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## DRAFTING PLANS TO ENLARGE HOSPITAL Commissioners Cut County Tax Rate, Adopt Budget

Reduced From  
\$2.25 To \$2.10 At  
Meeting Friday

Valuation Of Property Is List-  
ed At \$7,460,000 In Re-  
valuation

At a special meeting of the Ashe county commissioners on Friday, the tax rate was cut from \$2.25 to \$2.10 per hundred and a tentative budget was adopted on the basis of this rate on the new property valuation of \$7,460,000 which would result in \$156,860.

The revaluation and equalization program raised the valuation of county property more than one and one-half million dollars on the face of this the commissioners said they felt justified in slightly reducing the tax rate.

Of the \$2.10 levy, seventy-five cents goes to debt service; thirty-five cents to social security; forty-five cents to schools and sixty cents to the general fund. In the budget originally sent to the commissioners, the schools were placed in it for fifty-five cents.

Due to the fact that the tax rate has been lowered and the estimated budget is to be revised, it will be published at an early date.

To Show Movies  
At Rotary Meet

Officers Installed And Com-  
mittees Named At Club  
Meeting On Thursday

"Soap Box Derby, 1948" will be shown at the meeting of the Jeffersons Rotary Club tonight at the community building. Dr. J. K. Hunter and Millard Graybeal will be in charge of the program.

This movie, filmed by General Motors Corporation, is in technical and shows shots of the National Soap Box Derby that was held at Akron, Ohio, last year.

At the meeting of the club last week Jake Caudill was installed as president of the club and named the different committees for the coming year. He stated that the club could not operate thru the efforts of one Rotarian, but thru the combined efforts of all of the club members.

Dean McMillan, before turning the gavel over to President Caudill, outlined the work that the club did during the past year in the Guernsey sale, lamb show, crippled children's work and the all-out efforts of Rotarians on the first tobacco festival.

Jake Caudill and Earl Davidson also made a report to the club on the Rotary International meeting that they attended in New York three weeks ago.

MRS. STATION McIVER  
IS SERIOUSLY ILL

Mrs. Station McIver, of North Wilkesboro, is critically ill in the hospital there. Mr. and Mrs. McIver formerly lived here and have many friends who will regret to learn of the illness of Mrs. McIver.

Dr. Powers Now  
On Hospital Staff

Langdon L. Scott, business manager of the Ashe Memorial hospital, announced yesterday that Dr. Douglas Powers, White-top, Va., has been added to the staff to assist Dr. Dean C. Jones. Prior to coming to Ashe Memorial, Dr. Powers was on the staff at the University of Virginia as a resident doctor.

Dr. Powers served in the Medical Corps during World War II and has just recently completed a special course in medicine.

"Patients coming to the hospital for examination or treatment should not have to wait as Dr. Powers will assist Dr. Jones in the clinics and also work on the floor," Mr. Scott stated.

## Will Hold Hearing On Wine And Beer Sales On Friday

FINAL RITES SUNDAY



Funeral service for Larkin Witherspoon to be held at Friendship Baptist church.

Military Funeral  
For Witherspoon  
To Be Held Sun.

Killed In Action On Nov. 22,  
1944; Service At Friend-  
ship Baptist Church

Military rites will be accorded another Ashe county war hero who gave his life during World War II, Sunday when the funeral service for 1st Sgt. Larkin Witherspoon, Jefferson, will be held at the Friendship Baptist church.

Rev. W. E. Denny will officiate at the service at the church at 10:00 a. m., and military service will be conducted at the church cemetery by Ashe Post 171 of the American Legion.

Witherspoon was killed in action in Germany on November 22, 1944 and prior to the bringing his body to the United States it was formerly buried in Holland. (Continued on page 8)

Grassy Creek To  
Hold Annual Fair

The Grassy Creek community fair will be held on September 17, M. W. Reynolds, agriculture teacher at Virginia - Carolina high school announced this week.

The fair will again be sponsored by the agricultural department veterans' class in cooperation with the school, Mr. Reynolds stated.

He added that prizes similar to those given last year will be awarded to contest winners this year.

## Farmers Advised Of Ways Of Saving Oats And Alfalfa

Because of the continuous rains here for the past week, many farmers are in danger of losing oat crops that have been cut and are still on the ground, and alfalfa, which is ready to cut.

In discussing the gravity of the situation, H. D. Quessenberry said that after presenting the situation to dairy feed experts, he had been advised that the oats could be saved by chopping them up finely and storing them in silos. He also explained that since they were damp, no preservative would be needed.

He stated that alfalfa ready to be cut, should be cut in spite of the rain, as leaving it too long would damage the stand. This, too, should go into the silo, he

Place Recently Licensed In  
Beaver Creek Section Is  
Closed By Inspector

One of the two would-be operators of beer stores found himself out of business in this county before he had hardly started. This was Ralph Moretz, of the Beaver Creek section. The only other seller of beer in the county under the new ruling, so far, is Jerry Cox, in the Nathan's Creek section.

Moretz was stopped on Monday by Commissioner J. F. Brown, Jr., because of failure to supply an adequate building, a driveway and because of other conditions that did not comply with regulations necessary for the sale of beer.

Because of the general lack of understanding, Brown, who is inspector for Ashe, Alleghany, Surry, Yadkin and Wilkes counties, announced that there would be a meeting at the courthouse on Friday night at 8:00 o'clock to discuss the regulations under which beer is sold.

Mr. Brown stated that it is the desire of the board to control the sale of beer and that no place that does not strictly comply with the rules for the sale of beer will be allowed to sell it. It is the wish of the A. B. C. board, Mr. Brown stated, to consider the will of the people of any county in regard to the distribution of the beer and are (Continued on page 8)

Bynum Jones, 53  
Buried On Tues.

Died Suddenly From A Heart  
Attack On Sunday Morn-  
ing At His Home

Funeral service for Bynum W. Jones, 53, was held Tuesday morning at the Jefferson Presbyterian church with Rev. John W. Luke and Rev. W. E. Denny in charge. Burial followed at the Jefferson cemetery with the Ashe Post 171 American Legion in charge.

Mr. Jones, who died suddenly early Sunday morning, at his home in Jefferson, had suffered from a heart ailment for some time. He was a veteran of World War I and for some years was engaged in farming and public works in this county. In late years he had been in the lumber business.

In addition to his wife, Mrs. Rachel Jones of the home, he is survived by Jo Ann, Donna and Gaynell, also of the home; two married daughters, Mrs. Helen Bard, of West Jefferson and Mrs. Ruth Franklin, of Illinois; three sons, Wayne, Howard and Jack.

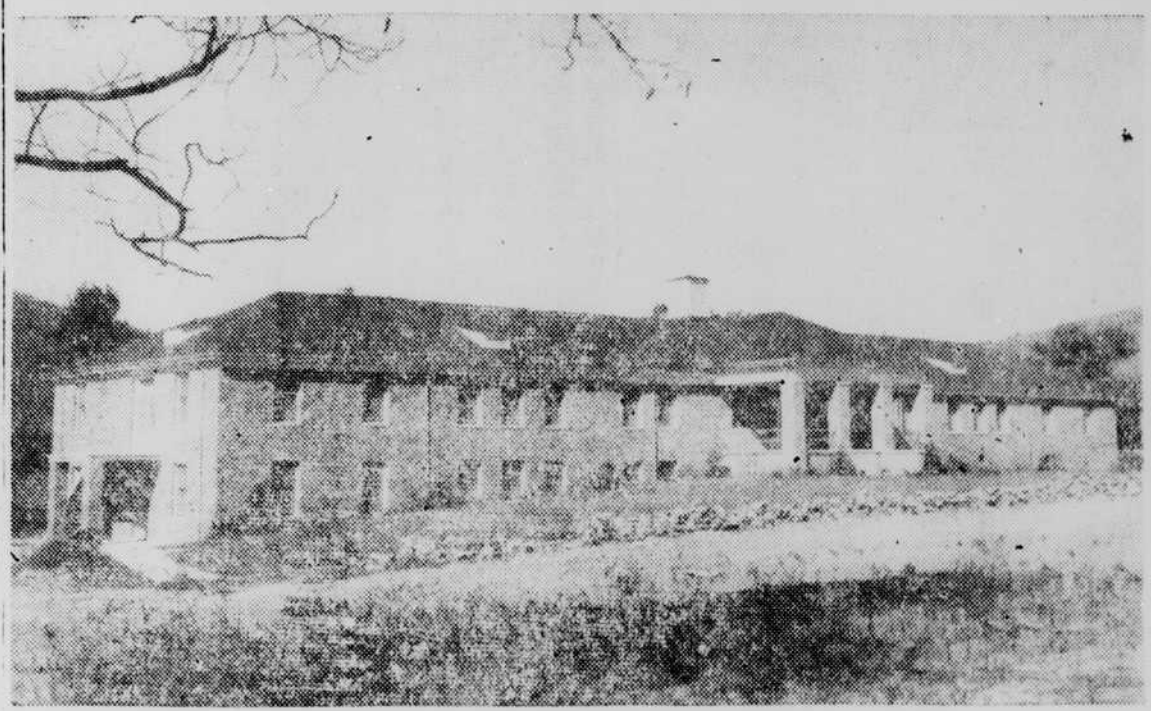
He added that a preservative would be needed for this. He advocated eighty pounds of molasses per ton of green feed.

Agent Quessenberry said that either a temporary silo or an upright would be suitable for both the oats and alfalfa. He added that if any farmers needed or wanted assistance in erecting these, to confer with him or with field representatives of the various milk companies in this area.

"I hate to see farmers lose their good hay crops and I hope they will make an effort to save them," he concluded.

The hay crop has been damaged more by the rain than any other here.

## Making Plans To Enlarge Ashe County Memorial Hospital



The present Ashe county hospital, erected in 1941, is to be enlarged and improved according to plans now underway.

Juror List Is  
Drawn For July  
Term Of Court

Will Open July 25; Judge  
Hoyle Sink Of Greens-  
boro To Preside

The county commissioners drew a list of jurors for the July term of court when Judge Hoyle Sink will preside. The term, which is for the trial of civil cases will open on July 25.

In the jury there are three women included.

The complete list and the townships in which they reside is listed here:  
Mrs. Nannie K. Jones, West Jefferson; Jones C. Miller, Jefferson; Paul Sutherland, Clifton; A. B. McNeill, West Jefferson.

Joe Jones, Clifton; Ernest Holman, Creston; Mrs. E. Allen Peak Creek; E. E. Trivett, West Jefferson; Martin Ashley, Clifton; Noah S. Main, Elk; W. T. Dillard, Pine Swamp.

J. M. Burkett, Clifton; R. B. Myers, West Jefferson; Bob Eller, Creston; Lester Howell, Helton; Clay Perkins, North Fork; Water Dickson, Helton; W. T. Bare, Peak Creek.

Con DeBord, Piney Creek; Sammie W. Wilcox, Elk; W. O. Ashley, Clifton; E. A. Phillips, Pine Swamp; W. M. L. Howell, Pine Swamp; Mrs. C. C. Dixon, Jefferson; E. H. Barker, Walnut Hill; Thomas McNeill, Walnut Hill; Ambrose Clark, Jr., Horse Creek; Henry H. Bledsoe, Elk; T. L. Jenkins, Clifton.

Plans Underway  
For Lions Club

Plans are now underway for a new Lions Club in West Jefferson.

A number of those interested met at the community building on Tuesday night when there were several representative here from the Sparta Club. J. B. Napier, national organizer for the Lions has been working here on the organization.

Special Service  
At St. Mary's

There will be services at St. Mary's Episcopal church each Sunday afternoon at 4:00 during the summer months, it was announced this week.

For several months the church has been without a pastor and no regular services have been held.

A. H. Whistler, of Philadelphia, Pa., a student at the seminary in New York City and who is taking special training this summer at the school for rural church workers, being held at Valle Crucis, will preach each Sunday during July and August.

PMA Office Still Has Some  
Funds To Assist Farmers In  
Establishing Cover Crops

Installation Of  
Officers Held By  
Legion Post 171

Leonard H. Shepherd, New  
Commander; Louis Nel-  
son Addressed Group

Leonard H. Shepherd was installed as post commander of Ashe Post 171 of the American Legion at the meeting held Saturday night, when District Commander Louis Nelson addressed the group.

Shepherd served in the service for 5 1/2 years including 24 months overseas duty. He served 18 months with the 52nd Coast Artillery unit, was sent back to the states where he attended OCS, and was commissioned as second lieutenant. He then returned with the 52nd Division to southern France, where he was injured in January 1945. He is now a retired captain.

Prior to the installation of officers, Nelson pointed out that the proposed increase in dues made by the North Carolina Department of the American Legion at Raleigh recently, has to be passed at the National American Legion convention before it goes into effect. He also pointed out that this proposed increase would be used for rehabilitation work by the Legion.

During the past Legion year Ashe Post 171 completed the following objectives: Completed memorial to dead of all wars and held memorial service, purchased movie projector and mimeograph, bought one band (Continued on Page 4)

Wildlife Club Will Have  
Special Membership Drive

Gale B. McMillan, president, announced this week that plans were underway for holding a county-wide membership drive for the club. A special committee including Bradshaw Myers, George Shepherd and T. E. Parker has been named. It was explained that prizes would be announced in the near future, President McMillan said.

Following the fish-fry last week the club enjoyed an instructive and interesting program when Jim Charles, of State College and Roscoe Weeks, of V. P. L., who have been making a survey of the streams in this area, gave a report of their findings and suggested possibilities for

Interested Farmers Urged To  
Apply Before Money  
Is Refunded

It was announced yesterday that the PMA office still has a small amount of money which was recently allotted to the county to assist farmers in establishing winter cover crops.

This money is being used to furnish crimson clover to any farm, and lime, phosphate and crimson clover to farms which have not received any material for the 1949 program.

It was explained by officials that the fair price set up for crimson clover is twenty-six cents per pound. When a producer obtains a purchase order at the PMA office, he pays the dealer seven cents per pound against nineteen cents paid by the Government.

"This money will last only a few days and farmers who wish to seed crimson clover as a winter cover crop should visit the PMA office at once and ask for a purchase order," Melvin Campbell said.

Final Rites Sun.  
For Lester Wyatt

The funeral service for Pvt. Lester Wyatt, Amy, will be held Sunday morning at the Low Gap church with Rev. D. O. Miller, Rev. Carl Sturgill and Rev. Lee Poe officiating.

Military honors will be accorded Wyatt at the family cemetery by the Lansing Post 275 of the American Legion.

Wyatt was killed in France on June 21, 1944 and his body has just been returned to the United States for burial.

25 Additional  
Rooms Included  
In New Program

New Dining Room, Kitchen  
And Operating Room  
Also Proposed

At a meeting of the building committee and the executive board of the Ashe County Memorial hospital on Tuesday, plans were set in motion to enlarge and improve the physical properties.

The proposed new building program, for which plans are being drafted by Lindsay-Madison-Gudger, of Asheville, include the addition of twenty-five more rooms as well as the improvement and enlargement of other facilities. This will include a new dining room and kitchen, a new operating room and other needed features.

The expanded building program, which is not to exceed a cost of \$300,000, will greatly increase the usefulness of the present hospital.

Dr. J. B. Whittington, hospital consultant, of Winston - Salem, met with the group here on Tuesday.

W. B. Austin, chairman of the board of trustees, announced that plans were expected to be completed within a ninety-day period so that they could be approved by the State and Federal medical commission in order to receive State and Federal aid.

The plan for building a nurses' home, which has been shelved from time to time, has been shelved at the present.

Service Officer  
Here On Thurs.

To Meet With County Service  
Officer At Courthouse  
On July 21

The North Carolina Veterans Commission will have the district service officer, Jack C. Winchester, at the courthouse Thursday, July 21, 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.

"There may still be children of World War I and II veterans who are eligible for the college education scholarships given by the State of North Carolina," the district service officer stated.

He pointed out that if the veteran's death was due to service in the armed forces and the child has graduated from high school and has been a resident of North Carolina for two or more years, he may be entitled to one of these scholarships.

Additional information may be secured from Mr. Shepherd or by writing Mr. Winchester at once as application should be made immediately, it was pointed out.

Mrs. M. C. Roark  
Died Sunday

Mrs. M. C. Roark, 84, of Ashland, died at the Ashe hospital on Sunday, July 10, at 3:30 p. m., following a long illness. The funeral service was conducted at the home on Tuesday afternoon at 3:00 and burial was in the family cemetery. Rev. W. A. Kerr and Rev. Tom Farmer had charge of the services.

Mrs. Roark was the widow of Milton C. Roark, who died on April 20 of this year.

Survivors include two sons, D. R. Roark, of Knoxville, Tenn., and Furman Roark, Ashland; five daughters, Devona Roark, Ashland, Mrs. Ruby Mahala, Ashland, Mrs. Jane Parker, Parker, Mrs. Guy T. Badger, West Jefferson, Mrs. James D. McNeill, Jefferson.