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## 152 Graduating From Ashe County High Schools

### Officers Named By Warrensville And Jefferson

**L. P. Colvard Mayor Of Jefferson And John Paul Jones Of Warrensville**

Citizens of Jefferson went to the polls on Tuesday and again named L. P. Colvard as mayor. Chosen as members of the town board were J. Bruce Porter, Roy R. Badger and Lawrence Tyson. All of these candidates were unopposed.

Warrensville also named officials this week. Here John Paul Jones was chosen as mayor. Named to serve with Mayor Jones, on the Board of Aldermen were Mrs. C. R. Latham, J. A. Johnson and Q. H. Ashley. Chester Race has been named as special deputy for Warrensville.

New officials of the town of Warrensville pointed out that with the cooperation of the sanitary officer Wade E. Eller, some improvements in sanitation would be made.

### Clothing Drive Still Continues

### Clothing To Be Collected At Jefferson Methodist And Presbyterian Churches

With a goal of "a pound a person" a statewide drive for clothing, bedding and shoes for overseas relief is now underway and will continue through Mother's Day, May 11.

The drive is being carried on in Jefferson this week and any one there or elsewhere in the county who has something to give to the drive may send their package to the Jefferson Methodist or Presbyterian church where it is being collected.

The campaign for material donations is being sponsored by the North Carolina Council of Churches because of the pressing need overseas. Despite two years of peace, millions of human beings are living on an animal level, it was pointed out.

If North Carolina's goal is reached, 2,500,000 pounds of clothing will be sent to the Church World Service Center at New Windsor, Md., where it will be sorted and packed in waterproof bales. Rev. Henry G. Ruark, director of the campaign stated.

Gifts of money will also be accepted and should be sent to the local churches here.

### REVIVAL IS BEING HELD AT SCOTTVILLE

A revival is now being held at the Scottville Baptist church. Rev. Paul Phipps, pastor, announced. The pastor, assisted by Rev. Mr. Paisley, is in charge of the services.

Services are being held each evening at 7:30 and the public is cordially invited to attend.

### Boy Scout Camporee Held Last Week Well Attended

The unusual progress made by Boy Scouts of Ashe county was demonstrated at the annual camporee last week end when 42 boys were present, with six troops participating in the activities in spite of the unfavorable weather.

Troops 113 Cobra and 113 Eagle of Jefferson were the blue pennant winners and will be eligible to compete in the big county camporee to be held May 17-18. Officials pointed out.

The Bob White patrol, of Glendale Springs, under the direction of John W. Luke scored enough points to win the blue pennant but was disqualified because the unit did not have the required number of boys participating.

L. P. Colvard, commissioner, presented Scout Master Lemly, of Fleetwood, a handsome hunting knife given by Grant Bauguess for the outstanding progress made by this troop during the

### Two Additional Toll Lines Are Being Built To North Wilkesboro

#### THREW FIRST BALL



Harry S. Truman, the Missouri southpaw, inaugurated the newly-installed bowling alleys in the basement of the White House and threw the first ball with his left arm. The alleys were installed as a birthday gift to the President.

### To Demonstrate Sheep Shearing Tuesday, May 20

#### All 4-H Club Members Invited To Attend Demonstration On Eller Farm

A sheep shearing demonstration will be held on the farm owned by Lester Eller at Lansing, May 20. O. M. Fulcher, assistant county agent, announced this week.

All 4-H boys who are interested in shearing sheep are particularly urged to attend, Mr. Fulcher stated. He advised all Ashe county sheep growers that in making plans to shear their sheep that they plan to tie the individual fleeces as the county pool will probably be sold through the

### Dr. J. S. Gaul To Hold Clinic

Dr. John S. Gaul will be at the health department in the Ashe Memorial hospital on Friday, May 16, for a crippled children's clinic, it was announced here this week.

### Now Nearing Completion; Will Insure Better Long-Distant Service

An announcement made this week from W. S. Beddingfield, of the Central Telephone company reveals that the copper toll circuits under construction from West Jefferson to North Wilkesboro are now nearing completion and when activated will increase the present number of toll lines from two to four. This will relieve some of the long delays many long distant calls are subject to.

Mr. Beddingfield also announced that his company had received July 1 as scheduled date that the Southern Bell company would bring into service two additional circuits from North Wilkesboro to Winston-Salem and North Wilkesboro to Statesville, provided materials are available. These should cut down delays many calls are subject to after being passed to North Wilkesboro.

It was further announced that according to present plans the company would convert the local system to a dial system in the summer of 1948, provided materials are available.

### Rotary Club Is Winner Of Award At Conference

#### Has Record Number Of Subscriptions To "The Revista Rotaria"

Seven members of the Jeffersons Rotary club attended the Rotary District Conference at Charlotte, Monday and Tuesday when the club won recognition for accomplishing the most work in international service. The award was made by District Governor Holt McPherson at the banquet, Monday night.

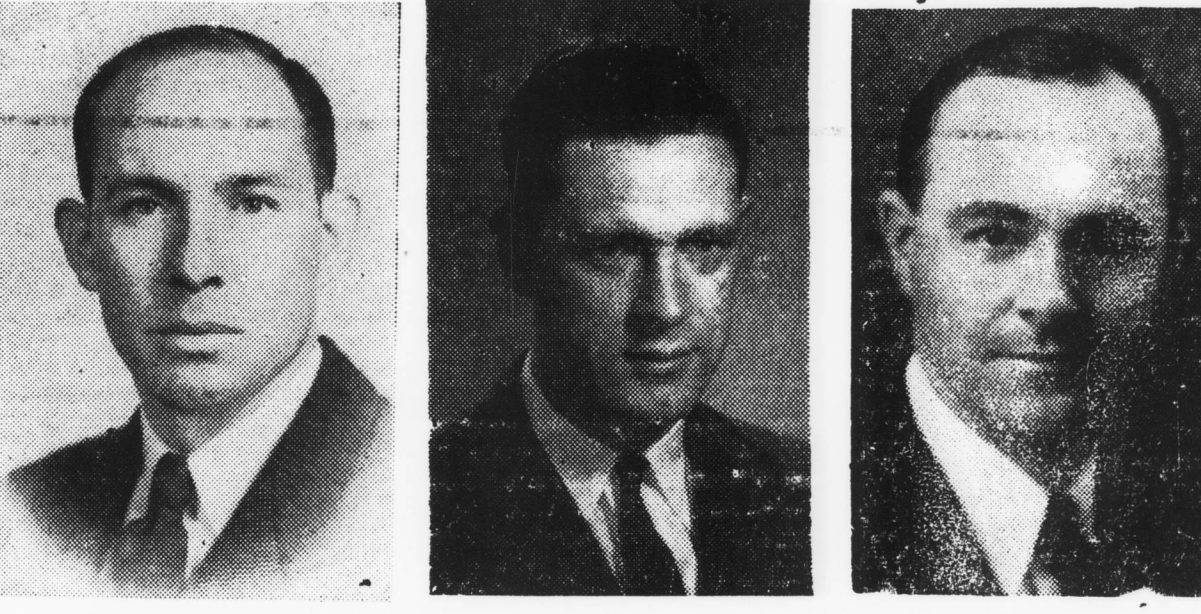
Rocco Cutri, head of the magazine committee, spoke to the group in regard to the club subscribing to "The Revista Rotaria." The club was given the certificate of award for having paid for more subscriptions per membership to the international Spanish edition of the Rotarian magazine

### Legion To Have Initiation Sat.

It was announced this week that the Ashe Post 171, American Legion would hold initiation night on Saturday at 8:00 o'clock, at the community building.

All eligible members that have not joined are urged to become members and be initiated at this time. Following the initiation service light refreshments will be served.

### Some Of The High School Commencement Speakers



Rev. Hoyt Wood, left, will be the final speaker at Fleetwood, May 15. Rev. Worth Sweet, center, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon at Nathan's Creek, May 11. Dr. D. J. Whitener, right, will deliver the literary address at Healing Springs, Saturday evening, May 10.

### Poppy Day To Be Observed Here Saturday, May 17

#### Will Be Sponsored By American Legion Auxiliary; Mrs. Miller Is Chairman

May 17 will be Poppy Day in West Jefferson. Mrs. P. G. Wright, president of Ashe County Unit of the American Legion Auxiliary, announced today.

On that day everyone will be asked to wear a memorial poppy in honor of the dead of the two world wars and to make a contribution for the welfare of the disabled veterans, their families and the families of the dead.

Volunteers from the Auxiliary and young women's groups of the city will distribute the flowers on the streets throughout the day. Mrs. Elizabeth Miller, Poppy chairman of the Auxiliary, will be in general charge. Plans are being made to cover the city completely so that everyone will have an opportunity to honor the war dead and aid the living victims of the two conflicts.

"Poppies have been worn in memory of the war dead ever since the close of World War I. They are replicas of the wild flowers which grew on the battlefields of France and Belgium, fought over in both wars, but they have come to symbolize memory for those who died in any part of the world."

"The poppies which the Auxiliary will distribute are all hand-

### Commissioners Met On Monday

Members of the Ashe county board of commissioners met on Monday and took up a number of routine matters and claims.

At this time the welfare budget was considered. A petition for a short section of a road in the Horse Creek section was presented. The commissioners met with the group in the county superintendent's office to consider an agricultural teacher.

### Ashe County Farmers Receive Over \$100,000 For Carrying Out AAA Program Last Year

#### Start Plans To Secure Teacher Of Agriculture

#### Would Enable More Veterans To Take On The Job Farm Training Next Year

Definite plans to secure at least one vocational agricultural teacher for the county in the near future were discussed on Monday at a meeting in the office of the superintendent of schools, E. H. Duncan.

Superintendent Duncan presented the plans, possibilities and requirements to members of the board of county commissioners. L. P. Colvard, chairman of the county board of education, J. B. Hash, principal of Jefferson high school; members of the staff of assistant teachers on the veteran's training program, Walter Miller, Kermit Jones and Roy Beck, and G. G. Welch who has recently joined this staff; a prospective teacher and the editor of this paper.

Jefferson is one of the schools in the county that meets the required qualifications at the present time. The value of the program to the county, not only for the boys now in school, but to the

### Soil Improvement Practices Are Varied Report Of Work Reveals

The conservation program carried out by Ashe county farmers last year has netted them \$100,993.27 Melvin Campbell, chief clerk of the AAA announced this week.

This huge sum was paid out by the government to the farmers under the AAA program and not only enabled the farmers to carry out better farm practices, but to improve their farms for the future generations.

The conservation practices, number of farms using them, the quantity of materials or acres handled and the actual money paid out on each practice is given in the report which follows: lime, 1,016, 13,153.6 tons, \$42,091.52; phosphate, 1,941, 52,961.4 cwt., \$41,383.16; 0-14-7, 16, 195.0 cwt., \$156.94; potash, 110, 395.9 cwt., \$831.39; crimson clover, 532, 35,929 pounds, \$5,389.35; vetch, 7, 328 lbs., \$39.36; rye grass, 12, 806 pounds, \$64.48; small grain, 32, 987.6 acres, \$1,481.40; permanent pasture, 24, 121.5 acres, \$730.98; pasture improvement, 493, 1,974.2 acres, \$7,395.24; strip cropping, 59, 610.0 acres, \$610.00; sericea, 27, 53.0 acres, \$265.00; forest planting, 4, 12.1 acres, (Continued on Page 4)

### Name Principals For Two Schools

Reports from committees reveal that two more school principals for Ashe county high schools have been named. L. K. Halsey was again named principal at Virginia-Carolina and James Miller at Elkland. No report has been made from the Fleetwood committee, yet.

Principals for the other six high schools have previously been elected and announced.

### Elkland, Healing Springs Finals Friday, Saturday

#### Others Are Later; Many Prominent Speakers Are On Programs

This year 152 graduates, 60 boys and 92 girls are being awarded diplomas from the nine high schools of the county at the commencement exercises, some of which get underway this week.

Several outstanding speakers have been secured, many of whom are local people. Other special programs have also been planned including plays as well as grade programs. The public is cordially invited to attend all of these.

Elkland finals will be held tomorrow night, when A. B. Hurt, incoming superintendent of schools, will be the speaker.

Healing Springs finals will be held on Saturday night when the graduating address will be delivered by Dr. D. J. Whitener.

Most of the other finals will be held next week.

Dr. J. S. Hiatt will deliver the graduating address at Nathan's Creek, May 13. Rev. Worth Sweet will deliver the baccalaureate sermon, Sunday, May 11.

Finals at Riverview will be held May 14 when Wade E. Vannoy, Jr., will be the speaker.

On May 15 finals will be held at Jefferson and Fleetwood. At Fleetwood, Rev. Hoyt Wood will be the speaker and at Jefferson, Dr. Wiley Smith.

West Jefferson finals will be held May 16 when Dr. John G. Barden, head of department of education at A. S. T. C., will be the speaker. He will also be the speaker for the baccalaureate sermon at Lansing, May 11. Senator Wade E. Brown will be the final speaker at Lansing, May 17.

Virginia-Carolina finals will be the last to be held. The graduation (Continued on Page 4)

### Officers Hurt In Car Wreck, Sat.

#### Sheriff W. B. Todd And C. P. McMillan Injured In Collision

Chief of Police Charlie McMillan suffered severe concussion and was badly bruised when the '46 Chevrolet two-door town sedan in which he was riding, and driven by Sheriff W. B. Todd, had a head on collision with a '38 Chevrolet four-door sedan, driven by Lee J. Moretz, of Fleetwood.

The wreck occurred around 11:00 p. m. Saturday night in front of the Greystone service station, investigating officer, Dave Houston, reported.

Sheriff Todd suffered a broken nose and chest bruises. Riding with Moretz were Joe Blackburn, who received cuts about the face and body, and Belle Blevins, who received minor bruises.

Mr. Houston estimated the damage to both automobiles at around \$800.

Both officers were treated in the Ashe Memorial hospital where Mr. McMillan remained for a few days.

### V.-C. Leads County Schools With Three Best Spellers



In the recent county-wide spelling bee sponsored by the American Legion, Virginia-Carolina led other schools in the county with three first place winners. Reading from left to right: Jim Pierce, ninth grade; Guida Parson, eleventh grade and Lois Waak, twelfth grade.

### Graduation And Educational Progress Edition Is Published

The Skyland Post is publishing today, in connection with the regular section of the paper, the high school graduation and educational progress edition, dedicated to the 152 graduates and to the progress of education in the county.

In addition to giving information on the individual high school graduates and their respective schools, teachers and commencement, an effort has been made to show the over-all picture of the county's educational system and point out some of the needs. Some of the special activities of the high schools are featured, athletics, dramatics, debating, spelling, essay writing and music in the sixteen page section devoted to the schools.

The Post is happy to publish this edition in the interest of the schools and again expresses thanks to the fine cooperation of

school officials, as well as to business houses in making the edition possible.

### Bee Specialist Is Coming Friday

H. D. Quessenberry, county agent, said that he wished to again remind apiarists that plans are being made for a meeting at Bower Walters' farm near Jefferson on Friday at 1:30 p. m. at which time bees from the old type gum will be changed to a patent bee gum and re-queen the colony.

"W. A. Stephens, Extension Bee Specialist, will be present for this meeting, and I am sure will be able to answer questions in regard to beekeeping in Ashe county," Mr. Quessenberry said.