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HUNDREDS EXPECTED HERE FRI.

Principals Meet To Make Plans For School Opening

Discuss Funds Available For Lunch Program

Principals Are Now On The Job Preparatory To School Opening August 25

Principals of Ashe county schools, together with lunchroom operators, met with the county superintendent, A. B. Hurt, on Tuesday to discuss plans for the formal opening of schools on Monday, August 25.

Plans for the operation of the lunchrooms were also discussed as well as the cost of operations. It was explained that the schools will be reimbursed five cents per lunch served with milk and three cents for those served without milk.

Because of the limited funds many of the schools decided to charge fifteen cents, while others pointed out that they would attempt to operate with a charge of ten cents per lunch. Included in this latter group were several of the smaller schools, where some supplementary supplies are now being canned. Some of the larger schools are also canning supplies. The P. T. A. at Elkland has had 2800 quarts of beans canned at the cannery.

Supt. Hurt said that all principals are now on the job completing final plans for the opening of school. There are still a few vacancies in the school system for teachers, it was announced.

The district principals will hold a meeting of all district teachers at the central schools in the county, Friday, August 22, at two o'clock. Mr. Hurt also announced yesterday.

This will be the only notice given. Mr. Hurt pointed out and urged all teachers to attend.

Creston Man Is Killed In Wreck

Pick-Up Truck And Freight Truck Collided And Ran Over Embankment

Ray E. Osborne, 42, of Creston, was killed Friday afternoon when a Mayflower Transit company trailer-truck and a half-ton pick-up truck collided two and one-half miles west of Abingdon, Va., on U. S. Highway No. 11. Osborne was trapped under the wreckage for nearly an hour and was dead when rescuers reached him, it was reported.

Guy Cornett, 39, also of Creston, was taken to George Ben Johnston hospital in Abingdon where his condition was reported to be satisfactory. M. S. Price, 53, of Creston, driver of the pick-up truck, and R. E. Smith, 26, of Indianapolis, driver of the freight truck, escaped serious injuries.

In an attempt to pass the freight truck, something went wrong with the right front wheel of the passing pick-up pulling the truck into the left front fender of the moving van, it was learned. The pick-up rolled over the embankment and the freighter followed, crashing into the smaller vehicle.

Funeral service for Osborne was held Monday afternoon at (Continued on Page 5)

Committees To Report At Rotary

The Rotarians will meet tonight at seven o'clock at the community building at which time reports of the four major committees on plans and objects for the Rotary year will be presented to the club.

The dinner will be served by the ladies of the Presbyterian church. Last week, Ira T. Johnston spoke to the group on the subject "Getting What You Want Out Of Life," pointing out that it was real living that counted most, not the material gains of this world.

Scott Will Attend Tobacco Field Day At Test Farm Tues.



W. Kerr Scott, N. C. Commissioner of Agriculture, who will be here, Tuesday, for the tobacco field day program at the Upper Mt. Test Farm at Transou.

Ashe Legion Post Makes Plans To Build Monument

To Be Set Up On Courthouse Lawn As Memorial To County's War Dead

Plans for erecting a memorial to Ashe county's war dead were discussed and Walter Weaver was named as chairman of the war memorial committee at the meeting of the Ashe Post 171 of the American Legion, Saturday night.

Laurel Springs Man Shoots Self

Venner Thompson, 29, of Laurel Springs, is now a patient in the Ashe Memorial hospital as the result of self-inflicted gun wounds. Thompson was reported to have accidentally shot himself Sunday night with a German Luger, at his home at Laurel Springs.

The bullet entered his chest near the heart and came out through his back, it was learned. Hospital authorities pointed out that although Thompson's condition was grave, that he would recover.

Other Agricultural Leaders Will Take Part On Program

Farmers in this area and others will have an opportunity to learn more about the possibilities of tobacco in this section on Tuesday, Aug. 18, when a Field Day will be held at the Upper Mountain Test Farm at Transou, with Commissioner of Agriculture, W. Kerr Scott and other leaders taking part in the program, which will open at 1:00 o'clock.

Following the opening address by Commissioner Scott, James A. Graham, superintendent of the test farm will introduce other officials.

There will be a short talk on "Turkish Tobacco in the Mountain Area," by John Wilkins, Agronomist of the Extension Service, West Jefferson.

The group will then tour the tobacco fields under the supervision of James A. Graham, Dr. Luther Shaw, USDA, Waynesville; Dr. W. E. Coldwell, Agronomist of N. C. State College, E. (Continued on Page 4)

Farmers To Make Plans For Bureau

Meetings Scheduled To Be Held In Various Communities; Plan Mass Meeting

At a meeting of interested farmers at the courthouse last Friday night plans for the county unit of the Farm Bureau were formulated although no definite action was taken, W. R. Francis, temporary chairman, announced yesterday.

A series of meetings to be held in the county have been scheduled to discuss the purpose of the bureau and to point out the advantages to the farmers. The schedule given is as follows: Idlewild schoolhouse, September 10; Fleetwood schoolhouse, September 11; Chestnut Hill Baptist church, September 15; Husk, 16; Lansing, 17; New River school, September 18.

The mass meeting of all farmers will be held on September 19, at which time officers will be named.

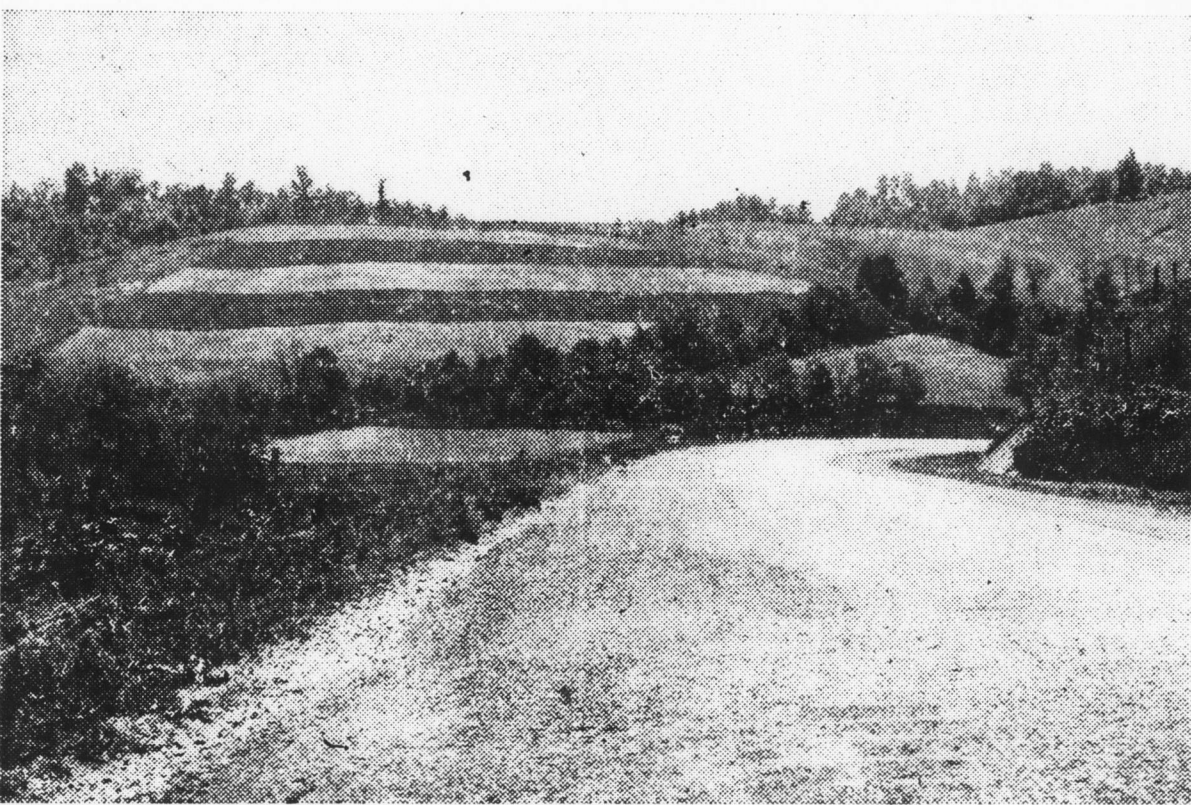
George Farthing, field representative, was present at the meeting, Friday.

DECORATION WILL BE HELD AT OBIDS SUN.

The annual decoration service will be held at the Obids Baptist church on Sunday at 11 o'clock. It was announced here this week.

The public is cordially invited to attend this service.

Soil Conservation Plan In Operation On Scottville Farm



The above scene on the farm of Fulton Reeves, Scottville F. H. A. farmer, shows the effective use of strip-cropping. He is one of the many farmers of the district having a complete soil conservation plan established on his land.

"John Luke Day" To Be Observed On August 31

Well Known Presbyterian Minister Will Be Honored For 20 Years Of Service

John W. Luke, popular northwest North Carolina Presbyterian minister will be signally honored, Sunday, August 31 at a recognition service for his twenty years of work in this area. The service will open at 11:00 o'clock in the morning in the Glendale Springs church, the most recent one completed in Mr. Luke's field.

Following the 11:00 o'clock service, when Dr. E. E. Gillespie will preach, there will be dinner on the ground.

After dinner there will be brief testimonials from church leaders, ministers, Rev. Hoyt Wood, Rev. R. H. Stone, and laymen, E. B. Eldridge, moderator Hoke Henderson and others.

The seven churches which Mr. (Continued on Page 4)

Local Man Named As Theatre Mgr

Guy Denny, well known resident of West Jefferson now has assumed his duties as manager of the Parkway Theatre, where he has held the position of doorman for more than eight years.

Mr. Denny is well known to local movie-goers. He succeeds Douglas D. Bunch who was transferred recently to the Dixie Theatre in Scotland Neck, N. C.

History Of New River Soil Conservation District Shows Popularity Among Farmers

Schedule Given For Distribution Of School Books

Supt. Hurt Asks That Principals Get Theirs On Dates Announced

A. B. Hurt, superintendent of schools announced this week the schedule for the distribution of text books. School principals and teachers are asked to make note of the dates and the time they will be given out at the book room at Jefferson.

The schedule is as follows: Wednesday, August 20, central schools, 9:30 a. m. to 1:30 p. m.; Lansing, 9:30 a. m. to Fleetwood, 9:40 a. m. to West Jefferson, 10:00 a. m. to Riverview, 10:20 a. m. to Jefferson, 10:45 a. m. to Elkland. (Continued on Page 4)

Singing To Be Held Here Sunday

A singing convention will be held on Sunday at 2 o'clock in the tent located on the lot next to the Cash Wholesale Grocery, here it was announced this week by Coleman Payne.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

Since It Was Organized In 1941, 1,083 Farm Plans Have Been Completed

By Staff Writer

This week, as the sixth anniversary of the New River Soil Conservation District, composed of Ashe and Alleghany counties, is being observed, it is well to note the progress that has been made in the work.

Since its organization in 1941, the district has accomplished many changes in land use and the opinion of farmers in regard to the land. There have been completed 1,083 farm plans with co-operating farmers operating 99,023 acres as of July 1. And the majority of recommended soil (Continued on Page 4)

Ashe Women May Serve On Jury

The names of Ashe county women are in the jury box for the first time and when the next jury is drawn next month some women may be among those drawn, J. D. Stansberry, register of deeds explained this week. The jury box was recently revised and women's names added to its contents.

This is in accordance with the new ruling that women may serve on juries in North Carolina.

Program On Soil Conservation To Be Carried Out

Dr. Hugh Bennett, E. G. Garrett, I. E. Miles, R. L. Doughton To Be Here

Hundreds of farmers, as well as some of the state and nation's agricultural leaders are expected here on Friday for the all-day program planned for the observance of the sixth anniversary of the organization of the New River Soil Conservation District, when Dr. H. H. Bennett, Chief of the Soil Conservation Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture, along with other authorities in this field, will take part on the program.

Veterans on the farm training program in several counties will be here as well as farmers and others interested in soil conservation.

Among those taking part on the program in addition to Dr. Bennett will be Dr. I. E. Miles, director of soil testing division, N. C. Dept. of Agriculture; Herbert White, President of the N. C. Association of Soil Conservationists; E. B. Garrett, State Soil Conservationist, Congressman R. L. Doughton, Dr. B. B. Dougherty and others.

The program will open Friday morning at the community building in West Jefferson, at 10:30. Following registration and viewing of exhibits, the group will adjourn to the West Jefferson high school building for a formal meeting. Here Dr. Miles, E. B. Garrett, Congressman Doughton and others will speak briefly. The meeting will adjourn at 12:30 for lunch.

At 2 o'clock in the afternoon the group will again meet at the community building and will leave from there on the various field trips that have been planned so they can observe soil conservation work. Five different trips (Continued on Page 4)

Teachers Must Get Examined

Are Asked To Get Blanks And Report To Health Department Next Thursday

A more rigid physical examination is necessary for teachers this year, A. B. Hurt, superintendent of schools announced this week.

He also pointed out that a teacher must secure a special form from his office and have this filled out when the examination is given. The usual health certificate will not be sufficient, it was explained.

These examinations will be given by the health department and all teachers are asked to get theirs next Thursday. There is a possibility that X-rays will be changed for. It was pointed out that X-rays will only be necessary where the tuberculin test shows positive in the preliminary examinations.

The requirement of the complete physical examination is the result of a new law passed by the last legislature.

County To Have Health Nurse

Miss Olive Pulliam, of Andrews, will assume her duties here Monday as county health nurse. Dr. R. R. King, Jr., district health officer, announced this week.

Miss Pulliam, a graduate nurse from the Mission hospital in Asheville, has just finished training in public health work at the Charlotte City health department. She formerly served as flight nurse in the European theatre, seeing two years of service in Germany.

Miss Pulliam will replace Mrs. Carrie M. Neill who served in that capacity until she resigned last year.

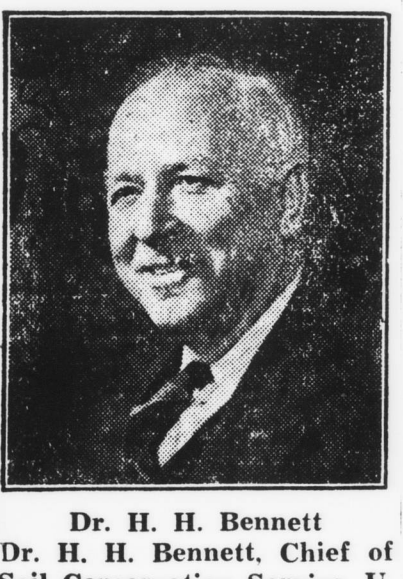
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Congressman R. L. Doughton



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