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Ashe Gas



By Stella Anderson

Several local citizens delayed their planting last week waiting for a change in the moon. And perhaps it was just as well, not so much on account of the moon, but because of the abnormal change in the weather, which came about with the changing moon. Not only did the cold weather return, but along with it the snow, in tremendous flakes. If Negro mountain ever turns green it will be an oddity!

Abusing A Privilege

We recently heard of a young lady who went into an automobile show room to telephone and came out with a new car. Her excuse was that she did not like to come out without buying something. And we imagine it is rather hard to dodge a Dodge salesman, too.

The young lady's logic was correct, it is a privilege to use some one else's telephone, particularly when it is located in a public place and business is transacted over it. A number of merchants have complained lately about this privilege being abused by individuals who talk as long as 30 minutes!

Bird of Prey

Birds of prey are not extinct. One, Mr. Trivette, from Smethport, brought in the oddity of the week, on Tuesday. From its long sharp talons (not zippers) it resembled an eagle. The beak, however, was not so characteristic of America's money bird. Its wing spread was more than 5 feet and Mr. Trivette is reported to have shot it with a .22 rifle! Some shot and some bird, Postmaster Basil Barr recognized it immediately as an Osprey or "fish hawk".

Mr. Trivette who brought his victim to West Jefferson showed it to a number of individuals here who said they had never seen its like before. He reported that some turkeys in the vicinity where he shot the bird had been injured lately, and he believed the strange bird was to blame!

A Clean House

Gene Myers, popular radio repairman who works for Ed D. Barr, at the Central Radio company, reported the other day that he never swept the floor late in the afternoon, as it would be worse than ever the next morning.

There is a reason for this, not late customers either, but rather the West Jefferson wind and the dust and dirt on the streets which is blown in the business houses. Much of the profit of a merchant is really gone with the wind in this town. Isn't it about time the streets were paved?

Aye There's the Rub

Hamlet's famous soliloquy came back to us this week when we heard of a man who decided it was best not to be, rather than to be and found the way out by drinking. (Continued on Page Eight)

CANDIDATES ASKED TO FILE THIS WEEK

F. B. Jones, clerk of the town of West Jefferson said late yesterday that the only individual who had filed for the offices of alderman or Mayor, to be chosen in the election here on May 7, was W. Vance Wondie who has filed as a candidate for alderman.

Announcement is made elsewhere in the paper this week, by Mr. Jones that all those desiring to run for either office are requested to file their intentions with him not later than 5 o'clock, on Saturday.

Judge Tucker has announced that he will run for Mayor and is expected to file with the clerk before Saturday afternoon, as are all other candidates.

A "Boy Cow Production Club" Is Being Organized In Ashe

Arrangements Made To Help Boys Finance Cows. Kraft Plant To Buy Milk.

A "Boy Cow Production Club" is now being organized in Ashe county under the sponsorship of the farm agent's office and the extension service at State College, through the co-operation of the Kraft Cheese Plant here.

Every boy in the county is eligible to become a member of this club.

County Agent Rich, H. D. Quessenberry, assistant agent; F. R. Farnham and J. A. Arey, of the extension service; and Levern Johnson, manager of the cheese plant, will assist the members of the club in securing a good cow and will also arrange to finance the purchase of a cow for each member, if the boy so desires.

The cheese plant has agreed to set each member up as a regular customer, to lend him a large can, strainer and pads and to keep individual production records for him.

In event the boy takes advantage of the outside financing plan, it is proposed that one milk check go to the boy and the other towards paying for the cow.

Both banks in the Jeffersons, the Farm Security Administration and a number of business men are keenly interested in the proposed club and have agreed to help the boys finance their cows, if such aid is wanted.

Mr. Farnham said he could buy some good cows from around \$60 to \$75 per head. Boys interested in joining the club should get in touch with the farm agent's office or Mr. Levern Johnson.

The plan was presented by Messrs. Farnham and Arey at a meeting here last Thursday afternoon. It was pointed out that similar clubs are going over very successfully in other counties. Business men here have already shown a good deal of interest.

This club offers the boys of Ashe county a wonderful opportunity to "go in business" for themselves.

Showing Dates Of Free Motion Pictures Given

Kraft Cheese Co. to Show Entertaining Pictures In 10 Communities.

The interest shown in the free showings of the educational and entertaining motion pictures, presented last week under the sponsorship of the Kraft Cheese Company, was so great that the officials of the company have decided to show these pictures in 10 more communities of the county so that every person may have an opportunity of seeing these highly instructive shows.

The showings include two educational reels and one entertainment reel: "The Milkway Out", made by the United States department of agriculture and the "Green Acres", which includes scenes made on four farms in Ashe county. They are: W. B. Austin, Gwyn Price, Will Trantou and Walter Pennington.

A fine cow production plan will be explained at each meeting and Levern Johnson, manager of the cheese plant here, states that he has already received a good many inquiries relative to this plan.

The schedule of free showings are as follows: with each one being shown at night at 7:30 o'clock: Monday, April 29—Elkland high school; Tuesday, April 30—River-view high school; Wednesday, May 1—Sturgills school; Friday, May 3, Grassy Creek high school; Saturday, May 4—Fleetwood high school; Monday, May 6, Healing Springs high school; Tuesday, May 7, Baldwin, Methodist church; Wednesday, May 8, courthouse; Friday, May 10, Landmark Baptist church and Saturday, May 11, Lansing high school.

During the period from 1929 to 1932, industry reduced its production 59 percent, while farm production, on the other hand, decreased only 6 percent in the same period.

RUNNING FOR MAYOR



Judge H. C. Tucker, an Ashe county institution within himself, has announced his candidacy for mayor of West Jefferson. (Photo by Miller Ingram, Parkway Photo Shop.)

Judge H. C. Tucker To Run For Mayor

Has Served 3 Terms. Says He Is Strong For Public Improvements.

Judge H. C. Tucker, announced this week that he would be a candidate for mayor of West Jefferson in the coming election to be held on May 7. "I am seeking the office at the request of my many friends," he said. "I am, and have always been for the best interest and development of this town," he added, and pointed out that he was for all public improvement including water, sewer and street improvements to the extent of the town's ability to finance them.

Judge Tucker who has served as a Justice of the Peace for 30 years has a reputation for the fairness of his court. "If I am elected mayor of the town, I will give all who come before me a fair trial, as I believe in the democracy of our courts," he said.

"I am running on my past record," Judge Tucker remarked, in talking to a Post reporter. He has served as mayor of the town for three terms, was one of its founders and has always taken an active part in public life. He was a member of the legislature in 1911 and did much to bring the railroad here. He has also served as a county highway commissioner, and chairman of the school board.

"I gave 10 years of my life toward the development and improvement of this town, without any remuneration whatsoever, and as Mayor I shall certainly carry out a program devoted to the best interest of the town.

Many friends of Judge Tucker pointed out that he has done more for the development of West Jefferson than any other individual. He assisted and contributed generously in the building of the school here as well as the Baptist church, of which he is a member.

Mrs. R. E. Jones Was Buried Sat.

Died At Marion, Virginia Formerly Lived In Ashe County.

Funeral service for Mrs. Beulah Blevins Jones, wife of R. E. Jones, of Marion, Va., was held at the Lansing Presbyterian church on Saturday with the Revs. R. H. Stone and J. W. McFall in charge. Burial followed in the Ham cemetery.

The deceased who had formerly lived in Ashe county, was 35 years old at the time of her death which occurred on Thursday, following an extended illness.

She is survived by her husband and three children, Harold, Geraldine, and James. Three brothers, J. O. Blevins, Lansing; Ed and Frank Blevins, of Marion, Va. and three sisters, Mrs. H. M. Miller, Warrensville; Mrs. W. T. DeBoard, Sophia, W. Va.; Mrs. C. A. Sapp, of Marion, also survive.

Felix Eller Is Suicide Victim At Silas Creek

Shot Himself Through Head Mon. Night And Died Instantly.

FUNERAL TODAY

Funeral service will be held this morning at the home, for Felix Eller, well known citizen of Silas Creek who fatally shot himself late Monday afternoon, while alone in the house. Revs. R. H. Stone and Arthur Ashley will be in charge of the service. Burial will follow in the Dixon cemetery, at Silas Creek.

Mr. Eller, who was apparently in good health, but had been depressed and was at times addicted to alcoholism, according to reports, shot himself through the head around six o'clock on Monday. His wife and son, Jason, were not in the house at the time of the tragedy, but returned later to find him lifeless.

Dr. B. E. Reeves, county coroner, who investigated the case, said that apparently Mr. Eller had stood before a large dresser and had taken aim by looking into the mirror. He had fallen on the loaded pistol from which only one shot had been fired. The bullet had passed directly through his head proving instantly fatal. Dr. Reeves pronounced the death suicide beyond any doubt.

Mr. Eller who was a prosperous farmer and one of the best known citizens of the community, was not suffering from lack of finances. It was stated that he had a large amount of money about his person when he died.

In addition to his wife and son, he is survived by one brother, George, of Fallston, Md., and one sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Blevins, of Brandon.

Sheep Ass'n. Is Making A Drive For Membership

Secretary or Township Committee Will Gladly Accept Memberships.

A drive to get every sheep grower in the county to join the newly organized Ashe Sheep Growers Association is now underway, H. D. Quessenberry, secretary of the Association, announced this week.

The Association was organized for the purpose of "protection to members and not profit". It insures its members against loss of sheep killed by dogs, death resulting from biting or chasing.

Full payment for losses will be made at the end of each fiscal year. Prompt appraisals will be made in case of loss, and the grower will receive full value for his loss.

Any sheep producer in the county is eligible to join. The dues are 10 cents per head for all old sheep on hand.

Any member of the township executive committee of the Association or the secretary will gladly accept applications.

The committee is as follows: W. T. Miller, Chestnut Hill; E. V. Eller, Clifton; M. H. Eller, Creston; R. B. Brown, Elk; J. C. Pierce, Grassy Creek; B. C. Pennington, Helton; C. L. Goss, Horse Creek; W. M. Little, Hurricane; J. W. Neal, Jefferson; T. J. Graybeal, Laurel; Max Barlow, North Fork; H. H. Burgess, Obids; Walter Burkett, Old Fields; W. M. Trantou, Peak Creek; E. C. Eller, Pine Swamp; W. Y. Cox, Pond Mountain; J. R. Phipps, Walnut Hill and C. W. Phillips, West Jefferson.

Lansing Youth Dies Suddenly

Miles Roten, 15, Lansing high school student died suddenly on Friday evening, from heart attack, while playing at his home. Up until his death the boy had been in good health, and the news of his fatal attack was a shock to all who knew him.

The funeral service was held at the home on Sunday morning with the Rev. H. M. Calhoun in charge, and burial followed in the Calhoun cemetery.

The deceased is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Roten. One brother, Ford and one sister, Della Ray, also survive.

Here's Proof For The Fish Story!



Amos Wagoner, general manager of the Ashe Hardware store here, like many other fishermen in Ashe and Alleghany counties, has been enjoying the fine sport of catching mountain trout since the season opened April 15. Shown above is Mr. Wagoner proudly displaying his "bag-limit catch" of the opening day. They were caught with live bait and range in length from 8 to 14 inches. (Staff Photo.)

Graduation At W. J. And Jefferson On Friday Night

WILL LIVE HERE



W. B. Reeves, of Sparta, who has resigned as postmaster at Whitehead after having served in this capacity for 25 years. He plans to live here.

Reeves Resigns As Postmaster At Whitehead

Prominent Alleghany Man Had Served 25 Years. Plans To Reside Here.

After having served as postmaster at Whitehead for the past 25 years, W. B. Reeves, prominent Alleghany county business man and farmer, has resigned on account of the condition of his health, and plans to live here with his daughter, Mrs. Russell Barr.

As postmaster at Whitehead for a quarter of a century, Mr. Reeves has made an enviable record and patrons of the office deeply regret his resignation, which became effective yesterday.

He was not only an efficient postmaster, but also extended every accommodation possible and is one of the most public-spirited men in Alleghany county.

Mr. Reeves has a legion of friends in his immediate community as well as in Alleghany and adjoining counties.

In 1919 he was tendered the appointment as clerk of superior court of Alleghany county when the position was made vacant by the death of Frank Thompson, but declining the call, he preferred to serve his community and county in a more private way, to which he has always been loyal and faithful.

For the past 10 years he has been superintendent of the Sunday School at the Sparta Baptist. (Continued on Page Eight)

Fleetwood Finals and Jefferson Senior Play Saturday Night

Members of the graduating classes at Jefferson and West Jefferson will be awarded their diplomas tomorrow night when interesting programs will be presented.

The literary address at the West Jefferson high school will be delivered by Dr. Ernest Derendinger, of Catawba College. Following the address, diplomas will be awarded the 21 graduates. This will mark the close of commencement exercises. The senior play "Doty and Daffy" will be presented tonight.

Dr. B. B. Daugherty will be the speaker at Jefferson when 28 seniors will be presented with diplomas. Commencement at Jefferson will end Saturday night with the senior play, "No Foolin'."

Commencement at Fleetwood will be brought to a close on Saturday night when Wade Brown will deliver the address and the fifteen graduates will be presented their diplomas by Professor James Stanley.

Healing Springs was the first of the nine high schools to close. Finals were held there last Saturday, which was also homecoming. A large number of former graduates were present for this.

Finals at Elkland were held on Wednesday night when Hon. W. B. Austin delivered the literary address. Virginia-Carolina was brought to a close on Tuesday night when Hon. Ira T. Johnston spoke.

Commencement exercises at Lansing, Riverview and Nathan's Creek will be held early in May. Finals are later here than at the other high schools in the county due to the fact that extra time lost during the winter will have to be made up.

Colvard Selling The Famous Kelly Springfield Tires

The Colvard Oil Company and the Colvard Service Stations have been appointed as distributors and dealers for the famous Kelly Springfield automobile tires and tubes.

"These are high quality, first line tires and will give excellent service," R. W. Colvard, owner and mayor of West Jefferson, declared. "Before taking on Kelly Springfield, we made a thorough check-up and investigation in order to get what we thought was the best tire value in the country today."

These tires are now being sold at the Colvard station here and at the Jefferson service station

Alumni Banquet For Jefferson Well Attended

Gwyn Price Elected President of The Group For The Coming Year.

W. H. WORTH SPOKE

Gwyn Price was elected president of the Jefferson high school alumni group at the annual banquet held Saturday night at the Jefferson Methodist church. John R. Weaver was chosen as vice-president and Mrs. Langdon Scott, secretary and treasurer.

Walter H. Worth, who has long been interested in education and has always been a loyal supporter of the Jefferson school was the chief speaker of the evening. Mr. Worth gave a review of the history of Jefferson high school, which is observing its 25th anniversary, this year.

He related under what difficulties the institution was established and maintained in the beginning. "Had it not been for the generous contributions of interested individuals, the school could not have been founded and kept going, during its early existence", he said. He explained that several individuals contributed as much as \$1,000.

During the evening, Mrs. Kathleen Rice, of North Wilkesboro, an alumnus, gave some special readings. Miss Iva Faw, also of North Wilkesboro, was in charge of the music for the program. Dinner was served to around 75 alumni who were present.

The Jefferson high school which is the oldest in the county has a large number of outstanding graduates throughout the United States.

Hayes and Miller Buy Jewelry And Watch Firm Here

Godfrey Anderson Going To Minnesota. New Owners Natives Of County.

J. Paul Hayes and Reo Miller have purchased the Godfrey Anderson Jewelry and Watch Repairing shop here and will continue to operate the business in the Central Radio Company building, it was announced this week.

The new firm will be known as the Hayes and Miller Jewelry Company and will carry a more extensive line of watches and jewelry.

Mr. Anderson and his family plan to leave next week for Minnesota, where they have bought a farm.

Both Messrs. Hayes and Miller are natives of this county and are experienced watchmakers. Mr. Hayes was born and reared at Nathan's Creek and is the son of Rev. and Mrs. T. M. Hayes. He is a graduate of the Nathan's Creek high school and took special training in watch repairing. For the past four years he has been operating the Alleghany Watch Company in Sparta, which he will also continue to run.

Mr. Miller was born at Laurel Springs. He has been running a watch repair shop at Stoney Point, N. C., for a number of years.

The general level of farm wage rates advanced about twice as much as usual from January 1 to April 1, according to the U. S. Agricultural Marketing Service.

JOE GISH
THE "PRINCE CHARMING"
THESE GALS FINALLY PICK FOR A MATE, SELDOM FITS TH' DESCRIPTION.....