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Col. Fletcher Is To Again Head State U. C. C.

Native Of Ashe Is Again Appointed To Important State Post

Raleigh—Col. A. L. Fletcher, a veteran of the present war, was reappointed chairman of the State Unemployment Compensation Commission for a four-year term Friday by Governor Cherry.

In accepting the appointment, Col. Fletcher said he expected to retire under the State Employees Retirement Act when he reaches the age of 65 on July 7, 1946. "Unless the economic situation is such that you will need my services beyond that time, and I shall place my resignation in your hands, he said in a letter to the Governor.

Reappointment to the commission for four-year terms were Dr. Harry A. Wolfe of Chapel Hill, C. E. Cowan of Morganton, and Mrs. W. T. Bost of Raleigh.

The commission now has a surplus of more than \$100,000,000 for use in the payment of benefits to unemployed workers in the event of wholesale unemployment in the reconversion period after the war.

Colonel Fletcher is a native of Ashe and his appointment to this post was greeted with much enthusiasm here as well as elsewhere.

Former Ashe Man, 90, Dies In Colo.

W. P. Wilbar, Native Of Jefferson, Passed Away In Florence, Colo.

Florence, Colorado — With the recent passing of W. P. Wilbar, at his home at 224 East Main Street, Florence loses another pioneer of the community who had taken an active part in its business and community life for over 50 years.

Mr. Wilbar had been ill since February 5, and his death was due to complications arising from his illness and advanced age.

He had been a resident of Florence for 55 years, and his wife coming to Florence in the early 90's, and living here continuously since with the exception of three years spent in Texas. It was after his return from Texas that he built the two Wilbar blocks on Main Street. Twenty-eight years ago he sold his business in Florence and accepted the management of the Portland Mercantile company, with which company

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M. W. Munday, 56, Buried Friday

Funeral service was held on last Friday for Marion W. Munday, 56, of Creston, who died at his home on Wednesday, after suffering from a heart attack. The Rev. S. S. Graybeal and Rev. C. R. Trivett conducted the service and burial followed at the Sullivan cemetery.

Mr. Munday, who was a native of Watauga county, was a farmer. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Fannie Hayworth Munday and the following children: Ralph, of Sylva; Mrs. Fred Shelton, Creston; Russell, of Kelson, Pa.; Mrs. J. C. Holman, Greeneville, Tenn.; Eldean, Richmond, Ind.; Robert, James, Kermit, Lovell and Archie, of Creston. One sister, Mrs. D. B. Clark, of Mountain City, Tenn., and one brother, T. C. Munday, of Creston, also survive.

Bond Rally At Baldwin On Sat.

Mack Edwards and Mrs. Ward Ray, co-chairmen of the Seventh War Loan for Old Fields Township, announced that plans were being completed for a bond rally at the Baldwin church on Saturday evening, June 30 at 8:30 o'clock.

Everyone is invited to bring boxes and pies and be prepared to buy bonds.

"We will auction off a number of prizes and cordially invite everyone to attend," Mr. Edwards said. Harry Hamilton, of Boone, will be the auctioneer.

Last Stronghold Of Japs In Philippines Now Near Collapse

NAMED U. C. C. HEAD



Col. A. L. Fletcher has been re-appointed head of the State U. C. C. by Governor Cherry.

Rotary Club To Have A Special Program Tonight

Ladies Will Be Special Guests; Plans Discussed Last Week

Tonight, the last meeting of the Rotary club year with President Gale McMillan in charge, a special program has been planned with the Rotary-anns as guests for the occasion.

The program of entertainment has been worked out by the committee composed of Sharpe S. Shoemaker, W. W. Terry and James Story.

Around 75 members are expected to attend. Next month the newly elected officers will begin their term. Sharpe S. Shoemaker is the incoming president.

Last week, Thomas H. Sears conducted an open forum discussion of proposed plans for the club to sponsor next year. Among those brought out by members were the Boy Scout activities and other work with youths, helping to establish a cannery, aiding the establishment of industry in the county, the erection of a memorial building and several other community projects including the support of the movement to secure a Federal post office building in West Jefferson.

FARMERS MUST SECURE SLAUGHTERING PERMITS

Farmers in Ashe county are again reminded that in order to slaughter meat for sale during 1945 they must obtain a permit from the War Price and Rationing Board by July 1. L. P. Colvard, Chairman, said today.

Even though a farmer may not wish to slaughter meat until fall or winter, Mr. Colvard pointed out, he must register with the War Price and Rationing Board before July 1.

Series Of Typhoid Clinics Will Open On Next Monday

Miss Helen Ghormley, county health nurse, has announced a schedule for a series of immunization clinics, planned to cover the entire county, beginning next Monday, July 2.

"Diphtheria and small pox vaccinations may also be had in these clinics. We owe it to ourselves more than ever before, in this period of emergency to keep healthy and I hope that everyone will take advantage of these clinics," Miss Ghormley said.

The schedule for the clinics is as follows:

Monday, July 2, 9, 16—Lansing Service store, 9:00 a. m.; Little Helton school, 10:30 a. m.; Sussex, Young's store, 1:00 p. m.; Grassy Creek, Sturgills' store, 2:30 p. m.

Tuesday, July 3, 10, 17—Weavers Ford store, 9:00 a. m.; Silas

Australians Recapture Second Rich Borneo Oil Field From Japs

Imminent American conquest of the last Japanese stronghold in the Philippines and Australian recapture of a second rich oil field on Borneo's west coast were reported by Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters yesterday.

As allied troops scored telling blows in these two campaigns, the American Superfortress command threw another raid against the Japanese homeland—the second within 14 hours—directed against Nippon's main producer of aviation gasoline.

Meanwhile there was some confusion over a reported Japanese broadcast of an allied invasion within a few hundred miles of Japan proper.

A dozen Japanese planes were shot down in attempted night raids on Okinawa. Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz said they dropped a few bombs harmlessly. The Okinawa prisoner bag jumped to 9,498 as mopping up American soldiers and marines brought in new batches.

Nearly 50 B-29s struck Japan's Utsube river oil refinery, Japan's principal producer of aviation gasoline, 18 miles from Nagoya. The bombers hit the plant and its storage area around midnight Wednesday, Tokyo time.

Fourteen hours earlier between 450 and 500 of the giant bombers rained some 3,000 tons of explosives on ten important Honshu targets. Escorted by fighters

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Former Ashe Man Dies In Wilkes

James E. Barker, 37, of North Wilkesboro, formerly of this county, died at the Wilkes hospital on Thursday, June 21, after suffering from a heart attack. Funeral service was conducted at Damascus, Va., on Friday at two o'clock. Burial followed at the Damascus cemetery.

Mr. Barker was the son of John Barker and Maggie Pennington Barker, natives of this county, who survive him. He is also survived by his wife and two sisters, Mrs. Harrison Myers and Mrs. Jess LaRue.

Mrs. Brown, 80 Buried Saturday

Mrs. Clarosa Severt Brown, 80, of Glendale Springs, died at her home on last Thursday, June 21. The funeral service was held at the Obids church on Saturday, with the Rev. W. T. Whittington, of Damascus, Va., and the Rev. S. S. Graybeal in charge. Burial followed at the church cemetery.

Mrs. Brown, who was preceded in death by her husband and children, is survived by eight grandchildren, one sister, Mrs. D. Dillard and one brother, W. A. Severt.

NEW LANSING PASTOR



Rev. K. J. Foreman, who comes to Lansing this week to begin his duties as pastor of the Presbyterian church in that field.

W. J. Bean Marts Expected To Open Early Next Month

Good Crop; Slightly Later Than Last Year's Because Of Cool Weather

While no opening dates have been set, the bean market season is expected to open here early in July, according to present indications.

The season is slightly later than last year because the cool weather has delayed the bean crop, agricultural leaders point out.

It was explained that while it is too early to give a definite estimate of this year's crop, indications are that it will be good this year as will the demand for

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PRISONER OF JAPS



Sgt. Morris Lewis, who has recently been moved to another prison in Japan, according to information received. He was captured sometime ago.

Parents Receive News Of Sgt. Lewis

Sgt. Morris F. Lewis Is Reported As Prisoner Of War In Japan

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Lewis, of Creston, have received word from the War Department that their son, Sgt. Morris F. Lewis, prisoner of war of the Japanese, has been moved to another P. O. W. Camp in Japan.

Sgt. Lewis entered service in 1936 at Fort Howard, Md., and spent two years in the Philippine Islands before being taken prisoner, three years and two months ago.

ALL-DAY MEETING AT CRANBERRY CHURCH

An all-day meeting will be held at Cranberry Primitive Baptist church on next Sunday with services to begin at 11 o'clock, it was announced this week.

All persons interested in the Cranberry cemetery are particularly urged to attend the meeting. Graves will also be decorated on that day.

A number of visiting elders are expected to be present, among them, Elds. S. G. Caudill and John Williams.

Dinner will be served on the ground and everyone is asked to bring a basket. The public is cordially invited to attend.

County Is Still Short Of Quota As Bond Drive Nears Close

Public Urged To Buy Extra Bonds To Help Raise County's E Bond Quota

Ashe county is still behind on the E bond quota for the Seventh War Loan, according to the latest figures available from sources of sales late yesterday afternoon. According to unofficial figures, a total of \$177,082.00 has been raised against a quota of \$212,000.00.

"If we have enough last-minute buyers we still can reach our quota," Chairman L. B. Tyson said, and urged everyone to buy "another extra bond before the drive closes." The Seventh War Loan will officially close on Saturday, June 30, but bonds purchased through Wednesday, July 4, will still be counted on the drive's quota, it was explained.

Unofficial reports from sources of sales yesterday revealed the following: Northwestern Bank, Jefferson, \$81,868.75; West Jefferson post office, \$75,937.50; Jefferson post office, \$956.25; Ashe Building Loan, \$1,050.00; Lansing post office, \$16,576.00; Todd post office, \$1,481.25; Crumpler post office, \$175.00.

Township chairmen are urged to complete all last minute sales and to follow up all prospects in order to get totals in time to count on the Seventh War Loan. "If every township could raise its quota, we would have the county's quota," Mr. Tyson said.

Canning Sugar Is Still Limited

The public is reminded that supplies, that canning sugar due to the shortage of sugar must be limited in order to have enough to go around.

The average family is getting five pounds per person. But when there are more than six in a family this family is limited to thirty pounds. It was explained, when all canning sugar was issued on the present basis, that if there was any additional plans would be worked out for those growing their own fruit.

Funeral Today For Mrs. Hall, 34

Funeral service will be held this morning at 11:00 o'clock for Mrs. Lessie Hall, 34, of Wagoner, who died on Tuesday, June 26. Burial will be held at the Ebenezer cemetery. The Rev. Harrison Miller and Elder Charlie Hall will conduct the service.

Mrs. Hall, who was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Romey Bare, who survive her, is also survived by her husband, Walter Hall. Two children, Ruby and Joe Marie, and several brothers and sisters also survive.

CPL. WADE MILLER KILLED ON OKINAWA

Cpl. Wade Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Miller, of Laurel Springs, was killed in action on Okinawa Island on May 14, according to a message recently received by his parents. Cpl. Miller had been overseas for some time.

Extra Gasoline For Furloughs

Additional gasoline rations may be obtained by servicemen having furloughs of more than 30 days, OPA Administrator Chester Bowles has announced. "Furlough gasoline will still be issued at the rate of a gallon a day," Mr. Bowles explained, "but the 30-gallon limit is being removed for the benefit of released American prisoners of war who get leave or temporary duty assignments for sixty days in this country."

"Servicemen applying for furlough gasoline rations should follow these three easy rules: 1, Apply at any local War Price and Rationing Board; 2, Bring along the mileage rationing record for the car to be used; and, 3, Be ready to show furlough papers."

CAPTAIN JONES HOME



Captain Clyde Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Jones, arrived home Tuesday night, after several months of duty in the Pacific.

Sgt. Albert Poe Has Long Marches On Short Rations

Former Ashe Man, Back Home Again, Tells Of Experiences As Prisoner Of War

S. Sgt. Albert Poe, formerly of Ashe county, is home, after long marches on short rations as a prisoner of war for more than two years. And according to Sgt. Poe they were far the longest of his eleven years of service with Uncle Sam.

This regular army man who is a native of Lansing and a nephew of Jack and John Rhodes, of West Jefferson whom he has often visited, landed in North Africa ready for action in World War II on August 6, 1942. Action was what was coming to him, too.

Sgt. Poe, who had served in the Philippines and China had seen nothing like this. He was assigned to the 7th Field Artillery, Second Army Corps. It was while in action out of Libya that he and others were captured by Germans. That was the beginning of long walks and rides on empty stomachs. They first marched 25 kilometers with no food, then 35 more and still no food.

This was only a sample of what was to come. Many times they marched 25 hours without stopping.

"On the afternoon of April 21, 1945, a German lieutenant told us we would be evacuated the next morning, and marched 20 kilometers to be turned over to the Americans. We didn't believe them.

"We marched 14 kilometers and

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REVIVAL AT LANSING BEGINS ON SUNDAY

The Rev. W. S. Patterson, of Davidson, will assist the new pastor, the Rev. K. J. Foreman, in a series of revival services beginning Sunday, July 1, at the Lansing Presbyterian church.

The public is cordially invited to attend the services.

J. J. Williams, 75, Buried On Friday

Funeral service was held on Friday for J. J. Williams, 75, who died at his home at Laurel Springs on Wednesday, June 20, after being ill for some time. The service was held at the Cranberry church at two o'clock, with the Rev. E. Long in charge.

Mr. Williams, son of the late Capt. W. J. Williams and Mrs. Elizabeth Williams, who came to the county from England, is survived by his wife and two children, Jacqueline and John Todd Williams. Four sisters, Mrs. Bettie Bateman, of Elizabethton, Tenn.; Mrs. Mannie McClain, of Marion, Ind.; Mrs. Dora Dixon, of Jefferson; and Mrs. Fannie Dun-

can, of West Jefferson, also survive.

Charter Signed By Fifty Powers; Truman Speaks

U. S. President Addresses Delegates At Closing Session At San Francisco

San Francisco, Calif. — United nations statesmen signed Tuesday the charter of a new world organization and President Truman closed one of the great assemblies of history with an assurance that "you have created a great instrument for peace."

"The world must now use it!" Mr. Truman said.

Addressing the final plenary session of the United Nations conference, the chief executive appealed to delegates of 50 nations to make the charter "a living thing," to seek its immediate ratification. He promised:

"I shall send this charter to the United States senate at once. I am sure that the overwhelming sentiment of the people of my country and of their representatives in the senate is in favor of immediate ratification."

Mr. Truman was given a rising ovation. He smiled and, extending his arms outward, declared, "Oh, what a great day this can be in history."

Facing him as he spoke were the men and women who met here two months and a day ago to draft a master plan for peace. Behind him was a bright blue background, with the flags of all the united nations silhouetted against it, interspersed between four austere, golden columns.

Overhead a brilliant chandelier, looking like a splash of molten silver, tried futilely to compete with even more brilliant floodlights.

Speaking with a trace of Missouri tang, Mr. Truman told dignitaries gathered from the world over they had justified the confidence and hope of peace-loving people.

Foreman Is New Lansing Pastor

New Presbyterian Minister Is Expected To Arrive For Duties This Week

Rev. K. J. Foreman, of Davidson, has been named as pastor of the Presbyterian churches in the Lansing field and is expected to arrive this week to begin his work.

The new minister is a graduate of Davidson College and the Union Theological Seminary at Richmond. His father is a professor at Davidson College.

He will be accompanied by his wife, Mrs. Foreman, and the young couple will make their home in the Lansing manse. Mrs. Foreman, previous to her marriage, has been director of religious education in the First Presbyterian Church in Asheville.

Mrs. Osborne, 90, Buried Sunday

Funeral service was held on Sunday for Mrs. Nancy Osborne, 90, of Apple Grove, who died at her home on Friday, June 22.

The Rev. Carl Sturgill and the Rev. D. O. Miller conducted the service at the home and burial followed at the Calhoun cemetery.

Mrs. Osborne, who was a native of this county, is survived by the following children: Mrs. Geo. Miller, Mrs. Callie Greer, Mrs. Lillard Ham, Mrs. Jennie Ham, Mrs. Charlie Coldiron, Mrs. Joe Ham, Mrs. D. A. Ham and John T. Calhoun.

F. C. Nye Will Be W. J. Principal

It was announced this week through Superintendent Hurt's office that the school committee of West Jefferson had named Professor F. C. Nye as principal of West Jefferson high school for the coming year. Mr. Nye was principal of the school several years ago and after being away from here for many years returned two years ago as a member of the high school staff.

Mr. Nye, who holds a degree from Wake Forest College, has long been in school work. Both he and Mrs. Nye have many friends in the county.