

FOURTH WAR LOAN OPENS TUES.

Practice Air Raid Drill Will Be Held Here Tonight

Black-out Will Begin About 9:15; Testing Purpose

Air-raid Wardens Are Asked To Be on Job; Co-operation Of Public Is Asked

B. B. Graybeal, chief air raid warden of Ashe county, announced this week that in compliance with the policy of the Eastern Defense Command and the fourth service command, a practice air raid drill would be held in the county tonight, which will start soon after nine o'clock.

The drill, which includes a number of districts in the state, is being held for the primary purpose of testing the complete mobilization of civilian protection forces within a short notice. All air raid wardens are asked to be on the job and the co-operation of the public is asked in the matter.

The signals and the time of the practice raid drills are as follows: Yellow, 9:05; blue, 9:16; red, 9:37; blue, 9:47 and white, 9:57.

The practice drill includes the following districts: Tarboro, Ahoskie, Weldon, Henderson, Goldsboro, Raleigh, Greensboro, Shelby, Statesville and Gastonia.

Announce Winner Of Baby Contest

McBride Infant, Daughter Of Mr. And Mrs. Robert McBride, Is Winner

The young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert McBride, of Smethport, was the winner in the annual first baby contest, sponsored by this paper in cooperation with merchants of West Jefferson. And to her, The Post extends best wishes. She was born on January 1, at 10:30 a. m., at the Ashe county hospital. Her name is Walsie Alene McBride, and she weighed 6 pounds, 12 ounces.

Her parents are requested to come by The Skyland Post and receive a letter which they may present to the participating stores (Continued on Page 4)

Will Organize WCTU Tonight

A meeting for the purpose of organizing a county unit of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union will be held at the Community building tonight, at 8:15, it was announced by Mrs. B. E. Reeves.

All women interested are urged to attend, and a cordial invitation is also extended to the members of the Rotary club to remain for the meeting.

One of the main objects of the organization is to "give the boys and girls scientific temperance in every class room in America."

Mrs. R. E. Dean, of Stoneville, president of the Western Division W. C. T. U., of this state, is here, and will attend the meeting tonight.

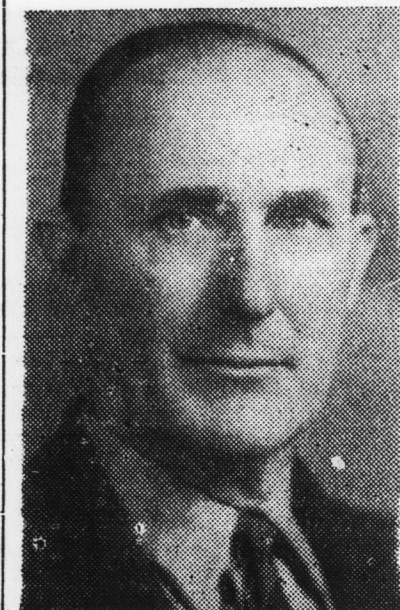
FREE PICTURE SHOW FOR BOND BUYERS

Russell Barr, manager of the Parkway theater announced that this establishment would present a free picture show to all bond buyers in connection with the Fourth War Loan Drive, which opens on Tuesday, January 18.

The picture is to be "Stormy Weather", and will be shown at the Parkway theater, February 10, Mr. Barr announced. He pointed out that he would distribute tickets to the following sources of sales: West Jefferson post office, First National Bank, Ashe Building and Loan Association and to the Northwestern Bank. Other sources of sales may contact Mr. Barr in connection with the tickets.

Bombers Pounding German Targets; Soviets Still Gain

HEAD DRIVES



T. E. Parker, Ashe county chairman of the Infantile Paralysis Fund Drive, which will get in full swing the last two weeks of this month.



W. Dean McMillan, chairman of the Fourth War Loan Drive for Ashe, which opens next Tuesday, January 18.

Release Francis And Son On Bond

Dewitt Francis and his 17-year-old son, held in the Ashe county jail in connection with the death of Clarence Dent Baldwin, following a disagreement over their bond after a hearing last Wednesday, were released this week.

Solicitor J. Erle McMichael approved of bond and set that of the fathers at \$2,500, and the son at \$1,500. Both were posted.

Announce Changes In Physical Exams For Selective Service

An entirely new rule has just been issued to the local selective service boards. These laws practically do away with the medical examination by the county examining physicians, officials explain.

Registrants will be classified immediately in 1-A, 1-A-O, or IV-E (1-A-O and IV-E are conscientious objector classes), but will not be examined by local physicians. They will be sent to camp to receive their physical examinations before navy and army doctors. This examination at camp is called "Pre-induction physical examination", and it will be given each registrant in the above-named classes.

The pre-induction physical examination will be given registrants without regard to whether

New Russian-Polish Border Is Expected To Be Established Soon

The eyes of the world continued to focus on the European war front this week, where action continued on both the Italian and Russian fronts and there was no let-up in the heavy bombings, believed to be making way for an invasion.

United States Eighth Air Force planes in enormous numbers spread ruin over Northwest Germany yesterday against probably the most desperate enemy defense in air war history, a defense which according to a special German High Command communique resulted in the destruction of 123 American planes.

There were indications in Stockholm reports that American heavy bombers operating not in formation may have made their first daylight assault on Berlin, which has been raided 104 times by the Royal Air Force.

Red Army forces, in a simultaneous attack with Rovno region guerrillas, tore through bewildered Germans 35 miles inside old Poland, forcing the Sluch River near Sarny yesterday while Moscow announced that 15,000 Germans were killed in last week's smashing victory at Kirovograd.

The Russians completely broke (Continued on Page 4)

Post Will Give Subscriptions In War Loan Drive

Men In Overseas Service Are To Be Honored By Paper In Bond Drive

In connection with the Fourth War Loan Drive, which opens next Tuesday, January 18, The Skyland Post will give a free one year subscription to a man in service overseas at the request of the purchaser of a bond of \$500 or more.

It was pointed out that applications for the bonds must be written by The Skyland Post, however. The bond buyers qualifying for one of these gift subscriptions will turn in the name and correct address of the man in service to whom they want the paper sent. The Post, in addition to sending the gift subscription, will send a notice to the man who is to receive it, giving the name of the person who purchased a bond in his honor.

This offer will be for a limited time and those desiring to do so are asked to take advantage of it at once.

This Time Goodbyes Are Said In Reverse



Wishing Red Cross girls goodbye are these soldiers stationed in North Africa. The Red Cross workers are leaving a base in North Africa on the first leg of a journey to distant posts.

First Nat'l Bank Passes \$1,500,000. Mark Last Year

Annual 12 Percent Dividend Paid; Officers And Directors Are Re-elected

The First National Bank had a very successful year during 1943 when resources passed the million and one-half dollar mark, shown by the report of J. L. Seagraves, at the annual stockholder's meeting here on Tuesday.

The annual statement, published elsewhere in this paper today, shows that the resources have climbed to \$1,596,407.88 as compared to \$1,127,621.46 at the end of 1942. Deposits show an increase as do undivided profits.

The bank again paid a twelve percent dividend to its stockholders as it has during the past several years.

The stockholders re-elected the directors at the meeting on Tuesday. They are: Dr. R. C. Ray, Dr. B. E. Reeves, T. C. Bowie, H. H. Burgess and Edison Thomas

The directors re-elected the officers, which are as follows: Dr. B. E. Reeves, president; Edison Thomas, vice-president; J. L. Seagraves, cashier; Mrs. Lilly A. Seagraves, assistant cashier.

Dr. B. E. Reeves, E. A. Graybeal, Edison Thomas and John Littlewood were appointed as an examining committee for the bank.

Applications Of Leaf Farmers To Be Made To AAA

Farmers who are eligible for new tobacco allotments may now place an application for an allotment at the AAA office in West Jefferson, according to T. J. Graybeal, chairman Ashe county AAA committee. These applications must be in the AAA office before February 1, 1944 to receive consideration, it was announced.

To be eligible for a new allotment the farm operator must be living on the farm for which an allotment is wanted and must have had experience growing tobacco for market within the past five years. Farms on which tobacco has been grown within the first five years will be given an allotment for 1944 without the operator having to place an application. Applications should be placed only for farms on which no tobacco has been grown in the past five years, AAA officials explained. (Continued on Page 4)

"Winning - The - War" Action Is Necessary Now, President Tells Congress In Report

Big Gains Made By Northwestern Bank Last Year

Resources Are Now Over 14 Million; Big Increase In Deposits

Resources of the Northwestern Bank showed a big increase in 1943 as shown by the annual statement.

The statement reveals resources have climbed from \$9,073,108.53 at the close of 1942 to \$14,207,554.89 during 1943.

There are ten banks in the Northwestern group, which, in addition to the Jefferson bank, include banks at Sparta, Boone, Blowing Rock, Burnsville, Spruce Pine, Valdese, Bakersville, Taylorsville and North Wilkesboro, with home offices at North Wilkesboro.

Officers are R. A. Doughton, president; Edwin Duncan, executive vice-president and L. P. Col. (Continued On Page Four)

MOTHER OF A. B. HURT PASSES IN PENNSYLVANIA

A. B. Hurt received word yesterday, of the death of his mother, Mrs. R. B. Hurt, in Pennsylvania, where she has been making her home with a daughter, at Harrisburg. He left immediately for Harrisburg. No arrangements were known here in regard to funeral.

Congress Registers Resistance Over Tax Demands Of Pres.

Congress, which re-convened on Monday, after the holidays, with finances and other important legislation to consider, offered resistance to President Roosevelt's renewed demand for heavy additional taxes.

Tuesday the Senate evidenced its temper in such matters by voting 48 to 17 to freeze social security tax rates at their current one per cent level.

In his state of the union message the President called for a realistic tax law to levy on unreasonable war profits and reduce war costs to "our sons and daughters." He said the pending \$2,275,600,000 tax measure now in Senate debate fails to meet the test.

Chairman Walter F. George (D-Ga.), of the Senate Finance

Tax, Food, Legislation Are Among The Other Requests By Roosevelt

Washington, D. C. — President Roosevelt Tuesday night called on the nation to support a sweeping win-the-war program — which he laid "before Congress" earlier in the day — including a national service law which "will prevent strikes" and, with certain exceptions, draft every able-bodied adult for an all-out home front effort.

Such a law is necessary now to carry the nation over the last hard miles to victory, he said in a fireside chat during which he made a cryptic reference to 1944 as "this very fateful year in (Continued on Page 4)

Boone Market Is To Close Jan. 20

It was announced this week that the Mountain Burley Tobacco Warehouse at Boone would close for the season next Thursday, January 20, but would sell tobacco on that date.

All farmers are urged to get their tobacco in before the closing. Prices have been unusually high on the Boone market since the opening of the season. "We have broken all records in price and poundage," Roscoe Coleman, proprietor said. He also pointed out that he wished to thank the farmers for their cooperation in making the season a big success.

County's Quota Set At \$168,000; Need Cooperation

Meeting Will Be Held This Evening At Community Building At 8:15

W. D. McMILLAN, CHMN.

W. D. McMillan, Ashe county's chairman of the Fourth War Loan Drive, which opens next Tuesday, announced yesterday that a meeting of the executive committee and others interested in helping to make the drive a success, would be held this evening at the community building at 8:15 o'clock. At this time, W. H. Neal, of Winston-Salem, regional director of the drive, will be present and will assist in getting the drive underway. Anyone interested is cordially invited to attend.

Ashe county has a quota of \$168,000.00 for the drive, Mr. McMillan announced. This is slightly under the Third War Loan quota which was \$193,000. (Continued on Page 4)

Lodge Officers Installed Tues.

State Officials Were Here For Ceremony; Banquet Well Attended

State officials, including Grand Master Charles Payne, of Salisbury; District Deputy Grand Master Nichols, of the thirtieth Masonic district, and District Deputy, Grand Master Charles Pugh were among the officials who attended the installation of officers of the Ashe Lodge #71 of A. F. and M. M., at a meeting here, Tuesday evening.

Prior to the meeting, the guests were feted at a banquet at the community building, when approximately forty attended.

The new officers who were installed are: Dr. J. K. Hunter, worshipful master; Gwyn P. Little, senior warden; Sharpe Shoemaker, junior warden; W. D. McMillan, treasurer, and Ira T. Johnston, secretary.

Announce Days For Feed Wheat

Due to the fact that the sale of CCC feed wheat is very small at this time of the year, it has been decided that sales will be made to feeders only three days per week, it was stated.

Someone will be at the wheat bins only on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday of each week until further notice, for the purpose of weighing this wheat out to farmers. Feeders who wish to buy some of this wheat should call only on these days if they expect to get any wheat, AAA officials announced.

TORN BILL LANDS MAN IN ASHE JAIL

Robert Roland, of Clifton, was the possessor of one half of \$20; but instead of a \$10 bill, it was only half of a twenty. And when he attempted to redeem it, instead of receiving \$10, he landed in the Ashe county jail.

He was still there late yesterday afternoon, upon failure to post bond.

According to reports, he was in the company with Henry Gilley and others when he came into the possession of the torn bill. According to Gilley he possessed around \$100, and was relieved of it by Roland or other parties. All he had left of his \$100 was the other half of the torn twenty-dollar bill.

A hearing of the case is expected to be held early next week, Chief Deputy Carl B. Graybeal, said yesterday.