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## Public Not To Register For Canning Sugar

Must Write To Local OPA Office For Applications And Return Same

Because of the difficulties in transportation as well as handling facilities, instead of holding public registrations in the county as in the past, all of those wishing to apply for canning sugar are asked to write to the West Jefferson OPA office for an application. When they receive the application this must be properly filled out and returned to the OPA office, it was explained. It was also explained, that in writing for an application, the person must include a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

L. P. Colvard, chairman of the rationing board, stressed the importance of filling out all applications correctly. "These must be completed before canning sugar will be allotted," he said.

"The application for home canning sugar must be filled by an adult member of the family for all the other members in the family and must be accompanied by spare stamp Number Thirteen (13) in War Ration Book Four and all questions in the application form must be answered and the form signed. In the event that spare stamp thirteen in the consumer's ration book has been lost or destroyed it is necessary that application on Form R-315 be filed with the local rationing board before replacement will be made.

"There is a drastic change in the regulations this year as compared to 1944," Mr. Colvard said. "Last year, any one could get sugar who presented their ration book, and the boards had no authority to deny any one what they applied for. This year we must get along with less than that issued last year. That is to be accomplished by allotting 20 pounds per person instead of 25 for last year, and in a family of more than eight, not that much; and the ration boards have full authority now to deny any or all of the allotment that may be applied for by any person," he explained.

Some of the new regulations for this year are as follows: all non-residents, students, tourists, transient workers, etc., should apply to their home boards through their regular family units; all applications in the county must be examined by some member of the board and approved by such member.

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## Clothes Are Now Being Collected

May Be Brought Into West Jefferson Through Next Wednesday

Dr. J. K. Hunter, chairman of the clothes collection drive for people of the war-torn areas, said yesterday that the response, so far, had been unusually good.

Yesterday the collection committee picked up clothing from the various assembly points throughout the county. It was explained, however, that all clothes brought into West Jefferson, through next Wednesday could be included in the collection from the county. It was pointed out, that transportation would not be available for going out into the county after them again. The collection point in West Jefferson is Parker's store.

"In addition to clothing, bedding is also needed. Blankets, sheets and quilts will be greatly appreciated," Dr. Hunter said.

## J. L. Arnold, 76, Buried Yesterday

James Larkin Arnold, 76, of Sly, who died on Sunday, April 22, was buried yesterday morning at the Rich Hill cemetery. The funeral service was held at 11:00 o'clock with Elder Charles Hall and the Rev. Tom Farmer in charge.

Mr. Arnold, who was well known throughout the county, is survived by his wife and the following children: Charlie, Lizzie, and Lula Arnold; Mrs. Dewey Roten, Mrs. Estella Hartsoe, Beacher and Leonard Arnold; Mrs. George Walker and Mrs. Maggie Lewis.

## Russian Armies Join In Berlin; Half Of Capitol Is In Flames

ROTARY PRESIDENT



Sharpe S. Shoemaker, newly elected president of the Jeffersons Rotary Club.

## Officers Named By Rotary Club For Coming Year

Sharpe S. Shoemaker Is President; Directors Are Also Chosen

Sharpe S. Shoemaker, prominent young business man was named president of the Jeffersons Rotary club at a meeting of the newly elected directors last Thursday evening.

Mr. Shoemaker, long active in civic affairs here has successfully served as campaign chairman of the Red Cross War Fund Drive for the past several years. He is manager of Belk's Department Store.

Serving with Mr. Shoemaker will be Thomas H. Sears, vice-president; B. A. Meeks, secretary and treasurer. The directors chosen were: J. L. Segraves, L. B. Tyson, Roy H. Crouse, Thomas Sears, Sharpe S. Shoemaker and W. W. Terry. Gale B. McMillan, the outgoing president, is automatically a member of the board of directors. The new officers will begin their term of office, July 1, the opening of the new Rotary year.

## Greer Is Awarded A Purple Heart

The Purple Heart decoration has been awarded posthumously to Pfc. Ford Edsall Greer, who was killed in action in France on July 30, 1944, for bravery in action.

The award was made to Pfc. Greer's mother, Mrs. Ethel Greer, of Husk.

Pfc. Greer was in service for fifteen months and overseas one month. He is survived by his mother, four brothers and three sisters.

## Feeling Of "G. I. Joe" Over Roosevelt's Death Described

Aviation Cadet Thomas S. Johnston, who is in the Army Air Corps in Texas, expressed something of the feeling of "G. I. Joe" with reference to the death of President Roosevelt, in a letter to his parents in Jefferson, a part of which is as follows:

"The news of President Roosevelt's death was indeed hard to take! Truman made, I believe, a very fine speech today at noon, and maybe he can follow through on everything; but I would have felt much safer in the hands of the 'Squire of Hyde Park.'"

Our parade in his honor Sunday was most impressive and the Chaplain's prayer brought tears to my eyes for the first time in quite some time. I do not believe, however, that there was a dry eye on the field when he finished. The radio programs on Thursday and Friday, and through Sunday, were very fine; and I imagine

## Yanks Have Captured Vital Position On Okinawa Island

Two powerful Russian armies joined forces inside Berlin yesterday and seized fully half the area of the burning city which the Germans said now was "practically surrounded" and entirely cut off from outside aid.

A Moscow communique announced the junction of the first Ukrainian and first White Russian armies in a single phase of coordinated drives which captured the Schlesischer (Silesian) railway station and all the districts north and east of it, within a mile of the center of the city at Unter Den Linden.

Whirling down on Hitler's Bavarian mountain retreat, three mighty allied armies curved the tips of a giant pincers within 25 miles of Austria's borders yesterday.

In the far north, the British opened the final assault on Germany's second port of Bremen, and along the Elbe river valley the Russians drew ever closer to

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## Much Interest In Spelling Bee Held Last Night

More Than 100 Students Took Part In County-Wide Event

More than 100 children from the schools throughout the county took part in the annual spelling contest held at the courthouse last night under the sponsorship of the American Legion.

Students from all the grades beginning with the fourth and running through the high school entered into this lively contest. A. B. Hurt, superintendent of schools, was in charge of arrangements and Ira T. Johnston was chairman of presentation.

Winners of both the high school and grade contest will be announced next week. They will be eligible to participate in a region contest with the possibility of entering state and national events of this kind.

"I am glad to see so much interest in spelling. I still think it is very essential," one school principal said in discussing the successful event.

## George May, 83, Buried Saturday

Funeral service was held on Saturday at the home for George May, 83, of Clifton, who died at his home on Thursday, April 19. Elder Dewey Roten conducted the service and burial followed at the family cemetery.

The deceased, a native of this county, is survived by his wife, Mrs. Jane May, and two children, Mrs. John May, of Clifton, and Robert May, of Martinsville, Va.

## Jefferson Will Enter Debating Contest In Boone

Representing County In Annual Event Sponsored By The University Of N. C.

Ashe county will be represented in the annual triangular debate by the Jefferson high school in a district contest in Boone today. Winners in this event will go to Chapel Hill for further contests.

Representing the school in the debate are Colleen Little, William B. Austin, Jr., Mary Gordon Austin and Ruth Dixon, with Walter Bare and Opal Koontz as alternates.

The debaters coached by Mrs. Gertrude Vaught debated before the Rotary club last week, where they were well received.

Much interest has been shown in debating at Jefferson, this year. Preliminary try-outs were held before the finalists were chosen.

## Guernsey Sale Is Planned For County, June 9

Promotional Sale Of Purebred Cattle Is Expected To Attract Many

Roy H. Crouse, county agent, announced this week that Saturday, June 9, had been definitely set as the date for the breeders' promotional sale of purebred Guernsey cattle, here.

Mr. Crouse said that he expected that around 20 prize heifers would be offered in the sale and that more details of this would be announced later.

The first sale of this kind was held in the county last fall and because of the interest shown and the benefits derived from placing a number of purebred animals in the county it was decided to hold another this spring, Mr. Crouse said.

## PEAK VALLEY B. T. U. WILL GIVE PROGRAM

The Peak Valley B. T. U. will present a program at the Elk Knob Baptist church at Tamarack on Sunday night, May 6, at 7:30 o'clock, it was announced this week.

The exercise will be conducted by the president, Mr. J. E. Tyree and Mrs. Stella Sluder, group leader.

## Revival Opens At W. J. Church

The Rev. S. O. Sigworth, of Grampian, Pa., began a series of revival services at the West Jefferson Baptist church, last night. The services will continue each evening, at 8:00 o'clock, through Sunday, May 13. Special music will be presented at each service under the direction of Mrs. E. W. Powers.

"The Rev. Mr. Sigworth comes here as a full gospel preacher and will have an inspiring message for both young and old," it was announced. The public is cordially invited to attend the services.

## BAPTIST SERVICES ARE ANNOUNCED

Rev. Auther Ashley, of Smethport, will preach at Peak Valley Baptist church Sunday morning, April 29, 1945, at eleven o'clock war time, and at Three Fork Baptist church Sunday night at 8:30 war time. Everyone is invited to come and hear Mr. Ashley.

A revival meeting, conducted by Rev. S. S. Graybeal at Three Fork Baptist church, closed recently. There were 19 professions and 9 additions to the church by experience and baptism. A large crowd attended the baptismal service held at the river near Ashland, Sunday evening, following the close of the revival.

Miss Virginia Dare Teague, the Associational Missionary for the Ashe Missionary Baptist Association, will begin a series of lessons in Sunday School Training Course Work at Three Forks Baptist church Monday night, May 7, 1945. The course will meet at 8:30 each night for five successive nights. The Sunday School officers and teachers are urged to attend.

## Ashe Men Are War Casualties



Quayle Barlow, left, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Barlow, of Trade, was wounded in action, in the Philippines, recently, according to information received by his parents. Pfc. James M. Howell, right, son of Mrs. S. N. Howell, of Husk, is a prisoner of war in Germany, according to a card received from him recently. Pfc. Howell was previously reported missing.



## West Jefferson District Surpasses Quota In War Bond Contest For Schools

## Charles McNeill Passed Away In Boone Yesterday

Death Followed Serious Illness From Heart Ailment; Was 51 Years Of Age

Charles S. McNeill, 51, well-known local business man, died early yesterday morning in the Watauga Hospital in Boone, where he had been suffering from a heart ailment.

Plans for the funeral were incomplete yesterday afternoon, members of the family stated, pending the arrival of a daughter, from Mexico City. It was explained that services would probably be held, however, some time Friday at the West Jefferson Baptist church.

Mr. McNeill, a veteran of World War I, was for many years active in the American Legion and other fraternal and civic organizations. He was engaged in job printing business here for many years and up until a few months before his death was clerk at the local draft board.

He was a native of this county and was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Rufus McNeill.

He is survived by his wife and (Continued on Page 4)

## John McGuire Is Made A Captain

John H. McGuire, son of Mrs. E. E. McGuire, and the late Mr. McGuire, of Todd, has been promoted to rank of Captain, according to information received here. Captain McGuire is now stationed somewhere in the Central Pacific. He is with the Third Marine Division, and participated in the battle of Iwo Jima.

## Post Gets National Award For Community Service

This paper was awarded second place among all of the weekly papers of the United States for community service by the National Editorial Association at a meeting of officials held in Chicago last week. Publisher Ed M. Anderson was present and received the award.

The award was given to the Post in recognition of services rendered in conducting the fight against infantile paralysis last summer, during the epidemic which swept this section of the state, and for the promotion and correlation of wartime effort and education.

The papers were judged by leading publishers throughout the country, previous to the meeting in Chicago. Since the announcement of the award, this paper has received many expressions of congratulations. Both Mr. and Mrs. Anderson said they wanted to thank

## All Schools Urged To Double Efforts In 7th War Loan Contest Now On

According to reports received here, West Jefferson high school is the first to exceed the quota in the contest being held this month in connection with the Seventh War Loan Drive.

This school district had an assigned E bond quota of \$25,000.00 and reports yesterday showed that the total of \$26,524.25 had been reached in the sale of bonds. Of this amount \$23,449.25 was raised in the central school and the remainder by other schools in the district. Mrs. James Barlow is chairman of the drive for the school. It is interesting to note that the quota was made and surpassed in record time, as the contest continues through this month.

Jefferson high school is also probably near its assigned quota of \$14,000.00 as reports received from them on Tuesday showed \$12,000.00. Other schools are asked to send in their reports.

In speaking of the work the (Continued on Page Four)

## Sgt. Parker Is Now At Home

An Ashe county youth is home, after a long journey, by air and land. He landed in Miami, Fla., last week and then began his overland travel to his native home.

He was home . . . or a long way nearer home . . . after 30 months in India with the Medical Corps. The happy warrior, who last week was clearing Air Transport Command's Miami Army Air Field after an ATC flight from India was T-5 Ben F. Parker, 27, Parker, where his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Parker, reside. He arrived here after some "land travel" and said it seemed good to get back.

## Francis Men Get Sentences Of 10 To 12 Years Here

Jury Brings In Verdict Of Second Degree Murder After Long Deliberation

The spring term of superior court for the trial of criminal cases in Ashe county came to a close last Thursday, when DeWitt Francis and his son, Ira, being tried in connection with the death of Dent Baldwin, were given sentences of from 10 to 12 years by Judge Felix Alley, after the jury brought in a verdict of second degree murder.

This case, which got underway on Tuesday, occupied the spotlight during the remainder of the term of court. The verdict of the jury, which was a surprise to some, was brought in after deliberating around four hours.

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.

Other cases tried on the final day of court included that of "Whispering" Miller and Carl Hardin, each charged with the violation of the prohibition act. Both of these defendants were fined \$500 and the costs.

Some other minor cases were disposed of during the last day of court and a number of others were continued.

## Baptist Leaders Meet Saturday

Pastors' Conference Will Be Held At The West Jefferson Church

The Rev. R. C. Ashley, secretary of the Preachers and Pastors Conference of the Ashe County Baptist Association, has announced that the conference would be held at the West Jefferson Baptist church on Saturday, April 28, beginning at 10:30 o'clock and continuing for an afternoon session.

The program will open with the devotional reading by the Rev. Frank Tucker and the Rev. G. C. Burkett and the Rev. W. E. Denny discussing the theme "The Need of An Old Time Revival," which will be followed by a round table discussion. Miss Virginia Dare Teague will discuss the work of the church after which the meeting will adjourn for lunch.

During the afternoon the devotional service will be led by the Rev. H. M. Winkler and the Revs. Cartie Eggers and Herman Gentry will speak on the subject, "Rededication." This will be followed by discussion and a financial report by the secretary. The Rev. W. E. Denny is moderator of the conference.

## Cancer Control Drive Underway

The drive to raise funds for the control of cancer is now underway in the county and is meeting with good response.

A partial canvass of the business houses has already been made in West Jefferson by Miss Ruth Tugman, drive chairman, and Mrs. Ed M. Anderson and the schools are also cooperating in the drive, which will continue throughout this month.

Contributions may be mailed in to Miss Tugman or to this paper.

## DR. SUMMEY DIES

Dr. Summey, well known druggist, of Dallas, N. C., died suddenly at his home there this week and will be buried today.

He was the grandfather of Bret Taylor Summey and had often visited him at the home of Dr. Edgar Jones.

Dr. and Mrs. Jones are planning to attend the funeral at Dallas.

## BRIARHOPPERS COMING TO JEFFERSON, FRIDAY

The Jefferson high school is sponsoring a personal appearance of the Briarhoppers, a group of radio entertainers from WBT in Charlotte. The program will be given at the courthouse, Friday night, April 27.