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Red Cross Fund Campaign Opens Friday

Directors Of New Hotel Co. Named; To Meet Tonight

Much Enthusiasm Shown By Stockholders; Will Name Committees

At an enthusiastic meeting of original stockholders of the New Hotel Co., Inc., of West Jefferson, on Monday night directors were named and the possibilities of erecting the proposed hotel in the near future were discussed. The following were named directors: Wade E. Eller, L. B. Tyson, W. G. Vannoy, J. B. Porter, M. G. Edwards, J. G. Rhodes and J. L. Segraves. It was announced that these directors would meet tonight immediately after Rotary to appoint committees and to make further plans regarding the hotel. Wade Eller, who had previously been named process officer presided over the meeting on Monday and following the election of directors all of the stockholders were called upon to discuss the views of the proposed new hotel. All were enthusiastic. It was announced that the sale of stock would be pushed in the near future following more complete plans to be made by the directors.

Plans Underway For V. F. W. Post

To Be Named For First Ashe Man To Die On Foreign Soil In World War II

Plans are now underway here to organize a Veterans of Foreign Wars post in Ashe county, it was announced this week by Paul Swanson. Charter members will be installed at a later date by old members from another post, under the direction of Jimmie Davis, of Albemarle, it was stated. The new post will be named in honor of the first Ashe county man who made the supreme sacrifice for his country. The proper authorities are being consulted for this information, it was stated.

Lester Miller Is Given Discharge

Pvt. Lester Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Miller, of Lansing, arrived home, after receiving his honorable discharge from the U. S. Army on Friday, February 22, at Fort Bragg. Pvt. Miller served 20 months with the Air Transport Command and wears the American Defense ribbon, good conduct ribbon and the World War II Victory ribbon.

German To Assist In Filing Taxes

F. L. German, deputy collector from the State Department of Revenue, will be in the West Jefferson post office on Wednesday and Thursday, March 6 and 7, it was announced here this week.

Reports Wanted By Jr. Red Cross

Mrs. Herman Haire, chairman of the Junior Red Cross Drive, announced today that all Red Cross contributions and reports should be handed in before tomorrow, March 1. This is the second time that this request has been made and Mrs. Haire stated that she was anxious to make a 100 per cent report and urges that the teachers cooperate.

R. L. Doughton Is To Run For His Seat In Congress Again

WILL RUN AGAIN



Congressman R. L. Doughton, who has announced that he will again be a candidate to succeed himself.

Public Pleased Over Announcement That He Will Again Be A Candidate

Ashe county people, along with countless others throughout the State and nation, received the news that Congressman R. L. Doughton would again be a candidate for his seat as representative of the ninth district, with gratitude. His announcement, made last week end, that he would seek re-nomination for his 19th consecutive term in the May 25 Democratic primary, came after widespread demand that he again offer himself as a candidate. Chairman of the Ways and Means committee, a capacity in which he has served longer than any other man in history, Congressman Doughton's announcement was brief and to the point last Saturday. He said: "I am today filing with the chairman of the State Board of Elections notice of my candidacy for renomination as Representative in Congress from the Ninth Congressional District, subject to the Democratic primary on May 25." There was more to it, of course, than the mere text of the announcement. Mrs. Doughton, his wife of 48 years, died recently. (Continued on Page 4)

County Schools Will Again Have Spelling Contest

Final Contest Will Be Held At Courthouse Wednesday, May 8

At a meeting of Ashe county principals held yesterday afternoon, at the courthouse, initial plans for the proposed annual county-wide spelling bee were discussed and it was decided that the finals would be held at the courthouse on May 8. Details of the preliminary elimination contests will be announced later. Principals also discussed the Red Cross Fund Campaign and accepted their quotas for this. These are announced elsewhere in the paper today.

Nathan's Creek All-Stars Play Fri.

The Nathan's Creek all-star boys team will compete with the Lansing all-stars on the Lansing court tomorrow night at 7:30 o'clock. The Lansing all-star girls team will also compete with the married women. Proceeds from the game will go to the Nathan's Creek school building fund, it was announced.

Many Rats Are Killed In Drive

Unofficial reports from the rat drive which was opened here last week show that the casualties were high. The day following the time the Red Squill bait was placed in strategic places, a number of dead rats were found. Some business houses reported as many as four or five in their back alleys.

Ashe Schools Are To Enter Winston-Salem Tournament

Several of Ashe county's high school basketball teams have entered the annual Northwest tournament, which opens at Reynolds high gymnasium in Winston-Salem, on Tuesday, March 5, it was announced this week. Entries which have been made known are Nathan's Creek boys' team, the girls' and boys' teams from West Jefferson, and both teams from Virginia-Carolina high school. Many others, however, are expected to enter, according to information received here. Schools may still enter, it is understood. The Cove Creek boys and girls from Watauga county, the champions in last year's tournament,

Seven Ashe Men Go To Ft. Bragg

Twenty-one Leave For Pre-Induction Examinations On Monday

Seven men from Ashe county were inducted into the military service at Fort Bragg during the month of January, it was announced this week by Mrs. Louis J. Yelanjian, chief clerk of the local draft board. Those inducted were: Franklin H. Church, Warren O. Powers, Jimmie Edwards, Ralph S. Roark, Barney B. Shepherd, Robert S. Wolfe, colored, and Billie E. Gentry, colored. Twenty-one Ashe county men left Monday, February 25, for pre-induction physical examinations at Fort Bragg, it was announced this week. Those leaving were: Chester B. Pennington, Thom-

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Cage Tourney Friday, March 1

A basketball tournament, sponsored by the Appalachian high school association opened yesterday in the college gymnasium of ASTC at Boone, it was announced this week by Eugene E. Garbee, president of the association. The tournament dates are set for today, Friday and Saturday, March 1 and 2 and is to be held for both the boys and girls teams from the member schools. Exceptions will be made in this tournament only, it was pointed out by Mr. Garbee, that ex-service men who have been in school since Christmas holidays will be eligible. High school graduates, he stated, were not eligible. Proceeds from the games will be deposited to the account of the association. Schools are urged to participate so that a successful tournament can be held.

Saying Goodbye And Hello To Official Washington



Former Secretary of the Interior Ickes is shown at left as he waved farewell at his final conference before announcing his resignation. In the center is Paul A. Porter, chairman of FCC, who has been named by President Truman to succeed Chester Bowles, right, as OPA administrator. Bowles has been named as director of economic stabilization.

Burley Tobacco Acreage Will Be Lower This Year

Reduction Deemed Wise In Order To Bring Supply In Line With Demand

Individual farm acreage allotments of Burley tobacco in Ashe county for 1946 will be reduced by 10 percent below 1945 in accordance with a recent announcement by the U. S. Department of Agriculture of a decrease of a similar amount in the 1946 national marketing quota, it was stated today by J. W. Gambill, chairman of the Ashe County AAA Committee. This reduction, he said, was made possible through a recent amendment to the Agricultural

STATIONED IN FLA.



Lt. Col. Roger F. Barr, who was recently promoted to his present rank, is now stationed at Bay City, Fla., where he is head of the dental department of the veteran's bureau. Lt. Col. Barr recently returned from overseas, where he served two years in England and later served with Patton's third army in Germany.

Farm Agents Make Plans To Increase Sheep Production; Specialist Will Be Heard

Jefferson Will Enter Debating Contest Again

Debaters Are Chosen In A Recent Preliminary Contest At School

Jefferson high school will again enter the state-wide annual debating contest this year, according to an announcement made this week by Mrs. Gertrude Vaughn, who will again serve as coach and instructor. The dramatics club recently held a preliminary debating contest in which the following were chosen to take part in the State-wide contest: Sarah Neal and Imogene Barker, affirmative; Mary Gordon Austin and Ruth Dixon, negative, with Dean Jones and Walter Bare as alternates. The subject will again be on military training. The following students took part in the contest: Anabel Colvard, Bernard Bare, Helen Houck, John Willard Porter, Calvin Miller, Edgar Burkett, Clayborn Sheets, Mary Gordon Austin, Ruth Dixon, Walter Bare, Dean C. Jones, Betty Jo Bare, Imogene Barker, Sarah Neal, Mary Jo Bower, Dairliene Burkett, Wava Eller, Wanda Weaver.

WELCH'S STORE IS SOLD TO FRANCIS

Welch's Store, located at Lansing, has recently been sold to Mr. and Mrs. Don Francis. Welch's store had been owned and operated by C. E. Welch for the past 29 years that it had been in operation. Appreciation has been expressed by the owner for the cooperation and confidence given them in the years they have operated the store. Both Mr. and Mrs. Francis are well known in this section and their many friends will be glad to know that they have purchased this store.

W. J. Fire Dept. Is Called Out

The West Jefferson fire department was called out twice this week with both fires being of a minor nature. On Monday, an outdoor fire across from Walter Weaver's on the Nathan's Creek road, spread so rapidly that help was needed to put it out. Late yesterday afternoon, W. E. McNeill's car caught on fire at his home and was badly damaged as was the garage. The help of the fire department was needed to extinguish it.

Senate Passes Measure For Public School Lunch Program

Washington—The Senate this week passed and returned to the House a bill authorizing the Federal Government to contribute \$100,000,000 annually to State-operated free school lunch programs for needy children. Passage was by voice vote. The amount is double that provided in the House version approved last week. The Senate also authorized a maximum of \$15,000,000 yearly to assist states in providing lunch room facilities and nutrition education programs. A similar provision was stricken from the House bill. These are the major differences in the Senate and House versions. The Senate sent its version direct to conference with House agents for adjustment in differences. Both measures bar aid to schools or States discriminating against children on the basis of race, creed or color. Before the vote the chamber defeated 50 to 21 a move by Senator Robert A. Taft (R-Ohio), to cut the Federal aid fund to \$57,500,000. Taft maintained that the higher figure would place a heavy tax burden on wealthier States and suggested that it might be advisable for States to shoulder the entire costs of the program.

School Leaders Named To Assist Drive Chairman

Quota Of \$4,525 To Be Divided Between 10 School Districts Of County

H. D. Quessenberry, chairman of the Red Cross Fund Campaign, announced yesterday that everything was in readiness for the official opening of the drive on Friday Morning, March 1. "Initial gifts are already coming in and with the fine cooperation we can expect from school principals I do not believe we will have much trouble in raising our quota of \$4,525.00," he said. Initial gifts started coming in today and a list of these of \$500 or more will be published next week.

At a meeting of the school principals called by Supt. B. H. Duncan the details of the drive were explained and various districts assigned their respective quotas. The quotas are as follows: Elkland \$175.00; Fleetwood, \$175.00; Jefferson, \$500.00; Healing Springs, \$225.00; Helton, \$175.00; Lansing, \$450.00; Nathan's Creek, \$200.00; Riverview, \$350.00; Virginia-Carolina, \$275.00; West Jefferson, \$2,000. The schools will be given credit for all gifts from their respective districts, it was explained. For the convenience of the records individuals mailing in their contributions are asked to designate the district which they wish to receive credit for this.

Plans Announced For W. J. Tourney

Entries Coming In; Ashe County Teams Urged To Send In Theirs Now

Plans for the all-star memorial tourney, to be held March 18-23, sponsored by the W. J. physical education department, are well under way and entries keep coming in, Zeb V. Dickson, principal of the West Jefferson school, announced this week. It was reported that requests for entry blanks have already been sent in by the Merchants Basketball club of Mocksville and from the all-star basketball team of Mineapolis, N. C. Ashe county teams are urged to get in their entry blanks as soon as possible, as the deadline has been set as March 11, and entries should be postmarked not later than March 9. Blanks should be sent to Zeb V. Dickson, principal of West Jefferson high school and names and ages and standing of teams should appear on them.

W. B. Austin Is Rotary Speaker

W. B. Austin was the speaker at the regular meeting of the Jeffersons Rotary club last Thursday when he spoke to the group on possibilities of Ashe county and its growth in the future. Langdon L. Scott was in charge of the program and introduced the speaker. The West Jefferson high school band will be featured on the program at the meeting tonight. James Story will be in charge.

Scouts To Meet Tomorrow Night

It was announced today by the Rev. E. W. Powers, scoutmaster of the W. J. Troop, that a court of review will be held tomorrow night at 7:30 o'clock at the community building. All scouts of Ashe county who wish to pass first and second class and who plan to receive merit badges, are asked to attend this meeting. A dinner will be served in the community building at 6 o'clock, prior to the court of review for the members of the West Jefferson troop.