

The Skyland Post

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An Ashe County Fair Will Be Held Here In September

Verdict Of \$3,000 Awarded In Sam Miller Case Against State Highway Department

Miller Was Suing for \$20,000. Joyce Myres Case Is Now Being Tried.

DIVORCES GRANTED

Late yesterday afternoon a jury rendered a verdict in the Ashe superior court stating that Sam J. Miller was entitled to receive a net amount of \$3,000.00 from the State Highway and Public Works Commission for property taken by the Blue Ridge Parkway.

This was the first case against the State Highway Department that has been tried this week and nearly two days were spent in trying it. A short time before adjournment yesterday, trial was commenced on the Joyce Myres vs. State Highway and Public Works Commission case.

After deliberating about an hour and a half, the verdict reached by a jury, composed of Will Baldwin, Ed Howell, James Baker, C. L. Blewins, G. R. Duval, Delmer Jones, W. A. Oliver, Silas Weaver, H. C. Atwood, Russ Davis, James Taylor and Foster Bare—was that Sam Miller was damaged in the amount of \$5,000 and benefitted to the extent of \$2,000 by the Parkway.

Miller was suing the highway department of \$20,000. Witnesses for the plaintiff and his attorneys, Bowie and Bowie, contended that his 200-acre farm near Glendale Springs was damaged about this much by the Parkway which took around 31 acres of land, a five-room dwelling, a barn, orchard and made other sections of his farm inaccessible. They also stressed the point that restrictions imposed by the Parkway were unjust.

Ex-Sheriff Joe Hampton, John Goss, Ed Pennington and A. G. Witherspoon testified that in their opinion he was damaged to the extent of \$18,000. Other witnesses testifying for Miller were Finley Parsons, Amos Faw, C. L. Mash, P. R. Sheets, Fred Colvard and Fred Rose.

The State did not offer any evidence, except to request that the jurors be allowed to go out and inspect the property. This was agreed and Judge Clements adjourned court Tuesday afternoon for the inspection. Charles Ross and Attorney Gardner are representing the State Highway Department.

Miss Joyce Myres, who owns a 67-acre farm near Laurel Springs through which the Parkway runs, is also suing for \$20,000.00. She testified that the Parkway took 27 acres of her land, 14 acres of which was good bottom land. Joe Hampton, John Goss and Hort Miller valued her damages at \$15,000.00. They said the bottom land was worth around \$750.00 per acre. Trial on this case will be resumed this morning.

Five divorces were granted Monday. They were: Lee Landreth vs Pearl Landreth, Paul Eldredth vs Hope Eldredth, Joe Jones vs Ruth Jones, Mrs. Josephine Miller vs Grant Miller and Bert Delp vs Dema Delp. Several other cases were continued.

The following cases were non-suited: Bobbie Shumate vs Vester Shumate, and Mrs Annabel Keys vs John F. Greer.

CARNIVAL TO BE HERE REST OF WEEK

West Jefferson is really an amusement center this week. From all parts of Ashe and adjoining counties, young and old are coming here to "take in" the American Legion's "week of fun"

The kiddies are having a "big time" riding the hobby-horses, ferris wheel and swing, while the adults enjoy a bingo game, shooting rifles, throwing balls and whatnot. The fireworks are also attracting much attention.

The Bullock Amusement Company will continue to exhibit here through Saturday night.

SELLS TO GREYHOUND



Everett O. Woodie, of West Jefferson, who has sold his 500 miles of bus lines in Northwestern North Carolina to the Atlantic Greyhound Lines. He is a pioneer bus operator in the state. (Photo by Boone Photo Shop.)

Wool Sold For 31 Cents; To Be Pooled Here Fri.

Chatham Manufacturing Co. Was High Bidder. Four Counties Co-operating.

The Ashe county agricultural committee announced this week that those in charge of the proposed wool pooling co-operative program, have sold the wool for 31 cents to the Chatham Manufacturing Company in Elkin and that the pooling will take place here at the West Jefferson Produce Company tomorrow at one o'clock.

Sheep raisers in three other counties — Alleghany, Grayson and Carroll counties—have united with the Ashe farmers in this, the first pooling of wool this season.

The committee is gratified to receive such a good price and is inviting all sheep growers in the county to take advantage of it.

The wool will be hauled away from here tomorrow afternoon and it is imperative that all farmers bring their offerings in as early tomorrow as possible, County Agent C. J. Rich stated.

He said that letters, advising the farmers of this pooling, were mailed to 636 sheep growers in Ashe the first of the week. "If you did not receive a letter and want to pool, just come right on in as it's open to everybody," he stated.

HOSPITAL DRIVE IS MAKING PROGRESS

Roy Badger reports that the drive to organize the Ashe County Hospital Association is making good progress.

"By next week I hope to have a complete list of members and contributors tabulated and ready to report," he said yesterday.

May Soon Test Ashe County Cattle For Bang's Disease

Ashe along with the rest of the counties in North Carolina has an excellent opportunity to stamp out Bang's disease, the most serious threat to the State's rapidly-growing dairy industry, within the near future, according to information revealed this week by County Agent C. J. Rich.

Agent Rich who recently wrote Dr. William Moore, Chief of the State Department of Agriculture's Veterinary Division, has received a reply from him stating that under the plan in operation the State is asking the County Commissioners to furnish a helper to go with, and assist the state Veterinary Inspector. Dr. Moore explained that this helper need not be a high priced employee, but should be able to hold cattle and keep simple records.

Dr. Moore enclosed a copy of

21 Confederate Widows In Ashe Receive Pensions

Only One Veteran Surviving. Youngest Widow Said to be 57 Years Old.

CHANGE IS MADE

Isham Thompson, of Grassy Creek, is the only surviving Confederate veteran now living in Ashe county, but there are 21 widows of soldiers who fought in the Civil War residing in the county, according to a survey made during the past few weeks by the county welfare department.

As an economy measure, the last legislature passed a law placing eligible Confederate widows under the social security program. By doing this, the state can get the federal government to participate in half of the pension payment and not have to pay all of it out of the state treasury.

In accordance with the requirements of this law, the Ashe welfare department has made an investigation of the 24 names of Confederate widows sent from Raleigh who received pension checks from the last issuance.

Three of these, Miss Tugman, reported, died since the last payments were made. They were Mrs. Jane Ham, of White Top; Mrs. Julia Koontz, of Jefferson and Mrs. Margaret Osborne, of Ball.

At a meeting of the welfare board Tuesday night, 12 of the remaining 21 were transferred to receive their pensions through the welfare program and the other 9, whose qualifications did not meet the special age assistance requirements, will continue to receive their pension checks through the clerk of court's office, Miss Tugman said.

To be eligible for transfer, one requirement is that the individual must be 65 years of age and some of the Confederate widows are not that old. The youngest one in the county is said to be 57 years old.

Those qualifying under class A pensions receive \$25.00 per month and under class B get \$100 per year. The county, however, does not pay any of this cost.

MERCHANTS HERE TO MEET FRIDAY NIGHT

A meeting of the business men and women of West Jefferson will be held tomorrow night at 8 o'clock in the American Legion hall here and all merchants are urged to attend.

The meeting is being called by The Skyland Post, at the request of several progressive merchants, to discuss matters of vital importance to all local establishments.

Tentative plans for the formation of a local merchants association will be discussed, as well as trade promotion plans, possibilities of getting a tobacco warehouse and so on, it is stated.

With all tobacco transplanted, indications point to a 25 to 30 per cent increase in acreage over that of last year in Johnston County, reports Farm Agent M. A. Morgan.

the agreement to be signed by the County Commissioners and placed on file in Raleigh. He explained that the work in Ashe county could not be started immediately but that it was necessary for counties to sign up ahead of time in order that a schedule might be worked out for them.

The act which was passed by the N. C. Legislature in 1937 for the control of Bang's disease, states that the boards of county commissioners are authorized and empowered within their discretion to make such appropriations from the general funds as will enable them to cooperate effectively with the State and Federal Departments of Agriculture, in stamping out the disease.

The law further states that whenever a county board shall co-operate with the State and (Continued on Page Eight.)

Many Expected To Attend Legion Picnic On Sunday

TO ATTEND PICNIC



Charles W. Crush, National Vice-Commander of the American Legion who lives in Christiansburg, Va., will be the honor guest at the Legion-Auxiliary picnic which will be held Sunday afternoon at Bluff Park near the Ice Rock by the Ashe Post and Auxiliary unit.

Work On Club House Started Last Monday

J. L. Stump Is Foreman. 14 Men Assigned To Job. Rotary Gives \$25.00.

Work on the Community Club House was started Monday and is expected to move forward to completion without any interruption.

However, some additional money for the sponsor's part will be needed and the public is urged to co-operate in this worthy enterprise.

Last Thursday night the directors of the Jeffersons Rotary club voted to contribute \$25.00 to the club house fund.

J. Lester Stump, of Nathan's Creek, is foreman of the job and 14 WPA workers have been assigned to the project.

The club house is being built on the vacant lot across from the Goss boarding house here.

Baptists To Hold 30 Bible Schools

Expect To Start Some Time Next Week. Rev. Campbell Is In Charge.

The Ashe Missionary Baptist Association, composed of 44 churches in the county, is now making plans to hold a series of Bible schools in every community in the county.

Rev. Rexford Campbell, who has been in school at Mars Hill college this year, will be in charge of these Bible schools.

Rev. W. T. Whittington and all pastors of the churches are expected to co-operate.

Last summer a total of 29 Bible schools, with attendance ranging from 15 to 190, were held and this year Mr. Whittington states that they are planning to conduct at least 30 schools.

The first ones will probably start some time next week.

"This summer I hope to visit all of our churches in the county," Mr. Whittington said.

WPA Rolls Are Being Reduced

Throughout the state and nation the WPA rolls are being reduced rather rapidly.

B. W. Jones yesterday said that he is receiving orders to cut off workers every week or so.

Last winter there were around 800 workers on WPA projects in the county and the rolls have been cut down to around 500 now, he said.

This month congress is expected to pass a new law, consolidating WPA and PWA and to appropriate money to carry it forward for another year.

BOOSTED FOR OFFICE



P. G. Wright, popular West Jefferson freight agent who has rendered outstanding service as district commander of the 15th. district, is being boosted by the Ashe county post for the position as State Department Vice-Commander of the American Legion. (Photo by Boone Photo Shop.)

Ashe Legion Post Boosting Wright For Dept. Office

Will Sponsor Local District Commander for Dept. Vice Commander.

NOTICES ARE MAILED

The Ashe county post of the American Legion will sponsor P. G. Wright, of West Jefferson, as a candidate for Department Vice Commander at the state convention to be held in Raleigh this month.

Notices were sent during the past week to all posts in North Carolina, outlining the qualifications of the prominent Ashe county legionnaire and soliciting support for him.

Mr. Wright has made an outstanding record in Legion work. Last year he was awarded the Bryce P. Beard trophy for rendering distinguished service as district commander of the 15th. district and this year the records show that his district was the first one in the state to exceed its membership quota by January 1.

During the World War, he served in the infantry as an enlisted soldier and spent twelve months in France. He was discharged as a sergeant.

He was a charter member of the Rumley-Thompson post of the American Legion at Damascus, Va., which was organized in 1920. He was a member of that post for 10 years. Due to a change in location, he joined the Washington county post at Abingdon, don, Va., and was a member there for four years. He was transferred here and in 1934, soon after arriving in Ashe, assisted in the organization of the Ashe county post and served as its first commander for two years.

Except for the time spent in war service he has been connected with the Norfolk & Western Railroad as station agent since about 1912. He is a mason and a shriner.

Health Dept. Has Done Much Toward Disease Prevention

As stated by Dr. Robert King, the value of the health department cannot be told in figures. But in his summary of the work accomplished from July 1, 1938 to May 1, 1939, Dr. King gives some startling facts which show the large number of people affected and protected by the health department. A glance at the report shows that the health department has not only been instrumental in the prevention of many diseases which often prove fatal, but in assistance and in the education of the people in health measures which are far-reaching in their good effects.

Dr. King's report is as follows: "The work of the Public Health Department is one of prevention and education. For this reason the most satisfactory work that we can do is not the figures that we add up at the end of a year, but rather the spread of disease that we have been able to prevent, the healthy baby, that, but for the advice of the workers to its mother, might have been born diseased, or possibly its mother herself taken from her family. Each person immunized against a disease is not only to be counted for their own protection, but for the removal of a source of danger to others as well.

"Two hundred and fifty-one people were admitted to the service of the department because of communicable diseases. Measles was far in the lead as to numbers, with scarlet fever next and diphtheria third. We had a few cases of infantile paralysis on our list, but fortunately these were not communicated to others. (Continued on Page Eight.)

4 Organizations To Sponsor First Fair Here In Yrs.

Decision Made At Meeting Mon. Night. Work On Premium List Started.

COMMITTEE NAMED

For the first time in about 26 years, Ashe will have a county-wide fair next fall.

It will be held here in West Jefferson the last week in September and a contract has been signed with the Bullock Amusement Company to furnish the midway attractions.

The West Jefferson high school gym and the Community Club House, which should be completed by that time, will be used for all exhibits except livestock and arrangements will be made later to take care of a large number of cattle entries.

Plans are now being made to get out a large and rather complete premium list. These will be printed in catalogue form and distributed just as soon as possible.

As Ashe is primarily an agricultural and livestock raising county, the importance of having a fair has been discussed from time to time by various organizations, but talking was the only thing that had been done about it until last Thursday night at a meeting of the directors of the Jeffersons Rotary club.

It was voted that the club would invite the heads of the American Legion, Woman's Club and Legion Auxiliary to attend a meeting and discuss the possibility of having a county fair this year.

A meeting was held Monday (Continued on Page Five)

Farmers In 3 Counties To Pool Lambs Next Week

Expect To Make Shipment Last of Next Week. Market Price About 12c.

County Agent C. J. Rich stated yesterday that a June lamb pooling for the farmers of Ashe, Watauga and Alleghany counties will be held next week.

Shipment will be made the latter part of next week and all farmers who wish to co-operate and have lambs for sale this month, are requested to notify the farm agent's office at once of this intention and also state the number of lambs to be pooled.

"We sent out questionnaires last week, but as yet have only received a few replies," Mr. Rich said.

"It is important that we have this information at once," he urged.

Sheep growers in Alleghany and Watauga are also urged to get in touch with the county agents.

Trucks will probably be sent to the farms to collect lambs for those who find it is not convenient for them to haul them in.

The market price on lambs has been ranging around 11 and 12 cents. The committee is in hopes of getting a little higher price, if possible. Shipment will be made directly to packer if they are not purchased by local dealers at time of pooling.

JOE GISH



ABOUT TO SHOW CUSTOMERS THE POINT BEHIND HIS SIGNS