

# The Skyland Post

**ASHE COUNTY**  
is the air-conditioned section of North Carolina whose altitude ranges from 3,000 to 5,500 feet above sea level. Twenty-five miles of the PARKWAY run through the county.

**JOIN STORAGE CO-OP**  
All farmers are urged to join the Blue Ridge Cold Storage Marketing Co-operative. Complete information is available at the farm agent's office, Join at once!

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## Organization of Blue Ridge Cold Storage Co-operative Started

### Federal Employees In Ashe Observing Holiday Today

Stores, Banks and County Offices, However, to Close Next Thursday.

Most of the post offices, rural mail carriers, WPA workers and other federal employees in the county will celebrate Thanksgiving day, today which is referred to as Pres. Roosevelt's Thanksgiving while the stores here, banks and county offices will observe the Turkey holiday next Thursday, November 30.

According to a survey made yesterday, all stores in West Jefferson, with the exception of cafes, filling stations and perhaps drug stores, will be closed all day next Thursday. However the regular weekly cattle sale will be held as usual.

An unofficial source yesterday disclosed that the WPA workers in the county will probably celebrate both Roosevelt's and Gov. Hoey's Thanksgivings.

Hunters are now getting their hunting equipment ready for opening of the quail and grouse season on November 30.

Most of the churches in the county are planning special Thanksgiving services.

In many states in the union, Ashe county turkeys will be king of the feast today, as over 10,000 of them have been shipped out.

It is stated that 24 states will observe Thanksgiving today and 24 next Thursday.

Merchants here are making plans for a record business during the next few days.

### Rainfall Puts End To Flames

Flavored by the absence of a strong wind, a host of fire fighters last Thursday completely checked the worst forest fire ever experienced in Ashe county.

Logs and stumps continued to smoulder until Sunday when a welcomed rain started falling. A slow drizzle continued through-out Monday and Tuesday and early Wednesday morning the ground was covered with a light blanket of snow.

Besides putting out the fire, the rainfall helped improve the local water supplies, but not a great deal.

### Special Movie For Lansing Hi

Next Wednesday night Ashe county's only football eleven will be seen in the movies. Through the courtesy of the Parkway theatre, of West Jefferson, movies will be shown in the Lansing high school gymnasium, featuring the Skylanders in action against Glade Springs, Madison, Damascus, and Marion, Va.

Other movies taken in and around Lansing will also be shown, as well as views of the Ashe county fair, the New York World's Fair, and a Mickey Mouse special.

### SEVERAL BASKETBALL GAMES ARE SCHEDULED

A number of Ashe high school basketball teams are slated to see action during the next week. The schedule is:

Friday night, Nov. 24—Jefferson at Fleetwood, Todd at West Jefferson and Riverview at Nathan's Creek.

Nov. 29 or 30 or Dec. 1.—Nathan's Creek at West Jefferson, Fleetwood at Crumpler, Todd at Jefferson.

### CHURCH AND BYRL WADDELL SENTENCED

Clifford Church, of Warrensville, was given an 18-months sentence in the federal court at Wilkesboro this week for possession of a large quantity of whiskey at Warrensville and at the same time being under an illicit liquor probation period.

Byrl Waddell, of Jefferson, who faced two auto larceny charges in the same court, was sentenced for two years in the federal pen and given a three years' suspended sentence on the other count.

Attorney Ira T. Johnston represented both defendants.

### ASHE PLAYWRITER



Miss Gertrude Graybeal, who teaches at the Ashland school this year, has written and directed several successful plays and pageants.

### Honors Are Won By Ashe Schools During Festival

Newland Gets First Place While Boone Is Second.

### MUSIC AND DRAMA

West Jefferson high and Elkland high school took high honors among the schools of Ashe county which entered the Harvest Festival at Boone this week. Newland was the winner of the first place while Boone won second.

In the opening rendition of the girls glee clubs, Boone and Newland tied in the judges' decision. After this the Newland aggregation pulled to the lead with first place in mixed choruses, vocal duets, quartets, sextets, vocal solos and baritone solos.

Boone high school was accorded first place in: Boys glee clubs, both intermediate and advanced piano solos, violin solos, vocal trios and baritone solos.

Bethel, Blowing Rock, Cranberry, Elkland and West Jefferson were other high schools receiving awards.

Individual performers in the line of prize winning contests were: Laura Ruth Hagaman, Betty Lay, Boone, piano solos; Margaret Hardin, Boone, violin; Eleanor Jennings, Kathryn Lecka, vocal duets; George Banner, Kathryn Lecka, Grace Cooper, Neil Franklin, Clyde Cole, Arlia Stout, Luke and Earl Hartley, Newland quartets. Bob Laws, Boone, and Luke Hartley, Newland, were acclaimed by their bass and baritone renditions.

A series of one-act plays were featured: Cranberry's cast in Elizabeth Stacy Payne's "The Purple Rim"; Blowing Rock, "Up Pops Rossland"; Cove Creek, "The Great Allowance Battle"; (Continued on Page Four)

### Exclusive Photo from French Front



FRENCH FRONT . . . French soldiers erecting a defense network of barbed wire at the front. Photo passed by French censor.

### Burley Growers In Favor Of Controlling 1940 Production

#### Local Group At Welfare Meeting

District Meeting Being Held at Vade Mecum Today. Prominent Speakers.

Larry P. Colvard, chairman of the county chapter of the Red Cross, county clerk, and auditor, Miss Ruth Tugman, county welfare superintendent, and representatives of the Woman's club and the Rotary club are attending the annual Northwestern District Welfare Conference at Vade Mecum in Stokes county, today. The theme of the program is "Public Welfare—A public Service."

Fourteen counties including Ashe, Alleghany, Alamance, Davidson, Davie, Forsyth, Guilford, Rockingham, Randolph, Stokes, Surry, Watauga, Wilkes and Yadkin are represented.

The outstanding speakers at the morning session are Mrs. W. T. Bost, Commissioner of Public Welfare, Miss Harriet Elliott, Dean of Women, W. C. U. N. C., Nathan H. Yelton, Director of Public Assistance, Miss Mary Robinson, president of the state association of Welfare Superintendents and Col. W. A. Blair, of the State Board of Welfare.

Edwin Gill, Com. of Paroles, will be speaker at the luncheon which will be served by the Women of the Episcopal church, Walnut Cove.

Interested laymen, county commissioners, welfare board members, county officials, and welfare workers have been invited to attend. The presiding officers are Mr. Bausie Marion of Surry, President and Miss Ella Downing of Stokes, secretary.

#### WILL MEET TODD

West Jefferson and Todd will play their first scheduled basketball game of the Appalachian High School Conference games in the West Jefferson gymnasium on Friday night.

#### Over Seventy-Five Percent Vote Favorably. Ashe's Vote Is Very Light.

Growers of burley tobacco throughout the sixteen states in which the weed is grown, Tuesday voted their approval of applying marketing quotas to the 1940 crops, according to results of the election which were announced yesterday.

According to an unofficial announcement, about 82 percent of the total number of growers voting, cast their ballots in favor of production control and in order to carry the referendum, a two-thirds majority was needed, which left a substantial margin in favor of the plan.

Ashe was one of the few counties in western North Carolina that did not get a two-thirds majority. The vote here was 147 for and 89 against, with an additional 60 being challenged. This gave a majority of about 64 percent, while the majority in the 18 mountain counties voting was about 75 percent. There were about 900 farmers in the county eligible to vote.

This year's vote was considerably lighter than the one cast in 1938. Officials explained that many farmers stayed home to work their tobacco, taking advantage of the first damp weather in more than a month.

The vote for western North Carolina counties in the burley referendum Tuesday follows:

County	Yes	No
Avery	9	8
Ashe	147	89
Alleghany	50	2
Buncombe	571	104
Clay	10	1
Cherokee	15	0
Graham	86	49
Henderson	7	2
Haywood	483	51
Jackson	20	2
Macon	12	1
Mitchell	72	54
Madison	630	290
Rutherford	5	1
Swin	4	0
Transylvania	10	3
Watauga	179	25
Yancey	228	85
Totals	2,548	767

#### TWO HEARINGS SET BEFORE JUDGE TUCKER

A hearing for Allison Turnmire, who lives between Smethport and Warrensville and who is now in jail charged with assaulting Ed Bowers, is scheduled to be held before Judge H. C. Tucker Saturday afternoon at two o'clock.

Glenn Faw, who is charged with assaulting Joe Pierce, Crumpler, will also be given a hearing before Judge Tucker Saturday afternoon.

#### MORE NYA WORKERS WANTED AT ONCE

Mrs. Thelma Dent, NYA supervisor for Ashe county, has just been notified that 50 more youths can be put on the NYA program in this county within the next few weeks. All of those interested are asked to register at the welfare department at once. The 50 workers must be put on before Dec. 15, Mrs. Dent said.

### West Jefferson Merchants Plan For Big Season

Christmas Street Lights And Decorations To Be More Elaborate Than Ever.

#### SANTA TO COME

West Jefferson merchants are now making extensive plans for the Christmas shopping season and many of them are predicting a record Yuletide business this year.

At a meeting of a group of merchants yesterday, held at the Rhodes Furniture Company, with Sharpe Shoemaker, manager of Belk's store, presiding, plans for Christmas street lights and decorations, a special trade promotion event, and arrangements for several visits from Santa Claus, were discussed.

The group decided to raise additional funds within the next few days to make the Christmas street lights and decorations more elaborate and more beautiful than ever before. Those agreeing to make the canvass were: Ed Barr, Mont Little, T. E. Parker, Dean McMillan, Sharpe Shoemaker, Dwight McGrady, Ed Jones and Clint Goodman.

The multi-colored lights will be erected and turned on by Friday night, December 8, if not before, it was decided.

The Christmas shopping season will be officially opened on that date, with West Jefferson Santa Claus days, and Santa will pay his official visit to the stores here at that time.

A co-operative plan to give away at least \$50.00 in cash every Saturday in December before Christmas, was also discussed and right much sentiment for it was expressed. A committee was selected to work out details at once and announcements will be made next week.

### Announce Series Of Thanksgiving Services In Ashe

Rev. L. J. Yelanjian to Hold Services in Several Presbyterian Churches.

Rev. Louis J. Yelanjian, of Birmingham, Ala., and Duke university will conduct a series of Thanksgiving services in the Presbyterian churches in Ashe and Wilkes counties that are served by Rev. J. W. Luke, it was announced this week.

Rev. Mr. Yelanjian was in charge of the Chautauqua services at the West Jefferson Presbyterian and Ebenezer churches last summer and a large number here will be delighted over the opportunity of hearing him again.

The Thanksgiving services are as follows: Glendale Springs Church, November 29, 7 o'clock; Peak Creek Church, Thursday morning, 11 o'clock; Ebenezer church, 2:30, Thursday; Laurel Forks, 7, Thursday.

Bethel church, Friday morning, December 1, 11 o'clock; Low Gap, Friday, 7 p. m. Miller's Creek Saturday night, 7 o'clock and West Jefferson, Sunday morning, 11 o'clock.

### 4-Day Free Tubercular Clinic To Be Held Here Dec. 1, 2, 4, 5

Plans are now being perfected for a four-day free tubercular clinic for Ashe county to be held here Dec. 1, 2, 4, 5, in the basement of the West Jefferson Methodist church, under the sponsorship of the health department and the Woman's Club.

"Registration is now being done at the Health Department, Jefferson, or can be done through your own physician, but it is important to make application at once only about 35 can be handled in one day," Dr. King said.

Only those who have made appointments by registering with the health department before the clinic can be given examination at that time.

School children will be examined on Saturday and on this day the clinic will be closed at noon. No lunch will be served on this

### COLD STORAGE LEADER



Gwyn Price, prominent Ashe county dairyman, farm leader and former school principal, has taken a leading part in the organization of the proposed Blue Ridge Cold Storage Co-operative.

### England Blamed In Munich Blast

England Proclaims Unrestricted High Seas Blockade Against Nazis.

German secret police Tuesday announced the arrest of a man charged with the November 8 beer cellar bombing attempt on Adolf Hitler's life and the capture of two British intelligence agents accused of plotting German revolution from Netherlands soil.

While the official announcements of Heinrich Himmler, chief of the gestapo, did not connect the arrest and the capture, they did charge Otto Strasser, one-time Hitler lieutenant but now a leader in the dissident "black front", with organizing the bombing plot, and the British intelligence service with furnishing the money.

The man charged with the bombing was named as George Elser, 36, of Munich, who was said by the gestapo to have confessed.

The British foreign office said Tuesday night neither the British government nor any agent of it "had any knowledge" of the German citizen "described as having placed a bomb in the Munich beer cellar" November 8.

It was stated that official quarters considered the German government statement "quite incomprehensible."

The foreign office communique said there was "no connection" between the Munich bombing and the "kidnaping of two British subjects on the German-Dutch frontier".

Great Britain, accusing Germany of "ruthless brutality" and illegal mine warfare, Tuesday proclaimed in reprisal an unrestricted high seas blockade of German trade.

While Prime Minister Chamberlain was announced this step to the house of commons and blaming Germany for the past week's heavy toll of merchant shipping off the British east coast, the 11,930-ton Japanese passenger liner Terukuni Maru became the latest and largest victim.

### Mass Meeting Of Members Held In The Court House

Fifteen Men Selected to Serve As Incorporators. To Submit Formal Application.

#### SPEECHES ARE MADE

The first step in perfecting the organization of the proposed Blue Ridge Cold Storage Co-operative was taken last night at a mass meeting of the members or stock holders, held in the courthouse, when 15 men were selected as incorporators.

Representatives from State College and the State Department of Agriculture were present and pledged their co-operation in the organization, erection and operation of the proposed REA plant and marketing center.

The selection of 15 incorporators was made at the suggestion of the Rural Electrification Administration in Washington. These men are to proceed with the organization of the corporation and with the soliciting of additional applications for membership.

Following this further plans to submit formal application will be made, and include a map of the county, showing highways, railroads, location of farms belonging to members and other information about them. An option on one or more proposed locations will be secured and they must be in or near West Jefferson, the trading center of this county. Another important feature will be an agricultural and livestock survey.

Those elected to serve as incorporators were: Gwyn Price, J. W. Gambill, Earl Ray, Carl Graybeal, Fred Colvard, A. B. Hurt, Bryan Oliver, Wick Vannoy, Dent Pennington, J. B. Hash, H. H. Lemly, Van Miller, of Alleghany county, Charlie Collins, of Alleghany county, W. L. Dent and Don Francis.

Mr. Price presided over the mass meeting, which was attended by a large number of members, and explained in detail the progress that has been made thus far with the movement to secure the first REA cold storage plant in North Carolina.

Timely talks were made by Dr. M. E. Gardner, professor of horticulture at State College who directed the development of the new Sequoia potato in this county; C. W. Sheffield, senior marketing specialist of the State Department of Agriculture; Paul Fletcher, junior marketing specialist of the state department and D. E. Jones, of the REA utilization division.

"I think this is the most progressive move that can be made in this section and I am keenly interested in it," Prof. Gardner stated.

Proper storage prevents glut on the market and keeps products in much better condition, he said.

"In 1934 western North Carolina produced around 25,000 bushels of certified seed potatoes and this year Ashe county produced more certified seed potatoes than any county in the state.

"With a storage plant I can see a wonderful opportunity for the development of this business right here," he asserted.

He also emphasized the value of this plant in connection with the storage of cabbage, beans, apples, etc.

Mr. Sheffield stated that in his (Continued on Page Four)

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WATER, LIKE ADVICE, WILL DROWN TH' REAL YOU IF YA GIT TOO MUCH!