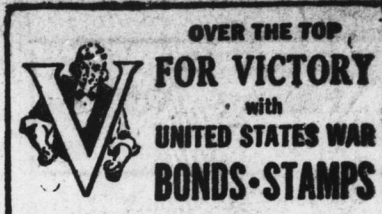


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County's Valuation Around \$5,000,000

Seventh War Loan Off To Good Start In County

Reports Show \$82,147 Sold On "E" Bond Quota

Public Urged To Double Efforts; E Bond Quota Set At \$212,000.00

Incomplete returns from sources of sales show that Ashe county has a total of \$82,147.50 toward the E bond quota of the Seventh War Loan Drive now underway.

"We are off to a good start but we must not let up in our efforts," Chairman L. B. Tyson said. He particularly urged township chairmen to double their efforts.

Totals from the following sources of sales were reported yesterday as follows: West Jefferson Post Office, \$40,837.50; Northwestern Bank, Jefferson, \$33,343.75; Lansing Post Office, \$7,987.50; Todd Post Office, \$1,481.25; Jefferson Post Office, \$412.50; Crumpler, \$175.00.

The county has an overall quota of \$235,000.00.

President Will Be In Statesville

Is Coming To N. C. In October At The Invitation Of Congressman Doughton

Washington—President Harry S. Truman has accepted an invitation to address a one-day closing session of the get-together meeting of the State Senate officials and the people to be held in Statesville on Saturday, October 14, 1945.

The invitation was extended by Representative Doughton on behalf of State Senator Hugh G. Mitchell, of Statesville, chairman of the special committee of the North Carolina Senate. This will be President Truman's first official visit to North Carolina and the first invitation he has accepted to speak away from Washington.

The get-together meeting will be held in Hendersonville, June 25 to 30, inclusive, and will recess for the final one-day meeting to be held in October to hear President Truman at Statesville. Since October was the earliest date on which the President could accept a speaking engagement, it was decided to hold the closing session at Statesville at that time.

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Winners In Bond Contest Given

It was announced yesterday by L. B. Tyson, county chairman of the War Bond Drive, that West Jefferson high school was the winner of the first prize in the contest conducted in the schools during the month of April, and that Jefferson was the winner of the second place. Prizes will be awarded to them within the next few days.

More Ashe Men War Casualties

First Sgt. F. H. Church, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Church, of Idlewild, was seriously wounded in Italy on April 30, according to information received from the War Department. He has been overseas since November, 1943, and has two brothers, Pfc. Robert L. Church, who is recovering from wounds received in action in France, at a hospital in Alabama, and Pvt. William W. Church, now stationed in Germany.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Phillips, of Oval, have received notice that their son, Richard Phillips, is missing in action.

Special Dedication Memorial Service To Be Held On Sunday

TO SPEAK SUNDAY



Dr. I. G. Greer, who will speak at the special service at the courthouse on Sunday afternoon.

Some Ashe Men Who Were POW Are Heard From

Several On Way Home; Red Cross Will Answer All Inquiries

The downfall of Germany, which meant the liberation of prisoners, has brought extra good news to many Ashe county people; for several Ashe county men, who have long been prisoners of war, have been heard from and some of them are on the way home.

Pfc. Darwin H. "Shorty" Walker, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Walker, of Grassy Creek, has notified his wife, the former Miss Alta Dickson, that he has been liberated from a German prison camp and hopes to be returned to the States by the last of June. Pfc. Walker, who was reported missing in action on February 9, had not been heard from since that time.

Pvt. Letcher May, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Henry May, of West Jefferson, has been liberated from a German prison camp. (Continued on Page 4)

I. G. Greer To Speak At Courthouse; Will Be Sponsored By Legion

Plans are now being completed for a special dedication-memorial service to be held at the courthouse Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, when Dr. I. G. Greer, superintendent of the Thomasville orphanage will be the chief speaker.

The program will be sponsored by the Ashe Post of the American Legion, with the cooperation of other organizations and the public is cordially invited to attend.

The members of the Legion and auxiliary will wear uniforms and sit in a body. All ex-servicemen of World War II are cordially invited to attend and sit with the legion group.

The Boy Scouts will act as ushers. Special music will be under the direction of Miss Lorene Perkins. There will be other short features on the program.

Sunday has been acclaimed as "I Am An American Day," by order of the President and the program on Sunday will be in observance of this as well as Memorial Day.

Must Apply For Canning Sugar Before June 1

Should Write To Local Rationing Board For Application, Now

It was announced this week by the local OPA office that all applications for canning sugar should be filed before June 1, in order that they may be handled.

Those, who do not have applications, should write to the local OPA office for these. They should enclose a stamped addressed envelope and the applications will be mailed to them, it was pointed out.

OPA officials pointed out that the public should remember that there is a shortage of sugar this year and that allotments have been cut from what they were last year.

The public is also reminded that the local board must pass on all applications this year.

From Here U. S. Planes Take Off To Bomb Tokyo



A mile from the shoreline, over a flat plain, Katana airfield stretches out its full 4,900 feet of coral landing strip. This field is 3 miles from Naha, "metropolis" of Okinawa.

Scout Camporee Held In Ashe Is Very Successful

Two W. J. Patrols Receive Blue Pennant; Eight-Five Scouts Attend

Eighty-five Boy Scouts from Ashe and Watauga counties held the annual district camporee on Negro Mountain Saturday and Sunday. These scouts represented five troops and were made up of fourteen patrols.

The local scouts from Troop 37 were on the streets early Saturday. (Continued on Page 4)

West Jefferson P. O. Will Go 2nd Class On June 30

Due to greatly increased postal receipts, the West Jefferson Post Office will be advanced from third to second class on June 30, according to information received yesterday from Washington.

Congressman R. L. Doughton made the announcement to Publisher E. M. Anderson after he had received it from the post office department.

A number of people here have been looking forward to the advancement of the post office and it is hoped that as soon as building restrictions are lifted, a Federal post office building can be secured for the town.

Carrier Planes Hit 18 Jap Airfields; Fight On Mindanao

A. B. Hurt Will Speak At Elkland Finals On Friday

Sixteen Members Of The Senior Class Will Receive Diplomas

Commencement at Elkland high school will be brought to a close tomorrow night at 8:00 o'clock when A. B. Hurt, superintendent of schools, will deliver the literary address, after which the sixteen members of the graduating class will be awarded their diplomas. The public is cordially invited.

This is the first high school in the county to come to a close as most of the others will close on June 1 or slightly later.

It was explained that Elkland has cut short Christmas holidays and had made up some lost time on Saturday, which accounts for the early closing.

The baccalaureate sermon was delivered on Sunday, May 13, and the play on Friday night, May 12.

357 Enemy Planes Are Believed Destroyed On 18 Homeland Bases

Carrier planes hammered 18 Japanese homeland airfields and destroyed, damaged or strafed 357 enemy planes in a sweep beginning Saturday night and continuing through Monday.

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, announcing the carrier raids on the fields from which Japan has been staging aerial onslaughts on the American forces at Okinawa, said fierce ground fighting continued there yesterday.

Fighting so savage that Americans attacked Japanese with bayonets, knives and their fists, with at least two Yanks drowning enemy troops by holding their heads below waters on a river, raged west of Ravao City on Mindanao island yesterday.

The Japanese had fled westward from Davano toward rugged mountains inland but their retreat was slowed by two rivers, the Talamo and Davao, between which Maj. Gen. Roscoe B. Woodruff's famous 24th division trapped.

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Raise On Real Estate Brings Total Higher

Slight Decrease In Personal Property; Rate Is Expected To Be The Same

Valuation of property in Ashe county for taxation purposes this year is expected to show an increase of nearly \$500,000 in spite of the decrease in personal property, according to an estimate made yesterday.

Final tabulations of the listers' reports from the 19 townships have not been completed by H. H. Burgess, tax supervisor, but re-cap figures completed to date show that combined total \$4,835,963.00 of real estate and personal property.

This is in excess of last year's valuation of approximately \$500,000.00. The valuation of corporations is unofficially estimated at what it was last year, \$256,000.00. This would bring the total valuation for purposes up to \$5,091,963.00.

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Saturday, May 26 To Be Poppy Day

Cooperation Is Asked; Money Will Be Used To Help Vets And Families

Every penny from poppies that will be sold on the streets of this and thousands of other towns, villages and cities in the country, Saturday, May 26, is contributed to the welfare and rehabilitation work of The American Legion and Auxiliary," Mrs. Guy Badger, chairman of the sale of poppies for the Ashe unit of the American Legion auxiliary, said today. "Because this work is being done by volunteers the money goes a long way.

"Many people have wondered what will become of the money collected by the volunteer workers. I wish everyone could see what help this money brings to the disabled and their families. Children left fatherless by two world wars are the special concern of the Legion and the Auxiliary. Their needs are often great, especially their human needs. We try to give them comfort both for the body and the mind.

"Of course the government looks after the physical welfare of the disabled men who are in hospitals in almost every state, but there are things which the government cannot provide, such as the understanding aid and the personal attention that so often helps a disabled man and which often helps to keep a family together when the chief breadwinner is incapacitated.

"This is what the money from the poppy sale helps to accomplish. And we hope that this year more and more people will buy the poppies and show their interest in and their sympathy for the men who have fought for them and are now struggling to get back to the point where they can again become self supporting."

Soil Treatment Topic At Rotary

Dr. Ivan E. Miles, head of the State Soil Testing Division of the State Department of Agriculture, in Raleigh, gave a very enlightening talk on the importance of feeding the soil, minerals and elements necessary to grow healthy plants. He pointed out that a deficiency of some of these minerals and elements could and would impair the health of the people throughout the county and nation.

Dr. Miles was presented to the club by J. T. McLaurin, program chairman.

Bernard Graybeal, Jr., is the Junior Rotarian for the month of May and was present for the meeting.

These Ashe County Men Are Reported Casualties Of War



Sgt. Freeman E. Bauguess, formerly of this county, was seriously wounded in Germany on April 6, according to a message from the War Department, received by his wife, Mrs. Joyce Bauguess, of Warrensville. He is now in an army hospital somewhere in England and will be returned to the states soon.



Cpl. Burley G. Church, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Church, formerly of Oval, was killed in action in the invasion of France on August 1, 1944. Cpl. Church was with the 10th Armored Infantry Division when he was killed. He had served overseas for sometime and had been in service since June, 1942.



Sgt. Richard B. Phillips, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Phillips, of Idlewild, has been reported missing in action since April 19, somewhere in Czechoslovakia, according to a recent message from the War Department. Sgt. Phillips has been on overseas duty since March 10, and served as a gunner on a B-17 Flying Fortress.



Pfc. Eugene Miller, Jr., of Jefferson, has been awarded the Purple Heart decoration for wounds received in action on March 12, while fighting in Germany. Pfc. Miller is married to the former Miss Della Mae Teague, who is making her home in this county. He has written that he is recovering nicely.



Pfc. Charles B. Oliver, son of Mrs. Clint Oliver, of North Wilkesboro, formerly of this county, was killed in action on March 6, while on duty with the Seventh Army. Pfc. Oliver entered service in January, 1944, and landed in France in December. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal and the Combat Infantryman Badge.