



The Skyland Post

SUPERIOR COURT ENDED MONDAY

Signing Of Farm Plans Is Now Suspended In County

Proposed Cut Means Big Loss To Ashe Farmers

Messages Sent To Congressmen And Senators Urging Program Be Kept

Ashe county farmers, along with others throughout the State and nation, are facing a tremendous loss, provided the proposed cut in the agriculture budget becomes effective. In the face of the situation the signing of all farm plans for this year was suspended by the AAA office, on Monday morning pending further notice.

Cards are being mailed out to the farmers by the AAA office stating the action of the house appropriation committee which would cut the budget from \$301,720,000 to \$165,614,290 or about 45 per cent.

This would cut the 3900 farmers of Ashe county participating in the program, this year, from \$40,000 to \$20,000.

The local AAA office has been notified to cancel all purchase orders in the hands of farmers and vendors in case of material and seed and to issue no notice of minimum assistance for farm allowance until further notice.

Because of the tremendous (Continued on Page 4)

W. J. Band Will Play On Sunday

Would Like Some Advance Notice Before Being Asked To Play

Mrs. Lorene Perkins Dickson, director of the West Jefferson high school band announced this week that the group would play at the Trinity Methodist church on Sunday evening from eight until nine o'clock. Previous to that they will be served a picnic supper by Mr. and Mrs. Dickson.

The band gave a program over the Galax radio station last week, which was apparently well received, judging by the number of letters and telephone calls received, Mrs. Dickson said.

She pointed out that the band would be glad to play for any worthwhile public performance provided the invitation was extended in time. "We would like a notice of three weeks," she declared. She explained that because of the fact that during the summer months the children are scattered, it was impossible to play on short notice. "I regretted not being able to play for the memorial service Sunday but did not receive the invitation until a few days before, which was too late," she explained. "When we can co-operate, we are happy to do so," she declared.

Rev. B. H. Price To Speak Sunday

Rev. Bruce H. Price will be the guest speaker on the Baptist hour, Sunday, June 1 at 8:30 a. m. when his topic will be "Christ in the Home."

Rev. Mr. Price, pastor of the Beech Street Baptist church of Texarkana, Arkansas, is speaking in the series of sermons on "The Christian Home."

He will be heard over stations WJNC, WSOC, WPTF and WSJS.

To Sell School Bus Equipment

A sale for the purpose of selling old school buses and equipment will be held at the Ashe county garage on June 10 at ten o'clock. B. H. Duncan, county school superintendent, announced this week. Included in the sale will be one 1935, two 1936 and one 1937 Ford as well as several old tires and some junk. Mr. Duncan explained.

Two County Men Are In Jail Charged With Cattle Theft

OLDEST STUDENT



James George Nicklen, Jr., 79, San Francisco, who is studying at the San Francisco Junior College. Nicklen is believed to be the oldest college student in the United States.

A. R. Smith Will Speak Saturday To V-C Graduates

Eighth Grade Graduation Planned For Tonight And Jr. Play Friday

The last of the commencement exercises will be held Saturday morning at 10:00 o'clock when the address will be delivered by Professor A. R. Smith of Appalachian State Teachers' College. Following this the members of the graduating class will be awarded their diplomas. Lois Waak is valedictorian and Paul Paisley salutatorian. The program will be held in the Methodist church.

Tonight the eighth grade graduation program will be held at eight o'clock at the Methodist church. At this time several members of the class will give readings.

Friday night at 8:00 o'clock the junior class play, "Tiger House" will be given in the gymnasium.

Last Friday afternoon the grades gave the program which consisted of a Mother Goose play, a minuet, rose drill and a short play, "Let The Wedding Bells Ring."

The Senior Class play, "The Mummy and The Mumps" which was presented last Friday was attended by a large crowd. (Continued on page 8)

Mrs. J. L. Segraves Has Long Record Of Service At Bank

Mrs. J. L. (Lilly A.) Segraves, assistant cashier of the First National Bank, of West Jefferson, who has rounded out more than a quarter of a century of continuous service to this banking institution is a perfect example of the fact that a woman may be successful in many fields. For in addition to making a name for herself in the bank, she has also won recognition for her work in the Methodist church and at the same time has been a successful homemaker.

Mrs. Segraves became associated with the bank, of which Mr. Segraves is the cashier, in 1920. During her twenty seven years of service, she has seen the bank grow from \$75,000.00 to \$3,500,000.00 as of January 1, this year. But more than that she has seen (Continued on page 8)

Several Warrants Are Issued For Arthur And Ezekiel Campbell

Two brothers of the Pond Mountain section of Ashe county, Arthur and Ezekiel Campbell, sons of R. E. Campbell, landed in jail last Friday, charged with a rather unusual crime for this section of the county, cattle stealing. Bonds of the two youths are set at \$2,000.00 each with preliminary hearings scheduled to take place before Judge H. C. Tucker, June 12.

Four separate warrants have been issued charging the youths with grand larceny of around seven head of cattle, from Lillard Hoosier, Roy Calhoun and Earl Miller.

According to information received here some cattle owners have been missing some of their animals since May 15. The two Campbell youths are reported to have sold some cattle at such a (Continued on Page 4)

County Teacher Allotment Cut From 179 To 173

Four Elementary And Two High School Teachers Are Lost To Schools

B. H. Duncan, county superintendent of schools reported that notice has been received this week from the State Department that because of attendance ratings the teacher allotment for the county has been cut from 179 to 173 for the coming year. Mr. Duncan pointed out, however that this might be increased after the schools open next fall provided the enrollment shows an increase.

The loss of six teachers is distributed among several schools. Riverview lost one elementary teacher; Elkland one elementary; Fleetwood one high school and one elementary as did Nathan's Creek.

E. V. Pierce Is Injured By Fall

E. V. Pierce, well known Chestnut Hill man was painfully injured by a fall on Monday when five ribs were broken and his lunged punctured.

Mr. Pierce was helping a neighbor, Joe Caldwell on a house when a scaffold on which he was working fell.

He is undergoing treatment in the Ashe Memorial hospital, where his condition is reported to be improving.

Ready For Summer Are These Young Men In Straw Hats!



Prize winner photograph entered in WJZ amateur farm photo contest, was taken by Lou Gardner, Detroit. The contest was conducted by WJZ as part of their farm news program.

Wade E. Brown Pays Tribute To Honored Dead

Cites America As Greatest Nation Of World Today At Special Memorial Service

Senator Wade E. Brown cited to those attending the Memorial Day and "I Am An American Day" program at the courthouse Sunday, that Americans must remain vigilant if the highly paid for peace, is to remain ours.

In paying tribute to America's honored dead, we must think of the living. Mr. Brown stated, pointing out that America as the greatest nation on earth had done more to help the starving and needy people of Europe than any other nation. America must continue to aid others and her sons and daughters must help keep the peace, he said.

Mr. Brown was introduced by Ira T. Johnston, who was in charge of the program. Special music was presented by Mrs. Thomas Little and Mrs. (Continued on Page 4)

County Gets Two New School Buses

Go To Nathan's Creek And Healing Springs To Replace Old Ford Buses

Ashe county received two new school buses this week that will be used to replace the old Ford buses at Nathan's Creek and Healing Springs, B. H. Duncan, superintendent of schools said. Elkland and Jefferson have purchased two new ones which give the county a total of 34 buses Mr. Duncan said.

T. E. Glass, in charge of replacement of school buses has been in the county this week studying the conditions and pointed out that he was well pleased with the number of new school buses which the county now has.

Sparta Lodge To Honor Late Mason

All masons of Ashe county are invited to attend the memorial service at the Sparta Lodge No. 423, Thursday, June 5, when a special memorial service honoring the late Muncey Steadham will be held.

A. D. Leon Gray, superintendent of the Oxford Orphanage which the late Mr. Steadham endowed as his will reveals, will be the guest speaker.

Few Adjustments Asked For At Meeting Of Town Board Of Equalization, Tuesday

Woods Stabbed By Earvel Lewis In Knife Fight

Woods Now Suffering In Hospital As Result Of Severe Chest Wounds

George Woods, 45, of Creston, was critically stabbed by Earvel Lewis, 22, of near Creston, following an argument near Ed Johnson's residence on U. S. Highway 38 near Creston Sunday about 6:00 p. m. Woods is now undergoing treatment in the Ashe Memorial hospital where he is still reported to be in a critical condition. He suffered deep chest wounds, as the result of the stabbing of the pocket. (Continued on page 8)

Bible School To Open Here Mon.

It was announced this week that the annual vacation Bible school will open at the West Jefferson Baptist church on Monday, June 2, at 9:00 a. m.

Miss Virginia Dare Teague will again be in charge of the school and all interested children are invited to attend.

Pedestrian Injured When Cars Collided Here Sunday

Two young Ashe county girls were struck by an oncoming automobile as they were walking on the highway near A. E. Graybeal's home here, Sunday afternoon at three o'clock, and as a result, Mabel Elliott, 17, of Smethport, lies critically ill in the Ashe Memorial hospital.

Mabel and Bobbie Hodges, 12, also of Smethport, were walking toward their home when a '37 Chevrolet pick-up driven by Clarence Earker, 34, of Orion on route to West Jefferson collided with a '38 Dodge four-door sedan driven by Billy Edward Lyall, 21, of Glendale Springs, Lyall being en route to Jefferson.

The two girls, struck by the colliding car were both thrown into the creek which runs near the highway. Mabel Elliott suffered a severe skull fracture while Bobbie Hodges was only

Reports Of Hearings To Be Mailed To Those Appearing Before Board

Contrary to current reports, comparatively few citizens of the town of West Jefferson appeared before the board of equalization and re-valuation last Tuesday night to register complaints about their property.

Most of those who came, sought explanations as to comparative values, officials pointed out.

Herman Haire, in discussing the valuation of his buildings which are as yet unfinished, told the committee that he thought his property had been valued as estimated on finished buildings. However, in giving him an explanation, he was told that his property was valued from the standpoint of being an unfinished building.

Those to inquire about revaluation of their property in comparison to other property of the same proportions were Robert McNeill, representing James D. McNeill, Rex Morton, Gale McMillan, B. B. Graybeal, representing Mrs. A. E. Graybeal and C. O. Parsons.

A report of the revaluation committee's work has been transcribed and posted for a period of one week with a detailed map of town property identifying property. Anyone interested in (Continued on page 8)

Several Cases Are Continued; Many Divorces

Hon. Sam J. Erwin Is Named As Referee In Gambill Bowie Cases

Ashe county's May-June term of superior court came to an abrupt end on Monday a few hours after it opened, when several cases were settled and others continued. Judge J. H. Clement presided.

In the cases of T. C. Bowie vs. J. W. Gambill et al, former congressman and judge, Sam J. Erwin was named as referee. A date for the hearing of the evidence before him will be set later. Eleven divorce cases were granted. They included the following:

Clarence Baker vs. Maria Baker; Cecil Farmer vs. Della Farmer; Severt Miller vs. Maxie Miller; T. C. Blevins vs. Glenna Blevins; Walter Taylor vs. Mamie Taylor; Dewey Bower vs. Ollie Bower; Vada Allman vs. Hubert Allman; C. A. Barnes vs. Gladys Barnes; Ray M. Wolfe vs. Doris E. Wolfe; Reva Eller vs. Joseph T. Eller; Ella Mills vs. Walter Mills.

The case of J. D. Baker vs. W. M. Phillips was settled satisfactorily before court, as was the case of Wiley Weaver vs. Mrs. Barney Coldiron.

In the cases of W. H. Stanley vs. Bryde Stanley and Eunice Roupe Harrison vs. William Harrison an order was issued to bring the parties to court who failed to appear.

Continued cases included those of County of Ashe vs. H. C. Tucker; H. M. Miller vs. H. C. Tucker; Fred Watson vs. Orville Green; Ira Greer vs. L. M. Sturgill; William W. Taylor vs. Mont Jones.

Also continued was the case of Helen Bare vs. Val Sheets and Frank Miller. This case grew out of circumstances in which the Bare child was severely injured by a high explosive tossed from (Continued on page 8)

Big Feeder Calf Sale On Sept. 23

Ashe, Alleghany And Watauga Counties Included; Prizes To Be Offered

A meeting of the feeder calf committee from the three counties, Ashe, Alleghany, and Watauga, was held on Wednesday night, when it was decided to go ahead with the feeder calf sale and a tentative date was set for September 23. Arrangements have been made to hold the sale at the West Jefferson livestock market.

It was decided to offer prize money only on dehorned steer calves—the prize money to be offered on good and choice steers on a five-three basis. The committee will insist on calves being dehorned, castrated, and vaccinated for Blackleg.

Steer calves will be accepted from 300 to 650 pounds. The calves are to be divided into pens according to grade by weight with the following break in weight groups: 300-350 lbs; 350-450 lbs; 450-550 lbs; 550-650 lbs; get of sire, 5 head steers—not confined to one owner, sired by a registered bull. The prizes will be \$25.00, \$20.00, \$15.00, \$10.00, \$5.00.

Rev. C. P. Bowles Holding Revival

Services are being held each morning at 9:30 o'clock and at 7:45 each evening at the West Jefferson Methodist church for the revival which began there last Sunday night.

Rev. Charles P. Bowles, pastor of the Broadstreet Methodist church, is assisting the pastor, Rev. Hoyt Wood. The public is cordially invited to attend both the morning and evening services.



MRS. J. L. SEGRAVES