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## 159 Graduating From Ashe County High Schools

### Report \$141,000. On 7th War Loan In Ashe County

Much More Needed If Quota  
Of \$235,000.00 Is Reached  
In Drive

Unofficial returns from sources of sales late yesterday afternoon revealed that Ashe county has a total of slightly more than \$141,000.00 toward the quota of \$235,000.00, assigned the county for the Seventh War Loan.

L. B. Tyson, county chairman, pointed out that some of the townships were doing excellent work and urged the others to do all possible and to send in their reports. A special pep meeting and dinner for township workers has been planned early next month.

Late yesterday afternoon the West Jefferson post office reported sales of over \$79,000, and the Northwestern Bank, Jefferson, sales in excess of \$59,000.00. Lansing had previously reported \$7,987.50; Todd Post Office, \$1,481.25; Jefferson Post Office, \$412.50; Crumpler, \$175.00.

### Local Boy Scouts Attend Camporee

Bernard Graybeal's And Billy Colvard's Patrols Win Blue Awards

Two patrols from the West Jefferson Boy Scout Troop 37, attended the Counselor's Camporee, which was held last Saturday and Sunday at Bluff Park.

These patrols recently won the blue pennant at the district camporee, thus enabling them to qualify for the camporee last week end. The "Eagle Patrol" and the "Flying Eagle" Patrol were the two honored groups from Ashe county. Bernard Graybeal, Jr., is patrol leader of one of the patrols and Billy Colvard is patrol leader of the other.

Nearly 400 Boy Scouts from many counties were participants in the camporee at Bluff Park. It is reported that both Ashe county patrols won the blue award on this camporee, also.

"This is indeed an honor and Ashe county is proud to boast of these two fine patrols. With such fine leadership and spirit, it makes camping a pleasure," Jim Story, chairman of the camping committee, stated.

The Boy Scouts who attended were: Billy Colvard, patrol leader; Tommy Diggs, Wayne Sells, Robert Glenn Long, Frank Wyrick; B. B. Graybeal, Jr., patrol leader; William Austin, Jackie Neal, Dean McMillan, Joe Cornette, Bob Cornette, Howard McNeill, Jimmy Miller and Earl Graybeal, Jr.

Many visitors from West Jefferson visited the camporee on Saturday and Sunday.

### Rationing Guide

- MEATS AND FATS**  
Book Four red stamps Y5 and Z5 and A2 through D2 through June 2; E2 through J2 good through June 30; K2 through P2 good through July 31; Q2 through U2 good through Aug. 31.
- PROCESSED FOODS**  
Book Four blue stamps H2 through M2 good through June 2; N2 through S2 good through June 30; T2 through X2 good through July 31; Y2 and Z2 and A1 through C1 good through Aug. 31.
- SUGAR**  
Book Four stamps 35 good for five pounds through June 2. Stamp 36 good for five pounds through Aug. 31. Next stamp valid Sept. 1.
- SHOES**  
Book Three airplane stamps 1, 2 and 3 good indefinitely. OPA says no plans to cancel any. Next stamp valid Aug. 1.
- GASOLINE**  
15-A coupons for four gallons through June 21, B-6, B-7, C-6 and C-7 coupons good for five gallons.

### Americans Crack Jap Defense On Southern Okinawa This Week



KILLED IN ACTION

Sgt. Cecil W. Richardson, son of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Richardson, of Grayson, was killed in action in Germany when his company made an attack on Kelsterback on March 29. He entered service February 21, 1944.

### Making Effort To Kill Blister Damaging Pines

U. S. Department Of Agriculture Cooperating With Extension In Fight

R. H. Crouse, county farm agent, reports that the eradication of wild gooseberry bushes in Ashe county was begun this week to prevent the spread of white pine blister rust to white pines. The work is being done cooperatively by the North Carolina and U. S. Departments of Agriculture.

Roy H. Crouse, county agent, pointed out that the blister rust disease is of foreign origin which completes part of its life cycle on white pines, which it kills, and the rest of currant and gooseberry bushes. "The rust cannot be eradicated," he stated.

### Sgt. Vance James Is War Casualty

According to information received here yesterday, S-Sgt. Vance James, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam James, of Amy, was killed in action in Germany on April 28. Sgt. James had been overseas on an active duty for sometime. He has a brother, T-Sgt. Frank James in service, who is stationed in Utah.

### Brothers Released From Nazi Prison



Cpl. Wade Williams, (left), and Sgt. Joe Williams, (right), sons of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Williams, of West Jefferson, have been liberated from prison camps in Germany, and are now on their way home, according to letters received from them this week. Wade was captured on February 17, 1943, and Joe was captured on February 27, this year. Both of them attended West Jefferson high school.

### Mindanao Town And Airfield Are Captured By U. S. Forces

Veteran infantrymen of the seventh division speared into Yonabaru, eastern anchor of the stiff Japanese line across Southern Okinawa, in a surprise pre-dawn assault Tuesday and threw an encircling arm around the rumbled city.

Maj. Gen. Archibald V. Arnold's crack seventh, back in action after a two weeks rest, made its quick thrust against light opposition, in bad weather and thick mud. Tank support was impossible.

The infantrymen who swept around Yonabaru reached heights overlooking the towns of Rioi and Itarashiku, about 1,000 yards south of Yonabaru. They were in the northern end of a long ridge line which dominates the com-

### Special Service For Pfc. DeBord

Will Be Held Sunday Afternoon At Riverview Baptist Church

A memorial service will be conducted at the New River Baptist church on Sunday afternoon at three o'clock by the Rev. W. H. Caldwell, for Pfc. Franklin Marshall DeBord, 23, who died on November 3, 1944, from wounds received in action the previous day. He was buried in Holland.

Pfc. DeBord was the son of Mr. W. S. DeBord, of Rocks, Md. He entered the service in November, 1942, and received training in Texas and New Jersey, going overseas in August, 1944.

Members of the Ashe Post of the American Legion are expected to attend in a body and take part in the service.

Survivors include his father; three sisters, Mrs. Vella Mahaffey, North Wilkesboro; Misses Wilma and Barbara DeBord, of Rocks, Md.; three brothers, Sgt. John DeBord, Camp Croft, S. C.; Pfc. Avery DeBord, Hawaiian Islands and Pfc. Winfield DeBord, Jr., recently liberated from a German prison camp. Another brother, Pvt. Neal DeBord, was killed in action sixteen days later, on November 19.

### DAPHNE ELLER WILL FINISH AT MARS HILL

Mars Hill (Special)—Miss Daphne Eller, Lansing, is among the 191 students to be graduated from Mars Hill college at the eighty-ninth commencement exercises to be held Friday, May 25.

### Drive Planned To Exterminate Rats Next Week

District Sanitarian Wade Eller Is Working With Town Officials

Wade E. Eller, district sanitarian of Ashe, Alleghany and Watauga counties, announced this week that plans were being completed for the campaign to exterminate rats in West Jefferson, next week.

Mr. Eller has worked out plans with the town officials and bait for the rats will be put out next week. It is understood that this, while fatal to the rodents, will not hurt cats, dogs or chickens.

In order to encourage the rats to eat the bait, the public is asked not to leave any other food or garbage out within the reach of rats. It was pointed out that the

### American Ideals And Principles Cited By Greer

Re-dedication And Memorial Service On Sunday Sponsored By Legion

The freedoms of America, as well as the responsibilities, were cited by Dr. I. G. Greer, here on Sunday afternoon before a large audience when a re-dedication and memorial service was sponsored by the Ashe County Post 171, American Legion.

Dr. Greer stressed the importance of bridging the "low gaps" in America as well as the world. He pointed out the importance of church in character building and the value of the church to the individual as some of the problems of the future.

He heartily endorsed the President's appeal that "We continue to fight for the principles of freedom."

### Long Home After Many Missions

Pfc. Harold W. Long Is Home After 105 Missions In The Pacific Area

Marine Private First Class Harold W. Long, 20, son of Dr. and Mrs. L. L. Long, of West Jefferson, has returned here from the Pacific for furlough.

A gunner with a Second and Fourth Marine Air Wing torpedo bomber squadron, he was based on Iwo Jima, and in the New Hebrides. He underwent bombings and strafings, but escaped injury.

Long completed 105 missions and logged 500 flying hours. His squadron patrolled vital sea lanes in the Marianas and the Bonins. Previously, they struck at Bougainville and Rebutal in the South Pacific.

He was graduated in 1941 from West Jefferson High School and later attended the University of North Carolina. He was promoted to his present rank in August, 1943.

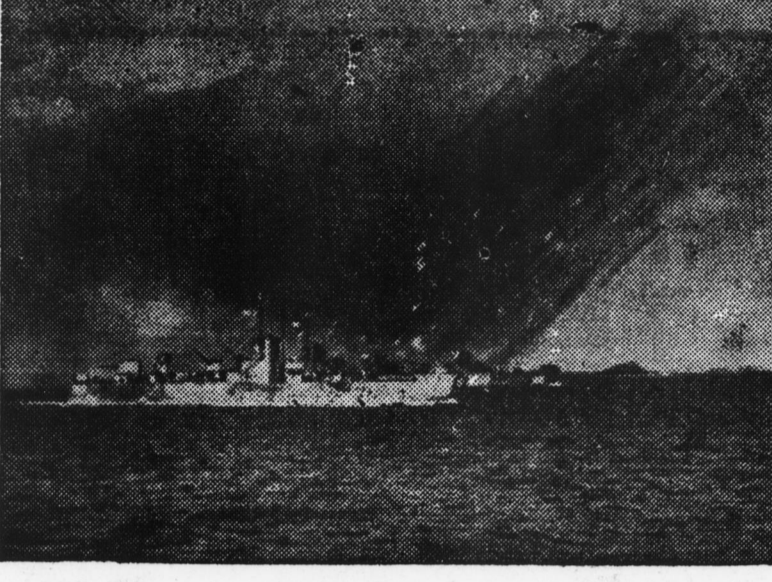
### Cast For W. J. Play Is Announced

Plans are now being perfected for the presentation of the senior play, "Pigtails," to be given at the West Jefferson High School on Wednesday evening, May 30, at 8:30 o'clock.

The following cast is announced for this popular four-act comedy: Doris McMillan, Pigtails; J. D. Jones, Kenyon Campbell; Edna Mae Pope, Primrose White; Betty Cornette, Florabelle Campbell; June Gentry, Anabelle Campbell; Evelyn Bare, Mrs. Sydney Campbell; Lillie Mae Hall, Brenda Baynes; Evelyn Dare Vannoy, Norma Kirk; Wayne Johnson, Mr. Sydney Campbell; Zane Blevins, Watt Mavners; G. C. Greene, Thurlow Ladd; and Virginia Taylor, Ursula James.

The play is being directed by Mrs. James Barlow. A small admission charge will be made. The public is cordially invited to attend.

### Victory Rockets Are Sent To Tokyo



Flame-tipped rockets etch black lines of smoke against the sky as they streak toward Jap installations, fired from navy LSMRS. The missiles will contribute a large share in the final drive against the mainland of Japan, as well as adjoining islands.

### Superior Court Opens Monday; Major Suits Placed On Calendar

### County Is Given Allotment Of 172 School Teachers

This Number For 1945-46 School Year, Based On Attendance Is Tentative

A. B. Hurt, superintendent of schools, announced yesterday that the State Department of Education had allotted a total of 172 teachers to the county for the 1945-46 school term.

It was pointed out, however, that this number, based on attendance records, is tentative and might be increased after schools open, provided that the enrollment justifies it.

The allotment of districts is as follows: Jefferson, 22; West Jefferson, 22; Riverview, 24; Elkton, 24.

### Miss Barr Has Work Exhibited

Miss Nena Bell Barr, daughter of Capt. and Mrs. Basil D. Barr, is among the students at the Woman's College, who are exhibiting work at Weatherspoon Art Gallery during commencement in photography.

Many fields of art, including sculpture, metal work, textile design, commercial design, interior design, drawing, prints, lithographs, watercolor oil, costume design, photography and design are covers to heighten appeal of the exhibition.

### Older Men In Useful Jobs Are To Be Given Deferment

In a telegram to all state directors of selective service and passed on to local draft boards, the director of selective service states: "All cases of registrants in the age group 30 through 37 are to be reviewed who are now in I-A, I-A-O or IV-E, and if a registrant is merely regularly engaged in an activity in support of the national health, safety or interest, or an activity in war production, or in an agricultural occupation or endeavor essential to the war effort, the local draft boards shall reopen the cases of such registrants and classify them anew. The term 'regularly engaged in' as applied to registrants 30 through 37 will be liberally applied, and particular consideration will be given to fathers."

Ashe county registrants should note that this liberal application of selective service regulations will not apply to delinquents, farm jumpers or registrants who leave a job for which they are deferred before seeking a termination from their local draft board, Mrs. Yelanjian, chief clerk to the local board, explained.

This liberalized policy, effective at once, results from the narrowing of the war to one front, Draft Director Lewis B. Hershey announced at a news conference.

He disclosed that the draft call will be cut about 25 per cent to 90,000 men a month beginning in July.

But Hershey predicted at the same time that as a result of the new leniency for older men, it will be necessary to call an increasing number of occupationally deferred registrants 18 through 29.

### Most Of Finals Will Open Next Week, Some Later

A Number Of Prominent Speakers Will Address Graduating Classes

This year 159 seniors, 48 boys and 111 girls being awarded diplomas from the nine high schools of Ashe county at the commencement exercises, several of which will be held the latter part of next week; while some will be a little later.

Several outstanding speakers have been secured, many of whom are local people and other special programs have been planned including plays and other features of entertainment.

Commencement at Jefferson will open on Sunday evening May 27 at 8:30 P. M. when the baccalaureate sermon will be preached by the Rev. W. T. Whittington. The finals will be concluded with the graduating exercises on Friday night, June 1, with class night and the address.

Some changes have been made in the final plans for Nathan's Creek. The senior class play, "Gabriel Blow Your Horn", will be presented on Saturday evening, May 26 in the high school auditorium. Rev. Worth Sweet will deliver the baccalaureate sermon on Sunday morning, May 27, at 11:00 o'clock. The commencement will be concluded on Friday night, June 1, when Rev. John S. Jordan will deliver the literary address to the graduating class.

### Poppies Are To Be Sold Saturday

Sponsored By American Legion Auxiliary; Mrs. Badger Is Chairman

Veterans of World War I and World War II are expected to be among the first to buy a poppy on Poppy Day, next Saturday, according to Mrs. Guy Badger, of the American Legion Auxiliary, who is in charge of the sale of these memorial flowers.

"Today as in 1917 and 1918 our men are again fighting overseas, giving their lives that we may be safe. These boys are our relatives, our neighbors, our friends. It is grievous to us that they must suffer, and who better appreciates the amount of suffering they endure than the veterans of this war and the last?"

"Those on the home front wish to show that they remember and revere those who died in both wars, and to do this, they wear the poppy. This little red flower expresses feelings that are too deep to put into words. It is one way of telling the heroic dead that we will all do our best to 'keep up the good fight.'"

"The women of the American Legion Auxiliary will be on the streets all day Saturday offering the poppies made by disabled veterans to the public. I am sure that veterans and civilians alike will be eager to wear the little red symbol of sacrifice," Mrs. Badger said.

### SPECIAL GIFT BONDS FOR 1945 GRADUATES

Ashe county people are urged to make their major gifts to high school graduates this year, war bonds.

Educational leaders pointed out that aside from the value of the gift itself, the graduates would have the satisfaction of knowing that they had become an investor in this country's fight for human liberty and a contributor in the world struggle to make life free for all men.

Parents or others giving graduates bonds may secure a special gift certificate by coming by the office of The Skyland Post and giving the name of the graduate and the donor. There is no cost to these certificates and they are suitable for framing, it was pointed out.