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County Schools To Enter Annual Spelling Tourney

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Ashe county schools will be among the large number in this area to take part in the annual Winston-Salem Journal and Sentinel Spelling Bee, A. B. Hurt, superintendent of schools said yesterday.

Preliminaries are to be held in the schools to select winners and they in turn will compete for the county's first place. This winner will go to Winston-Salem for the finals there, it was explained.

The date for the county finals will be announced soon, Mr. Hurt said.

Winners of the contests in each county school system will go to Winston-Salem to compete in the finals Saturday, May 1. The finals champion will represent North Carolina in the National Spelling Bee in Washington, D. C., during the week of May 24.

New Serial Will Begin In Post

Entitled "Second Chance," Is Story Of A New York Heroine

A new serial entitled "Second Chance," written by Rosamond Dujardin, begins this week in the Post replacing "Murder is Forgetful," the last chapter of which was run last week.

This exciting new serial introduces the hero, Jon Everton, and Lisbeth Carmichael, the heroine, in the first chapter. They met quite by chance on Park Avenue when the taxi in which Everton was riding splashed mud and ice on Lisbeth, who was walking near the curb. It wasn't a chance meeting, the first chapter reveals, for Lisbeth and Jon were both en route to visit Cassandra Devine, a rather wealthy New Yorker. Miss Devine proved to be a friend of Lisbeth's and also a friend of Jon's mother.

A third party, Bob Ferris, a man who has gained a considerable amount of notoriety as a discredited broker who misappropriated funds and won for himself front page head lines, enters the story in the first chapter. His connection with Lisbeth is not revealed in the first chapter of this exciting new story. The readers will not want to miss a single chapter, beginning in this issue of the paper.

Dr. G. W. Smith Now At Graybeal's

Dr. G. W. Smith, registered druggist, this week began his duties at Graybeal's Drug Store, here relieving Dr. J. Bruce Porter, who left on Monday for an extended visit in Florida.

Dr. Smith, a graduate of the University of Illinois, is highly recommended by the board of pharmacy and Mrs. Carl Graybeal stated that she was happy to have Dr. Smith here. His office hours will be from 8:00 a. m. to 9:00 p. m.

Dr. and Mrs. Porter are expected to return within a month.

J. D. Weaver, 76, Succumbs At Amy

Funeral service for David Dickson Weaver, 76-year old resident of Amy, was held yesterday afternoon at two o'clock at the Ashley church. Officiating were Revs. Cicero Ashley and John L. Umgarner and interment was at the Weaver cemetery.

Mr. Weaver, a life long resident of Ashe county, was a farmer in the Amy section. He was the son of the late Nancy Jones Weaver and Elihu Weaver.

He is survived by his wife, Ida Weaver and nine children, Harold, Emma and Howard Weaver, Jean Wright, Mrs. Raye Umgarner, Mrs. Mary Bell well, and Blanche, Jack and J. Weaver.

County Republican Convention Will Be Held On Saturday

CALLS CONVENTION



B. B. Graybeal, chairman of the Ashe County Republican Executive Committee.

Truman Says He Is A Candidate For President

Decision Is Announced By Democratic National Chmn. McGrath

Washington — President Truman, this week, hurled defiance at intra-party efforts to dump him as the Democratic presidential candidate this year and formally announced that he would run.

His decision was announced by Democratic National Chairman, J. Howard McGrath after an hour-and-a-half White House conference.

McGrath told reporters that the President had authorized him to say that "if he is nominated by the Democratic national convention, he will accept and run."

It was a blunt rejection of the growing demands among Southern Democrats in hot revolt against Mr. Truman on racial rights, that he take himself out of the presidential picture.

The Dixie rebels have accompanied their demands with steps toward fighting Mr. Truman for the presidential nomination and withholding from him their states' (Continued on page 8)

ATTEND INTERNATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL FORUM

Mrs. E. M. Anderson and daughter Billie and Miss Nancy Kenickell were in New York last week and attended the international high school forum, held in the Waldorf-Astoria, where students from 22 foreign countries were present.

On Sunday they had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Rocco Cutri, in Brooklyn. Mr. Cutri formerly operated the Carolina Briar company here.

Extension Beekeeper, Gives Demonstration In County

W. A. Stephen, extension beekeeper from N. C. State College, was here in the county on Tuesday to examine bees on Ashe county farms and give demonstration at Bower Walters' home.

He said that all of the hives showed a definite need for feeding a pollen supplement at this time of the year. Normally, the colonies start brood rearing in January and unless they have sufficient pollen for feeding the young bees, they must get it from some source such as soybean flour or else they will stop rearing young bees and the hives will be too weak to harvest the honey during the honey flow. By feeding soybean flour and brewer's yeast within the hive, the bees are enabled to carry on normal brood rearing regardless of

Primaries Will Be Held On Friday For Electing Delegates To Convention

B. B. Graybeal, chairman of the Ashe county Republican Executive Committee has announced that his party's county convention has been called for Saturday, at 2:00 P. M., at the court house in Jefferson.

At this time a chairman and executive committee will be elected, as well as delegates to the state and congressional district conventions, Mr. Graybeal said. Other business will also come before the group.

It was also announced that Republican township primaries had been called to meet on Friday at 3:00 o'clock in each of the voting places for the purpose of electing delegates to the county convention and township chairmen.

Mr. Graybeal explained that each township is entitled to delegates to the county convention, one for every fifty votes cast for the Republican candidate for governor in 1944.

Baldwin Church To Be Enlarged And Remodeled

Committees Appointed At Meeting Of Group On Sun.; G. W. Edwards, Chmn.

At a meeting on Sunday, plans were perfected for the enlarging and remodeling of the Baldwin Methodist church. Among the other features will be a new basement, it was explained. Some painting and other work will be done, including some brick work.

W. G. Edwards is general chairman of the remodeling program. Other special chairmen named to serve with him include, Mrs. Colleen Colvard, secretary; Roger Holman, building committee chairman; Todd Gentry, finance chairman.

Work is expected to get underway in the near future and be completed the early part of the summer, it is understood.

Scout School To Be Held Mar. 15-19

It was announced this week by Hoyt H. Wood, director of plans and training for the Old Hickory Council that a special school for Scouters would be held at the West Jefferson community building next week, Monday evening through Friday, from 7:00 to 9:00 p. m.

This is an authorized course and all Scouters, who are interested are urged to attend. "It is important that we have more trained leaders and I hope we have good attendance," Mr. Wood said.

Extension Beekeeper, Gives Demonstration In County

weather conditions.

Mr. Stephen demonstrated the mixing of soybean flour and yeast with sugar syrup to make cakes which were placed on the top of the frames in contact with the brood nest. A colony found to be short on honey was fed sugar syrup with the use of an extra super and a syrup bucket. It was explained that if there is less than 15 pounds reserve honey in the hive at any time, brood rearing will be slowed down.

If anyone has reason to believe that their bees have been, or are, exposed to American Foulbrood, he can feed sulfa-thiazol in a sugar syrup as a control. Charlie Davis, of West Jefferson, reports excellent results with this treatment last year. (Continued on page 8)

Ashe Sends Thousands Of Pounds Of Clothing Abroad



Ashe county people answered the call to fill bags with clothing for the Overseas Relief Drive just over. Between 7,000 and 18,000 pounds of clothing, or 160 bags, were sent overseas. Shown here is a room filled with part of the collection. Rev. John W. Luke was the active drive chairman.

West Jefferson Girls Winners In Boone Tourney

Jefferson Boys Also Go To Finals; Lose To Appalachian Team

West Jefferson girls and Appalachian boys won the Tri-County Basketball Tournament at Boone Saturday night. The Jefferson boys also went to the finals and lost to the Boone boys.

West Jefferson took the measure of Jefferson to the tune of 20 to 19 in a contest that was a thriller throughout. West Jefferson led at the half, 10 to 9.

Appalachian won from Jefferson, 28 to 25, in a boys contest that kept the spectators on the edge of their seats throughout.

All-star teams were announced immediately after the game, with winners receiving gold basketballs.

The sportsmanship trophy was awarded to the Virginia-Carolina girls and the winner and runner-up in each division received a trophy.

All-star teams follow:
Girls: Buchanan, Cranberry, L. Speaks, West Jefferson; Cox, Healing Springs; Watson, Jefferson; Thompson, Cranberry; Sexton, Virginia-Carolina. (Continued on page 8)

Wade Eller Will Speak At Rotary

Wade E. Eller will speak to the members of the Jeffersons Rotary club tonight at 6:30 o'clock, at the meeting to be held at the community building. W. G. Vanoy will be in charge of the program.

Last Thursday, guests of the club were Senator Wade E. Brown, of Boone and Rev. James McKeown, also of Boone. Mr. McKeown was introduced to the club by Mr. Brown and spoke briefly to the group.

Burkett To Have Hearing Today

A hearing has been set for this morning at ten o'clock before J. P. Dave Burkett for Birge Selby, colored, who was released from the county jail on \$1,000 bond earlier this week, in connection with the shotgun shooting of Nancy Foster, colored.

Johnny Weldon, colored, is now being held in the county jail, in connection with the shooting of Ambrose McCoy is out on bond, but will be questioned at the hearing in connection with the shooting also, officers pointed out.

The shooting occurred February 28 in the Bristol section, below Jefferson and the victim was taken to the Ashe Memorial hospital for treatment, where it was necessary to amputate her leg. Some Republicans said before

County Teachers' Meeting Will Be Held Wednesday Afternoon At W. J. School

County Schools To Have Speaking, Debating Contest

Principals Met Tuesday Afternoon To Discuss Activities For Schools

At a meeting of high school principals Tuesday, in the office of superintendent of schools, a number of school activities were discussed, and it was decided that the school would again participate in the annual debating contest sponsored by the Rotary club and the speaking contest under the auspices of the American Legion. More details of these are to be announced later.

There was also some discussion of the approaching tournament as well as the Journal-Sentinel spelling bee, in which the schools are to take part.

The schools were urged to complete their collections for the Red Cross at an early date in order that the drive might be completed.

Coble Names Drye As New Field Man

Bruce Yates, who has been field man for Coble Dairy Products in this area for the past year, has been transferred to South Boston, Va., it was learned this week. Arnold Drye, of Albemarle, has been named to replace him, there.

Mr. Drye will be located at Lansing where he will reside.

Plan To Withhold Funds From Southern States, Is Defeated

Washington — A top-heavy vote beat Monday, a proposal to withhold Federal funds from states discriminating against Negroes.

But the members averted a record vote on the controversial anti-discrimination amendment, which goes well beyond President Truman's civil rights program.

The test was on an amendment to the \$1,017,851,000 appropriation bill financing the Labor Department, the Federal Security Agency and several other agencies for the fiscal year 1949.

The amendment was offered by Representative Marcanonio (AL-PNY). It was defeated by a standing vote of 119 to 40.

Then the House by voice vote passed the bill without change and sent it to the Senate.

Only \$14,200 Has Been Reported; Quota Is \$12500.

Schools And All Other Workers Who Can, Are Asked To Make Reports

Reports from headquarters yesterday afternoon revealed that the Red Cross Fund Drive has not yet reached the halfway mark and that only \$14,201 has been raised on the county's quota of \$125,000.

Schools, as well as all other workers, are asked to make a report by Friday or as soon thereafter as possible, Roy Blevins, chairman, said.

"We want to raise our quota without delay and can do so with a little extra effort and cooperation on the part of everyone," chairman Blevins said.

A list of early contributors is as follows:

Rocco Cutri, The Skyland Post, \$25.00 each, W. L. Tamblin, Todd Gentry, \$20.00.

Davidson's Store, W. J. Parts Company \$15.00 each, Ray Hardware \$12.50.

Northwestern Bank, J. E. Roe, Kay Eller, Jr., Jess E. Eastridge, Fred Colvard, Service Store, M. G. Edwards, Roger Holman, Mr. and Mrs. Ward Ray, A. B. Hurt, \$10.00 each.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Clark, Hoyt Wood, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Dunson, Ira T. Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Vanoy, J. K. Hunter, Elizabeth V. Miller, Cash Wholesale Grocery, Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Colvard, J. W. Luke, Frances Bucker, Mr. and Mrs. J. Bruce Porter, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Oliver, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Johnson, J. S. Wilkins, O. M. Fulcher, Mrs. W. P. Hamilton, Lester Sturgill, Mr. W. W. Dickson, Mrs. Victor Clark, Ron Davis, Winkler's Store, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Perkins, Mr. (Continued on page 8)

Dramateers To Enter Festival

Jefferson Group Leaves Today To Present Play In Asheville

The Jefferson Dramateers held the try-outs for parts in the contest play, "Darkness at the Window," recently and the cast of characters is announced this week by Mrs. Gertrude Vaught, who is in charge. The group of students will leave today for Asheville to enter the Western district dramatics festival which is being held at Lee Edwards high school Friday and Saturday.

Students in play are Emma, Billie Oliver, James, Bernard Bare, Minnie, Annabel Colvard, Doctor Ritchie, Ned Rash, Frank Lody Oliver and Lois, Mary Gordon Austin.

Judges for the occasion were Mrs. Sam Diggs and Mrs. Glenn Little and Miss Louise Sutherland.

Legion Post To Be Shown Movie

A moving picture entitled "Burma Victory" will be shown members of the Ashe Legion Post 171 at the regular meeting Saturday night at 7:30 o'clock, it was announced this week. Rev. J. W. Luke will be in charge of showing the picture.

Members of the Legion auxiliary will also have an opportunity to see the movie. Both members of the auxiliary and legion are urged to be present.

Truck Damaged In Collision

A Bell telephone truck damaged a new 1948 Ford truck, owned by Bare-Little company and driven by Glenn Dixon, when the two vehicles collided near Statesville last Thursday night.

The Bare-Little company truck was loaded with fertilizer and as the driver attempted to pass the telephone truck, the truck driver cut directly to the left and into the path of his vehicle, striking the cab. It was learned that the telephone company has assumed the damage charges.