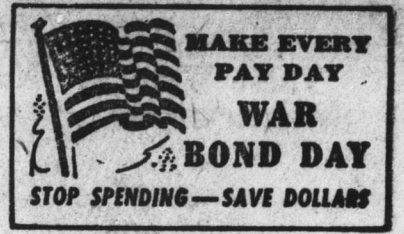




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To Register For Canning Sugar Monday And Tuesday

Ashe Farmers Get \$12,870.00 For Irish Potatoes

585,000 Pounds of Irish Potatoes Recently Sold Through W. F. A.

The Ashe county potato growers have just completed marketing 585,000 pounds of Irish potatoes, or 13 carloads. Close to 330 farmers sold \$12,870.00 worth of potatoes through a market made available by the War Food Administration with the State Department of Agriculture and the Extension Service cooperating.

All of the potatoes were graded, bagged, weighed and loaded at the West Jefferson Bean and Vegetable Market. "Each farmer exchanged his labor with his neighbor or another producer so that he in turn would have enough help to get his potatoes marketed," County Agent Roy H. Crouse, announced.

One of the biggest advantages of marketing potatoes that require the U. S. No. 1 grade on them was that the farmers could see just what kind of potatoes it takes to pass the inspection," Crouse said. The growers found that the smooth round potatoes had fewer culls and No. 2's than some of the potatoes grown from seed that has run out. A majority of the potatoes marketed were the Sequoia variety.

Many of the farmers who raised odd varieties of potatoes said that they had already planted the Sequoia this spring. A uniform variety will help Ashe county potato growers considerably when it comes to marketing their future crops because buyers look for uniformity, it was explained.

James Miller At Great Lakes Now

James J. Miller, of Todd, former principal of Nathan's Creek high school, is receiving his initial naval indoctrination at the U. S. Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill.

His "boot" training consists of instruction in seamanship, military drill, and general naval procedure. During this period a series of aptitude tests will be taken by the recruit to determine whether he will be assigned to a Naval Service School or to immediate active duty at sea.

His recruit training completed, the seaman will spend a period of leave at home.

MRS. ANDERSON NAMED PRES. OF PRESS GROUP

Mrs. Ed M. Anderson, of The Skyland Post, was named president of the Mid-Western Press Association, an affiliate of the N. C. Press Association, at the annual election of officers held in Morganton, on Saturday.

Miss Beatrice Cobb, publisher of the News Herald was host to the Mid-Western and the Western groups as well as a number of other specially invited guests. Trips were made through the State Hospital and the State School for the Deaf.

In addition to Mr. and Mrs. Ed M. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. James Story and Miss Emoryetta Reeves, of Sparta attended.

HEAVY HAIL STORM HERE ON SATURDAY

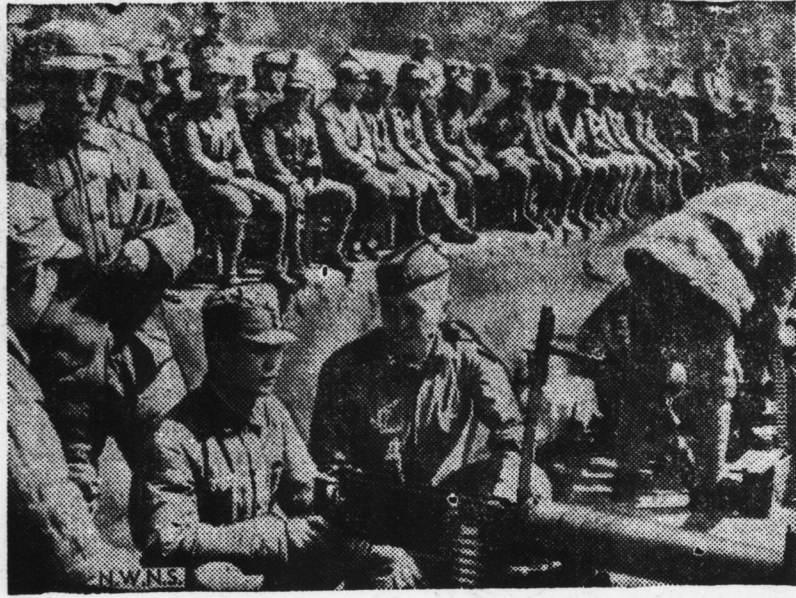
Ashe county, as well as some nearby sections experienced an unusually heavy hail storm on Saturday, which was followed by lower temperature, on Sunday.

Many people reported damage to early gardens, by the hail as well as the unusually cool weather.

Several people in West Jefferson reported picking up balls as large as thumb nails.

Following the drop in temperature this section experienced some frost on both Sunday and Monday mornings. This was reported to have damaged fruit crops already lessened by cold weather.

Training Our Chinese Allies



Capt. Joseph Naviochick, U. S. A., of Cleveland, Ohio, instructs Chinese students in the art of machinery gunnery at a target range of the 5,315th infantry training center in Kwang-si, China. Here Chinese troops are trained.

Two Ashe Men Meet With Violent Deaths On Tuesday Morning

McCoy Is Killed In Mica Mine Accident; Henry Stike Shoots Self

Two Ashe county men met violent deaths Tuesday morning. Quince McCoy, 36, of Jefferson, died early in the morning at the Ashe hospital following injuries sustained late Monday afternoon in a cave-in at a mica mine near here, in the South Beaver Creek section.

McCoy was employed in the mine and was injured while at work there. He is the second victim to lose his life in this mine.

He is survived by his wife, his father and mother, and three children, Martha, Effie and Edna. Funeral service was held at the Bristol Baptist church on Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock.

Henry Stike, 67, of the Lansing section, met death instantly Tuesday morning when he shot himself in the head, according to the

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ASHE MEN CHOSEN AT DEMOCRATIC MEETING

A number of Ashe county people attended the Democratic convention in Raleigh last week and received several appointments.

Russel W. Barr was appointed as a delegate from this district to the National Democratic Convention in Chicago.

Dr. B. E. Reeves was named on the Congressional committee and Ira T. Johnston on the State Executive committee, again.

Sheep Shearing Schools Will Be Held Next Week

Public Invited To Take Advantage Of Schools Next Wed. And Thurs.

Two sheep shearing schools have been arranged for Ashe county which will be under the direction of E. S. Bartlett, representing the Flexible Shaft Company of Chicago, Roy H. Crouse, county agent, announced.

Wednesday, May 17, at 9:00 a. m., a school will be held at T. J. Graybeal's, on Big Laurel, and on Thursday, May 18, at 9:00 a. m., a school will be held at the farm of B. C. Pennington, of Sturgills. The public is cordially invited to attend both schools.

These schools will be held for the purpose of training custom shearers and farmers who plan to shear their own sheep. Those who wish to get some personal instruction

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ASHE WOMEN ATTEND PRICE PANEL MEETING

Mrs. Earl Davidson, newly appointed price clerk of the rationing board, accompanied by several members of the price panel, including Mrs. Jennings Rader, Mrs. Levern Johnson and Mrs. H. R. Vannoy, attended a meeting in North Wilkesboro, yesterday.

Riverview And Lansing Finals This Week End

Dr. B. B. Dougherty Delivered Address At Fleetwood Last Night

Finals at Riverview and Lansing high schools will be completed this week end when special programs will be carried out.

Hon. Ira T. Johnston will deliver the literary address at Riverview on Saturday evening when the seniors will be awarded diplomas. Finals will also be concluded at Lansing on Saturday night when Professor Vernon Wood, of Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, will deliver the address. The play at Lansing will be presented on Friday evening.

Finals at Virginia-Carolina, which will be held the latter part of this month, will mark the end of commencement exercises for the schools of the county. This program will be announced later.

Dr. B. B. Dougherty was the speaker at Fleetwood last night when diplomas were presented to the graduates.

Finals at the other high schools of the county were concluded last week with excellent programs that were well attended.

29 Ashe County Men Enter Army

Group Will Also Leave This Week For Naval Service, It Is Announced

The following group of 29 men left yesterday morning for Fort Bragg to enter the army:

William L. Jones, William E. Francis, Archie Lee Black, Ernest Bare, William B. Parsons, Lloyd W. Grubb, William Lambert, Gordon C. Whitener, William Eugene Myers, Glen W. Williams, Jesse William Jones, Exelin J. Hampton.

Walter Hoyle Stringer, James W. Baldwin, Robert Doyle Hartsoe, Earl Kenneth Harless, Robert R. Ashley, Eula Osborne, Douglas Jones, William L. Stansberry, Carl F. Dillard, William Cecil Ballou, Hoyt J. Blevins, Glenn Vivian Grubb, Gilbert G. Owen, J. C. Taylor, William G. Jones, Richard W. Lemly, Joe Evert Phillips.

Another group of Ashe county men will also leave this week to enter the Navy, it was announced.

CANNED FOOD GIVEN TO ASHE HOSPITAL

Several dozen cans of fruits, vegetables and other foods have been given to the Ashe county hospital during the past week, it was announced by officials of the hospital this week. Riverview high school, Mrs. Dent Pennington and Mrs. Parker Dickson were among those donating cans.

Ward Seizure Aired In Court



Attorney General Francis Biddle, nearest door, with paper in hand, is shown at the court of Federal Judge Holly, where the momentous battle over seizure of the Montgomery Ward and company plant in Chicago was waged. The plant was this week returned to its owners.

Europe Is Blasted By Allied Planes; Reds Get Key City

Western Sheep To Be Available To Ashe Farmers

Applications Should Be Made Through County Agent's Office Now

J. W. Thompson, of Casper, Wyoming, notified the county agent that he was planning to ship 1,000 good yearling ewes to North Carolina in June. He shipped a few carloads of ewes to North Carolina last year, several of which were placed in Ashe county. "Almost without exception, these ewes have done well and several farmers have reported that the ewes they purchased more than paid for themselves the first year," Roy Crouse said.

"Many more Ashe county farms could profitably keep a few sheep. Those, who are interested in purchasing," (Continued on Page 4)

Allied Forces Are Now Massing At Six Points, German Officials Declare

RAF night raiders lobbed blockbusters on the German-occupied coast across Dover strait—causing explosions which shattered windows on the English side of the channel—as a quiet follow-up to extensive daylight attacks by more than 4,000 allied planes.

The violent blasts echoed across the water from the French coast roused residents from their beds a few minutes after a huge fleet of RAF bombers had passed eastward, darkening the starlit sky.

The din lasted ten minutes without a pause and the concussion was so great that the ground literally shook at Folkestone and neighboring towns. Dishes rattled in cupboards and furniture rocked as from an earthquake.

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SEVERAL ARE TRIED BY MAYOR PARSONS

The newly elected mayor, Charles O. Parsons, took a definite stand against public drunkenness on Monday in court when he imposed heavier fines than are usually meted out.

Howard Phipps, of Crumpler, Troy Walsh, of Wagoner and Jesse Miller, of Jefferson, were each fined \$20 and the costs for public drunkenness.

William C. Blevins, of Jefferson, was fined \$50 and the costs for wreckless driving.

NO MAY-JUNE TERM OF SUPERIOR COURT

C. S. Neal, clerk of superior court, announced today that due to a petition of the bar, that the May-June term of superior court, for the trial of civil cases in Ashe county, had been cancelled.

Cases that were scheduled for trial at this time will be heard later.

Central Schools Are The Places For Registration

Hours Will Be From Nine Until Five O'clock; Teachers Are Assisting

Plans are now being completed for the registration for canning sugar, which will be held in Ashe county's central schools next Monday and Tuesday, May 15-16, when thousands of Ashe county people will make applications for their supplies.

The registration is being conducted by OPA through the cooperation of the school officials and the public is urged to take advantage of it.

Registrations will be held in all of the central high schools: West Jefferson, Jefferson, Fleetwood, Elkland, Nathan's Creek, Virginia-Carolina, Healing Springs, Riverview, Lansing and at Helton.

One adult member of a family may make application for the entire family.

Registrants will note that they should not detach spare stamp 37 but must present ration book number four at time registration, Chief OPA Clerk Ruby Barker, said.

Each applicant will be allowed 10 pounds of sugar per person it is stated. Stamps No. 40 in ration book No. 14 allows five pounds of extra sugar and anybody needing more than the amount to be issued at registration sites must apply after June 15 to local ration boards, and show that an additional amount is actually needed for home canning and preserving, it was explained.

Cornett Speaks To Rotary Club

Rev. Holton Cornett, of Warrensville, delivered a very interesting talk to the Jeffersons Rotary club last Thursday night.

"It is nice to know and hear about our fine county and its improvement and industries, but we must not forget the small things that need to be improved," he said, and added that the greatest of these is the improvement of our school systems. He stressed the elimination of one teacher schools and set-up district schools within reach of all boys and girls.

The speaker was introduced by J. L. Segraves.

STONE IS NAMED NEW ROTARY GOVERNOR

Charles H. Stone, of Charlotte was named as governor of the 188th Rotary district at the convention held in Pinehurst last week, when a number of local people attended.

Mr. Stone, who has visited the Jeffersons club was a liberal contributor to the Ashe County Hospital.

Local people who attended the convention at Pinehurst included Gale B. McMillan, L. P. Colvard, Roy H. Crouse, Dr. and Mrs. J. K. Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. Levern Johnson, Rocco Cutri and Sharpe S. Shoemaker.

Following Ashe County Men Now Fighting For Liberty And Democracy



Sgt. John G. Jackson, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Jackson, of West Jefferson, has been promoted to Senior Instructor in the Airplane Structure Branch of the Army Air Forces, at Keesler Field, Miss., where he has been stationed since October, 1941, except for a few months of specialized training in Illinois.



Pvt. James Robert Kimberlin, formerly of Todd, who entered service about 2 months ago, writes that he is getting along fine with his work. Pvt. Kimberlin, who was in the ice business in the county before entering service, has many friends who will be interested in hearing from him. He says he misses his work.



Sgt. J. Webb Pasley, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Pasley, of Grassy Creek, has been visiting relatives there, after his return from 27 months in New Guinea. Sgt. Pasley, who has seen plenty of action, says it is good to be back home. He is now stationed at Miami, Florida, where he is liking his new location.



Second Lieutenant Joseph S. Johnson, son of Mrs. Nettie Johnson, of West Jefferson, received his commission as a pilot on April 15, when he graduated from Pampa Army Air Base, Pampa, Texas. Lt. and Mrs. Johnson have returned to Del Rio, Texas, where he is receiving advanced training, after visiting here.



Cpl. Worth E. Howell, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Howell, of Todd, who has been in service since May, 1943, has notified his parents of his safe arrival somewhere in England. Worth, who writes that he is getting along fine with his work, and liking England very much, states that he misses all his friends back home.

PROCLAIMS SUNDAY AS MOTHER'S DAY

Raleigh—Governor Broughton has issued a proclamation designating Sunday, May 14, as Mother's Day in North Carolina.

Said the Governor's proclamation: "Indications are that the expected invasion of Europe may occur at any time, and this circumstance will tend to make Mother's Day an event even more worthy of prayerful observance.

"It is particularly hoped that all churches will suitably observe the event and that special consideration will be given mothers whose sons are in the armed services, and that our people will not be unmindful of that growing list of North Carolina mothers whose sons have already made the supreme sacrifice in this war."