

Federal Housing Representative To Be Here Saturday

J. Marion Bolich Will Interview Public And Answer Questions At Parker Tie Company

J. Marion Bolich, field representative for the Federal Housing Administration, will be in the city Saturday, Dec. 14, for the entire day. He will be stationed at the Parker Tie Company and will be glad for anyone in the county who is interested in the FHA to come in and talk to him. He will be here for the purpose of explaining anything that might be confusing about federal loans for home building.

There is no fee for the information that Mr. Bolich has to give out. He will be in the county purely for the accommodation of any person or persons who might benefit from the FHA.

Blevins Brothers Win U. S. Championship

The famous Blevins Brothers Band stepped up to a national championship at Chincinnati, Ohio, recently when they won in a contest of over 90 string bands which included Clate Mack; Nath, the Indian; and many other professional bands throughout the country.

The Blevins brothers, Frank and Ed, have been heard in the county on several occasions and although they live at Marion, Va., at present, they are natives of Ashe and brothers of Mrs. Henry Miller, of Jefferson.

DECENDANTS OF PETER GRAYBEAL HAVE REUNION

A gathering of the Graybeal family who descended from Peter Graybeal was held at Bethany church last week. A large number of Graybeals were present with guests including neighbors and friends in the surrounding community.

Rev. Mr. Houck, former pastor of the Jefferson Methodist charge, delivered the sermon in the morning and Prof. Wade E. Eller presided over the evening session.

Officers for the reunion were elected and it was decided that an annual meeting would be held each first Sunday in September.

Those attending the reunion from here were Mr. and Mrs. Coleman Payne and children; Mrs. B. D. Barr and children; and Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Phillips. Two of Peter Graybeal's grandchildren were present: Mrs. Robert Johnson, of Todd, and Mr. Shouns, who lives in Tennessee. Among others from out of the county were Mr. and Mrs. Cicero Graybeal and family from Roan Mt., Tenn., and Mrs. J. Q. McGuire, from Asheville.

Teachers To Receive Checks Before Xmas

\$2,200,000 That Will Be Disbursed In State Will Help Ashe County Teachers To Enjoy the 25th

Pay checks totalling an estimated \$2,200,000 will be disbursed to the approximately 30,000 teachers, bus drivers and other employes on the state school commission in ample time for the Christmas holidays.

Lloyd Griffin, executive secretary to the commission, has announced that "Santa Claus" in the form of pay checks was on the way to a majority of the units in the state and others will be sent out daily.

Several thousand dollars of this money will find their way to the pockets of Ashe people and add materially to the enjoyment of the 25th.

JEFFERSON CHURCH TO CELEBRATE THE BIBLE'S 400TH ANNIVERSARY

Regular services will be held at the W. Jefferson Methodist Church at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. next Sunday, December 15. There will be a celebration of the 400th anniversary of the Printed English Bible at the morning hour, and a program suitable to the Christmas season at the evening hour.

Hope Revived For Recovery Of Bonds Stolen From Bank

President Worth Wires For Details To Ohio Where Man Is Held With Similar Bonds

According to an Associated Press dispatch from Dayton, Ohio, one Earl Fouts, aged 48, of that city is being held by federal authorities on charges of attempting to sell stolen bonds, some of which are alleged to have numbers corresponding to the number of the bonds taken from the safe in the Bank of Ashe which was robbed during the early fall.

A number of bonds belonging to J. A. Graybeal, guardian, V. V. Lillard and others were missing from the Bank of Ashe after the robbery and the numbers of said bonds had been sent in to the United States Treasury.

W. H. Worth, president of the bank, has wired to the Dayton authorities asking for definite information concerning the newspaper article. Although Mr. Worth has not heard from Ohio, he is sure that the report would not have been broadcast unless there was some truth behind it.

"Money Talks" To Be Staged At Fleetwood

A. S. T. C. Playcrafters To Present Two-Act Comedy For Benefit Of Home Ec. Dept.

"Money Talks," a two-act comedy, will be presented at the Fleetwood High School on Friday night, Dec. 13, at seven-fifteen o'clock. The Appalachian State Teachers College department of dramatics, The Playcrafters, will stage this rollicking comedy with special scenery and lighting effects.

James Stanley, principal of the school, states that the proceeds from the play will go toward helping equip the home economics department of the school. The school authorities are anxious to have a large crowd in attendance and the public is cordially invited to be present.

WEST JEFFERSON W. M. S. MEETS WITH MRS. BADGER

With Mrs. J. W. Whittington presiding, the December meeting of the W. J. Missionary Society was held Thursday afternoon at the home of Mr. Guy Badger. Mrs. A. B. Vannoy lead the devotionals and the program was ably presented by Mrs. Parsons. The life and work of Miss Lottie Moon, missionary to China, was the subject for the evening.

A special prayer was offered by Mrs. J. W. Prevette and it was decided to give a silver tea at the home of Mrs. B. E. Reeves, on Dec. 21, for the benefit of the church.

The society has canned 135 cans of apples for the orphanage and has adopted two little boys with whom they will supply clothes for the next year. The society is also making a quilt for the benefit of the church.

The same officers were unanimously elected for the coming year with Mrs. Badger as assistant to Mrs. Triplet as secretary and treasurer.

Mrs. Badger served a sweet course of grape juice and cake at the end of the evening.

REV. G. C. BURKETT TO BEGIN REVIVAL AT OBIDS SUNDAY

Obids, Dec. 9.—Rev. G. C. Burkett announces that a revival will begin at Obids Baptist Church Sunday night. Rev. W. E. Denny will assist.

Rev. R. H. Stone filled his appointment here Sunday. He was very appreciative of the pouncing his members gave him.

Mr. J. H. Colvard and son, Rufus, made a business trip to the Jeffersons, Friday.

Mrs. E. E. Parson is visiting her mother, Mrs. E. J. Phillips on Horse Creek. Mrs. Phillips has been very ill.

The teachers and students at Obids are well pleased with the new floor that has just been laid.

MRS. MARY RASH DIES

Mrs. Mary Rash, aged 78, died in a Lenoir hospital Friday, Dec. 6, after an illness of only a short duration. She had undergone an operation for appendicitis and was recovering when she suffered a stroke of paralysis. Funeral services were held Sunday at the Patterson cemetery.

Mrs. Rash is survived by four sons and one daughter, and two brothers, B. G. Faw, of this city, and Tom Faw, of North Wilkesboro.

Those attending the funeral from here were Mr. and Mrs. Luther Faw, Mr. and Mrs. John Weaver, Miss Dorene Weaver, and Mr. B. G. Faw.

CLYDE BARR MAKES RAPID ADVANCEMENT AT SCHOOL

Chatham, Va., Nov. 30. (Special)—Promotions have been made effective at Hargrave Military Academy.

Cadet C. J. Barr, of West Jefferson, has been promoted from private to Color Sergeant. Sergeant Barr has been a student at H. M. A. for two years and during this time he has made rapid advancement in the military department. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Barr, also of West Jefferson.

WATSON - MILLER

On Saturday afternoon, December 7, Mr. Vandell Watson and Miss Rosa Mae Miller, both of the Deep Gap community, were united in marriage at the Methodist Parsonage in Jefferson, Rev. G. R. Stafford officiating. Mrs. Watson is the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Miller and Mrs. Watson is the son of Mr. Noah Watson and the late Mrs. Victoria Watson. The young couple will make their home at Deep Gap.

HORSE CREEK NEWS

Mr. Ben Parker, who has been suffering from a broken leg is much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Anderson and Dr. Dave Brooks visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Stansberry, Sunday.

Mr. Ray Miller and Miss Burl Miller were Saturday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Osborne.

Mr. W. M. Price was a business visitor in West Jefferson, Saturday.

Holiday Season Announcements

"The Charm School", given by the Lenoir-Rhyne Players and sponsored by the Jefferson P. T. A., will be staged at the Jefferson High School Friday evening, Dec. 13.

"The African Jamboree", is to be staged at the New River High School, Saturday night, Dec. 14. Worthwhile prizes, donated by the merchants, will be given away throughout the evening with a diamond ring as grand prize. The main attraction will be the "Womanless Wedding" with an all-colored cast. The following citizens will take part: bride, Carl Hartso; groom, Walter Black; preacher, Everett Roland; bride's mother, Wade Eller; bride's father, Tom Graybeal; groom's mother, Jake Little; groom's father, Luke Eller; brides maids, Thomas Sutherland and Grant Miller; groomsmen, H. H. Brown and Ed Osborne; ring bearer, Bill Hamby; Little Sister, Wade Eller, Jr.; baby, Dale Roland; nurse, Roy Roland.

There will be a Christmas program given at Obids School, Friday, December 20th at 10:00 o'clock. The public is invited.

There will be worship in the Jefferson Presbyterian Church on Sunday at 11 a. m., and at 7 p. m. At one of the services Universal Bible Sunday will be observed. Plans are underway and committees are at work planning for presentation of a Christmas pageant.

Auditor Pleased At Payment Of Arrear Taxes During Week

Urges Continued Payment Before Foreclosure Lists Are Docketed In Office Of Clerk

County Auditor Jones Barker is very much pleased with the rapid payments that are being made on the back taxes, lists of which are being made ready for the starting of foreclosure proceedings. Mr. Barker says that he has collected several thousand dollars during the past week and he feels assured that the delinquent lists can be cut down to a very small size if those on them would make a final effort to get "even with the board".

If foreclosures are docketed in the office of the Clerk of the Court, there is a cost of \$13.00, and if the foreclosure is completed there is cost of \$25.00 before it may be redeemed. Due to these heavy penalties, every taxpayer who plans to ever pay his back taxes should do so before he has to pay this additional sum.

The present tax rates are low enough to enable taxpayers to keep taxes paid up once they have paid those that are in arrears.

Reemployment Office To Be Open One Day Each Week In W. J.

Work On Parkway In Alleghany Has Begun And Contracts For Ashe Work Under Bid

According to J. B. Hash, district head of the reemployment offices, the reemployment office in this county will be open once a week at the old ERE office in West Jefferson. The day has been set for Wednesday of each week. Both relief and non-relief persons may sign. With the National Youth Administration and the parkway opening up in the county, there are prospects for many more jobs for the people in the county.

Contracts have been awarded and construction started on the parkway as far as Laurel Springs in Alleghany county, and bids have been taken on the part of the road that comes into Ashe county as far as Glendale Springs. As soon as this contract is settled, the contract for the road on to Deep Gap will be let which will include all of the Ashe parkway.

Jack Nobletts, who lives on Cranberry, died last week. Mr. Knobletts was an aged but highly respected citizen in his community.

George Weaver Takes Own Life

Aged Resident Of Weaversford Blows Off Top Of Head With Shotgun

George Weaver, aged resident of the Weaversford community, was found dead Monday morning, a victim of suicide.

Mr. Weaver lived by himself and relatives brought his food to him. When his lunch was taken to him Monday, he was found sitting in a chair near his bed with a shotgun propped between his feet, the barrel pointed to his forehead. He still held the gun in one hand and the stick with which he pulled the trigger was nearby. The top of his head was blown away.

Mr. Weaver is survived by a number of children.

LOCALS

The American Legion Post of this county will hold their regular meeting Saturday night in the local Legion hall.

Rev. F. P. Cook took a car full of persons to the Jones Hospital in Johnson City Monday. Dr. U. G. Jones fitted six of the number with glasses. Through private donations, Mr. Cook was able to get glasses for two school children who could not, otherwise, have afforded them. Among those going with Mr. Cook were Mrs. Connolly Thompson, Messrs. James Brooks and Roscoe Neaves, Mrs. Thomas Campbell.

Messrs. T. B. Burkett and Toy Does, of Widemouth, W. Va., spent the week end with Mr. Burkett's parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Burkett, in Jefferson, and went bird hunting.

Messrs. Isaac Stuart and Callie Davis, of Brandon and Tuckerdale respectively, were in the Jeffersons Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Vannoy, of Orion, are the proud parents of twins, Thomas Wade and Harold Ward.

Misses Ella Mae and Catherine Sutherland, who spent the week end at their home at Glade Springs, Va., has as their guests Misses Beulah Cockerham and Ruth Barker.

County Superintendent J. Ivan Miller and Sheriff H. M. Miller made business trips to Winston-Salem last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat McGuire, of Boone, announce the birth of a daughter, Patsy Ellen, on Dec. 7.

Messrs. Horton and Bain Doughton, of Sparta, were visitors in the city Tuesday. It is reported that Mr. Horton Doughton is interested in locating a Belk's Department Store in the city.

Mrs. Mary Grant, who was carried to the Wilkes Hospital last week, is improving and is expected to be able to return home at an early date.

Mrs. C. H. Smithey, of North Wilkesboro, who spent several days visiting in Jefferson last week, was the honor guest at a series of social events in that city.

Miss Grace Kirby has accepted employment in the office of the county superintendent and Miss Nona Kirby is doing clerical work at the Jefferson High School. Mrs. Guy Denny is doing similar work in the local high school.

Messrs. J. C. and Roy Roland and Mr. J. F. Miller, of Staggs Creek, were in town Tuesday.

The Jefferson P. T. A., held an interesting meeting at the Jefferson High School, Tuesday evening. L. P. Colvard, president, presided.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Dillard, of the Orion community, were in the city latter part of the week.

The new home that is being built in Jefferson for Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Colvard is progressing nicely and will be, when complete, one of the most attractive homes in this section.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy T. Badger visited their uncle, L. S. Roark, at Whitehead, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Rose spent the week end in Winston-Salem visiting their son, Claude, and their grandson, both of whom are in the hospital there. Claude has just had his appendix removed and the grandson has had his tonsils taken out.

Ex-Sheriff T. K. Miller, of Ore Knob, was in the city Monday.

Mrs. E. V. Pierce had as her dinner guests Friday night Mr. and Mrs. Paul Miller, Mrs. John Maines, Misses Lorene Perkins, Elma Waddell, Charlotte Sutherland, Helen Prosser, and Myra Garvey.

Emergency Relief Of North Carolina Came To End Dec. 5

585 Active Relief Cases In Ashe County Must Receive Help Elsewhere In Future

Work and direct relief administered by the Emergency Relief Administration in North Carolina came to an end at the close of the day's business Thursday, December 5th. The number of active relief cases being handled by the Emergency Relief Administration in District No. 6 at the close of business on Thursday was 6,223, distributed among the thirteen counties of the District as follows:

Alexander 319, Rowen 718, Alleghany 127, Stokes 207, Ashe 585, Surry 768, Davidson 310, Watauga 401, Davie 114, Wilkes 690, Forsyth 907, Yadkin 422, Iredell 655.

Of the above number 1,063 were new and reopened cases added since November 1st, 1935. According to Official instructions the Emergency Relief Administration has been required to carry as active cases all clients on relief until they receive a full two week's pay after being taken over by the WPA. A substantial percentage of the 6,223 have received assignments from the WPA but remain on the rolls of the ERA as relief clients, and must be cared for by this agency until they receive their first pay checks from WPA. Those who have not been placed by the WPA and those whose checks are not yet due will be without any source of relief since only those classified as unemployables can be made the responsibility local governmental units.

Johnston Denies Collecting Funds From Teachers

Editor Skyland Post:—Since I have recently been asked the question by a number of teachers and other citizens whether or not the Democratic Organization of Ashe County was collecting money for campaign purposes from the teachers of the County, I am taking this opportunity to answer and to state as best I can my own personal position and that of the organization as I understand it.

The County Democratic Organization will welcome at all times any contributions made by any one voluntarily who is in sympathy with the aims and principles of the Democratic party, regardless of the profession or position of the donor and "without reflection on their motives."

However, "any method of collecting or attempting to collect campaign funds other than by voluntary contributions, either by compulsion or intimidation, in our opinion would be rightly resented by wholesome public sentiment; would, if applied to teachers, tend to draw the schools unduly into politics and lower the standard, efficiency and dignity of the teaching profession and would prove injurious to our Party as well as to our children and our citizenship."

If there is any present effort to single out teachers as a source of campaign funds, it is being done without my knowledge, sanction or approval, and so far as I know, the same is true of the organization. Certainly, if the impression is being made that teachers must contribute in order to hold their positions, it is contrary to my wishes and my convictions. The teaching profession is a noble one and must be kept clean and above reproach. The employment of teachers should be governed by their fitness, their preparation, their character, and the desires of the communities to be served by them. If any money consideration should ever be connected with their employment, it would be degrading to the profession and surely repulsive to the overwhelming majority of our people, regardless of party affiliation or party loyalty. As a Democrat who does not yield to any in devotion to the party, I submit the foregoing as the right and wise party policy for the present and the future.

—IRA T. JOHNSTON,
Chairman Ashe County Democratic Executive Committee.