

# The Skyland Post

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## German Troops Nearing Paris As They Advance On Allies

### Austin Is Chosen New Commander Of Legion Post

Election of Officers Held Saturday Night. Plan Boxing On July 4.

#### DELEGATES CHOSEN

Hon. W. B. Austin was chosen as commander of the Ashe county post of the American Legion, to succeed J. G. Rhodes, at the annual election of officers held at the regular meeting, Saturday night.

Others elected to serve with Commander Austin are as follows: first vice-commander S. N. Baldwin; second vice-commander, C. H. Ireson; adjutant, P. G. Wright; sergt.-at-arms, B. W. Jones. Delegates to the department convention at High point are J. G. Rhodes, W. B. Austin and L. P. Colvard. The alternates chosen were Ed D. Barr, C. H. Ireson and S. N. Baldwin. Reports from the various committees revealed that the work of the Legion is going forward.

Plans are now being worked out for the boxing to be staged here on July 4. C. H. Ireson announced that a number of prominent boxers had been secured and that others were being contacted for the event.

Larry P. Colvard reported that progress was being made toward the plans for a road to be built to the proposed boys' camp site. He stated that the consent of most of the land owners had been secured for right of way.

In connection with the Boy State Movement, the post voted appropriate \$15 in order to sponsor the attendance of one or more boys for this meeting at Chapel Hill. W. B. Austin and Larry P. Colvard were appointed to supervise the selection in this case.

Plans were discussed for the entertainment of the State Commander Junius Rose who speaks here tonight, and Cecil Pate, Grande Chef de Gare of the Forty and Eight.

### 3,500 Pounds Of Wool Pooled For 39 Cents Per Lb.

Production and Quality Good. To Pool Lambs Early In July, Rich Says.

Nearly 3,500 pounds of wool were pooled here yesterday afternoon by 48 Ashe county farmers, at 39 cents per pound.

The pooling was sponsored by the farm agent's office. Three other counties, Alleghany, Grayson and Carroll, co-operated in the pool. The wool was bought by C. M. Osborne, of Grayson county and was shipped to Baltimore. Local farmers received over \$1,200.00.

The quality of the wool was said to be exceptionally good and production reports were good. B. W. Austin pooled 151 pounds which came off of 20 sheep, or in other words over 7½ pounds to the animal. Others reported production as high as 8 pounds per animal.

A lamb pooling will be held in the county the first part of July, Mr. Rich announces. All farmers are invited to enter.

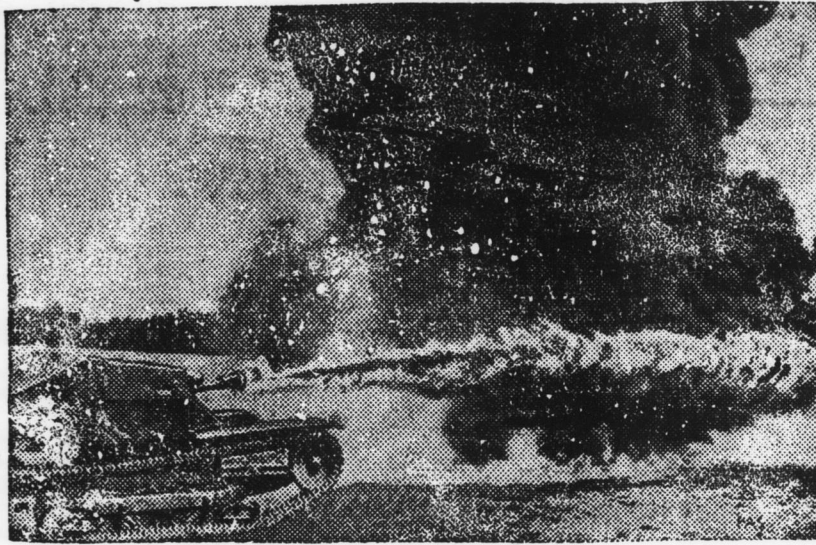
### Gets Sentence For Cattle Stealing

Pioneer days of the Old West were recalled here Monday, when James McKinley Roark, young West Jefferson man was arraigned before the court for the stealing of a young heifer.

According to reports the heifer was stolen from George Sheets several days ago, and young Roark attempted to trade it in to a local motor company. He was found guilty of the theft and was sentenced to 12 months on the roads by Mayor H. C. Tucker.

Hildred Bare, of Wagoner, was tried before the Mayor for public drunkenness and was fined \$5 and the cost.

### Hitler's Flame Throwers In Action



FRANCE... The first jets of fire from the type of tank leading the attack against French positions. Flame-throwers like these blasted the Nazi army to the Channel ports and now are threatening all of France.

### Ashe County Fair Will Be Held Week Of September 16

#### DIED SUDDENLY



John F. Johnson, father of Levern Johnson, manager of the cheese plant here, passed away unexpectedly last Thursday afternoon.

### John F. Johnson Funeral Saturday

Died Suddenly From Heart Attack. Body Taken To Wisconsin For Burial

Funeral service was held at the West Jefferson Methodist church, on Saturday for John F. Johnson, well-known West Jefferson man who died suddenly on Thursday evening at the home of his son here, following a heart attack. The Odd Fellows' lodge of which Mr. Johnson was a member was in charge of the service, and Rev. Hoyte Wood, pastor of the church, spoke briefly.

Following the service, the body accompanied by members of the lodge and others was taken to Witheville where it was sent by train to Wisconsin for burial. Members of the Johnson family drove there for the burial service, held on Monday.

Mr. Johnson, who was 77 years old at the time of his death was a native of Scandinavia. He came to America when he was nine years old and made his home in Wisconsin, for many years before coming here six years ago with Mrs. Johnson to make his home with his son, Levern.

Mr. Johnson had made many friends here, and was well known for his genial, friendly disposition and his active mind. In spite of his advanced years he was interested in youth and numbered many of his friends among the younger generation. His sudden death came as a shock to all.

He is survived by his wife, two sons, Levern, of West Jefferson, manager of the Kraft Cheese plant, and Harry, of Pulaski Wisconsin. Several grandchildren also survive.

Members of the Odd Fellows Lodge who accompanied the body to Witheville were:

T. E. Parker, G. P. Little, L. P. Colvard, Rev. Hoyte Wood, Glenn Taylor, Charlie Mullis, Charlie Hodge, Walter Lewis, B. H. Richards, Ed Waddell, Emmitt Stanley, Reid Sturdivant, Guy Hudler and Earl Scott.

### Midway Attractions Will Be Provided by The Bullock Amusement Co.

The '40 presentation of the Ashe County Fair will be held here the week of September 16, opening on Wednesday 18 and closing on Saturday, 21, it was decided at a meeting of the executive committee held Monday night.

Midway attractions will be furnished by the Bullock Amusement Company and will include four rides, fourteen concessions and fireworks.

Offers from other amusement companies were presented but the executive committee voted to have Bullock again because of the clean and wholesome attractions provided by the Bullock organization which has appeared here a number of times in the past.

Committees are now busy revising the prize and premium lists, selecting township executive committee members, department superintendents and various other things. The prizes and awards are expected to be about the same as last year, however. The executive committee will meet again Monday night at 8 o'clock and final arrangements to get out the fair catalogues in the near future will be made at that time.

The week of September 16 was chosen because the Elkin and North Wilkesboro fairs will be held the week of the 9th and the 23rd was thought to be a little too late.

Carl Colvard has replaced Lester Segraves on the executive committee as a representative of the West Jefferson board of aldermen.

### To Discuss County Defense Plans At Meeting Saturday

In line with the national defense program that is being pushed forward rapidly, and with a firm conviction that the United States will be actively engaged in war with the Allies against the dictator nations within less than three months' time, Upton Blevins, well known citizen of the Crumpler community who is an ex-marine and ex-sailor, this week proposed that extensive plans for defense and for possible entrance into the war be made immediately right here at home.

In proposing this new and unique idea for preparedness, Mr. Blevins, who is also quite a student of world affairs, gave a summary of the world war outlook as he sees it and predicted that Russia and Japan will join Germany and Italy in the war to defeat the Democracies, which of course includes the United States.

To formulate local plans for preparedness, he announced that a meeting of all those who are interested will be held at the courthouse Saturday afternoon at one o'clock.

"There is no use to become alarmed, that time has passed," he said. "We should go about getting ready just as we would

### Supervisors To Start Checking Farms Next Wk.

Twelve Compliance Checkers To Be Chosen at Conclusion of School Today.

#### 23 ATTEND SCHOOL

After attending a two-day session of classes directed by J. H. Enloe, junior AAA field officer for this district and G. E. Tester, state AAA supervisor, 12 compliance checkers will be selected this afternoon out of the 23 Ashe county young men present at the triple A conservation program school being held at Jefferson high school, announced Clark Houck, county supervisor, yesterday afternoon.

"The purpose of the school is to instruct those present in methods of checking the farms in the conservation program," Houck said, "and when the classes are over, an examination will be given. The 12 having the best rating on the exam and their field work, will be the 12 chosen to aid in the county's conservation work. They will begin work next week."

G. B. Price and Selma Dickson will be responsible for the reports of the supervisors as they come in. They are attending the school as representatives of the county office.

The group from which the 12 compliance checkers or field supervisors will be chosen is: Bob Baker, Leonard Bare, Howard Blevins, J. T. Brown, G. M. Campbell, Woodrow Davis, Tom Dent, Wade E. Eller, Jr., Chas. F. Francis, Zeb Graybeal, Joe Grubb, Claude Houck, A. B. Hurt, Jr., Herman Little, Fred Oliver, Ralph L. Perry, J. B. Pierce, Tom Price, Ralph Tomlinson, Everett Trivette, J. G. Welch, Ray Wiles and Edwin Young.

### Pennington Boy Struck By Auto

Robert Pennington sustained a cut on the back of his head last Friday night when he, riding a bicycle, collided with a car driven by Walter Miller, of Glendale Springs, who was said to be bringing Mrs. Cleve Long and her daughter to see Dr. Reeves.

R. W. Banta, of Minnesota, and his wife narrowly escaped serious injury Tuesday when their car skidded on a curve this side of Warrensville and plunged down an embankment. Mrs. Banta was slightly hurt and the automobile was badly damaged.

Dr. and Mrs. Frank Gambill, of Lincolnton visited relatives here Sunday.

### To Speak At Banquet Here Tonight



Department Commander June Rose who will deliver an address tonight at the Legion-Rotary banquet at the Community Building.

### American Legion Department Commander To Speak Tonight At A Legion-Rotary Banquet

#### ON PROGRAM TONIGHT



Cecil Pate, of Charlotte, Grande Chef de Gare, who will be one of the speakers on the program tonight at a joint meeting of the Legion and Rotary club.

### A \$50 Reward Is Offered In Ashe

Public Asked to Protect Deer Now In Several Sections Of This County.

Game Warden Harvey T. Goodman announced yesterday that steps were being taken to protect the deer now in the county and that to assure them from harm a \$50 reward was offered for information leading to the arrest of any person killing one. There is also a reward of \$10 offered for information leading to the arrest of a person dogging or annoying the deer in any way.

Mr. Goodman pointed out that there were several deer in the county now and that if they were protected it might enable this section to get a good start with these animals.

"There is no open season for deer in Ashe," he said and urged everyone to protect rather than molest them. Recently deer have been seen in the Helton, Chestnut Hill, Todd and Jefferson communities.

He also cautioned the public not to violate any of the fish or game laws.

### Italy's Entrance In War Criticized By Roosevelt

Practically All Civilians Have Evacuated French Capitol. City Quiet.

#### MANY ARE KILLED

With Italy's entrance into the war alongside Germany and the Nazi forces gradually creeping up on Paris in the battle of France, the defeat of this nation appears to be definitely near.

The Germans reported yesterday that they had reached the Marne river, the valley of which is a natural entrance to the French capital, and that the city was within their reach.

The allies 26 years ago decisively halted the legions of imperial Germany there in the first battle of the Marne, with the augmenting "taxicab army" from Paris battering down the kaiser's men into their eventually disastrous trench warfare.

In a vast enveloping advance, the Germans claimed yesterday, 400,000 to 500,000 French in two armies were taken prisoners or killed and others were "pocketed", as in Flanders, with low-skimming planes bombing and straffing columns on the move and blasting bridges from the Marne and lower Oise to cut off retreat.

Residents in the outer parts of the city reported hearing the roar of the night battle and seeing the gun flashes on the northwestern horizon.

Although the Germans were trying to encircle the city, communication by highway and wire still was open to the nerve center where the government had moved in central France.

Most people who had transportation already had left the one-time capital of the Republic of France. As many as 50 persons crowded about available taxicabs and it was almost impossible to board one of the infrequent subway trains.

Automobiles still were leaving the city, but many were without gasoline. Others there expected train service to be restored that would enable them to leave.

Frenchmen of the central armies took their stand behind the Marne, where their fathers died to stop the German advance on Paris of 1914.

Italy struck her first blows at Tunis and Malta. British air forces raided Italian Libya and the British navy began to clamp down on Italian ships, immediately.

Italy's entrance into the war at this time received severe criticism from President Roosevelt who in his address at the University of Virginia, on Tuesday, declared that "the nation which held the dagger stuck it into the back of its neighbor." He pledged material support to the Allies whom he declared were giving their life blood for democracy.

Italy openly admitted that she was entering the war for territorial expansion.

President Roosevelt's public championship of their cause gave the Allies confidence according to reports from both England and France.

Hailing his assurance as insuring victory for the Allies, Clement R. Attlee, lord privy seal, of England told the house that Italy's entrance into the war "does not cause us dismay."

### Ashe Received \$98,826 From Social Security

Nearly Half of Amount Went to Old Age. State Total Over 29 Million.

Ashe county received nearly \$100,000 of the \$29,143,262.12 distributed in the 100 counties in North Carolina in aid, assistance, insurance and services provided in the 10 divisions of the National Social Security Act, through last year, generally, it is estimated from official sources by Charles G. Powell, chairman of the N. C. Unemployment Compensation Commission.

The exact figure for Ashe county's receipts from the 10 divisions is \$98,826.93. Of this amount, payments to old age assistance totalled \$43,153.50, or nearly one half.

Aid to dependent children came next, amounting to \$11,181. (Continued on Page Eight)



"WATHTHIN" WOULD BE LOST VERY LONG IF EVERYTHING COULD BE FOUND AS QUICKLY AS EXCUSES.