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Valuable Business and Residential Property Sold

State Board Of Agriculture To Visit Ashe Tues.

Will Observe Projects Now Well Underway At Laurel Springs Test Farm

W. B. Austin, member of the State Board of Agriculture, announced yesterday that the members of the board, together with W. Kerr Scott, Commissioner of Agriculture, and F. E. Miller, Supervisor of State Test Farms, would spend sometime in the county next Tuesday making a special tour of the test farm at Laurel Springs.

This will be the first time for most of the members of the board to visit the county. At the State test farm at Laurel Springs, observations will be made of the experiments in Turkish tobacco, as well as other farm projects.

Practically all of the buildings which have been under way for some time on the farm are now completed. These include cattle and tobacco barns. Work is under way on the remodeling of the superintendent's residence and construction work is well under way on the herdsman's house.

Included in the livestock al-
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Woodie Makes Record In Italy

Member Of 703rd Regiment Awarded Meritorious Unit Plaque

Peninsular Base Headquarters, Italy—Pfc. Quincy C. Woodie, of West Jefferson, is a member of the 703rd Engineer Petroleum Distribution Company, which recently was awarded the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque for outstanding performance in the Italian Campaign.

The Meritorious Service Plaque was presented by Colonel Donald S. Burns, Prescott, Arizona, Engineer Officer of the Peninsular Base Section, to Captain William F. Ganskopp, the Commanding Officer, at a Company Review.

The company is a unit of the Peninsular Base Section, important supply and service organization for the Fifth Army and for the Air Corps ground crews and naval elements in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations. The Base is commanded by Brigadier General Francis H. Oxx, of Newport, R. I.

Pfc. Woodie is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Woodie. He attended West Jefferson high school. He is the holder of the Mediterranean Theater Ribbon with two Battle Participation Stars. He also has the Good Conduct Ribbon.

CERTIFICATES TO BE AWARDED BY MASONS AT MEETING, TUESDAY

At the regular meeting of Ashe Masonic Lodge No. 594, A. F. and A. M., on next Tuesday night, July 24, 25-year certificates will be presented to members entitled to receive them, it has been announced. A large attendance is expected to attend this meeting and honor the men who have served the lodge for this period of time.

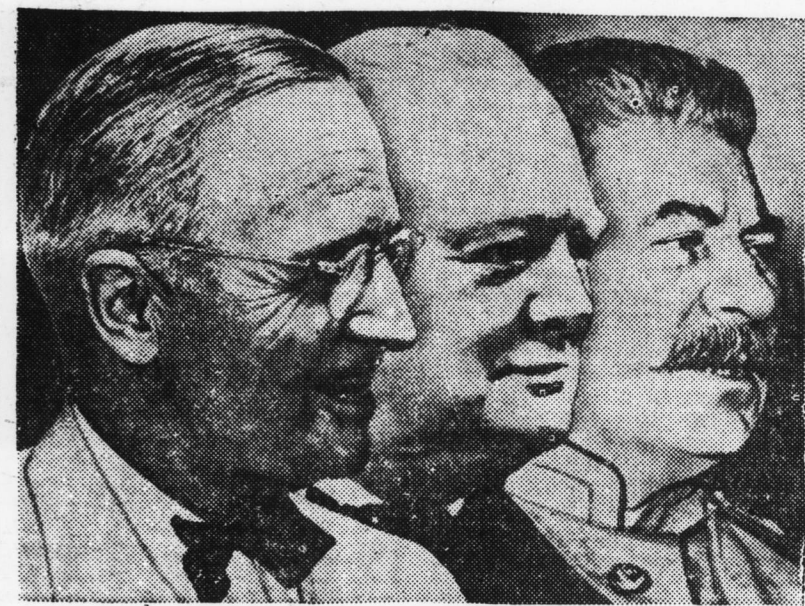
New Shoe Stamp Comes In Aug. 1

OPA District Director L. W. Driscoll has announced that Airplane Stamp No. 4 in War Ration Book No. 3 would become valid as a shoe stamp on August 1. Airplane Stamps Nos. 1, 2, and 3 are valid indefinitely, he added.

It was pointed out that the intervals between validation of stamps depends on the available supply of shoes. The last stamp OPA validated was on November 1, 1944.

To increase the serviceability of non-rationed shoes for men and juveniles, OPA further announced that in the future, manufacturers will be permitted to use leather welts and lightweight leather insoles. Straight or short shield tips and backstays of pigskin leather will also be allowed on these shoes, OPA said.

Big Three Conference Now Underway



The world is following, with interest, the conference of the Big Three, Truman, Churchill and Stalin, which got underway in Berlin with Truman presiding.

British Warships Join In Attack On Japan; Tokyo Is Heavily Hit

1,500 Carrier Planes From Two Fleet Units To Strike Enemy

The British battleship King George V and her escorting ships joined the U. S. Pacific fleet's 45,000-ton dreadnaught, Iowa, and other powerful warships in a great bombardment force to shell copper and war industry plants at Hitachi, only 80 miles from Tokyo, early Wednesday morning.

This was the first time British men of war had fired shells into the Japanese homeland.

The bombardment followed only a few hours a 1,500 carrier plane attack on the Tokyo region, extending northeast to Hitachi, by aircraft launched from the world's
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Community Plans Topic At Rotary

At the regular meeting of the Jeffersons Rotary Club last week, the new president, Sharpe Shoemaker, announced the committees for the coming year and discussed several plans.

Lawrence Tyson, chairman of the community service committee and program chairman for the evening, made an interesting talk on the work and plans of the different community service committees of the club.

He brought out in particular about the tourist business being missed on account of lack of facilities to take care or attract them in the county.

Civilian Life Looks Good To Returning War Veteran

W. Parks Colvard, 23, is home from war, having earned a discharge with 127 points. He is down to earth again, after having 300 combat hours and 1,700 training hours in the air. He is without a ranking title again, after having climbed from Pvt. to Staff Sergeant. And he says it is pretty good just to be called by his name and to get mail with only Mr. as a prefix.

As an engineer gunner on a Flying Fortress, Parks made an enviable record for himself. He is very modest about what he did, but among other things, he has the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with 10 Oak Leaf Clusters.

He saw quite a bit of the enemy and the world during his three years of service. South America, Africa and Europe, including Italy, Sicily, England, France, Iceland and Labrador are among the places over which he flew. And after all that travelling, he says it is good to be back on the earth again and particularly in Ashe county.

Like all newly discharged young veterans, Parks wants to rest and do some things he used to dream about on bombing missions—
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W. PARKS COLVARD

County Is Still In Need Of Some School Teachers

All High School Principals Have Not Been Selected As Yet

B. H. Duncan, superintendent of schools, said yesterday that there were still several teaching positions in the county to be filled as well as some for school principals.

"We hope these can be secured at an early date as schools plan to open on August 27," he said. It is understood that as yet, no principal has been named for either Fleetwood or Elkland high schools. Professor P. A. Perkins, who successfully served as principal at Elkland last year, offered his resignation in spite of being strongly urged to return.

Professor Ron Davis, who enjoyed a successful year as principal at Lansing last year, has again agreed to accept the work, after being urged by the committee, according to information received here.

While no announcement has been made concerning Nathan's Creek, members of the committee said they expected Professor A. B. Hurt, founder of this school, to serve as principal for the coming year. Mr. Hurt made an enviable record as superintendent of the county schools for the past two
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Ted, Todd Caudill Home From War

Both Have Seen Long Period Of Duty In Foreign Service

"Ted" and "Todd" Caudill were among the home-coming veterans of the European war, last week. These two young men have been in service almost five years, most of the time being out of the U. S. The first two years being spent in Greenland. They were then transferred to England and later took part in the Invasion of France and Germany, where they made excellent records. They received their discharges in June, 1945, and are now enjoying a well-earned rest.

Another brother, J. Herbert Caudill, is home on furlough, after almost a year of service in the European Theater. Two others, "Pat" Caudill and Bruce Caudill, are serving in the navy at present.

All five are sons of the late Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Caudill.

Big Demand For Beans By Markets

Since the bean season opened here this month, the demand has continued unusually good and prices have also been good on the local auction markets.

Roy H. Crouse said that he believed practically all farmers were well pleased with their returns.

Complete reports for the season so far were not available yesterday, but it is estimated that sales have been around 40,000 bushels so far, with an average of nearly \$3.00 per bushel.

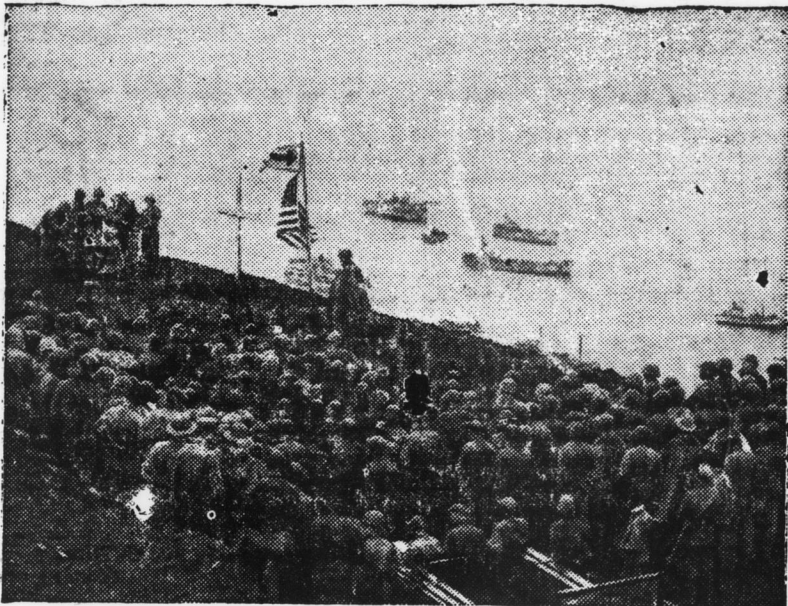
Roberson, the inspector of the Farmers' Market, reported yesterday, 22,030 bushels sold at an average of \$2.98, making a total of \$66,553.23. Anderson, inspector of the Ashe market, was unable to furnish an official report.

18 Ashe County Men Are Inducted

The following Ashe county men have recently been inducted into military service at Fort Bragg:

Carl Howard Lewis, Vonley Lee Howell, Joe Henry Blackburn, Dewey B. Campbell, Lee Junior Houck, Thomas Earl Wyatt, Wiley Bruce Taylor, Robert B. Cearley, Jr., Mont Fred Shepherd, Carl Cook Graham, James Clifford Little, Avery E. Severt, Clarence M. Shatley, Elmer Elliott, Walter Wayne Childress, Walter Harold Dollar and Howard D. Miller.

Services At Mt. Suribachi, Iwo Jima



Devout Marines and Navy Seabees attend open-air divine services atop grim Mount Suribachi on blood-stained Iwo Jima. Even as these services were being held, fellow Marines and Army troops were swarming over Okinawa.
(Official U. S. Navy Photo)

County's Bond Sales Reach \$417,578.25 In Seventh War Loan

To Observe Farm Safety Week In County July 22-28

Special Programs Are Being Given By Various Farm Agencies

Roy H. Crouse, county agent, has announced that all of the local farm agencies are cooperating with the state and the nation in observing National Farm Safety Week, July 22-28. Special programs are being held at several group meetings and attention is being called to it in other ways.

President Harry S. Truman has proclaimed its observance and Governor Gregg Cherry has asked that all rural people "work diligently" to cut down on farm
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Turkish Tobacco Being Observed

A number of officials from the Extension Division of State College, as well as from Duke University, are here this week observing the experimental plots of Turkish Tobacco being tried out in the county.

"The crop looks good, but it is too early to determine results as yet," one observer said. Roy H. Crouse, county agent, accompanied the group on the inspection tour. John Wilkins, of the Extension Division, is in charge of the experiments.

Lamb Show To Be Held Here Today And Pool On Friday

A good attendance is expected at the lamb show to be held at the West Jefferson stock market today when around sixteen 4-H boys and girls will exhibit their prize lambs.

The show is being sponsored by the Jeffersons Rotary Club, the West Jefferson Stock Market and other business firms of West Jefferson and the public is cordially invited to attend.

L. I. Case, in charge of animal husbandry of the Extension Division of State College, will be in charge of the judging and prizes will include purebred lambs as well as money.

There are around 22 4-H boys and girls that have lamb projects and much interest is being manifested by them in the show. "We really have some fine lambs and we are proud of them," Harvey Payne, assistant agent, said.

Lambs entered in the show that the owners wish to sell, will be held over until Friday, when the cooperative lamb pool will be

Quota Almost Doubled; E Bond Quota Is Also Far Surpassed

Final official figures for the Seventh War Loan Drive place the total for Ashe county at \$417,578.25 or \$182,578.25 over the quota of \$235,000.00. The E bond sales for the drive were \$253,998.25 far over the quota of \$212,000.00, as set up for the county. Ashe was one of the six counties in this district to surpass the E bond quota.

Chairman Lawrence Tyson said that he wanted to express his appreciation to everyone for the fine work they had done in putting the drive over.

Mr. Tyson pointed out that the
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Mrs. Roland To Be Buried Tomorrow

Funeral service will be held tomorrow morning at 11:00 o'clock at the Mill Creek Methodist Church for Mrs. Cora Roland, 70, of Clifton, who died at the Ashe Memorial Hospital on Tuesday night, after suffering a heart attack. The Revs. Frank Tucker and Thomas Farmer will conduct the service and burial will follow at the May cemetery.

Mrs. Roland, who was a native of this county, the daughter of William Hartzog and Caroline Hartzog, is survived by her husband, Emmitt Roland and one son, Smith Roland. One sister, Mrs. Candace Kell, of Marion, Va., also survives.

Allen Back From Czechoslovakia

Pfc. Conley Allen, 24 Engineers, after 32 months in Czechoslovakia with eight battle stars, was among the group of returning North Carolina fighting men to whom Florida looked better this week than even the best travel advertisements show it to be, when they landed at Air Transport Command's Miami Army Air Field.

They were among the first 50,000 returnees ATC is flying to the states from overseas each month under the Army's redeployment plan. From there they will go by rail to Camp Blanding, Fla. Then they will be sent to reception centers nearer home for separation from the service or furloughs prior to reassignment.

Mr. Smith said that he expected to be through within a short time and that everything was in order, as usual.

E. W. SMITH IS NOW AUDITING ASHE BOOKS
E. W. Smith, certified public accountant of Lenoir, is now making an annual audit of the county's books as well as the board of education.

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Construction Is Started On New Buildings Here

Several Residences As Well As Business Buildings Are Now Underway

During the past few days a number of valuable pieces of property including both residential and business have changed hands and construction work has been started on several buildings.

The W. E. Vannoy Manufacturing plant has been sold by Mr. Vannoy to G. W. Edwards, M. G. Edwards, Worth Gentry and Elbert Absher. This oak flooring plant, one of the largest in this section, was started by Wade E. Vannoy ten years ago and has been successfully operated by him since that time. Mr. Vannoy estimated that during this period he had finished more than forty million feet of lumber. The plant has shipped its prod-
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Must Vaccinate School Children

Teachers Are Also Reminded That They Must Have Health Certificates

It was pointed out this week by health and school authorities that all pre-school children must be vaccinated for diphtheria, whooping cough and small pox.

Miss Helen Gormley, county health nurse, is now conducting a series of clinics throughout the county in order that all children may have advantage of them. It was explained that if the first of these had been missed, that they could be made up provided the parents start at once to take advantage of the remaining dates.

Children of Jefferson and West Jefferson may secure theirs on Friday or Saturday morning at the health department in the Ashe Hospital, Miss Gormley said.

B. H. Duncan, superintendent of schools, said that he wished to again remind teachers that do not have a valid health certificate, that they must secure one before school opens. This is according to the law and these certificates are to be secured each year.

To Have Memorial Service On July 29

A memorial service will be held at the Friendship Baptist Church on Sunday morning, July 29, at 10:30 o'clock for First Sergeant Larkin L. Witherspoon, who was killed in action in Germany last November 22. The Revs. A. C. Ashley and W. E. Denny will be in charge of the service.

First Sergeant Witherspoon, the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Witherspoon, of Jefferson, is survived by his parents, his wife, the former Miss Wilma Dore Absher, one small son and several brothers and sisters. He had been in service for four years and overseas for some time.

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