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Methodists Will Build New Church At Chestnut Hill

Construction Work Will Be Started At Early Date; Raising Funds

Rev. Worth Sweet, pastor of the Chestnut Hill Methodist church, announced this week that plans were underway for the erection of a new building by the members of the church.

The proposed new building will be erected on the site of the present structure and construction work will be started as soon as the site is cleared of the old building.

E. V. Pierce, Joe Pierce and Press Lee McMillan were named as members of the building committee. Miss Edith Pierce is the secretary and treasurer.

The new church is to contain one large room with a basement. Estimated cost is to be \$5,000.00. Already \$1,500.00 has been raised, Mr. Sweet said.

Lamb Pool Will Be Held Aug. 17

It was announced this week by L. E. Tuckwiller, county agent, that the third cooperative lamb pool for the year would be held at the West Jefferson livestock market Friday morning, August 17.

Mr. Tuckwiller said that all farmers wishing to sell through the pool should bring their lambs as early as possible on that day so that they may be weighed before train time. "Lambs that weigh more than 80 pounds should be sold if fat," he said.

It was announced that the next cooperative pool would be held early in September.

Three Ashe County Men Return Home

Among the large group of Southerners to return to the United States by the Air Transport Command planes, which landed at the Miami Army Air Field, Miami, Fla., recently, were the following from Ashe county: Pfc. Newland R. Goodman, of West Jefferson, a member of the Engineers, who had been overseas for 34 months' service, and wears eight battle stars.

Pfc. Joe F. Phillips, of Brownwood, a member of the infantry, who has completed seven months of service in Italy.

Pfc. John A. Jones, of West Jefferson who has been overseas for 31 months. He wears four battle stars. Pfc. Jones is the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Jones.

18 Men Inducted From Ashe County

The following men were inducted into the army on July 25 from Ashe county: Cecil Burl Price, Jesse A. Turner, James E. Ham, Sylvester R. Roark, Ambrose E. Blevins, George H. Wood, Odell Miller, James R. Daugherty, John Henry Miller, Robert G. Eller, Willard E. Ferry, Walter H. and William A. Calloway, Wade B. Caudill, John H. Carpenter, Billy Jones, James Kermit Jones and Clifford C. Rutherford.

Funeral Saturday For J. A. Osborne

Funeral service was held on Saturday afternoon at two o'clock for James A. Osborne, 69, of Whitetop, who died at the Wilkes hospital on Thursday, August 2, after being ill for some time. The service was held at the home and was conducted by the Revs. M. D. Hart, Noah Beshears and Alvin Howell. Burial followed at the family cemetery.

Mr. Osborne, a native of Grayson county, Virginia, the son of Robert Osborne and Mary Caldwell Osborne, is survived by his wife, Mrs. Matilda Osborne and the following children: Robert, Barney, Bruce and Dallas Osborne, Mrs. Bonnie Baldwin, Mrs.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben G. Reeves announce the birth of a son, Ben George, Jr., on July 28, at Winston-Salem. Mrs. Reeves is the former Miss Virginia Gambill.

Russia Declares War On Japan; Conflict May Be Ended Soon

WAR FUND CHAIRMAN



Bernard B. Graybeal, popular local business man, was this week named chairman of the United War Fund Drive.

Baptist To Hold Training Union; Hamby To Preach

"Little Ridgecrest Assembly" Will Open On Monday Night

Plans are now being completed for the annual Baptist Training Union which will be held under a tent on Sunday, according to an announcement made this week by D. C. Severt.

The Rev. Grady Hamby will deliver the annual B. T. U. sermon and other important business will be discussed. Officers for the coming year will also be elected. It was also announced that the following men would speak at the little "Ridgecrest" assembly to begin on Monday night at the tent: the Rev. O. B. Reed, State B. T. U. field worker; the Rev. Mr. Vipperman of Asheville, and W. J. Farthing, of Valle Crucis. Other speakers will be men from this county. Mr. Darius Severt, associational director of the training union, will preside.

"The Little Ridgecrest assembly" (Continued on Page 4)

James Lyall To Be Buried Today

James Lyall, 75, of Nathan's Creek, died suddenly at his home on Tuesday morning, after suffering from a heart attack. The funeral service will be held at the home this morning at 11:00 o'clock, and will be conducted by the Rev. W. E. Denney.

Mr. Lyall, a native of this county, the son of the late Ambrose Lyall and Mrs. Susan Patsons Lyall, is survived by his wife and one daughter, Mrs. Julia Pennington.

President Truman Returns From History Making Parley

Washington — President Truman, back in the United States after a one-month absence overseas, is expected to report to the nation by radio within the next few days on the results of the Big Three conference at Potsdam. There also was speculation that he soon may issue a new surrender ultimatum to Japan, warning the enemy to quit or be devastated by the fury of the atomic bomb.

The presidential cruiser, Augusta, carrying Mr. Truman and his party home from Europe, docked at Newport News at 4:45 p.m. (e.w.t.) A half hour later, the presidential party entrained for Washington.

Awaiting Mr. Truman's return to the White House were a number of pressing domestic and international problems.

Topping the domestic list are matters dealing with reconversion. Members of the Senate War Investigating Committee, which he formerly headed, plan to see Mr.

Stalin's Announcement Followed On Heels Of Close Of Big Three Meeting

Russia's official declaration of war against Japan, following America's initial use of the powerful atomic bomb, led news commentators and others to predict the war with Japan much nearer an end than was prophesied a short time ago.

The announcement of Russia's stand was first expected to be made during the Big Three conference, which has just ended. And following on the heels of this momentous meeting, it came as a small surprise to leaders. The official announcement was made yesterday by Premier Stalin.

In addition to the Atomic bomb, all other war efforts in the Pacific have been going ahead this week with the American forces.

Gen. Carl A. Spaatz announced yesterday that more B-29s are in readiness to follow the "Enola Gay" which dropped the first atomic bomb on the Japanese ci-

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Lillard Is Named New Member Of FSA Committee

Returning Veterans And Others May Apply For Loans Through Local Office

The appointment of V. C. Lillard, of Creston, as member of the Ashe County FSA committee has been announced by Thomas H. Sears, FSA supervisor.

Mr. Lillard succeeds Todd T. Price, whose term expired June 30. The appointment was made by State Director, Vance E. Swift. The other members of the committee are A. J. Blevins, Crumpler, and Joe W. Little, Jefferson.

"The FSA committee plays a very important part in the FSA program that is carried on within a county. All applications are certified by the committee and in the case of loans to purchase farms, the farms and the loans are certified by the committee. The committee also gives advice to FSA borrowers and prospective borrowers," Mr. Swift said.

Mr. Sears pointed out that Congress has appropriated \$50,000,000 to be used for Tenant Purchase loans under the Bankhead-

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Lackey To Hold Revival Aug. 13

The Rev. A. G. Lackey, former pastor of the Creston and Warrensville Methodist churches, will conduct the revival service at Grassy Creek, the night of August 13, it was announced by the Rev. W. C. Eastridge, pastor of the Grassy Creek Methodist Church.

Funeral Today For Mrs. Dora Miller

Funeral service will be held this afternoon at the Bethel Baptist Church at two o'clock for Mrs. Dora Miller, 69, of Oval, who died at her home on Tuesday, August 7, after suffering an attack of paralysis. The Rev. Levi Green and the Rev. E. Z. Sexton will have charge of the service and burial will follow at the Bethel cemetery.

Mrs. Miller, who had been ill for the past year, was a native of Wilkes county, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Bare. She is survived by her husband, Ira Miller, and the following children: Miss Mary Jane Miller, Oval; Dora Miller, of Wilkesboro; Daley Miller, of Oval; and Alpha Miller, of Baltimore, Md.

Whooping Cough Serum Is Here

Miss Helen Ghormley, county nurse, announced yesterday that more whooping cough serum had arrived and that vaccinations for immunization could be secured at the office of the health department on Friday and Saturday.

Governor Sends Fighting Men On "Wood for War" Mission



Gov. R. Gregg Cherry dispatches Army's "Wood for War" veterans on 1,500-mile mission through North Carolina's pulpwood and lumber producing areas. The motorcade, featuring six combat veterans, seeks to increase vitally needed wood production. Left to right, above, Lt. Joseph M. Mitchell, Gov. Cherry, S.-Sgt. F. W. Crocker and S.-Sgt. W. O. Heydt.

Funeral Service Held Sunday For J. Frank Reeves

Well Known Ashe County Man Died Friday Following Serious Illness

Funeral service for J. Frank Reeves, 77, well-known Ashe county man, was held at the Cranberry Baptist Church on Sunday afternoon when a large crowd of friends and relatives were present. Eld. Ed Davis was in charge of the service and burial followed in the church cemetery. Nephews of the deceased served as pallbearers.

Mr. Reeves died Friday evening around 11:00 o'clock in the Davis Hospital in Statesville, after a period of critical illness. He had been in declining health for some months.

The son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Andrew McMillan Reeves, the deceased was a native of this county and made his home at Laurel Springs for many years, where he was actively engaged in farming until he retired a few years ago and came to West Jefferson to make his home with a daughter, Mrs. H. D. Quessenberry. His wife died some years ago.

In addition to Mrs. Quessenberry, other sons and daughters who survive are: John F. Reeves, Mrs. B. B. Graybeal, West Jefferson; Earl Reeves, Aberdeen, Maryland; George Reeves, Los Angeles, California; Mrs. L. R. Edens, Roland; Mrs. J. H. Stafford, Bishopville, S. C.; Mrs. J. L. Kiser, Welch Cove. Three brothers, W. B. Reeves, West Jefferson; M. E. Reeves, Laurel Springs; Rev. George M. Reeves, Spartanburg, S. C., and one sister, Mrs. J. N. Tulbert, West Jefferson, also survive.

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Bean Prices On Local Markets Show An Increase This Week; Above Average Of Last Year

Some Teachers Still Needed In County's Schools

Most Of Vacancies Are Filled; Short Of High School Teachers

With only a short time left before the opening of the county schools, August 27, there are still some vacancies to be filled, county superintendent of schools, B. H. Duncan, said yesterday.

Mr. Duncan pointed out, however, that by the time the principals meet on Monday and turn in reports, he expected most of the positions to be filled.

It is understood that Lansing and some other high schools are short of teachers, but efforts are being made to supply these vacancies as early as possible.

Mr. Duncan said he hoped to have the list of teachers sufficiently completed to announce next week.

To Hold Dancy Funeral Today

Funeral service for Joseph Harold Dancy, of Nathan's Creek, will be held this morning at ten o'clock at the Center Church with Elder Ed Davis officiating.

Surviving Joseph Dancy are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alden Dancy, and brothers, William Dancy, Fort Bragg; Dean and Robert Dancy, Nathan's Creek, and two sisters, Iva Dancy, Washington, D. C., and Alma Dancy, of Nathan's Creek.

Atomic Bomb Blast Destroys Japanese City Of Hiroshima

Guam — The first atomic bomb to fall on Japan went down like a clap of thunder, its tremendous impact equivalent to a raid of 2,000 B-29s and hit Hiroshima which disappeared in a cloud of boiling smoke and flame according to the men of the Super Fortress crew who unleashed nature's harnessed fury on the helpless Japanese Empire.

Each man in the crew exclaimed as one: "My God!" What had been Hiroshima going about its business at 9:15 a.m. in the sunshine went up in a mountain of black, dust-filled smoke at the base, towering off into a plume of white at the height of 40,000 feet.

Here at Guam yesterday morning reporting the results to Gen. Carl A. Spaatz and Gen. Curtis E. LeMay were Pilot Paul W. Tibbets Jr., Miami, Fla., and Navy Capt. William Parsons, Santa Fe, N. M., who went as "weaponer repairer" to see that the bomb worked.

Total Of 155,788 Bushels Sold For \$310,986.68 Here This Season

Official reports from inspectors Robertson and Anderson on the Farmers' Bean & Vegetable Market and The Ashe County Bean Market, here, reveal that through Tuesday, August 7, a total of 155,788 bushels of beans have been sold at auction here for \$310,986.68, or an average of approximately \$1.98 per bushel.

This is ahead of last year's volume as well as average price, the reports reveal.

Prices this week have shown a decided climb over the slump last week, records show. Averages for Monday and Tuesday stood around \$1.98.

Officials on both of the markets as well as the inspectors, report that farmers as a whole have been well pleased with the prices received.

"We are anxious for all grow-

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Farmer Funeral This Afternoon

Funeral service will be held this afternoon at two o'clock for Mrs. Lillie Farmer, 70, Apple Grove, who died August 7. Service will be held at the Apple Grove Church with Carl Sturgill and the Rev. D. O. Miller, officiating.

Surviving Mrs. Farmer are her husband, Connie Farmer and five children: Mrs. Della Barker, Mrs. Elmer Farmer, Kenneth Farmer, Wiley Farmer and Weldon Farmer.

All Principals For Ashe County Schools Named

Zeb Dickson Will Head West Jefferson High School Coming Term

The naming of Professor Zeb Dickson as principal of West Jefferson high school by the committee completes the list of principals for the coming year, B. H. Duncan, superintendent of the county schools, announced this week.

Dickson will fill the vacancy left by the untimely death of Professor F. C. Nye, who had been named to this position.

A native of this county, Mr. Dickson is a graduate of ASTC, and has made an outstanding record in school work in Wilkes county, members of the committee pointed out.

Other high school principals and their respective schools are: Elkland, James Stanley; Jefferson, J. B. Hash; Nathan's Creek, A. B. Hurt; Lansing, Ron Davis; Healing Springs, A. D. Goodman; Riverview, Herbert Graybeal; Virginia-Carolina, L. K. Halsey; Fleetwood, W. D. Brackett.

Principals are to meet on Monday at the courthouse to make final plans for the school opening, August 27, Mr. Duncan said. It was also explained that they would officially begin work at this time, two weeks prior to the opening of the schools.

Veterans May Get Gasoline

Up to 30 gallons will be provided discharged servicemen for use in attending to personal affairs and making adjustments to civilian life, OPA has announced.

Issuance of the ration is restricted to enlisted men who had been separated from active service no longer than 30 days on August 3 or thereafter before making application and is the largest ration possible under present allocations made available for civilians.

Chairman L. P. Colvard of the Ashe county war price and rationing board said that this program would not affect the one already in practice of allowing special gasoline rations to servicemen having more than a three-day leave.

Rotarians Hear Plans For Year

The Jeffersons Rotary Club had an interesting meeting last Thursday night when the chairman of each committee gave a brief report on the work they planned for this year and defined the work of his committee.

L. P. Colvard had charge of this program and it proved to be very instructive to the club members.

S. S. Convention To Be Held Aug. 19

The Ashe County Baptist Sunday School convention will be held on Sunday night, August 19, at 8:00 o'clock in West Jefferson, it has been announced, and all of the churches in the county are urged to send representatives. Mr. Millard Holman is chairman and director of the convention.

Frank Lewis, 94, Buried Tuesday

Frank Lewis, 94, of Comet, one of Ashe county's oldest natives, died at his home last Monday morning, after suffering an attack of paralysis. The funeral service was conducted at the Fairview Church on Tuesday, August 7, at two o'clock p. m., with the Rev. H. M. Bennett in charge. Burial was held at the Lewis cemetery.

Mr. Lewis, who had been in bad health for the past two years, was the son of the late Jim Lewis and Patsy Pennington Lewis. He is survived by his wife and the following children: John, Ambrose, Rufus, Davis, Lewis, Mrs. Lillie Pennington, Mrs. Sarah Carpenter and Mrs. Mary Wyatt.