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Announce Chest X-ray Clinic To Be Held Oct. 15

Will Be Conducted At Office Of Health Department In Ashe County Hospital

It was announced this week by Dr. Robert King, of the District Health Department, that a chest X ray clinic would be held at the office of the county health department in the Ashe hospital, next Wednesday, October 15. At this time Harold Satterwhite, X-ray technician for the N. C. Sanitorium, will bring a portable X-ray machine to be used.

It was pointed out by Dr King that this clinic would be available to the public at a cost of one dollaw per person. An effort is being made to contact persons, who have a positive skin test for tuberculosis, who had had tuberculosis in the past or have been associated with it. It is hoped that they will avail themselves of the benefit of the clinic.

It was further explained that a skin test is used to eliminate people who have never been exposed to tuberculosis so that they need not go to the expense of a chest X-ray. Dr. King also pointed out that a chest X-ray is essential to give definite assurance of how a positive skin test should be interpreted.

Funeral Home Is Being Remodeled

Badgers Add Columns To Building Making It A Colonial Type

A remodeling program for Badger's funeral home is underway and the brick building now has at its entrance, large white columns of a colonial type.

The entire front of the building, including the columns, has been covered with white stucco and the remainder of the building is to be painted white also R. R. Badger stated.

The funeral home is also being enlarged. A 58 x 60 foot extension is being built directly in back of the building and will be used for garages and storage space. A cement drive is to be constructed on the side next to the high school gymnasium as the entrance.

Badger's funeral home, the oldest in the county, is now in its ninety-fourth year of operation. It was founded by Bill Badger in 1853. To prove the interest the Badgers have taken in it down through the years not one time has an ambulance trip been made without one member of the Badger family going with the ambulance.

In charge of the funeral home now are Roy R. Badger, Guy Badger, Guy Badger, Jr., and James Badger.

Baptists To Meet At Mission Home

There will be a meeting of the following churches at Mission Home on Sunday afternoon, October 12, at 2:30 o'clock:

Big Flatts, Big Ridge, Liberty Grove, Mount Olives, Old Fields, Pilot Mountain and Pine Swamp.

A good program has been arranged with a number of speakers participating. Rev. J. H. Gentry will be in charge.

A large delegation from each church is requested to be present.

Erecting Tower On Negro Mt.

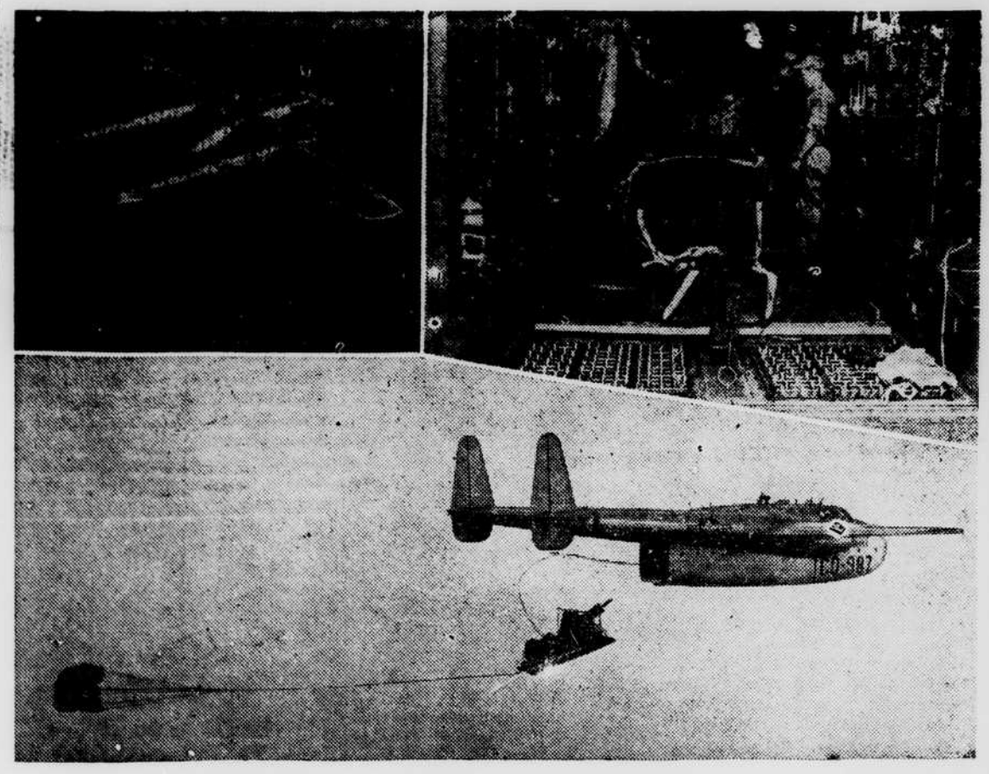
Work is now going forward on the foundation for an observation tower to be built on the top of Negro Mountain, by the U. S. Forestry Service.

A road is also being built from the rock on up to the top of the mountain to the tower base, where a bulldozer has been in operation for the past few days.

A number of local people made the trip to the top, last Sunday, to view the new road and the excavation work being done for the tower.

Negro Mountain, which is around 4,728 feet high, affords a view of mountain ranges for many miles in this vicinity.

Air Force Shows How Soldiers Use Troop Carriers In N. C.



At Fort Bragg, N. C., the army air force shows how the army ground forces are using the troop-carrier C-82 packet in conducting howitzer and jeep drop tests. Top left: shows the C-82 with rear cargo doors removed. Top right: the 105 howitzer, all bundled up for its parachute journey. Bottom: this split-second shot caught the howitzer just after it left the plane and before the canopy 'chutes opened to slow the descent.

Ashe County Unit Of NCEA Makes Plans For Year; Will Hold Annual Banquet Soon

Mrs. Gertrude Vaught Is President; Committees Are Named

The advisory council of the Ashe county unit of the NCEA met last week to make plans for the year, when committees were named and plans for the annual banquet to be held at an early date were discussed.

Mrs. Gertrude Vaught, president, announced the appointment of the following committees:

Public relations, Mrs. Josephine Smith, Lansing school; Mrs. Hazel Edwards, West Jefferson; Miss R[illegible] Elkland; Mrs. M[illegible] Healing Springs; M[illegible] Vaught, Jefferson; Mrs. R. C. Latham, Riverview; James Church, Nathan's Creek; Hayden Goodman, Fleetwood; Mrs. Julia Hash, Virginia-Carolina.

Membership: Herbert Graybeal, Riverview; Miss Clara Perkins, Lansing; A. D. Goodman, West Jefferson; Miss Ada Cox, Healing Springs; Mrs. Roland Koontz, Jefferson; Mrs. Clyde Miller, Elk-

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Judges Given For Amateur Program

It was announced this week that Mrs. J. L. Segraves, Mrs. Carl Graybeal and Ira T. Johnston would be judges for the amateur hour to be held on Friday night, October 24, at 7:30.

This program is being sponsored by the West Jefferson Parent-Teacher's Association and will be held at the high school, here.

Further details will be announced later, it was explained.

Schools Invited To See Iron Lung

Want Contributions Turned In To Treasurer, L. P. Colvard

Groups of school children and teachers are invited to view the recently purchased iron lung as a part of the war memorial. Those wishing to see it and have it explained, are asked to contact Joe Garvey at W. J. Parts company.

Collectors who have contributions for the War Memorial Fund are asked to turn them into the hands of the treasurer, L. P. Colvard, at once.

The following contributions have recently been received:

Fred Colvard, W. G. Vannoy, $25.00 each.

Mrs. Eunice Dixon, $20.00.

Wesleyan Guild of the West Jefferson Methodist church, Eugene Thompson, Delmer Coldiron, $10.00 each.

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Wm. H. Brown, 76, Succumbs At Fig

Last rites for William H. Brown, 76, of Fig, were held Monday morning at eleven o'clock at the residence. Officiating were Revs. Tom Farmer, J. R. Short and Arthur Ashley and interment was in the Rich Hill cemetery.

The deceased succumbed at his home at Fig, Sunday. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Vina Brown, and four sons, Arthur and Wilson Brown, of Fig, and James and Millard Brown, of Smithport.

Many Expected For Anniversary At Ebenezer Sun.

50th Anniversary Of First Presbyterian Church In Ashe To Be Observed

Friends from near and far are expected to attend the all-day service at Ebenezer Presbyterian church on Sunday, when the fiftieth anniversary of the building of this church will be observed. This was the first Presbyterian church to be built in the county and all former pastors are invited to attend, the present pastor, Rev. John W. Luke announced.

The church was organized and built by Dr. E. E. Gillespie, who is expected to be here for the anniversary celebration. Rev. R. H. Stone, who served as pastor of the church for many years, is also expected to take part on the anniversary program.

It was announced that there would be a service in the morning and the afternoon and that dinner would be served on the ground.

Plans for re-building this church are being considered. Gifts are being received for this.

Johnston Will Speak At Rotary

At the regular meeting of the Jeffersons Rotary club tonight, at the community building at seven o'clock, Ira T. Johnston will speak to the members on "John Charles McNeill, the North Carolina Poet." J. T. McLaurin will be in charge of the program.

Lester Segraves spoke to the group last week on "Being An American." He was introduced by Ira T. Johnston.

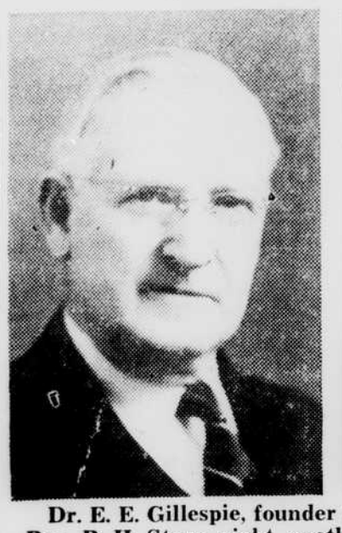
Four Ashe Boys Are At Mars Hill

Mars Hill—Special—Four students from Ashe county are enrolled at Mars Hill college this fall. These are: Roy O. Freeman of Jefferson; Royce Gene Miller of Toliver; and George Truett Eller and James Walter King of Bina.

The total enrollment at the college is 981, exclusive of special students in the departments of speech, art, and music. These come from 18 states, District of Columbia and two foreign countries. North Carolina, 717; South Carolina, 30; Virginia, 58; Florida, 37; Georgia, 35; Tennessee, 21; Alabama and Kentucky, five each; Maryland, four; Indiana, three; Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Ohio and New York, two each; Texas, Rhode Island, Missouri, New Hampshire, and District of Columbia, one each; Cuba, two; Brazil, one.

The North Carolina students come from 88 counties.

Will Speak At Ebenezer Sunday



Dr. E. E. Gillespie, founder and former pastor, left, and Rev. R. H. Stone, right, another former pastor, who will take part in the fiftieth anniversary service to be held at Ebenezer, Sunday.

Ashe Man Held In Connection With Shooting Of Wife

Hearing Of A. F. Brown Of Laurel Springs Is Set For Next Wednesday

Alex F. Brown, Laurel Springs man is being held in the Ashe county jail, pending a hearing scheduled for next Wednesday, in connection with the fatal shooting of his wife, Judy Reeves Brown, which is believed to have taken place last Friday, at their home between Nathan's Creek and Laurel Springs.

Mrs. Brown was found dead in the kitchen of their farm home by the officers and coroner R. R. Badger, called to investigate on Saturday morning, at the request of Lon Reeves, a brother of the deceased.

She had been dead for some time officers reported, and investigation proved that she had been shot in the head as well as the chest.

According to reports, the young son of the deceased, Charles Brown, 8, returned home late Friday and found his mother dead and upon questioning his father about it, he was immediately ordered to bed. He arose early the next morning, however, and went to the home of relatives telling what had happened. Officers and the cornorer were sent for and found her dead on the floor of the kitchen, Brown was in bed at the time and denied knowledge of the shooting, Coroner Badger reported.

Officers investigating, said Mrs. Brown had evidently been sitting by the table sewing at the time of the shooting, as scissors, thread and material were scattered around the room.

Investigators reported that she had been shot in the head by a 22 rifle and again in the chest by a 32 calibre pistol. The pistol was found in the bureau drawer and the rifle on top of a cupboard, officers said.

Neighbors reported that Brown had made threats against them and his wife and that he had beaten and mistreated her frequently. He had previously been brought before the court for assault. He was tried before the April term of superior court in 1946 for assault with intent to kill Fred Hart, and was sentenced to two years, suspended upon payment of a fine of $25.00 and costs, by Judge J. Will Pless.

Last Friday, the day that the shooting is believed to have tak-

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J. S. Graham To Be Buried Today

Funeral service for J. S. Graham, 73, of Creston, who died in the Appalachian hospital at Johnson City, Tenn., Tuesday, will be held this afternoon at the Creston Methodist church at 1:00 o'clock. Burial will follow in the Osborne cemetery with Revs. Tom Farmer and Roy D. Campbell, of Bakersville, officiating.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Alice Graham, and two children, Mrs. Joe Robinson, of Creston, and Gwyn Graham, of Bakersville.

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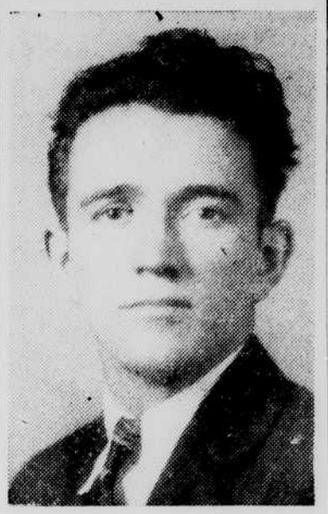

James J. Miller, newly elected president of the Ashe County High School Athletic Association.

Methodists Now Hold Conference

Ashe County Ministers Now Attending Conference In Charlotte

Ashe county Methodist ministers along with others in Western North Carolina, are attending the annual conference now in session in Charlotte.

The sessions, which are being held at the Dilworth church, will continue through Monday and are expected to attract more than 700 delegates and visitors.

Dr. C. E. Pruette of Winston-Salem was the conference's first speaker. He delivered an address on Rutherford College at the anniversary meeting of the conference's historical society.

Holy communion was administered by Bishop Clare Purcell of Charlotte, before an anniversary meeting of the conference's board of missions and church extension. The mission sessions were presided over by the Rev. Walter J. Miller of Salisbury.

Speakers during the conference included Bishop Costen J. Harrell, Birmingham; Dr. Harry N. Holmes, New York; Dr. Harold A. Bosley, Duke Divinity School dean; D. Paul Harris, Atlanta; Bishop H. Richley Dunn, New York; U. S. Senator Clyde R. Hoey, Shelby; Dr. Ray H. Short, Nashville, Tenn.; and Bishop Purcell.

4-H Club Elects Officers At Meet

The Healing Springs 4-H club held its meeting on September 30, and elected officers, it was announced this week.

Those elected to serve for the coming year are Velma Jones, president; Lois McMillan, vice-president; Claudine Hash, secretary and treasurer, and Wilma Jones, reporter.

Lansing And W. Jefferson To Open Series, Saturday

Ashe county baseball fans will have an opportunity to witness their own series here at at Lansing, beginning Saturday, W. L. Hughes, president of the Mountain Baseball League, stated yesterday. The decision of the date for the league series came after a meeting of the managers of the Lansing and West Jefferson ball clubs here, Tuesday night.

Helton was runner-up for first place in the second half of the playing season, being eliminated by the West Jefferson team last week end. The West Jefferson team defeated Helton 7-2 here last Friday and journeyed to Helton on Saturday for another victory, 12-8.

The opening game of the series will be played Saturday at two o'clock at Lansing and Sunday, Lansing will play West Jefferson here on the local diamond. A three out of five game decision was voted on and the next two games are scheduled for October 17 and 18, at Lansing and West Jefferson. In the event that a fifth game is necessary, it will be played in West Jefferson the following week, if any one of the games of the series is rained out, it will be scheduled for the following Saturday, President Hughes pointed out.

GROUP TO WORK ON CHURCH, WED.

There will be a public working on Wednesday, October 15, at the South Fork Primitive Baptist church for the purpose of repairing the church, it was anounced this week.

Miller To Head Athletic Ass'n For High Schools

Opening Basketball Games Are To Be Played First Week Of November

At the organization meeting of the Ashe County High School Athletic association, held at the West Jefferson high school on Thursday night, James Miller, principal of Elkland high school, was named as president of the group. Others chosen to serve with him were Colonel Francis, vice-president; Glenn McGuire, secretary and treasurer.

The group adopted rules governing the coming basketball season and decided that the opening games would be played the first week of next month. It was also decided that officials would again be used from Appalachian State Teacher's College. Schools are to play one game each week on nights other than Friday and uniform admission is to be charged.

The executive committee of the Ashe County Athletic Association is composed of one member from each school, it was pointed out.

Certificates Given Midwives

Mrs. Elsie P. Guffey Gives Instructions And Inspects Equipment

Mrs. Elsie P. Guffey, public health nurse with the State board of health, has just completed a course of instruction for midwives of Ashe county and inspection of their equipment and records. The midwives met at the health department in Jefferson for physical examinations, inspection of their equipment and instructions on the latest developments in their field of work.

Grade A certificates were granted to the following midwives:

Mrs. J. M. Roten, Creston; Mrs. Jane Miller, Wilkes; Mrs. Burie Wyatt, Winston; Mrs. J. E. Church, Jefferson and Mrs. Margaret Cockerham, Campbell.

Mrs. Ella Trentham, of Helton, received a Grade B certificate. Those receiving Grade C certificates were: Mrs. Vera Bare, Crumpler; Mrs. F. M. Powers, Lansing; Mrs. Lucretia Grant, Apple Grove; Mrs. Lila Bare, Wagoner and Mrs. Julia McMillan, colored, Crumpler.

These certificates are in reality a license to practice as improved midwives for one year at a time and are an evidence that these women are trained and approved by the health department and are under the rule system of the health service in order to qualify

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Rev. R. H. Stone To Speak Sunday

Rev. R. H. Stone, pastor in Ashe county for twenty years, will preach at Stone Presbyterian Church in northwestern Ashe on Sunday night, it was announced here this week.

The pastor, Rev. K. J. Foreman, Jr., will lead the worship. The public is cordially invited to attend.

SEVERAL ATTENDED TELEPHONE MEETING

A number of Ashe county citizens joined with those from Sparta and Roaring Gap at the telephone hearing held in Raleigh last Thursday to protest the service being rendered by the Central Telephone Company, now asking for an increase in rates.

The local group commended Mrs. Wyrick in charge of the local office, but asked for improvement of equipment, extension of lines, more prompt long distance service and other improvements. Those attending included G. B. Graybeal, B. B. Graybeal, H. D. Quessenberry, A. B. Hurt, Austin Jones, Harvey Payne, Dean McMillan, Glenn Little and Mrs. Ed M. Anderson.

Official decisions regarding the hearing have not been received here, but it was learned from authoritative sources in Raleigh today that better service can be expected.