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## Fighting Continues As France Awaits Nazis Peace Terms

### Funeral For Chas. W. Stansberry To Be Held Today

Well Known Lansing Man Died from Heart Trouble At the Age of 62.

#### DEATH IS SUDDEN

Funeral service will be held this morning at ten o'clock for Charles W. Stansberry, well known Lansing man who died suddenly at his home on Tuesday following a heart attack. Service will be conducted at the Sabbath Home church by Revs. R. H. Stone and Donley Hart and burial will follow in the Goss cemetery.

The deceased who was a native of this county was the son of W. J. and Mrs. Ellen Graybeal Stansberry. He had spent most of his life in this county and for many years was actively engaged in farming. He was 62 years old at the time of his sudden death which came as a shock to all who knew him.

He is survived by his wife and the following sons and daughters: Lee, Clarence and Howard Stansberry, Mrs. Biller Osborne, Mrs. Eura Hart.

The deceased was a brother of J. D. Stansberry, Ashe county clerk of the court.

### Dr. Ballou Sent \$100 Check For Ashe Hospital

Included in the list of recent new subscribers and contributors to the Ashe County Memorial Hospital Association, Inc., is Dr. James L. Ballou, of the United States Veterans' Hospital, Portland, Oregon.

Dr. Ballou, a native of this county and a member of one of its most prominent families, sent a \$100.00 check a few days ago.

"I noticed that the important matter of a medical and surgical staff for the hospital is now under consideration," Dr. Ballou wrote. "In this connection I wish to say that after my retirement from government service, which is about three years hence, and when at my home, I will be glad to offer, at least consultation service as eye, ear, nose and throat specialist."

Dr. Ballou is having the old home place in this county repaired and modernized and expects to spend some of his time in the county when he retires from service.

### To Hold Crippled Children's Clinic This Afternoon

At least thirty children are expected to attend the regular children's clinic to be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock by Dr. J. S. Gaul, of Charlotte, in the office of the county health department.

The Jeffersons Rotary Club is sponsoring the clinic, and all crippled children are invited and urged to attend the free clinic.

### DOLLAR DAYS ARE COMING NEXT WK.

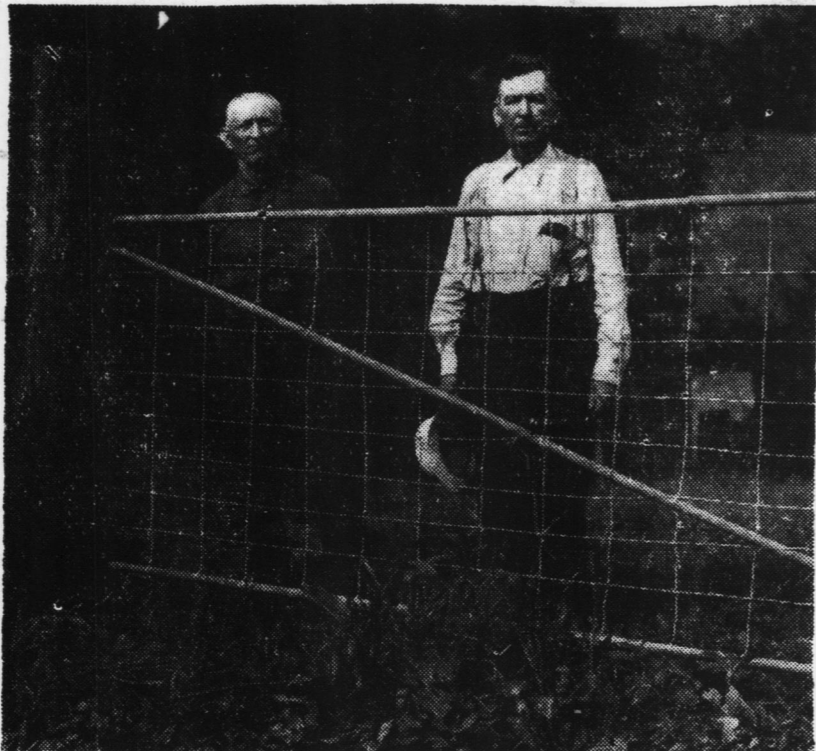
Plans are now being worked out by progressive merchants here, in cooperation with The Skyland Post, to sponsor city-wide dollar days here next Friday, Saturday and Monday, June 28, 29, July 1.

Coming at this time these special dollar savings days will enable the public to make preparations for July 4 as well as to supply all of their needs at a big savings.

The Skyland Post will carry advertisements of many of the specials to be offered and in addition to the regular circulation will have additional distribution in order to give the event more publicity. All merchants are asked to cooperate with The Post by getting their advertising copy ready as early as possible.

The public is urged to make plans now to take advantage of these special sale days.

### Mr. Reeves Utilizes Pipe And Wire



Standing behind a novel gate made of discarded pipe and telephone wire is J. N. Tulbert, of West Jefferson, and M. E. Reeves, of Laurel Springs. The gate was made by Mr. Reeves for Mr. Tulbert by using the pipes for frames and weaving the wire into the frames. The result is a serviceable gate yet inexpensive. Photo by Parkway Photo Shop.

### To Discuss Plans At Court House Friday Of Organizing Local Grange Units In Ashe

#### Red Cross Need Has Increased

Disease Threatening France. Ashe County Still Short of Quota of \$400.

More contributions are needed for our Red Cross relief fund," County Chapter Chairman Larry P. Colvard, said yesterday, and urged that those who have not done so make a contribution at once.

Contributions may be turned over to Mr. Colvard, to Gale McMillan treasurer, or to The Skyland Post.

A cabled report from Richard Allen, Red Cross representative stationed in Bordeaux, France, warned national headquarters that France is faced with serious epidemics among the millions of refugees crowding into the southern provinces. French health authorities had informed him, Mr. Allen said, that there have been no serious outbreaks to date, but that "the refugees are coming in rapidly and conditions are changing."

A special Red Cross Relief all-star broadcast has been arranged for Sunday afternoon, to be staged by the National Broadcasting Company, from 2 to 2:30 o'clock, E. S. T.

Among the recent donations receive by the Ashe county chapter are the following, Mayflower Beauty \$5; John Littlewood \$5; Mrs. Mayme Donnelly and family \$2.50; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Pierce, \$2.00; J. A. Garvey, A. J. Houck \$1. each. Less than half of the county's quota of \$400 has been raised so far.

### July 7th To Be Hospital Day In Ashe County Churches

Sunday, July 7, has been designated as Ashe Memorial Hospital day in the Sunday Schools and Churches of the county, Wade Eller, secretary of the Association and chairman of the finance committee, announced this week.

On that day all Sunday Schools and all Churches that do not have Sunday Schools are being urged to request to take up a special collection for the Ashe hospital, and the three Sunday Schools or Churches turning in the largest amount of money will be awarded Certificates of Meritorious Service that will be placed in the hospital building, he stated.

All superintendents of Sunday schools and pastors of churches are urged to co-operate and support this special drive by announcing the plan in their churches between now and July 7. In event of a conflict, churches

#### Farmers Invited to Meet With State Grange Master at 10 O'Clock Friday.

All farmers in Ashe county who are interested in the organization of local community units and a county chapter of the National Grange, one of the largest and oldest organizations of farm men and women in the country, are invited to meet at the courthouse tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock to hear Harry B. Caldwell, of Statesville, master of the Grange in this state, outline the various programs of the organization and explain ways and means by which local units can be formed and the advantages to be derived therefrom.

For some time sentiment has been developing in various communities for organizing a Grange chapter and County Agent C. J. Rich has been keenly interested in seeing this done. The State Master comes to Ashe tomorrow at his invitation.

Tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock, a meeting will be held at the Riverview high school for the purpose of perfecting an organization there if sufficient interest is shown.

The Grange is a fine organization and through it farming conditions have been improved and much beneficial legislation, both state and national, has been passed. It is also a good social organization for farm communities. Rural electrification is one of the things that has been promoted by the Grange.

If as many as three local units can be organized, a county chapter can be set up.

### Rural Telephone Committees Will Meet Fri. Night

Meeting To Be Held at Methodist Church in Warrensville. To Make Survey.

#### CO-OPERATION PLEDGED

Plans for making a tentative survey of proposed rural telephone lines in several communities of the county will be discussed tomorrow night when the Warrensville, Clifton, Lansing and Helton committees meet at the Methodist church in Warrensville, it was announced yesterday.

County Agent C. J. Rich and Gwyn Price, who are taking a leading part in this movement, stated that farmers in a large number of communities in the county have expressed keen interest in the establishment of rural telephone lines, but that so far the Warrensville, Lansing, Helton, Clifton, Creston and Fig sections have shown the greatest amount of interest.

If lines can be successfully established in a few sections, it is believed that within a comparatively short time other lines can be erected all over the county.

It is estimated that the sections which will be represented tomorrow night can be covered by around 25 miles of lines, serving perhaps 100 customers.

The estimated cost of construction per mile is \$60.00. Of course if poles were furnished, this figure would be reduced.

No definite plans have been worked out as yet. It is thought that probably an NYA or WPA project could be secured if a farm co-operative were formed.

Mr. Beddingfield, district manager of the Central Electric & Telephone Company, has pledged his co-operation with the movement. Among other things he has agreed to furnish an engineer and to buy all materials at cost. Included on the committees are: Wade Eller, V. C. Lillard, Ed Eller, Lester Sturgill, W. A. Johnson, Paul Jones and W. P. Shoaf.

### Wade Blackburn Escapes Prison

Cuts Way Out of Truck. Was Convicted Here in Enoch Church's Death.

Ashe county officers, as well as others throughout North Carolina, are on the lookout for Wade Blackburn who, with Eddie Cobb, another long term prisoner made his escape from a prison cage truck near Enfield last week while being taken from the central prison in Raleigh to the Caledonia prison farm in Halifax county.

"I won't say they're the worst men we have, but they are among the worst," said Oscar Pitts.

Cobb, Blackburn and three other prisoners, were taken to Central prison from Caledonia yesterday for examination of their eyes and for dental work. While being returned to Caledonia, they sawed through the roof of the truck.

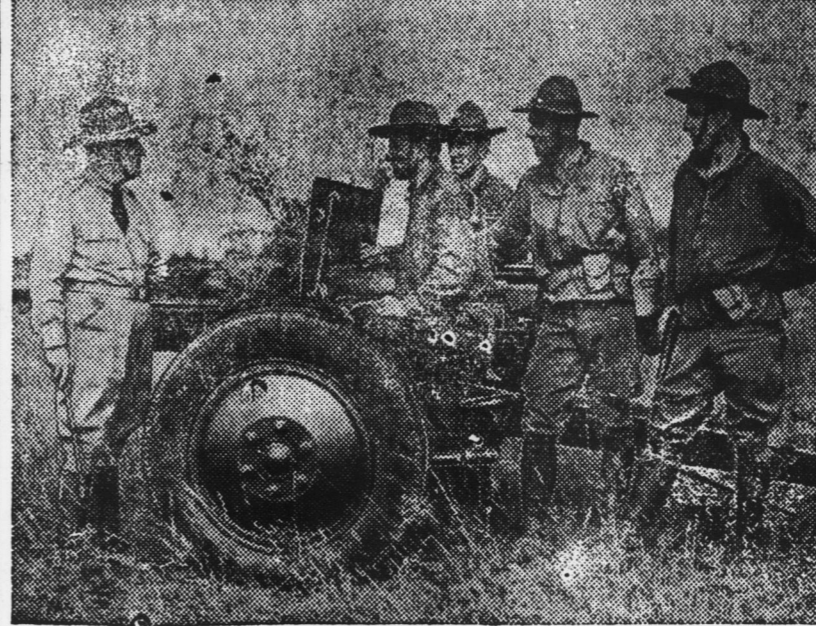
Only Cobb and Blackburn escaped. The others remained in the vehicle, Pitts said. He added that he had not ascertained whether the saw was obtained at Central prison.

Blackburn made headlines here several months when he was tried and convicted in connection with the mysterious shooting of Enoch Church in the Fleetwood community, and was given a 25-year prison sentence. At that time he had escaped from prison where he was un-

### Over 1,200 Sheep Dipped Thus Far

Over 1,200 sheep in Ashe county have been dipped in the new portable vat purchased by the sheep growers association, H. D. Quessenberry reported yesterday. "Considering the weather, we are getting along fine and are receiving splendid co-operation," Mr. Quessenberry stated.

### To Lead Country's Maneuvers



Lieutenant General Hugh A. Drum, Commanding General of the 1st army, shown with 75 mm. gun crew. General Drum will lead the biggest army maneuvers ever held in this country when over 100,000 soldiers assemble in northern New York in August.

### American Legion To Assist In Helping Organize Defense In Every Community In N. C.

#### Plan To Hold A Lamb Pooling In Ashe Real Soon

Letters Sent to Sheep Growers. Tentative Date Set For July 2nd.

A lamb pooling will be held in Ashe county on Tuesday, July 2, under the sponsorship of the farm agent's office, it was announced this week.

Letters are being mailed this week to sheep growers in the county, requesting that they notify the farm agent's office of their desire to participate in the pooling.

"All those who do not receive letters and who wish to take part in the pooling are asked to advise us and to state how many lambs they desire to pool," H. D. Quessenberry, assistant agent, said yesterday.

According to present plans, grading will be done on Monday, July 1, and shipments made from here on July 2. Grading schedule will be announced later.

In announcing the pooling, Mr. Rich emphasized the fact that past experience has clearly demonstrated the value of lamb pooling. "Our farmers every where have found out that they can get more through co-operative selling efforts."

It was stated that the lambs will probably be shipped to Jersey City to be sold on the open market there.

Plans to have poolings in Alleghany and Watauga counties at the same time are also being worked out.

#### SERVICES ANNOUNCED

Rev. Melt Hayes, of Nathan's Creek, will preach at Smethport Baptist church on Saturday evening at 8 o'clock and Sunday morning at 11.

### Church Youth Is Caught By Officers Tuesday Afternoon

The long arm of the law demonstrated speed in reaching out for Garney Church, Ashe youth, wanted on charges in both Ashe and Alleghany counties, Tuesday when he demonstrated some swift footwork attempting to escape from officers Parsons and Stringer, near West Jefferson. He is now under a \$500 bond awaiting trial in Sparta this morning in connection with the robbery of the Shell service station there several weeks ago.

Church was reported to Ashe county officers for driving a car without license, and on Tuesday when he was discovered in the business section of West Jefferson, parked in a car with his sister, Deputy Parsons asked him to get out. The girl immediately drove off at a rapid rate of speed on the Boone road. The officers

#### Plan Is Explained by Commander Rose Who Spoke At Joint Meeting.

In order to be prepared for emergencies in event the national guard is called to duty, the American Legion is going to help establish defense organizations in every community in the state, Department Commander June Rose declared in an address before a joint meeting of Legionnaires and Rotarians held here in the community building last Thursday night.

"Immediately after the annual state convention in High Point this month, a group of department officials are going to confer with representatives from Washington, relative to the formation of local defense units," Commander Rose declared.

"Regardless of who wins the European war, they will want this country and it is high time for us to be prepared to talk to the dictators in a language that they can understand, armed might," he said.

The state Department has been fighting for military training in the CCC camps and I think we are going to get it soon, Rose stated.

In discussing youth and the present educational program, the speaker expressed the opinion that there has been an acute lack of physical education in the schools and that too much emphasis has been placed upon liberty and too little upon responsibilities.

"If we enter a war, I hope our youth will be tough enough and will have the will to endure," he said. "But we have not been disciplining our children enough and have been allowing them to much freedom and too many privileges."

The distinguished speaker was introduced by Ira T. Johnston. (Continued on Page Four)

### France May Not Accept Terms Of Proposed Treaty

England Is Threatened by The German Press. Churchill Is Hopeful.

#### U. S. IS CONCERNED

Hitler's war machine marches on and continues to move deeper into France, while the French still offer resistance awaiting to determine whether or not the Germans will offer them an honorable peace treaty.

And while the weary poilus, in weakened infantry regiments, artillery and tank sections, strove to keep the enemy back, the French cabinet waited for word of the fateful conference of Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini at Munich—the conference which will probably decide the fate of France and her colonial empire.

The order to continue resistance against Germany went out in the name of Generalissimo Maxime Weygand as well as Pétain's.

"It is the duty of all to continue resistance," they said.

A report from Munich unofficially stated that the axis demands in granting peace to France would begin with the "lost provinces" of Alsace and Lorraine for Germany and Corsica, Tunis and Nice for Italy.

Mussolini may also ask other concessions beneficial to Italy's African colonies, it was said.

The real question mark appeared to be "what will happen to France herself?" after these apparently obvious requirements have been exacted.

"Whatever happens, it seemed certain yesterday that the French army would be rendered impotent—if the axis terms are accepted by France—and that the republic would be shoved into the status of a second-rate power.

Striking an against broken France, the German military experts declared that "fighting can be stopped only when the armistice is signed."

The German press threatfully added that Britain would be next.

"The military collapse of France is swiftly progressing under the pressure of our relentless pursuit," said the high command.

"England," said the newspaper Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung, "now stands completely alone. This is the reality of the hour in (Continued on Page Four)

### Singing At Prison Camp On Sunday

On Sunday at 1:15 p. m. the lovers of Negro spirituals are invited to come to the prison camp near Smethport at which time visitors may hear the camp quartet as well as a large choir sing songs and spirituals that are dear to the race and uplifting to all who hear them. A loudspeaker will be put on the lamp staff of the main building and the service will be available to the surrounding territory.

For some weeks the men have been planning for this service and lovers of this type of music and singing are invited to come.

### TO HOLD DEFENSE MEETING SATURDAY

A county-wide meeting to discuss possible local and national defense plans will be held Saturday night, at 8 o'clock, at the courthouse, Upton Blevins, of Crumpler, who is keenly interested in the proposed program, announced this week.

A meeting was scheduled to be held last Saturday afternoon, but was postponed on account of lack of attendance.

"Every day the situation in Europe becomes more and more critical and every day Hitler's war may be coming closer and closer to the United States," he said.

"The time has come when we must get prepared or else we, like France, might be sorry later. Everybody is invited to attend the meeting Saturday night."