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## ASHE FARMERS SET NEW RECORD

### Will Honor President At Birthday Party Saturday

#### To Raise Funds To Fight Polio; Public Is Invited

Around \$1,400 Turned In; County Still Far Below Quota Of \$3,549.00

Plans are now being perfected for a big birthday party to be held at the Community building on Saturday night, honoring President Roosevelt and for the purpose of raising funds to fight infantile paralysis.

T. E. Parker, chairman of the drive for the county, pointed out that around \$1,400 had been raised so far and announced that the time for making the assigned quota of \$3,549 had been extended until February. He said that he wanted to extend an invitation to everyone to make a contribution to the fund and to attend the party, if possible.

Entertainment features have been planned for both adults as well as the younger set. Of special interest is the beauty contest under the direction of Levern Johnson. Only men are to take part in this event. Misses Wanda Lee Weaver and Doris McMillan will open the program with a black-faced act. Miss Rachel Rader will sing a solo. The Rev. John S. Jordan is expected to take part on the program, and Jim Story will furnish music for the occasion.

A birthday cake will be auctioned and a cake-walk will also be held. Bingo, checkers and ruck are also scheduled to be played.

Mrs. Jennings Rader is chair. (Continued on Page Four)

#### Cpl. D. A. Williams Gets Bronze Star

#### Former Fleetwood Youth Is Now Seeing Action In Germany

Cpl. Dallas A. Williams, formerly of this county, nephew of Mr. C. H. Williams, of Fleetwood, was recently awarded the Bronze Star Medal. The citation read in part:

"The Bronze Star Medal has been awarded to Cpl. Dallas Williams, of the 83rd Division, now with the First Army in Germany, for distinguishing himself by meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States from June 27, 1944 to September 30, 1944, in Normandy and Brittany, France. During this period, Cpl. Williams served as battalion agent, and as such, was obliged to make many trips through enemy territory in order to carry out his assigned duties. He fulfilled each trip efficiently and successfully executed his duties without fail. His steadfast devotion to duty and unflinching courage under enemy pressure deserves the highest praise."

Cpl. Williams entered service on September 12, 1942.

#### Benefit Game At Riverview Fri.

Plans are now being completed for a big All-Star basketball game at Riverview high school gymnasium Friday night at 8:00 o'clock, for the benefit of the Infantile Paralysis Fund.

Some other special games will probably be featured during the evening. The public is cordially invited to see some old-time basketball and help raise funds for a worthy cause. Such stars as Austin Jones, T. E. Parker and Rev. H. B. Cornett and many others, are expected to see action.

Details were not completed yesterday, but the Riverview school team will probably play one game during the evening, according to preliminary plans.

### Russians Pressing On Toward Berlin; Yanks Moving On To Manila

#### INJURED IN GERMANY



Pvt. James Haire, Jr., son of James Haire, Sr., of West Jefferson, was slightly wounded in Germany on January 10. He is now undergoing treatment in a hospital and is improving according to reports.

#### Waste Paper Is To Be Collected, Starting Today

#### American Legion Will Sponsor Collection; Co-operation Asked

It was announced this week by Roy H. Crouse, county salvage chairman, and W. W. Terry, commander of the Ashe Post of the American Legion, that regular collections of waste paper, curtailed because of limited transportation, would be started again today.

Regular dates for collection are to be announced next week, it was stated. The public is asked, however, to save waste paper they now have on hand until it can be collected.

Salvage officials point out that there is a dire need for waste paper in the war effort and that all possible should be turned over for collection. John Poe (colored), will attend to the transportation, it was announced, and a central collection place here in town is expected to be designated.

#### GLENN P. TUCKER GETS SAFETY AWARD

Glenn P. Tucker, son of Judge and Mrs. H. C. Tucker, was among the four Greyhound bus drivers, who were awarded certificates for a 21-jewel Hamilton watch, this week, for having completed 10 years of bus driving without an accident.

### OPA Announces Dates For Expiration Of Food Stamps

Washington—Acting to allay fear of another sudden invalidation, the OPA set forth for households a definite policy on cancellation of food ration stamps.

Hereafter, the agency announced, red stamps for meats and fats and blue for processed foods will expire four months from the date of issuance. This replaces the program of indefinite validity for these coupons which had been in effect since last Spring.

Sugar stamps also were given fixed expiration dates again. Number 34, now in use, will be invalid after February 28. The next sugar stamp, Number 35, will be valid February for five months and remain good through June 2. Sugar stamp Number 36 is scheduled for validation May 1.

#### Conference Of "Big Three" Leaders Is Believed To Be Underway Now

The first White Russian army thrust within 45 miles of Berlin yesterday when it captured the Brandenburg province town of Stolzenberg in a 20-mile dash down the valley of the Netze river from Driesen.

The capture of Stolzenberg was announced in the regular nightly communique broadcast from Moscow, which made no point of the fact that it represented the Russians' closest approach to the Nazi capital.

Another American army was thrown into the battle for Luzon Monday morning when elements of Lt. Gen. Robert L. Eichelberger's new eighth army swept to a completely unopposed landing just north of Subic bay on the west coast. By nightfall they drove 11 miles inland toward a junction with the sixth army, which is within 30 miles of Manila.

The eighth army Yanks, landing at San Narisa and San Antonio to seize five miles of beach-head 60 air miles north-west of Manila, took an airfield at San Marcelino in their quick drive to seal the fate of the Japanese retreating to Bataan and to capture.

#### Barker Named Counselor For N. C. Employment

#### Former Ashe Man Named To Post By Directors Of Manpower Commission

Announcement was made from Raleigh this week that Felix S. Barker, for five years supervisor of vocational rehabilitation under the State Department of Vocational Rehabilitation in the Greensboro area, has been appointed employment counselor in North Carolina for the U. S. Employment Service, Dr. J. S. Dorton, State manpower director, announces.

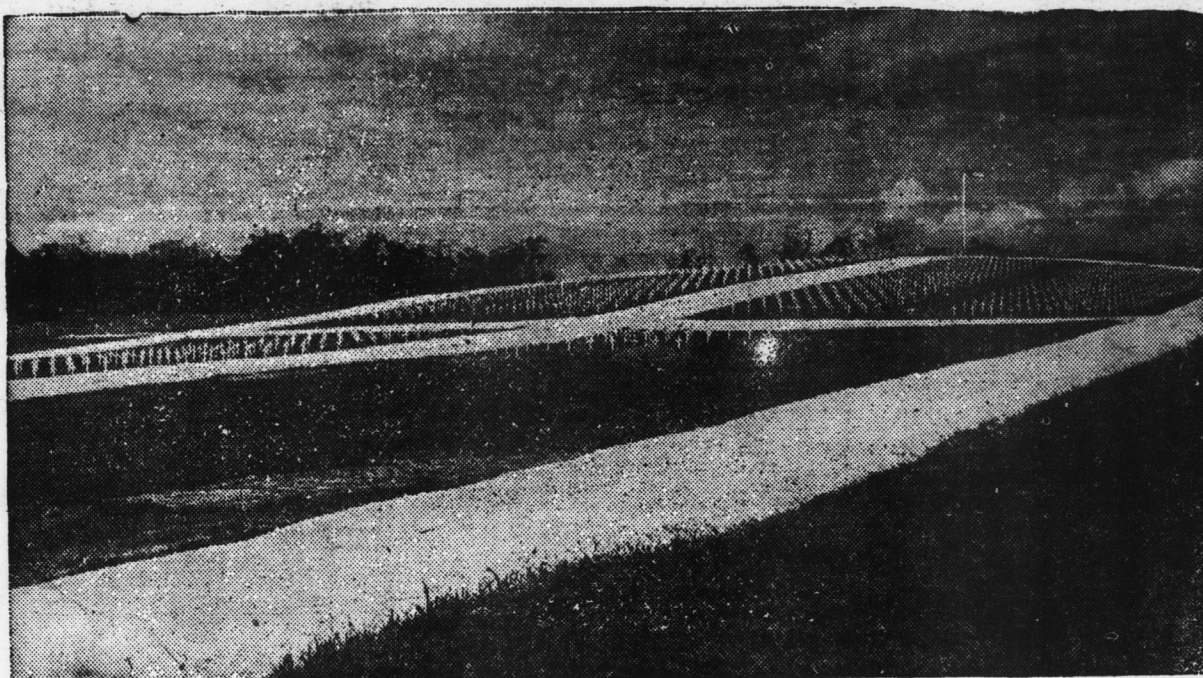
Mr. Barker has already assumed his new duties, which include establishing and maintaining a State system of counseling in the local USES offices and training local office personnel in the work of giving counsel and advice on vocational problems to applicants for jobs, particularly veterans and younger applicants just entering employment. He will conduct his activities under direction of Robert M. du Bruyne, State chief of placement of the War Manpower Commission.

A native of Ashe County, Mr. Barker is expected to see action.

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#### Where Hundreds Of American Soldiers Are Buried



Munda Cemetery on New Georgia Island, the resting place of hundreds of American fighting men, who died for freedom.

#### N. C. Solons Get Air-Minded; Bill For School Bds.

#### Rate Of Teachers' Pay Is Still Being Considered By The Leaders

By Staff Correspondent

Raleigh (Special)—Two bills to foster aeronautics in the state and encourage airport development were given the senate this week, while the house received bills to boost the monthly war bonus of state employes by from \$5 to \$10 and authorizing the governor to set up a commission to study plans for payment of teachers based on the ability of the individual teacher.

The aeronautics bills were sponsored by Senator Roy Rowe of Pender, the first defining terms providing for the acquisition, establishment, construction, enlargement, equipment, operation and regulation of airports and other air navigation facilities and airport protection privileges by municipalities, permitting the acceptance of federal aid, authorizing joint action by municipalities and making uniform the law with reference to public airports.

The second bill establishes a commission to provide for the development of airports and prescribes the powers and duties of such a commission.

The newest education bill, by Reps. Umstead of Orange and

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#### Rationing Guide

MEATS AND FATS  
Book Four red stamps Q5 through S5 good through March 31. Stamps T5 through X5 good through April 28. Stamps Y5, Z5, and A2 good through June 2.

PROCESSED FOODS  
Book Four blue stamps X5 through Z5 and A2 and B2 good through March 31. Stamps C2 through G2 good through April 28. Stamps H2 through M2 will be valid February 1 and good through June 2.

SUGAR  
Stamp 34 good for five pounds through February 28. Stamp 35 will be valid for five pounds February 1 through June 2. Another stamp scheduled to be validated May 1.

SHOES  
Book Three airplane stamps 1, 2 and 3 valid indefinitely; OPA says no plans to cancel any.

GASOLINE  
14-A coupons valid everywhere for four gallons through March 21. B-5, C-5, B-6 and C-6 coupons good everywhere for five gallons each.

#### Postwar Building Program For Ashe County Schools Is Discussed By Leaders

#### Another County Man Is Reported Killed In Action

#### Sgt. Miller Killed In Germany; James M. Howell Is Missing

S-Sgt. Arline Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miller, of Tuckerdale, was killed in action, somewhere in Germany, on November 20, 1944, according to a recent message received by his parents from the War Department. S-Sgt. Miller, who had been in service since November 1941, had been overseas for three years.

Mrs. S. N. Howell, of Husk, has been notified by the War Department that her son, Pfc. James M. Howell, had been missing in action, at Luxembourg, since December 20. Pfc. Howell had just returned to duty after being wounded in action in Germany on September 21. He has been in service for a year.

#### Andrew Jones, 76, Buried Yesterday

Funeral service was conducted yesterday at the Old Fields Presbyterian church for Andrew Jones, age 76, who died at his home at Glendale Springs on Monday, January 29, after suffering from a stroke of paralysis. The Rev. John W. Luke conducted the service.

Mr. Jones, who had been ill for some time, was well known throughout this section. He is survived by a number of relatives and friends.

#### Poultry Short Course Here Attended By Many, Tuesday

Poultry growers from this section of the state had an opportunity to hear leaders discuss postwar plans along with a broad improvement program, on Tuesday at the short course conducted by N. C. Extension leaders at the courthouse.

Included on the program were: Roy S. Dearstyne, Dr. C. H. Boston, T. T. Brown and Clifton F. Parrish.

A very interesting egg show was held with 20 entries. The following is a list of the prize winners and placings judged by T. T. Brown:

#### County Board Discusses The Building Needs And Other Proposed Improvements

Looking ahead toward improved school facilities for Ashe county children, members of the county school board along with Superintendent A. B. Hurt, met last week to discuss important postwar plans relative to the much needed building program.

Some new high school buildings are needed, others should be improved and a consolidation program could improve many of the smaller schools, it was pointed out at the meeting.

Supt. Hurt, who has been discussing the program with authorities in Raleigh, explained that it was the opinion that not only would funds be available for buildings immediately after the war, but that there would be a vast amount of equipment now used in the war effort, available for schools. Counties are advised that storage space will be necessary for this, however.

The need for buildings at Fleetwood and Elkland, as well as additions to many other high school buildings, including auditoriums, (Continued on Page 4)

#### School Leaders To Meet Friday

A. B. Hurt, superintendent of schools, announced yesterday that there would be a meeting of the principals of the high schools of the county on Friday afternoon at 3:30 at the courthouse. At this time plans for the waste paper collection as well as other matters relative to the schools, are expected to be discussed.

#### Report For 1944 Shows Increase In Vital War Crops

Income Also Shows Jump Of Around \$1,000.00; Dairy- ing Leads

In spite of being handicapped by labor shortage, Ashe county farmers made an outstanding record both in food production as well as increase in income during the past year, State officials pointed out in commenting on the annual reports submitted by farm agent's department.

The report reveals that income from farm products increased approximately \$1,000,000.00 with the biggest gain probably shown in the milk production field. Beans and other war crops also came in for big gains.

Ashe, the leading dairy county in the state, sold last year, 18,384,000 pounds of milk to processing companies, bringing an income of \$613,812.00 to 1,760 farmers.

This is a poundage increase of 15.9 per cent, or 2,606,829 more pounds of milk, with an increase of \$210,713.00 in 1944 over 1943, Roy H. Crouse, county agent, explained. "The big increase in production during the past 12 months was largely due to better feeding and management practices being followed. A good many farmers replaced low producing cows with better ones. A total of 24 purebred dairy bulls were purchased by dairymen in the county during the past 12 months, which is a good indication of a better dairy breeding program being underway," he said.

The estimated production of snap beans in the county for 1944 was 265,000 bushels netting the farmers \$437,800.00. The planted (Continued on Page 4)

#### Air Medal Goes To Lt. J. W. Todd

The Air Medal has been awarded posthumously to First Lt. Joseph William (Bill) Todd, U-T Law School graduate and son of Postmaster and Mrs. D. B. Todd, of Etowah, Tenn.

Lt. Todd was killed in the crash of his P-38 fighter plane last June in New Guinea. The citation accompanying the Air Medal said Lt. Todd displayed courage and devotion to duty during sustained flights in the Southwest Pacific area from Dec. 4, 1943, until March 20, 1944.

The decoration was presented to Lt. Todd's parents by an officer of the Fourth Service Command, Atlanta. Lt. Todd's role in the Southwest Pacific war against the Japs was to escort bombers and transport aircraft, interception and attack missions, and patrol and reconnaissance flights.

Lt. Todd was the nephew of Misses Eula and Jennie Todd, of Jefferson.

#### Want Names Of Men In Service

Attention is called to parents or relatives of Ashe men in service that more names are to be printed for the Honor Roll of servicemen on display in the courthouse.

If there are Ashe men in service, who did not enter from the local draft board or for some other reason, whose names are not already on the board, they are asked to turn them in to L. P. Colvard, W. W. Terry or Rev. John W. Luke.

As soon as sufficient additional names are turned in, these will be printed and added to the others on the board. The printing and erection of the board is sponsored by the Jeffersons Rotary Club and the Ashe Post of the American Legion.