



The Skyland Post

Property Valuation In Ashe County Shows Increase

Ask Farmers To Hold Wool Until Prices Settle

Uncertainty Of Government Subsidy Has Market In Unsettled Condition

Farmers of this area are asked by the wool pool committee to hold their wool until prices become more stabilized. A meeting was held last Friday of the wool pool committees from five northwest counties to discuss the possibilities of sales.

It was pointed out that there is actually not a wool market at the present time due to the government support program still being unsettled. The support is still in the hands of Congress and it is felt sure by sheep men all over the country that a government support program will eventually be passed with approximately last year's support on wool.

"Since it is not fair for some sheep producers in the United States to sell their wool under the support program that went out of effect April 15, we feel sure that farmers should hold their wool for the pool and not sacrifice it at the present time due to no satisfactory market," a member of the committee said.

The wool pool committees plan to meet again as soon as definite action is taken by the government on the support program. "In the meantime, store your wool carefully and hold on to it," committee members concluded.

Campbell Men's Bond Now \$3,000

Arthur Campbell Released; Ezekiel Still Being Held In Jail

Arthur Campbell was released from the Ashe county jail on \$3,000 bond following a hearing before Judge H. C. Tucker on Friday. Ezekiel Campbell, held on the same charge of cattle stealing, is still being held in the county jail on \$3,000 bond.

The Campbell brothers were arrested May 23 on the charges of cattle stealing and had been held in the jail since then pending the hearing on Friday. The hearing was scheduled for an earlier date but was later postponed. The Campbell youths were reported to have sold some cattle at a suspiciously low price at Wytheville, Va., and an investigation was made leading to their arrest.

Officers reported yesterday that several of the cattle stolen by the Campbell men had been recovered and returned to the owners.

Sturgills Is To Have A Revival

A tent revival will begin on Sunday night at 7:30 p. m. near the Sturgills Baptist church, and will continue for two weeks, it was announced here.

Rev. E. W. Powers, pastor of the West Jefferson Baptist church, will preach at the services.

All persons of all denominations are cordially invited to attend these services.

Pastor Assumes Summer Duties

Rev. Marion Fisher, of Defiance, Ohio, has assumed his position here as pastor of the Jefferson Methodist church for the summer. He plans to enroll at Duke Divinity school this fall.

Daily vacation Bible school has been announced this week by Rev. Mr. Fisher to begin at the Jefferson Methodist church on Monday at 9:00 a. m. Registration of children will be at 8:45 and classes will begin immediately afterwards. All children are invited to attend this school for a time of fellowship, study and recreation.

The following schedule of church services has also been announced for Sunday: Orion, 11-00 a. m.; Jefferson, 8:00 p. m.

Measure To Lower Income Taxes Is Killed By House

AMERICA'S FATHER



Warren Austin, U. S. member of the United Nations security council, who has been selected as the outstanding Father for 1947. His selection was based not only upon his family record but the interest he has taken in the youth of the world.

Sparta Lions To Have Horse Show On Fri. And Sat.

Hundreds Of People Expected; Nationally Known Horses Entered

Sparta—Hundreds of people are expected to attend the second annual horse show to be held at the local show grounds Friday and Saturday, under the sponsorship of the Sparta Lions Club. Already approximately 100 horses, some of them nationally known, have been entered and will be shown in the three shows which have been planned.

The first event will get underway at eight o'clock Friday evening when eleven classes will be shown. Classes include open three gaited ponies, 12 hands and under; open pleasure horses; open jumpers; open three gaited; local five gaited; junior walk.

NATHAN'S CREEK TO HAVE SERVICE SUN.

Preaching service will be held at the Nathan's Creek Methodist church at 11:00 o'clock, it was announced this week by Rev. W. C. Crummett, pastor.

Rev. Mr. Crummett will also hold a service at Chestnut Hill at 8:00 p. m.

The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

Crowned Dairy Queen In Ohio



Miss Evelyn Priddy, Pickerington, Ohio, who was crowned dairy queen at the Mid-America exposition held at Cleveland will make a personal appearance tour of various Ohio cities during this month as a feature of traditional Dairy Month.

Body Votes To Sustain Veto Of President Truman By A Slight Margin

Washington—The House Tuesday upheld President Truman's veto by a hair-breadth margin and killed the Republicans' \$4,000,000,000 income tax-slashing bill. The tax reduction issue thereby was thrown into the 1948 presidential campaign.

So close was the vote in the tense, strained House that Republican Leader Halleck, of Indiana, demanded a recapitulation. However, the recount confirmed the original tally.

A shout went up from the Democratic side when the final vote was announced.

It all sums up to this: Some 48,000,000 income taxpayers will go right ahead paying the same Federal taxes for the time being.

The Republicans' and Mr. Truman's clashing ideas on whether this is right or wrong will go before the people in the next election.

Even if Congress passes a tax cut bill early in the new session starting in January, the result of Democratic and Republican attitudes on a 1947 cut would nevertheless surely be carried over into the campaign.

Representative Knutson (R-Minn) told reporters the House (Continued on Page 4)

N. C. Merchants Pledge Efforts To Hold Prices

Judson Blount Is Elected President; Other Officers Are Chosen

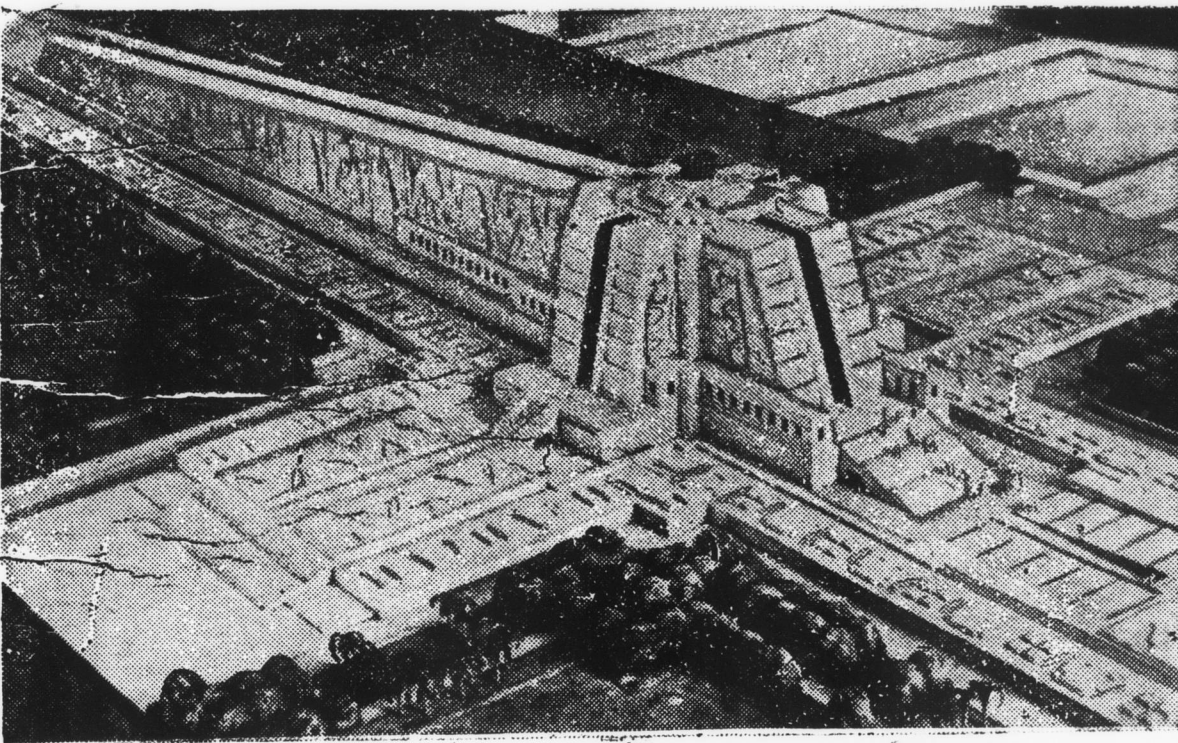
Raleigh—A resolution that "we will do everything within our power to hold prices in line" was unanimously adopted by the North Carolina Merchants Association at its 45th annual convention here this week.

The resolution says further that the merchants "will pass on to our customers the benefit of every reduction in the price of goods at the supply level" and that "we will continue to mark all goods sold by us at the lowest possible price consistent with a reasonable profit."

Judson H. Blount, of Greenville, first vice-president, was elected president succeeding O. P. Matthews of Gastonia. The two-day meeting ended Tuesday night with the annual banquet.

As usual, the merchants passed a resolution condemning the sales tax and asking the State's lawmakers to "repeal the tax in its (Continued on Page 4)

Proposed Christopher Columbus Memorial Lighthouse



A project sponsored by the assembly of the United Nations and the Pan American Union has been given impetus by Pres. Rafael L. Trujillo of the Dominican Republic for Christopher Columbus memorial at Ciudad Trujillo, Dominican Republic. The memorial, shown above, will be a flat lighthouse 1,200 feet long and 120 feet high and will resemble a giant recumbent cross. The bones of Columbus will be entombed in the main building which will house a Pan American museum containing Columbian and historic relics of the Americas. The cost is estimated at five million dollars.

Mrs. Tyson Will Head Ashe Legion Auxiliary Unit

Other Officers Named At Special Meeting Held On Friday Night

The annual election of officers of the Ashe county unit of the American Legion Auxiliary was held on Friday night at a special meeting when Mrs. Lawrence Tyson was named as president to succeed Mrs. P. G. Wright, the outgoing president.

Mrs. Tyson has long been active in auxiliary work, as has her husband in the work of the legion and members said they felt fortunate in securing her as president.

Other officers named to serve with Mrs. Tyson were as follows: first vice-president, Mrs. W. B. Austin; second vice-president, Mrs. Glenn B. Grayson; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. L. P. Colvard; chaplain, Mrs. Walter Weaver; sergeant-at-arms, Mrs. Norman Hege.

Rites Held Tues. For P. E. Watts

Former West Jefferson Resident Dies In Oak Ridge, Tenn., Saturday

Funeral services for Park E. Watts, 67, former West Jefferson citizen, was held at the West Jefferson Presbyterian church on Tuesday morning at 11:30 o'clock. Interment was in the Jefferson cemetery with Revs. J. W. Luke and W. P. Boyle, officiating. The body lay in state at the church from noon until eleven o'clock.

Mr. Watts, who was engaged in road construction work here for several years, died at his home in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, early Saturday morning.

Through his work here and his friendly disposition, he had hundreds of friends in this section who regretted to learn of his death.

The deceased is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lena Russell Watts.

Farmers Urged To Plant Tobacco

Roscoe Colman, operator of the Mountain Burley and Farmer's Burley tobacco warehouses in Boone said this week that he was very anxious for all farmers in this section to get out tobacco plants on their full allotment of acreage this season, as indications are that the better types of smoking tobacco will bring as much or more than they did last year.

He explained that there would be a forty dollar government flooring and he felt that with this, no other money crop in this section could bring the returns tobacco does. "Set out your full crop, even if it is to be a little later than usual," he advised.

Immunization Clinics Being Held In Various Sections Of Ashe By Health Department

Union Services Are Planned By Local Churches

Baptist, Methodist And Presbyterian To Hold Joint Sun. Night Services

The churches of West Jefferson have made plans to have union services each Sunday night throughout the summer, it was announced this week.

Cooperating in the joint session are the Baptist, Methodist and Methodist churches of West Jefferson. Services will be held each Sunday evening beginning at 7:30 o'clock. The first of the joint meetings will be held Sunday night at the West Jefferson Baptist church. The place of each service will be announced each (Continued on Page 5)

Taking Summer Courses At ASTC

Six from Ashe county are attending the summer session at Appalachian State Teachers College which got underway last Thursday.

Those from here to enroll included Bob Davis, Charles Cockram, Kenneth Jacks, Gale Lemly, William Austin, Thomas Johnston and Dale Atwood.

Lansing Holds Top Place In Mountain Baseball League

Lansing remains at the top of the standings in the Mountain Baseball league as they were once more victorious over the week end, defeating Scottville in a thrilling game, Sunday, 3-2.

Scottville and East Jefferson played a double header Saturday, Scottville winning 5-3, and East Jefferson winning 3-8. The second game however was protested by the losers. As yet no action has been taken regarding it. West Jefferson defeated the Helton team 5-4 on Saturday and the game was protested by the losers.

Sunday's winners included Laurel Springs, victorious over East Jefferson, 19-6. Pitching for Laurel Springs was Sheets, and making the only home run of the afternoon's play was Pennington. The game scheduled between Laurel Springs and Lansing was called off on account of rain. West Jefferson defeated Helton 6-4.

Standings of the teams are as follows:

Scottville	8	4	.669
Laurel Springs	6	4	.600
West Jefferson	6	6	.500
Helton	4	7	.364
East Jefferson	1	10	.091

The schedule for the week end games is as follows: Saturday, Helton at East Jefferson, Lansing at Scottville; West Jefferson at Laurel Springs. Sunday—East Jefferson at Helton; Scottville at West Jefferson; Laurel Springs at Lansing.

TEEN-AGE PARTY WILL BE HELD SAT.

A party for teen-agers will be held at the community building Saturday night beginning at 7:30 o'clock and continuing until 10:30 o'clock. The party is being sponsored by the Ashe County Woman's Club, and all teen-agers are invited to attend.

Several of the teen-age group enjoyed a picnic at Hungry Mother Park last Friday. Other events have been planned members of the club stated.

Climbs To Around \$300,000. Beyond Total For 1946

Commissioners Will Meet On Monday To Work Out Budget Plans

Ashe county estimated valuation of taxable property this year shows an increase over that of last year of around \$300,000.00 according to figures recently completed, from the various tax listings, by H. H. Burgess, tax supervisor.

Without the corporations, which are estimated to run around \$100,000.00 the total of other estimated taxable property as compiled from the tax lister's books this year reached \$5,429,411.00 as compared to \$5,285,490.00 last year.

It was pointed out that some of the increase in valuation was due to buildings and other improvements made in property during the past year as well as the purchasing of automobiles and other equipment by a number of individuals and concerns.

Due to delay in some of the departments in submitting their proposed budgets for the coming fiscal year, the county budget has not been completed as yet. The county commissioners will meet on Monday to consider this, it was announced.

Mrs. W. F. Reeves Buried Saturday

Succumbed At Home At Grassy Creek Thursday After Lingering Illness

Funeral service for Mrs. William F. Reeves, of Volney, Va., was held at the Grassy Creek Methodist church on Saturday at eleven o'clock. Interment was in the family cemetery, with Rev. W. C. Eastridge officiating, assisted by Kent C. Hahn.

Mrs. Reeves died at her home near Grassy Creek on Thursday morning after having been confined to her bed for almost six months, following a heart attack. Her husband preceded her in death in 1943.

Surviving are one son, Lester Reeves, of Clarkston, Washington; three daughters, Mrs. Archie H. McAdams, of Volney, Va.; Mrs. Robert H. Gannon, of Wakesboro, Mrs. Sidney B. Gambill, of Rittsburg, Pa., eight grandchildren, one great-granddaughter, three sisters and three brothers.

Flower bearers were Mrs. Rex Blevins, Mrs. Edjan Sexton, Mrs. (Continued on Page 5)

S. FORK CHURCH WILL BE REPAIRED

There will be a public working at South Fork Primitive Baptist church on Friday, June 20, to repair the building for the communion service to be held on July 12 and 13. It was announced this week by Leo V. Bagley.

All interested parties are asked to come and help with the work.

Record Crowd At Big June, Sunday

A crowd of several thousand people from near and far gathered at the historic Senter Baptist church, Saturday and Sunday, at Nathan's Creek for the Big June meeting, which has been held here for nearly a century.

The crowd there this year revealed that of some of the pre-war years. In addition to the county and community many came from distant points and several states. An unofficial estimate placed the total attendance at nearly 5,000 people.

Elder Ed Davis, moderator took part in the services as did several visiting elders.

The pleasant weather, made it possible for many to come, who would have otherwise had to remain away. For many people it was a real homecoming. W. Peyton Colvard, of Seattle, Washington, a former resident of Ashe who had not been to a Big June in 15 years was among those, who came from a distance to the services this year.