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Bean Sales And Prices Far Ahead Of Last Season

F. C. Nye, 70, To Be Buried Here This Afternoon

Principal Of West Jefferson High School Died Suddenly On Tuesday

Funeral service will be held this afternoon at two o'clock at the West Jefferson Baptist Church for F. C. Nye, 70, prominent educator, who died suddenly at his home, here, on Tuesday afternoon around five o'clock, after being stricken with a heart attack.

Rev. E. W. Powers, pastor of the church, will be in charge of the service and he will be assisted by Revs. John S. Jordan, John W. Luke, and B. A. Meeks. Burial will follow in the town cemetery. The body will be taken to the church at one o'clock.

Professor Nye, who was principal of West Jefferson high school at the time of his death, had been in declining health for sometime, but apparently had been feeling as good as usual until a few minutes before his death, when he was stricken with a heart attack. Earlier in the day he had done some school (Continued on Page Four)

Dedication Held At Peak Valley

Rev. W. T. Whittington And Others Address Group; Graybeal Is Pastor

A dedication service which continued throughout the day, was held Sunday at the Peak Valley Missionary Baptist Church. A large crowd attended.

The Rev. W. T. Whittington, of Damascus, Va., and the Rev. H. M. Winkler were the pastors in charge. Other speakers were: Prof. E. H. Duncan, Roy Dotson, Miss Virginia Bare Teague and others. Special singing was rendered by the home choir, Peak Valley quartet, Lewis quartet and the Doe quartet.

Rev. S. S. Graybeal is pastor.

Rev. K. J. Foreman Installed Sunday

The Rev. K. J. Foreman, Jr., was officially installed as pastor of the Lansing, Foster Memorial and Gillespie Presbyterian Churches last Sunday, at which time Ashe county was host to the Winston-Salem Presbytery's formal commission for ordination and installation. The Rev. John W. Luke was chairman and moderator of the commission.

The first of the three services was held at Lansing at 11:00 a. m. at which time the Rev. C. H. Williams, pastor of the Beulah Presbyterian Church, of North Wilkesboro, delivered the sermon.

Following luncheon at the Lansing church the commission met at the Foster Memorial Church at two o'clock, and the Rev. O. V. Caudill, the Presbytery's executive secretary of Home Missions, delivered the sermon.

Services at the Gillespie church were held at four o'clock and Dr. K. J. Foreman, Sr., professor of Bible at Davidson College, and father of the Rev. Mr. Foreman, delivered the sermon.

The services were well attended.

Funeral Today For Mrs. Barker

Funeral service will be held this morning at 11:00 o'clock for Mrs. Vina Barker, 39, of Lansing, who died suddenly on Tuesday, July 31, after suffering a heart attack. The funeral service will be held at the Sabbath Home Church with the Rev. Tom Farmer and the Rev. G. M. Shepherd in charge. Burial will follow at the Goss cemetery.

Mrs. Barker, a native of this county, the daughter of Joshua Ham and Meloina Kilby Ham, was preceded in death by her husband, Jessie Barker, some time ago. She is survived by two daughters, Ada and Helen Barker, of Lansing.

Japan Being Given Heavy Shelling



This map shows the U. S. Base at Okinawa, from which Japanese cities are being shelled at will with little resistance.

1,035 Enemy Vessels Are Destroyed Or Damaged In 21 Days Of Special Raids

Warned In Advance Of Further Assaults To Be Carried Out By Allies

Adm. Halsey's third fleet carrier planes destroyed or damaged 68 surface craft and 227 planes over the Honshu naval base of Maizuru, Monday—a day in which Tokyo radio said more than 2,000 allied aircraft hammered the homeland.

Adm. Nimitz' revised assessment of destruction, announced added eight ships and 89 planes to previous reports of the one-day assault—and gave the vast allied fleet credit for a total of 1,035 Japanese surface craft and 1,278 airplanes destroyed or damaged in its 21 days of activity in Honshu waters since July 10.

Driven from the Tokyo targets Monday morning by thickening weather, American pilots from Halsey's 1,500-plane carrier force damaged a light cruiser and a (Continued on Page Four)

New Ration Books Coming In Dec.

War Ration Book Five, "smaller than a dollar bill" and containing just half as many stamps as the last book issued, will be distributed through the public schools in December, Chester Bowles, Administrator of OPA announced. At the same time, the new "A" gasoline ration book will be issued.

Distribution will take place at school houses or other public buildings throughout the nation from December 3 through December 15. OPA district offices will fix the exact time for each local area. The new "A" gasoline books will go into use December 22, and War Ration Five will be used after the first of the year for food rationing and for rationing shoes.

School Principals Will Meet Aug. 13 To Make Final Plans

There will be a meeting of the principals of the high schools of Ashe county at the courthouse on Monday, August 13, at 10:00 a. m., to make some final plans before the opening of the county schools, August 27, B. H. Duncan, superintendent, said.

It was also announced that there would be an administrative conference at ASTC, on August 15 for school officials and all Ashe school principals are urged to attend. This meeting will include representatives of Ashe, Watauga and Avery, it is understood.

Mr. Duncan said that he wished also to again remind the principals that they would officially begin work on August 13, or two weeks in advance of the formal opening of the schools.

With the naming of James Stanley, at Elkland, all high school principals' positions in the

CCC Payments To Sheep Growers Are Announced

Government Action Is Designed To Increase Supply Of Lamb And Mutton

Government action designed to increase the supply of lamb and mutton by helping producers meet increased costs through Commodity Credit Corporation payments to sheep raisers and lamb feeders was announced this week by the Secretary of Agriculture, Clinton P. Anderson. The payment will become effective on sheep and lambs marketed on or after August 5, 1945, and through June 30, 1946.

The Commodity Credit Corporation payments to the seller of lambs and sheep to legally authorized slaughterers for slaughter will range from \$1.50 to \$2.50 per hundred-weight for lambs weighing 65 to 90 pounds; from \$2.15 to \$3.15 per hundredweight for lambs weighing over 90 pounds; and they will be \$1.00 per hundredweight for all other (Continued on Page 4)

Baptists To Hold Training Union

During the week of August 12-17 the Ashe county Baptist Training Union will hold a little "Ridge Crest" assembly under a tent in West Jefferson, it has been announced. This meeting will be a duplication of the larger assembly held annually, which was cancelled this year. All Baptist churches in the county are requested to send representatives, as a good program is being planned.

B. T. U. representatives are also asked to attend, it was announced.

Melvin Campbell Has Been Named Chief AAA Clerk

Some Other Changes In Local Office Are Announced By Committee

Melvin Campbell, well-known local man, who has been associated with AAA here for sometime, has been named chief clerk of the organization, it was announced by the committee this week.

Campbell, who fills the position left vacant by the recent resignation of Edgar Green, has been assistant to Green for the past 18 months and previous to that was a field worker with AAA.

Miss Edna May, who has also been with the organization for sometime, is treasurer. S. W. James will work part time in the organization and Miss Mary Frances Dickson, will assist in the office.

Members of the AAA committee are T. J. Graybeal, chairman; V. C. Lillard and J. W. Gambill.

NEW COUNTY AGENT



L. E. Tuckwiler, new county agent, who began his work here Tuesday.

W. J. Fire Dept. To Sponsor Show

Midway And Carnival Will Be Held Here; To Open On Monday

The West Jefferson Fire Department is sponsoring a Jubilee Festival the week of August 6-11 at which time the Williams Shows will appear. Williams Southern Show has many novel and modern riding devices, a midway of good clean fun, bingo and many other concessions of all kinds. There will be no admission fee and the public is cordially invited to attend, it was announced. The show will be located across the street from Reins-Sturdivant funeral home.

"The benefits derived from the festival will go to the fire department," Chief B. B. Graybeal said.

Stanley To Head Elkland School

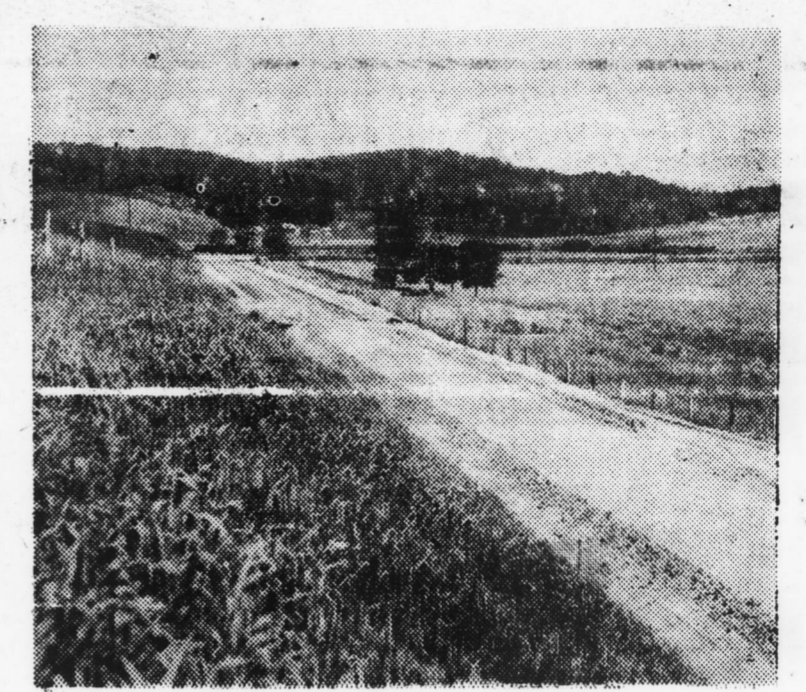
B. H. Duncan, superintendent of schools, said yesterday that James Stanley had been named principal of Elkland High School.

Mr. Stanley, who has successfully engaged in school work for a number of years, was principal at Fleetwood at one time. He has been out of the county for the past two years.

TOO LATE TO APPLY FOR CANNING SUGAR

Mrs. Ruby B. McMillan, chief clerk of the local war price and rationing board, said this week that the people of the county were sending in for applications for canning sugar who had already received their year's allotment. "The expiration date announced last week for these applications to be filed only meant that persons who had not applied for canning sugar should do so at once, and did not mean that a second application could be made," she explained.

Test Farm Road Under Construction



Construction is going forward of this highway through the Laurel Springs Test Farm connecting the Jefferson-Sparta road to the Blue Ridge Parkway.

The Skyland Post Has Been Elected To Membership In Audit Bureau Of Circulation

School For Bus Drivers Will Be Held August 17

Principals Are Urged To Send All Prospective School Bus Drivers

B. H. Duncan, superintendent of schools, announced this week, a training school for drivers of school buses, as well as prospective drivers, would be held at the courthouse in Jefferson August 17, and urged that principals of schools see to it that their respective schools are represented.

E. R. Simpson, of the Highway Safety Division of North Carolina, will be in charge of the school. He will give the necessary tests to the drivers. It was pointed out that Ashe county has an excellent safety record in the transportation of students and that part of this is due to the well-trained responsible bus drivers.

Buses are now being recon- (Continued on Page 4)

Bible School To Begin Here Aug. 6

The annual Daily Vacation Bible School opens at the West Jefferson Methodist Church, August 6, the Rev. John Jordan announced. Mr. Jordan pointed out that a well graded program had been planned for the children.

Those conducting the different classes are: Mrs. James B. Hensley, the beginner's class; Mrs. John Duvall, the primary; Mrs. John Jordan, the juniors and Mr. Jordan will conduct the intermediate class.

Conference Of Big Three Is Expected To Be Ended Today

The Big Three "made a great deal of progress" in a "fruitful" 3 1/2-hour session yesterday, it was announced officially and observers predicted the history-making conference would end by today at the latest.

President Truman will fly to Plymouth, England, and meet King George VI and Queen Elizabeth there on his way home, the American delegation disclosed.

Premier Stalin was apparently fully recovered from a slight indisposition which had forced a two-day interruption Sunday and Monday in his session with Truman and Prime Minister Clement Attlee.

While all signs indicated the conference was drawing to a close, it was announced officially that the three leaders would meet again tomorrow. President Truman will fly di-

One Of Few Weekly Newspapers In Country To Be Accepted By A. B. C.

The Skyland Post has been elected to membership in the Audit Bureau of Circulations, a bulletin released a few days ago from the A. B. C. office in Chicago announced.

In making the announcement, Bureau officials explained that the A. B. C. is a national, co-operative organization of 2,300 publishers, advertisers and advertising agencies which, for the past 30 years, has set up and maintained high standards for measuring circulation of newspapers and periodicals.

The Post is one of the few weekly papers in the South and nation to be accepted for membership by the Bureau.

"We are proud of our large circulation which covers this community and are elated that our paper has been accepted for membership in this outstanding organization," Publisher Ed Anderson said.

For 30 years the A. B. C. has stood as the hallmark of circulation value, a dependable guide in the selection and use of newspapers and periodicals for advertising. (Continued on Page Four)

Union Service Is Planned Here

The Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian churches in West Jefferson, will cooperate in a series of revival services to be held under a tent some time in August, it has been announced. "We expect to have some fine evangelists and hope that everyone will watch for the announcement about the date," one of the ministers said.

Volume Is Still Running Heavy; Prices Are Good

Farmers Well-Pleased With Prices Received On Local Auction Markets

West Jefferson continues to earn the title of a "bean center," as thousands of bushels of this vital war food pour in daily to be sold on the auction markets and then to be sent on to consumers.

On Monday and Tuesday, approximately 23,000 bushels were sold on the two local markets for an average of \$1.79, bringing farmers approximately \$39,927.74. Reports for the season show that local markets are far ahead of last year in volume and price.

While the price was slightly lower, it was pointed out that due to the increase in volume as well as the decrease in quality in some cases, this average price is considered very good.

Due to continued rains, some beans have become slightly too full to be of top quality and others have become slightly sandy.

Beans grown in this section are being shipped out by rail and motor express over a wide area.

New Serial Story Starts This Week

Rusty Rowland, Heroine, Is Marooned On Desert With Stranger

Rusty Rowland, the attractive young cowgirl of the Double R Ranch, lets herself in for a lot of trouble in the opening chapter of the exciting new serial, "The Girl From The Double R Ranch," beginning today in this paper.

Rusty, caught in a storm on the desert fifty miles from her ranch, is marooned for the night in her car with a handsome red-headed stranger.

Returning from taking her brother to the depot some hundred miles away, the warnings her brother had given her about being too friendly to strangers, came into her mind as an unfamiliar car swerved into view.

Several escaped gangsters, wanted by the police, had been hiding in the desert, but this stranger, as he came near her, looked so different. Was Herb, the handsome stranger, to be the man who she had always dreamed would come along—someone who would take the place of Laddie Decker? Or was he a man who would change the course of her life far differently from the way she expected?

The readers won't want to miss this exciting new story which will appear weekly in the Post. Each reader will want to follow Rusty in her exciting adventures on the desert.

SPECIAL SERVICES AT BEAVER CREEK

Elder Walker will preach at the Beaver Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Saturday and Sunday nights, August 4 and 5. The public is cordially invited.

Sgt. G. T. Shatley Gets Purple Heart

Atlanta, Ga.—Sgt. Guy T. Shatley, a native of Jefferson, was decorated with the Purple Heart medal here at Lawson General Hospital. The award was presented by Lt. Col. A. H. Miller, hospital executive officer, in a ceremony honoring veterans who fought the Nazis.

Sgt. Shatley, a squad leader with the 4th Infantry Division, participated in the Battles of France, Belgium and Germany. He was leading his squad into an attack on German positions in April when a Nazi sniper's bullet found its mark in his right leg. Shatley was given first aid at a battalion medical station and evacuated to a rear area hospital. As soon as his condition allowed, he was returned to Lawson General Hospital for recovery.

Sgt. Shatley will remain at Lawson until he is restored to excellent physical condition. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Shatley, of Jefferson.