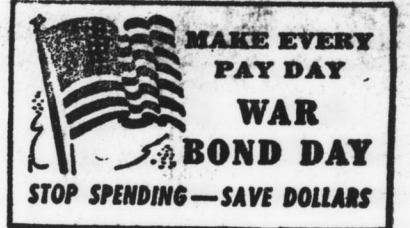


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Two Murder Cases Incompleted As Court Ends

Harry Caldwell Will Speak Here On Sat. Afternoon

Farm Labor Problems Are To Be Discussed; Meeting At Courthouse At 2:00

Harry B. Caldwell, Director of the State Farm Manpower Commission, will be at the courthouse in Jefferson, Saturday, April 17, at 2:00 P. M., to assist in working out plans for getting essential crops harvested where labor shortage is evident.

Ashe County could harvest a much larger acreage of snap beans, potatoes and other war crops than is now anticipated by getting organized to use every available person during harvest season, Roy H. Crouse, county agent, pointed out.

School principals, farmers, representatives of all county agencies, civics clubs and other leaders are urged to attend the meeting, Saturday. Farmers who are planting more beans or other crops than they will be able to harvest this year are urged to attend.

Mr. Caldwell is on leave of absence as Master of the State Grange since taking up his new duties with the State Farm Manpower Commission. Those who know him will be interested in hearing him again as he is an outstanding farm leader.

Grange members are particularly urged to attend, as some plans for activating these units may be worked out at the close of this meeting.

Farmers Are To Collect Stamps

Rules Cited On The Sale Of Meat And Butter To Consumer And Dealer

Members of the local War Price and Rationing board said they wish to again remind farmers that when selling meat or butter to either a merchant or an individual that they must collect the required number of points in stamps.

It was pointed out that in selling to an individual consumer, the farmer should charge the proper number of points set forth in the consumer Point Value Chart.

In selling his meat or butter to trade establishments he shall receive the amount of points as set forth in the Official Table of Trade Point Values. The local office has a supply of the Official Table of Trade Point Values and merchants or wholesalers buying meat or butter from county farmers should call at this office and receive same, it was pointed out.

The Trade Chart and Consumer Chart of point values differ so it is of vital importance that trade channel buying butter and meat from farmers obtain one of these charts, it was explained.

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\$4,528.44 Raised For Red Cross

Ashe county's Red Cross War Fund reached \$4,528.44 yesterday afternoon with some late contributions continuing to come in.

This is \$228.44 over the quota which was set at \$4,300. "The Red Cross is a most worthy cause and those who have not made a contribution and desire to may still do so," Drive Chairman Sharpe Shoemaker said.

There has been much interest and fine response to the drive, Mr. Shoemaker pointed out and told of a man who came in this week to make a donation. The man reported that he had been sick and was unable to make it sooner and that he expected to give something to the Red Cross as long as he lived. "This is a fine spirit and I believe many feel this way about the Red Cross," Mr. Shoemaker said. Names of some contributors are published on Page 2. Others are to be published soon.

Ashe Man Travels On Camel's Back



Ashe county men are now in all parts of the world, fighting for freedom. Shown here, first on left, is Sgt. Evert Duvall, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. DuVall, of Crumpler. He is in the Signal Corps and attending school somewhere in the Middle East. The background of the picture indicates his location.

Axis Hard Pressed In Tunisia; Europe Bombed By Allies

End Of Axis In Tunisia Is Expected Soon; Russians Making Gains

With the final battle for Tunisia taking shape, the Allies continue to press Rommel.

The British first army, thrusting 20 miles above Kairouan, swung into a siege line with the eighth army driving up the coast yesterday, pinning the axis tight in its telescoping Tunisian corner while allied fliers plastered the last enemy air-fields.

The first army's left wing, on the north coast facing Bizerte, and French forces in a supporting push in the center also scored new gains to tighten further the ring around the crowded axis armies, an allied communique reported.

Passed by in the swirl of battle moving toward the Tunis-Bizerte defense arc were American troops who had held the British flank in the Southern and Central Tunisia.

To Issue Permits To Raise Hogs

Mayor F. B. Jones announced this week that at a meeting of the town board, due to the meat shortage, there had been an amendment rules of allowing people within the city limits of West Jefferson to raise hogs.

Any person desiring to raise hogs must, however, secure a permit from the town board and must agree to comply with all conditions, Mayor Jones said.

The board has purchased a new black-out whistle which will be put into use in the near future.

Dr. Dean Jones, who is recuperating at Chilhowie, Va., from recent operations, continues to improve.

Farmers' Bean And Vegetable Market Is Highly Commended

J. E. Roland, secretary and treasurer of the Farmers' Bean and Vegetable Market, has recently received a letter from the Department of Agriculture, commending him and others in their efforts to establish a market here, and predicted its success.

A part of the letter is as follows: "We are all very interested in your plan to organize and build an auction market for fruits and vegetables in West Jefferson. We all feel that this is an excellent producing area and has possibilities not only during war years but for a permanent outlet for the fine Western North Carolina vegetables.

"I am enclosing a list of can-

Mining Company Is Looking For Quartz Crystals

Representative Is Here Now; Quartz Crystal Need In War Effort

There is now a definite possibility that more Ashe county minerals may be used in the war effort; for plans are now underway to determine the value of quartz crystals found here.

The Withers Gem and Mining Corporation, of Atlanta, Georgia, is now making a survey to discover whether or not rock crystals of any value or quantity are to be found in the county.

Douglass Acosta, with offices in the Tucker hotel, is representing the company here.

Mr. Acosta said that if any one had crystals in any quantity, he would be glad to investigate them. It was pointed out that the crystals must be perfectly clear and free from flaws and fractures and that they must be tested before it is determined whether or not they can be used.

Crystals are used for oscillators in radio sets for tanks and planes and ships.

Most of the supply in the past has been shipped from Brazil. Several deposits exist in this county as well as in other sections of Western North Carolina and every effort will be made to determine their usability.

BIRTH ANNOUNCED

Rev. and Mrs. Carl H. Stark announce the birth of a seven-pound daughter, Elizabeth Louise, Ashe County Memorial Hospital, April 8. Both mother and daughter are getting along nicely.

Johnston Chosen New President Of Rotary Club

Gale McMillan, Vice-President; Langdon Scott Is Again Secretary

Ira T. Johnston, well-known Jefferson lawyer, was chosen as president of the Jeffersons Rotary club at a meeting of the board of directors, last week. Gale McMillan, prominent West Jefferson business man, was named vice-president and Langdon L. Scott was again elected secretary and treasurer.

The newly elected officers have been prominent in Rotary since the club was founded. President Johnston succeeds John F. Reeves, who is completing a successful and active year as the club's president. Mr. Johnston has served as vice-president with Mr. Reeves.

Mr. Scott, who is a past president of the club, has also served two terms as secretary.

These newly elected officers will begin their duties July 1, when the tenure of the present officers ends.

Dr. Robert King, who was the guest speaker at the meeting last week, gave an interesting account of life in Africa. The speaker, who was a medical missionary in Africa for seven years, was located there during World War I.

He told of the customs of the people and of the effects of the past war on the country. It was pointed out that many food shortages developed at that time, since shipping was curtailed.

The program tonight will be devoted to the annual high school debate. Gale McMillan will be in charge.

Scholarship Plan To Boost Wartime Harvest Launched

\$6,000 Contest Opened To All Ashe County Farm Youngsters

Ashe County farm youngsters were invited today to compete in a \$6,000 wartime food production and marketing contest sponsored by the National Junior Vegetable Growers Association.

Registration blanks and details regarding the program in this county may be obtained from J. H. Payne, of Jefferson, assistant farm demonstration agent, according to L. R. Harrill, of Raleigh, state 4-H club leader.

"One objective of the program is to help offset critical shortages of adult labor by stimulating actual production of food by workers under draft age," Harrill explained. "The second objective is to help acquaint farm youngsters with efficient methods of marketing, because supplying the nation with food in war or peace depends on moving food rapidly and economically to the right place, at the right time and in the right condition."

Entries from this county will compete for a \$500 grand national award, a Southern states representative.

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Baptist Leaders Will Meet Sunday

Plans For Bible Schools And Other Church Work Are To Be Discussed

The Baptist ministers of the Ashe association will meet on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the West Jefferson Baptist church.

All ministers and church workers are urged to attend as plans are to be made for the bible school work this year. It was requested that all churches interested in having schools this year, but needing help, be represented at the meeting next Sunday.

In addition to Bible school plans, other plans relative to the work of the churches will be discussed. Rev. Cicero Ashley said he hoped every minister and church worker in the county would be present.

Ashe Men Like Army Life



Pvt. Wilmer C. Bare, (left), son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Bare, of Othello, now stationed at Camp Maxey, Texas, writes that he likes both his training and work. Pvt. Thomas E. Hamm, (right), son of Mrs. Lular Hamm, of Lansing, is now on maneuvers in California and also writes that he likes army life.



Big War Loan Drive Now Underway; More Interest Is Reported

Mrs. Miller Has Been Appointed As Tax Collector

J. E. Roland, Who Has Good Records, Resigns Because Of Other Work

Mrs. Elizabeth V. Miller was sworn in as Tax Collector of Ashe county, yesterday afternoon, after J. E. Roland, who resigned a short time ago, was checked out by J. E. Smith, auditor, and the board of county commissioners.

Mr. Roland, whose term expired May 1, resigned because of his extensive farming operations and his work with the vegetable market. Both the auditor and the commission said his records were in excellent condition with all funds accounted for.

He was appointed as sheriff and tax collector to fill out the unexpired term of former Sheriff, W. E. Miller, and continued to serve as tax collector, together with Mrs. Miller, when John Goodman was elected as sheriff as the two offices were separated.

The new appointee, Mrs. Miller, who worked with her husband, served as assistant treasurer and tax collector until Mr. Goodman went into office. She has carried on the work efficiently and is popular with the public.

She is believed to be the only woman county tax collector in North Carolina at the present.

Auditor Smith commended Mrs. Miller for her efficiency and accuracy.

A bulletin board placed on the kitchen wall and used for inter-family reminders and messages is helpful in many households.

Ashe County's Goal Of \$118,500 Will Require Cooperation Of All

The big War Loan Drive got underway in Ashe this week, as well as throughout the nation, when the public began buying bonds with renewed interest.

Official sales since the opening of the drive were not available for publication, but sources of sales reported a start on the county's quota of \$118,500 for the drive.

Mrs. J. B. Hensley, West Jefferson postmaster, said that she had good sales the opening day and that more than the usual interest was being shown. The Northwestern Bank also reported increased interest.

J. B. Hash, county chairman of the drive, said that every effort would be made to cover the entire county with information on the drive and to encourage all who possibly can, to buy bonds.

The Rotary club, the American Legion, Legion Auxiliary, Woman's Club, Home Demonstration clubs and all other civic organizations, and many other organizations have already had programs on the drive and those

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Fishing Season Opens Here Today

Harve Goodman, game warden for Ashe county, announced that the fishing season for trout opens today, April 15 and for bass on June 10.

He also stated that he was stocking several streams in the county with legal sized trout. Mr. Goodman asked that everyone abide by the law and secure a license to fish.

Jury Unable To Reach Verdict In Tom Ellis Case

Bonded Liquor, Held In Jail, Ordered To Be Turned Over To County

Ashe county superior court came to a close early yesterday afternoon when a number of cases had been disposed of, but without a solution being reached in either of the murder cases on docket.

Allen H. Gwyn, of Reidsville, was presiding judge and Erle Michael, solicitor.

In the case of Tom Ellis, charged with murder in connection with the death, last December, of Walter Rutherford, the jury was unable to reach a verdict and the case was continued for future trial.

Billy Wolf was charged with the murder of Blanche Johnson, who was fatally shot last fall, but this case was continued because of evidence.

Ellis pleaded self defense. Rutherford died immediately when struck on the head by a pole, following an argument.

The grand jury which acted on the case of both Ellis and Wolf, as well as several other cases, made a record for time by completing their work in one day. Wade E. Vannoy served as foreman.

Of much interest was the case of Murray Whittington, arrested some time ago in connection with transporting bonded liquor, which was also seized by officers and held in the Ashe jail, pending court. Whittington was released and the truck he was driving was also released to the owner, Phil

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Teacher Hurt In Car Wreck, Tues.

Car Driven By Mrs. W. M. Reynolds Breaks Telephone Pole

Mrs. W. M. Reynolds, Virginia-Carolina teacher, was painfully injured Tuesday afternoon, when the car in which she was riding left the road opposite the S. W. Diggs residence near Jefferson, cracking a telephone pole.

Riding with Mrs. Reynolds were two students, Loren Brown and Edith Plummer. All were taken to the Ashe hospital for treatment. Both of the students were released after being treated for minor cuts and bruises.

Mrs. Reynolds is still in the hospital, where examination shows that her injuries are not serious if complications do not set up.

Officers reported yesterday that due to Mrs. Reynolds' condition investigation of the cause of the wreck had been delayed. The front of the car was damaged by the impact with the telephone pole.

Pre-Easter Snow Covers County

King Winter took what everybody hopes is his final fling of the season here this week with four inches of snow in the Jeffersons and other parts of the county, yesterday morning.

Following on the heels of rains, the snow started in earnest around 4:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, but due to the dampness of the ground, little stuck until after midnight.

Yesterday morning, this section awoke to a nice blanket of pre-Easter snow. Snow flurries were felt throughout the day but the sun also made an appearance and much of the snow disappeared. The temperature showed some drop throughout the day, slipping down last night with more snow.

Several farmers and fruit growers reported that fruits were damaged. The budding of some trees, however, was not far enough advanced to be hurt, it was explained.

The snow, varying in depths, was pretty general in this section of the state.

To Hold Debating Finals At Community Building Tonight

Finals in the Ashe high school debating contests, sponsored each year by the Jeffersons Rotary club, will be held tonight at the community building when Jefferson high school's affirmative team will meet the negative team from Fleetwood. These were the winners in the semi-finals, held at the Jefferson high school auditorium, Tuesday night.

The affirmative team is represented by Evelyn Dare Vannoy and Betty Jean Crepps, of Jefferson, while Julian McGuire and Othella King will defend the negative side.

The program tonight will open at 7:45 and the public is cordially invited to attend. The subject is the same as that debated by the

students throughout North Carolina this year, regarding federal aid to schools.

The four final speakers will receive medals and the winning school will be presented with a loving cup.

All of the speakers who took part in the semi-finals, Tuesday night, made fine showings and the judges had difficulty in determining the winners.

In addition to the winners, other debaters in the semi-finals were: Misses Clairene Oliver and Irene Dickson, of Jefferson; Leighton Meeks, Julia McNeill, James Haire, Jr., and Lorraine Yates, of West Jefferson; and Louise Fletcher and Roger John-

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