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MRS. POWERS TO RECEIVE \$3,000

To Hold Graduation Finals In 6 High Schools Friday

Diplomas And Addresses To Feature Finals

Dr. Dougherty To Speak Here And Lieut Gov. Ballentine At Jefferson

Final commencement exercises will be held Friday night at 8 o'clock in 6 of the 9 high schools of Ashe county.

Dr. B. B. Dougherty, president of Appalachian State Teachers college, will deliver the graduation address at the West Jefferson high school. Prof. B. H. Duncan, principal, will award diplomas to the 31 graduates.

Lieutenant Governor L. Y. Ballentine will speak at the Jefferson high school and diplomas will be presented by Principal J. B. Hash to the 20 members of the graduating class.

Closing exercises at the Lansing high school will be held in the school gymnasium and Prof. A. B. Hurt, county superintendent, will make the literary address. Seventeen seniors will graduate at that time.

Gwyn B. Price, director of the North Carolina Rural Electrification Authority and former principal of the Jefferson high school will speak at Riverview high school. There are 11 seniors, 8 girls and 3 boys, in the graduating class.

Dr. J. D. Rankin, dean of A. S. T. C., will address the Virginia-Carolina high school graduates and this closing commencement program will be held in the Baptist church. L. K. Halsey, principal, will award diplomas to the 25 grads.

Commencement finals at Nathan's Creek high school will be held in the school auditorium on Friday night at eight o'clock and the Rev. John S. Jordan will be (Continued on Page 4)

Draft Board Is Re-Checking List

Registrants Between 18 And 25 In 4-F And Deferred Classes Involved

In line with revised Selective Service regulations, the local draft board has been instructed to review all 4-F, 2-AF, 2-BF and 2-CF classifications and those registrants who were acceptable for limited service in the age group 18 through 25.

These registrants will not be reclassified until after they have been examined, but will be called for a preinduction physical examination even though classified 4-F. These registrants are advised not to see the local board about deferments until after they are examined and reclassified in 1-A.

This policy has been instituted by Selective Service because the armed forces have reiterated their need for young men, preferably below 30 years of age, it is stated. They say that the supply of registrants in this age group is limited, and it is reasonable to believe that some registrants who were rejected some time ago, may now be available for service.

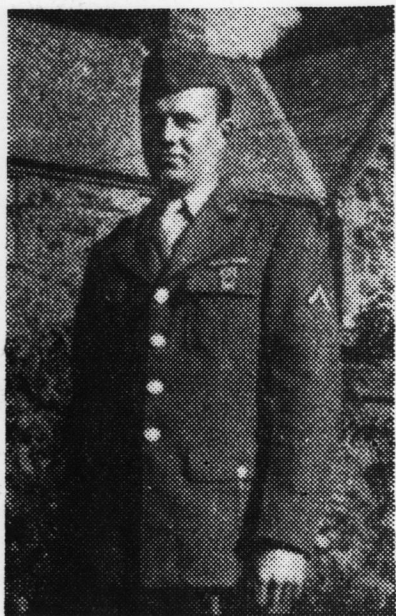
Funeral Friday For Andy Sullins

Funeral service will be held tomorrow morning at 11:00 o'clock at the home for Andy Sullins, 72, of Silas Creek, who died on Tuesday, after receiving injuries from a fall and from heart trouble. The Revs. W. E. Denney and Franklin Barker will conduct the service and burial will follow at the family cemetery.

Mr. Sullins, the son of Joe Sullins and Mattie Hurley Sullins, was a farmer. He is survived by the following brothers and sisters: Joe Sullins, H. C. Sullins, Tom Sullins, Miss Dollie Sullins, Mrs. Frankie Brooks, Mrs. T. Francis and Mrs. Lura Coe.

Sale Of War Bonds In Ashe County Is Going Along Well

GETS AN AWARD



Pfc. Branard C. Duncan has been awarded the bronze star medal for heroic achievement in military operations against the enemy in Germany on December 1, 1944. He is the son of Mrs. Haston Duncan, of Grassy Creek.

Plans Underway To Organize New Boy Scout Troops

Report Made At Meeting Of District Executive Committees Here Monday

Plans are now underway to organize several new Boy Scout troops in Ashe county, Rev. E. W. Powers, chairman of the district organization and extension committee, announced Monday night at a meeting of the district executive committee.

Mr. Powers stated that a new troop at Tuckerdale has been registered and that formation of troops at Warrensville, Glendale Springs and one or two other places in the county is in progress.

The committee had dinner at the City cafe and adjourned to the community building for a business session, over which Levern Johnson, chairman, presided.

James Thomas, assistant executive of the Old Hickory council, announced that dedication of the new church area at Camp Lasiter will be held at 3:45 o'clock on June 10 and said that Scouters from every district are invited to attend.

Several committee reports were submitted at the meeting by the chairmen and these included James Story, W. W. Terry, M. W. Reynolds, Sharpe Shoemaker, Commissioner A. B. Hurt and J. H. C. Thomas.

Plans for summertime district events were discussed and referred to the camping and activities committee.

Death Overtakes Ashe Man Who Dodged Military Service

Charles Lee Richardson, of the upper Horse Creek section of Ashe county, was found dead last week near his hideaway in the mountains, by officers who had sought him for more than three years on the count of dodging military service.

Information leading to the discovery of the body was given by Ray Miller, F. B. I. representative, accompanied by Chief Deputy Carl B. Graybeal, made an investigation. The county coroner reported that he had probably died from a natural heart ailment.

Over Half Of Quota Sold; Drive To Last During Month Of June

Unofficial returns from war bond issuing agencies late yesterday afternoon revealed that Ashe has a total of \$136,461.50 toward its quota of \$235,000.00, assigned the county for the Seventh War Loan drive.

L. B. Tyson, county chairman, announced that plans are being perfected for the dinner meeting of township workers next Monday night at 7:30 o'clock. At this time, W. H. Neal, of Winston-Salem, district bond chairman, will be present. He expects to bring a war hero who will address the group.

"At this meeting further plans for the drive will be made," Mr. Tyson stated. He urged that all of the township workers make an effort to attend the meeting. "We must double our efforts toward raising our quota during the remainder of the drive," he explained.

Totals from the following sources of sales reported yesterday afternoon are as follows: Northwestern Bank, \$65,000.00; Jefferson Post Office, \$487.50; Ashe Building and Loan, \$1,012.50; West Jefferson Post Office, \$55,518.75; Lansing Post Office, \$12,787.50. Todd Post Office had previously reported \$1,481.25, and Crumpler, \$175.00.

Mr. Tyson said he was pleased with the progress made so far and expressed the belief that the county would go over the top of its quota before the drive officially closes June 30.

"There is no let-up in our drive to lick the Japs and there must be no let-up in our bond buying," he declared.

J. W. Waddell To Be Buried Today

Funeral service will be held this morning at 11:00 o'clock for John W. Waddell, 83, of Nathan's Creek, who died at his home on Tuesday after suffering from an attack of paralysis. The service will be held at the Cranberry Primitive Baptist church with burial following at the church cemetery.

Mr. Waddell, who well known throughout this section, was preceded in death by his wife, the former Miss Laura Vannoy, some time ago. He was the son of the late Allison Waddell and Caroline Griffith Waddell. The following brothers survive: Jessie J. Waddell, Idaho; William C. Waddell, Maryland; Canie Waddell, Laurel Springs, and M. H. Waddell, Scottville.

The Rev. and Mrs. John S. Jordan spent a few days this week visiting his parents in Mount Airy.

Tobacco Barns Will Be Built On Ashe Test Farm

New Sheep Barn Now In Use; Cattle Barn Nearing Its Completion

F. E. Miller, director of the test farm division of the N. C. Department of Agriculture, announced this week that new tobacco barns for the housing of burley as well as Turkish tobacco, would be erected on the State test farm at Laurel Springs and in Haywood county.

This is in keeping with the tobacco program set up by the N. C. Legislature. Turkish tobacco is to be tried out on the State test farm in Ashe as well as by a number of other farmers of the county.

Work is going forward on other barns at the State farm, since the weather has become more favorable for building. The newly completed sheep barn is now housing 16 purebred Hampshire yearling ewes, recently brought here from Statesville. The cattle barn is also nearing completion and as soon as it is ready, 30 Hereford heifers will be brought here, Mr. Miller explained.

Mr. Miller, together with Kerr Scott, Commissioner of Agriculture and a number of other members of the N. C. Board of Agriculture, visited the farm at Laurel Springs last week and went from there to Haywood. W. B. Austin, who is a newly appointed member of the group, was among the party.

S.-Sgt. Stump Is Given Decoration

Son Of Mr. And Mrs. J. L. Stump Of Nathan's Creek In Air Force

An Eighth Air Force Bomber Station, England—Staff Sergeant James M. Stump, 21-year-old B-17 Flying Fortress radio operator and gunner from Nathan's Creek, has recently been awarded an Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal for "meritorious achievement" while participating in Eighth Air Force bombing attacks on vital German industries and military installations.

The official citation accompanying the award commented on the "courage, coolness and skill displayed by Sgt. Stump upon these occasions" as reflecting "great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States." The presentation was made by his group commander, Lieutenant Colonel Louis G. Thorup of Salt Lake City, Utah.

Sgt. Stump is a member of the 447th Bomb. Group which coordinated most of its bombing attacks with Allied ground offensives in Germany. The group is a unit of the Third Air Division, the division that was cited by the President for the now historic England-African shuttle bombing attack on the Messerschmitt factory. (Continued on Page Four)

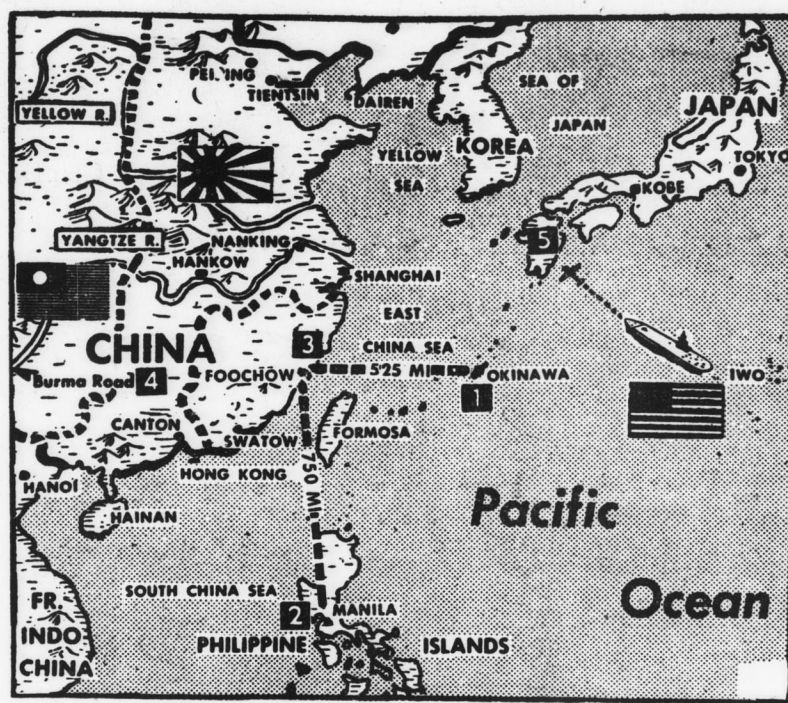
Many Children Are Vaccinated

A total of 419 children were vaccinated for smallpox and 178 were given diphtheria immunizations at the clinics held in 8 schools in Ashe county during the past few weeks, Miss Helen Gormley, public health nurse, announces.

All parents who will have children entering school next fall for the first time and who did not take their children to one of the clinics are requested to take them to the health department office for vaccination on either Friday or Saturday morning.

Miss Gormley also stated that teachers who have not been vaccinated for smallpox should do so in the near future.

Where Pacific Battle Is Raging



With street fighting marking the last stages of the Chinese campaign to retake Fochow, key China coast city, Jap troops were reported moving northward to points closer to their homeland. Fochow lies just 525 miles from Okinawa (1), where U. S. troops fought hard for victory, and 750 air-miles from Manila (2), in the event that Fochow (3) should become a possible China east landing point in the future, Okinawa would be expected to provide protection while troops moved from Manila. In the Hunan province, Chinese troops were rolling the Japs back near former American airbases (4) at Paoching. Meanwhile carrier planes continue their terrific blasting of Kyushu (5) and other Jap centers.

A Movement Started To Get A Federal P. O. Building Here

Guernsey Sale To Be Held Here Saturday, June 9

Some Of Best Herds In State To Be Represented; Milk Companies Cooperate

Plans are now being perfected for the second annual consignment sale of purebred Guernsey cattle to be held here on Saturday, June 9, Roy H. Crouse, county agent, announced this week.

The sale is being sponsored by the civic-minded individuals in cooperation with the farm agent's department. In order to have a get-together meeting with farmers and dairymen, the Rotary club will meet on Friday evening instead of Thursday and at this time a number of dairymen of the county as well as those with animals in the show, will be present.

The sale will start at 12:30 o'clock with the following herds represented, Mr. Crouse said: Y. C. Collins, Salisbury; Gilbert S. Doub, East Bend; Fowler and Zeb V. Gambill, Plaffton; T. Holt Haywood, Winston-Salem; (Continued on Page Four)

Petition To Be Sent To Congressman R. L. Doughton; Many Signing

A petition requesting Congressman R. L. Doughton to use his influence in securing a federal post office building for West Jefferson is now being circulated here under the sponsorship of The Skyland Post and is expected to be sent to Mr. Doughton within the next few days.

Citizens who have not been contacted and who want to sign the petition are asked to stop in The Skyland Post office and do so. The names of hundreds of West Jefferson and Ashe county citizens are expected to be attached to the petition.

"Every one is enthusiastically in favor of this worthy project," Gene Parker, town clerk who has been assisting in making local contacts, stated late yesterday.

During recent years postal receipts of the West Jefferson office have increased a great deal and on June 30 of this year the office will become second class, thereby placing it in line for a federal building, it is stated.

Because of necessary wartime restrictions, the government has not erected any post office buildings since the war started, but it (Continued on Page 4)

Railway Case Is Finally Closed In Ashe Court

Number Of Divorces Granted Monday And Other Cases Are Tried

A consent judgment awarding Mrs. Ina Powers the sum of \$3,000 was signed in the Ashe superior court yesterday afternoon and this action brought to a close a long legal battle between Mrs. Powers and the Norfolk and Western Railway which was started when her husband was run over and killed on the N. & W. tracks between Lansing and Tuckerdale on September 24, 1938.

Mrs. Powers was suing for \$25,000 in damages sustained because of her husband's death. The case was first tried in 1941 and was non-suited. On December 27, 1941, a new suit was instigated. Trial of this case was started Tuesday morning and was concluded yesterday with the signing of the consent judgment.

When court convenes today, trial of the case of H. M. Miller against W. E. McNeill and others over alleged non-payment of taxes due to former Sheriff Miller will be resumed.

The two weeks May-June term of Ashe superior court opened on Monday with Judge Felix Alley presiding.

Divorces were granted as follows: Sadie Parker vs. J. E. Parker, D. M. Hawkins vs. Bonnie Hawkins, Edith Mullins vs. J. W. Mullins, Bonnie Osborne vs. James Osborne, Roy Houck vs. Linda Houck and Walter Jones vs. Gladys Lewis Jones.

The case of Cora Calhoun vs. Harrison Phillips and others was (Continued on Page 4)

Beef Payment Is Given By AAA

Chairman Graybeal Requests That Cattlemen Keep Records

Announcement of the Beef Production Payment program by the War Food Administration, effective May 19, 1945, has been received by T. J. Graybeal, Chairman, Ashe County AAA Committee.

In explaining the program, the AAA leader pointed out that the payment rate will be 50 cents per hundredweight for good and choice cattle owned and fed by the applicant at least 30 days prior to selling. "Cattle are required to weigh 800 pounds (liveweight) or more, and to be sold to a licensed slaughterer," he added.

"Payment will probably be made similar to those earned under the dairy production payment program and cattlemen are urged to keep accurate records of sales," Mr. Graybeal declared.

"Cattlemen will be furnished complete information relative to details of the program as soon as it is received by the Ashe County AAA Committee," he concluded.

Mrs. Landreth To Be Buried Today

Mrs. Mary Ham Landreth, 82, of Ball, will be buried this afternoon at the Landreth cemetery after funeral service at the Horse Creek Primitive Baptist church, conducted by Elder Dewey Rotten. Mrs. Landreth, who died at her home Wednesday, suffered from a heart attack. She had been in ill health for some time.

She was a native of this county, the daughter of Joshua and Rena Ham. Her husband, William Landreth, preceded her in death some time ago. Survivors include the following children: James Landreth, Mrs. Neila Colvard, Mrs. Callie Elliott, Virgil Landreth and Lee Landreth.

Another Feeder Calf Sale For Ashe County Is Planned

L. I. Case and Howard Stamey, of the extension division of State College were in the county last week, making preliminary surveys for another proposed feeder calf sale of baby calves, for early next fall.

Mr. Case pointed out that the animals sold here last fall and taken to the eastern part of N. C., had done exceptionally well. "These mountain-bred calves were the best they had down there," he declared.

It was explained that those wishing to sell their calves at this special sale should begin to prepare the animals for this

ahead of time. "If they have not already been dehorned they should be at once," Mr. Case said. Those wishing more details on how to have prize calves ready for the sale are requested to contact County Agent Crouse or Walter Stringer at the West Jefferson Stock market.

Attention was called to the fact that only choice calves should be offered in this sale. Mr. Case said that he expected prices to be good and for those not wishing to feed calves through the winter, that this sale would be a good opportunity for them.

The date for this will be announced later.