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## West Jefferson Has Modern Fire Truck

### Local Airport To Be Officially Opened Sunday

Many Visiting Flyers Are Expected; Air Show Will Be Staged For Public

Plans are now being completed for the official opening of the West Jefferson airport, Sunday at noon, provided the weather is favorable, Russell W. Barr, president, said this week.

Local town and county officials are expected to attend as well as a number of flyers from out of town, and everyone else interested. Tom Davis, who is in charge of the Winston-Salem airport and a member of the N. C. Aeronautical board, is also expected to be present.

The 1600-ft. runway has recently been completed as has the hangar. Other necessary equipment has been installed and the airport has been designated by the government.

There are three planes, two cub trainers and one cub cruiser belonging to the airport and others have been ordered for early delivery. Lessons are being given and a number are now enrolled as students, it was explained.

For the opening on Sunday, a number of visiting airmen are expected and an air show will be put on for the benefit of spectators, Mr. Barr announced.

The airport, which is the first (Continued on Page Four)

### Tire Dealers To Have Inventory

OPA Announces That It Must Be Completed Before June 30

Tire dealers in Ashe county are required to have a complete inventory of their tire stock and Parts B at the close of business, June 30, L. P. Colvard, chairman of the war price and rationing office said today.

Dealers who fail to register their June 30 inventory with OPA before July 10 may not legally transfer rationed tires after that date.

During the period July 11-25, OPA's Enforcement Division will conduct a survey on dealer compliance, aimed especially at failure to register, failure to keep proper records, and failure to maintain accountable inventory, Mr. Colvard pointed out.

To assure that the available supply of tires are used for the most essential wartime uses, from now on, all tire certificates will be channeled through OPA's Verification Center, he added.

At the same time, he urged all drivers of cars, especially drivers of cars with "A" cards, to continue to recap tires.

**Rationing Guide**  
**MEATS AND FATS**  
Book Four red stamps E2 through J2 good through June 30; K2 through P2 good through July 31; Q2 through U2 good through Aug. 31; V2 through Aug. 31; V2 through Z2 good through Sept. 30.  
**PROCESSED FOODS**  
Book Four blue stamps N2 through S2 good through June 30; T2 through X2 good through July 31; Y2, Z2 and A1 through C1 good through Aug. 31; D1 through H1 good through Sept. 30.  
**SUGAR**  
Book Four 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 good for four gallons each through June 21; 16-A coupons become valid June 22 for six gallons each. B-6, B-7, B-8, C-6, C-7 and C-8 coupons good for five gallons each. B-6 and C-6 coupons expire June 30.

### Hundreds Of Japs Die As Okinawa Is Overrun By Allies

#### Industrial Cities Are Heavily Bombed By Many Allied Planes

Japanese troops died by the hundreds yesterday on widely separated Pacific war fronts as American forces battled fanatical Nipponese last-ditch defenders on Southern Okinawa and swept into new sectors of the Northern Philippines.

Japanese disaster on Okinawa was almost complete, Marines and doughboys backed the desperate remnants into the hopeless pockets. Some fought doggedly but as defense positions collapsed many of the trapped Nipponese chose death by leaping off cliffs fronting on the southern coast.

Elements of America's powerful Pacific fleet, led by battleships and cruisers, threw tons of hot steel into the Southern Okinawa traps.

On the Pacific aerial front Superfortresses struck with heavy loads of fire bombs against Japanese industrial cities for the second time in three days. Other American fliers again attacked Balikpapan, Borneo oil refinery center while still others joined warships in bombarding Jaluit, in the Marshalls. Allied planes hit shipping and other targets from the Kuriles to the South Pacific.

Allied forces gained ground on the Asiatic continent and on Western Borneo. The sinking of 11 additional Japanese ships by American submarines was reported by the navy department as radio Tokyo said Yank overseas fighters, "coordinating their activity" with mine planting Superforts, would bear "strict watching."

Since the beginning of the war Yank subs have bagged 1,153 Japanese ships. The American Superfortress command sent its sky giants against war industries in Japan's secondary cities.

About 450 night flying B-29s dropped approximately 3,000 tons of fire bombs on Shizuoka and (Continued on Page 4)

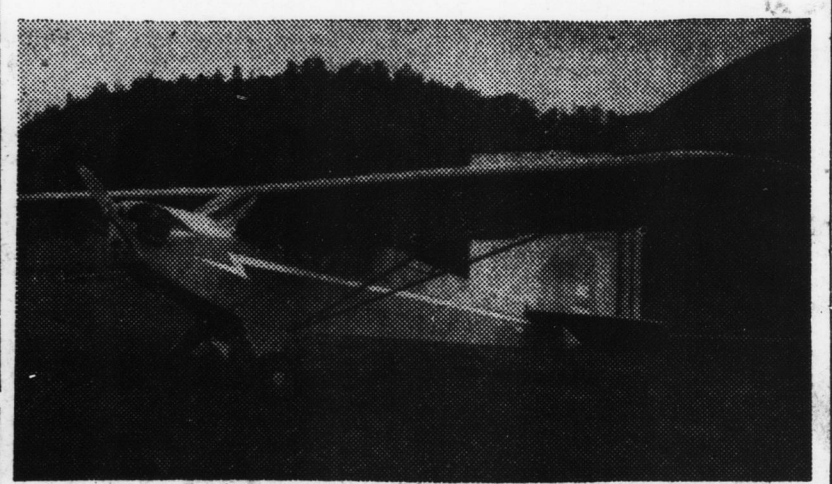
### Used Car Prices To Drop July 1

Used car prices in Ashe county as well as all over America will take a four per cent drop on July 1, the Office of Price Administration announced this week in Washington. The move affects cars sold either by regular dealers or private owners.

The price cut is in accordance with used car pricing regulations which provide for normal depreciation, OPA officials said, adding that four per cent would also be deducted from charges allowed for extra equipment, such as heaters and radios.

"This price drop should not only prove a stimulant to used car sales," said an OPA spokesman, "but will also provide additional low-cost transportation to essential workers."

### Cub Trainer Plane On New W. J. Airfield



Back of this cub trainer plane is the recently completed hangar. The field, which has a 1,600-foot runway, will be officially opened on Sunday, if the weather is favorable.

### Noted Chinese Doctor To Speak Here On Sunday

Medical Leader To Give Address At West Jefferson Methodist Church

In observance of Racial Relations Day, Dr. Chen-yuan Chi, professor of medicine at the National Heiang-ya Medical College of Chungking, will deliver an address at the West Jefferson Methodist church Sunday evening at 8:00 o'clock, the Rev. John S. Jordan, pastor, announced today. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Mr. Jordan pointed out that he was happy to secure such a noted Chinese to speak and hoped that everyone who could would come to hear him. Dr. Chen-yuan Chi is studying American methods of controlling certain diseases and hopes to use some of these methods in his own country. In addition to being a medical authority, he is a noted scholar and understands conditions in both China and Japan.

When he first came to America he was the guest of the U. S. Public Health Department. He is now doing some special work in Charlotte and will go from North Carolina to Michigan for further study before returning to China.

He was born in Manchuria and was driven out of that country by the Japs. He went from there to Peking.

### U. N. C. To Confer Degree On R. L. Doughton, Mon.

Washington — Representative Robert L. Doughton, dean of the North Carolina congressional delegation, has accepted an invitation from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill to attend graduation exercises and receive an honorary Doctor of Laws degree there on June 25.

This is the first honorary doctorate to be conferred upon the distinguished North Carolina legislator.

### M. M. West, 83, Buried Yesterday

Funeral service was held at the Little Helton church yesterday at 11:00 o'clock, for Mitchel M. West, 83, of Grassy Creek, who died on Monday, June 18, after suffering from a heart attack. The service was conducted by the Revs. Geter Blevins, Lester Denney and Edgar Denney. Burial was held at the Chappel cemetery.

Mr. West, who was the son of the late William West and Martha Plummer West, was a farmer. He is survived by one daughter, Ida Jane West.

### SEVERAL COUNTY MEN ARE BACK HOME WITH FAMOUS 86th DIVISION

Ashe county boys, members of the famous 86th Division, who have arrived in the United States from the European Theater of Operations to spend furloughs at home before leaving for the Pacific, are: Private Coy B. Mical, of Todd, Pvt. Glenn C. Barker, of Warrensville and Pfc. William L. Jones, of West Jefferson.

### EISENHOWER MEDALS WON BY ASHE SCOUTS

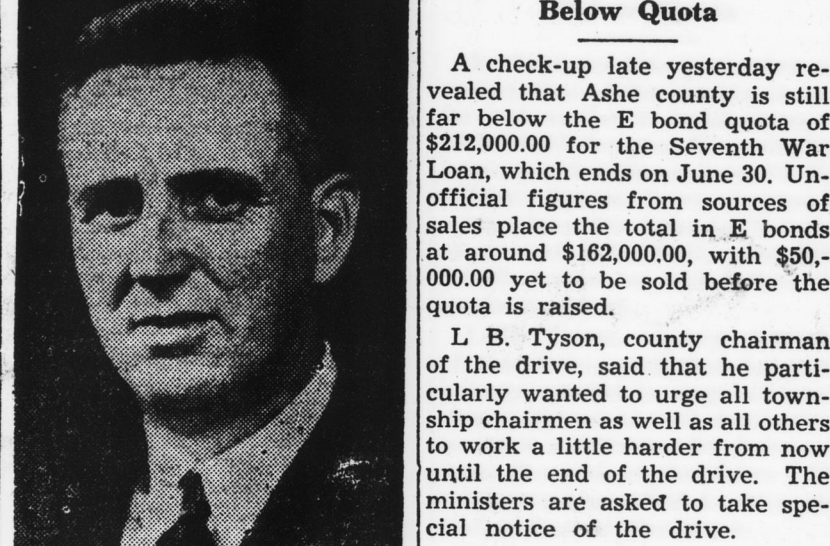
According to information released from Boy Scout headquarters in Winston-Salem, 11 Ashe county Boy Scouts were among those of the district winning General Eisenhower medals for waste paper collections.

Troop 37, of West Jefferson, under Scoutmaster Everett W. Powers, was the only Troop with winners in Ashe District. Scouts who will receive medals are Robert Long, Bob Cornette, Joe Cornette, David Powers, Billy Colvard, Wayne Hurley, Sonny Farnsworth, Gene Powers, Bernard Graybeal, Jr., Earl Graybeal, Jr., and Calvin Miller.

This group collected 11,000 pounds.

### Ashe County Behind In Sale Of E Bonds; Co-operation Needed

#### NAMED FIRE CHIEF



B. B. Graybeal, who was again named as fire chief of West Jefferson at a re-organization meeting last week.

### Ministers Are Urged To Aid In War Bond Drive

Are Asked To Make A Special Appeal Through Churches On Sunday

As the Seventh War Loan is nearing a close with Ashe county still far below the E bond quota, a special appeal is being made to ministers and church leaders to help raise the quota.

Because ministers are able to contact large groups and have a wide sphere of influence they are asked to make some special mention of the drive on Sunday as well as to lend their influence in other ways.

The following letter has been sent to a large number of ministers:

"Dear Ashe County Pastor: Mr. L. B. Tyson, the very active and efficient Chairman for our county of the 7th War Bond Drive, appointed me Chairman of the professional group and he has requested me to aid in this campaign. (Continued on Page Four)

### Dates For Wool Gathering Given

R. H. Crouse, county agent, this week announced the following dates and places for collecting wool for the cooperative pool: Laurel Springs P. O., June 23, 8:30 a. m. to 10:00 a. m.; Lansing (Ray Clark's), June 25, 8:30 a. m. to 10:00 a. m.; W. R. Osborne (Fig P. O.), June 25, 10:30 a. m. to 1 p. m.; West Jefferson (bean shed), June 25, 2:00 p. m. to 5:00 p. m.

"The pool has been sold for 54c for clear wool and 49c for light, burry wool—net to the producer," he said.

### Eisenhower Welcomed; Says Must Be Strong To Keep Peace

New York City took General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower to its heart Tuesday and outdid itself in showering on him a rousing, emotional welcome.

The greatest crowds the metropolis has ever seen—estimated by police at more than 7,000,000, or about twice the size of all United States forces in Europe at the peak of the war—turned out to pay tribute to the Kansas boy who directed America's mightiest military success.

The over-all crowd total included repeaters who ran from one vantage point to another. The modest hero told more than 2,000,000 persons jammed around City Hall:

"If we are going to live the years of peace, we must be strong and we must be ready to co-operate in the spirit of true tolerance and forbearance."

### First In County; Practice Drills Are Being Held

Will Serve Other Parts Of County When Possible; Force Is Named

This week, West Jefferson's fire truck, the first in the county, along with other modern equipment, arrived and practice drills are now being held to get accustomed to handling the new fire-fighting apparatus.

The truck and other needed equipment purchased from a Roanoke concern for around \$6,100, had been ordered for some time, following a town-wide meeting of citizens, who heartily endorsed the proposal.

The truck has been bought by the town of West Jefferson but will be used in other nearby sections of the county, when possible, it was decided, when plans were made for its purchase.

The small standard engine is mounted on a Ford truck chassis and will pump 500 gallons of water per minute from the main hose besides the auxiliary hose, it was pointed out.

At an organization meeting last week, B. B. Graybeal was again named as fire chief. Levern Johnson is the assistant chief and T. E. Parker, secretary and treasurer.

The following members of the (Continued on Page 4)

### Baptist Women Of Ashe Meet

Officers Are Chosen; Leaders Are Heard On Interesting Program

New officers for the coming year were elected at the annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Ashe Baptist Association, which met at the Phoenix Baptist Church at Bina, last Thursday, when a large number of churches in the county were represented.

The new officers are as follows: Mrs. H. D. Quessenberry, re-elected superintendent; assistant superintendent, Mrs. Ralph Parsons; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. E. W. Powers; mission study leader, Mrs. Fred Waddell; stewardship leader, Mrs. B. E. Reeves; community mission leader, Mrs. Worth Phillips, and young peoples' leader, Miss Minnie Haire.

A very interesting program was presented with Mrs. Quessenberry in charge. Mrs. B. E. Reeves spoke on "Tithing, as God's Financial Plan," after which reports from the different societies were given. Miss Virginia Dare Teague, Ashe Association worker, was commended for her fine work and share in organizing the new societies in the county. Mrs. J. S. Farmer, of Raleigh, was introduced and spoke on the subject, "Henceforth in Fields of Conquest," and Miss Lois Heath, Home Missionary, of Atlanta, Ga., also spoke, after which the (Continued on Page 4)

### SPECIAL WAR BOND PICTURE TONIGHT

The special Seventh War Loan premier, "Up In Arms," will be presented at the Parkway theater tonight to all bond purchasers. The feature will start at 7:45 o'clock and will be shown only one time.

The picture, starring Danny Kaye, Dinah Shore, Dana Andrews and others, is in technicolor, and is considered one of the best shows of the year.

"I am sure that everyone who has not bought a bond during this drive will want to do so today in order that they may attend this show," L. B. Tyson, chairman of the drive in the county stated, and urged that those who have already bought bonds make a special effort to buy another in order that the county may reach its quota. Only those who have bought bonds since the official opening of the drive will be admitted, it was explained.