

JAPAN GIVES UP

Many Postwar Plans May Soon Be Carried Out

A Number Of Residences As Well As Public Buildings May Be Erected

With the collapse of Japan, many people in Ashe county are already beginning to think of carrying out those postwar plans which they have made.

B. H. Duncan, superintendent of schools, said he hoped to go ahead with some building improvement plans as well as some badly needed new school buildings just as soon as the go-ahead signal comes from the State Department of Public Instruction.

County officials could not be contacted yesterday, but it is believed plans made before the war for modernizing the county courthouse may be carried out.

A number of individuals in the county plan to build new homes just as soon as building materials become available.

Some business houses and industries are also planning expansion. Mr. Rocco Cutri, manager, and one of the owners of the Carolina Briar Corporation, said that while it was too early to make any announcement he hoped that his company would be able to expand and to include a complete finishing department in the near future.

Miss Fennell Is Assistant Agent

Will Spend Much Time Working With 4-H Club Boys And Girls

Miss Dorothy Fennell, who was recently named as assistant home demonstration agent in Ashe county, is now working with the 4-H boys and girls. She will spend much of her time with them, it is understood.

Miss Fennell, a graduate of Flora Macdonald College, is a native of Loris, S. C., and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Fennell. She has a B. S. Degree in Home Economics and is well trained for her work here.

"I like the mountains and I particularly like working with young people," she told a Post reporter this week. "I am delighted with my work here," she added.

Bible School Is Brought To An End

The successful Bible school, which has been in progress at the West Jefferson Methodist church for several days, was brought to a close on Tuesday.

Unusually good attendance was reported and the Rev. John S. Jordan, pastor, said he wished to thank everyone, who had helped to make it a success, particularly the teachers.

Tent Revival At Jefferson

The tent revival that was originally planned to be held at Grassy Creek by the Rev. Claude W. Jones, has been moved to Jefferson. This change was due to a revival which is being conducted at the Methodist Church at Grassy Creek, the minister explained.

The meeting at Jefferson will continue every evening through August 26. The Rev. Mr. Jones will conduct the services. He will deliver a series of sermons beginning with "The Certainty of Christ's Return," "Signs of His Coming," "Majesty of His Coming," and "Preparation of His Coming," it was announced.

News Of Surrender Brings Joy To County; Thousands Join In Glad Celebration

ASSISTANT AGENT



Miss Dorothy Fennell, who has been named assistant home demonstration agent for Ashe County.

School Leaders Plan For School Opening, Aug. 27

Ashe County High School Principals Now On Job; Met On Monday

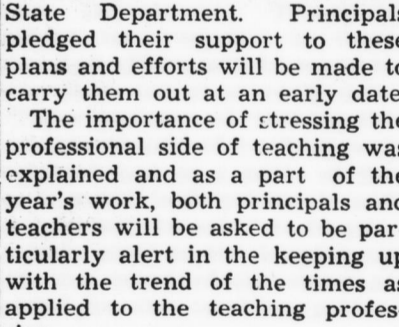
Principals of Ashe county high schools met with the county superintendent of schools, B. H. Duncan, on Monday, when a number of plans relative to the opening of the schools, August 27, were discussed.

Wade E. Eller, district sanitarian, met with the group and pointed out sanitary improvements suggested, following a survey by E. C. Hubbard, of the State Department. Principals pledged their support to these plans and efforts will be made to carry them out at an early date.

The importance of stressing the professional side of teaching was explained and as a part of the year's work, both principals and teachers will be asked to be particularly alert in the keeping up with the trend of the times as applied to the teaching profession.

It was also pointed out that in all of the schools of the county, health, nutrition and citizenship would be the chief projects to be emphasized before the students.

Grassy Creek Man Is Awarded Medal



Pfc. Bradley C. Phipps, Grassy Creek, receives Bronze Star from Brig. Gen. Andrew Tyschen, Assistant C. G., 100th Division.

Sirens, Horns And Other Noise-makers Continue Through Night

Ashe county people, along with others throughout the nation, proclaimed with great joy and a loud noise the official announcement, Tuesday evening, that Japan had surrendered.

Many arose from the table and those who had not eaten forgot all about food as they jumped in their cars and joined the spontaneous parade in the downtown section of West Jefferson. Bells pealed; sirens and horns came forth in full blast. Flags made their appearances and everyone shouted for joy to everyone else they met.

A group of men in uniform paraded through the town as did a group of the West Jefferson high school band students. In all of the joyous noise of the celebration, there was little organized effort, everyone in his own fashion demonstrated gladness over the occasion.

Mayor C. O. Parsons stood for a time with a flag on the square and directed traffic as hundreds of cars passed and repassed, many bearing flags. He also gave a special salute to the men in uniform. Noisemakers of all descriptions were brought into use. Tubs, buckets and many other substitutes added to the celebration.

Youth was also on parade. Sammy and Hobert Davis wore almost as broad a smile as did their mother, and young Grant Jones shouted and waved both hands constantly. Harvey Payne staged an acrobatic act in the middle of the square and Lionel (Continued on Page Four)

Announce End Of Much Rationing

According to an announcement made over the radio yesterday, much of the former rationed products are now ration-free.

The announcement pointed out that shoes, tires, meat, fat and sugar were among the few items still rationed. The office of the local rationing board received no official message yesterday, however. According to reports local service stations began selling gasoline without stamps as soon as the announcement was broadcast.

Old Glory Now Flies Over Japanese Empire



Stores, Offices Observe Holiday Here Wednesday

Little Activity Following Big Celebration On Tuesday Evening

Business houses, banks, stores, town and county offices and most other establishments with the exceptions of drug stores, eating places and others, that are necessary to render service, remained closed yesterday.

There was a strange quietness following the celebration on Tuesday evening.

Most business houses are expected to be open as usual for business today.

President Truman declared a two-day holiday for all Federal employees, for whom all holidays (Continued on Page Four)

Bean Sales Go On Here As Usual

War may come and war may go, but the bean sales still go on, was demonstrated here on local markets Tuesday night. The beans had already been picked and had to be disposed of. Except for those sales there was little business transacted in West Jefferson.

In spite of the fact that buyers realized markets to which most of the beans were to be shipped, would be closed, prices were comparatively good.

Sales were also held last night.

SPECIAL V-J PRAYER SERVICES ARE HELD

Several groups and churches throughout the county held special V-J prayer services Tuesday night, as well as yesterday.

Among the special services held in West Jefferson was the prayer service at the Methodist church on Wednesday night.

DATES ARE ANNOUNCED FOR VACCINATIONS

Health department officials request that all except those who are due for a second or third typhoid or whooping cough vaccination this Friday or Saturday morning please try to arrange to come to the health office on Friday, August 24, 9 a. m. to 5 p. m., or, on Saturday morning, August 25 instead.

It has been pointed out that typhoid vaccinations are not necessary for a child to enter school and that the vaccination for small pox and the diphtheria immunization may be obtained on one visit to the health office.

List Of County's Teachers For Coming Session Published; A Few More Are Still Needed

Five Million Men Will Be Released Truman Asserts

Washington — President Truman Tuesday night forecast that 5,000,000 to 5,500,000 men now in the army may be returned to civilian life within the next 12 to 18 months.

Furthermore, he said in announcing Japan's surrender, only the lowest age groups will now be drafted into the army. (Continued on Page Four)

Mr. Duncan pointed out that the list was practically complete, with possibly four high school and four elementary teachers yet to be secured before schools open on August 27.

"We are pleased over the outlook for the coming year, and feel confident that we have unusually fine teachers and principals to serve the county," he said.

The list of teachers is as follows: (Continued on Page Four)

Dixon Funeral Held On Monday

Funeral service for Wiley G. Dixon, 78, of Jefferson, who died Saturday at 7:30 a. m., was held Monday morning at 11 o'clock. Burial followed at the Senter cemetery. Elders Ed Davis and Dewey Roten officiated.

Survivors are: Mrs. Susie Dixon, wife of the deceased, Con Dixon, Mrs. Earl Goodman, Mrs. Fields Absher, Nathan's Creek; Mrs. T. O. Little, Crumpler; and W. W. Dixon, Wyoming.

Schedule Is Announced For Securing Ashe School Books

B. H. Duncan, superintendent of schools, this week announced the following schedule for the distribution of text books for Ashe county schools:

Monday, August 20, Central Schools: Lansing, 8:45 a. m. to 9:00 a. m.; Riverview, 9:00 a. m. to 9:20 a. m.; West Jefferson, 10 a. m. to 10:15 a. m.; Healing Springs, 10:40 a. m. to 11:00 a. m.; Jefferson, 9:20 a. m. to 9:40 a. m.; Nathan's Creek, 9:40 a. m. to 10:00 a. m.; Elkland, 10:15 a. m. to 10:40 a. m.; Fleetwood, 11 a. m. to 11:20 a. m.; Virginia-Carolina, 11:20 a. m. to 11:45 a. m.

Monday, August 20, Lansing District Schools, 12:30 to 4:30 p. m.—Fairview, 12:30 to 12:45; Thaxton, 12:45 to 1:00 p. m.; Meadow View, 1:35 p. m. to 2:00; Sugar Grove, 2:15 p. m. to 2:30 p. m.; Testwoods, 2:45 p. m. to 3:00; Graham, 1:00 p. m. to 1:20 p. m.; Hurricane, 1:20 p. m. to 1:35; Os-

borne, 2:00 p. m. to 2:15; Staggs Creek, 2:30 p. m. to 2:45; Warrensville, 3:00 p. m. to 3:15; White-Oak, 3:15 p. m. to 3:30.

Monday, August 20, Elkland District Schools, 12:30 to 3:30 p. m.—Mill Creek, 3:30 to 3:50; Toliver, 3:50 p. m. to 4:10 p. m.

Monday, August 20, Fleetwood District Schools, 4:10 p. m. to 4:45—Idlewild, 4:10 p. m. to 4:30; Oval, 4:30 p. m. to 4:45.

Tuesday, August 21, Riverview District Schools, 8:45 a. m. to 9:00; Noon—Ashland, 8:45 a. m. to 9:00; Hemlock, 9:20 a. m. to 9:35; Rash, 9:45 a. m. to 10:00; Roaring Fork, 10:15 a. m. to 11:05; Sutherland, 11:20 to 11:35; Green Valley, 9:00 a. m. to 9:20; Mill Creek 9:35 a. m. to 9:45; Rich Hill, 10:00 a. m. to 10:15; Parker, 11:05 a. m. to 11:20; Trout, 11:35 to 12:00 Noon.

Tuesday, August 21, West Jefferson District Schools, 1:00 p. (Continued on Page 4)

Greatest War In History Comes To End Tuesday

MacArthur Is To Govern Japan; Truman Announces Agreement

The second World War, history's greatest flood of death and destruction, ended Tuesday with Japan's unconditional surrender. Formalities still remain—the official signing of surrender terms and a proclamation of V-J day, but from the moment President Truman announced at 7 p. m., Eastern War Time, that the enemy of the Pacific had agreed to allied terms. The world put aside for a time woeful thoughts of the cost in dead and dollars and celebrated in wild frenzy. Formalities meant nothing to people freed at last of war.

To reporters crammed into his office, shoving now-useless war maps against a marble mantle, the president disclosed that: Japan, without ever being invaded, accepted completely and without reservation an allied declaration of Potsdam dictating unconditional surrender.

General Douglas MacArthur had been designated supreme allied commander, the man to receive surrender.

There is to be no power for the Japanese emperor—although the allies will let him remain their tool. No longer will the warlords reign through him. Hirohito—or any successor—will take orders from MacArthur.

Allied forces were ordered to "suspend offensive action" everywhere.

The surrender announcement set in motion a whole chain of events. Among them:

To a Japanese government which once had boasted it would dictate peace terms in the White (Continued on Page 4)

Union Revival To Begin Aug. 20

Methodist, Baptist And Presbyterian Ministers To Unite In Revival

Three denominations, the Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian, will unite in a joint revival to be held in the tent erected on Main Street between the Cash Wholesale company and the Ashe Motor company, it was announced yesterday. The services will begin August 20 at 8 o'clock and continue throughout the following two weeks. The services will be held at the same time each evening.

The Revs. E. W. Powers, John S. Jordan and B. A. Meeks will conduct the services and they are urging everyone to give his support in the attendance of the services and in the music. All members of the three choirs have been asked by the ministers to sing in the choir at the meetings.

The revival is open to all. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

School For Bus Drivers, Friday

B. H. Duncan, superintendent of schools, said this week that he wished to again call attention to a training school for drivers of school buses, as well as prospective drivers, to be held at the courthouse in Jefferson on Friday, 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.