

SUPERIOR COURT OPENS MONDAY

Revaluation In West Jefferson Totals Three Million

Aldermen Cut Figures Forty Per Cent Tues.

Tax Rate May Be Fixed At Around \$1.00. Current Rate Is \$1.75

TO MEET TUESDAY

The revaluation of real estate in the town of West Jefferson has been completed and the board of aldermen and the board of revaluation will hold special session next Tuesday night in the town hall to hear any complaints from taxpayers, Ralph Campbell, town clerk and manager, announced yesterday.

The town's total valuation, as worked out by the revaluation committee, amounts to \$3,020,849, with real estate being \$2,743,705 and personal property \$277,144.

Members of the board of aldermen went over the new figures carefully Tuesday night and decided to cut this amount 40 per cent. They also estimated that they could fix the tax rate for the next fiscal year, starting July 1, at around \$1.00, provided it is not necessary to make too many adjustments in the valuation figures. The present rate is \$1.75.

The aldermen highly praised the work of the revaluation committee and said they felt the committee had treated every citizen fairly and equally. This committee was composed of Dean McMillan, Ed Osborne and Walter Tucker. They completed their work about two weeks ago and since then the figures have been checked and tabulated.

This special town revaluation was done in compliance with an act passed during the last general assembly by Representative J. O. Blevins, and at the request of citizens here.

Before the revaluation could be done, another survey of the

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Wilkes Man Shot At Jumping Off Place Tuesday Afternoon

TELLS ABOUT VISIT



PRESIDENT MIGUEL ALAMAN gave a report to the people of Mexico on his recent trip to the United States when he got a loan for Mexican development.

Everett Shepherd Seriously Wounded. Wyatt Man Is Being Held

Everett Shepherd, young Wilkes county man, was shot and seriously injured late Tuesday afternoon at a store on the mountain crest at the Jumping Off Place, the sheriff of Wilkes county told a Post reporter over the phone yesterday.

It was reported here yesterday morning that two men were killed in a shooting affray at the Jumping Off Place, but the Wilkes sheriff said this was a mistake.

Deputy P. E. Dancy, he said, investigated the shooting.

A Wyatt man, whose first name the Wilkes sheriff had not learned, was alleged to have shot Shepherd with a .32 calibre Smith and Western pistol. The bullet ranged in the shoulder, Shepherd is now in the Wilkes hospital. He and Wyatt both live at Reddies River.

The Wilkes sheriff said the two men and some others were working at Ambrose Shepherd's sawmill and that when they finished with their work late Tuesday afternoon they went by the store at the Jumping Off Place.

The investigation disclosed that both of them had been drinking and got into an argument.

Club Launches A Drive To Boost Fish Population

Ashe Fish And Game Club Held Meeting Here On Monday Night

With the view of increasing the fish population in the New River in this county, the Ashe Fish and Game club is attempting to get fish ladders constructed at the dam near Mouth of Wilson, Va., it was reported at a fish fry here at the City cafe Monday night.

An appeal was made to Representative Doughton and a letter from him was read to the club. He stated that he was taking the matter up with Virginia authorities.

Members of the club explain that without ladders it is impossible for fish to get back over the dam and up into Ashe county to spawn.

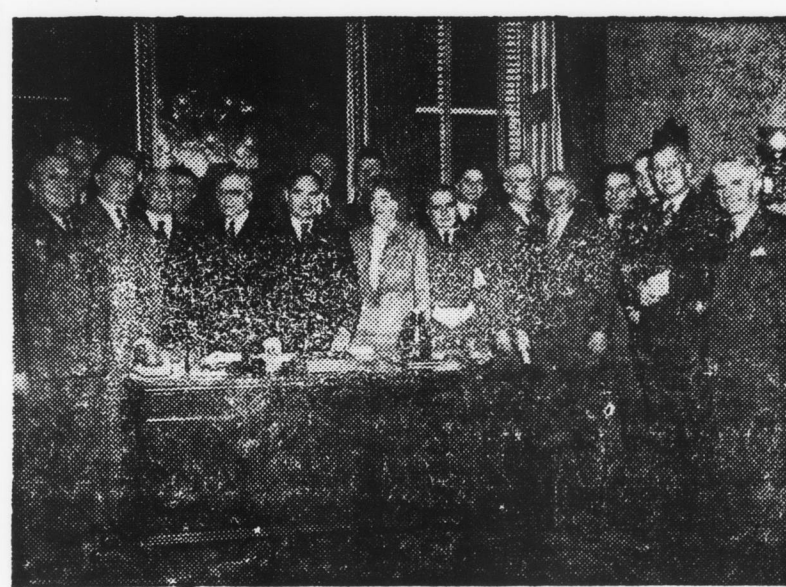
Approximately 60 persons attended the fish fry and enjoyed a war movie, "Appointment in Tokyo," presented by Sergeants Triplett and DeLuce, army recruiters.

Jim Haire was in charge of the program and Harvey Payne presided.

Secretary George Shepherd, of Laurel Springs, announced that the club's 25 applications for bass to be put in various streams in the county had been approved and that shipment was anticipated in the near future.

The club has over 100 members.

G. O. P. Heads Of House Committees



The men, shown above, are chairmen of various committees in congress and are responsible for all bills considered by its members. All of them have been in congress for some time and are taking their work most seriously.

Short Term Is Expected, Only 14 Cases Listed

Judge Clement To Preside. Lightest Calendar In Several Years

The May-June term of Ashe superior court for the trial of civil cases will commence next Monday with Judge J. H. Clement presiding.

There are only 14 cases listed on the calendar and three of them have already been settled.

Due to this small number, it is anticipated that the term will last less than a week.

Slated for trial are the following cases:

- County of Ashe against H. C. Tucker and others.
- H. M. Miller against H. C. Tucker and others.
- T. C. Bowie against J. W. Gambill and others.
- Fred Watson against Orville Green and others.
- Ira Greer against L. M. Sturgill and others.
- William M. Taylor against Mont Jones.
- Helen Bare against Van Sheets and Frank Miller.
- Willie Weaver against Barney Coldiron.
- Winnie Farrington against Don Bare.
- Eunice Roupe Harrison against William Harrison.

There are two Bowie-Gambill cases and if they are tried, it is expected that they will consume right much time.

Price Reduction Week To Continue Through Saturday

Memorial Day Program Will Be Given Sunday

Service Honoring All War Dead Starts 3 O'clock. Public Invited

Tribute will be paid to the honored dead of all wars at a Memorial Day and I Am an American Day service to be held in the courthouse Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The service will be sponsored by the Ashe post of the American Legion and Auxiliary and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Special music for the occasion will be rendered by the West Jefferson high school band, under the direction of Mrs. Lorene Perkins Dickson.

A prominent out-of-county speaker will deliver the principal address.

Ira T. Johnston will preside and other special features will be included on the program.

Members of the sponsoring organizations are urged to attend and to be at the courthouse a few minutes before three o'clock Sunday.

The committee on arrangements for the service is composed of John Hardin, L. B. Tyson, Mrs. W. B. Austin, Rev. Hoyt Wood, Sam Davis, P. G. Wright and L. P. Colvard.

Good Response To Town-Wide Event Sponsored By Merchants Association

Thousands of people in this trade area have been taking advantage of West Jefferson's price-reduction week, which opened last Saturday and will continue through this Saturday.

In compliance with President Truman's request for the lowering of prices and for the general effect it might have, many merchants here are observing this National Price Reduction Week by offering 10 per cent reduction or more on many types of merchandise as well as other special savings for the week. The event is sponsored by the West Jefferson Merchants Association.

Furniture, groceries, clothing, radios, hardware, drugs and many other items are being offered for sale at a big savings.

Merchants reported unusually good business on Saturday with keen interest in many items on

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Commencement At V-C To Open Tomorrow Night

All Other High Schools In County Have Closed. Program Announced

Virginia-Carolina high school's commencement exercises will open tomorrow afternoon at 1 o'clock when a program will be given in the gym.

Tomorrow night at 8 o'clock the senior play, "The Mummy and the Mumps," will be given.

On Sunday Rev. Grover Thomas, of Grant, Va., will deliver the baccalaureate sermon at 11 o'clock in the Methodist church.

Next Thursday night a program will be given, featuring class night by the eighth grade, and a junior class play is to be given on Friday night, May 30. The final graduation program will be on Saturday morning, May 31, in the Methodist church.

All other high schools in the county have closed and commencement programs have been held.

Dr. Foreman To Be Heard Sun.

Dr. A. D. Foreman, Jr., will speak Sunday on the Baptist hour on the subject, "The God of All Comfort," Dr. Foreman, a native of Houston and a graduate of the Southwestern Seminary at Fort Worth, is a pastor of the First Baptist church of Amarillo, Texas.

He will be heard of stations WWNC, WSOC, WPTF and WSJS at 8:30 e.s.t.

Revival Begins Here On Sunday

Rev. Charles P. Bowles, Of Statesville, To Assist Pastor Hoyt Wood

Rev. Charles P. Bowles, pastor of the Broadstreet Methodist church, of Statesville, will be the guest minister at the revival beginning Sunday evening at the West Jefferson Methodist church.

Rev. Mr. Bowles, outstanding minister of the Western North Carolina Methodist conference and pastor of one of the larger churches of the conference, will assist the pastor, Rev. Hoyt Wood, it was announced.

Services will be held twice daily, the morning services being held at 9:30 a. m. and the evening services at 7:45 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Three Ashe Boys To Enter Stock Show Tomorrow

Three Ashe county 4-H club members will enter the livestock show in Statesville tomorrow, H. D. Quessenberry, farm agent, announces.

These are Perry Goss, son of Mrs. C. L. Goss, of Lansing; Jimmie Sutherland, son of Fred Sutherland, of Sutherland; and Lee McMillan, son of the Postmaster at Crumpler.

Assistant Agent Ophus Fulcher will aid the boys in taking their entries to Statesville today.

EXPECT LARGE CROWD AT FIDDLERS' MEETING

A large crowd is expected to attend the old-fashioned fiddlers' convention to be held in the Lansing high school gymnasium on Saturday night, May 31, starting at 8 o'clock.

A number of prizes are being offered to individual players and bands.

The program is being sponsored by the Lansing post of the American Legion.

North Carolina Briar Is Defended By Rocco Cutri

Rocco Cutri, local manufacturer of pipes from laurel and ivy burls recently answered charges made by Hirsch, prominent national manufacturer on the merits of the North Carolina product.

Mr. Cutri points out that all burls are not of poor quality as Hirsch points out. The text of Mr. Cutri's letter to the editor of the U. S. Tobacco Journal is published here since it is of interest to many:

Dear Sir:

I read with interest the speech of Mr. Rudolph Hirsch, president of the Kaywoodie Co. and Kaufman Bros. & Bondy, Inc., delivered at the convention of the NATD held in Chicago.

In his speech he remarked that:—"the North Carolina briar grows in swampy ground and along the banks of creeks and

Stop Light Here Is Shot Out And Crippled Tuesday

Some one shot and crippled the stop light here Tuesday in front of the First National Bank and town authorities are now trying to locate and apprehend the victim.

Persons in the downtown section said they heard rifle shots about 12:30 o'clock Tuesday night.

This served to emphasize the need for a town officer to be on duty most of the time. It is pointed out that the Sheriff and his assistants aid with the work here.

The condition of Officer Charles McMillan has improved and he is now able to be out again.

REVIVAL UNDERWAY AT GREENWOOD CHURCH

Rev. M. L. Chappell, of Tyner, is now conducting a revival at the Greenwood Methodist church. Services are being held each morning at eleven o'clock and each night at 7:30 o'clock. Rev. W. C. Eastridge, pastor, announced.

The revival began last Sunday and will continue through June 1. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Scottville And Helton Are Tied For First Place In Mtn. League

With three victories and no defeats, the Scottville and Helton clubs are now leading in the Mountain Baseball league and Lansing, with two victories and two losses, is in third place.

Last week end Scottville defeated Lansing 8 to 2. The game on Sunday between Scottville and Dog Creek was rained out.

Helton continued its winning streak by licking West Jefferson last Sunday 5 to 1.

Last Saturday Lansing swamped West Jefferson 10 to 3 with Blevins doing the pitching for the winning club and Bowers for West Jefferson. The game was called off in the seventh inning because of rain.

The Laurel Springs-Helton Saturday game was postponed due to rain.

The Scottville-Dog Creek game was rained out and Laurel Springs Sunday defeated Dog Creek 30 to 10.

The league standing is as follows:

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Scottville	3	0	1.000
Helton	3	0	1.000
Lansing	2	2	.500
Laurel Springs	1	2	.333
West Jefferson	1	3	.250
Dog Creek	0	3	.000

WEEK END SCHEDULE
Saturday, May 24
 Lansing at Helton
 Dog Creek at West Jefferson
 Scottville at Laurel Springs
Sunday, May 25
 Helton at Dog Creek
 West Jefferson at Scottville
 Laurel Springs at Lansing

Sheep Shearing Finals Are Today

L. I. Case To Be In Charge At Upper Mountain Test Farm

L. I. Case, of the Extension service of State College, will be in charge of the 4-H sheep shearing contest to be held at the Upper Mountain test farm near Laurel Springs this morning beginning at nine o'clock.

The two winners of the contest will receive a free trip to the International Livestock Exposition next December in Chicago.

In addition to the contest, E. A. Warner, of the Sunbeam Corporation, of Chicago, will demonstrate proper methods of sheep shearing and the use of the shearer-master. The public is cordially invited to attend both the contest and demonstration.

Hight Succumbs At Tenn. Home

Funeral service for Gordon Hight, 40, was held at his home in Shoups, Tenn., last Thursday afternoon at three o'clock. Burial was in the family cemetery with the Rev. Ray Jones officiating.

Mr. Hight, the son of the late Minerva Davis and LaFayette Hight, succumbed at his home at Shoups, on May 19. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ella Hight.

Scouts Made A Fine Record At Big Camporee

Ashe county's Boy Scouts made a splendid record at the Old Hickory council camporee held in Watauga county last Saturday and Sunday. Gale McMillan, district chairman, reported.

Announcement of the council camporee winners was not available in time for publication.

The two Jefferson patrols that won in the recent county camporee attended. They were accompanied by Larry Colvard, district commissioner and Millard Graybeal, leader.

A total of 380 attended the council camporee.

Elkland To Have Box Supper 31st, Weston To Play

A box supper will be held at the Elkland high school gymnasium on Saturday night, May 31, at 8:00 p. m., it was announced here this week.

Music will be furnished by Paul Weston and his Hammond electric organ. There will also be cake walks, pretty girl and ugly man contests, and a cake guessing contest.

The proceeds will go toward the purchase of a school bus, it was stated, and the public is cordially invited to attend.

Need for the bus is regarded as being urgent.