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Rain Damages County's Farm Crops Over \$500,000

Hay, Oats, Corn
And Bean Crops
Are Hardest Hit

Tomatoes And Other Garden
Crops Cut By More Than
Two Weeks Of Rain

H. D. Quessenberry, county agent, said yesterday that a tentative survey reveals that the farm crops of Ashe county have already been damaged more than \$500,000.00 by the rains which have fallen intermittently for the past 18 days.

Hardest hit appear to be the hay and oats crops which will be cut from one-fourth to one-third by the wet weather. Much of the hay was cut and harvested before the rains started; but there was much other that was on the ground farmers have had little opportunity of saving. Much of the alfalfa is falling down and will smother out the stand, it is revealed.

The continuous rains have practically eliminated the late crop of beans as the last two weeks has been the planting period for these and the wet weather has made this impossible in most cases.

The corn crop is estimated to be off at least one-fourth already due to the fact that much of it has fallen down during this rain season.

Tobacco planted in low lands has been water-damaged.

Garden crops have also been damaged not only by the rains, but by insects during the wet weather.

So for the erosion damage to
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Electric School
Here Next Thurs.

Cooking, Freezing And Laundry
Work Will Be
Demonstrated

The people of this section will have an opportunity to attend an electrical demonstration school to be held in West Jefferson, next Thursday, July 28 at 2:30 at the W. J. Electric Company when Miss Estelle Doyle, home economist will be in charge.

Miss Doyle, whose headquarters are in Raleigh, spends her entire time serving the General Electric dealers. Her demonstration here next Thursday will not only include cooking, freezing, but laundrying as well.

The public is cordially invited to attend. In addition to the value of the demonstration, a number of prizes are to be given away. Full details are announced elsewhere in this paper today.

Miss Doyle has a wide and diversified background of experience in the home demonstration field, having previously worked with state home demonstration and home economist leaders.

Mrs. Doyle enthusiastically commented that: "The housewife would be amazed if she knew and realized the time saving, effortless use and convenience of the new 1949 General Electric home appliances."

Winchester To
Be Here Today

The North Carolina Veterans Commission will have the district service officer, Jack C. Winchester, at the courthouse today from 11:00 a. m., to 4:00 p. m., with the Ashe county service officer.

Mr. Winchester will be here to assist Leonard Shepherd, county service officer, with claims for pension, compensation, on - job-training, education, dental claims, hospitalization, out - patient treatment, national service life insurance and review of discharge.

The office of Mr. Shepherd is in the jury room on the second floor of the courthouse.

Telephone Company Is Asking For Increase In Rate

Petition Filed July 18; Increase To Start When
Dials Are Installed

W. S. Beddingfield, District Manager, Central Telephone Company, announced that an application was filed July 18, with the Utilities Commission at Raleigh for approval of a schedule of dial rates for West Jefferson and Jefferson, to become effective on the first billing date following the conversion of the existing service to dial automatic operation.

Mr. Beddingfield said, "New central office quarters have been made available; new outside plant has been rebuilt and new dial automatic equipment has been engineered and contracted for production and installation. We have planned that the new dial system will be completely installed and in operation about September 15 of this year."

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Brotherhood Is
Organized Here
By Baptist Men

John Wilkins Elected President; Other Officers Named
At Meeting Wednesday

Ashe county's first Baptist Brotherhood of the South was organized at the West Jefferson Baptist church last Wednesday night when John Wilkins was elected president by the 30 members present.

Other officers elected were the following vice-presidents: membership, John Weaver; program, J. V. Caudill, Jr.; activities, Gale McMillan; secretary - treasurer, Carl Colvard; choirster, Dwight McGrady and pianist, Clark Houck.

The purpose of this organization is to enlist men in the complete church program, Rev. Rexford Campbell, pastor of the church, said.

The first object of the group is to make plans for the coming revival, which will start early in August.

Attending Boy's
State This Week

A. B. Hurt, superintendent of schools is attending the Boys' State of Virginia, at Christiansburg, where he is one of the instructors and directors. He has helped with this annual event for the past several summers.

Local Cattle Breeders Are To Use Proven Holsteins

Ashe County Breeders' Association announced today that semen from the desirable proved sire, Huff Sir Maude Wayne - a registered Holstein of the Southeastern Artificial Breeding Association - will be available to all customers and dairymen in the county.

This fine big Holstein, whose daughters' records show that he is proved to be an outstanding transmitter of production and acceptable type, has an American Index on an 8 dam - daughter comparison of 13,160 pounds of milk, 3.80 per cent test, and 500 pounds butterfat, based on 2X milking, 305 day Mature Equivalent.

"Huffie's" daughters are hard-working heifers - that kind that continues to fill the farmers' cans with generous quantities of

ASSISTANT AGENT



Dana F. Tugman, new assistant county agent.

Dana Tugman Is
New Assistant
County Agent

Will Assist Primarily With
Livestock And Tobacco
In County

Dana F. Tugman has been named assistant county agent here and will work with H. D. Quessenberry, agent and C. E. Gardner, assistant agent.

Mr. Tugman's work will be primarily with livestock and tobacco programs, it was announced.

A native of Watauga, the new assistant is a graduate of State College, where he majored in the field of animal husbandry. While in school he was a member of the Animal Industry Club, F. F. A. Club, student honor council, secretary of the Ag. Club and a member of the meats judging team which represented N. C. (Continued on page 4)

To Hold Legion
Home Dedication

A number of local people are expected to attend the dedication of the American Legion Home in Lenoir Saturday.

Among the speakers will be Congressman Robert L. Doughton and Chief Justice of the United States, Fred M. Vinson, who will deliver the main address. The legion home cost \$200,000 and is one of the finest in this section of the State.

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School Children
Must Have Series
Of Immunizations

State Law Prohibits Children
From Entering School
Until Vaccinated

Mrs. Yvonne Owen, county nurse, stated this week that all children that plan to enter school this fall for the first time who have not been immunized for whooping cough, smallpox and diphtheria, should have this series of immunizations completed before school starts.

The county nurse pointed out that a North Carolina State law prohibits children enrolling for school until the series of immunizations are complete.

"Children entering school this year for the first time will be expected to present to the teacher a certificate of immunization for whooping cough, smallpox and diphtheria," Mrs. Owen said. She further added that the required immunizations and certificate may be obtained from the private physician or from the local health department.

The clinic hours at the health department are 8:30 - 12:00 a. m., on Wednesday and Saturday morning.

Health authorities also advise that children should be immunized against typhoid before they enter school, Mrs. Owen stated.

Homecoming At
Nathan's Creek

There will be a homecoming meeting at Nathan's Creek Methodist church on Sunday, July 31. It was announced this week. It will be an all-day meeting with dinner on the ground.

Rev. J. C. Swain, of Reidsville, former pastor will preach the sermon for the morning service. This will also be the opening service of the revival that will begin on that day. In the afternoon some former pastor of the church will preach, but definite arrangements have not been made yet. Special music will be furnished.

All the churches on the charge are especially invited to attend and the public is also invited.

To Hold Funeral
For Paul W. Rash

The military funeral for Pvt. Paul W. Rash, Creston, Ashe county war hero, who was killed in action in the southwest Pacific on August 5, 1944, will be held Sunday afternoon, two o'clock at the home.

Military rites will be conducted by Ashe Post 171 of the American Legion at the graveside in the family cemetery.

The body will arrive in West Jefferson tomorrow morning. Rash is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rash, Creston; three brothers and sisters, Mrs. Stacy Starnes, Mrs. Jewel Eldred and Sam Rash.

LOCAL PEOPLE GO TO
FURNITURE MARKET

G. O. Burgess, George Burgess, Woodrow Burgess and Mrs. Hazel Burgess Barbour attended the furniture market in High Point this week where manufacturers are featuring their new lines.

New Shoe Store
Will Open Friday

Radford and Dale Baldwin will open the National Shoe Store on Friday, in the Haire building across from the theatre.

It was announced that the new store would feature National Diplomat shoes for men and Dixie Girl shoes for misses and women. This is West Jefferson's first store to handle shoes exclusively.

Santa Claus Comes Early In N. Y.



You really are seeing Santa and the North Pole. An enterprising group has constructed a story-book village on White Face Mountain near Saranac, N. Y., where Santa and his merry men will make toys and receive Christmas requests by mail.

Girl Drowns In Beaver Creek Saturday Night; Body Recovered Monday

New Lions' Club
Heads To Speak
At Rotary Meet

Don Blackburn And Rev. Rexford
Campbell To Be
Present At Meeting

Don Blackburn and Rexford Campbell, officers-elect of the new West Jefferson Lions Club will speak at the meeting of the Jeffersons Rotary Club at the meeting tonight at the community building.

Mr. Campbell will speak on fellowship and Mr. Blackburn will give a few of the facts about the Lions Club. Todd Gentry is chairman of the club's fellowship committee.

"Highlights of Soap Box Derbies" were presented to members of the Jeffersons Rotary Club and their guests, Junior Rotarians, at the meeting held last Thursday (Continued on page 4)

Mrs. Melver Is
Buried Tuesday

Mrs. Ethel Chadwick Melver, wife of Staton Melver was buried Tuesday afternoon at North Wilkesboro. She died there on Monday morning following a week of critical illness.

In addition to her husband she is survived by two small daughters, Betty Nash and Janet Chadwick. Mr. and Mrs. Melver formerly lived in West Jefferson where both of them had many friends, who were saddened by the news of her death.

New Classification Set Up For Coble Dairy Milkshed

Raleigh - Agriculture Commissioner L. Y. Ballentine has announced an official classification plan for grade A milk purchased from 700 producers by the Coble Dairy of Lexington.

The schedule, effective immediately, affects dairy farmers in this and 13 other Piedmont and Northwestern counties. The Coble milkshed is one of the State's largest.

Under the classification law, the utilization of milk becomes the basis upon which producers are paid by processors and distributors.

The latter, however, are free to name their own prices for the various classification groupings, as the law gives the commission no authority in this respect.

Briefly, the schedule announced yesterday establishes three

Continuous Rains Had Caused
The Stream To Rise
For Above Normal

The flood waters of North Beaver Creek claimed the life of Arlene Roten, 14, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Roten, Saturday night when she was drowned while attempting to cross the stream on a foot bridge.

Burial was held yesterday at the Mill Creek Methodist church and burial followed in the Graybeal cemetery. Elders Ed Davis and Frank Tucker officiated. In addition to the parents, one sister, Mrs. Lorene Miller and one brother, Dalton Roten survive.

The body was found Monday morning about a mile and a half from where she apparently was swept in while attempting to cross the swollen stream.

She left home late Saturday afternoon to spend the week end with an aunt and uncle and had to cross the creek in making the trip. She was not missed by her parents until it became time for her to return home Sunday afternoon. (Continued on page 4)

Will Hold Air
Show July 31

Inclement weather for the second week in succession forced the postponing of the air show for Boone last Sunday.

Parties in charge of the event state the show has now been put off until Sunday, July 31, but that weather permitting, it will definitely be held on that date. The Meyers Air Circus had a previous engagement for the weekend of July 24 this necessitating the two week postponement.

Judge Sink Will
Preside; Calendar
Includes 4 Days

Divorce Cases And Several
On Motion Calendar To
Be Heard On Monday

The July term of Superior court for the trial of criminal cases in Ashe county is scheduled to open on Monday morning with Judge Hoyle Sink of Greensboro, presiding.

In addition to a number of other civil cases and divorces, the cases of T. C. Bowie Jr. et al against the town of West Jefferson in the matter of taxes are expected to be tried.

On the motion calendar for Monday are the following cases: Bruce Cox vs. Atlantic Company; Ralph Parsons vs. Coca Cola Bottling Company of Asheville; Verna Price vs. Bertha Price; J. C. Stump and wife vs. P. D. Scott and wife; George Bard vs. Frank Walsh; Helen Graves vs. Ruth J. Choate.

Tuesday's calendar includes the following: T. L. Moretz and wife vs. Lee Miller et al; Edward Osborne, guardian vs. Gwyn Grahame and Joseph Robinson, administrators; John Brooks et al vs. Hampton Blevins et al; Vaughn Bowlin et al vs. H. K. Miller et al.

The only case calendared for Wednesday is that of Edward Osborne, administrator vs. Norfolk and Western.

On Thursday the two cases of T. C. Bowie, Jr. et al vs. the town of West Jefferson to recover taxes under the revaluation program are scheduled. Other cases on the calendar include that of Nora Hurley vs. T. N. Blevins; Oscar Phipps vs. Dana Bare; Richard McGuire vs. Frank Houck; Carolina Engineers vs. G. C. Lyall and wife, Mollie Lyall.

W. J. Revival To
Open On Sunday

Rev. R. W. McCulley To Assist
Pastor; Public Invited
To Attend

Rev. Hoyt Wood, pastor of the West Jefferson Methodist church announced this week that plans were now being completed for the revival which will open on Sunday with Rev. R. W. McCulley assisting with the preaching.

"Mr. McCulley, who is pastor of Mt. Taber Methodist church in Winston - Salem is widely known for his evangelistic work and we feel fortunate in securing him," Mr. Wood said.

The service will be held each evening through Friday and the public is cordially invited to attend. Mr. Wood announced that there would be special music and that Mr. Charles Gordon would lead the singing.

Thursday evening has been designated as a youth service and all of the young people are requested to attend and sit in a body, it was announced.

A. B. Hurt, Jr. Is
Added To REA

Gwyn B. Price, chairman of the State Rural Electrification Authority, announced this week the appointment of A. B. Hurt, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Hurt, Nathan's Creek, as senior telephone engineer with the Authority.

This appointment was made so as to help put the REA in a position to help in the establishments of co-operative telephone systems in North Carolina, just as soon as an expected federal aid plan is passed, Chairman Price stated.

Donald Weaver, Raleigh, was added to the staff with Hurt in anticipation of early federal loans for rural co-op telephone systems.