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Ashe Superior Court Will Open Monday

Ashe Women Plan Achievement Day Here October 26

Home Demonstration Clubs Of County Will Report On Work, Style Show

Plans are now being perfected for the annual Achievement Day of the home demonstration clubs of the county, to be held at the Community building October 26, when the accomplishments of the various groups for the past year will be reviewed.

Mrs. Ward Ray, county council president, will preside and special guest speakers will include Miss Ruth Current, State Home Demonstration Agent, and Miss Anna Rowe, Western District Home Agent.

In addition to individual reports from club women, the county 4-H Dairy Foods Demonstration team will give a short revue on "Milk Drinks." The county winner of the 4-H Dress Revue will also model her dress.

Miss Doris Whitesides, home agent, in charge of the program, said that all club women are re-

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Oscar Houck Is Home From War

Popular West Jefferson Teacher Received His Discharge This Week

T-5 Oscar Houck, who has recently travelled with Uncle Sam in a number of European countries, is now back home again and declares most enthusiastically that America, particularly North Carolina and Ashe county are the best places on earth. Another good thing about getting back is that he is now just plain Oscar Houck or "Mr." instead of T-5, because he received his discharge at Fort Bragg on October 15.

Travelling with Uncle Sam was not all easy, Oscar admits, for there was plenty of hardship as well as fighting. In addition to his stay in England, he has been in France, Luxembourg, Belgium and Germany.

"It was the greatest thrill of my life when, after crossing on the USS Oneida, we landed in New York," he declared. He described the rousing welcome given the men in New York.

Mr. Houck, who was a popular teacher and basketball coach here before entering service, readily admitted that he got a real thrill over seeing his young son and hearing him say "Da-Da!"

COUNTY GROUP ATTENDS DISTRICT BOND MEETING

Zeb Dickson, county chairman for the Eighth War Loan Drive, and the following attended a district meeting in Hickory last Friday night: Dean McMillan, L. E. Tuckwiller, Miss Doris Whitesides, Mrs. P. G. Wright, L. P. Colvard, A. B. Hurt, L. B. Tyson, Miss Nancy Kennickell and Mrs. Ed M. Anderson.

At this time, plans were discussed for the coming drive, which will open October 29.

Missing Plane, Searched For In County, Found In Smokies

Searching planes covered Ashe county Sunday, attempting to locate the missing army C-45 transport plane which disappeared October 5 while on a flight from St. Louis, Missouri, to Charlotte.

All day Monday, reports came in from various sections of the county that parts of a wreckage had been found. But these finally ceased when official reports revealed that the wreckage had been definitely located in the Smoky Mountains.

The wreckage was found in a growth of virgin spruce on the east side of Mount Sequoyah, about 400 yards over the North Carolina side of the Appalachian trail, a hiking trail through the park, which forms the boundary between North Carolina and Tennessee at that point.

Definite Plans For Proposed Nurses' Home Get Tentative Approval Of Hospital Group

KILLED IN FRANCE



Cpl. Herbert Gentry, who was killed in a motor accident in France, Sept. 23.

Motor Accident In France Fatal To Lansing Man

Cpl. Herbert H. Gentry Is Killed Two Days Before He Expected To Embark

News has been received of the sudden death of Cpl. Herbert H. Gentry, of Lansing, who was killed in an automobile accident in France on September 23.

Cpl. Gentry, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gentry, of Lansing, was expected to embark for home on September 25 and had written home of his plans.

He had been in service for more than 4 years and had been connected with the Sixteenth General Hospital for sometime. This has recently been taken over by another unit and for this reason he was expected to be sent home.

According to reports received by his parents, he was critically injured and only lived about four hours after the accident.

Price Controls Still On Lumber

The lifting of building controls by the War Production Board, effective October 15, does not mean that OPA price controls have been removed, it was announced yesterday by Chairman L. P. Colvard, of the local War Price and Rationing Board.

"Price controls on lumber and other building materials are still in effect and will remain so," he declared.

Mr. Colvard brought out the fact that inflationary pressures are still strong in the building materials field and emphasized that OPA was determined to resist them until supply comes into balance with demand.

Plan To Erect Building Near Ashe Hospital In Early Spring

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Ashe County Memorial Hospital and the special building committee, Tuesday night, the architect's plans for the proposed nurses' home were presented and tentatively passed on.

According to the plans, the building, which will be erected at the right of the hospital, will follow the same type of architecture and similar stone will be used for the exterior.

It will contain around twenty rooms and will be sufficiently large to house the nurses and also contain living quarters for possibly two doctors. The cost is estimated to run around \$45,000.00.

W. B. Austin, chairman of the board of directors, said that due to the scarcity of necessary materials and labor, as well as weather conditions, it was not planned to start actual work until early spring. It is hoped to have the plans in readiness so that work can start then without delay, it was explained.

Some Changes In County Ministers

Several Charges In County Are Left Vacant At Annual Conference

Five ministers were re-appointed and three circuits were left vacant as a result of the annual meeting of the Western North Carolina conference of the Methodist churches, which was well attended in Greensboro last week.

Those returning to the former circuits were the Rev. John Sharpe Jordan, West Jefferson; Rev. Joe Taylor, Jefferson; Rev. W. C. Eastridge, Helton; U. E. Stevens, Todd; and Roy P. Jones, Green Valley.

The Rev. Worth Sweet, former pastor at Laurel Springs, was appointed to the Ararat circuit, and the Rev. H. H. Short will accept the position at the East Bend circuit. Both are in the Winston-Salem district.

The Creston, Warrensville and Laurel Springs circuits will be supplied at a later date.

Other appointments made at the meeting were: Dr. J. S. Hiatt, who was appointed head of the Methodist College Advance, and Chaplain Hoyt Wood, who was re-appointed as chaplain in the U. S. Army. Replacing Dr. Hiatt as district superintendent is J. H. Armbrust.

SINGING CONVENTION SUN.

Coleman Payne announced that there would be a singing convention at the West Jefferson Baptist church on Sunday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, to which the public is cordially invited to attend.

President Is Given Model Of Surrender Ship, USS Missouri



Happy, indeed, was President Truman when he received this prize Navy model! Reading from left to right: Vice Admiral Randall Jacobs, President Harry S. Truman, Secretary of Navy James Forrestal, Fleet Admiral Ernest J. King.

Elkland School Organizes PTA; Plans Are Made

School Improvements Are Outlined; Group To Meet Again Friday

Twenty-two parents and nine teachers met October 10 at the Elkland High School and organized and elected officers for a Parent-Teacher Association. W. S. Miller was elected president; Ed Blackburn, vice-president; and Mrs. Opal Miller, secretary-treasurer.

Following the election, Douglas Redmond, principal of the high school, briefly outlined the aims and objectives of the school for the coming year and voluntarily \$37.75 was given by the group to provide funds for the hot water jacket needed in the school lunchroom.

Additional means of securing funds for school improvements were discussed and two committees, one composed of parents and the other of teachers, were appointed to make arrangements for a Halloween celebration.

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Laraby Funeral Held Yesterday

Funeral service for Ternitt Laraby, 64-year-old veteran of World War I, who died at his home near Baldwin Sunday, was held yesterday at 2 o'clock at the Baldwin Methodist church, with the Rev. Joe Taylor officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Survivors are two sisters, Mrs. John Livett and Mrs. Lillie Smith, of Burlington, Vermont, and one brother, Joe Laraby.

War Fund Drive Lags; Schools And Others Asked To Send In All Contributions At Once

Ashe County May Get Badly Needed Extra Power Line

Plans Discussed At A Meeting Of Directors Of Cooperative In Lenoir

Carl B. Graybeal, a director of the Blue Ridge Cooperative, source of electric power here, said that at the meeting in Lenoir on Saturday, plans for a proposed 44,000-watt line to be erected from Lenoir to West Jefferson, were discussed.

Mr. Graybeal pointed out that surveys would have to be completed and materials secured before this could be done, but that plans were definitely being considered.

The lack of power in West Jefferson at various times has been

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Fire Dept. Will Meet On Friday

B. B. Graybeal announced this week that there would be an important business meeting of all of the active members of the fire department, as well as others interested in the proposed new building Friday night at the town hall.

"This will be an important meeting and I hope we can have a good attendance," Chief Graybeal said.

Four Rape Cases On Docket; Short Term Is Predicted

Nettles Is Judge; Several Minor Cases Are Expected To Be Heard

Ashe county superior court for the trial of criminal cases is scheduled to open next Monday morning with Judge Z. V. Nettles, of Asheville, presiding. In addition to four rape cases on docket a number of minor cases are expected to be heard and several divorces to be granted.

The rape cases include those of C. T. Hamby and Garnett Church, both charged with rape, whose cases have been continued from previous terms of court. Both were placed under \$3,500 bonds. Marvin Roper is charged with assault and attempt to rape and Ben Blevins is also charged with rape.

Other cases on docket include those of Midas and Dallas Green and that of Quincy Brown, each charged with larceny.

The case of Paul Severt, charged with involuntary manslaughter in connection with the death of Ennis Osborne, killed in an automobile accident, is on the docket.

Len Goss is charged with failure

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Committees Are Appointed By Aux.

Group Voted To Buy Radio For Veteran's Hospital; Good Attendance

At the regular meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary on Saturday night a number of important committees were named by the president, Mrs. B. B. Graybeal.

At this time the group voted to purchase a radio to be used in a veterans' hospital and also to contribute \$25 to the United War Fund.

Plans were made for a special Armistice Day program on Saturday evening, November 10.

There was an unusually good attendance at the meeting and the following committees were named: Membership, Mrs. P. G. Wright, Mrs. A. G. Denney, Mrs. J. G. Rhodes; rehabilitation, Mrs. Ira T. Johnston, Mrs. W. B. Austin, Mrs. L. P. Colvard; child welfare, Mrs. A. B. Hurt, Mrs. G. B. Graybeal, Mrs. W. E. Vannoy; community service and Americanism, Mrs. E. D. Barr, Mrs. Norman Hege, Mrs. L. B. Tyson; memorial and poppy day, Mrs. Elizabeth Miller, Mrs. G. B. Graybeal; publicity, Mrs. E. D. Barr; constitution and by laws, Mrs. P. G. Wright; history, Mrs. A. B. Hurt; national defense, Mrs. Callie Perkins, Mrs. Wm. Terry.

W. J. MUSIC DEPT. TO SPONSOR PROGRAM

It was announced this week that The Briarhoppers, featuring Claude Casey and Homer Christopher, will give a musical program on Friday night, October 19 at the courthouse in Jefferson. The program is to be sponsored by the West Jefferson Music department for the purpose of raising funds for the high school band.

Following Ashe County Men Still Overseas



Here are three of the many Ashe county men who are still overseas: Pfc. David G. Roten, left, son of Elder and Mrs. Dewey Roten, of Sly, is serving with the 102nd Infantry division in Germany. Center, Pfc. Bryant F. Miller, son of Mrs. Teler Miller, of Jefferson, who is shown holding a captured Nazi flag. Right, is Pfc. James V. Kearney, former deputy sheriff of Ashe county, who is now stationed in Augsburg, Germany.



Oct. Brings Snow And Apple Blossoms Here This Week

The mercury took a sudden drop here on Sunday and went down the scale to 30 degrees, bringing ice and snow. Early Monday morning many of the higher mountains of the county showed white caps and the snow on Negro Mountain could be seen far up in the day until it finally melted away.

The much quoted phrase, "If winter comes can spring be far behind," could readily have been used in reverse. For among the others, Ira T. Johnston reported blossoms on his Limbertwig tree. W. E. McNeill also brought in some apple blossoms.

The shortage of coal here sent many in search of wood. Stores reported record sales on stoves of all kinds, particularly coal and wood heaters.

Old Man Winter probably decided he was a little in advance and the temperature rose Tuesday as it did yesterday, resulting in mild autumn weather again.

JEFFERSON MAN HAS CAR STOLEN, BURNED

Chief Deputy Carl B. Graybeal reported that a 1939 model Chevrolet, recently stolen from Lon Bowers in front of his home near Jefferson, had been found in Wilkes county, completely destroyed by fire.

The car was stolen a few nights ago when the glass was broken and a wire connection with the switch, without the key, was used, Mr. Graybeal said. As far as it is learned, the perpetrator of the theft has not been caught.