

Following Ashe Men In Service



AC Jennings B. Rader, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jennings Rader, of West Jefferson, is now stationed at Keesler Field, Miss. "Buck", according to reports received here from official headquarters, is making a fine record for himself.



Pvt. Lloyd Trivett, son of Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Trivett, of West Jefferson, is now stationed at Fort Knox, Ky. He entered the army in December, from Ohio. Mrs. Trivett, who has been visiting him for the past month, has returned here.



Pvt. Ronald Girtman, formerly of Laurel Springs, is now stationed at Bradley Field, Conn. He has been in the army some time and writes that he likes the work and the training.



Lt. Bertrant H. Winkler, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Winkler, Todd, is now a flight instructor at Craig Field, Ala. He entered the Army Air Force last May and took his initial training at Craig Field.

Rommel Is On Run; Allied Forces Strike Heavy Aerial Attack

SAVES 1,000 DIMES; BUYS WAR BONDS

A. J. Ball, of Helton, has discovered that dimes soon grow into dollars and that War Bonds are about the best investment for dollars. Mr. Ball was in town on Tuesday and brought with him dimes which he had saved for the past three years and which totalled \$100. He invested this in War Bonds. "Small savings soon mount up", Mr. Ball declared. He is certainly starting the ball rolling in the right direction, which more people should follow.

Major Hubbard Plans To Return To Civilian Life

Chief Surgeon Of Ashe Hospital To Receive Discharge From Army

North Wilkesboro — Major Fred C. Hubbard, who has been in the army medical corps since July 17, 1942, will receive an honorable discharge and will return to civilian life in the very near future, it was learned here this week.

Major Hubbard, before he was accepted in the service, was chief of staff and chief surgeon of the Wilkes Hospital in North Wilkesboro, which position he will return to when he receives his discharge from the army's medical corps.

Major Hubbard also served as chief surgeon of the Ashe hospital and it is expected that he will resume this work again, too.

Major Hubbard is now stationed at Springfield, Mo. He entered the army at Charleston, S. C., was sent to Camp Atterbury, Ind., and later to Camp Crowder, Mo., before he was assigned to the general hospital at Springfield, Mo.

Plan Program For Red Cross Fund

Two Plays To Be Given At Grassy Creek On Friday Afternoon

Virginia-Carolina Playmakers will present a special program, Friday, April 2, 3:00 o'clock, at the Grassy Creek Baptist Church. This program is under the direction of Miss Gertrude Graybeal, sponsor of the Playmakers Club.

There will be two one-act plays presented, with proceeds going to the Red Cross. The play titled, "For God and Country" was written by Miss Gertrude Graybeal. It carries a note of sadness blended with a true spirit of patriotism.

The second feature will be "Hillbilly Sue."

The public is cordially invited to attend.

Point Values Of Some Foods Are Altered; Meat Rationed

Washington — Fruit juices required fewer of your blue ration coupons starting Monday while prunes and raisins now take none at all, the office of price administration disclosed Saturday in a rejuggling of the point values of processed foods.

The point value of dried soups is being slashed 50 per cent, but more points will be needed for canned beans, catsup and chili sauce, tomato paste and sauce, applesauce, fruit cocktail, peaches and pineapple.

The fruit juice reductions range up to 60 per cent. These and the cuts on dried soup were made because the products were not selling up to expectations, officials said. The greatest reductions are on 46-ounce cans of juice. This size can of grapefruit juice, posted for 23 points in March, takes on-

Soviets Halt Nazi Push On Donets Front; RAF Raids Berlin Again

Allied air forces took the lead in the war this week, both in Africa, Europe and the Pacific. Whipped on land and furiously bombarded from the air, Marshal Erwin Rommel's weary Africa corps plunged toward Sfax after being thrown out of Gables and El Hamma, with the conquering British eighth army in hot pursuit and with American forces threatening his left flank.

The axis forces were drawing back on the coastal highway running 90 miles around the Gulf of Gables to Sfax under relentless pressure.

The German luftwaffe tried in vain to fend off the devastating allied air attacks, but these were pressed home against the fleeing enemy transports, and 300 vehicles were either destroyed or damaged. Lighted by the fires of his wrecked motor carriers, Rommel's retreat highway was like a scene from Dante's inferno.

Rommel's rear guard maintained stubborn resistance, and his sappers planted thousands of mines and booby traps to cover the withdrawal, a retreat that had no aspect of a rout.

Allied heavy bombers intercepted a convoy of four enemy destroyers attempting to run supplies into New Guinea Tuesday, probably sank one with a direct (Continued on Page 8)

Truck Operators To Get "T" Books

The first quarter for truck owners or operators holding "T" ration books ended in Ashe County March 31. The remainder of the week will be used to re-issue new "T" ration books for trucks. As yet there has been no change made in value of "T" coupons or the valid periods.

All truck operators wishing to obtain "T" ration books for the second quarter must be able to present the backs of their original "T" ration books at the time of obtaining books to cover the second quarter.

Scout Meeting Well Attended

There were 27 Boy Scouts and would-be scouts present at the meeting at the community building on Friday night when plans for the coming season were discussed. James I. Story, Scoutmaster, said that the regular weekly meeting would be held again at 7:30 on Friday night at the community building.

Last Saturday afternoon, the local Scout basketball teams split a double header with the Lansing Scouts. The first game was won by the West Jefferson "Juniors", when they won from the Lansing "Juniors", 28 to 10. The second game, played between the older Scouts, was won by Lansing 25-23.

The proceeds of the games were donated to the Red Cross War Fund Drive.

Red Cross Deals Out Doughnuts To Men In Service



A Red Cross worker examines the doughnut making machine, part of the equipment of the "clubmobile" of which she is a crew member in the picture at left. At right: Miss Fern Maddox, of Oklahoma City, serves doughnuts to a soldier at an airfield "somewhere in England." Center: Members of a Red Cross mobile unit distribute coffee and doughnuts to U. S. soldiers in the British Isles.

Announce J. P. Selections Made By Legislature

Terms Of Office Start Today; Are Named By Townships

The following Justices of the Peace were named by the State Legislature for their respective townships of Ashe county, the term of office to begin April 1: Chestnut Hill township, J. A. Carson; Clifton township, S. W. James, J. E. Osborne, and J. E. Dougherty; Elk township, R. B. Brown, Walter Cook, and V. B. Krider; Grassy Creek township, R. A. Walker; Harrigan township, L. B. Ham.

Helton township, Charles Anderson, J. E. Roe, and I. R. Young; Horse Creek township, J. O. Stansberry and Martin Ham; Jefferson township, David Burkett, Walter Pennington and E. A. Waddell; Laurel township, Bruce Graybeal, and T. W. Pennington.

North Fork township, Roby Lewis; Obids township, F. C. Dillard and Mills Goodman; Old Fields township, Todd Gentry and Mont Hardin; Peak Creek township, W. B. Scarborough, and James Tucker; Pine Swamp township, A. H. Church, and R. G. Phillips; Piney Creek township, Roby Blevins; Pond Mountain township, C. G. Robinson and W. S. Shepard; Walnut Hill township, C. L. Blevins; West Jefferson township, F. B. Jones, C. O. Parsons and A. F. Rose.

Confirmation of these was received this week by C. S. Neal, Clerk of Superior court, from Thad Eure, Secretary of State.

Recommends Rat Killing Campaign

District Sanitarian Pledges Co-operation, Davis Speaks To Rotarians

Harry Webster, sanitarian of the district health department, told members of the Jeffersons Rotary club here last Thursday night that there is a definite need for a rat extermination campaign here in the Jeffersons and pledged his full co-operation in putting on such a drive.

He said the average rat destroys from \$18 to \$28 worth of food, clothing and other things during a year and declared that the only way a rat extermination campaign can be successful is to make it community wide, with the town officials giving full assistance.

Sanitarian Webster said that two successful campaigns have been conducted at Boone and described the methods used there.

Wick Vannoy was in charge of the program and Ron Davis, principal of the Jefferson high school, made an interesting talk on the "pros and cons of federal aid to schools", the subject that has been chosen for the annual Rotary club debates between the high schools of the county.

Prof. Davis outlined and discussed some of the major points on both sides of this interesting and timely question. He was introduced to the club by Bill (Continued On Page Four)

Red Cross War Drive Reaches \$2,500; Now \$1,800 Below Quota

Announce Dates For Closing Of All Lunchrooms

WPA Lunchrooms In Schools Will Start Closing April 2 And End April 29

Mrs. Janice W. Grubbs, district supervisor of the WPA feeding program of the Winston-Salem area spent two days this week in the county with Mrs. Alice B. Donnelly, county supervisor, working out closing dates for the WPA operated school lunch rooms.

Mrs. Donnelly announced that the closing dates would begin April 2 and that by April 29 all of the lunchrooms would be closed.

It is understood that the lunch rooms serving the greatest number of students will probably be among the last ones closing. Mrs. Grubbs explained that closing dates must start soon in order to be completed by April 29.

WPA lunchrooms have been operated successfully in the schools of Ashe county for some years and thousands of children have been served hot lunches. Since WPA has been brought to a close by Congress, some other hot lunch program will have to be worked out if the schools expect (Continued on Page 4)

News Received From M. F. Lewis

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Lewis, of Creston, heard this week from their son, Morris F. Lewis, reported missing in action since May 7, 1942.

He is held prisoner by the Japanese in the Philippine Islands, according to the report received.

Sunday Is To Be Red Cross Day In Churches Of Ashe

It was announced this week by the Red Cross War Drive committee, that Sunday would be Red Cross Day in the churches of the county and all churches and Sunday Schools are asked to give their regular collection or to make up a special Red Cross collection at this time.

According to present plans, the War Fund Drive is expected to end on Monday night, April 5 and the county is still far short of the quota. It is believed by leaders of the drive, that the co-operation of all churches will help to make it a success.

Ministers, Sunday School superintendents or other church leaders are asked to call attention to the humanitarian work which the Red Cross is doing for the men in the armed forces, and

Every Effort Will Be Made To Reach Quota And Close Drive By Monday

Ashe county's Red Cross War Drive reached a total of approximately \$2500 yesterday afternoon, short \$1,800 of the quota of \$4,300, officials stated.

Every effort is being made to reach the total by next Monday night in order that the drive may be closed. All schools and all other workers are urged to complete their canvasses and turn in their reports.

All reports should be in not later than Monday afternoon in order to determine the standing of the drive.

Several events are being planned this week end in order to swell the total. The Victory Corps, of West Jefferson, will collect funds; Grassy Creek High School is giving a special program on Friday afternoon and all of the churches are asked to observe Red Cross Day on Sunday.

Contributions are continuing to come in and printed below are some received since last week:

Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Wilson, R. S. Weaver, Mrs. W. O. Mullis, Mrs. Lizzie Campbell, all 2.00 each;

West Jefferson Boy Scouts, 1.30; T. E. Campbell, Mrs. Arthur Waddell, Mrs. Rebecca Wilson, Claude Grogan, all 1.00 each.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Vannoy, \$50.00. (There was an error in this report when previously listed.)

W. W. Dickson, 10.00; Jefferson Wesleyan Guild, 5.00; J. F. Neal, 5.00; Mrs. J. E. Walters, 5.00; R. S. Weaver, 2.00; Jason Spencer, 1.00; W. T. Pennington, 1.00; Green Lantern Cafe, 5.00.

West Pine Swamp Baptist Church, 5.00; Mrs. John E. Dixon, 1.00; Ashe County REA Office, 15.00; Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Houck, 5.00 Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Ballou, 5.00.

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Farmers Are To Collect Stamps From Customers

Are Urged To Produce Surplus Meat And Butter For Sale

Raleigh — North Carolina farmers who produce meat and butter at home for sale must collect from their customers the correct amounts of red point stamps in War Ration Book 2, the office of price administration said this week.

During the past week, while retail sales of butter were frozen, farmers of the state were permitted, under a ruling by OPA, to sell butter without collecting point stamps from customers. This authorization ended at midnight Sunday, March 28.

Under the meat-fats rationing program, a farmer who sells meat or butter or other home-produced items covered by the program should keep a record of all such products sold. At the end of each month he will be required to go to his local war price and rationing board and report the number of pounds he has sold, and he must turn over to the board the red point stamps he has collected during the month. He must comply with this regulation, the OPA said, whether he sells to individuals or to stores.

At the same time, the OPA requested that farmers who produce more meat, butter, etc., than their families can consume, refrain from spending their own red point stamps in War Ration Book 2. While farmers may do so if they wish, the OPA emphasized, they will make a valuable contribution to the rationing program by saving their point stamps in such cases and making more rationed foods available to persons who do not have facilities for producing foods at home.

Red Cross Program At Jefferson High

Friday afternoon some amateurs, under the direction of their teachers and accompanied by Mesdames Davis and Gambill, gave a performance in the Jefferson auditorium.

Mr. Robert Woodie acted as master of ceremonies for the pupils on the program. A small admission fee was charged and the proceeds were used for the Red Cross.

Guide Is Given For Rationing

SUGAR—Stamp No. 12 good for five pounds through May 31.

COFFEE — Stamp No. 26 good for one pound through April 25.

GASOLINE — Coupon No. 5 in A. book good for three gallons but must last through July 21—four months, instead of two as heretofore.

TIRES — Holders of Ration A coupons must have tires inspected by OPA on or before March 31. Owners of passenger cars and commercial vehicles may get their casings recapped with reclaimed rubber camelback without applying to their local War Price and Rationing Boards for certificates.

SHOES — Coupon 17 in the sugar and coffee ration book entitles each holder to one pair of shoes until June 15, when a new stamp will be designated.

WAR RATION BOOKS — Blue stamps in War Ration Book Two now used to ration commercially canned, bottled and frozen fruits and vegetables, including juices, all soups, dried peas, lentils and dehydrated soup mixtures. Red stamps in War Ration Book Two now used to ration meats, fats, oils, cheese, and canned fish. During the first five weekly periods, these red stamps will become valid and will expire as follows:

March 29—A (16 Pts.)—April 30.
April 4—B (16 Pts.)—April 30
April 11—C (16 Pts.)—April 30
April 18—D (16 Pts.)—April 30
April 25—E (16 Pts.)—To be announced.