

## Victory Loan Nears \$50,000 In County

### Special Events Are Planned For War Fund Drive

#### County Still Behind On Quota; More Contributions Are Sought

A checkup late yesterday revealed that Ashe county is still nearly \$2,000.00 short of the goal of \$50,000.00 sought in the United War Fund drive which is to be continued indefinitely until quotas are reached.

Only two schools have reported on the "Dime Day" West Jefferson and Lansing. Those that have not observed this day are urged to do so. Schools as well as communities are asked to have some special events to raise money. Jefferson school is having a double-header basketball program tonight for the benefit of the fund. Other schools and communities are asked to have benefit games, box suppers, pie suppers or some other forms of wholesome recreation or entertainment for the benefit of the fund.

Churches or Sunday Schools that have not taken up a collection are asked to do so. Individual contributions are still being received, B. B. Graybeal, county chairman of the drive, said.

The following are some of the contributions not previously announced:

Rhodes Furniture Company, \$25.00; Ashe Hardware Co. and Parker's store, \$15.00 each; C. A. Segraves, Ed Jenkins, Mayor Parsons, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Reeves, Mayflower Beauty Shop, Frances Tucker, Ruth Tugman, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Sears and Rocco Cutri, \$10.00 each; Edith Pierce, \$7.00; Bare-Little (additional), W. J. Livestock Mart, W. L. Hughes, Badger's Funeral Home, Little Milling Co., W. L. Dent, W. E. Vannoy (additional), Mrs. Elizabeth Miller, Paul Perkins and W. O. Ashley, \$5.00 each.

Ashe Memorial Works, \$4.00; (Continued on Page Four)

### School As Usual On Thanksgiving

#### Schools To Close For One Week During Christmas; To Reopen Dec. 31

B. H. Duncan, superintendent of schools, announced yesterday that through the unanimous vote of the principals school would be held on Thanksgiving, next Thursday, and that no holiday would be observed.

The principals also agreed on one week of holiday for Christmas. The schools will close on Friday, December 21, and will reopen on Monday, December 31. In addition to the week of holidays, this period will give two week ends, for those who wish to go a way, Superintendent Duncan said.

### Scout Rally Here Next Saturday

The Boy Scouts of Ashe county will meet in West Jefferson this Saturday afternoon for their Fall Rally, Jim Story, chairman of the camping and activities committee, announced.

The rally will be of an informal nature with contests and games being enjoyed by all the Scouts. It is expected that all the boys will be in uniform and will be ready to demonstrate several scouting tests. Basketball will also be enjoyed during the afternoon, it was announced.

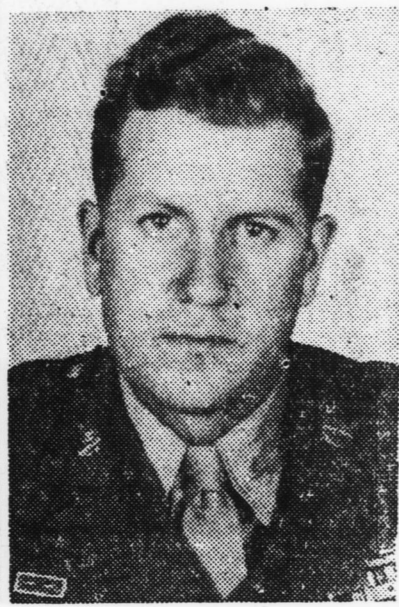
Levern Johnson, scout executive, will address the boys at the local gymnasium. The rally will get underway at the gymnasium at two o'clock and all Scoutmasters are urged to bring the Scouts directly to the gym.

The Eisenhower Medals for the paper drive will be presented to the eleven Scouts of Troop 37, who made such fine records.

Mr. Story stated that the rally will serve as a medium for the different troops to become better acquainted and also to advertise Scouting in this county.

### S. Sgt. Morris Lewis Held Prisoner By Japs 40 Months Tells Of Cruelties Inflicted

#### S. SGT. MORRIS LEWIS



#### Ashe Man Undergoes Starvation, Beating And Hard Work For Long Time

Many may hunger for cake in this day of sugar rationing, but to S.-Sgt. Morris Lewis, bread is better. Or so it seemed to him after having to do without a single slice for 40 months in a Japanese prison. S.-Sgt. Lewis, one of the heroes of Bataan also discovered the painful way what it meant to drop from 160 to 98 lbs. in weight and become so weak that he had to crawl instead of walk.

Now undergoing treatment at Woodrow Wilson General Hospital, he recently spent a week end with relatives in the county, America and particularly Ashe county, looks particularly good to him and he has also gained quite a few pounds on good American rations.

The death march, cruel treatment, hard work and starvation are only a few of his experiences. He wears a large number of decorations, has been wounded and had the honor of serving as a guard of honor for the late President Roosevelt, King George, Queen Elizabeth and many other prominent people while on duty in Washington, D. C. During the 9 years he has been in service, he has probably come as near running the gamut of experiences as any Ashe county man.

He is modest about his decorations, but he wears 3 Presidential Citations, the Purple Heart, the Silver Star, Good Conduct Medal, Asiatic-Pacific ribbon with (Continued on Page 4)

### Rotary Club Told Of Necessity For New World Plan

#### District Governor Ozmer L. Henry Is Speaker At Local Club, Thursday

"A new world must be built out of the present one, through international brotherhood and fellowship, if we are to have security and lasting peace," Ozmer L. Henry, district Rotary governor, told members of the local club, last Thursday evening.

The speaker, a prominent lawyer of Lumberton, was introduced by a former classmate, Ira T. Johnston.

He discussed the different phases of Rotary work and the important responsibilities of members. Before the meeting he talked informally to the various committee chairmen at an assembly discussing the work and plans of each group.

Clinton Goodman, a former member, who has been ill for several months, was welcomed back into the club at this time. Sharp S. Shoemaker was in charge.

### Ashby Funeral Held Yesterday

Funeral service for Robert J. Ashby, 45, of Warrensville, who died at the Duke Hospital at Durham, Sunday night, was held at the Warrensville Methodist church yesterday at 10 o'clock.

After the service interment followed in the Scott cemetery. Survivors are his wife and seven children: Clarence J., of the U. S. Army; Bobbie Sue, Chrysler, Billie Dare, Rhumel, Juanita Jo and Dianne Ashby.

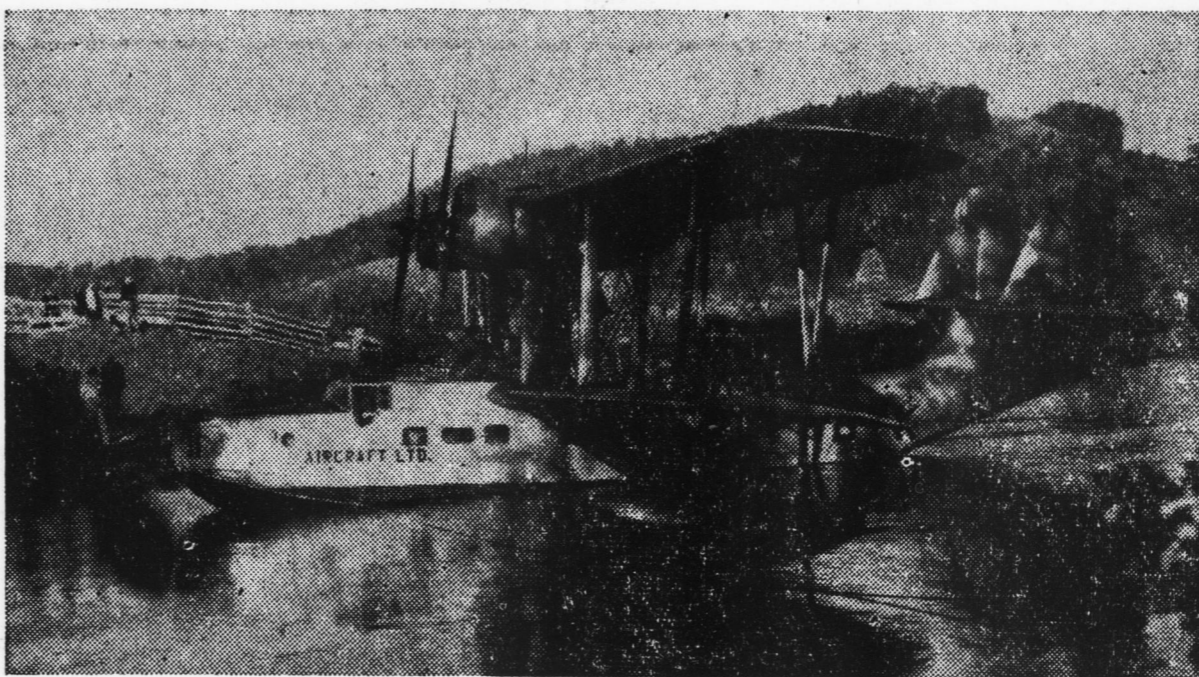
A large crowd of friends and relatives attended the funeral service.

### Franklin D. Roosevelt Medal



Photo shows both sides of the Franklin D. Roosevelt memorial medal, which the treasury department announced is available to the public. The medal was designed by John R. Sinnock.

### Here's Proof The Unpredictable Can Happen In Ashe



This big sea plane recently made a safe landing in New River on the farm of Lon Reeves in the Nathan's Creek section. Not only did it land safely, but also took-off without any trouble, after it had been relieved of several thousand pounds of freight.

(Photo by Nena Barr)

### Quail Season To Open In County, Thurs., Nov. 22

#### Bag Limit Cited By District Game Protector, Harvey Goodman

Next Thursday, November 22, Thanksgiving Day, will be the official opening of the hunting season in the county for quail, grouse and rabbit. It should be a field day for the man with the dog and gun, but if they are successful, it means the wildlife will have little to be thankful for.

With ammunition being more plentiful and many home from the war for the first time in several years, it should be an extra big day for those interested in hunting.

District Game Protector Harvey Goodman, pointed out that quail and rabbit may be hunted until January 31, but that the grouse season will end January 1. The bag limit on quail has been set at 10 per day while that of grouse is only two. Hunters are reminded that the squirrel season remains open until December 15.

The attention of hunters is also called to the fact that they are to secure licenses before hunting. They are also asked to guard against forest fires.

### New Bus Route Provides County Better Service

West Jefferson and Ashe county are now served with new 35 passenger deluxe main-line buses, travelling direct from East Tennessee to Eastern North Carolina, E. O. Woodie, Parkway bus company official, announced this week.

"Since the war is over and new facilities are available, there is also a new spirit of service and your Carolina-Tennessee Coach and Parkway Incorporated is putting it into practice right now," Mr. Woodie said.

The new schedule, published elsewhere in this paper, is effective (Continued on Page Four)

### COUNTY MAN WORKED ON ERNIE PYLE BRIDGE

Pfc. Raleigh S. Greer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Greer, of Fleetwood, is now serving with the M. P. Trained guard at Crestline, Ohio. Pfc. Greer, who served in the European theater of operations on April 20, was working with his battalion building a floating Bailey bridge over the Rhine River at Dusseldorf. They named the bridge Ernie Pyle. Despite mines and swift Rhine current, the 1500-foot bridge was completed and ready for traffic five days later. That same battalion had been alerted and was on the way to the Pacific when V-J Day was proclaimed. Their transport then carried them straight to Boston instead of to Tokyo.

### Plans Made For County-wide Basketball Program; To Hold Tourney At End Of Season

#### Rev. W. P. Boyle Is Named To Serve Jefferson Field

#### Presbyterian Pastor Fills The Vacancy Left By The Rev. B. A. Meeks

Rev. W. P. Boyle, of Staunton, Va., has been named to fill the vacancy of the Presbyterian churches in the Jefferson field, that have been without a regular pastor since the resignation of Rev. B. A. Meeks, some time ago.

Mr. Boyle, who is a graduate of Davidson College and the Union Theological Seminary, volunteered for chaplain service when he finished his training in the spring; but this call was closed when the war ended.

He and Mrs. Boyle, who is also from Virginia, are making their home in the manse at Jefferson. He will serve the churches in the Jefferson field. "Both Mrs. Boyle and I are happy to be in Ashe county," he said.

The schedule for Sunday, November 17, is as follows: West Jefferson: Sunday School, 10:00 A. M., church, 11:00 A. M. Jefferson: Sunday School, 11:00 A. M., church at 10:00 A. M. Big Ridge: church, 2:00 P. M.

### JEFFERSON TEAMS TO PLAY TONIGHT

The Jefferson All-Stars will compete with the Jefferson high school teams tonight at 7:30 at the Jefferson gymnasium, it was announced today. The games, played by both girls and boys, will be played for the benefit of the United War Fund Drive.

### Cherry Asks Thanksgiving Gifts For United War Fund

Governor R. Gregg Cherry has written a Thanksgiving letter to the people of North Carolina asking that thanks be expressed through gifts to the United War Fund Drive. The letter, in part, is as follows:

"On November 22 we richly blessed North Carolinians will give thanks for God's great generosity to us through the past year.

"Let us give more than thanks. Let us make it possible for others to give thanks through unselfish gifts to the United War Fund.

"Thanksgiving can only be real for millions of service men on active duty for months yet, if your thankfulness makes possible the USO Program which the Army and Navy ask you to provide for them.

#### Principals Will Meet Again This Afternoon To Complete Details

According to plans started last week at a meeting of the high school principals, Ashe county high schools will have a well-rounded basketball program, with the season officially opening on November 27, and which will be closed with a county-wide tournament at Jefferson.

At the meeting last week, an association was organized with Bruce Graybeal as president; James Stanley, secretary; and L. K. Halsey, treasurer. The other two members of the executive committee include Colonel Francis and Thelma Shepherd.

The group voted for each school to have one official game each Tuesday night, of both the boys and girls, during the season. A number of other details were decided upon by the principals. It was announced that the flat rate of fifteen cents admission for school children and twenty-five cents for adults would be the admission charge.

Students playing on the teams (Continued on Page 8)

### Miss Weaver, 15, Buried Saturday

Funeral service for Miss Josephine Weaver, 15-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Weaver, of Clifton, who died at the Ashe Memorial Hospital last Friday, was held Saturday at 2:30 p. m. at the Ashley Methodist church. The Rev. R. C. Ashley officiated and burial followed in the Weaver cemetery. Survivors are the parents and one brother, Max.

### Schools Urged To Finish Quotas By November 24

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

Reports from the treasury department yesterday revealed that bond sales in the county, since the Victory Loan opened, are now nearing the \$50,000.00 mark, with the E bond sales around \$40,000.00. This is a little more than one-fourth of the total quota of \$172,000, of which \$127,000.00 must be in E bonds.

Schools working on the drive are urged to redouble their efforts and complete their special drive by November 24 in order to compete for prizes offered.

Township chairmen are urged to concentrate on their quotas. Aside from the schools, the following quotas have been assigned to the various townships, Chairman Zeb Dickson said.

Chestnut Hill, \$4000.00; Creston, \$2,500.00; Clifton, \$4,000.00; Elk, \$2,500.00; Grassy Creek, \$3,000.00; Helton, \$3,000.00; Horse Creek, \$3,000.00; Hurricane, \$2,000.00; Jefferson, \$8,000.00; Laurel, \$2,000.00; North Fork, \$3,000.00; Obids, \$4,000.00; Old Fields, \$7,000.00; Peak Creek, \$4,000.00; Pine Swamp, \$4,000.00; Piney Creek, \$4,000.00; Pond Mountain, \$2,000.00; Walnut Hill, \$3,000.00; West Jefferson, \$15,000.00.

### Improvements In Ashe Lunchrooms

#### Elkland High School Has Lunchroom Placed On Grade-A List

B. H. Duncan, superintendent of schools, announced this week that many improvements were being made in the lunchrooms of the Ashe county schools.

New stoves and refrigerators are being secured for the following schools: Green Valley, Lansing, Jefferson, Nathan's Creek, and Riverview as well as some others, it was learned.

Elkland high school has recently installed new equipment and this lunchroom has been placed on the Grade-A list. This is the first in the county to be given this rating this year, Mr. Duncan said.

Mr. Duncan said that in connection with the lunchroom and health program the Ashe county Woman's Club was assisting schools to secure scales. Health books have also been distributed in the schools by the club, he said.

### Legion Program Well Attended

Around 150 member of the American Legion, auxiliary and guests attended the dinner meeting and Armistice Day program held at the community building last Saturday night.

Visitors included representatives of the Boone post. A most impressive initiation service for veterans of World War II was held. At this time 14 new members were initiated into the organization. Several of them were sons of veterans of World War I, who were also present.

### Mrs. Triplet To Speak To Club

It was announced this week that Mrs. Hazel Triplet, blind case worker for this area, would be the guest speaker for the West Jefferson Woman's Club, which will meet with Miss Ruth Tugman at her home here on Monday night at 7:30.

The club has recently completed a county-wide survey for better sight and the results of this will also be discussed. During the survey, more than 4,000 questionnaires were mailed out, through the cooperation of Mrs. Elizabeth Miller, tax collector.

Grady Farthering, Boone, was a visitor here, Monday.

Very sincerely yours,  
R. Gregg Cherry, Governor.