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Ashe County Far Surpasses Bond Quota

N. C. Solons Get Budget; Teachers Given Attention

Budget Presented Yesterday; Committees Named And Work Is Started

By STAFF WRITER

Raleigh, N. C.—(Special)—N. C. Solons were given something to figure on yesterday when they heard the report of the budget committee.

The Advisory Budget Commission recommended that the record sum of \$220,081,434 be appropriated for the next biennium, and broke tradition by directing that teacher salary schedules be embodied in the general appropriations bill.

The recommended appropriation, which is exclusive of \$51,585,079 to be set aside for retirement of the State's general indebtedness, was greatly in excess of the \$178,505,823 in actual and estimated expenditures for 1943-45. A large part of the recommended increase would go for highways.

Following the announcement of the senatorial committees, Speaker Oscar Richardson, Tuesday announced the membership of 48 house committees at a brief morning session. On appropriations he placed Reps. Tom Pearsall of Nash and A. B. Stoney of Burke as chairman and co-chairman, respectively. On finance, charged with the responsibility of raising money, he placed Reps. John Kerr of Warren as chairman and Frank Taylor of Wayne as co-chairman. Rep. Alonzo Edwards of Greene was named chairman of agriculture and Rep. Glenn C. Palmer of Haywood, co-chairman of the mental institutions committee.

Richardson's appointments came but 15 hours after President L. Y. Ballentine of the senate named Brandon P. Hodges of (Continued on Page Four)

Ashe Men Are On Many Committees

Both Hart And Thomas Are Named On Several Legislative Committees

Edison M. Thomas, state senator from Ashe county and Representative M. Donnelly Hart, were this week named on a number of committees as the legislature got down to business.

Thomas is serving on the committee for constitutional amendments, appropriations, immigration, institutions for the deaf, library, military affairs, pensions and soldiers' home, senatorial districts and appropriations.

Representative Hart is serving on the following house committees: agriculture, election laws, game and inland fisheries, health, manufacturing and labor, penal institutions, propositions and grievances.

In a letter to this paper this week, Mr. Hart wrote:

"Now in regard to the sale of wine and beer in Ashe county, do the people want a bill passed to stop the sale of it in the county or a bill giving the people the right to vote on the matter. I am in favor of stopping it in the quickest way that can be done."

Miss Roland Is New OPA Clerk

It was announced this week Miss Mae Ola Roland had been added to the staff of clerks at the local rationing board. She is the food and miscellaneous clerk and takes the place of Miss Helen Shatley, who has been made gasoline and fuel clerk. This place was made vacant following the resignation of Mrs. Guy Denny, who served efficiently in this capacity for more than two years.

It was also announced that the office would be closed to the public on Saturday at 12:00 o'clock noon, due to the fact that all stamps are deposited on that day before the bank closes.

The office will be closed all day next Thursday, January 13, because of a meeting with clerks attending.

Americans Nearing Manila; Gaining On Belgian Front Now

GETS SILVER STAR



Store Keeper First Class George Scott Denney, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Denney, of West Jefferson, has been presented the Silver Star Medal in recognition of his "gallant action" as a member of the First Beach Battalion during landing operations on an assault beach in Southern France on August 15.

Wilford Porter, Ashe Boy Makes Record Overseas

Is Now Serving Under General Hobbs, Somewhere in Germany

T-Sgt. J. Wilford Porter, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Porter, of Helton, who is a member of the 30th Division of the Third Army, somewhere in Germany, under the command of Major General L. S. Hobbs, recently wrote of the great work his division was doing. Some of the information he sent is as follows: "When the 30th Infantry Division troops charged through the greatest concentration of artillery and mortar fire they had met in the Western Campaign to storm the bunkers of the German Siegfried line and establish a bridgehead in the Fatherland, they reached an objective for which, in three months of bitter fighting, they had been paving the way since the battle near the beaches.

Smashing the Siegfried Line in the sector north of Aachen where it was heavily manned and then aiding in closing the gap that forced Aachen's fall constituted one of the toughest jobs assigned any division in the Battle of Europe. But this was only the beginning for the 30th Division. They participated in the break-

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Ashe Hospital Has Successful Year; Meeting Is Held, Mon.

At a meeting of the stockholders and directors of the Ashe County Memorial Hospital, on Monday, tentative postwar plans for expansion were discussed and reports submitted for the past year showed that this institution had an unusual record for service.

Among the first building plans will probably be a nurses' home, which is badly needed. A committee will be named in the near future to work out definite building plans for this so that work can be started as soon as materials are released.

The annual report submitted shows that there were 879 bed patients taken care of during the year for a total of 6,244 days. During 1944 a total of 174 new babies were born at the hospital. There were a total of 36,550 meals served to patients during the year. Other figures reveal

MacArthur Leads Troops Ashore On Luzon; Formosa Is Bombed By Yanks

Tens of thousands of U. S. sixth army forces, accompanied ashore by Gen. Douglas MacArthur, landed Tuesday along 15 miles of Lingayen gulf coast on Luzon island from an 800-ship convoy and pushed deep into flatlands leading 120 miles south to Manila over ideal tank-war country.

Tanks were among the equipment put ashore in strength to make possible a powerhouse offensive.

From the beaches, cleared of Japanese by fierce warship shelling and aerial bombings, the lightly opposed Yanks surged inland over the same crescent of sand dunes the Japanese employed three years ago.

A field dispatch, disclosing that MacArthur already has set up headquarters on Luzon, said the landings were on the southern extremity of the gulf which in-

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First Nat'l Bank Passed \$2,000,000 Mark Last Year

Annual 12 Percent Dividend Paid; Officers And Directors Re-Elected

The First National Bank had a very successful year during 1944 and showed marked growth, when resources passed the two million mark as shown by the report of J. L. Segraves, cashier, at the annual stockholders' meeting here on Tuesday.

The annual statement shows that the resources have climbed to \$2,196,073.98 as compared to \$1,596,407.88 at the close of business in 1943. Deposits have climbed to \$2,110,154.81 and undivided profits also show a gain.

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, T. C. Bowie, H. H. Burgess and Edison Thomas.

The directors re-elected the officers who are as follows: T. C. Bowie, president; Edison Thomas, vice-president; J. L. Segraves, cashier; and Mrs. Lilly A. Segraves, assistant cashier.

PARSONS IS OFFICER

Clayborne Parsons, well-known local young man, has been named as a town officer and remains on duty in West Jefferson throughout the day. C. P. McMillan is also continuing his duties as a town policeman.

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Farm Planning Meetings To Be Held In County

Opening Schedule Announced; Will Conform With War Needs

"As this is the beginning of, perhaps, the most critical year of the war it has become necessary to make certain adjustments in our agricultural planning in Ashe County to conform more closely with the war needs in 1945," Roy H. Crouse county agent, said yesterday. In keeping with this he announced that meetings had been scheduled to assist farmers and their wives with these plans. All farmers, their wives, as well as other members of the family are urged to attend.

The following meetings have been scheduled to date and others will be announced next week:

Monday, January 15, 7:30 o'clock, Nathan's Creek school.

Tuesday, January 16, 2:00 o'clock, Chestnut Hill, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pierce.

Tuesday night, at 7:30, Grassy Creek, agricultural building.

Wednesday night, January 17, at 7:30, Fleetwood school.

Friday at 2:00 o'clock, at Landmark school.

Cars Wrecked At Warrensville, Sat.

Warrensville was the scene of an automobile wreck last Saturday night, when a car driven by Walter Brown and a pick-up truck, driven by Orrin Gentry, met in a collision.

Both cars were badly damaged but occupants received only slight injuries. It is understood that no action was taken in the matter.

Boone Market Prices Are Good

Poundage and prices of the Boone tobacco market continue to rise and the three million poundage mark was reached this week with an average of slightly over \$47.00 per hundred.

Roscoe Coleman, proprietor of the Mountain Burley warehouses pointed out that they expected to clear the floors this week and in that case could sell tobacco the same day it was brought in. "We make every effort to give the farmers the best of service and appreciate their business," he said.

J. F. Friesland Buried Monday

Funeral service was held at Old Fields on Monday at 11:00 o'clock, for James F. Friesland, 82, of Fleetwood, who died at his home after an attack of pneumonia on Saturday, January 6. Rev. Carrol Burkett conducted the service and burial followed at the Old Fields cemetery.

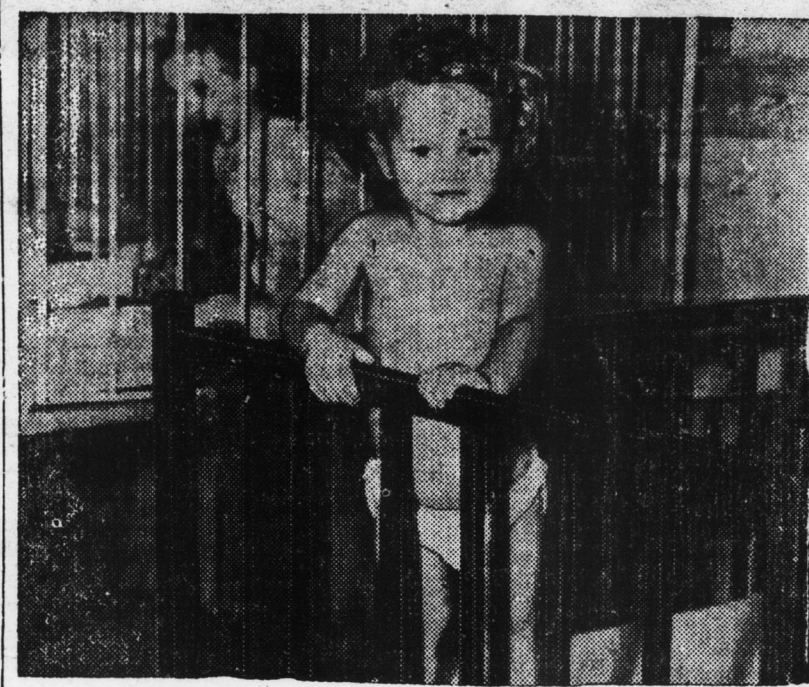
Mr. Friesland, who was a well-known farmer in the county, is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lillie Friesland and the following children: Charlie, Ernest, Thomas, Emmett, Wade, Gwyn and Donald Friesland; Mrs. Lizzie Spencer, Mrs. Effie Humphrey, Mrs. Maude McNeill, Mrs. Fannie Payne and Mrs. Rosa Brown. 112 grand and great-grandchildren also survive.

Budget Calls For \$83,000,000,000.00

Here is the 1946 federal budget at a glance. The estimates are compared with estimates of the present fiscal year (1945).

Total expenditures \$83,000,000,000, decrease of \$17,000,000,000. War expenditures \$70,000,000,000, decrease of \$19,000,000,000. Net receipts \$41,300,000,000, decrease of \$4,400,000,000. Debt increase \$40,000,000,000, to a total of \$292,000,000,000. Total appropriations \$87,000,000,000, decrease of \$10,000,000,000.

You Can Help Others Like Him



Six weeks after he was hit by a crippling attack of infantile paralysis, small Jerry Hamrick, of Lincolnton, was on his feet again. He was treated at the Hickory Emergency Infantile Paralysis hospital by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

Announce Plans For Infantile Paralysis Fund Drive In Ashe

Trivett Man Is Killed In Action; Others Injured

Two Ashe County Men Have Recently Been Awarded Purple Hearts

Another Ashe county man was added to the victims of war this week and two others reported prisoners of war.

Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Trivett, of Ohio, formerly of West Jefferson, have been notified that their son, Walter A. Trivett, has been killed in action somewhere in Holland. He was reported missing the first of last December.

Cpl. Jack B. Farmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. B. Farmer, of Fig and Franklin, Va., who was reported missing in action in France on October 28, is now a prisoner of war in Germany, according to a message received recently by his parents. Cpl. Farmer (Continued on Page 4)

WICK G. VANNOY IS PAINFULLY INJURED

Wick G. Vannoy, prominent local business man was painfully injured Saturday night when he received a severe cut on his right hand while working on a truck. He was taken to the hospital for treatment and several stitches had to be taken in his hand.

He has been confined to his home much of the time this week.

This County Has A Quota Of \$3,549.00; T. E. Parker Is Chairman

At a meeting of the central committee here on Monday night, plans were made for the annual drive to raise funds to Fight Infantile Paralysis in which Ashe county has a quota of \$3,549.00.

T. E. Parker, county chairman of the drive, pointed out that the co-operation of everyone was needed and urged everyone to make a generous contribution to this worthy cause.

The committee decided that a solicitation of special gifts would be made in advance of the drive. In addition to the quota based on the population, the county is asked to raise a minimum of \$50.00 for each case of infantile paralysis during the past year and every individual, who can, is being asked to make a contribution of this size. There were 36 cases in this county during the past year.

The march of dimes will also be used and other features in-

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Deputy Graybeal Now Recovering

Chief Deputy Carl B. Graybeal, who has been confined to the Ashe county hospital for some time for spinal treatment is now recuperating at his home.

His condition is greatly improved and he expects to be back on the job soon.

County To Have Separate Scout District For This Year

An enthusiastic dinner-meeting of Boy Scout committeemen and executives was held at the Community building here on Monday night, with around twenty persons present.

Following the dinner, an impressive moving picture was shown to the group which emphasized the advantages of scouting and different forms of scout sponsorship and activities. After the showing of this picture, the group was called to order by Mr. Clyde Green, of the Watauga circuit, who presided over the business session.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved and different committee reports were heard. Following the committee reports, the principle discussion of the evening was taken up. This question was whether or not the Watauga and Ashe county district should remain combined

or divided into different districts. After expressions from everyone present, it was decided that the Ashe and Watauga troops would be grouped as separate districts. A nominating committee was appointed for the Ashe county district composed of Levern Johnson, Rev. E. W. Powers, M. W. Reynolds and Gale McMillan. This committee will give a report at the meeting, February 12.

Much enthusiasm was shown at the meeting and it is thought that by being a separate district that scouting will increase in interest and activity in Ashe county in the future.

Levern Johnson was lauded for his splendid service as a scout executive and worker during past years, and it was expressed that with more co-operation from parents and citizens, that the Ashe district should (Continued on Page Four)

Over \$277,000.00 Sold During 6th War Loan Drive

\$150,573.75 Sold In E Bonds; Quota For County Set At \$131,000.00

Reports from the U. S. Treasury department yesterday reveal that Ashe county reached a total of \$273,453.75 in the sale of war bonds during the Sixth War Loan when the quota was set at \$161,000.00. The E bond quota for the drive was \$131,000.00 and sales in this group climbed to \$150,573.75.

W. D. McMillan, chairman of the drive for the county said that he was well pleased with the response and pointed out that final reports would probably make the total climb higher.

Throughout the State, North Carolinians set a new record in the Sixth War Loan, investing a grand total of \$248,364,000 in Government securities—more than in any previous bond campaign—State War Finance Chairman Clarence T. Leinbach announced.

The State achieved 205 per cent of its \$121,000,000 overall quota for the Sixth loan and bettered by \$13,364,000 its sales in the Fifth War Loan, which totaled \$235,000,000.

Releasing final figures on the drive, Leinbach also disclosed that E bond purchases and total investment by individuals also were substantially in excess of the Fifth Loan figures.

Kemp B. Nye Has Score To Settle

West Jefferson Man Was On Duty In China When Japan Started War

Atlanta, Ga. — Marine Private First Class Kemp B. Nye, 28, of West Jefferson, has several scores to settle with the Japanese—including the loss of a barbecue beef dinner.

Now serving in a Provost Marshal's office, Private First Class Nye was on duty at the American Embassy in Peking, China, in 1937, at the time of the Marco Polo incident.

"I heard the first artillery barrage that set the powder keg off," he said, telling of incidents which resulted in the Japanese-Chinese conflict.

"The Japs had been holding maneuvers in Chinese-controlled area and claimed the Chinese had kidnapped one of their soldiers," the Marine stated, "So the Japs blew up the bridge in retaliation."

Not only did they destroy the bridge, he explained, but they cancelled plans the Marines had made for a barbecue beef dinner. "Instead of the planned festivities, the three-quarter beef had to last as rations for eight days for 175 men," Nye said.

The North Carolina man first went to China in early 1936, where he served with the American embassy. He has great respect for the Chinese' fighting ability.

Nye enlisted in 1935 and was honorably discharged after three years' duty in China. Returning to the states, he re-entered the University of North Carolina to complete study as a pre-medical student. He re-enlisted in 1942 and has been overseas for nearly a year.

He is the son of Professor and Mrs. F. C. Nye.

Tax Collections In County Good

Mrs. Elizabeth V. Miller, county tax collector, announced yesterday that tax collections for 1944 have already passed the \$55,000.00 mark. This is more than half of the assessment, she explained, and pointed-out that this was unusually good for this time of the year.

"I want to thank all of those, who have been so prompt in paying their taxes and I hope everyone else, who can, will pay his this month before the penalty goes on Feb. 1," Mrs. Miller said.