



United War Fund Drive Reaches \$710.00

Mrs. Wick Vannoy Will Again Head County Red Cross

Other Officers And Chairmen Are Named At Meeting Here On Monday

Mrs. Wick Vannoy, who has efficiently served as chairman of the Ashe County Chapter of the American Red Cross for two years, was unanimously selected to succeed herself at a meeting on Monday night when other officers were named and plans made for the coming year.

Thomas Sears was named vice-chairman, Miss Edith Pierce, secretary, and L. P. Colvard, treasurer.

Division chairmen named at the meeting included Mrs. Levern Johnson, production; Levern Johnson, disaster; Mrs. Herman Haire, Junior Red Cross, Mrs. Gertrude Vaught, first aid; John Jordan, home service; Elmo Jones, War Fund Drive, and Mrs. Ed M. Anderson, publicity.

It was decided to secure additional space for the office and a production room. Mrs. John Hardin, executive secretary, will have a part-time assistant under the new arrangement and the office will be kept open longer hours it was explained.

Red Cross flags are to be secured and some other necessary equipment.

Ira T. Johnston gave an inspirational talk at the opening of the meeting on Monday night and lauded the efforts of the officers and division chairmen. He also cited the necessity of carrying on the work since the war is over.

Methodists At Conference Now

Session Being Held In Greensboro: Appointments Are To Be Made Friday

Ashe county Methodist ministers and delegates, along with others in the Western North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church, are attending the annual four-day session in Greensboro this week, with Bishop Clare Purcell, of Charlotte, presiding.

Adjournment of the conference session probably will be reached around noontime Friday, immediately following announcement of appointments stationing ministers for the new year.

The conference is expected to give attention to plans for establishment of the Methodist Home for the Aged, an enterprise made possible by the late Eugene Maccon Cote, of Charlotte.

Lansing Given Another Teacher

Because of increased attendance, Lansing school district has been allotted an additional teacher. This will go to Windfall, Mr. Duncan said. It is understood that this position is being filled by a teacher, who previously served as a substitute.

Officers Named At Presbytery

The following officers were elected at the fall meeting of the Presbytery of Winston-Salem held recently at Laurel Fork Presbyterian church. Elder J. Harold McKeithen was elected moderator and J. Harry Whitmore, Thomasville, was named stated clerk. K. J. Foreman was elected permanent clerk. Commissioners included J. O. Blevins, of Lansing; Delmer Rose, of Glendale Springs; Conley Thompson, of Apple Grove; George Bowlin, of Peak Creek, and F. J. Pendry, of Laurel Fork.

J. Walter Osborne, ruling elder of Lansing Presbyterian church, is representing Ashe Presbyterians at the annual meeting of the Synod of North Carolina now in session at Davidson College. Attending also are pastors John W. Luke, Louis J. Yelanjian and K. J. Foreman, Jr.

Awarded Purple Heart On Guam



Shown above is Henry Howard Elliott, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Elliott, of Smethport, as he was awarded the Purple Heart on the island of Guam, by the commanding general. The award was made for wounds received in enemy action in the Asiatic-Pacific area, on March 10.

Work Now Going Forward On Several Business Buildings; Others Are Started This Week

Ground Graded For Town Building To House Fire Equipment

Construction work started sometime ago on the new building for Smith's store, and is now well underway as is that of the business building being erected by Walter Vannoy, just above the community building.

Foundation work has been completed on the large garage storage building started sometime ago by E. O. Woodie, next to the present town hall building. A cinder block building is being erected by W. B. Reeves on Jefferson Avenue, just below the monument yard.

Grading and foundation work has been started by E. E. Jones for his new store building on Jefferson Avenue. Grading work has been done for the new town building, across from the one now being used on Third Avenue. Grading work has also been started on this street for a building by Charles McNeill. This is located directly back of Ashe Drug company.

2 Ashe Students Are At Mars Hill

Mars Hill—Betty Wilma Cornette and James Walter King, of Ashe county, are enrolled in Mars Hill College for the fall semester.

A total of 750 students are enrolled, including 577 from North Carolina, 49 from South Carolina, 35 from Virginia, 35 from Florida, 14 from Tennessee, 9 from Kentucky, 4 from Maryland, 2 from Alabama and 1 each from Ohio, Texas and the District of Columbia.

2-Year-Army Men Eligible For Release By March 20

Washington—Enlisted men with two or more years of service in the army will become eligible for discharge by March 20, regardless of point scores, Brig. Gen. Robert W. Berry, Assistant Army Chief of Staff for personnel, estimated this week.

He told the House Military Affairs Committee that this does not mean that all two-year servicemen will be released then, but that they will become eligible and will start to flow out of the army on a "first-in-first-out" basis.

Simultaneously, the army revealed that it had released 235,000 soldiers last week, bringing the discharge total to 1,350,000 since last May 12.

Brig. Gen. Raymond W. Bliss, acting surgeon general of the army, discussing release of doctors,

Rev. W. P. Boyle Will Preach In County Churches

Possibility That He May Succeed Rev. B. A. Meeks In Jefferson Field

It was announced this week that the Rev. William Boyle and Mrs. Boyle would visit the Presbyterian churches in the county this week end in view of looking over the field and the possibilities of filling the place recently left vacant by the Rev. B. A. Meeks, who recently resigned to accept work in Knoxville.

Mr. Boyle will preach in the Jefferson and West Jefferson churches as well as at Obids and Big Ridge. The public is cordially invited to hear him.

Mr. Boyle, who finished his training at Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, had volunteered for duty as a chaplain and was awaiting induction when V-J day came and the call for chaplains ceased.

He and Mrs. Boyle will be the week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. Clark Brown, at Jefferson.

NCEA Meeting To Be Held On Friday

It was announced this week that the annual fall meeting of the North Carolina Educational Association would be held on Friday, October 12, at High Point. All principals, as well as teachers, who can arrange their work in order to be away are urged to attend.

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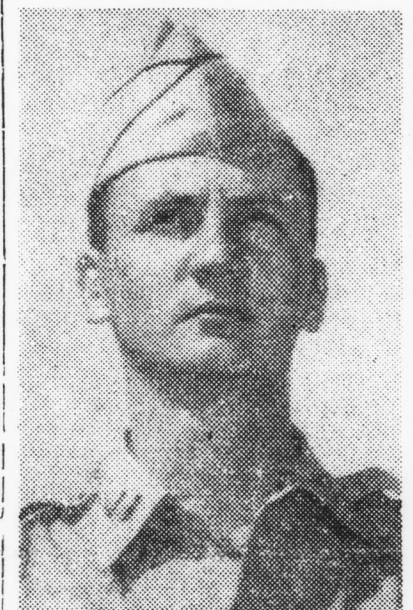
Surplus Cabbage Brings Farmers Total Of \$5,940.00

18 Carloads Have Been Shipped Out; More Is Still Wanted

L. E. Tuckwiller, county agent, announced this week that 18 car loads of cabbage had been purchased by the production and marketing administration bringing in a total of \$5,940.00. Seven more car loads are expected to be purchased this week making a total of 25 cars.

Farmers are urged to continue to bring in their cabbage. Those who had not previously been bringing in cabbage are asked to get in touch with Agent Tuckwiller. A fee of one cent per bag will be charged for inspection and an additional fee of one cent per bag will be charged to cover checking bags, main tickets, postage and other items.

ON INACTIVE LIST



Capt. Clyde T. Jones, who is spending some time here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Jones, was recently placed on the inactive list by the army. After spending 42 months overseas and collecting a total of 102 points, Captain Jones has well earned the 120 days accrued leave that he is now receiving. He was a medical officer with the 95th Coast Artillery and saw action on Saipan and Iwo Jima. He wears two stars on his Asiatic-Pacific Theatre Ribbon.

County NCEA Has Planning Meeting; Membership Gains

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Demonstration Of Slip Covers Here

Next Wednesday, October 17, at the West Jefferson community building a slip cover demonstration will be given by Miss Rose Ellwood Bryan. The meeting will last all day and will open at 10:00 a. m. All home demonstration club members and visitors interested in making slip covers are invited to attend this meeting.

Nylons—Ready For The Asking Soon



You can stop dreaming about the nylons you are planning to buy. Very soon you can go out and make that dream a reality. This scene is in a hosiery mill in Philadelphia, showing the finished nylons folded and boxed, ready for shipment.

Ashe County Schools To Play Active Part In United War Fund Drive; Quotas Assigned

County Survey Of Blind Being Conducted Here

Movement Being Sponsored By The West Jefferson Woman's Club

A county-wide survey of the blind and visually handicapped is being sponsored by the West Jefferson Woman's Club.

Mrs. Elizabeth Miller, tax collector, is cooperating with the movement and cards are being mailed out to the taxpayers asking for the names and addresses of any person known to them, suffering from eye difficulty.

Miss Ruth Tugman is chairman and the cards with the information are addressed to her.

It is believed that through the survey, information may be secured leading to the examination, correction and improvement of the sight of children, particularly.

All of those who receive the survey cards are asked to fill them out and return them to Miss Tugman.

School Men Hear Press Discussed

At a meeting of Ashe county school principals, held in the office of Superintendent B. H. Duncan last Friday, the educational value of the press was discussed by Mrs. Ed M. Anderson of this paper.

In connection with National Newspaper Week, the essay contest being launched by the North Carolina Press Association and The Skyland Post was discussed and principals were urged to encourage the students to enter this. In addition to state-wide prizes to be awarded, The Post will also give a \$25.00 war bond.

World War II Veteran Urges Support Of United War Fund

Ashe county men in the service realize the value of the United War Fund. The following letter received by Rixie B. Woodie, of Wagoner, a veteran of World War II, tells what it is doing for the war-torn countries of Europe:

"Dear Mr. Shoemaker, After having read your letter to my grandmother, I have decided to write you a short letter, and also send in a few dollars toward your drive. I am a discharged veteran of this war, having spent over three years overseas. I have seen millions of homeless people, who have no idea where they will sleep or what they will have to eat one meal to the next. Sir, maybe I have no right to make a suggestion but in my estimation, if you could get one of the numerous veterans to tell

Prizes Are To Be Awarded; Plans Are Presented To Principals

Ashe county schools are being called upon to play an active part in a special school campaign, which opened yesterday morning. But they are to be well awarded for their efforts and will be given prizes for raising their assigned quotas.

B. B. Graybeal, county chairman of the drive, announced quotas as well as plans for the special school campaign at the meeting of principals held in the office of Supt. B. H. Duncan, on Friday.

"The school reaching its quota this month will be awarded a prize of \$25.00, provided their quota is over \$10000," Chairman Graybeal stated, "and an additional prize of \$15.00 will be awarded the school which first turns in its quota."

The quotas for the schools are as follows:

Lansing, Ron Davis, principal, \$300.00; Riverview, Herbert Graybeal, principal, \$250.00; Helton, John Burkett, principal, \$50.00; Virginia-Carolina, L. K. Halsey, principal, \$100.00; Nathan's Creek, A. B. Hurt, principal, \$300.00; Healing Springs, A. D. Goodman, principal, \$150.00; Elk- (Continued on Page Four)

United War Fund Group To Meet

It was announced yesterday by B. B. Graybeal, county chairman of the United War Fund Drive that there would be a meeting of the executive committee at the community building tonight, immediately after Rotary, all members are urged to attend.

At this time plans for the successful conclusion of the drive will be made.

Initial Gifts Are Still Coming In; Goal Is \$5,000.00

Schools, Churches And Other Organizations Are Asked To Help

Sharpe S. Shoemaker, initial gift chairman, reported yesterday afternoon that \$710.00 had been received toward the United War Fund goal of \$5,000 for the county.

Letters were mailed out and some gifts are still coming in by mail, Mr. Shoemaker said. He urged that all who had not sent their contributions in to do so at once.

Bernard Graybeal, county chairman of the drive, said that he was pleased with the initial response but that much more would be needed to raise the quota. He urged all individuals as well as organizations, including schools, churches, social and civic clubs to give as generously as possible.

The following contributions have been reported by Mr. Shoemaker:

W. J. Parts Co., Belk's Dept. Store and B. H. Duncan, \$50 each, Mr. and Mrs. Ed M. Anderson, \$35.

Vannoy Furniture Co., Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Vannoy, W. B. Austin, C. S. Neal, Dr. and Mrs. D. C. Jones, E. A. Ray, Jr., Central Hardware, Mr. and Mrs. Ira T. Johnston, Northwestern Bank, Smithey's Store, \$25 each. E. O. Woodie, \$20.

Parker Tie Co., Mr. and Mrs. Earl L. Davidson, Western Auto Associate Store and the Lady Fair Beauty Shop, \$15 each.

Sturdivant Funeral Home, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Sturdivant, \$12.50 each.

Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Lillard, H. (Continued on Page 4)

Lt. L. H. Shepherd Gets Silver Star

Ashe Man Remained At His Post Though Seriously Wounded

Lt. Leonard H. Shepherd, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Shepherd, of Crumpler, has been awarded the Silver Star medal for gallantry in action in France. His citation reads as follows:

"On 24 January 1945 at Kaltenhause, France, when a heavy artillery and mortar barrage disrupted communications between his command post and the platoons of his company during an enemy attack, Lt. Shepherd went out in the face of enemy fire to check on the position of the right flank. After administering first aid under fire to one of his men who had been wounded, he proceeded to the right flank platoon where he ascertained its situation. On his return, Lt. Shepherd was so severely wounded by shell fragments that he had to be carried back to his command post but, in spite of his wounds, continued to command his company until evacuated."

Lt. Shepherd entered the service April 16, 1941. He served 18 months in the Caribbean theater and had been in France four months when he was wounded. He is now stationed at the Valley Forge General Hospital at Phoenixville, Pa.

Worth Sweet Is Speaker At Rotary

The Rev. Worth Sweet, of Nathan's Creek, told the Jeffersons Rotary Club that, to bring about world peace and keep it, we must do away with economic injustice, racial prejudice and take out of our lives all hatred toward mankind.

Mr. Sweet was introduced to the club by A. B. Hurt, program chairman. Lawrence Tyson made several remarks about the proposed memorial building and the possibilities of locating it across the street from the community building on the gymnasium site.

The regular meeting time was set up to 6:30 from 7:15, due to the change to standard time.