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## Ashe County Surpasses Red Cross Quota

### Large Group Of County Men Take Exams For Army

71 Go To Fort Bragg For Pre-Induction Examinations; Some Are Back

A large group of 71 Ashe county men left Tuesday for pre-induction examinations at Fort Bragg. Some of these returned last night and others are expected back today.

Included in the group were a number in the upper age bracket of possible draftees.

Those who left were: Garvie S. Osborne, Willard Powers, Albert Green Brown, Acie Vonley Walker, Elmer Elliott, Ernest Dale Gilley, Walter Wayne Childress, Clayton Dwight Weaver, Thomas Blevins, Ernest B. Keller, William E. Dollar, James Harvey Payne, Gentry Dolinger, Ray Thomas Davis.

John Demps Goodman, Carl Lee Cheek, Freeman Hall Holman, Raymond Bruce Osborne, Monroe Miller, Rois Davis, Dewey F. Turnmire, Harold G. Miller, Carl W. Richardson, Gord Phare Severt, Arley Vince Brown, Robert Lee Patrick, Wilmont Carlos Thomas.

Earl James Eldred, Edwin Clive Johnston, Willie E. McClure, James William Pollard, Larry W. Emerson, Claude Columbus Lewis, Forrest L. McMillan, Glenn Roby Eller, Chester A. Testerman, William Walter Sharpe, Delmer Scott Stuart.

Paul Sampson Patrick, Cecil Wade Yates, Fred Newland Mash, C. E. Toliver, Clifford Henry Hoosier, Ray Arley Greer, Worth Perkins, Robert B. Cearley, Jr., Cyril G. Carpenter, Aaron Wad Hartso, Bryce Sherley Mash, Robert Wade Ham, Denver Dale Coldiron, Robert T. Graybeal, Charles Ralph Riley, Howard W. Vanover, Howard A. Barker, Ward Howell.

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### Will Give Plays At Jefferson High

Ninth And Tenth Grades To Present Program Next Wed., April 11

The Jefferson High School Mask will present two one-act plays Wednesday night, April 11 in the high school auditorium. The ninth grade will present "Billy's First Date." The characters are: Billy, Edgar Burkett; Mr. Baker, Ralph Colvard; Mrs. Baker, Ruth Dixon; Teddie, Clayborne Sheets; Judy, Betty Haynes; Myrna, Billie Dean Harless; Barbara, Mary Lou Thompson; Mrs. Coakley, Mary Gordon Austin; Mrs. Britton, Ruth Little.

The tenth grade group will give "What Are You Going To Wear?" The characters are: Magnolia, Louise Blevins; Anne, Betty Jo Bare; Sandy, Wava Eller, Ginger, Patsy Badger; Betty, Lois Ann Badger; Patricia, Irene Bare; Colletta, Elizabeth Weaver; Mrs. Jenky, Blanche Woodie, and Mrs. Carter, Maxine Weaver.

The girls of the ninth and tenth grade home economics classes will model dresses that they have made recently at the conclusion of the plays.

### Hensley Joins Business Firm

It was announced this week that J. B. Hensley, popular local business man, had bought an interest in the Colvard Service Station here and would serve as manager. The name of the station has been changed to C. & H. Service Station. It was announced, however, that the same complete services would be offered to the motorists as in the past, motor accessories, automotive parts, tires, as well as Shell gas and oil and recapping service.

Mr. Hensley has long been associated with the Colvard Oil Company, where he has held responsible positions. His many friends will be glad to know that he has purchased an interest in the station here.

### Start Collection Of Clothes For Victims Of War; Plans Given

#### KILLED IN ACTION



Pfc. Ernest Dale Mullis, son of Mrs. Mary Mullis, was killed in action in Germany, March 7, according to a message received by his wife, Mrs. Stella Mullis, of Lansing, this week. Pfc. Mullis was previously reported missing.

### Trout Season Is To Open In Ashe County April 15

Rules Of Various Streams Cited My Warden Goodman; Bass Season Over

Due to the warm spring weather, fishermen are eagerly awaiting the official opening of the trout season, April 15, and due to a number of well-stocked streams, luck should be unusually good, according to the predictions of old-timers.

### Pictures To Be Shown Farmers

A corn and hay production meeting will be held Tuesday, April 10 at 2:00 p. m., at the theater in West Jefferson.

Dr. E. R. Collins, Extension Agronomist from State College will give an interesting and informative lecture on corn and legume hay production using colored pictures on the screen illustrating the up-to-date information from the Experiment Stations and College.

Ashe County farmers are urged to attend this meeting to get recommendations that will help increase the yield of our corn crop and help meet our feed production goals this year.

Russell Barr is making no charge for the use of the theater for this meeting.

### Hundreds Of School Children Benefitted By Dental Clinics

Last week, Dr. E. T. Koonce, state board of health school dentist, completed eight weeks' work in eight county schools. A summary of his services is as follows: 986 children were referred to their local dentist while the total number of operations by Dr. Koonce was 3,144 which includes 339 amalgam fillings, 48 cement fillings, 1,382 silver nitrate treatments, 467 extractions and 908 children's teeth cleaned.

In the spring of 1944, Dr. Koonce worked in the county schools and inspected 1,001 school children's teeth, correcting 3,282 defects.

An official report discloses other services rendered by the health department during the past year in Ashe county were admission to service and visits to 38 cases of poliomyelitis, 6 to scarlet fever

#### Collection Points And Types Of Clothes Needed Are Also Cited

Dr. J. K. Hunter, chairman of the drive to collect clothing for victims of war, announced yesterday that chairmen as well as collection points in the various communities had been named and asked that the public cooperate in every way to provide needed garments for war victims.

At some collection points, clothes are already coming in and the public is asked to be prompt in bringing in the clothes. "Start today so that we can get what we need on time," Chairman Hunter said. He explained that as soon as the various communities had completed their collections the clothes would be brought into a central point in the county and made ready for shipment.

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### Survey Of White Pines Made Here

U. S. Department Of Agriculture Investigating Blight Control

R. H. Crouse, county agent, reports that a survey of white pine in the Northern part of Ashe county has been started by the N. C. and U. S. Departments of Agriculture. A similar survey was made several years ago in the southern part of the county.

At this time white pine is playing a large part in the war, especially in its extensive use for crates to ship supplies to the armed forces overseas. It is also assisting nature to replace blight killed chestnuts by seeding in many areas to young white pines which will grow rapidly into timber trees if protected from fire and disease, officials of the survey pointed out.

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### W. H. Nance, 64, Buried Sunday

Funeral service was held at the Apple Grove Baptist church on Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock for W. H. Nance, 64, of Husk, who died on Friday, March 30. The service was conducted by the Revs. Ambrose Miller, Donnelly Hart and Alvin Howell and burial followed at the Edmondson cemetery.

Mr. Nance, who was well known in the county, is survived by his wife and the following children: Mrs. Carrie Miller and Glenn Nance, of West Virginia; Roy and Frank Nance, of Kennett Square, Pa., and Mrs. Vinus Eller, of Lansing. One brother also survives.

### Part Of Horse Creek Township Put In Piney Cr.

At the regular meeting of the Ashe County commissioners on Monday, action was completed for transferring the upper part of Horse Creek Township to Piney Creek, for convenience in voting.

This action was the result of a petition presented to the commissioners some time ago, signed by approximately all of the citizens living in this particular area.

Legal notice of the same was published some time ago and other legal matters pertaining to the annexation, completed at the meeting of the commissioners.

#### NAMED SCHOOL HEAD



B. H. Duncan, who was appointed superintendent of Ashe county schools at a meeting of the board of education, on Monday.

### Duncan Is Named School Supt. By Board On Mon.

L. P. Colvard Is Chairman Of Newly Appointed County Board Of Education

Members of the newly appointed board of education, including L. P. Colvard, W. G. Vannoy, H. H. Burgess, J. A. Blevins and Roby Lewis, met for the first time on Monday and after naming L. P. Colvard, as chairman, selected B. H. Duncan as superintendent of the county schools to succeed A. B. Hurt, who has successfully filled this position for the past two years.

In addition to Mr. Duncan, other candidates for the office included Mr. Hurt, a candidate for re-election and C. M. Dickson.

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### County Board Of Equalization To Meet Next Month

Petition On Road Received; Other Matters Considered At Meeting Monday

Ashe county taxpayers will have an opportunity to appear before county officials regarding their tax valuations, beginning on Monday, May 7, when the board of county commissioners will sit as a Board of Equalization, according to a decision made at the meeting of the commissioners on Monday.

Official notice of this is published elsewhere in this paper today. The time is slightly later than usual, because of the delay in tax listing as well as the completion of the books, it was explained.

A petition presented by a group from the Dog Creek section regarding the upkeep, by the state, of the road beginning at Coy Goodman's of the Jefferson-Spartan road and running to G. E. Kilby's, was received and a resolution relative to this signed by the county commissioners, was sent Charles Ross, acting State Highway Commissioner.

In addition to a resolution regarding the sale of wine in the county and the transfer of a part of Horse Creek township to Piney Creek, a number of other routine matters were handled by the board.

### Marines Cut Across Okinawa; Big Gains Made In Germany

#### Third Army Now Within 140 Miles Of Berlin; MacArthur Invades Tawi Tawi

Marines of the third amphibious corps, scoring gains of 4,000 to 6,000 yards, reached the east coast of Okinawa yesterday while 7th division infantrymen who bisected the vital island on Monday moved southward along the shores of huge Nakagusuku bay, the navy announced.

This was the first mention of Maj. Gen. Archibald V. Arnold's seventh infantry division in action on Okinawa, the strategic Ryukyu island only 325 miles southwest of the Japanese mainland, which American Marines invaded Easter morning.

Powerful U. S. third army tank columns smashed into the outskirts of Gotha yesterday in a 19-mile sweep within 140 miles of Berlin, while Canadian troops were only 20 miles from closing a trap on the bulk of 90,000 Nazi troops in Western Holland.

Striking across wooded Thuringia province, Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's flying columns drove within 65 miles of Czechoslovakia and were three-fourths across the "waist" of Central Germany. His men were reported within 160 miles of the Russian lines—less than the airline distance between New York and Baltimore.

Sixty miles northeast of Gotha, other third army units battled violently deep inside the great arsenal city of Kassel, which one German broadcast said had fallen in a mass of ruins.

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### County's Oldest Merchant Dies

Luke Maxwell Passes At Age Of 95; Burial On Friday; Was Well-Known

Luke Maxwell, believed to be the county's oldest merchant and one of the oldest citizens, passed away at his home in North Fork township on Thursday morning at the age of 95, as a result of infirmities incident to his advanced years.

Born August 12, 1849, the deceased was a native of this county and was engaged in farming for many years. He was also a livestock dealer and operated a general merchandise store from 1872 until a short time before his death. He was married to Miss Julia Bass, of Petersburg, Va., who preceded him in death nearly 30 years ago. No near relatives except several nieces and nephews survive.

The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. Robert Short and the Rev. Roy Jones, at the home, Friday afternoon at two o'clock. Burial followed at the family cemetery.

### FSA Announces Plans To Aid Service Men And Women

Plans for helping servicemen and women upon their return to civilian life were discussed at a recent meeting held in Boone by local FSA personnel, which Thomas H. Sears, Van F. Miller and Ainslee Alexander, attended.

Loan guaranteed by the Government will be made to any man or woman who served in active military or naval services on or after September 16, 1940, who received an honorable discharge. Loans are to be made for: the purchase of farms, livestock, machinery, repairs to buildings, purchase of business property, and for building houses, it was explained.

A veteran wishing to obtain a guaranteed loan must first arrange to borrow the required amount from a bank, other lending agency or private individual.

#### HEADS DRIVE.



Miss Ruth Tugman, Ashe County Chairman of the Cancer Control Drive, for which funds will be raised this month.

### Sale Of Wine In Ashe Banned By Commissioners

Resolution Calling Attention To New Law Is Adopted By Group

At the meeting of the county commissioners on Monday, a resolution banning the sale of wine in the county was adopted.

The resolution cites the new law enacted by the 1945 General Assembly and resolves that "by board of county commissioners of Ashe county . . . that the sale of wine in Ashe county be and the same is herafter prohibited."

The resolution is concluded with the expressed desire that other governing bodies in Ashe county pass similar resolutions. A complete text of this is published elsewhere in this paper today.

The action came as no surprise since there has been much complaint of disorder caused by the drinking of commercial wines, previously offered for sale.

### Ashe Teachers Invited To Meet

All elementary teachers of Ashe county are cordially invited to attend the meeting at Appalachian State Teachers College on Saturday, April 7, at 2:00 o'clock.

The principal speaker will be Miss Eunice Elder, of New York City. She will speak on the part the classroom teacher plays in the public school music program.

### Over \$7,000.00 Is Raised As Drive Is Closed April 1

Chairman Shoemaker Expresses Appreciation To Everyone For Co-operation

Ashe county far surpassed the quota of the Red Cross War Fund Drive as it came to an end on Saturday night, with contributions totalling \$7,069.76 or \$367.76 over the quota of \$6,700.00.

Drive Chairman Sharpe S. Shoemaker said that he particularly wanted to thank the schools, churches and other organizations as well as individual workers and contributors who helped to make the drive a success. "This is a splendid tribute to our men in service," he declared.

The drive officially closed with the month of March, but if there are some contributors who failed to turn their gifts in, they may still do so, it was announced.

Listed below are a number of contributors not previously published:

W. J. Baptist church, \$118.56; Parkway theater collection, \$156.03; West Jefferson Methodist Church, \$27.37; Creston Colored School, \$17.35; Dr. and Mrs. C. Pardue Bunch, \$25.00; Mr. and Mrs. (Continued on Page Four)

### Sheep Growers Met Saturday

Officers And Appraisers For The Coming Year Are Named By Group

The annual meeting of the Ashe County Sheep Growers' Protective Association was held at the County Agents' office on Saturday, when the following officers were elected for the new year beginning April 1: President, W. B. Austin; Vice-president, J. C. Pierce; Secretary, R. H. Crouse; Treasurer, Mrs. Mary Grant.

All claims for sheep killed by dogs and covered by the Association were paid and a balance was still left in the treasury to carry over for next year.

"All sheep growers who have not paid their insurance should do so at once at the County Agents' office. The annual dues are only 10c per head. If all sheep growers in the county will join the Association and cooperate it is believed that a lot of losses can be eliminated," Secretary Crouse said.

The following appraisers were appointed to serve for the coming year: Chestnut Hill, H. M. Colvard; Giffton, K. L. Eller; Creston, M. H. Eller; Elk, J. T. Brown; Gassy Creek, J. C. Pierce; Helton, B. C. Pennington; Horse Creek, E. V. Stansberry; Hurricane, W. M. Little; Jefferson, A. P. Bare; Laurel, T. J. Graybeal; North Fork, Max Barlow; Obids, H. H. Burgess; Old Fields, Walter Burkett; Peak Creek, Bruce Shepherd; Pine Swamp, R. G. Phillips; Piney Creek, Burgwin Carter; Pond Mountain, W. Y. Cox; Walnut Hill, J. R. Phipps; West Jefferson, C. W. Phillips.

### Hurt Is Praised By School Board

The outgoing county school board met on Saturday in a final session to complete some unfinished business matters before retiring in favor of the newly appointed board.

At this time, members of the board, individually, as well as a group, highly commended A. B. Hurt, superintendent of schools, for the work he had done and the progress that had been made during his administration, in spite of hampered wartime conditions.

It was pointed out by the board members that considering the wartime conditions that the schools had operated most satisfactorily and that improvements had been made. "We particularly appreciate Supt. Hurt's fine spirit of co-operativeness with teachers, school patrons and others interested in the schools," one member declared.