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**ASHE COUNTY IS ...**

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## Superior Court Ended Yesterday

### Land Bought For Proposed Central High School

**49 Lots Secured In Wayman Sale Held Yesterday**

Ideally Located For Central High School For Two Towns

Looking ahead toward the possibilities of erecting a central high school between Jefferson and West Jefferson, the county board of education yesterday bought 49 lots at top of the hill on Wayman property, for \$4,900.

The entire piece of property, containing 38 acres subdivided into 250 lots was sold at auction for a total of \$51,905.00.

J. E. Fender, one of the buyers, bought lots selling for \$750, the highest selling lots for the day. Others buying lots included Mack and Wint Edwards, Todd Gentry, Guy Badger, Vaughn Stringer, Mr. and Mrs. Ira T. Johnston, Dr. J. K. Hunter, Dean McMillan.

The property was sold for J. A. Wayman by Earl Graybeal, agent for Cumbow Land company. Mr. Graybeal stated that he appreciated the cooperation of the large number of people who attended the sale and purchased lots.

There were a total of 31 buyers in the sale and according to reports, this property brought a higher price than any that has been sold near here recently.

**Former Ashe Boy Drowns In Yadkin**

**Body Of Billy Miller, 9, Is Not Found In Search Since Saturday**

Billie Dean Miller, 9, formerly of Obids, son of Mrs. Nora Miller Parsons, of Cricket, and Lawrence Miller of Obids, sank while swimming Saturday in the Yadkin river two miles west of North Wilkesboro and his body has not been recovered as yet.

According to reports by the small boy's two companions, Donald Vannoy and Bryce Carlton, both of Cricket, Billie was testing the water to find out if it was cold when he fell into the river. Carlton jumped in the river with him while Vannoy went for help. Carlton said the younger boy was being carried downstream by the current and that he went along with him and helped him onto some driftwood in the center of the river, telling him to stay there while he went for help. When he looked back Billie was in the water again and was being carried downstream by a swift midcurrent. He said efforts to reach the boy again failed and he sank in the river.

A large group of volunteer searchers were in the river searching for the body Saturday afternoon and the greater part of the night, resuming the search early Sunday morning.

The child is survived by his mother, his father, one brother, Albert Miller, one sister, Lavina Miller and one half brother Tommie Parsons, of Cricket.

**Bean Markets Still Flooded**

With the supply of beans still far exceeding the demand, the prices continue unusually low here as well as on other markets as far as it could be learned.

Market officials pointed out that the outlook was gloomy at the present. It was explained that there would probably be little rise in prices until the demand exceeds the supply. Thousands of bushels have been sold this week ranging from 45 cents to \$1.00 per bushel.

Government marketing specialists have visited the markets this week and plan to assist in taking some of the surplus beans as soon as plans can be worked out, it was announced.

## Lime, Phosphate Now Available To County Farmers



Clark Houck, who recently wrote the song "This Time The Joke's On Me," which is to be published soon.

**Funeral Is Held On Saturday For T. A. Doggett, 67**

**Well Known West Jefferson Man Died Thursday After Critical Illness**

Funeral service was held Saturday morning at eleven o'clock at the residence, here, for Thomas Albert Doggett, 67, well known West Jefferson man, who died at his home, Thursday evening, after a three week's period of critical illness.

Rev. Hoyt Wood, pastor of the West Jefferson Methodist church was in charge of the service and was assisted by Revs. W. P. Boyle and Everett Powers. Burial followed in the West Jefferson cemetery.

The Masons, of which the deceased was a member had charge of the service at the grave. Active pall bearers were Dr. J. K. Hunter, Walter Tucker, Robert Barr, Sharpe Shoemaker, Forrest McMillan and Dean McMillan.

A popular local business man, Mr. Doggett had made his home here for the past 27 years. For many years he was active as a contractor in road construction and later engaged in various other local business interests. His

## West Jefferson, Helton At Top Place In Mt. League

West Jefferson and Helton were twice victorious over the week end while Lansing and Laurel Springs captured only one victory each as the second half of the Mountain Baseball league season gets underway in its second week of play.

Official scores reported for the week end were Saturday, West Jefferson 10, East Jefferson 2; Laurel Springs 18, Lansing 5; Helton 12, Scottville 4; Sunday, West Jefferson 11, Scottville 2; Lansing 11, East Jefferson 3; Helton 6, Laurel Springs 3.

As the second half gets underway Helton now holds top position, with three wins. West Jefferson second with two wins. Lansing and Laurel Springs are tied for third place with one victory and one defeat each.

The standings are as follows:

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Helton	3	0	1.000
West Jefferson	2	0	1.000
Laurel Springs	1	1	.500
Lansing	1	1	.500

**Two Carloads Of Phosphate Arrived Yesterday; Should Make Application**

Melvin Campbell, secretary to the county AAA committee announced yesterday that his office had received instructions from Raleigh to again issue purchase orders for lime, phosphate and other AAA materials and services. This was all stopped some weeks ago when the House slashed the Agricultural funds.

Campbell said that two carloads of phosphate had been received this week and advised that farmers start applying for this again. While no details have been received as yet concerning the county's allotment of funds, all farmers that have not already used theirs in grass seed or some other service are given the go-ahead signal to apply for their orders for phosphate and make payment on lime.

In a telegram from the State AAA office at Raleigh the local office received the following instructions: "You are authorized to immediately resume ordering contract lime and issuing purchase orders for other materials and services."

**Dr. G. T. Rowe Will Teach Here July 27 - Aug. 1**

**Professor Of Theology At Duke University To Be Study Course Instructor**

Dr. Gilbert T. Rowe, professor of theology of Duke University, will teach a study course here beginning Sunday night at eight o'clock. Rev. Hoyt Wood, pastor of the West Jefferson Methodist church, announced this week.

Members of Methodist churches of Ashe county are all urged to be present for the meeting which will continue through August 1. The subject for the course will be "Christian Beliefs."

Dr. Rowe, who has visited here in the county before, will also preach Sunday morning at eleven o'clock at the West Jefferson Methodist church. The public is cordially invited to attend the morning services as well as the study course in the evenings.

Members of the church societies will be given credit for the study course.

## Start Plans Here For Farm Bureau

Plans are now being worked out here to organize an Ashe county unit of the Farm Bureau.

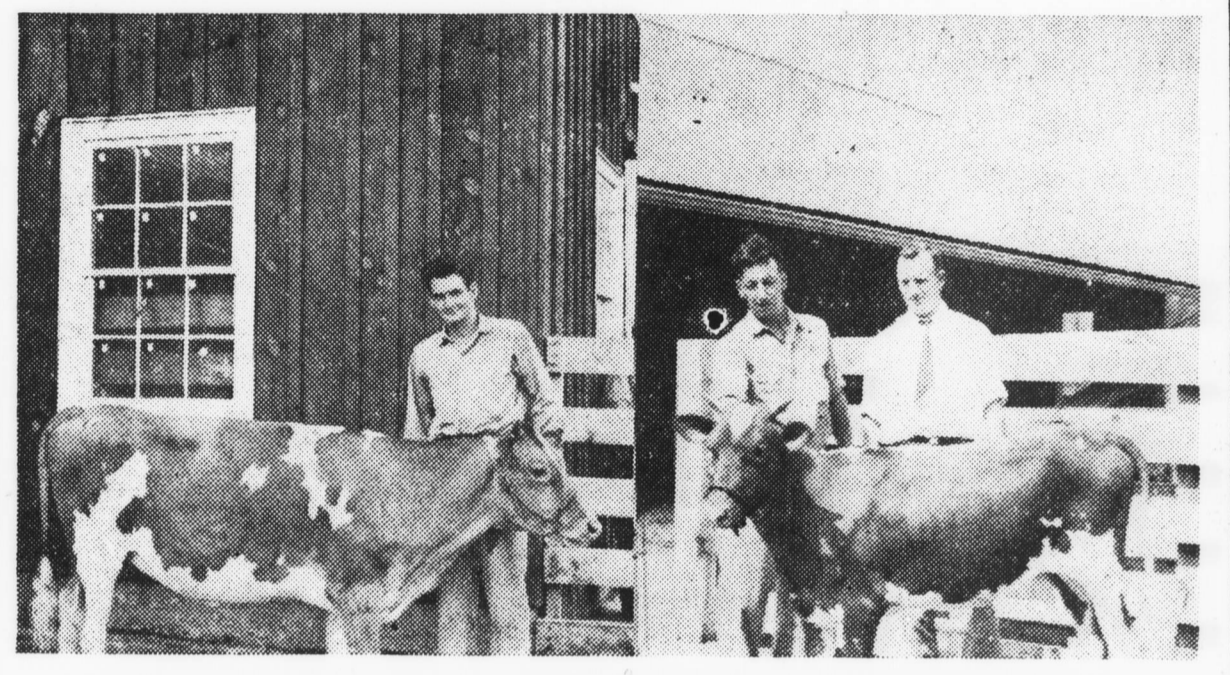
George Farthing, field representative has been contacting a number of farmers in the county and plans to hold an organization meeting this week.

**ATTENDING BOYS' STATE AT BLACKSBURG, VA**

A. B. Hurt, county superintendent of schools is spending a few days this week in Blacksburg, Va., where he is serving as counselor at the session of the Boys' State for Virginia. Mr. Hurt has served in this capacity for several summers.

E. Jefferson	2	0	1.000
Scottville	0	3	.000

## Ashe County Dairymen Buy Registered Guernsey Cattle



Ashe dairymen bought the top animals offered in the Guernsey promotional sale at the State Test Farm, last week. Above left is George Edwards, 4-H club youth of Baldwin with Maxim's Highboy Bea. At the right is Joe Davis, of Laurel Springs, with the top animal of the sale, Clear Spring's Queen Nora. Glenn H. Cartner, manager of Clear Springs Farm gives this prize Guernsey a farewell pat as he passes her over to the new owner. (Staff Photos.)

**Lamb Show Set For Next Monday, Pool On Tuesday**

**Ashe, Alleghany, And Watauga To Have 4-H Club Show And Sale**

Plans are now being completed for the tri-county 4-H club lamb show to be held at the West Jefferson livestock market next Monday afternoon, when a good representation from the three counties is expected. The show will get underway at one o'clock and all 4-H club members from the three counties as well as FFA members are invited to take part. In addition to the \$300.00 in cash prizes, a registered ewe lamb is to be awarded as first prize, it was announced.

It was explained that all lambs not sold on that day would be sold on Tuesday in the lamb pool.

It was explained that there will be four classes as follows:

Pen of three lambs; set of twin lambs; individual lambs; and county group of five.

Buck lambs must be docked and castrated and ewe lambs must be docked in order to show.

Personnel will be available the morning before the show to help any Ashe county boy trim around the dock of his lamb, it was pointed out.

**Singers To Meet At Buffalo, Sun.**

The Ashe county singing convention will be held at the Buffalo Baptist church Sunday morning at ten o'clock, it was announced this week by Coleman Payne.

The Sun Ray Quartet of Hickory, as well as other visiting quartets are expected to be present. The public is cordially invited to attend.

**GOP Rally To Be Held At Boone**

There will be a Republican Rally, sponsored by the Young Republicans of Watauga county, at Boone on Saturday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, it was announced here this week.

A cordial invitation has been extended to all Ashe county Republicans to attend this meeting. B. B. Graybeal, chairman of the Ashe County Republican Executive Committee, said.

Supper will be served on the ground, it was pointed out.

Mr. Don Blackburn was in Bluefield, W. Va., on business this week.

## Ashe County Farmers Buy Animals In Guernsey Sale Held At State Test Farm

**Marvin Warren To Examine For Driver License**

**Will Be At Courthouse On Monday, Tuesday And Saturday From Nine 'Til Five**

Marvin Warren has been assigned to Ashe county to give examinations for driver's license, it was announced this week. He will be at the courthouse on Monday, Tuesday and Saturday from nine until five o'clock.

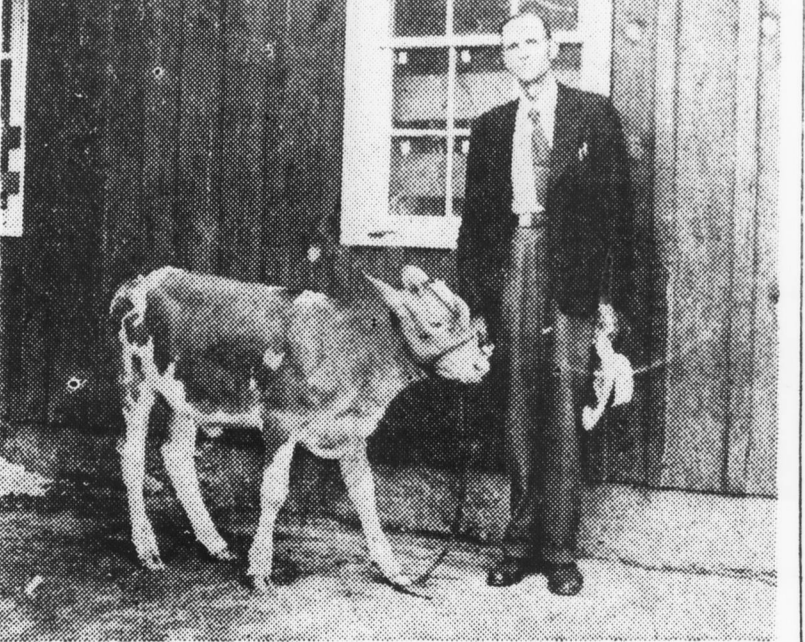
The public is again reminded that all persons whose last names begin with A through D, must be re-examined between now and next June 30, under the new law put into effect by the past legislature.

Major S. L. Gaylor, assistant director of the Highway Safety division, Department of Motor Vehicles, advised North Carolina motorists to get their copies of the Driver Manual from their local license examiners.

Thousands of requests have been pouring into the department here and Gaylor said the department did not have the sufficient clerks to fulfill all the requests.

He said each of the 100 license examiners stationed throughout

## Consigns Two In Guernsey Sale



J. C. Goodman, of West Jefferson, who consigned two Guernsey heifers in the sale last week is shown above with Fairmaid's Genius, bought by J. R. Sharpe of Lenoir, for \$195.00 (Staff Photo.)

**Case Of Land Co. And Town Of W. J. Settled Monday**

**Armstrong Is Judge; Four Divorces Are Granted; Some Cases Are Continued**

Ashe county's July term of superior court for the trial of civil cases ended yesterday at noon with a majority of cases disposed of and some others continued.

The case, expected to occupy the spotlight and in which there was widespread interest, that of T. C. Bowie, et al, and the Town of West Jefferson, in connection with the park and the streets and alleys, was settled by consent judgment. In this case the town received the streets and alleyways and the land company, the park.

When the town was laid off for the sale of lots in the beginning, a park was included in the plat. Since this was not formally accepted and dedicated and had been used by the land company, there arose the question of the ownership. The board of aldermen took steps to restore it to its original use, that of a town park.

It was pointed out by town officials and others officially connected with the effort that due to improper records and the fact that Hugh Potts, the engineer, who made the original plat of West Jefferson and was expected to be the key witness for the town, died recently, the case was weakened.

The loss of his evidence made it impossible for the town to proceed with the case, proving the plat used at the time of the sale.

Attorneys for the town included Ira T. Johnston, R. Floyd Crouse and Fred Folger; those for Bowie and the land company included Erle McMichael, Carlisle Higgins and Sam Erwin.

Another case expected to take some time, that of Helen Bare vs. Val Sheets and Frank Miller was continued.

Four divorces granted included

**Inquest Held In Dancy Death**

**Miller Is Released On \$5,500 Bond; Mash Also Bound Over**

Following an inquest before Coroner R. R. Badger at the courthouse Saturday afternoon, Bill Miller was released on \$5,500 bond and bound over to Superior court in connection with the death of Claude Dancy.

Probable cause for a hit-and-run accident and homicide as a result of hit-and-run driving was found by the coroner at the investigation. Bryce Mash, who was alleged to be with Bill Miller at the time of the accident when Dancy met his death, was released on \$500 bond and named an accessory in the case.

Preliminary investigation made by State highway patrolmen, Sgt. A. H. Clark and Cpl. D. A. Houston, showed that Dancy came to his death near Miller's store at Glendale Springs on July 12.

Arlie Phillips and Ray Taylor, held prior to the investigation on \$200 bond, were released.

**Lamb Pool To Be Held Tuesday**

H. D. Quessenberry, county agent, announced yesterday that Tuesday, July 29, had been set as the date for the next proposed lamb pool for the county.

This is to be held at the West Jefferson livestock market and all farmers having lambs to be sold are asked to bring them in early on that day.

It was explained that some one would be present as early as six o'clock in the morning to receive them and that all lambs must be in before ten o'clock in the morning.