

## FOURTH WAR LOAN UNDERWAY

### Large Group Of Married Men To Leave For Army

Around 200 In Group Which Leaves Here Latter Part Of Next Week

A large group of approximately 200 Ashe county men will leave here the latter part of next week for pre-induction examinations preliminary to entering the armed forces.

The local draft board announced that around 85 percent of this group were married, many of whom are fathers. The remaining 15 percent are single men.

It is expected that the American Legion and Rotary club will have a special departure service and as usual, those leaving will be presented military manuals as well as some type of refreshments or cigarettes. A list of those leaving will be published later.

### Warn Stations About Coupons

Through the first week of this month all service stations were visited by a representative of the Charlotte district office and the local War Price and Rationing Board.

At that time, all station operators were informed about proper identification on all gasoline ration coupons.

Gasoline distributors have also been informed not to accept improperly identified coupons. Any coupons not bearing proper identification or endorsement will be that much gasoline inventory lost by the service station submitting such coupons, Mr. Campbell explained.

### FIRST BABY OF 1944 DIED ON WEDNESDAY

Walsie Alene McBride, the 18-day-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert McBride, of Smethport, died at the home of her parents, yesterday morning. Funeral service will be held at the Pond Mountain Church this afternoon at 2:00 o'clock, with Rev. Ed Davis in charge.

The deceased was the winner of Ashe county's first baby of 1944, as announced in last week's issue of The Skyland Post. She was born on January 1, at 10:30 A. M., at the Ashe county hospital.

### Black-out Here Was A Success

The black-out held here, as well as in several other districts in the state, last Thursday night, was one of the most successful ever tried, according to officials.

B. B. Graybeal, chief air raid warden, said that most of the wardens were on the job and that the public, as a whole, co-operated in making the black-out a success.

### Deputy Graybeal Uncovers Liquor

Chief Deputy Carl B. Graybeal went after a soldier, overdue from the army, reported hiding in the Whitetop section, last Saturday night.

And Deputy Graybeal usually gets his man, but this time, the man was not in the barn where it was reported that he was hiding.

After making the trip, Mr. Graybeal, however, decided to search other barns in the vicinity. In one, belonging to Connie Miller, he discovered a large pile of straw, which he promptly tested with a pitchfork.

He then found a hard object which turned out to be eleven and one-half gallons of liquor stored there and said to be more than a year old. This was confiscated and the owner arrested. He later made bond and was released.

### Churchill Is Back On The Job



One of the first pictures of Churchill taken since his recent illness shows him conversing with General Eisenhower (left) and General Alexander. Churchill is attired in a colorful dressing gown.

## Important Gains Are Made By Allies In Russia And In Italy

### American Unit Gains Ground In Tough Jungle Action Against Japanese

As the Fourth War Loan opened on the home front this week, action continued on all of the battle fronts with the Allies winning hard-fought gains.

Hitler's 10th German army withdrew to the powerful Gustav line, several hundred yards northwest of the Rapido river, for a final bloody stand to protect Cassino on the road to Rome, headquarters announced yesterday, as American patrols crossed the stream north of Cassino and probed enemy positions.

French troops, swinging in through the mountainous terrain to the northeast, advanced 1,000 yards and captured Sant' Elia, a village situated on the lower bank of the Rapido about three miles from Cassino, further tightening the arc around the Nazi stronghold. Lashing out in two new northern offensives the Red army has successfully shattered

### Many Are Now Paying Taxes

Mrs. Elizabeth V. Miller, county tax collector, said this week that tax collections have been unusually good this month. Many people are paying theirs in the month of January in order to avoid penalties, which begin February 2, Mrs. Miller said.

She pointed out that she now had the 1941 and 1942 tax books also, in her office.

## Ration Tokens Explained By OPA; To Be Valid On Feb. 27

Washington — Introduction of ration tokens throughout the country Feb. 27 will bring a number of changes in the present method of paying the ration cost of processed foods, meats and fats. The Office of Price Administration has prepared the following information to give consumers a better understanding of how the new system will work.

Q. Will OPA give each consumer a certain number of tokens when this new program begins, just as everybody was given a supply of ration stamps?

A. No. The only tokens you will get are those your retailer gives in change, beginning Feb. 27.

Q. Why will I need ration change?

A. You will need change when tokens go into use because each red and each blue stamp in your ration book will be worth 10 points. It will not longer be easy

### Wade E. Eller Now With N. C. Board Of Health

Has Resigned As Ashe County Chairman Of Democratic Party

Wade E. Eller, who served as principal of the Riverview High School for the past several years, has accepted a position with the N. C. Public Health Department. He is now taking some special training prior to beginning his work as a sanitarian.

Before accepting his new position, Mr. Eller, who has served as Ashe County Chairman of the Democratic party for sometime, resigned from this position. In a letter to the secretary, B. H. Duncan, announcing his resignation, Mr. Eller expressed his

### Ashe Bldg. & Loan Meeting Tuesday

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Ashe Building and Loan Association will be held at the office of the association in the Parker Tie company building next Monday night at 7:30 o'clock.

The purpose of the meeting is to elect directors for the coming year and transact other business. Notices have been mailed out to all stockholders, concerning the meeting.

### Waste Paper Is To Be Collected In Ashe County

B. H. Duncan Is Chairman; Schools To Co-operate In Countywide Plans

Professor B. H. Duncan, principal of the West Jefferson High School, who has been named as chairman of the Waste Paper Salvage Drive in the county, announced yesterday that the central schools in each district would be used as collection points and that the principal in each of these schools would serve as chairman of his district.

All available waste paper is to be collected at the central schools and then sent to West Jefferson. The Todd Drug Company is co-operating in the drive and will allow its building to be used as the collection point here, for baling and shipping the paper, Mr. Duncan said.

The final date for getting the paper into West Jefferson is February 11, it was announced. The public is asked to take or send their collection of paper to the central school in their district and the schools will then transport it in large lots to West Jefferson.

### No Extension Is To Be Given For '44 Car Licenses

January 31 Is Final Day For Use Of Old 1943 License Plates

There will be no extension beyond the Jan. 31 deadline for purchasing 1944 motor vehicle license plates, State Motor Vehicle Commissioner T. Boddie Ward announced this week.

Ward said that only 396,198 plates were sold through Jan. 15, compared with 438,613 sold during the same period a year ago, and that this was in spite of a 60-day "grace period" this year while there was only 30 days last year.

He urged that motorists buy the new plates as soon as possible so that a last-minute rush may be avoided.

The State highway patrol will begin enforcement Feb. 1 of the regulations requiring new plates by that day, Ward said.

The majority of people in this county have already purchased theirs. Those who have not done so are urged to secure their new 1944 licenses at once, by State Patrolman W. C. Thomas.

The nearest office for purchasing tags is at North Wilkesboro, in the office of the Carolina Motor Club. Motorists may also order theirs from Raleigh.

### WCTU Will Meet On Friday Night

Following a preliminary organization of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, held last Friday evening at the community building, it was announced that another meeting would be held on Friday night of this week at 7:30 o'clock at the home of Dr. and Mrs. B. E. Reeves.

All women interested in the cause are cordially invited to attend. Complete organization plans are expected to be made at this meeting, after which, committees and officers are to be announced.

Mrs. R. E. Dean, of Stoneville, was present last Friday and assisted in the initial meeting. She holds a state office in the organization.

It was announced that the men as well as the women, are cordially invited to attend the meetings and to become members.

### GRANGE MEETING

A meeting of the Laurel Grange will be held at the Riverview high school building on Tuesday night, January 25, at 8:30 o'clock, it was announced by V. C. Lillard, master of the Grange. All members and the public are cordially invited to attend.

### Active Against Infantile Paralysis



Mary Pickford, Chairman of the Women's Division of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, is shown with her adopted daughter, Roxanne.

## County's Quota Is Set At \$374.00 To Fight Infantile Paralysis

### Schools Will Be Awarded Prizes In Bond Drive

Quotas Are Assigned Each School District; Co-operation Is Asked

In order to stimulate interest in the Fourth War Loan Drive, it was decided yesterday to offer prizes in the schools.

There will be a \$25.00 bond prize to be awarded by the principal of each district to the student making the highest sales or selling the greatest number of bonds. The winner will be decided by the school principal.

High school students, as well as those from the smaller schools, are eligible.

There will also be a \$25.00 bond prize awarded to the school district making the best showing in

### Stafford Visits Jefferson School

Tal H. Stafford, supervisor of vocational agriculture in the high schools of this section of the state, was here this week and visited the Jefferson school, where plans are being worked out for some of the courses in war production, now being taught in connection with this work.

Progress is being made in the new department in the Jefferson school under the direction of Instructor Vaughn Eller.

### Co-operation Of Schools, Churches, Individuals And Others Asked

At a committee meeting on Monday night, by the County Chairman, T. E. Parker, plans were made for the official opening Friday night of the drive to raise funds to fight infantile paralysis, when a ball game, featuring the Odd Fellows and two other games, will be held at the West Jefferson high school gymnasium. Details of the games are published on page 8, today.

It was announced at the meeting that the county's quota was \$374. and several plans for raising this were outlined by the

### F. C. Nye Speaks To Rotary Club

Prof. F. C. Nye told the members of the Rotary Club last Thursday night, that if everyone would follow the Golden Rule, and do their duty, there would be no strikers or other labor trouble, at this time, when it is needed so badly. The speaker was introduced by W. G. Vannoy, program chairman.

W. H. Neal, of Winston-Salem, district director of the Fourth War Loan Drive, was present and gave a brief statement about the drive.

Clint Goodman, popular West Jefferson merchant, was taken in the club, as a new member. He fills the classification, "Retail of Ladies' Ready-to-wear."

### Drive Began On Tuesday; Much Interest Shown

County's Quota Is \$168,000; Everyone Is Asked To Aid In Drive

The Fourth War Loan Drive got underway in Ashe county, as well as throughout the nation, on Tuesday, with much interest being shown.

While sales were not rushing on the opening day, interest was higher than usual and unofficial reports from sources of sales show that around \$12,000.00 worth were sold.

The West Jefferson post office reported yesterday morning, \$5,512.50 on the drive and the Northwestern Bank at Jefferson, \$4,512.00; the Jefferson post office report showed \$206.25 and Lansing, \$525.00.

This week end is expected to see the total sales climb much (Continued on Page 4)

### Rail Dispute Is Settled Tuesday

Army Gives Up Control Of Carriers By Order Of President Roosevelt

Washington — The railroad wage dispute was settled this week with raises all around, and the government-seized lines were ordered returned to their owners Tuesday.

The return of the railroads to private management, effective at midnight, was ordered by Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson, after receipt of a letter from the

"I have been informed by the president that all unresolved questions have been agreed upon by the carriers and the railroad labor organizations and that the agreements have been approved by the wage stabilization director," Stimson said in a statement.

"These agreements provide assurance that there will be no stoppage of rail service and that the employees of the railroads will continue to discharge their responsibilities faithfully and conscientiously so that there may be no diminution in the rising tide of our military might.

"I have therefore ordered that war department possession and operation of the railroads cease at midnight, January 18, 1944."

### NEED HELPERS IN RED CROSS WORK

Mrs. Levern Johnson, production chairman of the local Red Cross chapter, announced that there were still many things to be made, and urged that everyone who could, to come to her home on Jefferson Avenue, for material.

Bedroom mules, housewives, kit bags, and several other things are being made, and more volunteers are needed badly, she said.

## Much Progress Made In Soil Conservation Work In County

The annual report of the board of supervisors of the New River Soil Conservation District, shows that much work is being accomplished in this field and that the increase of interest is reflected by the ever-growing list of applications received from the farmers.

The report submitted to the U. S. Department of Agriculture reveals that 470 soil and moisture conservation plans covering 49,721 acres had been completed in the District.

According to Wade E. Eller, chairman of the board, the district has made progress during the year towards its goal of complete soil conservation on all farms. "Further evidence of progress and popularity of the program with farmers," he said, "is indicated in the increased number of applications received for cooperation with the district." The district has added to its

program of soil conservation practices the sampling of various soils found on the farm. These samples are sent to the State Department of Agriculture laboratory for analysis to determine the best use of available fertilizer and lime materials. It is estimated that this practice alone has saved farmers several thousand dollars in the last two years by providing them an accurate analysis of their soil requirements.

The supervisors also reported that the conservation program has aided farmers in obtaining increased yields per acre which are necessary if the war food production goals are to be met. Member of the board of supervisors from Ashe county are: Mr. Wade Eller, chairman; Mr. J. W. Gambill, and Mr. J. C. Little. Serving in Alleghany county are Mr. Alton Thompson, secretary and Mr. Dillon Edwards.

### 1st BOND DEDICATED TO SGT. E. D. BARE

Jesse G. Bare, of Laurel Springs, bought the first \$500.00 bond from The Skyland Post in connection with the special offer, announced last week, for the Fourth War Loan Drive.

The Post will send a free subscription to a man in foreign service with each bond of \$500.00 or more purchased through this paper during the Fourth War Loan Drive.

Mr. Bare's bond is dedicated to his son, Sgt. Edwin D. Bare, who sailed from New York some time ago, for foreign service. A notice is being mailed Sgt. Bare of the honor accorded him in the Fourth War Loan Drive by his father.

Mr. Bare also has another son in service. Others wanting to take advantage of this special bond dedication are asked to write or call by the office of this paper.