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## ROTARY CLUB TO SPONSOR \$50,000 BLDG.

### Ashe County's Farm Goals For Year Are Announced

#### Big Need Is For More Feed; Plan Other Increases

More Turkeys And Sheep Included In Goals For Year; Improved Practices

Farm goals for Ashe county, now being discussed at the community meetings, include increases in several lines as well as improved practices. These goals, based on the state-wide production plans, call for a big increase in feed for livestock, sheep, turkeys, victory gardens, milk production, poultry and eggs, Roy H. Crouse, county agent, pointed out this week.

In speaking of the needed increase in feed, Agent Crouse explained the need of farmers producing all the feed possible instead of having to use large amounts of commercial feed. And in discussing the milk production, in which Ashe county leads all others in the state, he urged that milk production be increased per cow instead of increasing the number of cows. Last year, the county sold 16,384,000 pounds of milk to processing companies. An increase over this is planned for 1945.

Farmers are urged to increase sheep production at least 16 percent. An increase in turkey production of 23 percent over last year is asked.

Farmers are asked to maintain last year's level in victory gardens as well as in commercial vegetables, with increases in some, including Irish potatoes.

An increase in beef cattle is also asked with emphasis being placed on the proper feeding program.

In speaking of goals in poultry and eggs, Agent Crouse said that farmers were being asked to cull flocks and to pay particular attention to management in order to lower costs on production, if possible.

#### Three Ashe Men In 29th Division

Are Given Certificates Of Honor For Fighting Records

Twenty-Ninth Infantry Division: Cpl. Dale J. Roland, Warrenville; T-4 Fred Fender of Crumpler and S-Sgt. William H. Phipps of Grassy Creek, N. C. have received certificates personally signed by their commanding general honoring them for fighting with the Twenty-Ninth Infantry Division from D-Day to St. Lo.

The honor is a personal salute from Maj. Gen. Charles H. Gerhardt to the officers and men who battered their way through flooded areas and the Normandy hedgerows and stormed the key city of St. Lo in a campaign where the taking of every 500 yards was a major battle.

The Army reckons the Normandy fighting as one campaign, which entitles participants the one star on their theater ribbons, but General Gerhardt's certificate recognizes the unusual toughness of the fighting.

The "Blue and Grey" Division has won two unit citations and its members have been awarded 4,629 personal decorations since the outfit stormed the invasion beaches. The 118th Infantry Regiment was cited for being the first unit into St. Lo.

#### Purple Heart Is Awarded To Wife Of C. H. Walters

The Purple Heart Decoration has been awarded posthumously to Private Charles Herbert Walters, Sr., who sacrificed his life in defense of his country, last October, somewhere in France. Pvt. Walters was the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Walters, of Jefferson.

The decoration was sent to his wife by the Secretary of War, at the request of the President.

### Berlin Is Doomed; Retreating Japanese Set Fire To Manila

#### HEADS COMMITTEE



Levern Johnson, chairman of the community service committee of the Rotary club, who is also chairman of the committee of the proposed memorial building.

#### County Is Still Short Of Polio Fund Drive Quota

Plan To End Drive On Next Thursday, Feb. 15; Cooperation Urged

T. E. Parker, chairman of the county's Drive to Fight Infantile Paralysis reported yesterday that to date amount \$2,331 had been raised and that \$1,218 remain to be collected if the county's quota of \$3,549.00 is to be raised. Plans are to close the drive next Thursday, February 15 and everyone who has not done so is urged to make a contribution before that time.

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#### Mrs. Trivett, 82, Buried Yesterday

Burial service was held at the Big Flats cemetery yesterday morning for Mrs. Elizabeth Trivett, 82, of Fleetwood, who died on Monday, February 5, after several days of illness. Rev. Herman Gentry conducted the service.

Mrs. Trivett, who was a native of Wilkes county, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will Church, was preceded in death by her husband, James S. Trivett. She is survived by three children, Vicy Westover, Lois Ellison and Bertha Atkins.

### County To Increase Real Estate Taxes 20 Percent

At a meeting of the board of county commissioners this week it was decided that instead a re-valuation of property a horizontal increase be added to the present valuation of real estate in the county, to raise necessary funds.

The resolution as passed by the commissioners is as follows: "WHEREAS, by Act of the General Assembly of North Carolina of 1945, the Boards of county Commissioners of the various counties of North Carolina have been authorized to make a horizontal increase or decrease of the present valuation of real estate for taxation in their respective counties in their discretion instead of having a quadrennial revaluation of real property; and "WHEREAS, a revaluation of property would be tedious and expensive and contrary to the sentiment of the great majority of

#### "Big Three" Now Meeting To Consider World Security, British Paper Asserts

The Red army has stormed across the Oder southeast of Breslau and penetrated 12 1/2 miles beyond its west bank on a 50-mile front, Moscow announced last night, while German reports said the water barrier protecting Berlin and the heart of the reich had been crossed by the Russians in two other sectors as well.

Broadcasts from Berlin, again reporting Soviet successes long before their confirmation by Moscow, placed Red army units west of the Oder northeast of Berlin, perhaps less than 30 miles from the battered capital, and northwest of Breslau in the area of Steinau, a Silesian city which the Germans said they had evacuated.

Liberated Manila's business district was ablaze Monday from Japanese torches, Gen. Douglas (Continued on Page Four)

#### Frank Tucker Buried Sunday

Well-Known Tuckerdale Man Died Suddenly Friday, Following A Stroke

Funeral service was held on Sunday morning at the Tuckerdale Baptist church for Franklin Burgwin Tucker, 64, who died suddenly at his home there on Friday afternoon, following a stroke of paralysis.

The service which was conducted by Rev. W. E. Denney and Rev. M. D. Hart was attended by a large crowd of friends and relatives. Burial followed in the Cox family cemetery.

The deceased, who had been in declining health for some time was for years active in business in Tuckerdale. He served as postmaster for many years and also operated a general store.

He was also active in the church and served as a deacon of the Tuckerdale Baptist church for a number of years.

He was the son of the late Elijah L. and Mrs. Ida Foster Tucker and had spent most of his life in this county. He is survived by his wife Mrs. Nannie Cox Tucker and one foster son, Frank Tucker.

He is also survived by a number of brothers and sisters, Mrs. P. G. Wright, of West Jefferson; Mrs. Sam Diggs, of Jefferson; Dr. J. O. Tucker, of Tuckerdale; Dr. Q. C. Tucker, of California; Mrs. G. W. Davis, of Parkton, Md.; Mrs. W. C. Davis, of Marion, Va.; and Mr. A. E. Tilley, of Mt. Airy.

#### Assembly Hears Expert Present Income Reports

Committee Heard On Separation Of Game And Fish From Dept. Conservation

By Staff Correspondent

Raleigh—(Special)—In addition to a number of local bills, financial matters as well as others of state-wide importance came before N. C. solons this week.

Tax and revenue experts told the joint appropriations committee yesterday that under existing fiscal policy the state could expect a general fund income of approximately \$130,275,028 in the next biennium barring a sudden ending of the war in Europe.

The experts testified as the committee began its executive consideration of the proposed 1945 '47 appropriations bill now before the general assembly which calls for an over-all expenditure of more than \$200,000,000 for all phases of governmental activities. Of the total, \$128,407,808 would (Continued on Page 4)

#### Presbyterians To Have Rally Here

There is to be a joint stewardship and evangelistic rally at the West Jefferson Presbyterian church, Tuesday evening, February 13, at 7:00 o'clock. This rally is being sponsored by Presbyterians' Committees on Stewardship and Evangelism. Speakers for the occasion are: Mr. A. A. Cashion, of North Wilkesboro, and Rev. Leslie Patterson, of Rocky Mount, Va., it was announced.

The following Presbyterian churches are expected to be represented: Glendale Springs, Ebenezer, Laurel Fork, Bether, Millers, Low Gap, Peak Creek, Lansing, Foster Memorial, Gillespie, Obids, Big Ridge, Jefferson and West Jefferson.

Supper will be served in the West Jefferson Presbyterian Church basement promptly at 7:00 o'clock for all who come.

#### To Build Another Boone Warehouse

Boone—It was decided last week at the Board of Director's meeting at the office of the Secretary and Treasurer of the Mountain Burley Warehouse, Inc. to build a second warehouse, the size of the present warehouse, to be built on the Coleman property, which was purchased by Mr. Coleman last year for this particular purpose. The management and operation of the new warehouse will be under the same supervision of Mr. R. C. Coleman, who has so successfully operated the present warehouse, and built the Boone Tobacco Market to its present high standing. Work will begin on the new building as soon as permission is granted by the W. P. B.

#### Scrap Paper Is Being Collected

At a meeting of school principals last week, it was decided that the schools would cooperate in the scrap paper drive now underway.

Everyone, who can, is asked to bring or send scrap paper to the school and it will be picked up here by John Poe (colored).

The paper is to be properly tied in bundles before it can be picked up and as soon as schools have a sufficient amount to justify a truck being sent, officials should contact Roy H. Crouse, county agent; W. W. Terry, commander of the Ashe Post of the American Legion, or John Poe.

#### Ashe Men Are War Casualties



Pvt. Junior A. Osborne, (left), son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Osborne, of Creston, was killed in action somewhere in France, November 21. Pvt. John William Riley, (right), son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Riley, of Clifton, was seriously wounded in France on December 11. Pvt. Riley is receiving treatment in a hospital somewhere in England.

### Two County Men Reported Killed In Action; Others Are Now Missing And Wounded

#### W. J. Town Board Passes Ordinance For Sanitation

Rat Extermination Project Will Be Carried Out In Early Spring

At a meeting of the board of aldermen of West Jefferson on Friday night, plans for improving the sanitary conditions here that were discussed included the unanimous approval of a rat extermination project to be carried out early in the spring.

Other sanitary measures included the unanimous approval of the revoking of the war emergency act, which permitted the raising of hogs within the city limits under certain conditions.

The board also passed an ordinance regarding the abuse of public toilets and the drinking of intoxicants therein. A fine of not less than \$5.00 or more than \$50.00 is to be imposed on violators of the above ordinance.

#### REPRESENTATIVE AND SENATOR HERE THIS WEEK

Representative M. Donnelly Hart and State Senator Edison M. Thomas spent the past week end in the county.

Both expressed a desire to curtail the sale of wine and beer in the county. A bill relative to this, introduced some time ago by Hart, is still before the committee, he reported.

### FSA Farmers Make Plans At Annual Meeting, Tues.

The annual all-day meeting of the Ashe and Alleghany county farm ownership borrowers of the Farm Security Administration was held Tuesday at the community building, when records for the past year were discussed and goals for 1945 outlined.

The meeting, arranged by T. H. Sears and Miss Ainslee Alexander, supervisors of the two counties was attended by around 50 farmers, members of their families and others taking part on the program.

Charts showing plans for the past year and the way in which they were carried out revealed that practically all of the farmers had a successful year and had done much toward the war effort in the production of vital foods as well as improving their farms. Of special interest was the discussion of the "G. I. Bill of Rights"

#### Sgt. William Phipps And Cpl. James G. Russ Both Killed In Europe

During the past few days more Ashe county men have been reported killed in action, others wounded and missing.

S-Sgt. William H. Phipps, son of Mrs. Lora E. Phipps, of Grassy Creek, has been killed in action somewhere in the European theater of war, according to information received here.

Cpl. James G. Russ, 24, of Creston, was killed in action, somewhere in Germany, on December 26, according to a recent message received by his wife, Mrs. Mary Lee Russ, from the War Department. He is the son of Dan Russ and has been in service three years, having served in Panama for a year before the war. Cpl. Russ had been overseas for three months.

News has been received by relatives in the county, of the death of Lieut. Joe Neal McFerrin, on January 12, with General Patton's Army, somewhere in Germany. Lieut. McFerrin was the son of Mrs. Berta Neal McFerrin, (Continued on Page 4)

#### Red Cross Now Has Sweater Yarn

Mrs. Levern Johnson, Red Cross Production Chairman, has announced that yarn for making sweaters has arrived for the local chapter and that she would appreciate anyone, who will help make them, calling for the yarn at her earliest convenience.

#### Will Also Serve As Recreational Center For Ashe

Will Contain Reading Rooms, Place For Supervised Athletic Events

Initial plans are now underway for a \$50,000.00 memorial building for the county to honor the men of this war and to serve as a recreational center for Ashe.

The project is to be sponsored by the Jeffersons Rotary club, with the club's community service committee acting as the steering committee. Levern Johnson is chairman and other members of the committee include J. L. Segraves, Roy H. Crouse, A. B. Hurt, W. B. Austin, W. W. Terry and John S. Jordan.

Initial plans were discussed at the Rotary club last week and at a meeting of the committee at the home of Chairman Johnson, who stated yesterday that plans for raising the needed funds would be announced at an early date.

According to the initial plans, the building will contain a memorial room and permanent records of the men of World War (Continued On Page Four)

#### Army Plans To Recruit Women

Special Recruiters Will Go to West Jefferson Next Week

As part of an all-out drive to enlist 165 women as WAC medical technicians before May 1, a Women's Army Corps recruiting team from the Asheville recruiting station will be in Boone, all next week. During their stay the recruiters will visit West Jefferson.

The recruiting team, Lt. George B. Faulder, Sgt. Mary Norton and Cpl. E. Jane Brown will make a special attempt to enlist unskilled women for training with the medical branch of the armed forces.

In West Jefferson this week to complete arrangements for the stationing of the recruiters in this area, Lt. Lucian L. Davis, assistant recruiting officer at the Asheville station, declared the medical problem of the armed forces to be growing more and more acute, and hinted that a general conscription of the nation's woman-power might soon become a necessity if a substantial number of women are not enlisted immediately.

"More than 40,000 wounded men are returning to this country for rehabilitation every month," the officer declared, "and we must have sufficient personnel to assist doctors and nurses in caring for these wounded men. The government has spent thousands of dollars and personnel educating the public to the need for these technicians, but response has been practically nil." "We don't mean to see our wounded heroes suffer," the officer concluded.

Tentative arrangements place the recruiters available at West Jefferson post office on next Wednesday.

#### Reeves Youth Is Prisoner Of War

George Horace Reeves, reported some time ago as missing in action, is now believed to be a prisoner of war in Germany, according to unofficial information received here this week.

George, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Reeves, formerly of this county, and a grandson of J. Frank Reeves, has been overseas for some time. No word has been received from him since the announcement of being missing until this week, a card was received by a local girl, from a prisoner-of-war, stating that he had that day talked to a fellow prisoner from this county, George Reeves.