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## Nine Ashe County Women Drawn For Jury Service

### Enrollment May Result In More Teachers Soon

Several County Schools Apply For Increase In Teachers Allotment

With the schools of the county going into the second week of operation, the big increase in enrollment has resulted in such overcrowded conditions that a number of schools have asked for an additional teacher.

West Jefferson, Lansing, Jefferson Riverview and Fleetwood are all showing a big increase in enrollment over last year, not only in the grades but in the high school.

Since the number of teachers is determined by the enrollment, some of these schools have asked for additional teachers, which they expect to get, A. B. Hurt, superintendent of schools said.

It was also pointed out that there is not only too many pupils per teacher in some cases, but there is also a shortage of space in many cases.

Most of the school lunchrooms began operation this week. Others are expected to be activated next week.

### Choate, Seagle Case To Be Tried

Pair Charged With Abortion-Murder, Scheduled To Be Tried In Surry

Mount Airy — Scheduled for trial at the September term of Surry County Superior Court at Dobson are Dr. B. O. Choate of Sparta and William L. Seagle of Charlotte, charged with the abortion-murder of Mrs. Annie Mae Anderson, in August, 1946.

The case, which has been pending for several months, was transferred last Spring from Alleghany county to Surry county, where it was originally scheduled to be tried.

Mrs. Anderson died at Elkin, in Surry, after an abortion was allegedly performed near Sparta, in Alleghany.

Jury list for the term was published recently by Mrs. Bertha M. Shinault, clerk to the board of County Commissioners. Two women are slated for duty on the initial list.

A civil damage suit has also been filed, in connection with the death of Mrs. Anderson.

### Cutri Expected Back Here Soon

Boers Cutri, of the Carolina Paper Corporation, local manufacturer of pipes, is spending some time in Italy on business. He is making a study of the pipe market, but hopes to be back here soon.

In writing to this paper he expressed his delight in being able to visit a mountain section of the country there, which reminded him very much of Western North Carolina mountains.

He also asked to be remembered to all of his many friends here.

### Vets Rush Tues. To Cash Bonds

Ashe county veterans, along with others rushed to banks on Tuesday to cash Armed Forces Leave Bonds, regardless of the fact that many did not need the cash at this time and lost interest by cashing them in.

The First National bank reported that \$20,000 worth of these bonds were cashed and the Northwestern bank, \$10,000 on Tuesday.

Veterans are again reminded that these bonds can be cashed at any time in the future without delay. "Unless you are in real need of the money now, the banks and the United States Treasury Department strongly recommend that you permit your bond to earn interest at two and one-half per cent (up to its maturity) unless you actually need cash," one official said.

## Attendance Will Be Stressed In Schools This Year

AFFIRMS PEACE PLANS



President Truman, who spoke before the Inter-American conference in Brazil this week, emphasized the desire of the U. S. for peace.

### Tribute Paid By Many To John W. Luke On Sunday

All-Day Service Held At Glendale Springs Church on Sunday

Hundreds of people gathered at the Glendale Springs Presbyterian church on Sunday, for the all-day service observing "John Luke Day," in honor of the minister who has spent 20 years of his life here giving unselfish service and devotion to the people of this section.

Dr. E. E. Gillespie preached during the morning service after which a bountiful dinner was served to the hundreds present. During the afternoon service, Rev. R. H. Stone, of Charlotte, presided. (Continued on page 4)

### Plenty Of Text Books Here Now

A. B. Hurt, county superintendent of schools announced yesterday that plenty of text books were now available for the high school and lower grades.

He asked that teachers get their needed supplies on Friday or Saturday. Mr. Hurt pointed out that he was glad to have a good supply at the beginning of the school year so that all pupils could get off to a good start.

## 19 Republics Sign Rio Pact For Keeping Peace In West

Rio De Janeiro — Representatives of 19 of the 21 American republics acting in a concerted effort to outlaw war in the Western Hemisphere, signed Tuesday, the mutual defense treaty framed at the Inter-American conference at Quitandinha.

The statesmen signed the history-making pact in the paneled reception hall of Itamaraty palace, Brazil's Foreign office.

Secretary of State George C. Marshall was the first United States representative to affix his signature to the document. The other American signers were Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg, Republican of Michigan; Senator Tom Connally, Democrat of Texas; Warren R. Austin, chief United States delegate to the United Nations; Representative Sol Bloom, (D) of New York; and William Pawley, United States ambassador to Brazil. President Truman, now visiting Brazil, did not attend the ceremony. The participating nations in the

### Teachers Asked To Cooperate In Keeping Children In School; Board Met Mon.

The importance of keeping children in school regularly was stressed at the meeting of the county board of education on Monday, along with a number of other school problems.

Teachers have been asked to give their full cooperation to the attendance problem and Miss Ruth Tugman, welfare superintendent and attendance officer, will work closely with the school officials it was pointed out.

Attention of the parents as well as the teachers is called to the fact that the compulsory school attendance is from 7 to 16. "We want every child of school age in school," A. B. Hurt, superintendent of schools, said.

Other problems discussed at the board meeting included the rerouting of some of the buses and the adjustment of other minor problems that have arisen since the opening of schools.

The board decided to make a survey of some unused school property in the county and to sell this, while prices are good.

It was decided to proceed with improvement of sanitary conditions, in all of the schools where (Continued on Page 4)

### Merchants Will Meet On Monday

Dinner Meeting To Be Held At Graybeal's Coffee Shop Monday Evening

A dinner meeting of the West Jefferson Merchants' Association will be held at Graybeal's Coffee shop on Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock, followed by an important business session, all members are urged to attend. In order to make final plans, members are urged to let the secretary know today, whether or not they can attend. Directors are to be named and other business pertaining to the improvement of the town and county are to be discussed. Amos Wagoner, president, said.

Merchants who are in arrears on their dues are asked to bring their memberships up-to-date in order to be eligible to vote.

### New Patrolman Begins Duties

Patrolman Robie D. Penell has assumed his duties as patrolman for Ashe county. He began work here on Monday.

Patrolman Penell will patrol this area with Cpl. D. A. Hester who has been in charge of this area for sometime.

### Short Will Be Town Policeman

Melvin Short, of Forest City, will assume his duties here, September 15 as police officer for the town of West Jefferson. Town officials pointed out this week.

Mr. Short, who is now a member of the police force at Forest City, has had police experience at Bowling Rock and Hickory. He has attended S. B. I. and F. B. I. and police schools and is well qualified for the job, it was pointed out.

One of Mr. Short's duties will pertain to the use of the parking meters which are to be installed at an early date.

### Working On Bldg For Warehouse

Work is now underway on the building for the proposed tobacco warehouse and the contractor, Zeb Witherspoon expects to have it completed when the season opens this fall.

Stockholders, who have pledged stock are requested to pay it now and others will be given an opportunity to invest in this project, it was announced by officials this week.

The finance committee will meet after Rotary this evening to formulate plans.

### Babe Ruth Meets A Few Of His Many Junior Champion Fans



The American Legion Junior baseball champions of the mid-west, meet the man who personifies the national pastime to them, Babe Ruth. He is shown surrounded by the inevitable mob of youngsters during the pregame ceremonies.

### Hundreds Attend Baptist Ass'n At Clifton Church

J. C. Goodman Is Again Nailed Moderator And C. L. Blevins, Clerk

Hundreds of Baptists from this section, as well as elsewhere, attended the sixty-first annual session of the Ashe Missionary Baptist Association, held at Clifton, last week, when an inspirational and instructive program was carried out.

In addition to the local pastors and laymen taking part on the program, State Baptist institutions had representatives here, Dr. S. Blanton, dean of religion, Wake Forest; Rev. John Walters, pastor of Thomasville-Orphanage, Mr. Young, of the Baptist hospital in Winston-Salem and Rev. G. W. Bullard, of Raleigh, were all on the program.

J. C. Goodman was again elected moderator, C. L. Blevins, Clerk and Rev. W. E. Dunny, vice-moderator of the association. Miss Virginia Dare Teague was again named as associational missionary for another year.

It was decided that the annual session next year would be held at the Grass Creek Baptist church, beginning the last Friday in August.

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### Coble Wants More Grade A Milk From This Section; Is Giving Barn Demonstrations

### Mountain Union Baptists Begin Meeting Friday

Senter District Primitive Association Will Convene On September 12

The eighty-first annual session of the Mountain Union Baptist Association will convene at the Three Top church, 4 miles from Creston post office, beginning Friday morning.

Elder Luther Powers of Lansing, will preach the introductory sermon. Named as alternate was Elder G. J. Howell, of Sturgills. A large attendance is expected for the three-day session and a number of visiting elders are also expected. Elder James Barker, of Troutdale, Va., is moderator, and E. W. Stansberry, of Lansing, (Continued on page 4)

### DEGRADATION WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY

The annual degradation service for Ashe county will be held Sunday at 12:30 o'clock at the Ashley Methodist church. It was announced here last week that W. F. Berke, will conduct the service. The public is cordially invited to attend this service.

## Truman Pledges Might Of Nation For World Peace

Petropolis, Brazil — President Truman closed the Inter-American conference here Tuesday with a speech pledging basic foreign policy of the United States to a desire for permanent peace but emphasizing that to carry it out the nation was determined to remain strong.

Reiterating the fidelity of his country to the United Nations, the President noted that the world organization had since infancy been embroiled in conflict growing out of an unintended role of trying to make peace rather than to maintain it.

"We must be careful not to prejudice it by this unfair test," he said. "We must cherish the seedling in the hope of a mighty oak. We shall not forget our obligations under the Charter and we shall not permit other to forget theirs."

This brought the first and strongest applause of the address from delegates of the 19 republics who this evening at Itamaraty palace in Rio de Janeiro formally signed the hemisphere defense treaty which Mr. Truman

### Farmers Urged To Get In Grade A Milk Production By Hancock

Gaylord Hancock, production manager of Coble Dairy Products Incorporated, announced this week that his company was now in the market to buy all grade-A milk available in this territory. He also pointed out that Coble plants in Lansing, Sparta and Sugar Grove are now ready to receive grade-A milk. In order to encourage production of this grade milk, this company is also helping farmers to build necessary barns.

"In order to assist dairy farmers to quickly equip their farms to produce grade-A milk the Coble milk products, in co- (Continued on page 4)

### Goodman's Store Sold To Fraziers

Goodman's store was sold this week to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Frazier, who also own Frazier's store here.

It was announced that the store is to be operated as a partnership as it has been in the past, until the 31st of August. The price, however, will be paid by Mr. Frazier. (Continued on page 4)

### Will Serve For First Time Here In October Term

Court Scheduled To Open October 20; Armstrong To Preside

Nine Ashe county women have been drawn for jury service for the Oct. term of superior court, scheduled to open October 20 with Judge Frank Armstrong presiding, and these women who serve will be the first in the county to take on this duty.

Women's names were added to the jury box recently and these drawn on Monday, by the county commissioners for jury service, for the coming term of court include the following: Bessie Osborne, Alice Darnell, Mrs. Clyde Burkett, Mrs. Charles F. Phipps, Fredie Davis, Beatrice Crepps, Villa Osborne, Mrs. Grant Baugness and Mrs. Mazie Asher. The last two are among the extra jurors.

Other jurors drawn besides the women include:

James Baker, J. C. Blackburn, Joe Miller, G. L. Denny, Tom Eldredge, J. C. Shelton, J. S. Rash, W. T. Calloway.

Herman J. Gentry, Joe Little, J. L. Gilley, W. W. Elliott, V. V. McConnell, Marvin Wilcox, M. E. Carter, Claude Wilcox.

Amos Osborne, S. N. Baldwin, Earl Cearley, R. E. Phillips, Felix Bare, L. P. Yates, Blaine Barker, T. E. Donnelly, J. B. Calloway, Robert Osborne, Wade Sheets, Frank Roten, Dan Russ, Extra Jurors, E. S. Shatley, S. H. Yearick, G. B. Dickson, Blair Waddell, Ira Jordan, Sam Graybeal, C. L. Francis, D. Patrick.

### Angus Cattle To Be Sold Sept. 12

Complete Dispersal Sale Of Eugene Transou Herd To Be Held Near Sparta

Farmers of this section will have an opportunity to buy some of the fine Aberdeen Angus cattle at the dispersal sale to be conducted at the Locust Grove farm, near Sparta, on Friday, September 12, at twelve noon.

This is the noted herd of the late Eugene Transou and is being sold by the administrators to settle his estate. The sale consists of 40 cows and heifers, 30 calves and 10 bulls, including the best bull, Epperson 3rd of Le Barca. This herd was established twenty-five years ago and all the cattle are purebred, however, due to loss of records, approximately (Continued on page 4)

### Bean Volume Is Still Good Here

Reports from the local market show that the volume of beans being sold is still good, depending on the quality and demand.

No official data have been set for the closing of the markets as far as the beans usually remain open as long as the supply of beans is sufficient to justify operation.

### Protest Service Of Telephone Co.

Merchants as well as a number of other citizens have verbally protested the proposed increase in the rates of the local telephone company, since the announcement was made last week.

Directors of the West Jefferson Merchants' Association pointed out that the service was extremely poor and that the company should be asked to give better service.

Amos Wagoner, Jr., president of the association declared that an investigation should be made and action taken by users of the telephone service. He expressed surprise that the company should ask for an increase in rates at this time in view of the service rendered.