

\$33,237.50 Reported In Victory Loan

Legion To Have Special Program Saturday Night

Armistice Day Observance Is Planned; New Members To Be Initiated

A special Armistice Day program will be held by the American Legion and Auxiliary Saturday night at the community building, when the initiation service for 30 new legion members will be conducted.

Special music will be furnished by the Taylor string band and supper will be served at 7:00 o'clock to the members, Lawrence Tyson, commander of the legion post, and Mrs. B. B. Graybeal, president of the auxiliary, will be in charge of the program.

It was announced that the legion as well as the auxiliary had already reached the 100 per cent membership quota of last year for the coming year. It was also announced that North Carolina was leading the nation in the membership drive.

Draft Board Will Assist Veterans

Local Board Plans To Assist In Advertising Veterans' Service Committee

The local selective service personnel has announced that they will do everything possible to cooperate in organizing a veteran's service committee in Ashe county, if the veterans assistance representative feels that such a committee is necessary.

Mrs. Guy Denney, who is now serving as part time assistant of the local draft board, and Mrs. L. J. Yelanjian are ready to aid the returning veterans in any way possible, it was announced.

General J. Van B. Metts, state director of Selective Service, has recently transferred to the Commission the responsibility for the North Carolina Veterans Assistance Program which had been delegated to him by former Governor Broughton. Although Gen. Metts has been relieved of his responsibility for the North Carolina Veterans Assistance Program effective in October, he pointed out that it did not in any way relieve him of his responsibility as state director of Selective Service for the Veterans Assistance Program. He further pointed out that the success of the program depends entirely upon the efforts of the local veterans service committee.

Col Wiley M. Pickens expressed the belief that the program was progressing satisfactorily and that each veteran should be able to receive assistance.

Check On School Attendance Here

B. H. Duncan, superintendent of schools, pointed out this week that stress was being given to school attendance throughout the county this year and that all reports on non-attendance were being investigated.

Miss Ruth Tugman, welfare superintendent, who is also attendance officer, stressed the fact that parents should be familiar with the law and should make every effort to keep children in school without officials having to see that the law is enforced.

Johnston Named Committee Chmn.

Ira T. Johnston, member of the board of trustees of the University of North Carolina, has been named by Gov. Cherry as chairman of the committee on memorials to form a memorial for the late Gov. R. A. Doughton.

Named on the committee with Mr. Johnston are Josephus Daniels, of Raleigh; James A. Gray, of Winston-Salem; Cameron Morrison, of Charlotte, and Charles Johnas, of Lincolnton.

Governor Doughton was a member of the board of trustees at the University of North Carolina at the time of his death.

County Is Still Behind On United War Fund Quota; More Contributions Sought

ON WAY TO TOKYO



Captain Grant Bauguess, who left this week for Tokyo, where he will assist in military government there.

District Rotary Governor Will Speak To Club

Will Meet With Various Committees Before Speaking To Club Tonight

Ozmer L. Henry, of Lumberton, Rotary Governor of the 188th district, extending from West Jefferson to Wilmington, will be the guest speaker at the Jeffersons club tonight. Prior to the club meeting, all chairmen of committees are asked to meet him at 5:45 to discuss the work of their groups.

Mr. Henry is an outstanding industrialist and business man of Robertson county and is making a fine record as Rotary Governor of the 188th district.

Sharpe Shoemaker, president of the Jeffersons club, urges every member to be present for this important meeting and all that possibly can, to attend the early meeting.

The Rev. Louis J. Yelanjian gave an interesting talk on internationalism last Thursday night when he appeared before the club. He was introduced by Rocco Cutri, a member of the International committee.

School For Bus Drivers Is Held

The school for bus drivers held this week at the courthouse, was well attended, B. H. Duncan, superintendent of schools, said.

Around 16 prospective school bus drivers took the course and these included representatives for a number of the county schools served by buses.

United Nations Comes Into Being



The charter of the United Nations together with the statutes of the international court of justice came into force when a protocol of deposit of ratifications was signed by James F. Byrnes, U. S. Secretary of State.

Schools Are Asked To Hold Dime Days To Increase Collections

With the county still far behind on the United War Fund Drive, final efforts are now being made to raise a greater portion of the county's quota of \$5,000. Through yesterday, reports show that less than \$3,000.00 has been raised.

While the drive was originally scheduled to end last month, it has been continued for a limited time in order that those counties behind on quotas may make another efforts to raise them.

The Ashe county schools are being asked to raise additional funds by having "Dime Days" when children are asked to give a dime for a child in Europe.

Churches that have not made a collection are asked to do so on Sunday. All individuals that have not made their contributions are also asked to do so without further delay. Gifts should be sent to Chairman B. B. Graybeal, L. P. Colvard or Sharpe S. Shoemaker.

Gen. Commends Pfc. Ralph Brown

Outstanding Action As An Aid Man Recognized By Brown's Commanding Officer

Pfc. Ralph H. Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Brown, of Parker, was commended on his outstanding action as an aid man by Brigadier General Thomas W. Herren, U. S. Army, who said:

"Your outstanding action near Forbach, France, from March 9 to 12, 1945, has come to my attention. As an aid man, you administered aid to the wounded, many times in very precarious circumstances. One night, you entered an active mine field under heavy fire to give aid to the wounded. On many occasions, you risked your own life to give aid to others who had been wounded by the hostile fire. I take great pride in commending you."

Pfc. Brown, who served in the Medical Detachment, 276th Infantry, is still in Germany. He expects to be able to return home early next year.

Jefferson School Will Give Plays

The Dramateers will present two one-act plays next Wednesday night in the auditorium at 7:00 p. m. at Jefferson school.

"The Trysting Place" will be given by Clayborn Sheets, Mary Lou Thompson, Alice Lee Austin, Edgar Burkett, Ruth Dixon, Ralph Colvard and Walter Bare. "Cleaned and Pressed" will be presented by Irene Atwood, Carlyle Bledsoe, Mabel Elliott, Bill Bare and Billie Dean Harless.

The public is cordially invited.



Gambles' Rites Held Yesterday In Lincolnton

Son Of Former Ashe Man Is Killed With Wife In Plane Crash, Sunday

Double funeral services for Dr. and Mrs. James S. Gamble of Lincolnton, who were killed instantly Sunday night when their plane crashed near Morris Field, were held Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock at First Methodist church in Lincolnton.

Rev. C. C. Herbert, Jr., pastor of the church officiated and interment was in Hollywood cemetery at Lincolnton. The bodies of Dr. and Mrs. Gamble were found some distance from the plane by Corporal Theodore C. Juhl, Jr., and Corporal Keith Pitchford, military policemen from Morris Field, and identification was made by county police by papers found on the bodies.

The pilot, Dr. Gamble, was believed to have lost control of the plane while attempting to locate the proper runway at the field and make a landing. The plane, seen by an observer from the control tower, was said to have gone (Continued on Page 4)

Old Tax Books Given To James

At the regular meeting of the board of county commissioners, on Monday, the old tax books for 1941, 42 and 43 were turned over to S. W. James for collection.

The county also passed a resolution approving the recent sale of refunding bonds. A number of routine claims were also paid.

Foster Phillips Given Discharge

T-5 Foster A. Phillips, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Phillips, of Othello, has received an honorable discharge from the United States Army, after serving four years. He entered July 19, 1941, and spent two and one-half years in foreign service.

He was engaged in the campaigns of Tunisia, Sicily, Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland and Central Europe.

T-5 Phillips was awarded the Eamet Campaign Medal with six Bronze Stars and one Bronze Arrowhead, American Defense Medal and the Good Conduct Medal.

SGT. OLIVER GIVEN POSTHUMOUS AWARD

Emmitt Oliver, of Fig, was presented the Bronze Star, which was awarded posthumously to his son, Sgt. Carl E. Oliver, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, at a retreat parade at Asheville College Friday. The medal was given Sgt. Oliver's father by Col. R. E. Willoughby, commanding officer of the Army Ground and Service Forces Redistribution station at Asheville.

A County-wide Basketball Program For Schools Will Be Discussed By Principals

Smith Assures County Roads To Get Attention

Says Every Effort Will Be Made To Keep All School Bus Routes Open

Raymond Smith, State Highway Commissioner of this district, was here last week with other officials and said that every effort would be made this winter to keep all school bus routes open. He also stated that next spring more work would be done on some other secondary roads that have been in a state of ill repair because of wartime conditions.

Work is now going forward on some of the secondary roads that have been in such a condition that they have been considered unsafe for school bus travel.

Last year, it was necessary to curtail school bus travel in some sections for several weeks because of the unsafe condition of the roads.

Garvey Awarded The Air Medal

W. C. Garvey, with Mrs. Garvey, is visiting his mother, Mrs. Constance Garvey for a few days at her home here, following his discharge from the Navy last week in Norfolk, after more than three and one-half years' service.

As navigator on a Ventura Bomber, land based on Tinian, Mr. Garvey has been awarded the Air Medal and cited for participation in fourteen extended anti-submarine patrols and four reconnaissance flights to Truk.

Congressman R. L. Doughton Observes Birthday At Work

North Carolina's distinguished statesman, Congressman R. L. Doughton, observed his 82nd birthday yesterday, on the job, "as usual," which has been his usual celebration for many years.

The chairman of the Ways and Means committee had real reason to be happy on his birthday judging from the numerous letters of commendation he has received recently about the work of his committee.

"The Ways and Means Committee has received more letters of endorsement since the President's recent speech than ever before since I've been chairman," Congressman Doughton said.

He became chairman in 1933.

What the President said a few days back was that the responsibility for the liberalization of unemployment compensation bill

Possibilities Of Tournament At Close Of Season To Be Considered

Now that the war is over and transportation facilities are less strained, Ashe county students, teachers and the general public are interested in reviving the basketball program through which some of the best teams in the state were developed in pre-war days.

In order to make plans to activate a county-wide program again this will be discussed at a meeting of high school principals, which will be held in Superintendent B. H. Duncan's office this afternoon.

It is assumed that a regular schedule of a definite number of games will be carried out as in the past and at the end of the season a tournament will possibly be held here in the county. Definite plans are expected to be decided upon by the principals, today.

Mr. Duncan said that much interest was being shown in a definite sports program and this as well as some other matters would be discussed at the meeting this afternoon.

It is expected that E. E. Garbee, head of the physical education department at A. S. T. C., will assist with the necessary officials.

Nathan's Creek Grange To Meet

It has been announced this week that the Nathan's Creek Grange will hold its meeting at the Nathan's Creek school, Monday, November 12, at 7:30 p. m.

An election of officers will be held and all members, both old and new, are urged to be present.

Henry M. Adams, special State Grange deputy, is now working in the county and will be present at the meeting.

Shoes And Cars Both Increase

Last week's removal of rationing restrictions on shoes and passenger cars is in direct accordance with OPA's policy of releasing items from rationing as soon as supply permits, OPA Board Chairman L. P. Colvard, said today.

Production of ration-type shoes has increased greatly since V-J Day, he pointed out. Approximately 28 million pairs were made in October as against 20 million in August. Prospects are that output for November and December will reach 29 or 30 million pairs, he added.

The production of men's work shoes and boys' and children's shoes has increased substantially during recent months as result of military cutbacks in leather, Mr. Colvard said.

Likewise, the removal of rationing restrictions will not jeopardize essential transportation in this country, Mr. Colvard continued. The total number of passenger cars still in service is estimated to be 23,400,000, more than enough to keep needed civilian transportation going.

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Schools Taking Active Part In County's Drive

\$172,000.00 Must Be Raised To Reach Assigned Quota For Ashe County

Reports from sources of sales late yesterday showed that bond sales in the county since the opening of the Victory Loan, November 1, had reached \$33,237.50 or a little less than one-fifth of the county's quota of \$172,000.

While this is considered a good start for the opening week of the drive, it was pointed out that sales must be speeded up if the quota is to be reached on time.

The schools are taking an active part in the drive and it is believed when their special drive comes to a close, the total sales will show considerable rise.

Reports yesterday from sources of sale were as follows: West Jefferson post office, \$23,850.00; Northwestern Bank, Jefferson, \$4,768.75; Lansing post office, \$3,900.00; Crumpler post office, \$550.00; Jefferson post office, \$150.00; Ashe Building and Loan, \$18.75.

Sources of sales reported that among the bonds above \$37.50, that the Roosevelt bond selling for \$150.00 is proving popular. In addition to schools, each township has one or more official workers that are expected to raise their share of the quota.

Zeb Dickson is county chairman of the drive.

Educational Wk. Will Be Observed

West Jefferson School Is Carrying Out Program; Parents Invited

American Educational Week is to be observed in the West Jefferson High School next week with special programs to which the public is cordially invited.

The object of the observance of this week is to acquaint the public with the schools and the work taught therein, it was explained.

The churches are asked to cooperate with the program on Sunday by emphasizing spiritual values. Special assembly programs to be carried out in school are "Building Sound Health, Tuesday; Strengthening Home Life, Thursday; Developing Good Citizenship, Friday. On Monday and Wednesday, special topics will be emphasized in class rooms.

Parents are not only invited to these programs, but are urged to visit the school next week.

GO ON DEER HUNT

Levern Johnson, Gale B. McMillan and Robert Colvard were among those who enjoyed a deer hunt in the Mt. Mitchell area, last week end.