



## Over 5,000 Will Enter County Schools Next Week

### Transportation Of Many School Children Planned

#### County Secures Some New School Buses; Expect More This Fall

When schools open on Monday it is expected that around 2,500 school children will be transported to school.

This problem of transportation is an important one and in addition to trained drivers, all conveyances must be kept in the best possible condition.

Harry Koontz, who is in charge of the county garage, pointed out yesterday that the county had secured two new school buses for the opening of the school and that three more were expected by Thanksgiving to replace some of the older ones. As far as it is possible, all old school buses have been re-conditioned.

A school for bus drivers was held last week and another has been planned for Friday by C. R. Simpson, of the highway safety division.

Mr. Simpson pointed out here that girl drivers throughout the state had made unusually fine safety records. "Of the state's 4,850 bus drivers, 10 percent are girls and records show that girls had less than five percent of all the accidents," he said and added that the records prove that girls are the safest and best drivers. Ashe county has only had one girl bus driver, Shirley Barker, who finished at Healing Springs High School last year. He commended her and said, "I wish we could get more like her."

### Need For Hotel Is Cited To Club

#### Wade E. Eller Points Out Need And Advantages To Rotary Club

Wade Eller, chairman of the Tourist and Advertising Committee of the Jeffersons Rotary Club, told the members of the plans of his committee to interest the public in building a first class hotel in West Jefferson to take care of the tourist and commercial travelers who come to Ashe county.

Dr. Bruce Porter also made a few remarks in support of this idea and told of the benefits that a hotel would bring to the county.

Mr. Eller then presented Miss Doris Whitesides, who in turn presented two 4-H girls, Miss Mary Elizabeth Latham and Miss Virginia Price. They gave a demonstration on the value of milk compared to other foods and also how to make delicious milk drinks. They compose a team for this county that will compete for a scholarship given by the Kraft Cheese Company to 4-H girls throughout the country.

### ASTC WILL AWARD DIPLOMAS TOMORROW

Misses Ethel Brown and Beulah Osborne, of this county, will be among the thirty-one students to receive degrees at the summer commencement exercises of the Appalachian State Teachers College, tomorrow evening, August 24, at which time Dr. Roy W. Morrison will deliver the address at eight o'clock.

### E. L. Barr, 66, Is Buried Thursday

Funeral service was held on Thursday for Emmett Lundy Barr, 66, of Lansing, who died on Monday, August 13, after being seriously ill for sometime. The Rev. R. H. Stone, of Charlotte, conducted the service.

Mr. Barr, a native of this county, is survived by his wife, the former Rebecca Shepherd Thompson, and the following children: Edgar and Ervin Barr, of the U. S. Army, now overseas; Edson Barr, Kingsport, Tenn.; Elsworth Barr, Dallas, Texas; Mrs. Pearl Calhoun and Mrs. Edna Robinson, Grayson; and one step-son, Conley Thompson, of Lansing. He also leaves 28 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren who survive.

### 60 Ashe County Men Lost Lives In World War II; Many Others Have Been Wounded

#### LATEST WAR CASUALTY



Pfc. William L. Stansberry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Stansberry, of Lansing, was accidentally killed in Germany on July 8.

### Lamb Sale Here Brings Farmers Over \$11,469.00

#### Plans For Improving Stock Suggested By County Agent Tuckwiller

Eighty-seven farmers sold 1,054 lambs and sheep in the season's third lamb pool at West Jefferson last Friday. The top price was \$14.25 per hundred, and the farmer producer is eligible for a subsidy amounting to \$1.00 to \$2.15 per hundred according to weight of lambs or sheep.

The total amount received by the farmers was \$11,469.15 and was considered unusually good. Lambs arrived at the scales before 8 o'clock in the morning and were not all graded and weighed until after 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

Seventy-three per cent of the lambs were graded in the two top grades. "We consider this a good percentage, but would like to make it better," L. E. Tuckwiller, the county agent, said. "Some of the ways that we can improve the quality of the lamb crop are as follows: Use good breeding ewes; use good, blocky type pure-bred rams; treat regularly for internal parasites." (Continued on Page 8)

### Feeder Calf Sale Planned For Sept.

It was announced this week by L. E. Tuckwiller that a feeder sale would be held at the West Jefferson stockyards on Wednesday, September 28.

He pointed out that it was not too early for farmers to be getting good quality calves and yearlings ready for this sale.

### Expect Rationing Of Shoes Will End Within Two Months

Washington — Shoe rationing is expected to end in two months at the outside and may be lifted within two weeks, it was disclosed this week.

This prospect that still another civilian necessity soon may drop from the ration list came as the nation enjoyed its first Sunday driving since early in the war. "Fill 'er up" was the watchword as hundreds of thousands motored to beaches, mountains and other long-unattainable retreats.

Highways were jammed for the first time in three years. A survey of War Production Board and OPA officials showed that the end of shoe rationing is not far off. Completion of supply and production statistics apparently is the only thing delaying it. As one WPB official said: "It's no pleasure to ration shoes when everything else is going off the ration list."

### All Branches Of Service Are Represented; Many Women Also Take Part

Nearly four years of war took a heavy death toll of Ashe county men, records to date show that a total of 60 were killed in action, died from wounds, in prison, or other incidents related to war.

Ashe county men and women were in all branches of service and made outstanding records for themselves and their country.

Given here is a list of the war dead as published in this paper. If there are others omitted, this paper will be glad to have them sent in so that the complete list may be published.

Pfc. Francis E. Grubb, Creston, son of Mrs. Minta Grubb, killed in the third army maneuvers. Issue, October 15, 1942.

Cpl. Grover C. Osborne, Green Valley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Osborne, accidentally killed on maneuvers in Arizona. Issue, May 13, 1943.

Sgt. Edwin Young, Grassy Creek, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Young, killed in a plane crash at Great Falls, Montana, Oct. 2. Issue, October 7, 1943.

Scott James Gambill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Gambill, died in a Japanese prison, May 11. Issue, October 14, 1943.

Rex Viers, Transou, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Viers, accidentally killed when he fell from a troop train, October 7. Issue, October 21, 1943.

John Cox, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Cox, killed in action in the South Pacific last September. Issue, March 23, 1944.

Pvt. David Testerman, Helton, son of Mrs. Lou Testerman, died as a result of wounds received in Italy. Issue, March 30, 1944.

Blanco Eller, Jefferson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Eller, killed in action in Italy, June 10. Issue, July 27, 1944.

Pvt. Raymond Goodman, West Jefferson, son of Sheriff and Mrs. John Goodman, killed in Italy. Issue, August 3, 1944.

Pvt. Verna R. Shepherd, Ball, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Shepherd, killed in France, July 5. Issue, August 10, 1944.

Ft. Officer Cecil M. Miller, (Continued on Page Four)

### Pfc. Stansberry Killed Overseas

Pfc. William L. Stansberry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Stansberry, of Lansing, was accidentally killed in Georgenborn, Germany, on July 8, according to a message received from the War Department recently.

Pfc. Stansberry entered service in May, 1944, and has been overseas since last December.

He was a student at the Lansing High School before entering service.

Survivors include his parents and one sister, Miss Mildred Stansberry.

### WILL LEAVE SOON



Rev. B. A. Meeks, who will leave soon for Knoxville, Tennessee.

### Rev. B. A. Meeks, Ashe Minister, Going To Tenn.

#### Jefferson Presbyterian Pastor To Give Up Work Here Soon

The Rev. B. A. Meeks, who has successfully served as pastor of the Jefferson Presbyterian church and others in this group for the past three and one-half years, will leave September 1 for Knoxville, where he will work as assistant with the First Presbyterian church in its chapel program.

Mr. and Mrs. Meeks came here from Knoxville and have been active in both church and civic affairs. He is the present secretary of Jeffersons Rotary Club.

Mr. Meeks will preach his final sermons in the county next Sunday, August 25. Service will be held at West Jefferson at 11:00 a. m.; at Jefferson at 12:00 o'clock noon, and at Obids at 3:00 p. m. He announced that following each service there would be a congregational meeting.

"I have enjoyed my work in Ashe county very much, but feel that I can serve more in the new work I have accepted," he told a Post reporter this week.

### LAUDED FOR RECORD



Miss Shirley Barker, Ashe county's first girl school bus driver, was highly lauded this week by the Highway Safety Division for the record she made. Miss Barker graduated from Healing Springs last spring and had driven a school bus for more than a year.

### Nylon Hose Are To Be Expected By Thanksgiving

Washington — Nylon and rayon were given back to the ladies this week and nylon stockings may be on sale by Thanksgiving.

Both fabrics were freed of all controls except for one technicality blocking the immediate use of nylon for hosiery. War Production Board officials said this formality will be ironed out promptly and that nylon stockings should reach store shelves by Thanksgiving, or by Christmas at the latest.

### R. A. Doughton, Noted N. C. Leader Who Died In Sparta Friday, Was Buried Sunday

#### Had Long Record Of Public Service Which Began In 1887

Funeral service was held at the residence in Sparta, Sunday morning, for R. A. Doughton, 89, distinguished North Carolina citizen, who died suddenly at his home there on Friday morning.

The Rev. C. R. Allison, pastor of the Sparta Methodist church, was in charge of the service. He was assisted by the Rev. E. W. Thompson, pastor of the Presbyterian church; Dr. D. D. Weaver, superintendent of the Elkin Hospital; Dr. B. B. Dougherty, president of Appalachian State Teachers' College; and Hon. Josephus Daniels, publisher of the Raleigh News and Observer, a lifelong friend of the deceased.

Both Mr. Daniels and Dr. Dougherty reviewed his long career of public service and his valuable contributions to his county, state, and nation.

Thousands of people gathered in the yard to pay tribute in death to the man they had known and loved in life. A large group of N. C. attorneys, including several judges, sat in a body as did a number of former members of the State Highway Commission.

At the close of the service, the body was taken to Shiloh cemetery for burial. Nephews of the deceased acted as pallbearers.

"Governor" Doughton, as he was known to most people, had been in declining health for some time, but he had eaten breakfast as usual and was reading the morning paper when he was suddenly stricken. His death ended a long and successful career in public life as well as a private citizen.

This distinguished North Carolina citizen won the "Governor Rufe" cognomen during his term as lieutenant governor under Governor Carr, from 1893 to 1897.

He served 13 terms in the State Legislature and was successively State commissioner of revenue and chairman of the State Highway Commission.

He played a leading role in the (Continued on Page Four)

### Ashe Man To Wed In France, Soon

Of much interest here is the announcement and coming marriage of Miss Helen Katharine Joseph to Mr. Jess Hare. They are to be married at the George V. Cathedral, in Paris, France, on Sunday, September 2, and will leave immediately for a wedding trip on the Riviera, in Southern France.

The bride is the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Joseph, of Livingston, Montana, and the groom is the son of Mr. W. O. Hare, of Jefferson. The couple has been overseas with the armed services for sometime.

### Americans Celebrate Japan's Defeat



Typical of celebrating crowds from California to Maine is this crowd in Detroit, which turned out when President Truman announced that the war with Japan had been brought to a successful conclusion.

### Plans Ready For School Opening Monday Morning

#### Most Of Positions Are Filled; District Meetings Are Being Held

Thousands of school children will go back to school in Ashe next Monday, August 27, when practically all of the county's 61 schools will open for the 1945-46 school year.

B. H. Duncan, superintendent of schools, announced that the total enrollment is expected to be around 5,500. He also announced that most of the principals had agreed on opening at 9:30 in the mornings. All school patrons and friends are cordially invited to attend the schools on the opening day, it was explained.

Most of the teaching positions have been filled and it is hoped that the remaining ones can be before Monday, school authorities pointed out. Mr. Duncan said that as far as he knew all schools would open with the possible exception of Fleetwood. This may be delayed because of inability to contact the principal, he explained.

Mr. Duncan said that he hoped most of the schools that have operated lunchrooms in the past could start them this year around Sept. 1. Those schools starting lunchrooms for the first time will have to meet the specified requirements before they can secure Federal aid, it was explained.

### Low Priced Shoes Off Ration List

#### Will Remain Off Until October 13; Announcement Is Made By OPA

Information has been received here this week by the War Price and Rationing Board that the ration release on low priced shoes for both men and women retailing at not more than \$3.50 per pair, became effective on August 17 to run through September 29.

This release had been formerly announced for the dates of August 27 through October 13 but was changed due to the fact that it was determined that dealers had heavy stocks of low priced white shoes, it was announced.

### Trucks Issued To This Section

Ashe and Alleghany are among the 56 North Carolina counties to be issued 150 trucks by the Surplus Property Board.

The trucks, size one and one-half tons, have been issued to farm areas in North Carolina to help "offset threatened impairment of farm production due to shortages of rail transportation and automotive facilities."

The trucks will be sold through the office of the Surplus Properties Board, Department of Commerce, directly to dealers in the farm area for resale exclusively to farmers and farmers co-operatives holding triple A cards. Dealers will be sent detailed information immediately.

### SERVICES ANNOUNCED

The Rev. W. H. Caldwell, pastor of the Scottville Baptist church has announced that a communion service will be held there on next Sunday afternoon, August 26, at 3:00 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend.

### Lt. Johnson Is Given Promotion

Lt. Joseph S. Johnson, who is now stationed somewhere in the Dutch East Indies, in the Pacific theater of operations, has been promoted recently from the rank of Second Lieutenant to that of First Lieutenant.

Lt. Johnson, the son of Mrs. Nettie Johnson, of Asheville, formerly of this county, was commissioned as a pilot on April 15, 1944, at the Pampa Army Air Base, Pampa, Texas, and has been overseas for the past year.

Mrs. Johnson and small daughter, Betty Gaye, make their home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Badger, at Jefferson.