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Clothing Drive Will Be Closed Early Next Week

Schools Asked To Observe Special Collection Day On Friday

Rev. W. P. Boyle, county chairman of the Victory Clothing Drive, announced yesterday that the final collection of clothing would be made early next week and asked that all who had not done so, to turn in their surplus clothing to the schools or some of the other collection points.

Schools that have not observed a collection day are asked to do so on Friday or Monday.

Mr. Boyle said that the clothing would be collected early next week, sorted out, assembled and then sent off to be shipped to the needy countries, devastated by war.

W. J. School To Meet Saturdays

Rural Children To Be Given Opportunity To Make Up Lost Time

It was announced this week by Zeb V. Dickson, principal of West Jefferson high school, that as soon as the condition of the roads would permit school would be conducted on Saturdays for the benefit of the rural children who have lost time due to the fact that buses have not been able to operate.

At a faculty meeting held on Tuesday, the teaching staff unanimously voted to hold school on Saturdays without pay and give their time to help the children catch up on their work. These days will not be counted in the monthly report, it was pointed out.

The buses will be operated, but Mr. Dickson pointed out, that children living in town would not attend school on these days.

Nettle Knob and Obids as well as other school roads have been impassable due to the weather conditions, therefore forcing the children in those sections to miss a great deal of time from school.

Want Polio Funds Turned In Now

T. E. Parker, chairman of the Infantile Paralysis fund drive in the county, announced yesterday that he wanted all collections from individuals as well as organizations in immediately.

So far, a little more than \$1,500.00 has been raised toward the quota of \$2,650.00. Mr. Parker said and urged that individuals who have not given, to do so this week end. Mr. Parker also announced that the "March of Dimes" banks were to be collected immediately. "The need is vital and I hope we will receive some more generous contributions before the drive closes, he said.

Specialist On Poultry To Speak

C. J. Maupin, poultry specialist of the extension division of State College, will be in the county on Wednesday, February 27, and will hold an informal meeting in the county agent's office at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. All poultry growers are invited to attend. Mr. Maupin will explain opportunities of improvement in quality of "chicks" for marketing and other problems relative to poultry growing.

Textile Industry May Be Secured

During the past week interest in this area has been shown by representatives of the textile industry.

Some officials, who met with local representatives this week said they were favorably impressed with the possibilities of a new plant here, but were not ready to make any definite decisions as yet.

A number of local people have shown inclination to cooperate in every way possible to secure an established industry here.

New Hotel Company Secures Charter; To Meet Here Monday

WILL SPEAK SUNDAY



J. Melville Broughton, who will be the "Baptist Hour" speaker on Sunday morning for the program to be broadcast at 8:30 A. M. His subject will be "Christian Men For A Better World."

Will Purchase Business Site For Proposed New Hotel Building Here

The charter for the New Hotel Company, Incorporated of West Jefferson has been approved with 32 original stockholders and the group will meet on Monday evening at 7:30 to elect directors and officers and to further activate plans for the proposed new hotel, here.

Charter members subscribed to \$2,650.00 of stock before the charter was applied for and plans have been made to purchase the Rhodes property beyond the Duncan Motor company on the Boone Road.

Much interest is already being shown in the proposed hotel and the meeting which will be held at the W. G. Vannoy furniture company, Monday, when further plans including a finance and building committee will be discussed. All interested parties are urged to attend. At the meeting last week, Wade Eller was named process officer to secure the charter.

Republicans To Hold Convention Saturday, Mar. 2

Township Primaries Are To Be Held On Friday, Mar. 1, Chairman Announces

It was announced this week by B. B. Graybeal, chairman of the Republican executive committee for Ashe county, that a Republican county convention would be held at the courthouse in Jefferson on Saturday, March 2, at 1:00 o'clock.

The purpose of the meeting, Mr. Graybeal pointed out, was to elect a chairman of the Ashe county Republican executive committee, the executive committee, and to name delegates to the State and Congressional district conventions, and for such other business as may properly come before the convention.

Republican township primaries are to be held at the voting place of each township in Ashe county on Friday, March 1, at 3:00 o'clock to elect the delegates, he also announced.

Plant Diseases To Be Discussed

L. E. Tuckwiller, county agent, announced this week that Howard Gariss, plant disease specialist of the extension division of State College, will be in the county next Thursday, February 28, and will hold a meeting in the county agent's office at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. All seed dealers are urged to attend this meeting as Mr. Gariss will discuss problems relative to plant disease that should be of interest to them.

W. J. School Will Sponsor All-Star Tourney Mar. 18-23

An all-star memorial basketball tournament will be held for the returned servicemen and women at the West Jefferson gymnasium during the week of March 18 to 23, it was announced this week by Zeb V. Dickson, principal of the West Jefferson high school.

The tournament is being sponsored by the physical education department of the West Jefferson high school for men and women of this county and adjoining counties. Mr. Dickson urged that as many servicemen and women as possible should play. High school students, however, are ineligible.

Teams desiring to enter the tournament should send in their entries as soon as possible, as entry blanks should be in the hands of the officials not later than March 11, and are to be

Baptist Leaders To Hold Meeting

All Ministers And Religious Leaders In Association Urged To Attend

The Baptist ministers and religious leaders of the Ashe Baptist association will conduct the annual school for leaders at the West Jefferson Baptist church during the week of March 4 through March 8.

Every minister and leader in the association is urged to take advantage of these important meetings, which are being held to give helpful sources of information and inspiration to them, it was pointed out.

Appearing on the program during the week will be the Revs. G. C. Burkett, Herman Gentry, W. F. Barker, W. E. Denney and Miss Virginia Dare Teague, all representing the association in the devotionals. The Revs. M. D. Hart and E. W. Powers will also be heard on the program, it was announced.

Ministers visiting from out of the county will be the Rev. J. C. Pipes, of Asheville; the Rev. E. V. Plemmons, substituting for the Rev. J. C. Canipe, and the Rev. Grady Hamby, of Boone.

Preaching services will be held each night and the public is cordially invited to attend.

Want Red Cross Work Turned In

At the meeting of the Ashe Red Cross Chapter Tuesday it was announced that all work which individuals now have out should be completed and turned in.

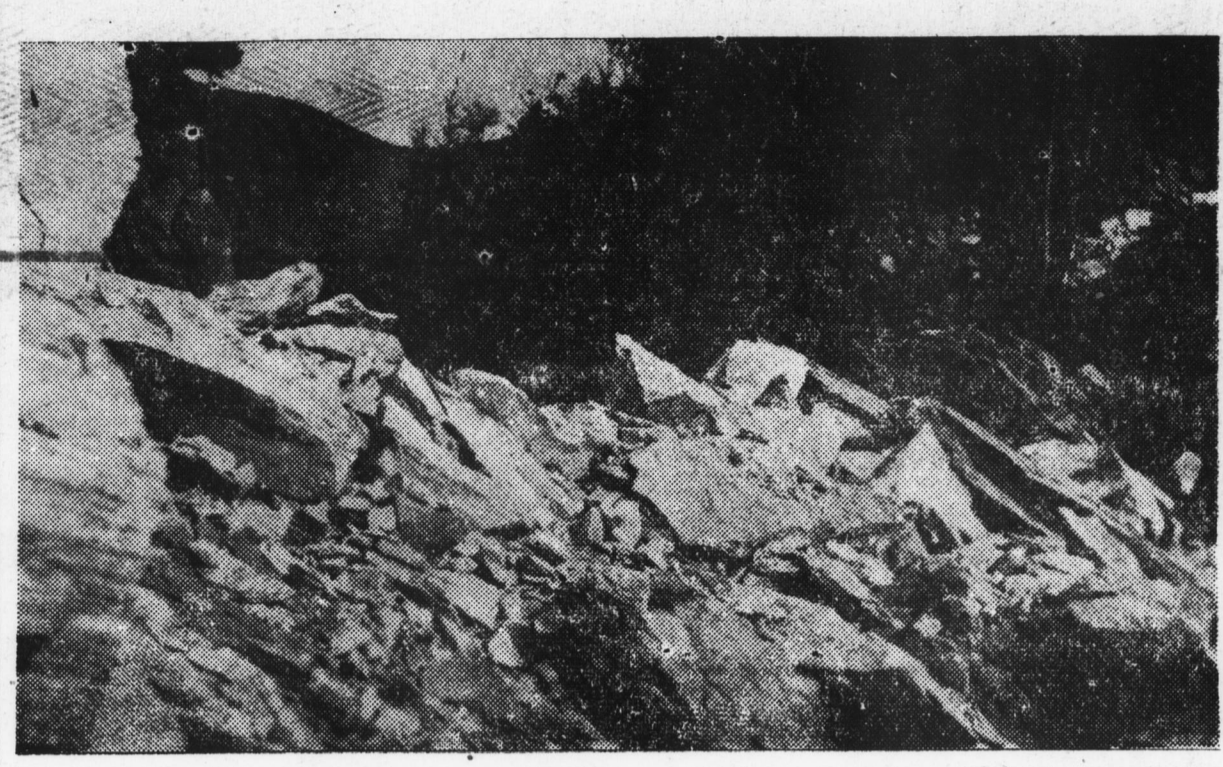
Mrs. F. C. Nye is the new production chairman and it is important that she have a check-up on the work now underway.

FRANCIS INFANT IS BURIED ON MONDAY

Funeral service for the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Francis, who died in the Ashe Memorial hospital Sunday morning, was held Monday afternoon at the home of the grandparents.

The Rev. Cicero Ashley conducted the service and burial followed in the family cemetery.

Where Tons Of Granite Blocked Highway After Landslide



A partial view of the tremendous landslide of earth and granite that completely blocked around 75 feet of Highway 88, between Warrensville and Trade, Tennessee, just below the power plant, several days last week. The road is now open with much of the debris yet to be removed. It is estimated that the slide poured around 50,000 tons of dirt and rock into the highway. (Staff Photo)

Drive To Kill Rats Is Started In W. Jefferson

Sanitarian Eller And Town Officials Plan To Exterminate Varmints

Work was started this week on the rat killing campaign for West Jefferson, with the first bait being distributed yesterday afternoon.

Sanitarian Wade E. Eller is working with the town authorities and he explained that the only type of killer used was to be Red Quill. This is only poisonous to rats and not harmful to cats, dogs or other animals, he pointed out.

Business houses as well as those in the residential sections are asked to clean up all garbage that might harbor rats, in order that the campaign against them might be more effective.

Link A. Absher Buried On Sat.

Succumbed At Ashe Hospital On Thursday Night After Long Illness

Funeral service for Link A. Absher, 46, well-known Ashe county man, was held Saturday at 11:00 a. m., at the Primitive Baptist church at Nathan's Creek. The Rev. Arthur Ashley and Elder Davis officiated and burial followed in the Senter cemetery.

Mr. Absher succumbed at the Ashe Memorial hospital Thursday night, after a lingering illness. A resident of Nathan's Creek, he was well-known throughout the county as a road constructor.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Beulah Little Absher, and seven children; Cleon, Clarence, Sidney, Helen, Lucille and Doris June Absher; and Mrs. Wilma Witherspoon.

Two Ashe Men Given Discharges

Two Ashe county men, Jessie W. Miller, of Wagoner, and Don B. Goodman, of West Jefferson, were honorably discharged through the U. S. Naval Personnel Separation Center at Charleston, S. C., on February 17.

Goodman, who served as a radarman, second class, saw 16 months of overseas action and wears the Asiatic-Pacific ribbon and the Victory ribbon. He served a total of 20 months in the service. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Goodman and the husband of the former Miss Clyde Morton, of West Jefferson.

Miller served 20 months in the U. S. Navy as a seaman, first class, and saw 15 months of service in the American theatre and the Asiatic-Pacific theatre. He is the son of Floyd T. Miller, of Wagoner.

Miss Polly Austin visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Austin, this past week end.

AAA Committeemen To Meet This Afternoon To Report On Farm Plans For Year

Plans Received For Sanitation Of Ashe Schools

Engineers Are To Make Surveys Before Cost Can Be Estimated

B. H. Duncan, superintendent of schools, announced today that plans had been received for suggested sanitary improvements in the central schools of the county.

These plans are to be taken into consideration by engineers who are to make the necessary surveys for water supplies and other adjustments necessary for carrying out the proposed plans.

If the high schools are to remain accredited, they must have sufficient drinking fountains as well as indoor toilet facilities and must meet the standards set up by the health division of the N. C. Board of Education, it was pointed out.

Local People Go To GOP Dinner

A number of Ashe county people attended the Lincoln Day Dinner in Winston-Salem, on Saturday night when Representative Harold Knudson, of Minnesota, was the speaker.

A member of the Ways and Means Committee, he lauded Congressman R. L. Doughton in the beginning of his speech.

Among those from Ashe county who attended were: B. B. Graybeal, Rex Morton, Don Blackburn, Edison Thomas, Lester Gilley, Wade Poe, Lee Bowlers, Jim Yates, Reid Sturdivant, Dr. W. J. Robinson and John Tucker.

Approximately 1100 people attended the dinner.

Annual Meeting Of FSA Group Well Attended Here Tuesday

Practically all sections of the county were represented here Tuesday at the annual meeting of the farm ownership borrowers of Farm Security Administration when reports were heard and farm problems discussed by leaders.

Thomas H. Sears, FSA supervisor, gave an analysis of farm problems during the past year and this was followed by a general discussion.

Van Miller, also a FSA supervisor, discussed the means and methods of increasing feed and food. L. E. Tuckwiller, Ashe county farm agent, told of pasture improvement suggestions.

The morning session was closed with special musical selections rendered by Mr. and Mrs. Osborne.

Following the luncheon at the

Around 60 Percent Of Farmers Have Made Plans; Others Urged To Do So

There will be a meeting at the courthouse this afternoon of AAA committeemen for both the county and the various communities to report on the number of plans already made for this year by farmers who will cooperate in the AAA program.

The county has an allotment of \$97,771 for improved farm practices under the AAA program, but in order to be eligible for his share of this, the farmer must make his plans with the community committee before March 15, Melvin Campbell, chief AAA clerk, explained yesterday.

After the meeting this afternoon, when reports are made, the exact number of farmers, who have made plans, can be determined and efforts will be made to include others in the program, while there is still time to make plans. It is estimated that to date, around 60 percent have made theirs.

Members of the county AAA committee include J. W. Gambill, chairman; T. J. Graybeal, vice-chairman; H. H. Burgess. (Continued on Page 4)

Anderson Will Speak To Press

Ed M. Anderson will be the banquet speaker at the annual institute of the Georgia Press Association to be held at the University of Georgia this evening.

Publisher Anderson recently spoke before both the Kentucky and Tennessee Press Associations.

Harvey Laffoon, president of the North Carolina Press Association accompanied Mr. Anderson to Georgia.

Baptist Film To Be Shown Sunday

Rev. E. W. Powers has announced that "The Romance of a Century," a picture showing one hundred years of Southern Baptist history, will be presented at the West Jefferson Baptist church on Sunday night, February 24 at 7:30 o'clock.

The picture shows the progress of the Southern Baptist Convention since its organization and was made for the centennial celebration last year. The picture will be shown at the two following places: Tuckerdale Baptist church on Saturday night, February 23; and the West Jefferson Baptist church on February 24. The people of Ashe county are cordially invited to attend this movie.

Quessenberry To Head Red Cross Drive For Ashe

Work Of Organization Discussed By Field Workers At Meeting Tuesday

H. D. Quessenberry, assistant county agent, has been named by the Ashe County Red Cross Chapter as drive chairman and Mrs. F. C. Nye as production chairman. They were chosen at a meeting of the chapter Tuesday night, when the regional director, Mrs. Marion Rirzert and Miss Elenore Jones, who spent 17 months in the Pacific spoke of the work of the organization.

Both speakers highly commended Mrs. W. G. Vannoy, chapter chairman and other members of the local unit on the fine work done during the war and stressed the importance of Red Cross carrying on in times of peace.

Officials and members of the Ashe chapter said that they were happy in securing Mr. Quessenberry as chairman of the fund drive which will be held next month. Mr. Quessenberry, who has recently returned from overseas duty held the rank of captain at the time of his discharge. Before entering service he was assistant county agent and is well known throughout this section. He was also secretary of the Ashe County Fair Association, and has been active in other organizations in the county.

A planning meeting for the coming drive will be held within the next few days and details of this will be announced next week.

The chapter welcomed Mrs. Nye as the new production chairman. She replaces Mrs. Levern Johnson who recently moved to Tennessee.

Theatre Owner Buys New Site

Ashe Motor Company Building Sold; Plan New Buildings In Early Future

One of the most valuable pieces of business property in West Jefferson was involved in a real estate deal last week when the Ashe Motor Company building, next door to the Parkway theatre was purchased by R. W. Barr, theatre owner, for a proposed new theatre building. The amount of money involved in the transaction was not revealed.

B. B. Graybeal, owner of the Ashe Motor Company, announced that he planned to erect a new building for the Ford agency and garage on property he now owns located on Jefferson Avenue, across from the Greystone Service Station.

Mr. Barr said he expected to start on the new theatre building as soon as he is given possession of his newly purchased property.

Ashe Teams Will Enter Tourney

A number of Ashe county basketball teams will enter the elimination tournament to be held at Boone this week end, in which teams from ten counties will be entered.

The tournament is one of several in the State to determine by process of elimination, the State championship team.

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