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Finals In Basketball Tournament Saturday Night

Easter Seals On Sale This Week; Support Asked

Sponsored By Rotary Club For Aid To Crippled Children; Caudill Chairman

The sale of Easter Seals, under the sponsorship of the Jeffersons Rotary club, for the benefit of crippled children is underway in the county this week and the support of everyone is asked.

J. V. Caudill, chairman of the drive said that seals had been mailed out to a number of individuals and others had been contacted personally. Those who have received seals in the mail are asked to send in their contributions so that the drive may be concluded.

Serving on the crippled children's committee with chairman Caudill are G. B. McMillan, John Wilkins and Dean Jones. Other members of the club as assisting with the sale.

Reports reveal that a large number of crippled children are aided through this fund and for that reason, the cooperation of every interested citizen is asked. Miniature Easter lilies are also to be sold on the street on Saturday by school girls, to raise money for the fund, Mr. Caudill said.

The Jeffersons Rotary club has sponsored the aid to crippled children movement for a number of years.

Camping Trip Well Attended

Scouters End Week Of Schooling With Out-Door Trip Near Bina

The week of study for Ashe county scouters was climaxed Friday night when around twenty men took part in a camping trip near Bina. Ralph Harbison, scout executive of the Old Hickory Council, was here for the camp trip as well as the meeting last week.

The men were divided into three patrols, the Wildcat, Squirrel and Tiger Patrols. Aiding in the course of instruction were Revs. Hoyt Wood and J. W. Luke.

Those who are eligible for a full scouters certificate are L. P. Colvard, Dick Houck, Millard Graybeal, L. B. Tyson, S. S. Shoemaker, W. C. Kunaman, J. V. Caudill, Sr., W. R. Blevins, P. G. Wright, Joe Robinson, Gale McMillan, John Wilkins and Revs. Hoyt Wood, J. W. Luke and Cecil Callis.

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Richardson, 53, Dies In Hospital

Funeral service for Jesse Richardson, 53-year old resident of Clifton, was held Sunday morning at ten o'clock at the Clifton Methodist church. Officiating were Rev. Frank Tucker and Elder Ed Davis and interment was in the Hartsoe cemetery.

The son of the late Samonia Stone and J. F. Richardson, he succumbed at the Memorial hospital in Charlotte on Friday. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Carrie Richardson and the following children: Mrs. Ruby Ruten, Mrs. Mae Steel, Wayne, Brece, Dean and Josephine Richardson.

Amateur Contest Planned April 8

The senior class at Riverview high school is sponsoring an amateur contest to be held at the school gymnasium, April 8 at 7:30 o'clock, it was announced this week. The contest is open to all types of talent and anyone who would like to become a contestant is asked to notify the senior class immediately as to what he plans to do in the contest. Prizes will be awarded, it was pointed out.

In the past, the school has sponsored two similar contests, the proceeds of which were used to purchase an electric stove for the home economics department and to making other improvements in the school.

More Funds Needed To Reach Quota In Red Cross Drive

COUNTY GOP HEAD



J. F. Yates, who was recently named chairman of the Ashe county Republican Executive Committee.

Want To Close Drive; But Must Have All Reports Turned In At Once

Reports yesterday afternoon revealed that a total of \$1014.27 had been raised on Ashe county's quota of \$1250 for the Red Cross. It was pointed out, however, that there were several schools, as well as individual workers who had not turned in their reports and they are requested to do so at once.

"We want to end the drive this month and must have reports before we can close it," Chairman Ray Blevins said and asked the cooperation of everyone in this.

The following contributions have not previously been published:

West Jefferson high school, \$23.00; Jefferson high school, \$20.00, Riverview high school, \$19.00.
R. W. Beachley, \$15.00; Smithy's Store, \$15.00, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Blevins, John Littlewood, Clara Perkins, Mable Vannoy Circle, B. F. Cook, W. J. Food Center, Bruce Houck, G. W. Edwards, M. G. Edwards, \$10.00 each.

Rock Creek school, \$6.50, Wesleyan Guild of the West Jefferson Methodist church, Betty Tingley, Don Francis, Helton W. S. C. S., A. D. Gambill, Scott Cox, J. N. Tulbert, Ruth McNeill, Mr. and Mrs. D. I. McGrady, W. B. Austin, Duvall's Grocery, Forrest McMillan, Virginia Dare Teague, Norman Hege, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Pierce, \$5.00 each.

Personnel of Coble Dairy, Cash Hardware, \$3.06 each, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Eller, Callie G. Plummer, F. C. Dillard, \$2.00 each.
A. H. Campbell, J. T. Sturgill, Isom Wagoner, Frances Littlewood, Sue Littlewood, Frank McMillan, D. W. Cook, Vivian (Continued on page 8)

Baptist Ass'n To Have B. T. U. Meeting, Sunday

All Churches Having A B. T. U., Are Asked To Be Represented

The association meeting of the B. T. U. of the West Jefferson Baptist church will be held Sunday afternoon beginning at 2:15 o'clock, it was announced this week by D. C. Severt, association director.

Each church in the association that has a training union may enter the junior, intermediates, young people's and adult's contest to be held during the meeting. Juniors will be judged on memory work, intermediates on a sword drill and the young people will be judged on speaking while the adults will be judged (Continued on page 8)

Seed Orders To Be Placed Now

The closing date for obtaining purchase orders for grass and clover seed, for pasture, is Friday, April 2. No purchase orders for seed will be issued by the PMA office after this date until time for fall seeding.

Any producer who wishes to use lime this spring, and who has not already taken the farm allowance in phosphate or seed, should place an order in the PMA office at once.

Purchase orders are being issued for phosphate which is being brought into the county daily by truck.

Formulate Western European Union



Benelux (Belgium, Netherlands and Luxembourg) leaders and British and French diplomats gather to formulate a western European union. The move is being made to offer a united front against the further spread of communism. Left to right: Sir George Rendel, British ambassador to Belgium; M. Fernand Van Langheove, Belgium U. N. representative; Belgium premier Paul-Henry Spaak, and Count Jean-Marie-Francois De Hauteclouque, French ambassador to Belgium.

Sincere Wishes To All For A Joyous Easter



Semi-Finals Are To Be Held Fri.; Attendance Good

All Nine High Schools Of The County Are Participating In Annual Event

The annual Ashe county high school tournament with all nine high schools participating, got underway at the West Jefferson high school gymnasium, Tuesday night when the West Jefferson and Virginia-Carolina boys and the V.-C. girls were victorious in the first round.

The finals will be held on Saturday night following the semi-finals and elimination contests on Friday night.

A record crowd saw the opening games in the annual event as the high school teams began the fight for top place honors here in Ashe county. The West Jefferson boys, tied with Jefferson for first place in the high school standings, gained an early lead on the Riverview team and won by an easy 70-26 score. The Virginia-Carolina lassies, rated at the top of girls' standings, also won an easy victory from the Lansing girls after ringing up a score of 47-11.

The Virginia - Carolina boys, rated fifth in the standings, came through on top to win a 46-27 victory over the Elkland boys.

Results of West Jefferson-Fleetwood girls' game, the Nathan's Creek - Healing Springs girls' game, and the Lansing - Jefferson boys' game were not available in time for publication last night.

The schedule for the remainder of the week is as follows: Tonight - Girls' game, V.-C. vs. Riverview, 6:00 p. m.; boys' game West Jefferson vs. Healing Spgs., 7:00 p. m.; Girls' game, Elkland vs. Jefferson, 8:00 p. m.; boys' game, Nathan's Creek vs. Fleetwood, 9:00 p. m.

Friday night at 6:00 p. m., the winners of the V.-C. - Riverview girls' game will challenge the winners of the W. J. - Fleetwood game; at 7:30 p. m., the winners of the West Jefferson - Healing Springs boys' game will meet the winners of the Nathan's Creek - Fleetwood games; at 8:00 p. m., the winners of the Nathan's Creek - Healing Springs girls' game will meet the winners (Continued on page 8)

N. C. Education Commission To Conduct Survey

Parents Of County School Children Urged To Fill Out Questionnaire

A. B. Hurt, superintendent of the schools of Ashe county, stated this week that he hoped that every parent who receives a copy of the questionnaire sent out by the North Carolina State Education Commission would take time to fill it out. The commission was authorized by the legislature and appointed by the governor to make a study of all phases of education in the state as a means of determining problems and recommending improvements.

"The questionnaire is not for the purpose of getting adverse criticism of the schools, nor for getting praise," Mr. Hurt stated. "But in order to get a frank answer from the parents of Ashe county on their opinions as to the needs of the public schools." This is a state-wide questionnaire, it was pointed out and does not involve Ashe alone. Parents of every school pupil in North Carolina are being asked to answer these questions in order that all the wide (Continued on page 8)

Want Students To Take Training

Mrs. Roscoe Cain, educational director of the Rowan Memorial hospital, Inc., of Salisbury, will be in the county Thursday, April 1, to talk with high school seniors, it was announced this week through the county superintendent's office.

DR. CLYDE JONES TO CONTINUE TO WORK WITH ASHE HOSPITAL

It was announced this week that Dr. Clyde Jones, who has been associated with the Ashe hospital for some time, would continue to work with this institution on a part time basis. He had announced some time ago that he planned other arrangements beginning April 1. Due to the fact that no one had been secured to fill his position, he has agreed to continue to see the out-patients from 9:00 until 12:00 and to be on emergency call for some nights each week, it was announced yesterday.

Many Special Observances Planned For Easter Sunday By Churches Of Ashe County

House, Senate Step Up Work On Aid Measures

279 Million Approved To Assist Greece And Turkey; Final Vote, Apr. 1

Washington - The Senate and House drove toward final passage of President Truman's global foreign aid programs with increasing speed Tuesday.

The Senate, which already has passed the \$5,300,000,000 European recovery bill, kept well ahead of the House by approving by voice vote the second of Mr. Truman's foreign aid plans - \$275,000,000 of military help for Greece and Turkey.

Still awaiting Senate action is a proposed military-economic aid measure for China. The Foreign Relations Committee has recommended a \$463,000,000, one-year program with \$100,000,000 of the funds to be used for military purposes if China wants it that way.

Meanwhile, the House opened debate on its own "single pack" (Continued on Page Five)

Sunday Schools Will Also Have Programs, Communion At Churches

Easter will be fittingly observed in the churches of Ashe county this year with many special services over the week end. Some have planned egg hunts for the children on Saturday and movies on Easter will also be shown. The regular morning worship program will consist of Easter sermons and music. The public is cordially invited to attend these services, ministers announced.

At the West Jefferson Methodist church Sunday morning at eleven o'clock, Rev. Hoyt Wood, pastor, will preach the sermon. Special music has been prepared and the preparatory class will be presented for membership in the church. Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock, a motion picture entitled, "A Journey Into Faith," will be given. On Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, the children of the Sunday school will be given an egg hunt.

Rev. W. C. Crummett, pastor of the Nathan's Creek Methodist church, will preach Sunday morning at eleven o'clock on the subject, "The Message of the Em-" (Continued on page 8)

President Starts Move To Put An End To Coal Strike

Washington - President Truman set the Taft-Hartley labor law in motion this week to try to stop the nine-day-old coal strike.

He ordered a board of inquiry to bring him within 13 days, the facts of the miners' pension dispute between John L. Lewis and the operators. When this is done, the government can ask the federal court to issue an injunction to halt the walkout. This carries with it a threat of contempt of court penalties - jail or fines - if it is ignored.

Mr. Truman acted six hours after Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, scorned a government plan to settle his quarrel with the soft coal operators.

Federal Conciliator Cyrus S. Chang went immediately to the White House to announce failure in his efforts to make peace. Mr. Truman set up a three-

Crew Is Clearing Link Of Parkway

Expect Road In Mt. Mitchell Area To Be Completed Sometime This Year

A crew is at work completing the clearing of the right-of-way on the Bull gap-Balsam gap link of the Blue Ridge parkway in preparation for further grading and stone surfacing of the strip, it was learned yesterday at the Asheville office of the parkway. The link, approximately 15.5 miles long, was partially graded before the war. The Nello H. Tear firm of Durham has a contract to complete the grading and stone surface the strip, but parkway officials here said they did not know when the firm would move in construction equipment and begin this work.

Sam P. Weems, parkway superintendent, earlier this year expressed hope that the work can be completed before the end of the year. Its completion will reduce the driving distance from Asheville to the summit of Mount Mitchell to about 28 miles.

Rites Held Wed. For Mrs. Miller

Funeral service for Mrs. Silena Wyatt Miller was held at her home at Whitetop, Va., Wednesday morning at 11:00 o'clock. Officiating were Revs. Carl Sturgill and Ambrose Miller and interment followed in the family cemetery.

The deceased, who was 89 years of age, is survived by the following: her husband, two children, Charles and Wade Miller, all of Whitetop; 10 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and three brothers, George Wyatt of Konarock, Va., Millard Wyatt of Sturgills; Alex Wyatt of Laurel Springs.

ILL IN HOSPITAL

Little Alice Kirk "Cookie" Graham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Graham, of Laurel Springs, is a patient in the Long's hospital in Statesville, where she underwent an operation there, Monday night.