

Ashe To Have Over 4,225 Victory Gardens This Year

Ashe Dogs Will Be Vaccinated Against Rabies

Inspectors Are Named In Accordance With The N. C. Laws

Plans are now being completed for the first time, to have all dogs in Ashe county vaccinated against rabies, officials announced this week.

Dr. Robert King, district health officer, has announced that in compliance with the laws of N. C., the following men have been appointed as rabies inspectors in the various townships of the county:

Worth Shepherd and Lloyd Richardson, Chestnut Hill, Peak Creek and Jefferson; R. C. Hart, zog, Clifton; O. L. Elliott, Creston; E. E. Houck, Elk; A. J. Blevins, Grassy Creek; Roy Hartzog, Horse Creek; D. L. McCoy, Laurel; Oscar Wilson, North Fork; J. R. Grubb, Old Fields and West Jefferson; Kyle Baldwin, Piney Creek.

These inspectors will notify the public as to time and place of vaccination points and all dogs over six months of age are to be vaccinated, it was explained.

The following townships as yet have no one appointed: Helton, Hurricane, Obids, Pine Swamp, Pond Mountain and Walnut Hill, Dr. King said.

"Rabies have been widespread this winter and we should take every precaution to keep this out of Ashe county. Remember, there is no known cure. There is a preventative", Dr. King declared.

Plenty Jars, Lids For Home Canners

Several New Types On Market. Preservation Of Food Is Very Essential

Washington — The government is ready for a rush by housewives to get home canning equipment.

An all-time record home canning season is expected because of food rationing and the Victory Garden program, but the War Production Board reported its belief that it has provided enough jars, lids, and rubber rings to meet demands.

There won't be as many pressure cookers as housewives want, WPB said, although steps have been taken to permit the production of 150,000 cookers, twice as many as last year.

WPB has released enough metal to permit manufacture of almost all types of lids, jar rings, and other closures. More than 3,000,000 new ones will be turned out, and these will supplement an estimated two billion old covers which are fit for re-use.

Zinc lids are banned but four other types of closures are being made. About 600,000,000 will be self-sealing, three-piece units, consisting of rubber ring, flat glass cap and metal screw band. About 2,500,000,000 others will be thin metal discs for use with metal screw bands—the familiar two-piece closures.

COMMODITIES ROOM TO BE OPENED FOR SCHOOLS

Miss Ruth Tugman, welfare superintendent, announced this week that the commodities room in Jefferson would be open three afternoons each week for the schools. Mrs. E. A. Waddell will be in charge and a schedule of the periods which the room will be open, will be sent to the schools, Miss Tugman said.

Spencer Osborne, 10, Died Friday

Spencer Osborne, Hemlock, age 10, died at his home Friday from an attack of pneumonia. The funeral service was held at the Roaring Fork Church on Monday and burial followed at the Osborne Cemetery.

The deceased is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Osborne; seven sisters: Mrs. Minnie Wyatt, Mrs. Rosa Brown, Clyde, Zelpha, Betty, Lula and Helen Osborne, and four brothers, Arthur, Ambrose, Lester and Chester.

British, Americans Press Rommel; Reds North Of Smolensk

MISSING IN ACTION



PFC. WADE J. WILLIAMS, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Williams, of West Jefferson, is reported missing in action in the North African area. Notice was received here by his parents Tuesday that he has been missing since Feb. 17. Wade, who has been in foreign service for several months, is the third man from this county to be reported missing.

Two-Day School Of Conservation Of Food Is Held

Plan Of Growing More And Preservation Of Food To Be County-Wide

Plans are now under way in Ashe county for greater conservation of food than ever before, following the two-day conservation school, held here last week.

There was a good attendance at the meeting, held at the West Jefferson high school, with 30 present on Thursday and 46 on Friday. The school, held through the cooperation of the civilian defense superintendent of schools, nutrition committees and agricultural workers, was designed to eventually reach every family in the county, through those who attended.

Those attending included home economics teachers, club project leaders and others who will in turn, help to carry the messages of the meeting to all sections of the county.

Following the devotionals and the introduction of the speakers, Ira T. Johnston, chairman of civ-

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Rain Big Bombs On Rabaul, New Britain; Japs Are Hard Hit

American forces showed their power in North Africa this week as they went forward toward the sea and the British, tanking forces, made every effort to encircle Rommel.

Striking suddenly out of the desert, the light but powerful British force had driven nearly 100 miles from the Ksar Rhilane sector along a route 20 to 50 miles behind the Mareth fortifications, yesterday.

The last few miles were won with difficulty through thick mine fields laid by the Axis in anticipation of such a movement, official dispatches said. At last reports, the British were battling strong enemy forces ten miles below El Hamma airdrome at a point only 20 miles from the coast below Gabes.

With his whole southern army thus in danger of being split in two and hammered to pieces, Marshal Erwin Rommel threw 50 tanks and other forces into a heavy counterattack at dawn against the southern fork of the two-pronged American advance, on the coast road east of El Guet-tar.

American gunners with light and medium artillery halted the first enemy thrusts and inflicted heavy casualties, front dispatches said, and heavy fighting was continuing with American guns on the heights to the rear pouring withering fire on the attackers.

Russian troops have driven to a point north of Duhovschina.

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Dare Burgess, 14, Buried On Sunday

Naoma Dare Burgess, 14, popular student of West Jefferson High School, died with pneumonia and rheumatic fever in the Wilkes Hospital, March 19. Funeral service was held at the North Beaver Creek Baptist church, Sunday, at 2:00 o'clock with Rev. Grover Trivette and Carl Burkett in charge.

The Sunday School girls served as flower girls and pallbearers were Albert Miller, Woodrow Burgess, Worth Miller, Ralph Parsons, Oscar McNeill and Don Williams.

The deceased is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alton P. Burgess, two sisters, one brother, Floyd, Mary Helen and Wiley, of Othello. Her grandmothers, Mrs. Lora Faw and Mrs. Wiley Burgess, and her grandfather, Mr. Wiley Burgess, and a host of relatives and friends.

Red Cross Serves At Home And Abroad



Red Cross volunteer workers are contributing to the nation's war effort. Left, a Red Cross Motor Corps member adjusts the engine of her car. Right, complete confidence in this nurse's aid is registered by the infant she holds.

Debating Dates Are Announced; Finals April 15

Sponsored For High Schools By The Jeffersons Rotary Club

J. B. Hash, Rotary committee-man of the county high school debate, announced yesterday that the preliminary debates would be held in the various high schools April 8 at 2 P. M. and the semi-finals April 13 in the Jefferson high school auditorium and the finals on Thursday, April 15, at 8:00 P. M., in the community building.

The subject this year is the same as that of the N. C. triangular debates regarding the federal aid to schools. The pairings in the preliminary contests include West Jefferson vs Nathan's Creek; Jefferson vs Lansing; Fleetwood vs Todd; Healing Springs drew a by.

In the preliminaries, it was explained, that the affirmative teams

Dale K. Spencer Is Now Captain

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Spencer, of Grassy Creek, have just been informed that their son, Dale Kirk Spencer, has been promoted to the rank of Captain.

Captain Spencer is a graduate of Davidson College and received his M. A. degree for Duke University.

He is now in the Engr. Amphibian Comd., and is an instructor in an officers' training school, near Boston, Mass. Before entering service in June, 1942, he was principal of one of the City Schools of Wilmington.

Red Cross War Drive Reaches \$2,059.98 In County, More Needed

Meat Rationing To Start Monday Allow 16 Points

Red Stamps To Be Used For Several Times; Freeze To End On Butter And Fats

Beginning next Monday, Ashe county housewives along with the rest of the nation will start using red stamps from their No. 2 ration books for meats, cheese, butter, margarine, lard and other edible fats included in this rationed group. Red Stamp A will be good for 16 points during the first week.

Items in this group except the cheese and meat have been frozen since last Sunday and will remain so until the rationing begins, March 29.

Disclosure today of coupon values of meat showed that Americans will be allowed, starting Monday, to buy a maximum of 2 1/2 pounds of steak or 3 1-5 pounds of hamburger per person per week, under rationing.

Actually, most people will buy less, because they will want to use some of the same coupons for butter, lard, cheese or canned fish. They will have 16 points to spend per week at an average coupon cost of 8 points per pound for the whole group of foods.

Instructions as to the registra-

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\$4,300 Is Goal. Schools Are Assisting In Effort To Raise Funds

Ashe county's Red Cross War Fund Drive reached a total of \$2059.98 yesterday afternoon with contributions continuing to come in. "We must have more and bigger contributions, yet, if we are to reach our goal of \$4300," Drive Chairman, Sharpe S. Shoemaker, said. "There are many who have made liberal contributions, but many who have not contributed at all," he declared and urged that they do so at once.

A few of the schools have made reports, but there are many more to report and it is believed by the leaders of the drive that this will greatly swell the total.

Every effort will be made to

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Eye Clinic Is Well Attended

The eye clinic, sponsored last week by the Health and Welfare departments, was well attended.

A report shows that 46 examinations were made during the two-day period and that thirty-five of this group were fitted with glasses. Special consultations were held for 9. Appointments were made in advance as only a limited number could be taken care of at this time.

Survey Reveals 4-H Clubs Are To Help In Effort

Many Gardens Are To Be Increased In Size Over Last Year

Returns from surveys reveal that a minimum of 4,225 victory gardens are to be grown in Ashe this year, and that a majority of this number, who have grown gardens in the past, are making plans for bigger and more inclusive gardens in order to supply the increasing demand for fresh vegetables and to have a needed surplus for canning.

The figures on gardens were released this week by the County Agricultural Workers Council, following a county-wide survey.

The report shows that 392 boys and girls are planning to raise victory gardens in carrying out their 4-H Victory program and that many others will produce other war crops.

Mrs. Gorda Boney, home demonstration agent, points out that the women of the county are vitally interested, not only in bigger and better victory gardens, but more extensive conservation in relation to the gardens and are studying plans for this in the home demonstration clubs.

Roy H. Crouse, county agent, reports that increased interest in Victory Gardens in this county is certain to result in increased production of vital foods.

That a wider variety of vegetables are to be grown this year is indicated by the sales of seed dealers. "We are not only selling more seed, but a much bigger

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Cicero Pasley, 64, Buried On Mon.

Died Friday In Duke Hospital Following Critical Illness

Cicero Pasley, well known Ashe County man, of Grassy Creek, died at Duke Hospital after a serious illness. Mr. Pasley was 64 years old at the time of his death.

Funeral service was held Monday at Fairview Church with Rev. Geter Blevins and Rev. Paul Phipps in charge. Burial followed at the family cemetery.

The deceased is survived by his wife and three daughters, Mrs. Chas. St. Clair, Bel Air, Md.; Mamie Pasley, and Lou Pasley, Grassy Creek; and two grandchildren: Gerald and June St. Clair.

May Grow More Tobacco This Yr.

The county AAA office has just received notice that growers will be permitted to plant one-tenth of an acre more tobacco this year in addition to the ten per cent increase which has already been added to 1942 allotments.

"This means that our small growers will be allowed to increase their 1942 allotments by two-tenths of an acre this year without penalty," Roy H. Crouse, said. He explained that official notices would be mailed out in a few days.

Several Youths Placed By NYA

Names of Ashe county youths placed in employment by the NYA during the first six months of the current year are as follows: Hill Bernard Dougherty, Joseph W. Dougherty, and Herman F. Little, of Clifton; Joseph R. Brown, Creston; Iva Pierce, Crumpler; Cecil G. Friesland, Fleetwood; Joseph Holt Krewson, Lansing; French G. Dixon and William Dwayne Saunders, Nathan's Creek; John Wiley Goodman and James E. Miller, Jefferson; John Darrol Grogan, Lowell Eugene Houck, H. R. McGuire, Jr., and Sarah Francis Scott, Todd; Johnnie G. Ashley, Paul T. Barker, Charles R. Johnson, Harry Lee Miller, Rhondie M. Parker and William J. Wyrick, Jr., West Jefferson.

Following Ashe County Men Serving In Uncle Sam's Armed Forces



S-SGT. WILLIAM PARKS COLVARD, now in service in the North African area, won distinction recently by helping to bring down several German planes. Parks, who is a gunner on a Flying Fortress, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Colvard, Jefferson.



SGT. JOSEPH D. HOUCK, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Houck, West Jefferson, is now stationed at Drew Field, Fla., attached to the Army Air Force. He writes that he is getting along fine and likes Army life and the training there.



CPL. JOSEPH V. STANSBERRY, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wade Stansberry, Tuckerdale, is stationed at Drew Field, Fla., with the Army Air Force. He was stationed in Chicago, before being moved to Florida, taking training as a radio operator.



CPL. JOHN W. WEISS, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Weiss, Crumpler, has been recently promoted to his present rank in the Army, somewhere in Newfoundland. He received his basic training at Camp Wheeler, Ga., and was formerly stationed at Fort Slocum.



JOSEPH B. WEISS, Fireman First Class, U. S. Navy, another son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Weiss, Crumpler, is somewhere with the Atlantic fleet and was last heard from in November. He wrote then that he liked the Navy and was getting along fine.