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BRIEFS

—By Chief—

An eye clinic sponsored by the Health Department was held at the Presbyterian Church Wednesday and around 250 patients visited the specialist. It seems that no greater service could be rendered than a clinic of this kind.

The government has just appropriated one billion eight hundred million dollars with which to build a greater army, navy and air fleet. From what we read and hear it seems it is about time to build a fence around our own plantation.

This week we received the following message from Mr. Kash Holbrook, district supervisor of the census taking for this district: "We are anxious to enumerate any and all persons who may have been overlooked". On another page of this issue you will find published two census bulletins which are for your benefit in case you have not been listed.

We had the pleasure of attending the banquet sponsored by the Housekeeping Aide and Recreation Centers at Fleming Tuesday evening. From what we could see and learn we are convinced that these projects are very much worth while.

The plight of the Allies has brought numerous divisions of opinions as to the outcome of the war. One person's opinion is about as good as another it seems to us. Our opinion is that we should devote our time to defending the Western Hemisphere to the utmost—yes, even tooth, hair and toe nail if it is necessary.

School of Instruction, O. E. S., Meets Here

The annual School of Instruction of District No. 5, of the Order of the Eastern Star, was held May 21st. in the Masonic Hall, Whitesburg. Mrs. Margaret Sanders, Worthy Grand Matron, presiding. All chapters of the district were represented. The banquet was given by the Baptist Church. There were registered in attendance 145. All reported a very enjoyable time. Hugh Adams furnished the music at the banquet. Distinguished guests from the Grand Chapter included Mrs. Ora Fields, Louisville; Mrs. Elsa Sebastian, Past Grand Matron, Grand Chapter of Kentucky, and others.

FACULTY IS ENTERTAINED

The management of Isaac's Kentucky Theatre was host to the Whitesburg high and graded school teachers this week. "40 Little Mothers" with Eddie Cantor was enjoyed by all. After the show the Children Drug & Jewelry Co. were hosts and all were served their favorite drink. The following answered the roll call:

Elline Salyer, Mr. and Mrs. Watson Webb, Mrs. W. C. Montgomery, Mrs. R. Dean Squires, Mrs. Arlie Boggs, Carlene Kilgore, Mrs. Troy Frazier, W. C. Montgomery, R. Dean Squires, Mrs. Viola Moore, Ann Dugan, Hazel B. Childers, Oma Fields, Mrs. McKinley Day, Mrs. Albert Jones, Mr. Follace Fields, Mr. Dean Addington, Mrs. Bill Salling and Mrs. Herman Hale.

Former Letcherites Celebrate Golden Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Sam T. Webb of Waynesburg, Ky., celebrated their fiftieth Wedding Anniversary Sunday, May 12, with a family reunion and a festive dinner at their home. Mr. Webb was born and reared in Letcher County, where he taught in the public schools for a number of years. He is a brother of our former publisher, N. M. Webb. Mrs. Webb hails from Kingsport, Tenn. She was Miss Elizabeth Hicks, a popular young belle of the gay 'nineties.

After residing a few years in Letcher they moved to Lewis County. There they were prominent fruit growers before they moved on to waynesburg where they do a thriving business of raising raspberry and strawberry plants that have found market places in all parts of Kentucky and neighboring states.

Taking part in the celebration were 8 of the 9 children—The following motored from Cincinnati, Ohio: Mrs. Belva Brown, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Rube, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Webb, and Mr. and Mrs. John C. Webb. Attending the gala event from Kingsport, Tenn. were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Belz, and from Covington, Ky. were Mr. and Mrs. Lester Webb and family. Also Mr. and Mrs. Leland Webb and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Webb and family, and Miss Evelyn Webb of Waynesburg. Other relatives and friends attending were Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Webb, nephew, and Mrs. Buster Brown, granddaughter, of Cincinnati, and Mr. George Singleton, Mr. George Anderson, all of Waynesburg.

The most impressive hour of the celebration came when Mrs. Webb proceeded to the organ and accompanied by her daughter entertained with organ music and songs of her girlhood days.

It was a joyful and happy event for all.

NOTICE TO VOTERS

If you have moved since the last election or become of voting age you will have to register with the County Court Clerk in order to be eligible to vote in the coming primary. The registration will cease midnight, June 4th., so check up on yourself and don't fail to be a legal voter when the time arrives.

COSSIE C. QUILLEN,
County Court Clerk of
Letcher County

DEDICATION

On Saturday morning at 10:30 o'clock, May 25, you are invited to the school hill to help dedicate a steel flag pole and flag with marker to Prof. E. B. Hale.

If the weather is inclement the meeting will be in the graded school auditorium. For the benefit of all concerned, I wish to state the cost of the pole, flag, freight, etc. is \$88.42. The total collections are \$68.30. The marker was donated by Mr. Hickey and Mr. G. B. Adams of the Appalachian Marble and Granite Works. There may be further expenses. If any of you wish to make a contribution, please bring it at the time of the dedication.

R. DEAN SQUIRES

Letcher County Kiwanis Club Has Ladies Night

On May 16, the Letcher County Kiwanians and their ladies assembled at the Methodist Church where a delightful program was presented by Harry Ison, pianist, Bliss Frye and Johnnie Mullins, saxophonists and Mr. Horace Owens, cornetist. These four students from the Jenkins high school Band made outstanding records in the State Music contest at Lexington last week. Mr. E. Paul Lyon accompanied them on the piano.

The Methodist Church ladies served a delightful meal to the following: Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Snapp, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Farinash, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Weaverling, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fitzpatrick, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Halcomb, Mr. and Mrs. O. K. Price, Mr. and Mrs. Arch Meredith, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. McAuley, Mr. Henry Brumett, Mr. E. J. Berlin, Mrs. R. L. Smith, Dr. J. W. Tankard, Mr. Ransom Jordan and son Bill, Miss Eileen Looney, Mr. Robert Offergeld, Mr. Paul Vermillion, Dr. T. D. Vaughan, Mr. P. M. Hubbard, Mr. J. Cecil, Mr. C. D. Milby, Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Stanfill, Mr. Orell Fields, Mrs. E. Paul Lyon, Mr. Horace Owens, Mr. Harry Ison, and Mr. Johnnie Mullins.

This meeting was especially to honor the teachers who leave for the summer at the end of May. A delightful time was reported by all.

A Word Of Appreciation

The high school enjoyed a week of unusual activities. For more than a full week the school hill was the scene of much interest and enjoyment.

From the Baccalaureate Address by Rev. Joe T. Sudduth to the Commencement Address by Dr. Henry H. Hill, each night was outstanding.

Our thanks again to Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Nolan for the special edition of the Mountain Eagle. This edition will be kept and cherished by the boys and girls.

As I write this, a word of appreciation to the fathers and mothers for their interest in our school. I am reminded very forcibly that the school will miss one of the outstanding teachers when the doors are opened again. She has been a member of the faculty longer than anyone now in service. Her work as a teacher was not only of the very best, but her leadership and personality were such that she was loved and respected by all the students. For years she was the sponsor of the Senior Class and to her more than anyone else goes the credit for the successful Commencements we have enjoyed. Her time was not controlled by the regular time from 8 to 3 but the students knew she was always ready and willing to do anything for their pleasure and happiness. As she retires from the work she loved so well and for which she was so well fitted both by education and her personal charms, I, as well as the classes that have come under her influence and the parents wish for her all the joy and happiness that she so richly deserves. —This person, as you have already guessed, is Mrs. Herman Hale, better known as Miss Dalna Hays.

R. DEAN SQUIRES



I. BRYAN

Miners Store Sponsors "Friendship" Sale

Mr. I. Bryan, manager of the local Miner's Store is this week conducting a "Friendship Sale" offering many fine bargains which he says is selling below cost. On Friday, and Saturday, May 24 and 25, Mr. Bryan is advertising the sale of brooms and mops at 10c each.

The Miner's Store is not only one of Whitesburg's

most up-to-date stores but has also one of the county's wide-awake business men at its head in the person of Mr. Bryan.

On the back page of this paper you will observe a nice advertisement offering many fine bargains to anyone wishing to take advantage of them. Mr. I. Bryan came to Whitesburg more than three years ago and since being here has made a host of friends as well as rendering a valuable service to the community.

Large Crowds Attend W. P. A. Banquet

Monday night of this week some 140 guests, consisting of WPA Supervisors, business men, county officials and social workers met in the recreational room of the Presbyterian church where a nice program was given and a banquet served.

It was the beginning of "Get together Week" among the different WPA Projects going on in Letcher County, and the week of May 20-25 has been set apart by the Federal government to hold open house in all the different projects for citizens and business people who were not acquainted with the projects to visit and understand their purpose and their work.

George W. Stewart was the toastmaster of the occasion, and, as usual, he was top-notch. It was very much regretted that the sheriff and County Judge were detained and could not be present. Rev. Sudduth gave the invocation which was followed by talks by Superintendent Watson C. Webb, who talked about the WPA Library and Adult Education. After this, Arthur Dixon gave some interesting facts about the relief commodities that have been furnished needy families by the county and government and then Edison Lewis, who is supervisor of the Adult Education Program, talked of the work of his teachers and advantages brought to many of the older folks in the county. Howard Caudill, one of the Adult Education teachers, gave some worth-while facts from real experiences. He told of three of his neighbors who have recently learned to read and to write while attending this school. Following this, County Attorney G. Bennett Adams talked about the value of the indexing project and all the projects generally.

The projects represented are: The Sewing Project, under the supervision of Mrs. Ida Martin and is located in the building next to the Johnson Funeral Home. There twenty or more women sew daily, making garments which are given to needy families. The Pack Horse Library is located in the Fields building and is under the supervision of Herman Caudill. There are now over a thousand books housed while at least a thousand are out in homes. Ernest Adams is in charge of the Commodity Department which furnishes folks who are in need of food and his office and warehouse is located in the Lucas building. Edson Lewis is supervisor of the Adult Education Program which has several teachers teaching in the county. Night schools are held where parents and others who have not had an opportunity for education can go and learn to read and write and get acquainted with the works and affairs of our county. Miss Margaret King is supervisor of the indexing project which is under way in the Courthouse. This is a very valuable project since it is an indexing of all the deeds and records of the County Court Clerk's office, and will be permanent and can be continued. There is also going on in the County Court Clerk's office a Delinquent Tax Project under the supervision of Miss Julia Hall.

These projects cost Letcher County very little, they are paid for by the Federal Government and not only does it help those in need, which is the primary purpose of these projects, but they have other values which are unestimable. This is open house week and the supervisors, as well as the workers, request the public generally to come in and see what they are doing and then you can understand it better.

May Breakfast For Woman's Club
On Monday morning at nine o'clock the annual May Breakfast of Woman's Club will be served at the home of Mrs. Henry Combs. Assisting hostesses will be Mrs. B. W. Hale, Mrs. J. D. Boyd, Mrs. Ferdinand Moore, Mrs. Henry Taylor, Mrs. Windus Williams and Mrs. W. H. Lewis.

Housekeeping Aide and Neon Rec.-Center Sponsor Supper

On Monday evening at 7:00 o'clock the Fleming Housekeeping Aide and the Neon Recreation Center sponsored a fine supper and program at the Fleming Housekeeping Center, entertaining around 60 guests.

An excellent program was planned and arranged by Mrs. Price, the Supervisor and her aides, also capably assisted by Mrs. Mary Rock Nichols and Mrs. Martha Thornhill, recreation leaders.

First on the program was the Welcome Address by Mrs. Price who explained the purpose of the dinner.

Mrs. Nichols acted as toastmistress and led the singing, being assisted by several recreation workers.

The speakers of the evening were, Mr. Jones of the Fleming High School staff, who acted as a proxy for Supt. Watson Webb, who could not be present; Rev. Isaacs of the Neon Baptist Church followed with a very fine talk on Recreation: Prof. C. J. Reed then gave a very interesting talk on the benefits of The Recreation Centers to the young children of today who had more or less all their time on their hands, pointing out that in his day and some of our own days the youngsters had certain duties to perform in the home which were no longer required of the present day youngsters due to this machine age which brought every thing to our homes made to order, therefore causing the youth of today to have many leisure hours in which, if their ever energetic bodies didn't have some medium of recreation they were likely to get into mischief.

Mr. S. E. Adams, member of the County Board of Education gave a very interesting and entertaining talk on the benefits of the Housekeeping aide and how many women obtained employment from the aide as well as being able to help families who were ill and were not able to hire help for the home, as well as teaching many ways of making valuable pieces of furniture out of discarded barrels and other old discarded boxes, crates, etc.

Dr. Ernest Skaggs also talked for a short time praising and emphasizing the benefits derived from the Housekeeping Aide, stating that he believed it one of the best projects of the W. P. A.

Mr. D. P. Short, photographer of Neon was present and took a group picture of all those present.

Astor Hogg to Open Speaking Campaign

On Saturday, June 1st., at one o'clock in Whitesburg, Astor Hogg will open his speaking campaign for the Democratic nomination for Congress, Mr. Hogg announced today. A large crowd of people is expected. A brass band will be on hand to enliven the occasion and will parade before the speaking.

Mrs. Sam Collins, Mrs. C. G. Passmore and Mrs. French Hawk were shopping visitors in Hazard on Friday.

REMEMBER!

The Webb-Adams-Craft reunion and get-together to be held at Mayking the second Sunday in July, which is the 14th. Plan now to be there. Good Program — July 14.

Jack Duncan, Show Employee Killed In Neon Wednesday

Jack Duncan, an employee of the Cotton State Shows was shot and killed in Neon Wednesday afternoon around 5:00 o'clock by Bill Thomas another show employee.

The shooting took place in a toilet in the Cumberland Hotel, but according to the hotel manager, neither of the men were registered at the hotel.

Duncan is around 45 years of age while Thomas is about 30. Thomas, according to the show manager hails from Birmingham, Ala., and Duncan was formerly of Tarrant City, Ala. The show manager informs us that Duncan has a wife in a Lexington Hospital who recently underwent a major operation and her condition was such that she could not be notified of her husband's death. Duncan had been with the show about two weeks according to the manager and was operator of one of the concessions.

According to witnesses the deceased was shot five times at close range with a .38 pistol and ran from the hotel to the street before collapsing. He was rushed to the Fleming Hospital but died before medical aid could be given.

From what we could learn the killing was the result of a grudge of long standing. Thomas was arrested and placed in the Whitesburg jail for safe keeping.

Bill Duncan, a brother of the deceased who is a state patrolman of Alabama is on his way here now to claim the body and presumably will take it back to Alabama for burial.

Young People's Conference Begins Monday, May 27

The annual Young Peoples Conference of Guarrant Presbytery will be held at Staun Robinson School Monday, May 27th., through Saturday, June 1st. From sixty to seventy-five young people of high school age will be in attendance from the Presbyterian Churches in Eastern Kentucky. Courses of study will be offered in Bible, Worship, Presbyterian History, Vacation Church School Methods, Young People's work, Vocational Guidance and Missions. Each afternoon a recreational program will be carried out under the guidance of Mrs. Casel Morton and Mrs. R. I. Knox. The Conference will be addressed at the Inspirational hour each evening by Rev. E. B. Wootton, pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Cynthiana, Kentucky. Other leaders from without the bounds of the Presbytery will include: Rev. W. B. Sullivan, D.D., of Huntington, W. Va., Regional Director of Religious Education of the Synods of Kentucky and W. Virginia, and Rev. Claude Pritchard, D.D. of Atlanta, Ga., Educational Secretary of the Home Missions.

Rev. Joe T. Sudduth of Whitesburg will be director of the Conference, and others from within the Presbytery who will serve as teachers and leaders include Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Cooper, Miss Lillian Cooper, Miss Jenny Lee Crafton, Mr. T. S. Moore, of Blackey; Rev. A. H. Glassure, Mrs. W. W. Reeves, and Miss Elizabeth Griffey of Hazard; Rev. Cary R. Blain of Levi, Mrs. Y. M. Jackson of Guarrant, and Miss Blanche Garrett of Italia.