

Big Demand For Beans As Markets Open

War Loan Drive Goal For County Is Far Surpassed

Incomplete Figures Place Total Sales For 7th War Loan At \$250,000.00

With the sale of E bonds for the Seventh War Loan coming to a close, last Saturday, unofficial reports show the county has not only surpassed the overall quota of \$235,000.00, but the E bond quota of \$212,000.00 as well.

L. B. Tyson, county chairman, said that he wanted to thank everyone for their efforts in the drive and particularly the township chairmen, who have done an unusually fine job.

Complete reports were unavailable on the sales for the entire drive, but conservative estimates placed it at around \$250,000.00 as compared to the overall quota of \$235,000.00.

The following totals were reported yesterday from some of the sources of sales:

Northwestern Bank, \$91,502.50; West Jefferson Post Office, \$91,305.00; Lansing Post Office, \$16,875.00; Hemlock Post Office, \$2,887.50; Jefferson Post Office, \$956.25; Ashe Building and Loan, \$1,050.00; Todd Post Office, \$1,481.25, and Crumpler Post Office, \$175.00.

Rotary Officers Are Installed

Sharpe S. Shoemaker Is New President; Meeks Is Secretary And Treasurer

New officers for the coming year were installed at the Jeffersons Rotary Club last Thursday night at the regular meeting. Sharpe Shoemaker, a charter member, who has been very active in the club, began his duties as president; Thomas Sears, vice-president; Ben Meeks, secretary and treasurer; and Levern Johnson, sergeant at arms.

The president and vice-president discussed some of their plans and programs that they wanted to carry out during the year. The club has had a very enjoyable and outstanding year under the leadership of Gale McMillan, the retiring president. Work with the Boy Scouts and youth movement and war activities have been the outstanding accomplishments of the year.

Lawrence Tyson will have charge of the program tonight.

SERVICES ANNOUNCED

Elder E. A. Long, of Laurel Springs, will conduct services at the Beaver Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Sunday morning, at 11:00 o'clock and again in the evening at 8:30 o'clock.

Elder Long will also preach at the Faw school house on Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend the services.

Mrs. R. C. Ray and son, Ritz, and her brother, Capt. Clyde Jones are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Dickson in Bristol, Va.

Son Of Former Grassy Creek Man Is Promoted To General

News has been received here of the promotion of Thomas T. Handy, son of the late Rev. T. R. Handy, formerly of Grassy Creek, to the rank of General. The following article was recently published about General Handy:

"Least-known of the newly promoted full generals is Gen. Thomas T. Handy, deputy chief of staff. If you look him up in

LOCAL SCOUTS SPEND WEEK AT CAMP LASITER

The following Scouts from the West Jefferson Troop Number 37 enjoyed a week at the Boy Scout camp, Lasiter, located about seven miles out of Winston-Salem, recently: Tommy Diggs, David L. Powers, Ross Haire and Wayne Sells.

Americans Meeting Little Resistance In Tokyo Bombings

GIVEN PURPLE HEART



Pvt. Robert H. Osborne, killed in action on December 20, has been awarded the Purple Heart, posthumously. Pvt. Osborne was first reported missing in Luxemburg. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Grace Osborne, to whom the award was made, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Osborne, of Hemlock.

President Is On Way To Europe For Big 3 Parley

Is Accompanied By Secretary Of State, James F. Byrnes

President Truman was in the mid-Atlantic yesterday aboard a veteran cruiser bound for a Northern European port where he will disembark and fly to Potsdam, Berlin suburb, for the Big Three conference which begins there next week.

The chief executive, accompanied by Secretary of State James F. Byrnes, Admiral William D. Leahy, presidential chief of staff, and a small corps of attaches, was four days out of Newport News, Va., where on July 6, he began a trip that will carry him more than 10,000 miles.

Because of security considerations no advance announcement of the date of Mr. Truman's arrival can be made, according to White House Press Secretary Charles G. Ross who also is accompanying the president.

As he headed for his conference (Continued on Page 4)

SERVICE ANNOUNCED

A decoration service will be held at the Jackson-Severt cemetery near Glendale Springs on Sunday, July 22 at two o'clock, it has been announced. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Who's Who, you will find that he merely says he was born in Tennessee. He does not say where, and he does not list his father or mother.

"Fact is that the general's father was the Rev. T. R. Handy, an itinerant Methodist preacher, who spent fifty years shepherding his flocks in the mountains of Southwestern Virginia and Eastern Tennessee. His father sent young Handy to college at Emory and Henry, a church school near Bristol, because it made special concessions to preachers' sons.

"But the general also fails to list in Who's Who, perhaps because he was asked to leave by the faculty when a professor came by and saw a freshman being mildly hazed. Actually, Tom (Continued on Page Four)

1,000 Carrier Planes Destroyed And Damage 152 Jap Planes On Ground

The Japanese air force refused to put up anything resembling a real fight over Tokyo Tuesday as more than 1,000 carrier planes of the massive U. S. third fleet destroyed or damaged 152 enemy planes on the ground and shot down two snoopers near the fleet, fragmentary reports disclosed.

Whether Admiral William F. (Bull) Halsey's world's largest task force stuck around for another strike was not made clear but even first preliminary accounts left no doubt that the enemy air force assigned to defend the homeland was in hiding.

It obviously has been driven there by a week of strikes by Iwo-jima army Mustangs, scores of which destroyed or damaged 19 enemy planes at Honshu's port city of Kobe while the carrier Hellcats, Helldivers and Avengers were roaming the Kanto plains around Tokyo to the northeast looking for targets.

Only one of the 19 was bagged in the air by the Mustangs and the (Continued on Page Four)

F. C. Nye Spoke On World Relations

World relations was the subject of an interesting lecture delivered to the Wesleyan Guild at the home of Mrs. J. K. Hunter on Friday night when Mr. F. C. Nye was the speaker.

Mr. Nye pointed out timely needs of European countries as related to the church as well as special isolated groups in this country. He stated that Europe not only needed to be clothed and fed but that much of it needed to be re-Christianized.

Mrs. J. A. Reeves was in charge of the program and Mrs. James Story, president, presided over the business session.

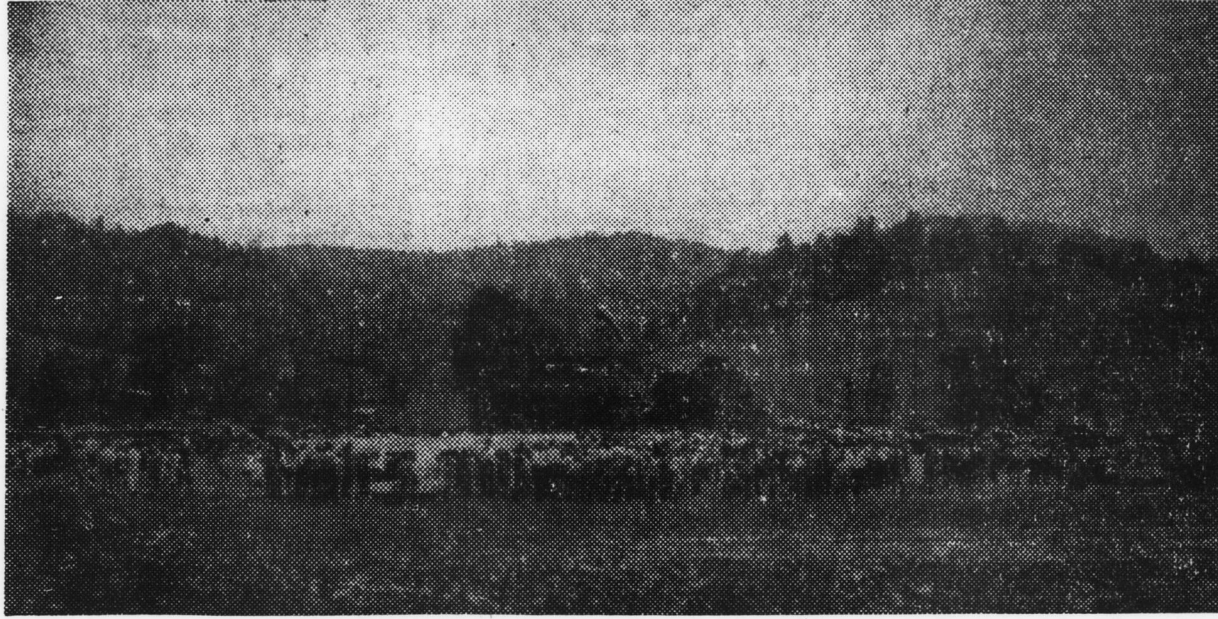
At the close of the program, the hostess served delicious refreshments. In addition to the members, a number of visitors were present.

GOSS AND JONES BUY WARRENSVILLE STORE

Tom Goss and Bernard Jones have purchased the J. F. Yates Store at Warrentonville and are now operating it. They bought this from E. E. Jones, to whom it was sold by Mr. Yates a short time ago.

Both Mr. Goss and Mr. Jones are well known businessmen and are experienced in the mercantile field.

Thousands Of Ashe County People Are Air-Minded



Shown above is a section of the estimated crowd of 8,000 people who attended the recent opening of the West Jefferson airport. (Staff Photo)

One Ashe Man Is Reported Killed, Another Wounded

Bowie M. Houck, Formerly Of Mill Creek, Killed On Okinawa

Mrs. Lois Palmer Houck, of Boone, has received word from the War Department that her husband, Pfc. Bowie M. Houck, was killed on Okinawa Island, in the Pacific on June 10. Pfc. Houck was a native of this county, the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Carr Houck, of Mill Creek. He was a member of the Sixth Division of (Continued on Page 4)

Rationing Guide

MEATS AND FATS
Book Four red stamps K2 through X2 good through July 31; Q2 through U2 good through Aug. 31; V2 through Z2 good through Sept. 30; A1 through E1 good through Oct. 31.

PROCESSED FOODS
Book Four blue stamps T2 through Z2 good through July 31; Y2, Z2 and A1 through C1 good through Aug. 31; D1 through H1 good through Sept. 30; J1 through N1 good through Oct. 31.

SUGAR
Book Four stamp 36 good through Aug. 31 for five pounds. 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
16-A coupons good for six gallons each through Sept. 21. B-7, B-8 C-7 and C-8 coupons good for five gallons each.

Members Of West Jefferson Fire Department



Since the recent purchase of additional fire-fighting equipment, the newly organized volunteer fire department of West Jefferson has been getting into practice with drills. Shown above are a number of the members as well as town officials. Reading from left to right: First row—Mayor C. O. Parsons, O. L. Scruggs, Field Sheets, Russell Barr, Earl B. Graybeal, Chief B. B. Graybeal, Assistant Chief Levern Johnson, Sharpe Shoemaker, P. W. Welborn, Don Blackburn and Carl F. Colvard; second row—Dewey Sells, T. E. Parker, Gwyn Little, Dean McMillan, Thomas Lyle and John S. Jordan. (Staff Photo)

Lift Of Ceiling Brings A Sharpe Rise In Prices

Small Lots Coming In; Increase Is Expected This Week

The lifting of the ceiling price that buyers may pay for beans brought an increase in prices here this week at the two local markets as the season got underway.

Total sales for the first few opening days were estimated at around 10,000 bushels with most of the lots being small. Due to the cool weather, the crops are expected to start coming in this week end, however.

The ceiling price of \$2.50 was in effect as the markets opened last week, but since that was lifted this week, prices have soared as high as \$3.75. This rise is partially due to sharp demand and the shortage of the crop this early in the season.

Daily sales are held at both of the markets, which have announced plenty of buyers.

"Prices are up to the buyers", one official said and pointed out that with the demand continuing strong, prices should continue good.

J. H. Riley, 65, Buried Sunday

Funeral service was held at the home on Sunday for John Henry Riley, 65, of Clifton, who died on Friday, July 6. The Revs. Arthur and Cicero Ashley conducted the service and burial followed at the Gilley cemetery.

Mr. Riley, who was well-known throughout this section, is survived by his wife and the following children: Claude and Tom Riley and Mrs. Con Treadway, of Clifton; Mrs. Howard Turner, of Warrensville; Lee Riley, Creston; Mrs. Henry Wood, Hemlock and Howard Riley, of the U. S. Navy.

Ashe Man Helps To Find Treasure

Joseph C. Bare Was Member Of Regiment Finding Art Collection

With The Fifth Army, Italy—Pfc. Joseph C. Bare, of Jefferson, son of Mrs. Lena B. Bare, is a member of the 3rd Battalion of the 339th "Polar Bear" Regiment, which discovered a vast collection of priceless art treasures that had been taken by the Germans from all over Italy and hidden in a 15th Century castle in Italy.

The 339th, part of the 85th "Custer" Division, fought as a unit of the Fifth Army.

Tank-mounted troops of the battalion entered the castle and found a number of large, sealed crates with German lettering on them.

Inspection of the crates revealed that they contained 350 pieces of art—paintings, sculptures, carvings, antiques—all properly tagged and in good condition.

There were works by Rembrandt, Rubens, Raphael, Michaelangelo, Botticelli, Holbein and Helasquez.

County Schools Will Open On August 27; Some Teachers And Principals Are Needed

Several School Buildings Are Now Being Repaired And Repainted

B. H. Duncan, superintendent of schools, said yesterday that August 27, had been tentatively set for the opening of the schools of the county and that several teachers as well as some principals were still needed before that time.

It is understood that no principal has accepted the work at Lansing or Fleetwood and that there is still some question about some other possible vacancies.

Mr. Duncan said that there were still some teaching positions to be filled in the central schools as well as in the smaller ones. He stated that the vacancy for a commercial teacher as well as that of the home economics department at West Jefferson high school had not yet been filled. It is understood that Lansing is still short of several high school teachers.

Painting and repair work is now going on in several of the schools and others will also be put in readiness for the opening as soon as workmen can be secured for the jobs, Mr. Duncan said.

At a meeting of the board of education last week, Ira T. Johnston was named attorney for the board and a number of other matters were considered.

Patrons of Peak Valley School, which has been closed for some time, asked to have this school re-opened. Students have been (Continued on Page 4)

SINGING CONVENTION HERE ON SUNDAY P. M.

A singing convention will be held at the West Jefferson Baptist church on Sunday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, it has been announced.

Coleman Payne, who is in charge, said a number of quartets as well as other singers are expected.

The public is cordially invited to come.

July Term Of Civil Court Will Not Be Held In County

C. S. Neal, county clerk of superior court, announced that as a result of a resolution from the attorneys of the county, the regular July term of superior court for the trial of civil cases would not be held this year.

It was previously announced that court would open on July 23 with Judge Z. V. Nettles presiding.

The resolution points out that two of the attorneys, who practice law in the county are in the armed forces as well as a number of other people, who would ordinarily appear in cases and that this is a particularly busy season for farmers and for these reasons court should not be held. It is understood that those

summoned to serve on the jury at this time have been notified not to appear.

The resolution is signed by the following attorneys: W. B. Austin, Ira T. Johnston and T. C. Bowie.

REVIVAL IS BEING WELL ATTENDED HERE

The revival meeting now in progress at the West Jefferson Methodist Church is being well attended.

The pastor, Rev. John S. Jordan, is being assisted by the Rev. John W. Moore, of Mooresville.

"I hope everyone that has not heard Mr. Moore will make an effort to do so," Mr. Jordan said.