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Six Ashe County Men Are War Casualties

N. C. Solons Are Confronted With Problems To End

Hit Snarl On Medical Care At Close Of 67th Day Of Wartime Session

By Staff Writer

Raleigh —(Special)—As the 1945 wartime N. C. Legislature came to a close yesterday, after 67 sitting days, the bill providing for hospital and medical care was still a problem on which the Senate and House compromised.

The Senate adopted amendments to the bill as passed by the House, but the House refused to concur in these and the bill was returned to a conference committee for a final agreement.

The House this week, passed a bill providing for a new 15-member State hospitals board of control to be appointed for staggered terms by the Governor. The new board will be appointed from the State's 12 congressional districts with three members at large. The measure also provides that the hospitals board business manager be appointed for a six-year term instead of two.

A measure placing the Roanoke Island Historical Association under the patronage of the State also passed the House. The bill provides that the State set up a fund of \$10,000 to underwrite the association's historical production, the Lost Colony, in case the money is needed to get the pageant under way after the war.

Meanwhile, the legislature passed measures calling for a constitutional amendment on whether to allow legislators \$10. a day for expenses in a regular 60-day session; and lending moral support to War Mobilization Director Brynes' curfew directive.

In the house, Rep. William T. Hatch formally announced for speaker of the 1947 session. He has served in all sessions, special and regular, since 1936. Rep. Thomas J. Pearsall indicated several days ago he would be a candidate but deferred issuing a formal statement. (Continued On Page Four)

Arthur Bell, 44, Buried Monday

Funeral service was held on Monday morning at ten o'clock for Arthur Bell, 44, of Warrensville, who died on Saturday, March 17. The service was held at the Warrensville Methodist church and was conducted by Rev. Cicero Ashley, Rev. Arthur Ashley and Rev. R. G. Wagoner.

Burial followed at the Wallace cemetery.

The deceased is survived by his wife, the former Miss Georgie McNeill, and three children: Benny, Bobby and Judy. The following brothers and sisters also survive: Homer Bell, Mrs. Tom Miller, Robert Bell, and Mrs. D. Collins.

Improvements Are Cited By Austin

W. B. Austin spoke to the Jeffersons Rotary Club last Thursday night on "How Farming Effects Business." He stated that all businesses in Ashe county depended on the success of the farmer and for that reason business men should be vitally interested in helping them.

He also stated that the club should not overlook the education, health and road improvement that the people of the county must have along with others to make real progress. Mr. Austin was presented by J. L. Seagraves.

REVIVAL SERVICES BEING HELD AT GREER CHAPEL

Rev. Frank Tucker and Rev. G. M. Shepherd are conducting a series of revival meetings at the Greer Chapel at Ball, and are having a good attendance at each service.

The meeting began on Sunday, March 11, and will close on Sunday, March 25. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Jap Fleet Is Blasted Americans Now Move On West Of Rhine

SPEAKS HERE TONIGHT



E. H. Bakken, national director of rural scouting service, Boy Scouts of America, who will speak to the Rotary club tonight.

Scout Director Is Rotary Club Speaker Tonight

Plans Will Be Made To Extend Scouting Program To Rural Areas

E. H. Bakken, national director, rural scouting service, Boy Scouts of America, will speak to the Rotary club and a group of other citizens from Ashe county tonight at the community building. Rev. E. W. Powers will act as chairman.

A special effort will be made by the Ashe district committee to extend scouting to boys in the rural areas, who have not been able to participate because of lack of leadership for troops. Through the Neighborhood Patrol and Lone Scout plans, it will be possible for any boy, who so desires, to have the advantages of Scout training. (Continued on Page 4)

Ration Board Is Closed Two Days

The local War Price and Rationing Board closed yesterday and will be closed today on orders from the District Office, L. P. Colvard, chairman of the Board, said today.

"The rationing and price workload at the board is accumulating to the point where it will cause confusion unless we close the Board to the public for two days and give the clerks an opportunity to bring it up to date," Mr. Colvard explained.

The Board Chairman has asked the public to anticipate their rationing and price needs in advance and not to try to transact any business at the Board on these two days except in a case of extreme emergency.

Must Apply For Canning Sugar Later In Season

Ashe county people, along with others throughout the country, are expected to get the same allotment of canning sugar as was allowed them last year, a maximum of 20 pounds per person, according to information just released by OPA.

This is to be secured through local rationing boards, but the public is asked not to apply until the date for receiving applications is announced. This will be some time after May 1, officials explained.

The Office of Price Administration says there will be enough sugar to preserve as much fruit as was actually "put up" in homes

Russian Troops Wipe Out German Resistance On Banks Of Oder River

American aircraft flying from the mightiest carrier fleet ever assembled attacked the Japanese fleet in the empire's inland seas Monday in one of the boldest exploits of the war, and damaged 15 to 17 enemy warships, including one of two battleships, and destroyed at least 475 planes.

The enemy fleet thus was hit in its home waters for the first time, but no actual engagement between surface units was announced.

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced the daring attack in a communique which said preliminary surveys of damage showed that two or three aircraft carriers, four light carriers, two cruisers, four destroyers and various other war vessels also were included in the bag.

Six freighters were sunk and a number of ground installations were destroyed.

The U. S. seventh and third armies formed a junction in the Saarland yesterday in a great coordinated assault that virtually wiped out the last German resistance west of the Rhine and captured the historic cities of Saarbruecken, Zweibruecken and Worms. (Continued on Page 4)

Hemlock Man Is On Iwo Beaches

Denver D. Robinson Is Member Of Coast Guard Crew Carrying Men, Food, Etc.

Aboard A Coast Guard Manned Transport At Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, February 21 (Delayed)—Serving as a seaman in a landing craft, 21-year-old Denver D. Robinson, of Hemlock, is one of the Coast Guard boat crewmen from this ship who since early on D-Day have been ferrying men and supplies into Iwo Jima's shell swept beaches.

"It's worse here even today than it was on D-Day at Normandy," Robinson, a veteran of the Normandy and Southern France landings last summer, declared on one of his return trips to the ship today.

"The Jap mortar fire right on the beach and out into the water as the boats come in is heavier than anything I had to go into at Normandy," he explained. "They began throwing all that mortar stuff on the beach at H-Hour and they are still putting it down as hard as ever."

The heavy fire wrecked many of the boats and also hit a lot of equipment coming off boats at the water's edge, according to Robinson's description.

"There's more wreckage along the beach than I saw at Normandy," he said. "There's so much of it now that the landing boats (Continued on Page 4)

County Unit Of NCEA Will Hold Banquet Mar. 30

Dr. Amos Abrams Will Speak; Raymond Francis Is President

Raymond Francis, principal of Nathan's Creek high school and president of the county unit of North Carolina Educational Association, announced this week that plans were being completed for the banquet meeting of the county group to be held at the community building here on Friday night, March 30.

Dr. Amos Abrams, of ASTC, will speak and there will be other interesting features on the program, Mr. Francis said. All county members are cordially invited to attend and are asked to send in their reservations to the secretary, Miss Blanche Fugh, at Nathan's Creek, in advance.

The banquet will be served by the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the West Jefferson Methodist church and will start promptly at 7:30 o'clock, it was announced.

New Board Will Meet On April 2

Expected To Organize And Name County Superintendent Of Schools

According to information received here, the newly appointed county board of education, named in the omnibus bill of the N. C. Legislature, is expected to meet the first Monday in April, organize and name the county superintendent of schools for the next term of two years.

Members of the newly named board include: L. P. Colvard, W. G. Vannoy, H. H. Burgess, J. A. Blevins and Roby Lewis.

The outgoing board, which has served efficiently for the past two years, includes: V. C. Lillard, chairman; Bryan Kirby, A. J. Houck, Clyde Houck and Mack Absher. In spite of handicaps brought about by wartime conditions, county officials pointed out that these members had rendered real service to the county, as has A. B. Hurt, superintendent of schools.

According to routine plans, the members of the new board will be sworn in office by the clerk of the court and begin their duties on April 2, the first Monday.

Kenneth Dixon Buried Yesterday

Funeral service was held yesterday morning at eleven o'clock at the Welcome Home Baptist church for Kenneth Dixon, 63, of Nathan's Creek, who died on Monday, March 19. Rev. Jess Shumate and Rev. Herbert Caldwell conducted the service.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Zura Dixon and the following brothers and sisters: J. R. Dixon, Mrs. Maggie Lyall, Mrs. Fields Goodman and Mrs. Claude Phipps.

DRAFT BOARD NEEDS MORE INFORMATION

Mrs. Louis Yelanjan, chief clerk of the local draft board, called attention to the fact that the board frequently receives incomplete information from registrants, which is of no value.

She stated that many communications came to the board unsigned. "This is of no value and all communications should bear the former as well as the present address of the registrant, together with his name," she declared.

The following is a sample of the type of unsigned letter often received:

Dear Sir,
I am working at Glen L. Martin's airplane factory, Baltimore, Md. Middle River. My address is: 9-A Byway North Riverdale Apts. Essex, Md.

Ashe Men Are Casualties Of War



Pfc. Charles R. (Jack) Johnson, left, son of Mrs. Nettie Johnson, of West Jefferson, who died on February 19, from wounds received in action on Iwo Jima, and Pvt. Amon D. Wagner, right, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Wagner, of Deep Gap, was killed in Belgium on December 19.



Four Are Killed And Two Others Seriously Hurt

Yates, Oliver And Wagner Die On European Front; Johnson On Iwo Jima

During the past few days, four Ashe county men have been reported killed on the battlefronts and two others seriously injured. This list of casualties includes men from both the European and Pacific areas.

Pvt. James Vasco Yates, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Yates, of Warrensville, was killed in action in France on September 14, 1944, according to a message received from the war department by his wife, the former Miss Virginia Killen, of West Jefferson, this week. Pvt. Yates, who had been in service for 18 months, was in the infantry. He was previously reported missing in action.

Pfc. Charles Ross (Jack) Johnson, 19, of the U. S. Marine Corps, died on February 19, from wounds received in action on Iwo Jima, volcanic island, in the Pacific, according to a message received by his mother, Mrs. Nettie Johnson, of West Jefferson. Pfc. Johnson had been in service for almost two years and overseas for a year, having participated in the battle of Saipan. He is survived by his mother; one sister, Miss Polly Johnson, of Long Branch, N. J.; two brothers, Walter G. Johnson, of Washington, D. C., and Lt. Joseph S. Johnson, of the Air Corps, stationed somewhere in the Pacific. His father, W. E. Johnson, preceded him in death some time ago.

The War Department has notified Mrs. Ruby Wagner, of Forestwood, that her husband, Amon D. Wagner, was killed in action in Belgium, on December 19. Pvt. Wagner entered service in February, 1944, and received training at Fort McClellan, Ala. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Wagner, of Deep Gap.

Sgt. Carl Oliver, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Oliver, of Fig, was killed in action in Germany on November 24, 1944, according to information received by his parents this week. Sgt. Oliver was first reported seriously wounded. (Continued on Page 4)

Funeral Rites For Lee Bare Today

Funeral service will be held at the Wagoner school house this morning at 11:00 o'clock for Lee Bare, 70, who died on Tuesday, March 20. Burial will be held at the family cemetery.

Mr. Bare, who was the son of the late Mr. Bart Bare and Mrs. Lois Coldiron Bare, was a native of this county. He is survived by his wife, the former Miss Dora Bare, and the following children: Quincy, David, Gwyn, Barney, Kenzie, Woodrow, Jennie, Ida, Opal, Mary and Edith Ray. The following brothers and sisters also survive: Ambrose, Jess and Mack Bare, Mrs. Mae Little, Mrs. Cora Morgan, Mrs. Jane Severt and Mrs. Myrtle Bare.

Mrs. Richardson Buried Tuesday

Funeral service was held at the home on Tuesday for Mrs. Samonia Richardson, 74, of Clifton, who died on Monday, March 19. Elder Dewey Roten and Mrs. Warren Lewis conducted the service and burial followed at the Richardson cemetery.

The following children survive: Roy, George, Jim, Jesse, Joe, William and Raleigh Richardson, of Clifton; Mrs. Paul Roten and Mrs. R. C. Mahaffey, of Clifton, and Robert and Vance Richardson, of Quarryville, Pa.

ASHE SCHOOLS ARE GIVEN INSPECTION

Ashe county schools are being inspected by Sanitarian Wade E. Eller and Mr. Hubbard of the N. C. Department of Health relative to sanitary conditions as well as proposed improvements in the planning the postwar building program.

Sunday Is Red Cross Day In Churches; More Funds Needed

New Charts For Apparel Prices Are Distributed

Must Be Filed By April 20. Forms And Assistance To Be Supplied Merchants.

"The job of calculating ceiling prices for apparel, dry goods and house furnishings will be greatly simplified by the pricing charts in accord with the new retail price regulation mailed to all local retailers this week, L. P. Colvard, chairman of the War Price and Rationing Board, said. Each retailer must prepare a pricing chart showing the costs and selling prices of the goods he offered for sale during 1942.

Mr. Colvard, chairman of the committee, said "We welcome this simplification of our pricing procedure. We are pleased to cooperate with our Price Panel to make sure that every merchant quickly gets the information he needs to make his pricing chart.

"Copies of the regulations which explain how to prepare these charts have been sent to all local retailers of clothing and house furnishings.

"Additional copies are available at board headquarters, West Jefferson, for all merchants who desire them," Mr. Colvard said. (Continued on Page Four)

COUNTY GETS THREE NEW SCHOOL BUSES

Ashe county schools now have three badly needed new school buses. They were driven from High Point last week by Supt. A. B. Hurt, Harry Koontz and Bower Calloway. Supt. Hurt secured an order for these sometime ago and they were brought here as soon as they became available.

\$5,569.17 Is Reported Raised; Quota For County Is \$6,700.00

Sunday is to be Red Cross Day in the churches of Ashe county and all of those that have not already taken up a special collection for the Red Cross, are urged to do so either during the Sunday School or church service.

"Due to the great work the Red Cross is doing, we feel that all of the churches are interested and will contribute," Chairman Sharpe S. Shoemaker said. He announced late yesterday that \$5,569.17 had been raised so far and that \$1,150.00 was needed to reach the quota.

"Many people have responded generously, but there are many who have not sent in their contributions," Mr. Shoemaker said. He explained that he wanted to go over the top this month, when the drive officially ends.

Some contributions not previously published include the following:

G. C. Grimes, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Haynes, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Bare, Mrs. Mamie Dixon, Mrs. (Continued on Page Four)

Paul H. Goodman Is Given Award

With The Dixie Division On Morotai—(Special Release)—For outstanding devotion to duty in operating supply dumps under combat conditions, the 31st Infantry Division QM unit in which Pfc. Paul H. Goodman of West Jefferson, is a supply man, has been awarded the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque.

Goodman has been overseas more than a year, participating in the Wakde-Sarmi and Morotai campaigns.

Farmers Showing Interest In Feed Production Meetings

Roy H. Crouse, county agent, announced this week that the interest and attendance were unusually good for the feed production meetings being held in the county this week and announced a schedule for further meetings throughout the month.

The schedule for next week is as follows: Wagoner School, Monday, March 26, at 8:00 p. m.; Elkland School, Tuesday, March 27, at 8:00 p. m.; Church near Graham School, Husk, Wednesday, March 28 at 8:00 p. m.; Warrensville Methodist Church, Friday, March 30, at 8:00 p. m.

"Three of these meetings have

been held to date with a total attendance of 159 at Fleetwood, Baldwin and Green Valley school. The meetings are receiving good response in each community where they have been held. Colored pictures are being shown on the screen dealing with recommended practices being carried out in Ashe county in the production of our most important feed crops and pictures of silo construction and cattle," Mr. Crouse said.

Representatives from each of the agricultural agencies in the county and the local milk company are participating in the meetings with the county agents.