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STATE BOARD GETS ASHE SCHOOL PLANS

Cancer Control Fund Drive Will Open On Monday

Mrs. Wright And Mrs. Porter Are County Chairmen

Funds Will Help In Research, Treatment, Maintenance Of Detection Centers

The annual drive for funds for the control of cancer will open on Monday in Ashe county with Mrs. P. G. Wright and Mrs. J. Bruce Porter as joint chairmen.

At this time a concentrated drive will be made to raise the county's quota. Personal solicitation will be made, where it is possible and those who are not called on are asked to mail in or to give their contributions to either Mrs. Porter or Mrs. Wright.

Funds raised will be used to fight cancer on a local, state and national level. Research will be carried on, detection clinics held and treatment given where necessary.

The detection center clinic for this county is held at Wilkesboro each Tuesday, where anyone over 35 years of age may get an examination free of charge.

"The ever-increasing deaths from cancer among both the old and young make it necessary to fight this dreaded disease in every way possible," a drive official said.

Attention is called to the fact that more than 25 people in Ashe county alone died from cancer last year.

Thomas Sears Is Moved To Raleigh

Has Served As County Supervisor Of FHA Since 1940; Will Be Appraiser

Thomas Sears, who has served as the county supervisor for the Federal Home Administration in Ashe county since February, 1940, this week was transferred to district three of the FHA, with offices in Raleigh.

Mr. Sears came to Ashe county in 1940 and has served as county supervisor in Ashe county all of this time and has served as supervisor in Alleghany county off and on for several years.

He was transferred to the Raleigh office where he will do appraisal work on farm loans.

Under the new regulations whereby loans can be made under FHA for construction of homes, more work has to be done by appraisers and Mr. Sears was promoted from county supervisor to district appraiser to fill this vacancy in the Raleigh district.

He stated that his family would remain in West Jefferson until school is out in May.

W. B. Ferguson who assisted Mr. Sears in Ashe county, has been named acting county supervisor until another supervisor is named for the county.

Churches To Hold Special Services Observing Easter

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Thomas Sears, former county supervisor for FHA, who was transferred to Raleigh.

Town Election To Be Held May 2 For Six Officials

B. B. Graybeal Is Registrar; Book Opened April 1 For Registration

Of interest to citizens of West Jefferson this week is the announcement of the municipal election to be held on May 2, when the mayor and five aldermen will be elected.

The town board of aldermen this week named B. B. Graybeal as registrar for the election with Joe Hudler and W. D. McMillan appointed to act as judges.

The registration book opened on Saturday, April 1, 9:00 a. m., and will continue open for registration until 5:00 p. m., April 22 at the Ashe Motor Co., so that any and all persons who desire to file claim of intention for candidacy for any of the municipal positions may file such intentions.

April 29 has been designated as challenge day so that any person who wishes to challenge any registration or other item of procedure may do so.

No announcement has been made thus far of any candidate who will be in the election.

Present officials who are now serving the town are Carl B. Graybeal, mayor, and the following aldermen: John Reeves, Russell Barr, Glenn Graybeal, Don Blackburn and Carl Colvard.

Sunrise Services And Others Will Fittingly Celebrate Easter Season

Ashe county churches will observe Easter in a fitting manner on Sunday when many special services depicting the resurrection of Christ, have been planned.

At the West Jefferson Methodist church Rev. Hoyt Wood will have a service centered around the theme, "You Are Immortal." This service is the final service of a series that has been held this week on Easter at the church. Easter music will be presented by the choir.

A communion service will be held at the West Jefferson Baptist church tonight at 7:30 and a special Easter sermon and music will be presented on Sunday morning. Rev. Rexford Campbell stated.

Rev. C. C. Murray stated that a special Good Friday service will be held at the Jefferson church Friday night at 7:30 p. m., with Rev. W. A. Kerr conducting the service and special Easter music by the choir.

On Sunday morning a special sunrise service is to be held at the Jefferson Methodist church at six o'clock with a brief message by the pastor and special Easter music.

He announced that special Easter music will be presented.

Debate Tonight At Rotary Meet

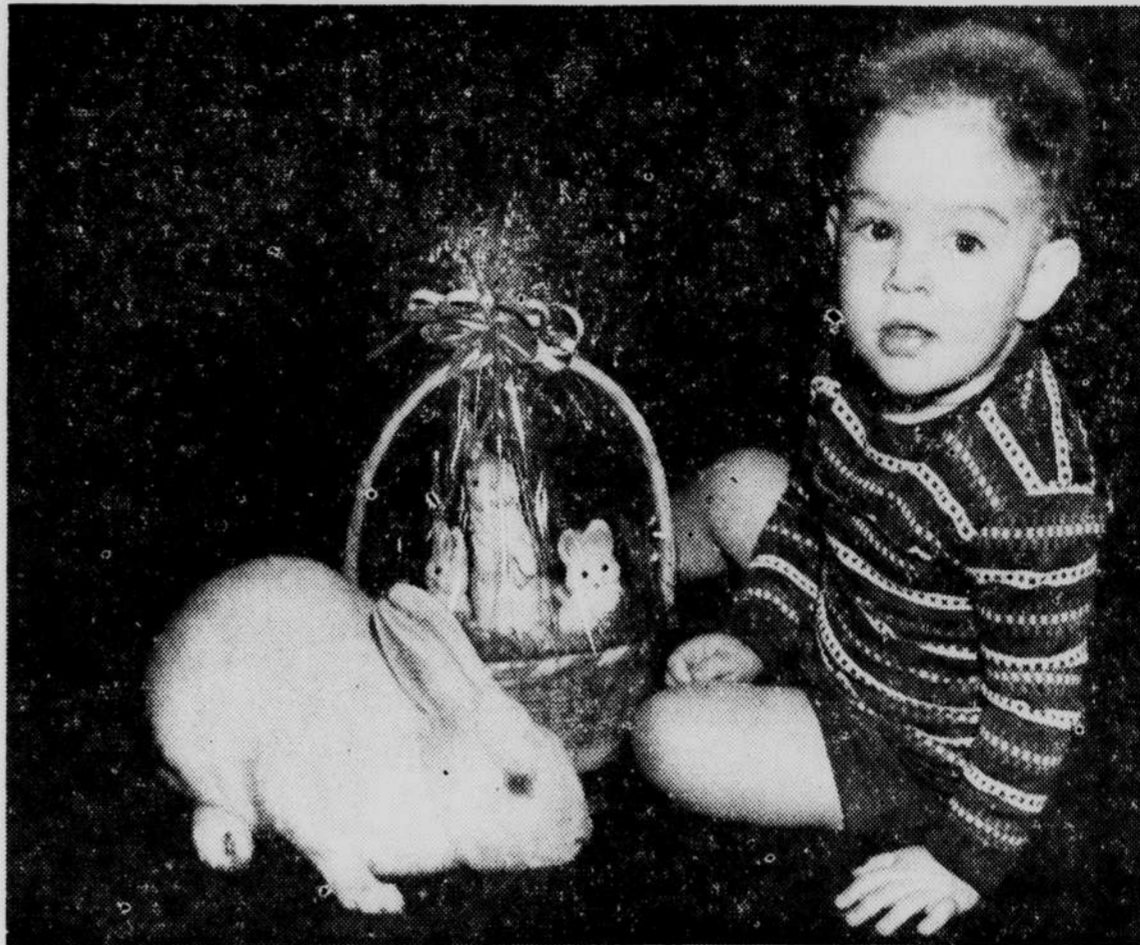
The Lansing affirmative debate team will meet the Jefferson negative team in the Jeffersons Rotary Club debate tonight at the community building.

Debating for Lansing will be Misses Betty Blevins and Marlene Jones while Misses Peggy Sue Oliver and Anne Francis will represent Jefferson in the debate on "Resolved that the President of the United States should be elected by the direct vote of the people."

The preliminary debate was held at the Jefferson school Tuesday when these two teams emerged the winners.

At Boone last Friday the Boone, Lansing and Jefferson affirmative teams won in the triangular debate that was held and will represent this section in the district debate to be held at ASTC on April 13.

Easter Bunny Gets Presented With An Easter Basket



Hoyt Hampton Wood, Jr., better known as "Chip," son of Rev. and Mrs. Hoyt Wood, of West Jefferson, gives his Easter basket to a real live white bunny. But bunny evidently prefers to nibble the new Spring greens. (Staff Photo by Nena Barr.)

C. Of C. To Meet Next Wednesday For Organization

Glenn B. Graybeal Is Temporary Chmn., And Ralph Campbell, Secretary

An organization meeting for a proposed chamber of commerce will be held at Graybeal's Coffee Shop next Wednesday evening at 6:30, when committee appointed at the last meeting will report.

Dr. James Rhodes was appointed as chairman of the committee to draft the constitution and by-laws. Serving on this committee with him are W. G. Vannoy and R. W. Barr.

Named as chairman of the advertising committee to plan folders was Mrs. Ed M. Anderson. Serving with her on this committee are W. D. McMillan and Miss Frances Thomas.

At the meeting last week, Glenn B. Graybeal who was previously named temporary chairman, presided. Ralph Campbell was named as temporary chairman.

A special invitation is extended to the people throughout the county, who are interested in advertising and promoting the development of this section, to attend the organizational meeting.

Spring And Easter Bring Brisk Business To County; Farmers Busy With Planting

Sale Of Easter Seals Will End Saturday Night

Easter Lillies Will Be Sold On The Streets All Day On Saturday

John Reeves, chairman of the sale of Easter seals for crippled children for the Jeffersons Rotary Club, announced that the campaign would end on Saturday night. He urged that all of those who have not made their contributions to do so this week.

Special attention is called to the schools and they are asked to turn in their funds and reports before the drive ends.

Easter lillies will be sold on the streets all day Saturday as a part of the fund-raising drive. Chairman John Reeves announced. He stated that the initial response to the drive was good and that he hoped the totals would be up to expectation, since there is a growing need.

Easter Parade Should Be Colorful Judging From Merchandise Purchased

The arrival of Spring and Easter has brought about a brisk increase in business here, particularly in clothing, merchants report. The delayed Spring weather has evidently made most people anxious to shed their winter clothing for something new and bright, merchants report. All indications are that the Easter parade will be gay with Navy blue predominating.

Coats and suits will probably be the most popular as the weather man promises some more cool weather.

Food and candy sales also took a sharp climb for the Easter week end. Egg egg dyes and Easter cards have been selling in greater quantities and there are other indications that this will be a busy and colorful Easter, with more than the usual egg hunts.

Seed stores report good business, with much interest being shown in pasture seed in connection with the PMA program.

Many gardeners are ready to put their seeds in the ground on Good Friday, if the weather permits, as many gardens have already been ploughed.

Will Consider Program Today For Consolidation

Members Of County Board Of Education In Raleigh Asking For Action

Ashe county's school building program is expected to be acted upon today by the State Board of Education along with others at the regular meeting. It was passed yesterday afternoon by the building committee at a meeting attended by A. B. Hurt, E. C. Francis and Clyde Houck.

Due to the fact that the hearings by a Jefferson group opposing the consolidation was called off, the delay is expected to be ended.

At a meeting of the county board of education on Monday a resolution was adopted leaving Jefferson out of the proposed consolidation which was originally scheduled to include Jefferson, West Jefferson, Todd and Fleetwood in a central high school at Beaver Creek. Jefferson was left out by request. And on account of this cancelled the plans for a hearing in Raleigh.

The resolution and the withdrawal statements are published here:

TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

In reference to the school building program for Ashe County which has been approved by (Continued on page 4)

Turkish Leaf Meeting Held

Results Of Experiments In This Section Are Proving Valuable

Monday afternoon the leading specialists in the growing of aromatic or Turkish tobacco met at the Upper Mountain Experiment Station to study and discuss data compiled by Dr. Luther Shaw, Agronomist U. S. D. A., from tests conducted at the station.

Those in attendance were well pleased with the work as carried on, it was stated. Results are proving very valuable and providing worthwhile information to these tobacco authorities.

Those in attendance were: Dr. Roy R. Bennett, Extension Tobacco Specialist, State College, Raleigh; Roy Crouse, Extension Tobacco Specialist in charge of Turkish Tobacco, Wilkesboro; W. D. Lewis, assistant county agent at large in charge of Turkish tobacco, Wilkesboro; Billy Shaw, assistant county agent at large in charge of Turkish tobacco in southwestern Virginia; J. A. Few, vice-president and general manager, Southeastern Aromatic Tobacco Co., Anderson, S. C.; John Wilkins, field representative, Southeastern Aromatic Co.

Road Meeting Next Thursday; Officials Visted Ashe County

Tom Winkler, of the State highway forces, announced that there would be a general road meeting at the courthouse in Jefferson, next Thursday, beginning at 10 o'clock, when Commissioner Mark Goforth would be here to hear requests and complaints. Those interested are asked to attend.

Some of the program is beginning to get underway and more progress is expected as the weather continues to improve.

Last week State Highway Commissioner Dr. Henry Jordan and District Commissioner, Mark Goforth were present at the Rotary Club and discussed the program briefly, after which there followed a question and answer period.

Chairman Jordan pointed out how important it was for the expansion and development of North Carolina that the rural roads be improved. "Secondary roads must be improved if the

whole State of North Carolina is to be developed," he said.

He discussed the overall program in North Carolina and stated that he was anxious for the program to go forward in Ashe county, just as soon as the weather was dry enough.

Goforth spoke briefly about some of the developments planned and underway in Ashe county.

In addition to re-grading at Burnt Hill, some work has now been started at Staggs Creek, Horse Creek, Todd and Silas Creek.

It was explained that the machinery at Burnt Hill has been rented and that the State was doing the work.

Commissioner Goforth said that on small jobs the State would do much of the work instead of letting it out on contract.

Grading Work On Rural Road In Burnt Hill Section Of Ashe



A section of the rural improvement road work in the Burnt Hill section, which was started last month is expected to be completed soon. The section of this road under construction is being re-graded and widened. (Staff Photo.)

Sunrise Services Planned On Blue Ridge Parkway Sunday

Blowing Rock — Plans are being rendered by a Blowing Rock community choir under the direction of Mrs. Oscar J. Harris and by choirs of the following Boone churches; Methodist, under direction of O. M. Hartsell; Cone Memorial Park.

Through arrangements with the Blue Ridge Parkway officials, the service, sponsored by churches throughout Watauga county, will be held on the green in front of the Cone mansion with the congregation facing east, overlooking the Cone lakes and orchards, Green Hill and Blowing Rock, Flat Top and 5,964-foot Grandfather Mountain will form the backdrop for the setting.

Rev. Oscar J. Harris, pastor of the Baptist church here, will be in charge of arrangements and Miss Margaret Vance will be organist, the organ being a trailer-type Hammond. Special music will be rendered by a Blowing Rock community choir under the direction of Mrs. Oscar J. Harris and by choirs of the following Boone churches; Methodist, under direction of O. M. Hartsell of the Appalachian College music faculty; Baptist, under direction of Mrs. S. C. Eggers; Presbyterian, under direction of Mrs. Nicolas Erneston; and Advent Christian, under direction of Rev. Everett Ransom.

Familiar hymns of all denominations will be sung during the service by the congregation. Participating in the program will be Mr. Ransom, innovation; Rev. J. K. Parker of the Boone Presbyterian church, scripture; Dr. W. G. Bond, of the Boone Baptist church, prayer; and Rev. Sam B. Moss, of the Boone Methodist church, meditation. A description of the sunrise will be (Continued on page 4)