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Ashe Farmers Want Program Continued

Local FHA Will Be Crippled By Agriculture Cut

Has Served Many Farmers in Ashe and Alleghany; Need Still Great

Because of the drastic slash in the proposed budget for FHA along with other agricultural groups, many farmers in Ashe and Alleghany counties will be badly hampered in their work.

The Appropriations Committee recommendations for administrative funds reduced the President's recommendation of \$30,000,000 to \$18,000,000 or a cut of 40 per cent. The president's recommendations for the rest of the program, FO loans and mortgage loans have also been greatly reduced.

Officials pointed out this week that unless some of this can be restored by the Senate before the bill gets the final approval by Congress, the program will be so reduced that it will be impossible to render the service for which it stands. Not only will much of the planning and supervision work now being carried out be done away with, but loans will also be cut down.

A tentative survey reveals that there are a number of veterans now taking advantage of this program as well as many others which it is helping to re-establish in their work. At the present time there are 283 farmers being served by the Ashe-Alleghany unit. Figures reveal that in Ashe there are 148 active loans; in Alleghany, 62; a total of 30 tenant-purchase farmers of the two counties and 43 others.

Figures further reveal that in the two counties 30 loans totaling \$12,735 were made for 1945-1946 as compared to 145 loans totalling \$27,735, or an increase of 81 per cent in number and 117 per cent in total amount, thus showing the increasing need. Loans made through this program are to farmers, who are unable to secure adequate credit elsewhere.

Since the program has been activated in Ashe and Alleghany counties, a total of 897 farm families have been served and this number included 604 that have paid up loans. Farmers have not only been helped to re-establish themselves and become home owners, but to improve their standards of living as well as health through the program.

Young "Ike" Is To Be Married Soon



Barbara Jean Thompson, daughter of Col. and Mrs. Percy W. Thompson, who will wed General "Ike" for a father-in-law, when she weds Capt. John Sheldon Doud Eisenhower, right, son of the army chief of staff. They will be married at Fortress Monroe, Va., June 10th.

Need Teachers In Several Of County's Schools

Some Vacancies In Both High Schools As Well As Elementary Grades

It was learned yesterday from the county superintendent of schools, B. H. Duncan that there is a shortage of teachers in several of the schools of the county at the present time. The vacancies included those in some of the high schools as well as in the lower grades.

Lansing has a number of vacancies in the central school as well as some in the smaller schools of the district.

Healing Springs and Fleetwood also have vacancies. It is understood that most of the other central schools have most of their positions filled. All principals for high schools have been named. James Stanley will return to Fleetwood. Other principals have already been announced.

As far as it could be learned this week, a number of teachers of the county are now making

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Want Farm Appropriations Restored



Senator Clyde R. Hoey, left and Congressman R. L. Doughton, right strongly in favor of restoring appropriation for agriculture and continuing program.

Requests Sent To Washington By Large Number

Hundreds Express Regret In Cut Of Funds; Express Hope of Restoration

Hundreds of Ashe county farmers have expressed their regret over the tremendous slash in the agricultural budget which the House has approved and if passed by the Senate will cripple all phases of the farm program.

The AAA program under the proposed cut, is being reduced around 45 per cent and 3900 farmers of the county participating will also be cut from \$60,000 to \$50,000.

The FHA program will also be greatly hampered for lack of funds as well as personnel under the proposed cut.

Hundreds of county farmers have realized this and have sent messages to congressmen and senators asking that the farm programs be restored. Both Congressman R. L. Doughton and senator Clyde R. Hoey have received many messages on this from local people and have both expressed themselves as strongly favoring the restoration of the farm program.

In letters to this paper and the West Jefferson Merchants' Association, senator Hoey wrote,

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Help Promised To Restore Vocational Agriculture Dept. For County, At Jefferson

District Supervisor Expects To Visit County Soon In Connection With Plans

It was learned this week from Tal H. Stafford, District Supervisor of Agricultural Education that his department will be able to provide its part of the funds in the re-establishment of a vocational agricultural department at Jefferson.

In a letter to B. H. Duncan, superintendent of schools he points out that the regular appropriation of his department does not provide for sufficient funds for re-opening of many closed departments, but there are other funds that might be used for this. "I might add, however, that this money is subject to the whims of an economy-minded Congress. Should the appropriation be eliminated at any time, we cannot make any definite promise to continue the department until our own appropriation is increased," he declared.

Mr. Stafford also pointed out that he was pleased that S. B. Lacey has accepted the position as teacher and that he feels that he will do an excellent job.

He also announced that he plans to be in Jefferson in the near future to talk with local

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Officials Will Meet June 16 To Consider Budget

Heard Representatives From Several Schools On Sanitary Needs, Monday

The Ashe County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday morning and in addition to routine claims, heard representatives from Jefferson, Nathan's Creek and Elkland schools in connection with the current sanitary improvement projects and buildings.

The cost of the water supply for the Jefferson school was brought to the attention of the group.

It was announced that the board of county commissioners would meet again on June 16 to consider the budget for the coming year. At this time the tax rate and other related matters will also be considered.

H. H. Burgess expects to complete a recap of the tax listing books within a short time showing the tax valuation of the county. Final figures are now being worked out on this.

Motorists Are Reminded Of New Regulations Requiring Issuance Of Driver License

Re-Examinations Will Begin July 1; To Be Issued Alphabetically

Ashe county motorists along with all others throughout the State are reminded that in accordance with the law passed by the 1947 General Assembly of North Carolina requiring the re-issuance of Motor Vehicle driver license the following schedule has been made: the period beginning July 1, 1947, and ending on December 31, 1947, is the time for all driver license holders whose sur-names begin with the letters A or B to apply for new license. Persons whose names do not begin with one of the above letters cannot apply for re-issuance of license in this period.

The period beginning January 1, 1948, and ending on June 30, 1948, will be the time for all operators whose sur-names begin with either of the letters C or D to apply for re-issuance of license. All Motor Vehicle drivers whose sur-names begin with a letter other than A, B, C, or D will be notified by press releases at the proper time as to when they should appear for the re-examination.

The operator's license issued under the 1947 Safety Act shall

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Mrs. Caudill, 75, Buried Monday

Well Known Ashe County Woman Had Been Critically Ill For Sometime

Funeral service for Mrs. Margaret Loretta Caudill, 75, was held Monday morning at eleven o'clock at the Smethport Methodist church. Officiating was Rev. Hobson Houck and interment was in the Jefferson cemetery.

Mrs. Caudill, well known county woman, died at her home, Saturday afternoon after a lingering illness. The daughter of the late Mrs. Lizzie Burkett Parker and John Parker, she was a native of Wilkes county, although she had lived most of her life here.

She is survived by her husband, E. D. Caudill and three children, Mrs. Myrtle Hodgson, Donald Jones and Clare Morell.

She was a sister of T. E. Parker, Mrs. Ed Jones, and E. M. Parker, all of West Jefferson.

Rock Creek Has 4-H Club Sunday

Members of Club in Charge Of Program; Rev. S. S. Graybeal Is Speaker

Members of the Rock Creek 4-H club were in charge of the service held at the Little Rock school Sunday morning when Rev. S. S. Graybeal was the guest minister and speaker.

The club, composed of 11 girls and 12 boys, had the program in observance of National 4-H Club Sunday. The program presented was as follows: Invocation, Mary Lee Jones, club president; salute to the flag, Miss Ella Mae Crosby; welcome, Lenson Osborne; service of dedication, May Allen, vice president. The sermon, delivered by Rev. Mr. Graybeal, was entitled "Democracy." Special music was presented by Betty Sue Marti and Jo Anne Graybeal.

Service To Be Held At Lansing

Memorial service for Edward Ham, who died at Abingdon, Virginia, on November 9, 1946, will be conducted at the Lansing Presbyterian church on Sunday, June 15, at 11:15 a. m., it was announced this week.

Those taking part in the service will be Miss Betty Tinley, Revs. C. J. Foreman, Jr., T. A. Farmer, D. D. Sexton and E. Z. Sexton. Edward was the son of J. A. and Mary Ham, of Lansing.

To Meet June 13 To Arrange For Selling Of Wool

Ashe county sheep growers as well as those from Alleghany and Watauga are asked to save their wool pool which will be conducted for the three counties at a later date. H. D. Quessenberry, county agent, stated.

A meeting of the county agents from Ashe, Alleghany, Watauga, Grayson and Carroll counties, the wool pool committee, will be held at the courthouse in Jefferson, on June 13, at 2 o'clock. Mr. Quessenberry stated.

Elkland Box Supper Nets \$600

The box supper, which was held at the Elkland high school gymnasium on Saturday night, May 31, was very successful, with slightly over \$600 raised for the purchase of a badly needed school bus, it was announced here this week.

Paul Weston and his Hammond electric organ furnished the music, which was enjoyed by all those present. It was stated.

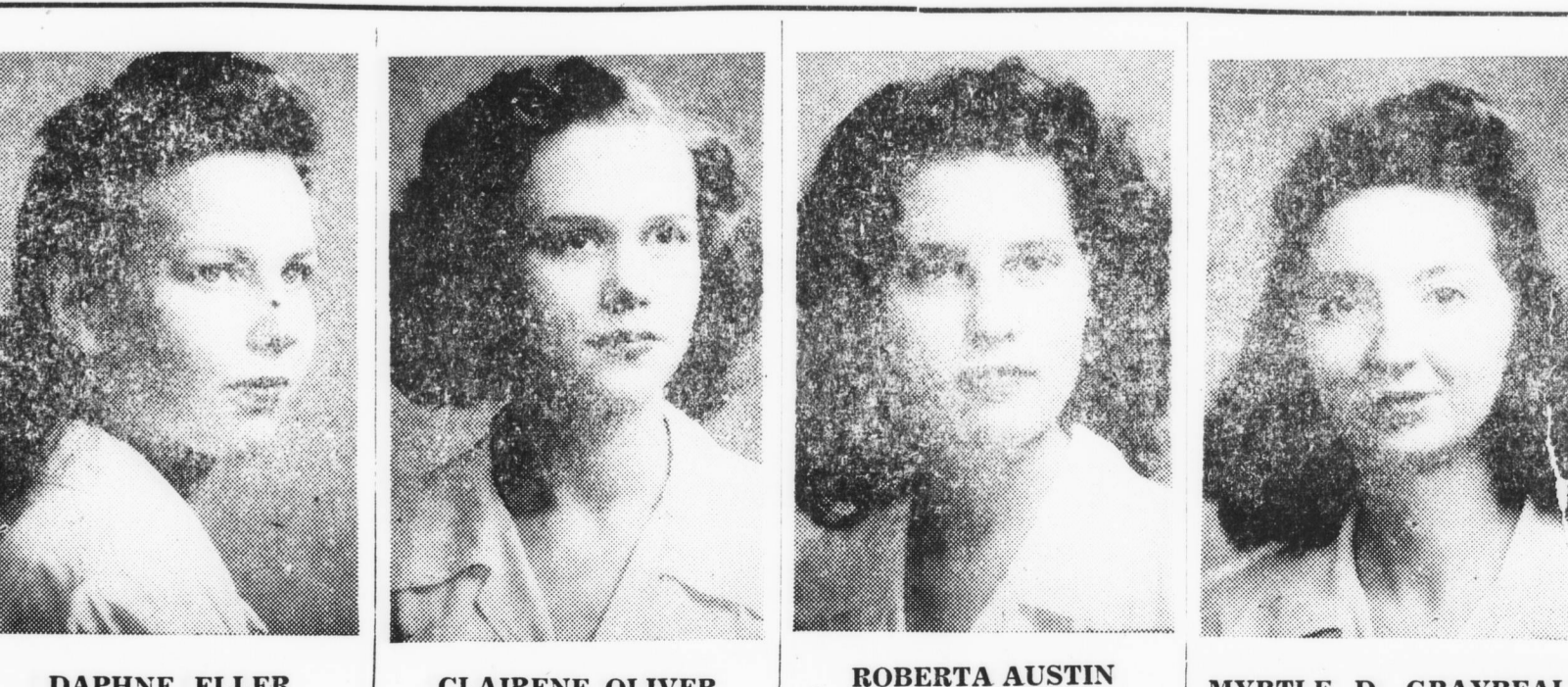
Boxes were sold from \$30.25 down.

J. C. Spencer To Issue Licenses

Anyone desiring to secure a driver's license or learners permit should contact J. C. Spencer at the courthouse in Jefferson each Friday between the hours of 1:00 p. m. and 5:00 p. m.

The date for contacting Mr. Spencer had been changed from Saturday to Friday, it was learned.

Awarded Diplomas At Woman's College On Monday



DAPHNE ELLER CLAIRENE OLIVER ROBERTA AUSTIN MYRTLE D. GRAYBEAL

Four Ashe County Girls Are Among Graduates Of W. C.

Greensboro, June 2—Among the 413 seniors who graduated from the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina Monday morning, were four students from Ashe county.

Speakers for the graduating exercises in Aycock Auditorium were: Lt. Gov. L. Y. Ballentine; Dr. Frank Porter Graham, president of the Greater University of North Carolina; Dr. W. C. Jackson, Woman's College chaplain; and Miss Ruth W. Cox, of College Park, Ga., representing the senior class. Lieutenant Governor Ballentine presented the diplomas to the graduates, of whom Dr. Graham conferred degrees.

Graduates from Ashe county and their records are as follows:

Miss Myrtle Graybeal, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard B. Graybeal, of West Jefferson, received a bachelor of science degree in home economics. She holds membership in the Dikean Society, Chemistry, Education, Home Economics, Square Dance, Quill and International Relations Clubs, in addition to the Tansuaders and Play-Lakers, V. W. C. A. and Recreation Association. She is also a member of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

Miss Clairene Oliver, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Oliver, of Jefferson, was awarded a bachelor of arts degree in English. She attended Mrs. W. B. Oliver's first year. Miss Oliver is a member of Coralline Society and Botany, Education and Square Dance Clubs.

Miss Roberta Neal Austin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Austin, of Jefferson, received a bachelor of science degree in home economics. She is a member of the Althea Society, Education Club, Home Economics Club and Square Dance Club and was a member of the Inter-faith

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Shatley Springs Open To Public

Repair and remodeling work on Shatley Springs hotel, which has been underway for some time is now opened to the public.

The buildings have been remodelled, painted and several additions made, including a new bath house. The hotel is again being managed by C. L. Collins. Mr. Collins pointed out that new furnishings including inner-spring mattresses had also been bought for the opening.