. Segraves has bought the Campbell store building, located back of Welch's store on the Helton road and two other old frame buildings on the upper side of Welch's store that belonged to Lester Sturgill, Grant and Paul Miller and Mrs. C. R. Latham.

These old buildings are being torn down and around the Welch store Mr. Segraves plans to erect a modern brick building that will house three showrooms or businesses, and at the back of each of them will be a large garage 40x90 feet. The total cost of these buildings will be approximately \$10,000, he states.

Tom Goss is also planning to tear down his old building and construct a new, fireproof structure on the same lot.

Mr. Segraves said he might rent one of the store spaces on the Helton road, but that he plans to use the others for display and sale of automobiles, accessories, parts and electrical appliances.

His company has recently been appointed as dealer for Chrysler-Plymouth. He also intends to use his present location.

Jones Has Bought McNeill's Stock

Opens Store in Building Next to Smithey's To Sell Out All Merchandise

F. B. Jones announced this week that he had taken charge of the complete stock of the McNeill store and is now offering it for sale.

The stock which consists of shoes, men's, women's and children's ready to wear, piece goods, and other merchandise usually found in a complete department store has been moved to the building next to Smithey's, across the street from the West Jefferson Hotel, where it is now being offered for sale.

All the stock had been grouped and arranged for display purposes for the advantage of the customers, Mr. Jones said. He pointed out that due to the fact that he wanted to move the stock, unusually low prices would be offered on quality merchandise.

TO GET WATER AND SEWERAGE PROJECT FOR ASHE HOSPITAL

Plans for getting a supplementary WPA water and sewerage project for the Ashe Memorial Hospital Association are now being formulated.

The committee working on this project is composed of Wade Eller, B. D. Barr, Roy and Guy Badger and L. P. Colvard.

It was announced this week that the annual communion service of the Blue Ridge Baptist church would be held June 9, all members are urged to attend.

As Nazis Pour Through "The Bulge"



FRANCE . . . Light German anti-aircraft troops have settled down in the ruins of an unidentified town, waiting to fire on the enemy. Great destruction is everywhere in evidence as a result of bombing raids and shell fire.

Allies And Nazis Stage Huge Destructive Bombing Raids

SENATE NOMINEE



Eugene Transon, of Sparta, prominent Alleghany county cattle dealer defeated Attorney Robert Gambill for the Democratic nomination for state senate from this district. (Staff Photo.)

Red Cross Needs More Funds Now

Many Have Responded to Request. Ashe County Still Short Of Quota.

A number of people have been responding to the Ashe county Red Cross war relief fund, according to reports from the treasurer, Gale McMillan and the chairman, L. P. Colvard.

The county's quota has not been raised yet, and due to the ever increasing needs in the war zones, those who have not contributed are asked to do so at once.

The following incomplete list shows a number who have made contributions during the past few days:

\$1 contributions include those of W. D. McMillan, Wick Vannoy, Robert Barr, Mrs. W. L. Dent, W. E. McNeill, Swanston Edwards, Northwest Carolina Utilities company, T. E. Parker, J. H. Joines, Gladys Sturgill, J. D. Sturgill, Dr. J. K. Hunter, Grant Dollar, Quincy Campbell, I. M. Cook, Lenna Gambill,

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Doctors Pledge To Co-Operate With Hospital

Agree to Work With Trustees In Securing Surgical Staff And Equipment.

SEVERAL APPLY

At a joint meeting of physicians of the county and trustees of the Ashe Memorial Hospital Association, held last Saturday afternoon at the community building here, plans for equipping and securing a surgical staff for the hospital were discussed.

The trustees pointed out that the success of the county hospital would depend entirely upon the co-operation of the local doctors, and that they wanted the doctors to help work out detail plans of operation and assist in securing the surgical staff.

President W. B. Austin explained that a number of good surgeons have already applied and that consideration to this important feature will be given in the near future.

Secretary Wade Eller was directed to write Dr. W. S. Rankin, of the Duke Endowment, and solicit his aid and co-operation in this part of the hospital program. Dr. Fred Hubbard, of the Wilkes hospital and Dr. Haywood, of the Elkin hospital, have voluntarily pledged their co-operation.

Physicians present at the meeting assured the trustees of their interest in the hospital and said they would co-operate in any way to make it a success.

The doctors pledging such co-operation so far include Dr. Dean Jones, Dr. B. E. Reeves, Dr. J. W. Robinson, Dr. L. L. Long, Dr. R. C. Eller, Dr. B. C. Waddell.

"We are going to have the finest surgical staff in the state," Mr. Eller declared.

Superior Court Ended Thursday

The Ashe superior court came to a rather abrupt close last Thursday at noon when it was decided that a number of cases would be continued.

In the suit involving the will of Adelaide Proctor, the jury held that the will was valid and that the executor of the estate should pay Maude Wallace the sum of \$500.00.

Ruth Williams was awarded a judgment against W. E. Williams, providing that she be paid \$30 per month alimony and giving her a lien on some property in the Obids township, for support of children.

Annual Audit Of County Books Is Now Being Made

Mr. Smith, of Lenior, certified public accountant, started work this week on the annual audit of the county's books.

Old bonds, totalling \$727,000 of the county's \$1,079,000 outstanding road and bridge bond debt, have been redeemed and new refunding bonds issued to the holders, Mr. Smith's report shows.

"By this time the Local Government Commission probably has a number of other bonds for exchange," he said.

Lansing And Riverview Show Keen Interest In Proposal For Rural Telephone System

Promotional meetings of the proposed Ashe county rural telephone system at Lansing and Riverview Tuesday and Wednesday night respectively, were termed a big success by C. J. Rich, county agent, last night.

"Much interest was shown by those attending," Mr. Rich said, "and it seems highly possible that a telephone system can be organized. Three members of a proposed committee were elected at each meeting, who will represent their community at a representative meeting in Jefferson at a later date."

There will be a public meeting at the school building Friday night in Warrenton. Plans and possibilities of organizing a communicative system in connection with the West Jefferson sys-

JOE GISH



SOMETIMES I THINK ADULT DIPLOMACY IS A POOR EXCHANGE FOR THE FRANKNESS OF YOUTH.