



Francis Case Goes To Jury As Court Nears End

Committees For County Schools Named By Board

The Erection Of Permanent Flag Poles At Schools Planned

At a meeting of the county board of education on Monday, the group named the district school committees and voted an appropriation to erect a permanent flag pole at each of the central schools of the county.

The district and school committees named are as follows:

Jefferson district: Roy Badger, Ira T. Johnston, Emmet Stanley, Tom Duncan, L. B. Tyson.

Orion school, Fred Colvard, E. M. Jenkins, Lee Lambert.

Wagoner school, Bill Bledsoe, Hammy Bare.

Glendale Springs school, Don Bare, Everett Lyalls.

Big Ridge school, Walter Farrington, Fred Bare.

Buffalo school, Arthur Kemp, Sidney Killens, Jim Rash.

Riverview district, Austin Jones, Todd Price, G. D. Wilson.

Rich Hill school, E. W. Sapp.

Mill Creek school, Walter Roland.

Rash school, F. S. Owens.

Roaring Fork school, Arthur Oliver.

Ashland school, Charlie Johnson.

Parker school, M. S. Woodard, Quincy Brown.

Peak Valley school, N. W. Winebarger.

Green Valley school, E. E. Stuart, Vick C. Thomas.

Rock Creek school, W. M. Sutherland, Otis Price, Kene Roark.

Sutherland school, Fred Sutherland, John B. Sutherland.

Lansing district, S. N. Baldwin, Mrs. Ed. C. Eller, Bergwin Carter, Kyle Baldwin, J. O. Blevins.

Flatwoods school, C. H. Eldred.

Thaxton school, Earl Miller.

Staggs Creek School, Wade Roland, Grover James, J. F. Miller.

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Russians Are Only 20 Miles From Berlin; Tokyo Bombed Again



NAMED ON BOARD
W. B. Austin, who was this week named by Gov. E. Gregg Cherry on the State Board of Agriculture. He will be sworn in on Saturday in Raleigh.

Austin Named On State Board Of Agriculture

It was learned here this week from official sources in Raleigh that W. B. Austin, prominent Jefferson lawyer and farmer, had been named by Governor Cherry as a member of the State Board of Agriculture.

It is understood that there was only one appointment made at this time, in this group. Mr. Austin will replace L. L. Burgin, of Horse Shoe, Henderson county, whose term expired.

It was pointed out that Mr. Austin would represent the livestock interests in the group. He was among those instrumental in the location of the State Test Farm in this county. This will be devoted chiefly to livestock.

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Valuable Real Estate Is Sold

Two valuable pieces of real estate were sold in West Jefferson this week.

The Goss boarding house property was bought by Badgers' funeral home for the consideration of \$7,000.00. And the Badgers sold the building which they occupy on Jefferson Avenue, to Elmer Dollar for \$6,000.00.

Dollar, an electrician, expects to occupy this newly purchased building within a short time, it is understood.

Badgers also expect to move into the Goss building soon. Members of the firm pointed out that this was purchased in order to have more room and because of traffic conditions around the building which they now occupy. The Goss building, located at the end of Main Street, has long been operated by Mrs. Laura Goss and has been one of the most popular boarding houses in town. She will cease operation on June 1, it is understood.

Much Interest In Spelling Bee

A. B. Hurt, superintendent of schools, said this week that much interest was being shown in the county-wide spelling contest to be held at the courthouse next Wednesday night, April 25. This is under the sponsorship of the American Legion.

The finalists in the high school annual debate will debate before the Rotary club this evening, Mr. Hurt said. These are from the Jefferson high school.

American Forces Are Hammering On Great German City Of Hamburg

American armies, which already have virtually bisected Germany, broke into the prize cities of Leipzig and Magdeburg yesterday as British tanks tore loose on a 22-mile sweep that carried within 25 miles of the great port of Hamburg.

Duesseldorf, last major city in the Ruhr still held by the Germans, also was entered by doughboys who now have whittled down the Ruhr pocket to 125 square miles from its original 3,000 square miles.

The U. S. third army stabbed to a point four miles from the Czechoslovak border, with one or more of its armored columns operating under a news blackout and was thought to be about 75 miles from Russian positions on the eastern front.

The Germans said yesterday Russian forces were driving hard within 18 to 20 miles of Berlin in two sectors while another Soviet force speared into the Nazis' southern escape corridor through Saxony.

American B-29s bombed six (Continued on Page Four)

Clothing To Be Collected Next Wed., April 25

Individuals Urged To Turn Their Contributions In Before This Time

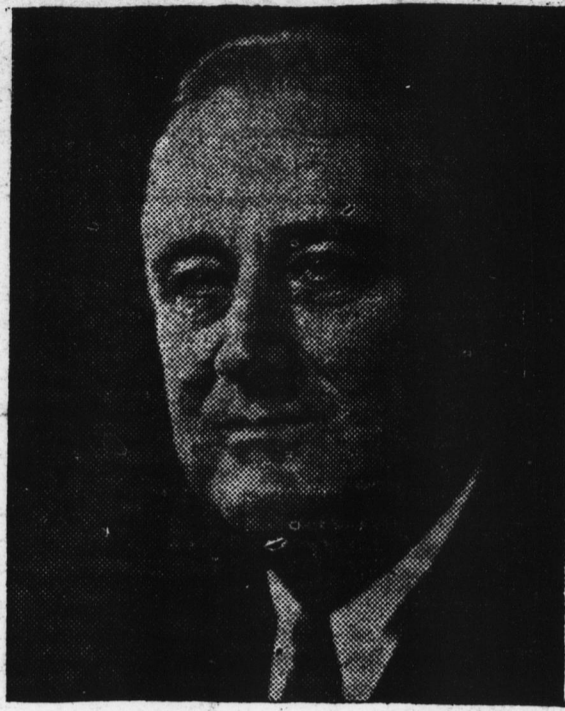
It was announced this week by the county chairman, Dr. J. K. Hunter, that the used clothing being assembled at central points in the various communities throughout the county, would be picked up by the collection committee next Wednesday, April 25. It will then be assembled here in West Jefferson and made ready for shipment.

"Some places have responded unusually well," Dr. Hunter said, and urged that everyone, who (Continued on Page 8)

J. R. Paisley, 70, Buried Yesterday

Funeral service was conducted at the home yesterday afternoon at two o'clock for James Robert Paisley, 70, of Helton, who died on Tuesday, April 17. The Rev. E. A. Eller conducted the service and burial followed at the family cemetery.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Gertrude Paisley, and the following children: Roe Paisley, Mrs. Gladys Roten, Mrs. Alta Porter, John Paisley, Lida Paisley, Lester Paisley and Glenn Paisley.



FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT



HARRY S. TRUMAN

Schools Are Off To Good Start In War Bond Drive

Special Contest For Seventh War Loan Is Being Conducted This Month

Ashe county schools are off to a good start on the Seventh War Loan Drive in a contest for the month of April, according to incomplete reports coming in.

Quotas were assigned the various school districts last week and it was announced that in addition to the two general prizes to be given to the districts making the largest percentage of their quotas, an individual prize of \$5.00 would go to each district to be awarded the student making the best record in the drive.

West Jefferson reported \$936.75 yesterday and Jefferson, \$5,000. While definite amounts had not come in from other schools, favorable reports regarding their work had.

"We are anxious for all schools to make their quotas and we believe they will," Lawrence Tyson, chairman of the drive, said.

Baptists To Have Program April 24

Program plans for the South-wide Associational Training Union, to be held at the West Jefferson Baptist Church on Tuesday night, April 24, have been completed by those in charge and are announced this week.

The program will open at 7:30 (Continued on Page 8)

Pyle Is Killed

Washington — Ernie Pyle, the greatest frontline reporter, of this war, has been killed in action, according to a report released by Washington.

The skinny little Scripps-Howard war correspondent—beloved of U. S. fighting men the world over—was killed by a Japanese machine gun bullet on a little island off Okinawa.

Ashe County People Deeply Shocked By Sudden Death Of Pres. Roosevelt, Thurs.

Plans Are Made For Camporee Of Ashe Boy Scouts

James Story Is Chairman Of Committee; Will Be Held On Negro Mountain

At a meeting of the Ashe District Committees of the Old Hickory Council of the Boy Scouts of America, at the community-building last Thursday night, several important phases of scout work were discussed and plans were made for the coming camporee to be held on May 5 and 6.

It was announced that progress was being made on the troop at Glendale Springs and that a troop would be organized at the Riverview school soon. A "Cub" pack is also being organized in West Jefferson, with the Rev. (Continued on Page 8)

Former Ashe Man Is War Casualty

Pvt. Glen Dale Sexton, son of the Rev. and Mrs. C. W. Sexton, of Dublin, Va., formerly of this county, was wounded somewhere in Germany on March 2, according to information received by relatives here. Pvt. Sexton is now in a hospital in France and recent information stated that he was making a normal improvement.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR PFC. MILLER SUNDAY

A memorial service will be held at the Scottville church next Sunday afternoon at two o'clock in honor of Private First Class Roger Fields Miller, son of Mrs. J. R. Miller, at Nathan's Creek. He was killed in action last February 18, somewhere in Germany.

Adjournment Is Expected Today; Divorces Given

Judge Felix Alley Presiding; Much Interest In Major Case

The spotlight of the Ashe county superior court for the trial of criminal cases, which opened on Monday morning with Judge Felix Alley presiding, was centered around the case of Dewitt Francis and his son, Ira, being tried in connection with the death of Dent Baldwin.

The case went to the jury shortly after 4:00 o'clock yesterday afternoon and a verdict is expected to be brought in this morning.

Baldwin met his death in December, 1943, as a result of a blow on the head following an altercation with Mr. Francis and his son over tobacco, which they were getting ready to market.

The case was previously tried before Judge Hoyle Sink, when a mistrial was declared.

Appearing for the defense this week were attorneys Ira T. Johnston and R. Floyd Crouse. The State was represented by Solicitor Erle McMichael and Attorney T. C. Bowie.

Both sides introduced a number of character witnesses, as well as others. Perhaps the most unusual fact about the witnesses was that Bynum Faw, a brother of Mrs. Dent Baldwin, was brought all the way from Italy, where he was a member of the armed forces, by the State in an attempt to prove that Francis had made threats against Baldwin, sometime previous when some trouble arose over planting cabbage. W. C. Thomas, former state highway patrolman, was also brought here from Sanford as a State's witness. Members of the jury serving on (Continued on Page 4)

Tribute Is Paid FDR By Rotary

Ira T. Johnston Is Speaker; Officers To Be Named Tonight

Ira T. Johnston paid tribute to President Franklin D. Roosevelt when he talked to the Jeffersons Rotary Club last Thursday night, just a few hours after the announcement of the death of the nation's leader.

He praised his courage and leadership as a commander in chief and said this would not soon be forgotten throughout the nation and world. He urged everyone to carry on and continue to help win the fight and peace.

The meeting was adjourned with the pledge to the flag.

An election of directors for the club during the incoming year will be held at the meeting tonight.

Bare Is A "Tall Tale" Winner

Thomasville, Ga.—Finney General Hospital has another winner in the "Tall Tales" contest heard weekly over the Kate Smith radio hour.

He is Staff Sergeant Glenn J. Bare, of Crumpler, a patient on Ward A-8, and he was given a check for \$5.00 for his "whopper."

Sgt. Bare is a veteran of action in France, Belgium and Germany. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harm Bare, West Jefferson.

Pres. Truman Promises Full Effort In Winning War, Peace

Washington — President Truman Monday dedicated his administration to the war and peace ideals of Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

Emphasizing the humility with which he faces the gigantic task so suddenly laid on him, and his need of cooperative backing, the president said he takes that as a duty.

For the first time as chief executive, Mr. Truman spoke to the lawmakers, the cabinet and foreign diplomats in the hall of the house.

Implicit in paragraph after paragraph of the brief address was his determination to work hand in hand with the congress.

"With confidence, I am depending upon all of you," he said.

Though he consumed only 19 minutes, the president covered a wide range. In quick order he punched home that:

1—The axis can look only for the same unconditional surrender terms Mr. Roosevelt voiced at Casablanca.

2—Enemy war criminals will be punished if the allies have to plunge into such mountain re-

treats as Berchtesgaden to get at them.

3—The military strategy will continue under the same admirals and generals that Mr. Roosevelt chose.

4—A world organization, dedicated to preventing future wars, must become an accomplished fact.

5—The great nations must demonstrate that they are to "serve—not dominate" in the scheme of things.

6—Domestically, the United States must see to it—and the Truman administration will try to see to it—that the lot of the common man is steadily improved.

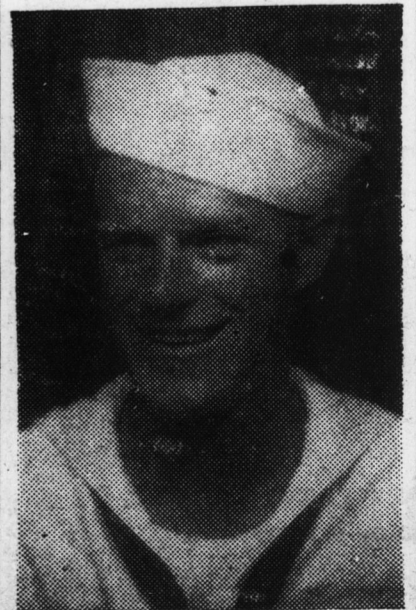
Immediate reaction to the speech was couched in the highest of praiseworthy terms. Senator Vandenberg (R., Mich.) called it "a very fine dedication to victory and the public welfare." To Senator Connally (D., Tex.) it was "eloquent and forceful."

Many house members hit on the same phrases—"honest," "sincere," "reassuring." Soviet Ambassador Gromyko called it "wonderful."

Mrs. Tucker, 56, Buried Sunday

Funeral service was conducted at the Tuckerdale Baptist church on Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock for Mrs. Nannie Cox Tucker, 56, who died at her home at Tuckerdale on Saturday, April 14, after being ill for some time. The Rev. M. D. Hart and the Rev. W. F. Denny conducted the service. They were assisted by the Rev. T. A. Farmer. Burial followed the service at the family cemetery.

Mrs. Tucker, who was a native of this county, was preceded in death by her husband, F. B. Tucker on February 2. She is survived by one foster son, the Rev. Frank Tucker, Jr., and the following brothers and sister: Lester Cox, Tazewell, Va.; Fred Cox, Avondale, Pa.; Ira Cox, Shulls Mill, and Mrs. Bertha Leonard, Richland, Ind.



Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Howell, of Warrensville, have four sons in service. They are (left to right), Roger D. Howell, S I-C, Pvt. Claude A. How-



ell, Pfc. Fredrick T. Howell, and Ronda Carson Howell, E. M. I-C. Roger has been in service since last August and is stationed at the Navy Hos-



pital, St. Albans, Long Island, N. Y. Claude entered service last July and is somewhere in Germany. Fredrick, who is also in Germany, entered the



service in February, 1943, and Ronda, who has been in the navy for the past nine months, is now stationed in Hawaii. Another son died in service.