

Ashe County Schools Will Open Aug. 25

Guernsey Sale Plans For July 18 Being Completed

32 Carefully Selected Animals To Be Sold At Auction At Test Farm

Plans are now being completed for the annual promotion sale of purebred-registered guernsey cattle to be held at the State Test Farm at Transou, on Friday July 18.

At this time 32 carefully selected animals, from some of the state's best known herds will be offered for sale at auction beginning at 12:30.

The sale is sponsored by the N. C. Extension service and the N. C. Guernsey Breeders Association.

Officials of the sale pointed out that this would be a wonderful opportunity to secure animals for calf club work or foundation animals for herds as well as additions.

All dairy farmers are particularly invited to attend.

Injuries Fatal To County Man

Estel Brown Fell From Truck Near Scottville Bridge On July 4

Estel Brown, prominent 54-year-old Ashe county farmer, was fatally injured July 4 when he fell from a truck en route to West Jefferson with a load of cattle. Following the accident, which occurred near the Scottville bridge, Brown was taken to Ashe Memorial hospital, where he died a short time later.

Funeral service was held Sunday morning at the Chestnut Hill Baptist church, with Rev. Herbert Caldwell officiating. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

Brown is survived by his wife, Martha Brown, and seven children, Mrs. Edith Carter, Mrs. Clara Carter, Mrs. Fannie Huffman, Howard, Ray, Guy, and Robert Brown.

As far as can be learned, local officers have not as yet determined the circumstances which caused the accident.

As far as can be learned, local highway officers made no investigation of the fatality.

Ashe MYF Will Hold Meet Mon.

The Ashe Sub-district Methodist Youth Fellowship will meet on Monday night at 7:30 p. m., at the Jefferson Methodist church, it was announced here this week.

At the conclusion of the program, Rev. M. W. Reynolds will show a film to the group.

All Methodist Youth Fellowships and pastors are urged to be present.

HAIR ONE OF TOP TEN AT BOY'S STATE

Earl Ross Haire, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Haire, of West Jefferson, was selected as one of the top ten students out of the 250 boys who attended boy's state at the University of North Carolina, recently.

He was awarded a certificate of merit for having completed the training there.

Earl Ross plans to enter Columbia Academy at Columbia, Tenn., this fall.

Revival Opens Here This Week

Rev. Hubert F. Morris, pastor of the Frist Presbyterian church, of New Bern, is conducting a series of evangelistic services at the Presbyterian church, here this week. Services are being held each evening at eight o'clock and will continue through Wednesday, July 16.

Mr. Morris is well known here having worked in the Presbyterian churches here sometime ago.

Bible school, under the direction of Miss Buford Bobbitt, of Charlotte is also being conducted each morning at nine o'clock.

Hoyt Wood Is Installed As President Of Rotary Club; Names Committees

ROTARY PRESIDENT



Rev. Hoyt Wood who has been installed as president of the Jeffersons Rotary club.

Austin In Charge Of Installation; Work Is Planned For Year

Rev. Hoyt Wood, was installed as president of the Jefferson Rotary club last Thursday along with the other newly elected officers, when the outgoing president, W. B. Austin was in charge of the service. Serving with President Wood are Dean McMillan, vice-president and Thomas H. Sears, secretary and treasurer.

Immediately following the installation service Wood named committees in connection with work of the club for the coming year.

Chairmen of the various committees are as follows:

Aims and objects, Hoyt Wood; club service, John Reeves; vocational service, Bill Austin; Community service, Gale McMillan; international service, Ira T. Johnston; classification, Langdon Scott; membership, S. S. Shoemaker.

Program, Todd Gentry; fellowship, Larry Colvard; attendance, Gwyn Little; Rotary information, Burman Hurt; public information, Dean McMillan; magazine, Rocco Cutri; music, Coleman Payne; youth service, Millard Graybeal.

Crippled children, Jake Caudill; rural-urban, J. O. Blevins; student loan and education, Bruce Hash, agriculture, H. D. Quessenberry; public health, Bruce Porter; public welfare, L. B. Tyson; tourist and advertising, Wade Eller; industrial, Glenn Graybeal; veterans activities, P. G. Wright.

James A. Graham will be in charge of the program tonight and will have as guest speaker, George Farthing, of the Farm Bureau of Asheville.

Many Expected For BTU Meeting Here On Friday

To Climax A Week Of Revivals In 13 Ashe Association Churches

An estimated 400 people are expected to attend a mass meeting at the West Jefferson Baptist church Friday night at eight o'clock, to climax a week of Baptist training union revivals that have been in progress in 13 churches of the Ashe association all of this week.

Harvey T. Gibson, North Carolina Training Union director, and 17 other visiting workers from North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia have been leading the work in the 13 churches, where an average attendance of approximately 700 each night has been reported.

Besides Mr. Gibson, the other visiting leaders in the revivals are: Rev. and Mrs. L. J. Newton, Raleigh; Miss. Betty Mullinax, Asheville; Miss. Mary Baety, Greensboro; Miss. Louvene Jordan, Winston-Salem; William Lamb, Elizabeth City; Miss. Mary Bergeron, Waynesboro, Ga.; Miss. Frances Alexander, Goldsboro; Miss Ruth Wiggins, Raleigh; Miss. (Continued on Page 4)

ASHE COUNTY NATIVE PASSES IN MONTANA

Word was received here this week of the death of Shade Bare, 84, a native of Ashe county and the father of Mrs. W. T. Harless of West Jefferson, in Livingston, Montana, June 24. Funeral service was conducted at the Fronzen chapel there.

The former North Carolinian moved to Montana in 1915 and had been engaged in ranching for a number of years.

Last Rites Held For A. J. Keaton

Funeral service for A. J. Keaton, well-known farmer of Helton, was held at the family residence last Tuesday afternoon. Rev. Oscar Eller officiated, and interment followed in the family cemetery.

Keaton suffered a stroke of paralysis June 30, and, as a result, died in the Ashe Memorial hospital last Sunday. He was 67 years old.

Surviving, are his wife and three children, Carl, Kathleen, and Andrew.

SERVICE WILL BE HELD AT GREENWOOD

Rev. J. H. Armbrust, of Statesville, will preach at the Greenwood Methodist church on Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock, it was announced this week by Rev. Claude Eastridge.

Rev. Mr. Armbrust, will hold quarterly conference at this time, it was stated.

Rocco Cutri To Study Briar Pipe Situation In Europe

Rocco Cutri, of the Carolina Briar corporation left this week for New York from where he will sail shortly for Europe. He plans to visit Italy, and Algiers in connection with his survey of the briar pipe situation.

Mr. Cutri, who has been engaged in the manufacture of pipes for a great many years, pointed out that he was not stopping operations and leaving here as it had been reported, but was simply making a business trip back to Europe to study conditions and to determine the future possibilities of the operations of his industry.

"I am not pulling out of West Jefferson," he declared and pointed out that while conditions in his industry were uncertain at the present, he believed that a change would soon come.

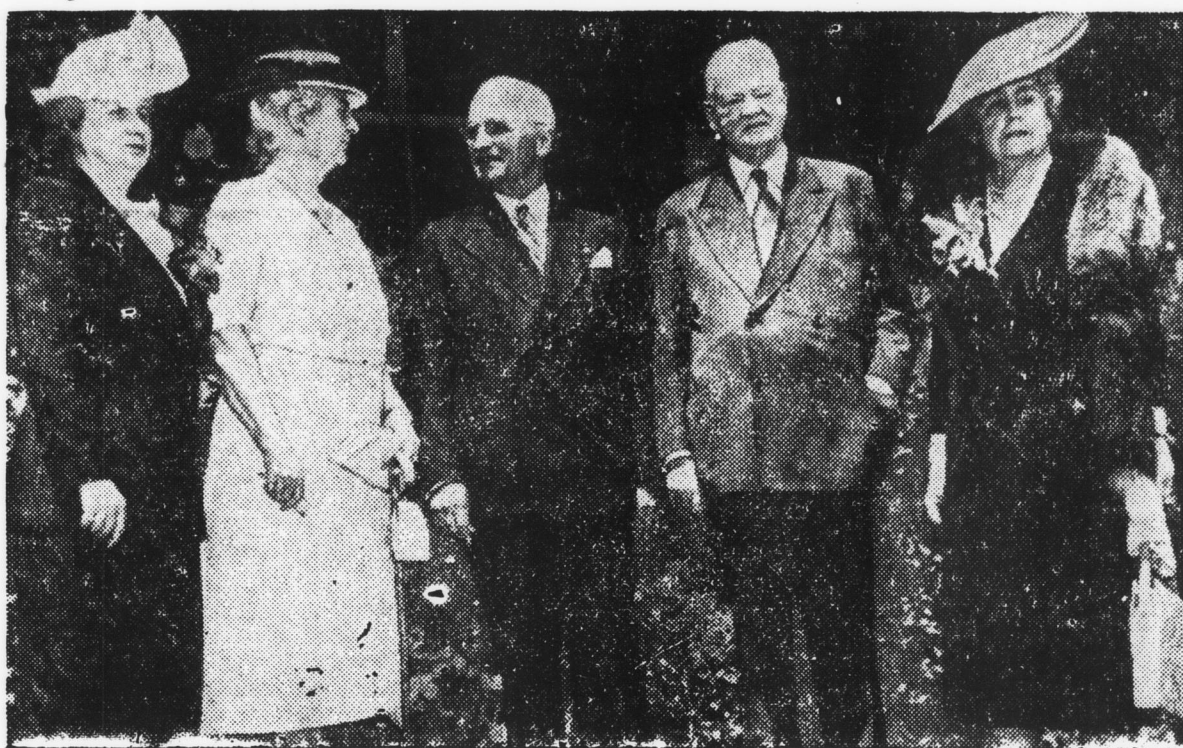
He pointed out that his trip back to Italy was purely for

business and that he hated to go back at this time as conditions had greatly changed there during the war years.

Cutri is one of the best known authorities and the oldest importer of briar pipes in this country. He came to West Jefferson and started in the manufacture of pipes from laurel and ivy burls, when the supply of imported briars was cut off during the early years of the war. Since establishing his business here, he has not only provided a payroll for a number of people, but has given the farmers a market for products for which they previously had no sale.

Mr. and Mrs. James Badger announce the birth of a son, James Michael, on June 30 at Ashe Memorial hospital. Mrs. Badger is the former Miss Irma Hart.

Present And Some Past Tennants Of The White House



A president, former president and three "first ladies" were among the guests of honor at Princeton university bi-centennial convocation. The group shown on the campus lawn were, left to right: Mrs. Harry S. Truman, Mrs. Thomas Preston, (the former Mrs. Grover Cleveland); President Truman; Ex-President Hoover; and Mrs. Woodrow Wilson.

Merchants Will Have Fish-Fry Next Wednesday

planned For Bluff Park; Will Be Held At Community Bldg. If It Rains

Around 100 people are expected to attend the annual employer-employee of the West Jefferson Merchants Association fish-fry to be held at Bluff Park next Wednesday at 6:30. In case of rain it will be held at the community building Amos Wagoner Jr., president of the association pointed out.

Firms that have not reported the number who will attend the outing are asked to contact President Wagoner at once in order that provisions can be made for them.

Named on the committee for the outing when it was planned were: Gwyn Little, B. S. Harless, Archie Little, J. B. Hensley, Mrs. Clinton Goodman and Mrs. Earl Davidson.

Water Shortage Is Critical Here

Ralph Campbell, town clerk, reported this week that the water supply in the town of West Jefferson has reached a critical state, and that measures are soon to be taken to conserve water for only essential purposes.

Campbell pointed out that the town has only one pump in operation, and, since this pump has been running almost constantly in order to supply the water consumed by residents, that it is beginning to give considerable trouble and that there is danger of a complete breakdown unless some of the load is taken from the pump.

All service stations and private consumers are asked to cut down on car washing, lawn watering, and other unessential uses of water. If necessary, an ordinance will be passed imposing penalties upon violators of these restrictions.

Prices On Beans Are Good Here

Quality beans sold on the local auction markets since the opening July 1, have been bringing good prices.

Unofficial reports show that around ten thousand bushels have been sold on the local market so far this season.

The demand for quality beans is unusually good, buyers point out. Farmers are asked to sell their beans while they are young and tender and not to mix grades.

Rains during the past few days have helped to mature many beans that were slightly delayed because of the cool weather this spring.

Property Valuation For West Jefferson Climbs To \$1,877,351; Reduce Tax Rate

Lamb Sale Nets \$8,036.63 Here In Pool Tuesday

Fifty-Four Farmers Take Part In Pool; 409 Lambs Are Sold

A total of fifty-four farmers had lambs for sale on the cooperative pool held at the stock market on Tuesday and received \$8,036.63 for the 409 lambs disposed of.

H. D. Quessenberry, county agent, reported that 208 choice lambs weighing 18,461 lbs. sold for \$23.50 per hundred weight. The group of 48 choice buck lambs, weighing 4,897 lbs., sold for \$23.50 per hundred weight.

There were 75 good lambs which sold for \$21.50 per hundred weight, the total weight being 5,800 lbs. Good bucks totaling 56, sold for \$21.50 per hundred weight. The total weight of these was 4,950 lbs.

In the medium lamb group, twelve were sold for \$16.00 per hundred weight and weighed 814 lbs. The group of five com- (Continued on Page 4)

COOK BOOKS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED HERE

A limited number of the cook book, "Favorite Recipes of North Carolina," have been received by the Skyland Post and are now on sale.

Those who want to get one of these books may call at this office, immediately.

Scottville And Lansing Now Battling For Top Of League

Although dropping two out of three games over the holiday weekend, the Lansing Cubs still managed to maintain a slight lead over Scottville for the top position in the Ashe county league, having won 12 and lost 6.

Scottville finished a perfect weekend Sunday, by trouncing fourth-place Helton, 12-3. West Jefferson was not to be outdone, registering a 14-3 victory over Laurel Springs, the third win in as many days.

Lansing managed to come out of a two-day depression on Sunday to take a 14-11 game from East Jefferson.

As the league enters the second half of the schedule, a sharp battle seems to be shaping up between Lansing, Scottville, and West Jefferson for the circuit crown.

A complete schedule for the second half, which begins next Saturday by nosing out Laurel Springs, 11-10, as did West Jef-

Rate Is Set At \$1.00; Was \$1.75 Last Year; May Pay Now

The increase in valuation in both personal property and real estate under the re-valuation program the tax rate, which was \$1.75 last year has been reduced to \$1.00 this year, officials announced this week.

In the revaluation program after reduction of 40 per cent to cover inflated conditions of real estate and other adjustments were made the present value of real estate is \$1,628,193.00 and personal property is listed at \$259,128.00 giving a total valuation of \$1,877,321.00 for taxable purposes as compared to \$504,815.00 as of last year when the rate was \$1.75. The rate of \$1.00 per hundred this year will give the town \$18,773.21 and this levy as well as income from other sources is expected to clear the town of defaulted obligations, officials pointed out.

It was announced that people could pay taxes now and take advantage of the discounts. It was explained that the out- (Continued on page 3)

SERVICE WILL BE HELD AT TUCKERDALE

There will be a memorial service at the Tuckerdale Baptist church on Sunday at 2:00 p. m. for Mr. R. Miller's daughter, of Jenkins Jones, W. Va., who died of brain fever early last spring. It was announced by Rev. M. D. Hart.

A decoration service will follow at the cemetery, it was stated.

Survey Of School Needs Is Planned By County Board

Some Teachers Are Still Needed In The Lansing District For Coming Year

At a meeting of the county board of education held on Monday, August 25 was decided on the opening date for the schools and other matters including the needed improvements to grounds and buildings were discussed.

Representatives from a number of the schools met with the board of education relative to needed improvements. It was decided by the group to make a survey before work was started on proposed projects.

A. B. Hurt superintendent of schools said he hoped to have a list of teachers for publication within a short time. He explained that most of the teaching positions had been filled, but there were still some vacancies at Lansing, but in the high school and in some of the district schools.

Work is being continued on some of the sanitary projects in connection with the school property and will be completed before the schools open August 23.

N. C. Teacher Pay To Be Set Today

Increase Will Be Determined When State Board Of Education Meets

Raleigh — Schoolteachers of the State will learn today in dollars and cents the amount of salary increase they will receive next school year.

The answer to the question the teachers have been asking since the 1947 General Assembly increased appropriations for their salaries will be forthcoming when the State Board of Education meets here today to adopt a budget for the coming session.

The board's finance committee which has been studying the budget for several weeks—and particularly the question of a teacher salary schedule—will make its report at the meeting.

Available for operating the schools next year is approximately \$59,000,000 compared with approximately \$45,000,000 being spent this year. Approximately \$50,000,000 of the total available or operating the schools has been earmarked for salaries for the 25,000 teachers and principals.

The remaining \$9,000,000 will go as salaries for superintendents, clerical help, bus mechanics, janitors, and bus drivers, for operation of plants—lights, water and fuel and for supplies.

During the Legislature, there was considerable debate over whether the appropriation for teachers' salaries would provide salary increases of 30 per cent. Some legislators argued that it would and others contended that the pay boost for the instructors would be only 27½ per cent.

FAIRVIEW TO HEAR REV. J. H. ARMBRUST

Rev. J. H. Armbrust, district superintendent, of Statesville, will hold services at the Fairview Methodist church at 3:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon, it was announced here this week.

Quarterly conference will be held at this time by Rev. Mr. Armbrust.

Mrs. Wiles, 78 Buried On Wed.

Mrs. Nancy Lutisha Wiles, 78, resident of Crumpler, died early Monday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Shubia Baker of North Wilkesboro, Route 1.

Funeral services were held at 11 a. m. yesterday at the Healing Springs church. Burial was in the Wiles Cemetery near Crumpler. Rev. Bynum Blevins officiated.

Mrs. Wiles is survived by her husband, John M. Wiles, and the following children: Mrs. C. K. Francis and Mrs. George Sawyer of Crumpler, Mrs. W. N. Barker of Smethport, Henry Wiles of Kannapolis, Roscoe Wiles of Elkin, Mrs. C. S. Francis of North Wilkesboro, and Mrs. Baker.