

Ashe Farmers To Grow Turkish Tobacco

Teachers' Pay, Other Problems Confront Solons

Fifth Full Week Ends With A Number Of Important Questions Unsettled

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Raleigh—(Special)—Going in to the sixth week of sessions, members of the N. C. Legislature are still confronted with a number of vital problems, one of which is where the necessary money is coming from for the proposed increase in teachers' salaries.

Governor Cherry, Tuesday, in a pointed statement on teacher salary requests, a problem that looms large on the legislative horizon and has brought deluge of telegraphic and other messages to the executive desk, said that to meet the requests the Legislature would have to provide expenditure of "approximately \$12,000,000 in excess of estimated revenues."

A delegation of some 15 Guilford county citizens met with the Governor in the interest of the Moseley resolution defining the State's policy in fixing teachers salaries and providing that this is a function for the State Department of Education and not the Legislature.

A public hearing before the Joint Insurance Committee this week opened consideration of eleven big bills seeking to provide North Carolina with firm, adequate State regulation of insurance.

A House fight developed this week over a measure to create the offices of chancellor and three presidents of the Greater University of North Carolina and its three units and a vote on its (Continued on Page Four)

School Boards Will Be Named

Present Board Is Recommended To Legislature For Re-Appointment

Ashe county's board of education, along with others in the state, is expected to be named this week, if the school omnibus bill, which hit the legislative hoppers earlier in the session, goes through.

Serving on the sub committee handling this bill is Dr. T. R. Burgess, of Alleghany.

As far as it could be learned late yesterday afternoon, only the present board had been recommended to serve in this capacity. Representative M. Donnelly Hart said Monday that he had also recommended the re-appointment of this group.

Present members, who were nominated by the Democratic Executive Committee and elected by the Democratic convention are: A. J. Houck, Clyde Houck, V. C. Lillard, Mack Absher and Bryan Kirby.

U. S. Tax Expert Coming Here Soon

It was announced this week that there would be a U. S. Deputy of Internal Revenue at the courthouse at Jefferson, February 22, 23 and 24, to give assistance in making out federal income tax returns.

All of those interested in securing aid in this matter are asked to get in touch with the representative there. Attention is called to the fact that March 15 is the final date for filing.

HASH CHILD DIES

Service was held yesterday at the home for Harold Bennie Hash, 4, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hash, of Crumpler, who died at the Ashe Hospital, on Monday, February 12, after several hours' illness. Rev. Mr. Caldwell conducted the service and burial was held at the Phipps cemetery.

The deceased is survived by his parents and the following brothers and sisters: Unita, Freda, Cathrine, Paul, Jr., Jennie and Eddie.

Red Army Is Still Advancing; Manila Battle Is Near End

SPOKE HERE



Gilbert Bush, Deputy Regional Executive, Region No. 6, Boy Scouts of America, who spoke here Monday night.

Gilbert Bush Is Heard By Scout Group, Monday

Officers Are Named And Committee Work Discussed By Local Group

"There are 277 boys, 12 years of age, in Ashe county. This means that there are more than 1,000 boys in the area of cub scout or senior scout age, which presents a challenge to the newly organized Old Hickory Council Boy Scouts of America District here," Gilbert Bush, Deputy Regional Executive, Region Six, told scout leaders at the enthusiastic meeting here on Monday night.

He stressed the value of boy scout training to the youth of today for better citizenship tomorrow. He also pointed out the responsibility of adults in putting the scout program over. (Continued on Page 4)

2 Men; Who Are AWOL, Picked Up

Two Ashe county men, who had overstayed their time from Uncle Sam, were picked up this week by Chief Deputy Carl B. Graybeal and turned over to the proper authorities at Asheville. They were Ham Osborne, U. S. Army, of Laurel Springs, and Cecil Bare, of Wagoner, a marine.

Patton Breaks German Lines Below Pruen; Enemy Driven From Luxembourg

The shattered remains of Budapest fell to the Red army yesterday after 49 days of street fighting that cost the enemy 49,000 men killed and 110,000 captured in the greatest individual disaster since Stalingrad, while some 300 miles to the northwest the Russians slashed 10 miles farther westward through German Silesia toward Dresden.

Capture of the Cavite naval base and Nichols airfield were announced yesterday by Gen. Douglas MacArthur, who said the end of Japan's trapped Manila garrison was "in sight."

MacArthur reported enemy casualties of more than 68,000 for the five weeks of the Luzon campaign as compared with American casualties of 9,683, including 2,102 killed.

Capture of the Cavite naval base put the Yanks on the shores of Manila bay for the first time. (Continued on Page 4)

G. W. Burkett, 90, Buried Monday

Funeral service was held at the Friendship Baptist church on Monday morning at 11:00 o'clock for George Washington Burkett, 90, of Jefferson, who died on Saturday, February 10, after being ill for some time. Rev. W. E. Denney and Rev. W. F. Barker conducted the service and burial followed at the Friendship cemetery.

Mr. Burkett, son of the late Jacob Burkett and Katherine Houck Burkett, was a well-known farmer throughout the county. He is survived by his wife and the following children: Rev. R. M. Burkett, Tom Burkett, Mrs. Mary Marsh and Mrs. Laura Marsh.

Dean Ham Has Been Wounded

Pfc. Dean Ham, son of Mr. Riley Ham and the late Mrs. Hattie Greer Ham, was wounded in Germany, on November 20, according to information received recently by his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Greer, of Lansing, with whom he made his home for the past several years. Pfc. Ham is now receiving treatment in a hospital somewhere in England, and has been awarded the Purple Heart Decoration.

Farmers Urged To Collect All Rationing Points

Necessary To Cooperate When Selling Any Farm Produced Rationed Items

Roy H. Crouse, county agent, pointed out yesterday that the Charlotte OPA Office had reported receiving persistent reports of farm slaughterers not collecting meats and fats points on their sales of farm-produced rationed meats and fats commodities. "The 1945 meat production is estimated to be approximately two billion pounds less than the 1944 supply. Since farm slaughtered meat, therefore, represents a much greater proportion now of the civilian supply, full cooperation and compliance is fundamental to the success of the entire meat rationing program," Mr. Crouse said.

"Ashe county farmers are advised to conform to the rationing regulations in regard to collecting points on all sales or gifts of farm slaughtered meat. Failure to do so violates principle of fair sharing on which rationing is based by denying to consumers who cannot produce their own (Continued on Page 4)

Officials Pass New Ordinance For Sanitation

Limitations And Conditions Of Raising Hogs Are Outlined By Aldermen

At a special meeting of the town board on Monday evening, further plans for improving the sanitary conditions of the town were discussed and a new ordinance limiting the raising of hogs within the city limits was passed.

The legal provisions of this are published elsewhere today in a legal notice.

Members of the board pointed out that the new ordinance, which automatically cancels all previous rulings on this subject, would not work a hardship on anyone and would be for the betterment of the town. The ordinance states that no hogs may be raised within the city limits "within 250 feet of any residence or place of business."

SINGING CONVENTION HERE NEXT SUNDAY

There will be a singing convention at the West Jefferson Baptist church on Sunday afternoon, beginning at 1:30 o'clock, it was announced yesterday.

Coleman Payne, who will be in charge, said there would be a number of visiting singers from Hickory, North Wilkesboro and elsewhere as well as local groups. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Ashe Men Are Prisoners Of War



Pvt. William D. Miller, (left), and Pvt. George H. Reeves, (right), have each been reported prisoners of war in Germany, during the past few days. Pvt. Miller, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert Miller, of Othello, was first reported missing on September 28. Pvt. Reeves, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Reeves, of Aberdeen, Md., formerly of this county, was reported missing in action on October 20.

Big Benefit Basketball Game Expected To Draw A Record Crowd Here Saturday Night

Big Three Agree On Plans To End Nazism At Meet

Plans To Start Organized Peace Also Outlined At Dramatic Conference

Washington—The Big Three, winding up an eight-day conference around a white-draped table in an old play spot of the czars, announced this week their formula for the triumphal conclusion of a war and the beginning of organized peace.

Their nine-point program, announced at the end of the fateful day-and-night sessions, projected this nation fully on to center stage in European affairs.

That in outline is the record of the meeting concluded in the one- (Continued On Page Four)

Miss Ghormley, Rotary Speaker

Miss Helen Ghormley, Ashe County Public Health Nurse, spoke to the Jeffersons Rotary Club, at the meeting last Thursday night and gave a very interesting and informative talk on her work here in the county.

John F. Reeves was program chairman at this time and introduced Miss Ghormley.

To Raise Funds To Fight Infantile Paralysis; Short Of Quota

T. E. Parker, chairman of the Infantile Paralysis Fund Drive, announced yesterday that plans were being made for a big benefit basketball game here on Saturday night, which is expected to draw a record crowd and swell the polio fund, which is still below the quota.

In addition to other contests, the feature game will be between R. A. Jones' New River Wildcats and the Rotary-Odd Fellows. This is scheduled to open in the West Jefferson High School gymnasium at 8:00 o'clock. The public is cordially invited.

The fund is still around \$900.00 short of the quota of \$3,549.00, Mr. Parker announced. Contrib- (Continued on Page 4)

Floyd Ham, 85, Buried Saturday

Funeral service was conducted on Saturday at the home for Floyd Ham, 85, well-known Ashe county man, from the Apple Grove section, who died on Friday, February 9. Elder Ed Davis was in charge of the service and burial followed at the Perry cemetery.

Mr. Ham, who was a native of this county, is survived by one sister, Mrs. Ella Perry.

Experiments To Be Carried Out On Seven Farms

Dr. E. R. Collins And Dr. F. R. Darkis, Of Duke, Start Project

Ashe county, long known for burley tobacco production, will have supervised experiments in Turkish tobacco for the first time this year, according to plans started this week.

Dr. E. R. Collins, Extension Agronomist, of State College and Dr. F. R. Darkis, of Duke University were here this week working with County Agent Roy H. Crouse in the selection of farms to take part in the experiment.

The object of the experiment is to introduce something new in a leaf product, for which there is much demand and which is believed can be successfully grown in this area.

There will be two acres grown in this experimental work in addition to a small amount on the state test farm. Farmers taking part in the experiment include: S. B. Greene, Brownwood; J. T. Brown, Todd; J. W. Bledsoe, Fleetwood; Joe Norris, Fleetwood; Todd Price, Fig; G. C. Woodie, Laurel Springs and L. G. Sheets, Crumpler. Supervision and study will be carried on throughout the season. Farmers taking part in the experiment have been (Continued on Page Four)

School Children Are Hit By Car

Two Grassy Creek Students Sustain Slight Injuries On Tuesday

Two Grassy Creek school children, Goldie Rutherford, 17, and her sister, Pauline, 13, were slightly injured Tuesday afternoon, when returning home from school, being struck by a car driven by Estel Miller, of Tuckerdale.

The accident was investigated by Chief Deputy Carl B. Graybeal and State Highway Patrolman C. M. Jones and as far as it could be learned yesterday afternoon, no charges had been placed against Miller, because of the circumstances.

Woodie Awarded Boots And Wings

Fort Benning, Ga.—Pvt. Bower J. Woodie, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Woodie, of Glendale Springs, has won the right to wear "Boots and Wings" of the United States Army Paratroopers. He has completed four weeks of jump training during which time he made five jumps, the last a tactical jump at night involving a combat problem on landing.

Jumping at The Parachute School has been steadily developed to a recognized war science. American Paratroopers have been recognized throughout the world for their meritorious actions against the enemy.

METHODIST GROUP HAS GOOD MEETING

The Ashe County Youth Fellowship Union met at the West Jefferson Methodist church on Monday night, when the young people at Jefferson presented a program on "Race Relations," led by Dean C. Jones.

The business session was led by Miss Winnifred Johnson, newly elected president. Around forty young people were present. They enjoyed informal games and refreshments during the social hour.

Following Ashe County Men Now Fighting For Liberty And Democracy



Pfc. Glenn Hamm, who is now stationed at Luxembourg, has been in service since 1940 and has been on active duty most of the time. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Foster Hamm, of Lansing. Pfc. Hamm states that he is getting on fine and is in good health.



Pvt. John T. Dixon, son of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Dixon, of Jefferson, recently notified his parents of his safe arrival somewhere in France. He has been in service since June, 1944, and overseas since November. Pfc. Dixon writes that he is getting along fine.



Pfc. Roger Roark, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Roark, of Jefferson, who is with the Third Army somewhere in France, is a member of the Fourth Division, which recently wiped out 350 German tanks as well as other enemy divisions and battalions.



Cpl. John Sidney Eller, Jr., who is with the Army Air Corps, somewhere in France, has written his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Eller, of Clifton, that he recently visited Paris and other interesting places there. Cpl. Eller has been in service 29 months.



Lonford Rex Miller, S-1C, of the Navy, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Miller, of Idlewild, is now stationed at Jacksonville, Florida, at the Naval Training station there. He is receiving instruction in aerial radio and writes that he is liking his work very much.