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## Record Volume Of Snap Beans Sold Here

### County Praised By State Board Of Agriculture

#### A Tour Of Laurel Springs Test Farm Made By Group On Tuesday

"I am highly pleased over the progress made on the test farm at Laurel Springs," N. C. Commissioner of Agriculture Kerr Scott told a representative of this paper here on Tuesday.

Commissioner Scott, together with other officials of the N. C. Department of Agriculture and members of the State Board of Agriculture spent the day in the county making a tour of the farm at Laurel Springs.

In discussing the farm, Mr. Scott pointed out that both he and F. E. Miller, director of test farms were particularly interested in observing the new experiments in Turkish tobacco in the county.

The visit here, a part of the state-wide tour being made by the group was the first time many of them had availed themselves of the opportunity of seeing Ashe county. They expressed themselves as being favorably impressed with agricultural conditions in the county as well as the climate, scenery, and "food."

While here, the group were the luncheon guests of W. B. Austin, a member of the State Board of Agriculture and Mrs. Austin. Both Mr. and Mrs. Austin accompanied the group on the tour going from here to Waynesville.

The following were members of the party visiting here: Agriculture Commissioner Kerr Scott and Mrs. Scott; D. S. Coltrane, Assistant Commissioner, and wife; F. E. Miller, director of the Test Farms division of the State Department of Agriculture; Thompson Greenwood, director of the department's Publications division, and Mrs. Greenwood; Lynn Nisbet, editor of the State After- (Continued on Page 4)

### Winston-Salem Editor Is Here

#### Santford And Mrs. Martin Are Vacationing In Ashe County

Hon. Santford Martin, distinguished editor of the Winston-Salem Journal, and Mrs. Martin are spending a week's vacation at the Tucker Hotel here, "enjoying the scenery, climate and food."

Mr. Martin, who paid a visit to the office of The Skyland Post, yesterday, recalled that the first paper he was editor of was the Yadin Ripple, when he was only sixteen years of age.

"This is the first vacation I have had since the war and I am certainly enjoying it," the genial editor said. Mrs. Martin concurred with him in this.

### Colvard Buys Ashe Bean Mart

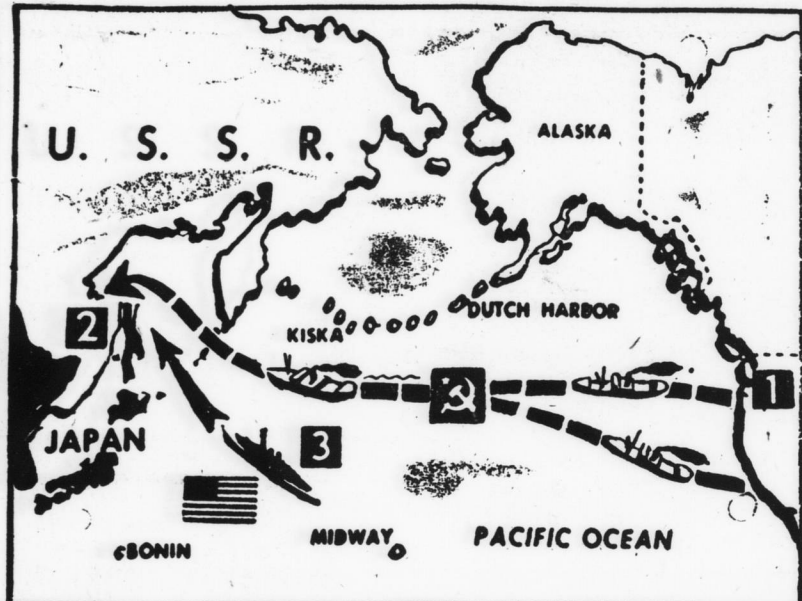
R. W. Colvard, well known West Jefferson businessman, this week purchased the Ashe Bean Market, which he had previously operated with Raleigh Roten.

This market was opened by Roten and others in the middle of the season last year. Mr. Colvard became associated with him at the opening of the season this year.

"While our market is new we are getting good response from the farmers and are happy to serve them at all times," Mr. Colvard declared. Records show that the market has increased in volume since the season opened, he stated.

Mr. Colvard owns and operates the Colvard Oil Company as well as other automotive related business establishments in Ashe and nearby counties.

### All Roads Now Lead To Tokyo



Here are some points on the map that may lead to an early defeat of Japan: (1) Heavy shipping from west coast; (2) possible aid from Manchuria; (3) continued raids from newly captured bases in the Pacific.

## \$230,430. Budget Is Proposed For County For New Fiscal Year

### Tax Rate Of \$2.00 Will Remain Same If Estimated Budget Is Adopted

A budget estimate for Ashe county for the fiscal year of 1945-46 setting up a total proposed expenditure of \$230,430.00 and fixing the tax rate at \$2.00, the same as last year, has been submitted to the county commissioners by C. S. Neal, county accountant.

The proposed budget, which is expected to be approved, calls for an increase over last year, but there is also an increase in valuation of property over the past year, chiefly because of the real estate.

The county's estimated valuation of taxable property is \$4,800,000.00. With a tax rate of \$2.00, the estimated tax levy is \$96,000. From tax penalties and costs, insolvent taxes, county farm and other similar sources the county expects to raise \$28,770.; \$14,040 (Continued on Page 4)

### Friendly Grove Church Started

It was announced this week by the Rev. E. W. Powers, secretary of the council chosen by the Ashe Baptist Association for the purpose of organizing a new church, that a meeting was held last Saturday night at which time the Friendly Grove Baptist Church was organized with 29 charter members. Charlie Goodman was temporary chairman of the council.

The Friendly Grove church, which is already under construction, will be located on the Buck Mountain road near the home of Ballard Harless and will cost approximately \$10,000. (Continued on Page 5)

## Dairy Industry In County Is Given National Publicity

The dairy industry in Ashe county is given national publicity in the Magazine, The Kraftsman, just off the press. The magazine, published by Kraft Cheese Company, carries a well illustrated and informative article written by the editor, Walter H. Lloyd, telling of the development of the dairy industry in North Carolina and more particularly Ashe county.

Editor Lloyd was among the many dairy specialists who attended the Guernsey breeder's promotional sale held here in June and a number of the photographs used in the article were taken there.

While here, Lloyd visited a number of the different silos in the county. It was there he explained, that he discovered that the secret of Ashe county's suc-

### Presbytery Will Install Lansing Minister Sunday

#### A Number Of Visiting Ministers Will Take Part In The Service

Ashe county will be host on Sunday to Winston-Salem Presbytery's formal commission for ordination and installation of K. J. Foreman, Jr., the new pastor of Gillespie, Foster Memorial and Lansing Presbyterian churches, according to an announcement made by the Rev. John W. Luke, Chairman and Moderator of the commission.

First service of the series will be held at 11 a. m., at the Lansing Presbyterian church as Rev. C. H. Williams preaches the morning sermon. Mr. Williams, pastor of the Beulah Presbyterian Church of North Wilkesboro, is a former moderator of the Pres- (Continued on Page Four)

### Former Ashe Man Killed In Action

Cpl. Duane F. Crepps, 24, of Samuels, Ky., formerly of this county, who had served four and a half years in the Marines, was killed in action on Okinawa on May 3, 1945, according to a War Department message. He was the first Marine to set foot on Okinawa.

Before joining the Marines, Cpl. Crepps served in the National Guard. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Dorothy Greenwell Crepps, a 9-months-old son, James Duane, of (Continued on Page 5)

### Robert W. Hardin Was Buried Here Sunday Morning

#### Well-Known Ashe County Resident Passed Away On Thursday, July 19

Funeral service was held on Sunday morning at the home for Robert W. Hardin, 76, of West Jefferson, prominent dairy farmer, who died Thursday evening following a heart attack.

The Rev. Thomas Houck and the Rev. John S. Jordan were in charge of the service, with the Masons, of which Mr. Hardin had long been a member, officiating at the burial.

The deceased, the son of the late John Hardin and Mrs. Margaret Duke Hardin, was a native of this county and had made his home here for many years, where he was actively engaged in extensive dairy farming until his health began to fail a few years ago.

For many years he was active in public affairs and was identified with many progressive movements of the entire county. While he had been in declining health for the past few years, his sudden death, which occurred at his Beaver Creek home, came as a shock to his many friends here and elsewhere. During his earlier years he spent sometime on the (Continued on Page 4)

### WILL LEAVE SOON



Roy H. Crouse, county agent, will go to Alleghany county, August 1, where he will engage in farming.

### Agent Crouse To Leave Next Week

#### Popular County Agent Will Be Succeeded By L. E. Tuckwiler

Roy H. Crouse, popular Ashe county farm agent, who will leave August 1 to assist his father in the operation of a large farm in Alleghany, will be succeeded by L. E. Tuckwiler.

Mr. Crouse, who has successfully filled this position since 1942, has proven tremendously popular with the people and since he has filled the office noticeable strides have been made in the development of the agricultural program as well as general improved farm practices.

He pointed out that as the time drew near, he regretted to leave, but felt that his first duty, under the present circumstances, was to assist his father. He announced his resignation sometime ago, but only after he was sure that a capable successor could be secured, immediately.

### Principal Named For Fleetwood

It was announced this week by B. H. Duncan, superintendent of schools, that W. D. Brackett, of Asheville, had accepted a position as principal of the Fleetwood high school.

Mr. Duncan said there were still some teachers to be secured before the opening of the schools on August 27 and that every effort was being made to fill the positions. It is understood that some high school teachers are needed.

### Prize Winning Lambs In 4-H Show



Wagging their tails behind them are these prize-winning lambs as they appeared in the 4-H club lamb show held here last week. At the extreme right is Joe Thomas, of Grassy Creek, with his grand champion. Other owners are holding their lambs. (Staff Photo)

## Japanese Warships Damaged In Raid; Great Kure Base Hit

### British Leave Parley To Get Return Of Votes

#### Churchill Goes Home To Learn Official Returns Of Election

The Big Three conference paused temporarily late yesterday while British leaders go home to learn election results and discover who shall speak finally for Britain in the history-charting negotiations.

Prime Minister Churchill, Foreign Secretary Eden, and Clement Attlee, Labor party leader, flew to London for today's announcement of the July 5 balloting.

On Friday at the earliest the victor is expected back—either Churchill, the Conservative party head, with Eden still his foreign expert, or Attlee with a new foreign secretary of his choosing.

A formal British announcement said, "there is no question of the Berlin conference being over by Wednesday when the prime minister, the foreign secretary, and Mr. Attlee are returning to England for the election results."

### Baptist Leaders To Meet July 28

#### The Baptist Ministers of the Ashe Baptist Association, Will Meet At Ten O'Clock, July 28, at the West Jefferson Baptist Church.

The purpose of the meeting is to carry on the work of the regular conference. New plans for the coming year will be discussed during the program. The executive board of the Association will also meet with the conference during the afternoon. Each minister and leader in the association is urged to attend.

## Record Made By 4-H Clubs In Initial Lamb Show Here

The Ashe County 4-H Club Lamb Show, the first of its kind in the State, held here last week, was well attended and the large number of entries revealed the interest of club members in the lamb projects.

The show, held at the West Jefferson stock yards, was sponsored by the Jeffersons Rotary club and business and professional men contributing a number of prizes.

Ten boys and two girls who had been feeding and taking care of lambs as their club project brought 46 lambs to the show. Each member was allowed to show in two different classes, a pen of three and a single lamb class. Forty-one of the lambs graded choice and five graded good.

L. I. Case, in charge of animal husbandry extension, was the

### Halsey Believes Japanese Fleet Has Been Badly Damaged

American and British carrier planes heavily damaged two Japanese battleships, two aircraft carriers and three cruisers in co-ordinated attacks on Japan's great Kure naval base and at a Shikoku island port Tuesday.

Admiral Nimitz, in a communique, disclosed that the bombing and bombardment of the Japanese homeland was carried into its eighth day of the past 15 when cruisers and destroyers moved close inshore early and shelled a seaplane base and an airfield on Southwestern Honshu.

Just one hour later, he issued a second communique reporting that American and British carrier planes renewed their heavy attacks on Japanese warships and merchant vessels at dawn yesterday.

The new carrier attacks centered in the Kure naval region and at Kobe. Other military targets were objectives.

Adm. William F. Halsey said yesterday his third fleet's mighty offensive was the beginning of the "final plunge into the heart of the Japanese empire" and warned the people of Nippon that (Continued on Page Four)

### Good Prices For Lambs Sold Here

Roy H. Crouse, county agent, announced this week that a total of 840 lambs were sold through the cooperative pool here on Friday, to Swift and Company.

More than 100 growers took part in the sale and the 840 animals sold brought a total of \$10,623.40.

"Choice lambs were sold for \$15.50," Mr. Crouse said.

### Reached Peak Monday, Tuesday; Prices Are Good

#### Around 25,000 Bushels Are Sold In Two Days; Quality Is High

West Jefferson became a big bean center this week when the volume of sales reached a new high peak for the season as well as in the history of the markets.

According to figures released by government inspectors, slightly more than 12,000 bushels were sold on both Monday and Tuesday nights with prices averaging around \$1.77 per bushel, bringing an income to the farmers of around \$44,250.00 for the two nights. Figures for Wednesday night were not available in time for publication.

Considering the big increase in volume, here and elsewhere, the prices were good. The quality of most of the beans was also above average, officials pointed out.

Officials on both markets asked that the public cooperate in alleviating traffic congestion. Spectators and others not bringing beans are asked not to park in market grounds which are for trucks loading and unloading beans.

### John Wilkins Is Rotary Speaker

#### Turkish Tobacco Experiment In This Section Is Discussed At Meeting

W. B. Austin presented a very interesting program at the regular meeting of the Jeffersons Rotary club last week when he had John Wilkins, in charge of the Turkish tobacco program in this section, discuss the project, which is still in the experimental stage.

Mr. Wilkins had a plant of the Turkish leaf at the meeting that was about four feet tall and told all about its growth and development and the curing of the leaves for the market.

He stated that Turkish tobacco was to cigarettes as salt was to Irish potatoes and that there were around 50 to 75 million pounds of this tobacco imported into this country each year.

He estimated that the yield per acre would be around 800 pounds and that the crops in Ashe county looked as if they came up to the same standard.

### FORMER UNIVERSITY STUDENT JOINS POST

Miss Nancy Cooper Kennickell, of Fletcher, N. C., joined the staff of the Skyland Post this week.

Miss Kennickell completed the required courses in journalism at the University of North Carolina and received the bachelor of arts degree there last month.

### AMERICAN LEGION TO HELP WITH SERVICE

Members of the Ashe Post of the American Legion Number 171 are reminded that they are to take part in the memorial service for First Sergeant Larkin L. Witherpoon on Sunday morning, July 29 at 10:30 o'clock at the Friendship Baptist Church. All members are urged to be present.

### Must Apply For Sugar By Aug. 1

"We would like to have all canning sugar applications in by the first of August so that they may be processed and mailed," Ruby B. McMillan, chief clerk of the local War Price and Rationing Board, said this week. "Everyone who has not applied please do so by then," she urged.

Mrs. McMillan also explained that all applications for gasoline must be placed one week before issuance in order that they may be passed on by the board and mailed back to the applicant. She urged that applicants for gasoline and other rationed commodities write for application blanks in order to receive quicker service as well as save time of both the applicant and the office personnel.