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## West Jefferson To Have Price Reduction Week

### Lacey To Teach Agriculture In Ashe This Year

**Makes It Possible To Enlarge Veterans Farm Training Program Next Year**

B. H. Duncan, superintendent of schools announced this week that S. B. Lacey, of Newland, had signed a contract to teach vocational agriculture at Jefferson this coming year. Lacey is expected to begin his work here by July 1.

He is a graduate of State College and had three years experience in teaching vocational agriculture before entering the armed forces, where he served for nearly three years.

Superintendent Duncan, members of the board of county commissioners and the board of education said they considered themselves fortunate in securing Mr. Lacey.

It was pointed out that by having a full-time agricultural teacher in the county, that next year, the numbers of veterans on the farm training program could be increased up to approximately 300 under the present rulings.

Jefferson is one of the three schools in the county that can qualify with enrollment at the present time and the only high school with adequate shop space as well as classrooms for vocational agriculture.

Leaders interested in vocational agriculture training said they hoped that these departments could be added to other schools soon.

If a teacher had not been secured, the veterans program now in operation would have been curtailed.

### Want Owner Of Oldest Truck

**Ashe Motorists Are Asked To Participate In Contest By Chevrolet Company**

Owners of early-model Chevrolet trucks in Ashe county were invited today by G. F. P. Chevrolet Co., Inc., to participate in a nation-wide search by the Chevrolet Motor Division to locate the oldest Chevrolet truck still in active service in the United States.

"The owner of the oldest truck will be presented with a brand-new Advance-Design Chevrolet truck and may choose any standard model in the current line of Chevrolet commercial cars and trucks," A. B. Graybeal said.

Trucks entered in the search must be driven to a Chevrolet dealership, where official entry blanks are available. The search ends June 15, 1947, and the winner will be notified on or before June 20, 1947.

"We have a large number of old Chevrolet trucks still in everyday service in the Ashe county area," Mr. Graybeal said, "and the winning vehicle may be on a farm or engaged in some other hauling work right in our own community."

The winning truck, Mr. Graybeal said, must carry 1947 license plates. The oldest Chevrolet truck will be determined by the earliest serial numbers. In cases where the serial number is lost or illegible, the number may be (Continued on page 8)

### Gifts Are Made To Red Cross Drive

The following contributions for the Red Cross War Fund drive were announced this week:

- Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home, W. E. Vannoy Mfg. Co. (additional) \$25.00 each.
  - Miscellaneous, \$25.97.
  - A Friend, Payne Truck and Tractor Co., \$20.00 each.
  - Langdon Scott, \$10.00.
  - Ruth Tugman, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Barr, L. B. Tyson, Joe Neal, \$5.00 each.
  - A. C. Black, Q. N. Dickson, Mrs. C. D. Neal, \$2.00 each.
- The county is still short of the drive quota of \$2330, and all those who have any additional contributions to make are asked to do so at once so that the drive may be closed.

### Finals Being Held In County Schools; 152 Are Graduating

**A ROYAL SALUTE**



Erniece Saenz, 4, acclaimed the Queen of Hollywood baby-land, at show sponsored by the VFW, bestows a kiss on Robert Birchfiel, 22 months, who was named king.

**Jefferson, Fleetwood Seniors To Graduate Tonight; W. Jefferson Friday**

Commencement programs which got underway in Ashe county last week are continuing this week end. Included in the graduating classes of the nine high schools are 152 students who are receiving diplomas. There are 92 girls and 60 boys.

Finals are being held tonight at Jefferson and Fleetwood. Rev. Hoyt Wood will be the speaker at Fleetwood and Dr. Wiley Smith, at Jefferson.

West Jefferson finals are being held Friday night, when Dr. John G. Barden, head of the department of education at Boone will deliver the address. Senator Wade Brown will be the finals speaker at Lansing on Saturday night. This will conclude the commencement exercises in all of the schools except Virginia-Carolina. Here the graduating exercises will be held Saturday, May 31.

Dr. J. S. Hiatt delivered the graduating address at Nathan's Creek on May 13. Wade E. Vannoy, Jr., was the finals speaker at Riverview on Wednesday night, and Dr. D. J. Whitner spoke to the Healing Springs graduates May 10.

### Ashe Has First Highway Death For This Year

**James C. Harmon Of Boone Dies As Result Of Injuries Sustained Apr. 26**

Ashe county had its first highway fatality of the year when James C. Harmon, of Boone, died May 4 in the veterans hospital at Johnson City, Tenn., following an acute case of meningitis, which is believed to have been the result of injuries sustained when the car driven by Volney Howell, of Toliver, left the road and went through a section of George Bard's barn in the Glendale Springs section, April 26.

Following the accident, Harmon was brought to the Ashe hospital for treatment and was later released and returned to work according to reports received here. On May 3 he became critically ill and died May 4.

At the time the accident occurred other occupants of the Ford coach driven by Howell included George Woodie, Spencer Howell and D. Walters, investigating officer, Dave Houston reported.

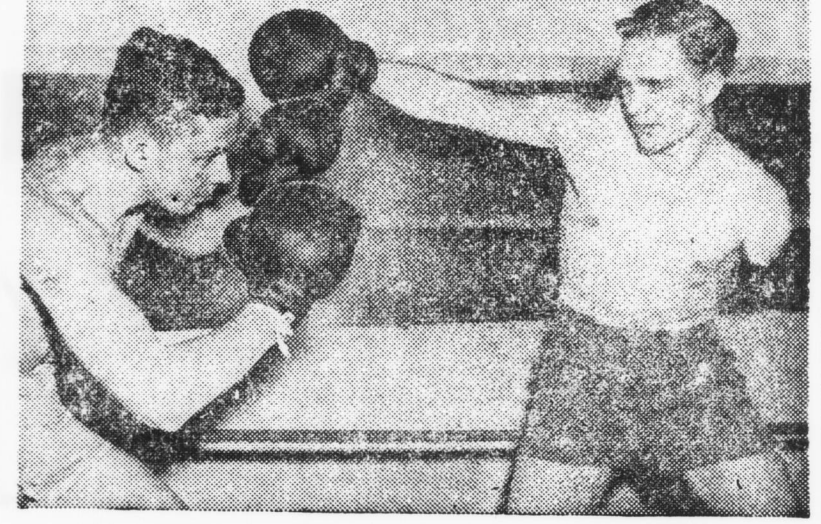
Howell, driver of the car has been placed under a bond of \$1,000.00 and a preliminary hearing is set before Justice of the Peace, Glenn Witherspoon, for May 24.

### Ashe Man Given Permanent Status

The U. S. Civil Service Commission recently announced the permanent appointment of James R. Yearick. Mr. Yearick is classified as assistant fireman supervisor at Patuxent River, N. A. S.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Yearick, of Sturgills.

### One-Arm Boxer Makes Record



Tom Rodgers, right, Pittsburgh, Pa., Harvard student who lost his left arm in a train wreck, is shown sparring with Dave Gill. He competed in two classes in the recent Harvard tournament. Rodgers also has a permanent limp as a memento of the train wreck.

### Russians Welcome Spring With 15 Degree Temperature



A Red soldier makes a purchase from a fruit vendor on a sunny corner of the Russian capital. With the coming of Spring Soviet citizens, despite a 15 degree temperature, come out of their cramped quarters for a welcoming breath of fresh air and sunshine.

### Legion Aux. To Have Poppy Day Here On Saturday

**Memorial Flowers Will Be Sold In Honor Of War Dead To Aid Living Victims**

"Honor the war dead and aid the wars' living victims," will be the theme of the annual observance of Poppy Day here Saturday. Every person in West Jefferson will be asked to wear a memorial poppy and to make a contribution for the welfare of the disabled veterans, their families and the families of the dead.

Preparations for Poppy Day were being completed today by a large committee of American Legion Auxiliary women, headed by Mrs. Elizabeth Miller, Poppy Chairman. Volunteer workers from the Auxiliary and cooperating groups will be on the streets at an early hour Saturday distributing the poppies and receiving the contributions.

"Although the second World War is slipping rapidly into the past, we believe that the memory of the young men who gave their lives in that conflict is still fresh in the minds and hearts of all of us," said Mrs. Miller. "The dead of the first World War have been gone for 29 years, yet we remember their service and sacrifice. The poppies which we will put on Saturday will show that we have not forgotten and are grateful for their defense of our country."

The poppies to be distributed here have been made by disabled veterans at Oteen Hospital. Auxiliary workers will all be unpaid volunteers, permitting the full amount of all contributions to go into the Auxiliary's rehabilitation and child welfare work.

Poppy day here will be part of a nation-wide observance in which an estimated 125,000 Auxiliary women will distribute approximately 25,000,000 poppies.

### Temperature Hits Low Level Here

May approached December in temperature here last week with frost and ice in most sections of the county. High winds part of the time prevented some of the frost, however.

Smudge pots were burned in some orchards and for the protection of some garden and early truck crops. The lowest level was reached on Friday morning when the temperature dropped to 39 degrees above zero.

While early gardens were injured as was some of the fruit, old-timers are predicting this week, that all of the fruit was not killed. "The weather was very dry and all signs fail in dry weather," one man remarked.

### Many Veterans Of County Are Eligible For Diplomas By Passing G. E. D. Tests

**Ashe American Legion Post, 171 Has New Members**

**Ten Veterans Of World War II Are Initiated On Saturday Night**

Ten veterans of World War II officially became members of the Ashe Post 171 of the American Legion at a formal initiation service held at the community building Saturday night.

Men, with ranks ranging from captain to private, who served in all branches of the service constituted the group.

Those to join included Grant Bauguess, Joseph F. Oliver, Herman F. Little, Joseph Garvey, Quinton R. Little, Posey Kirkland, Hoyle Stringer, Don B. Goodman, Thomas B. Little, and Hoyt H. Wood.

In charge of the initiation was L. B. Tyson, past commander, who was assisted by B. B. Graybeal, first vice commander; L. P. Colvard, past commander; Quayle Barlow, second vice commander; (Continued on page 8)

### PAUL WESTON HAS OPENED PHOTO SHOP

The Westbrook shop is now open at Todd and is owned and operated by Paul Weston at his home.

He is specializing in kodak finishing and gives one day service on this. He will also make portraits by appointment, he announced. Mr. Weston is well known as a photographer and musician.

**Should File Application With Registrar At ASTC In Advance**

Ashe county boys and girls, who entered service before receiving their high school diplomas, may get them now by passing the G. E. D. Test, covering the general field of the high school curriculum, B. H. Duncan, county superintendent of schools, pointed out this week. He explained that there were a number who would probably be interested in taking advantage of this opportunity.

It was also explained that even those who have no high school credits and can pass the tests can get their diplomas.

These tests are given at Appalachian State Teachers college at Boone on Saturdays. Any G. E. D. wishing to take these tests for high school diplomas must file application with the registrar of the college, ten days before taking the test, it was explained.

### Clinics Will Be Held Here Sat.

The general clinics which were originally scheduled for Friday, May 16, and Friday, May 23, will be held on Saturday morning, May 17, and Saturday morning, May 24, it was announced yesterday.

Parents are asked to bring their children to the Ashe county health department at that time. Dr. R. R. King pointed out. These clinics are the ones originally scheduled to be held on Friday of each week.

### Record Crowds Witness First Games Of Season Sat. And Sun.

Six county baseball teams opened the season here this week and when record crowds of local fans saw baseball at its best when Helton, Scottville and W. Jefferson, were victorious in Saturday's games and Lansing, Helton and Scottville were the winners on Sunday.

In Saturday's game at Lansing, the visiting Helton club dealt the Lansing Cubs a 13-12 defeat, due to errors in Lansing's outfield, officials reported. Sexton and Harrison were on the mound for Lansing and Spencer and Kirby for the visitors.

At Laurel Springs, Sunday, however, the Lansing boys won an easy 14-2 victory over the home team. In the second inning Laurel Springs scored two runs, due to errors made by center fielder and second basemen. From

the second to the last of the ninth inning no man reached third base. Only nine of Laurel Springs' men got bases, it was reported. The first batter for Laurel Springs was hit by a pitched ball; the second batter struck out; the third hit a sharp double to right field. With second and third occupied, Blvins struck out the next two batters to end the game. Blvins struck out a total of 14 men.

Other week end scores reported by the league officials are: Saturday, Scottville, 14, Laurel Springs, 7; W. Jefferson, 27, East Jefferson, 3.

Sunday, Scottville, 5, West Jefferson, 1; Helton, 4, East Jefferson, 0. W. Jefferson's only score was made as a result of a home run made by Johnson. (Continued on Page 8)

### Following Pres. Truman's Request To Lower Prices

**Special Price Reduction Week Will Be Observed From May 17 Through May 24**

Following President Truman's request for the reduction of prices throughout the nation, the West Jefferson Merchants Association is sponsoring National Price Reduction Week, May 17-24 inclusive.

At this time many of the merchants are offering a 10 per cent or more reduction on hundreds of items. Others are offering even greater savings for this town-wide event.

The public is cordially invited to shop here and take advantage of these saving prices. Many reductions are advertised throughout this paper today. Others will also be offered.

While few manufacturers have offered any appreciable reductions merchants pointed out that in compliance with the President's request and for the effect it might have they were happy to observe this special week. "We want our customers to know that we would like to bring prices down," one merchant declared.

The buying public taking advantage of these special price reduction days will be able to save from 10 to 50 per cent on many items. Furniture, clothing, groceries, drugs and many other items are offered at a big savings.

Values offered for this week should convince everyone that West Jefferson is the place to shop for all of their needs.

### Two Injured In Wreck, Mon. Night

**Motorcycle And Truck Collide On U. S. Highway 221 Near Airport**

Two Ashe county youths were injured, one seriously, when the motorcycle driven by Otis Watson, 20, of near Warrensville, collided with a 1941 Dodge truck driven by Herbert C. Green, of Fleetwood, on U. S. Highway No. 221 Monday evening.

Greene, en route to West Jefferson, was loaded with cross ties, when he saw Watson, driving his motorcycle, and his companion, Howard Parsons, 17, also of near Warrensville, approaching him on the left side of the road. Watson told investigating officers that he was trying to avoid the broken places in the pavement by weaving in and out the holes. Greene, seeing the oncoming motorcycle, was reported to have cut left to avoid a head on collision, and as a result overturned the truck.

Watson suffered a serious leg injury and is now undergoing treatment in the Ashe Memorial hospital. Parsons suffered only minor bruises and Green was not injured at all, it was learned. Injured parties were taken to the hospital by Ralph and Warren Black, who appeared at the scene of the accident soon after its occurrence.

### Miss Oliver To Hold Institute

Miss Elizabeth Oliver, of Salisbury, will be here Wednesday at 2:00 o'clock to hold a vacation church school institute at the West Jefferson Methodist church. Rev. Hoyt Wood, pastor, has announced.

All pastors are invited to come and bring their church school workers, it was stated.

### Rev. J. S. Hiatt To Speak Sunday

Rev. J. S. Hiatt will visit the Jefferson Methodist church on Sunday and will preach at Bethany at 11:00 o'clock, it was announced here this week.

He will also preach at Zion at 3:00 p. m., and at Jefferson at 7:30 p. m., it was stated. The public is cordially invited to attend these services.