

## Ashe Boys, Girls To Aid In Food Production Work

Many Of The Schools Have  
Been Contacted By Farm  
Leaders Of County

Hundreds of Ashe county boys and girls are already making definite plans to carry out some food production project for their contribution to the war effort. About half of the schools in the county have already been contacted by members of the county agent's office and the boys and girls with their parents' consent have signed an "Enlistment for Victory" sheet and checked the job which they can do. Harvey Payne, assistant county agent explained.

The "Enlistment for Victory" is essentially a 4-H club program because the 1,500,000 club members in the U. S. carry out these projects anyway. This year, however, the government has requested that every boy and girl over 10 years of age do something special toward contributing to the supplies of food, clothing, munitions and necessary equipment needed by the armed forces to wage a successful and victorious war, it was pointed out.

It is needless to say that some of the smaller children will not be able to do all the jobs connected with each project such as plowing and other heavy work connected with gardening or crops. With these jobs the parents are asked to help and also assist in the purchasing of seeds, fertilizer, baby chicks, calves or feed in order to carry out a project, leaders explained.

"If your son or daughter wants to do something to help win the war, give them the responsibility of carrying out some useful project which they can sell and receive the proceeds from, this will stimulate their interest and make better farm boys and girls of them. Any other boys or girls of 4-H club age who have not enlisted in the food for Victory program are asked to contact either their local 4-H club leader or the County Agent's office and enlist in some project", Mr. Payne said.

## Place Orders For Seed Beans Now

Bean Acreage Should Be Reported To County Agent's Office Very Soon

County Agent Roy Crouse pointed out this week that it was important for all farmers wanting bean seed to place their orders at once so that seed dealers may secure the seed. Mr. Crouse explained that while there is some shortage of seed that the dealers will try to fill orders that they have and for this reason it is important that orders be placed early.

Mr. Crouse also pointed out that farmers should report their proposed bean acreage to his office in order that the records be complete and that a labor survey be made. "We want to have enough available labor when the beans are ready to be picked," he said.

## What You Buy With WAR BONDS

While we have not heard so much about them, our air-borne command is inferior to none. We have thousands of these especially trained troops and the glider is a necessary factor in their successful operation.



We build gliders in three types and their capacity is a military secret. The type shown here costs about \$19,000 each. Buy War Bonds with at least ten percent of your income every payday and help pay for these gliders for our intrepid fighting men. U. S. Treasury Department

## U. S. Wounded From Tunisia



At a west country hospital in England, United States infantrymen and paratroopers are recovering from wounds sustained in battles in Tunisia. Here, out for a morning walk, are six soldiers and two of their American nurses.

## 63 Ashe Men To Leave Next Week For Army; Eight Are Volunteers

### NOW IN ENGLAND



PVT. DENVER G. HOUCK, a ground mechanic, is now stationed somewhere in England. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Houck, of West Jefferson.

## Rev. Hoyt Wood To Leave Friday

Rev. Hoyt Wood, who has served as pastor of the West Jefferson Methodist church for the past three years, will leave tomorrow to enter the U. S. Army as a Chaplain. He volunteered some time ago and has been awaiting call. He goes first to Harvard for a brief course before assuming his duties with the army.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Wood have many friends here who regret to see them leave. The announcement of Mr. Wood's departure made last Sunday, following an impressive dedication of the service flag at the church, came as a surprise to many.

Mrs. Wood will go to the home of her parents at Gibsonville for the present. She expects to join Mr. Wood later.

## Revenue And School Bills Are Debated By Legislature

Raleigh — Two major bills, one to raise \$105,000,000 in revenue and the other to set up a State-wide nine-month school term, were debated in the Legislature yesterday. And in the hours the Assembly was not in session, committees worked industriously to report on a multitude of bills, most of which were local.

Apparently determined to reach final adjournment within a fortnight, the Legislature kept a weather eye on its joint appropriations committee which was concerning itself over a \$3,507,651 deficit. The spending group booked another executive session today in an effort to eliminate some of the difference between the \$122,357,078 appropriations and the \$118,849,427 expected to be

## Farewell Service Will Be Held. Several Men Are Transferees

The selective service board announced yesterday that a group of 63 young men would leave here early next week to enter the armed forces.

This group includes 8 volunteers and 4 transferees from elsewhere. It is expected that a short farewell service will be held for the group just prior to their leaving. At this time, the town of Lansing will furnish refreshments.

Those who are volunteering their services are as follows:

Paul Gladstone Campbell, W. Jefferson; Wade E. Eller, Jr., Warrenville; Charles E. Parsons, Jr., Othello; Leonard Ralph Howell, Bina; Morris Edwin Eller, Lansing; Wayne Marion Gentry, Todd; Norman Lewis Wood, Todd; Oscar Orville Osborne, Fig.

Others who are to leave are:

Robert Glenn Austin, Laurel Springs; Howard Roby Eldreth, Apple Grove; Fred Webb Marsh, Obids; Bradley Howell, W. Jefferson; Robert Eugene Hartsoeg, Idlewild; Lillard Smith Hoosier, Jefferson; Clifford Clayton Mahala, Ashland; Walter Carlton (Continued on Page 4)

## Lt. Comdr. Colvard Is Heard From

Miss Billie and Jennie Todd, aunts of Lt. Commander George Todd Colvard, formerly of Jefferson, received word yesterday that he is alive and in prison in the Philippines.

Lt. Commander Colvard, who saw action during the battle of Bataan, had been reported as missing in action for many months. No word had been received here from him since February 15, 1942.

He is the son of the late Dr. J. W. Colvard, of Jefferson, and has many friends and relatives throughout this section who will be glad to know that he is still alive.

## Black-Out Test Catches Many With Lights On

Good Cooperation Reported,  
Considering Many Did Not  
Understand Signals

Ashe county, like some other sections of North Carolina, was caught napping Tuesday night by the black-out. The confusion, however, on the part of most people was caused by their lack of understanding the signals, officials pointed out.

The effective work of the wardens soon had the lights out in the Jeffersons and nearby sections that were reached.

Some residents turned off all lights at the warning signal and thought that the second, which was the air-raid proper signal, was the all-clear. This impression, was soon corrected, however, by the wardens. The black-out lasted approximately one hour, from 9 until 10:00 o'clock.

Except for the Asheville district it was apparently state-wide. Chief Air Raid Warden Bernard B. Graybeal said that taking the misunderstanding into consideration, that he considered it fairly successful in Ashe.

## Victory Corps Now Organized

Elkland School Organizes  
Unit And Elects Its  
Officers

The Elkland High School has organized a High-School Victory Corps with twenty members enrolled and elected the following as officers: Coolidge Holman, president; Merrill Norris, vice-president; Nancy Lookbill, Secretary; James Trivette, treasurer.

The objective of the organization of the Victory Corps is to further the war effort through training for war service after leaving school and immediate participation in the community war effort, it was explained.

The three branches of service in which the Victory Corps is engaged are air service, land service, and community service.

The Victory Corps will sustain and encourage interest and enthusiasm in the following: Guidance into critical services and occupations; wartime citizenship; physical fitness; competence in science and mathematics; pre-flight training in aeronautics; community service.

## Rep. Doughton Enters Hospital For Check Up

Washington, D. C. — Chairman Doughton (D., N. C.), of the house ways and means committee has entered Naval hospital at Bethesda, Md., "for a diagnostic study and checkup," Dr. George W. Aalver, congressional physician, said today.

The announcement said that "it is expected that he will be in the naval hospital for approximately a week. In order to give him an opportunity for rest, and at the same time not to interfere with his examinations, he will not be permitted visitors during this time."

## Blevins Has Bill On Electric Co-op.

Representative Fred Blevins last Saturday introduced a bill in the Legislature "entitled to an act to require any electric membership authority operating in Ashe county, North Carolina, to publish semi-annually a financial statement.

Section two of the bill says that no firm or corporation furnishing electricity shall discriminate in rates between its customers.

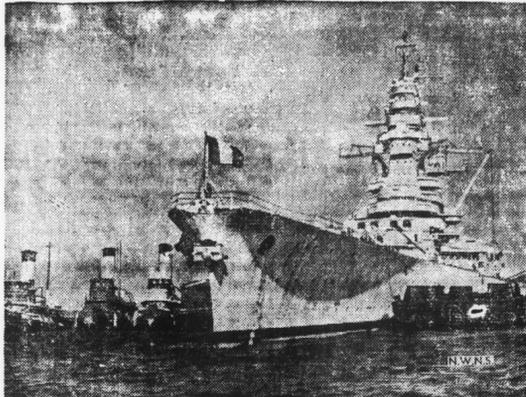
The bill, which is not state-wide, but only applies to Ashe county has been referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Representative Blevins says that a number of citizens of the county are interested in the passage of the bill and that he expects a favorable report from the committee.

## TAYLOR CHILD PASSES

Mary Jo Taylor, 1 month old daughter of Maxine Taylor, of Jefferson, died last Thursday, February 18, and was buried at Shelter cemetery on February 19.

## French Battleship To Be Refitted



The Richelieu, newest of French warships, limped into New York harbor with only three of her four propellers operating and her hull pierced. The 35,000-ton battlewagon, shown above, will be repaired and refitted before going to sea against the Axis.

## Axis Thrust Halted In N. Africa; Reds Retake Nazis Bases

### Rommel Is Forced To Relax Pressure On Tunisian Front

The spot light of the war was turned on North Africa this week where the Allied forces have been engaged in a bitter struggle with crack Axis troops and have been pushed back in several sectors.

Hurled back in one sector and stalled in another, the German armored units of Marshal Erwin Rommel relaxed their pressure along the Tunisian front yesterday, giving the stubborn allied defense forces their first rest of the bitter, three-day struggle to keep Nazi spearheads from cracking their lines.

"The fighting has died down," said a terse dispatch from the front, and both sides apparently prepared to make the most of the lull by regrouping and bringing up supplies and reinforcements. In the hills north of the Kasserine gap, Rommel's most dangerous thrust had been halted by (Continued on Page 4)

## Red Cross Kits Now Being Filled

Officials of the Red Cross wish to thank all who helped so liberally to put over the kit fund, especially the members of the Rotary Club, the church organizations, schools and the Home Demonstration Clubs.

Mrs. R. H. Vannoy, chairman of the packing and shipping, has sent out 421 garments since January 1. "All who got material before Christmas, especially cotton yarn for aviators' gloves, please finish them as soon as possible and send them in. If they can't be finished in a reasonable length of time, please send in unfinished", chapter officials said.

"Again I wish to thank each and every one for their part in the Red Cross work", said Mrs. B. E. Reeves, chairman production committee of the Ashe County Chapter.

## W. J. Victory Corps Bond Drive Is A Great Success

The war bond and stamp drive conducted and sponsored last week by the Victory Corps of the West Jefferson high school, was considered a marked success with sales reaching a total of \$12,356.25 in bonds and \$250 worth of stamps. B. H. Duncan, principal of the school, said he was well pleased with the enthusiasm shown and the results achieved.

The drive was under the direction of Mrs. Carlos Thomas with Helen Sells acting as student chairman. First place in the high school went to the Senior class, which led all other grades with sales of \$3,843.75. In the lower grades, from the first through the seventh the second led with \$3,387.50. They were also awarded a prize. Sales in the other grades were

### MISSING IN ACTION



PVT. ALBERT F. LEWIS, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roby Lewis, of West Jefferson, has been officially reported as missing in action in the North African area since Feb. 2.

## Mrs. Ham Is To Be Buried Today

Funeral service will be held today at 11:00 o'clock at the Foster Memorial Presbyterian church for Mrs. Ora Lou Ham, wife of L. B. Ham, well known Ashe county woman, who died at her home last Friday, following a brief illness.

Rev. Carl Stark will be in charge of the funeral. He is expected to be assisted by Rev. R. H. Stone, of Charlotte, a former pastor. Burial will follow in the family cemetery.

The deceased, who was 41 years old at the time of her death, is survived by her husband, L. B. Ham, of Husk, her father, Joseph Vannoy, of Cavendish, Idaho, two brothers, Mack Vannoy, of Oxford, Pa., Worth Vannoy, of North Wilkesboro and three sisters. (Continued on Page 4)

## Many Register For Ration Book No. 2 In County

Registration Will Continue  
Through Friday; All Ex-  
pected To Register

Hundreds of Ashe county people have already been issued Ration Book No. 2 this week through the schools and registration and issuance which continues through tomorrow is expected to be completed at that time.

As announced last week, all of the schools of the county will be open from 2:30 until 5:00, through Friday for the registration of the public. Officials said they wanted to make it plain that registration at the schools does not begin until 2:30 and individuals are asked not to try to register before this time as it interrupts school work.

Ralph Campbell, clerk of the Ration Board, said that registration plans were moving along as per schedule with some few misunderstandings.

Merchants report quieter business this week with few types of canned goods offered for sale.

Merchants this week were given large charts showing the points of the various rationed items. These are to be posted in the stores. Merchants who have not received them are asked to call at their post office for them.

A partial table showing the point values of various canned goods is published today on page 8 by The Post for the convenience of the readers.

Secretary of Agriculture Claude R. Wickard last night denounced "irresponsible sources" for circulating reports that the nation faces a food famine and food riots as a result of canned goods rationing.

His words were prompted by publication of a dispatch quoting his aides as saying the food shortage is so acute that they "just don't know what the people are going to eat."

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## Should Apply For Farm Machinery

Purchase Certificates May Be  
Secured From The County  
AAA Office

"Farmers who need fencing wire, either, woven or barbed, may obtain purchase certificates after they have located the wire in the hands of a dealer or company," County Agent Roy Crouse said. Those who are requesting wire should locate it now and apply at the County AAA office for a purchase certificate, it was pointed out.

Applicants for farm machinery must locate the machine in the hands of a dealer before filing application with the farm machinery rationing committee, it was stated.

Farmers are urged to repair their old farm machinery and make out with it this year if possible as the supply of new machinery is very limited. "Repair your mowing machine, planters, drills and other machines now. If your order is placed with a dealer for repair parts at once you will stand a better chance of getting what you need. Everybody who wants new machinery may not be able to get it due to rationing," Mr. Crouse said.

## WAR FUND DRIVE OPENS MARCH 5

It was announced yesterday by Sharpe S. Shoemaker, chairman of the War Fund Drive for the Ashe County Chapter of the Red Cross, that the drive would officially open throughout the county next Friday, March 5.

Before this time materials will be sent out to the various schools and workers in the community in order that they may have what they need to cooperate. A list of workers is being made by Chairman Shoemaker at this time and all volunteers will be welcome. Anyone not contacted by Mr. Shoemaker and wishing to work in the drive is asked to get in touch with him.

"We have \$4,300 to raise and it is going to take work and giving on the part of many of us", Mr. Shoemaker declared. A list of workers and plans are to be announced next week.