

Ashe County Surpasses Red Cross War Fund Quota

Superior Court To Open Monday; Docket Is Full

Judge Allen Gwynn Will Preside; Several Major Cases

Ashe superior court for the trial of criminal cases will open on Monday morning with Judge Allen Gwynn, of Reidsville, presiding when several major cases are scheduled to be tried as well as a number of minor and divorce cases.

A case expected to attract considerable attention is that of Tom Ellis, arrested in connection with the death of Walter Rutherford, of Grassy Creek. Rutherford was instantly killed early in December when struck by a pole, following an argument between Ellis and himself, according to reports.

The case of Bill Wolf, arrested in connection with the fatal shooting of a Jefferson girl, near Jefferson, is also expected to be tried. Earl McNeill and Clarence Ashby recently brought back to this state from Maryland, in connection with the case.

Frank Jones To Be Buried Today

Well Known Ashe County Man Dies After Long Illness

Frank Jones, well known Ashe county man, died at the Ashe Hospital on Tuesday, at the age of 80 years. Mr. Jones, prominent farmer from the Warrensville section of the county, was a native of Alleghany, but had lived in Ashe for some years.

The funeral service will be held this afternoon at the Phoenix Baptist church with the Rev. Mr. Denney in charge. The deceased is survived by his wife and daughter, Miss Kathleen Jones, and the following brothers and sisters: John A. Jones, California; W. M. Jones, Herndon, W. Va.; W. C. Jones, Taylorsville; C. E. Jones, Furches; Mayor F. B. Jones, West Jefferson; Mrs. Willey Ford and Mrs. W. W. Dixon, Silas Creek; Mrs. B. F. Wagoner, Sparta; and Mrs. Vester Hudler, Warrensville.

Ration Board Is Out Of 'T' Books

It was announced today that the local OPA office is temporarily out of "T" ration books.

Persons who did not receive their "T" books last week will have to wait until additional supplies of these books are received.

It was also announced by the local board that ceiling prices on rayon hose would become effective soon.

Ralph Campbell, clerk of the OPA, said that retailers should be warned that sale of meat without surrender of red stamps is flagrant violation of regulation, subject to prosecution. Retailers so violating regulations, to be cut off from their supply, it was explained.

Easter Styles Are Shown Here

Local merchants featuring ready-to-wear and dry goods have a good selection of spring and Easter merchandise now on display ready for the parade of shoppers.

Because of the lateness of Easter which comes on April 25, mildy is expected to have favorable warm weather to wear all the finery she might purchase. In addition to smart frocks with coats, suits are an important style trend this year and many of them are being shown here.

Several merchants are featuring a wide variety of Easter merchandise in their advertisements in this paper today, showing they are ready for Easter. The public is urged to patronize home-town merchants.

Ashe School Superintendents



A. B. Hurt (left), newly elected superintendent of Ashe county schools. J. B. Hash (right), who will complete ten years of service in this office, July 1.

Hurt Is Chosen Supt. Of Schools; Succeeds Hash

Newly Appointed Board Of Education Met Monday In First Session

After taking the oath of office, Monday morning, the newly appointed Ashe county board of education met, named V. C. Lillard, chairman and after long consideration, named A. B. Hurt as county superintendent to replace J. B. Hash, who has served in this capacity for ten years.

District committeemen and school committees were also named for the various schools of the county with few changes from last year.

Interest ran high in the election of the county superintendent, which occupied most of the day before the board could reach an agreement. In addition to Mr. Hash and Mr. Hurt, other applicants included B. H. Duncan, Raymond Francis and C. M. Dickson.

The newly elected superintendent, who will begin his term of office on July 1, has made an outstanding record in school work. He has served as principal of the Nathan's Creek high school for the past several years and has been largely responsible for its growth and development. Mr. Hurt holds a M. A. Degree from the University of North Carolina and has the distinction of being the only principal in the county with a Master Principal's certificate.

In addition to his work in the county, Mr. Hurt has served as superintendent of the schools of Christiansburg, Va., for two years. During the summer of 1936, he worked in the department of education of the state of Virginia, at Richmond, and was chosen among ten others to rewrite the course of study for the schools of Virginia.

At Nathan's Creek, Mr. Hurt operates the only standard elementary school in the county. This school also has the distinction of being the only standard elementary school in any of the counties of Virginia.

V. - C. Jrs. Raise Red Cross Funds

The Junior class at Virginia-Carolina sponsored by Miss Gertrude Graybeal, made an extensive drive for the Red Cross fund.

This class of twenty-three gave willingly and worked diligently, Miss Graybeal said.

Their program, made possible with the help of three seniors, Jean Hoke, Willie Jean Graybeal and Jimmie Wood, was quite a success. The Baptist church was filled with people. Many of them saw through tear brimmed eyes, the play "For God and Country", written and directed by Miss Graybeal.

King To Speak To Rotary Club

Dr. R. R. King, District Health Officer, will speak to the Rotary Club tonight, when P. G. Wright will have charge of the program.

Roy Badger was in charge of an interesting program last week when County Agent Roy Crouse showed an agricultural picture entitled, "Green Pastures". The Rotary Club has a special committee to help in the National War Bond Drive this month. Dean McMillan, chairman of this committee, has offered a prize to the Rotarian buying and selling the most bonds.

Dr. D. C. Jones Returns Home

Dr. Dean Jones, who underwent an operation in Charlotte, some time ago, is making rapid strides toward recovery and returned here this week.

He and Mrs. Jones went on to Chilhowie, Virginia, where he will recuperate for about a month and then hopes to resume his work as superintendent and resident physician in the Ashe hospital.

Ashe County Men In Service



James Badger (left), son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy R. Badger, of Jefferson, who is in the Medical Corps, is now stationed in Alaska. Francis Clifton Allen (right), aircraft mechanic, is at Lincoln Air Base, Lincoln, Neb. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Allen, of Wagoner.



Americans, British Make Gains; Heavy Bombings In France

School Boards Are Named By Group Monday

New Board Of Education Names District And Local School Committees

There were few changes in the district and local school committees named by the new board of education at their first meeting on Monday.

Those named were as follows: District No. 1—Jefferson—Roy Badger, Emmet Stanley, Tom Duncan and Ira T. Johnston; Oriolen—Fred Colvard, E. M. Jenkins and Lee Lambert; Wagoner—George Bowers, Bill Bledsoe and Hammy Bare; Glendale Springs—Don Bare, Delmar Rose and Everett Lyles; Big Ridge—Walter Farrington and Fred Bare; Buffalo—Arthur Kemp, Sidney Killans and Jim Rash.

District No. 2—Riverview—J. E. Roland, Todd Price and G. D. Wilson; Rich Hill—E. W. Sapp; Mill Creek—Walter Roland; Rash—F. S. Owens; Roaring Fork—Arthur Oliver; Ashland—Charlie Johnson; Parker—M. S. Woodard.

LODGE TO MEET

The regular meeting of the Ashe Lodge No. 671 AF & AM, will meet on April 13. Members are specially requested by W. B. Austin, secretary, to attend.

Russians Continue To Hold Own Against Germans; Jap Base Is Bombed

The Allies continued on the offensive on all fronts this week with advances being made both in Africa and Russia and heavy attacks from the air on both the Nazis and the Japanese.

The British eighth army resumed its offensive up the Tunisian east coast yesterday and captured all its initial objectives while American troops, closing a trap from the west, drove forward five miles in the El Guettar sector where the Afrika korps was reported retreating.

The Americans advanced in the area east of El Guettar without meeting opposition and are now moving directly eastward toward the Wadi Akarit, threatening to trap the enemy forces farther south in the Gabes road area unless they completed their withdrawal quickly.

Gen. Sir Bernard Montgomery, commander of the eighth army, sent his men into action to storm the gorge-like wadi, on which Rommel made his stand, only after waiting for days with amazing patience while he amassed material and disposed his men.

Red army troops held off repeated attacks by German tanks and motorized shock troops at two key points of the Donets river front Tuesday and fought their way with bayonet into a strongly defended enemy village in the Kuban bridgehead fortified belt, Russia's Tuesday midnight communique.

\$4,388 Reported Yesterday; More Gifts Being Made

All Workers And Contributors Who Have Not Reported Asked To Do So

Ashe county's Red Cross War Fund quota of \$4,300 has been reached and slightly surpassed as some donations continue to come in. Officials of the drive announced yesterday that \$4,388.50 had been reported so far.

The quota was reached on Monday night, the time set for officially bringing the drive to a close. Sharpe S. Shoemaker, drive chairman, said that other contributions would gladly be received yet, and urged those who had not done so to send in their gifts. All workers who have not already done so, are also urged to turn in their funds at once.

Mr. Shoemaker said that on behalf of the Red Cross and the men in Service, he wanted to thank everyone who had helped to make the drive a success. "This is a real service to our county and our men in the armed forces," he declared.

The drive was brought to a dramatic close on Monday night, following the Red Cross Sunday observed in the churches, when a special program was held at the Parkway theatre. Here, James Haire made a plea which resulted in collections which raised the remainder of the amount needed for the quota. Members of the drive committee said they wished to extend special thanks to Russell Barr for his cooperation in having this program.

Some of the recent contributors are published today and others will be announced next week.

M. D. Hart, Mrs. M. D. Hart, R. D. Sheets, W. W. Hart, Claudy Ham, Willie Ham, Minnie Hart, Mr and Mrs. Billie Little, Roy Phillips, D. C. Miller, all 1.00 each.

Wiley Burgess, 3.00; T. A. Johnson, L. F. Miller, Oscar McNeil, Othello School, Mrs. Woodrow Burgess, Mrs. Ollie Burgess, Mrs. Wiley Burgess, all 1.00 each.

Bond Sales For Mar. Over \$22,700

More Must Be Sold This Month; Northwestern Bank Led County In Mar.

The sale of war bonds in Ashe county during the month of March totaled \$22,718.25, according to reports made from the three major sources of sales. Other smaller post offices are expected to swell the total to at least \$25,000 for the month.

The Northwestern bank, of Jefferson, led for the month with total sales of \$15,125. The West Jefferson postoffice sold \$7,350 which was slightly lower than they had sold in recent months. The Jefferson postoffice reported total sales of \$243.25.

Due to the second war loan, which starts April 12, Ashe, as well as all other counties in the State and the nation, is expected to increase sales during the month of April.

Post To Issue School Edition

The Skyland Post is now completing plans for the annual commencement edition of the paper devoted to the graduates of the nine high schools of the county and the school activities.

The edition will be of special interest this year as it will not only carry data about the graduates and faculty but will give a summary of the war-time activities and work of the various schools, pictures and other information of interest to both the parents and students.

According to present plans, the issue will be published April 22 and will have several hundred extra circulation in addition to the regular distribution.

Newspapers Are To Push Nation's Big War Loan Drive

Washington — The nation's newspapers are coming to you for \$13,000,000,000 more—for Uncle Sam.

It's the second war loan drive, due to begin Monday, April 12. Newspapers have been assigned a leading part in conducting it.

The government calls it the biggest war financing operation in history.

"Its initial stages will last about three weeks, and it is designed to sell the American public \$13,000,000,000 worth of war bonds.

Divide that figure by the number of people in the United States, and you arrive at the conclusion that—on the average—about \$100 worth of bonds will have to be sold for every man, woman and child in the country if the goal is met.

needed and this loan can only succeed through such action. Speaking for the Treasury and the Allied Newspaper Council, we ask you, therefore, to give this drive your enthusiastic support in your news and editorial column and by enlisting sponsored advertising support."

The Treasury is floating the second war loan to:

1—Finance the war. 2—Help avoid inflation. To meet the \$13,000,000,000 goal, the Treasury says you can help if you:

1—Divert into the purchase of extra bonds every cent not absolutely needed for food, shelter and other necessities of life for the three weeks beginning April 12. 2—Buy at least one extra bond each week for that period.

3—Forego some of the things you have been planning to buy. 4—Buy bonds beyond those you may be buying through pay roll savings or regular bond purchases.

"The people of your community look first to the newspapers for leadership when united action is

Big War Loan Drive To Open On April 12; War Must Be Financed

Workers Needed For Observation Posts In County

Local Post To Be Activated For 24-Hour Duty On April 26

Observers at the Observation Posts in Ashe District, which embraces this county, will be called upon on April 26, to maintain a twenty-four hour watch for airplanes, it was revealed today by B. B. Graybeal, Civil District Director of A. W. S.

Authority has been granted by Willis R. Taylor, commanding General of the first fighter command of the Army Air Forces for the activation of the Charlotte Filter Center.

Heretofore, Ashe observation posts were "instant alert" basis, with the observers ready to go into action at a moment's notice.

The purpose of this activation, according to Lt. Colonel Oscar C. Tigner, Regional Commander, Wilmington Air Defense Region, is for testing the efficiency of the Aircraft Warning System within the Wilmington region including ground observer organizations, civilian volunteer workers in the filter centers and communication facilities. The Wilmington (Continued on Page 4)

COMMISSIONERS RAISE COUNTY JAIL FEE

The Ashe county commissioners met on Monday for the regular April meeting and transacted a number of routine matters.

Because of the rising cost of food, the jail fee was raised from 60 cents to 75 cents per day.

13 Billion Dollars Must Be Raised; Ashe Has Big Quota For Month

Ashe county will join the rest of the nation in the big War Loan Drive, which opens April 12 when the government is asking for 13 billion extra dollars in war bonds in order to carry on the war effort.

Some special programs are planned for the schools, the American Legion, the Rotary club, the Women's Club and other organizations, as all service clubs are expected to give full cooperation.

J. B. Hash, county War Bond Chairman, said that every effort would be made to reach the county's quota which is set at \$118,500 for the month of April.

Mrs. P. G. Wright, county chairman of the Women's Division, said that special displays would be used by merchants as well as other advertising material to boost the sale of bonds during this month.

Mrs. Gorda Boney, county vice-chairman of the women's division, will present the plan and purpose of the drive to all of her organizations throughout the county, as will County Agent Roy H. Crouse.

Mrs. Ed M. Anderson, chairman of district three, of the women's organization for the sale of bonds, stressed the fact that all parents who plan this month, buy graduating presents for their sons and daughters, should make this present a bond or stamps. It has also been suggested that graduating classes wishing to leave a present to their Alma Mater, leave a bond instead of some other gift.

The big drive, which opens April 12, will continue throughout the month or around three (Continued on Page 4)

Men 38 To 45 And 4-F's Told To Do Essential Work Or Fight

Washington — Selective service headquarters Saturday night announced what amounted to a work-or-fight order for all draft registrants, including 4-F's and men 38 through 44. In a lengthy communication to local draft boards, selective service outlined steps designed to expedite the "back to the farm" movement promulgated by President Roosevelt on Tuesday.

At the same time, selective service informed the nation that not even men heretofore deferred for physical disabilities or men in the 38-through-44 age group would be absolved from liability to military service unless they are performing essential work or have taken steps to get into essential jobs by May 1.

The announcement meant that 4-F's and over age men will be subject to the same qualifications for deferment, regardless of dependency, as those in the present induction age bracket 18 through 37.

Men whose dependents would suffer hardships or whose physi-

cal disability unfit them for military service or work other than the kind in which they are now engaged, however, will be exempted from strict application of the order, it was said.

A hint of a change in the status of the overage group had been given last month when draft boards were instructed to reclassify all 4-H men according to occupation and dependency. Boards were ordered to reclassify those engaged in agricultural occupations first and all others beginning May 1.

These and other developments have led to widespread belief that the top draft age may be put back at 44, where it stood last year until President Roosevelt lowered it in his executive order stopping voluntary enlistments in the armed forces. Today's order provides that men 38 through 44 who continue in nondeferable jobs will be drafted like younger men.

The announcement specifically said that the services will be asked to issue waivers whereby non-

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