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More Funds For War Memorial Are Needed Now

All Collectors Are Urged To Make Reports To Treas- urer, L. P. Colvard

Veterans pointed out that more funds are needed in the war memorial drive now underway and those in charge of the drive stated that all collectors should turn their funds into the hands of treasurer, L. P. Colvard.

The memorial is to be two-fold, consisting of an iron lung, that has already been purchased, and a monument to be erected on the courthouse lawn. The monument, to be built of native stone, will bear three bronze tablets commemorating the county's dead of World War I, another of World War II and the third, for the dead of all other wars. This proposed monument will be around four feet square at base and approximately nine feet high, it was explained. It was estimated that the cost of it would be around \$1500.

The iron lung is an Emerson and is modern in every respect. It has many new features including a head-end plate with sloping collar allowing the maximum chin room; stand and opening on head-end plate for extra-venous therapy and special in-side support for paralyzed arms.

The following collections have not been previously reported:
Todd Gentry, \$100.
Mack Edwards, Parker's Store, Blackburn's store, Carl Colvard, Davidson's, Colvard Oil Co., C. & H. Service Station, G. F. P. Chevrolet, Carl Hardin, \$25.00 each.

Wint Edwards, \$10.00.
Healing Springs school, \$7.65.
Fulton Parsons, Sibyl May, Mrs. Frank Colvard, Joe Todd Caudill, Miss Ruth Colvard, Miss Vivian Parsons, \$5.00 each.
Mrs. Walter Colvard, \$2.50.
Mrs. R. T. Crawford, \$2.00.
Roland Bare, Mrs. T. J. Bare, Mrs. R. L. Crawford, Earl Taylor, Mrs. Earl Taylor, E. B. Hartzog, \$1.00 each.

Choate Gets 1-3 Year Sentence

Sparta Doctor Gives Notice Of Appeal To Supreme Court; Bond Set At \$5,000

Dobson—Dr. B. O. Choate, prominent Sparta physician, was sentenced to from one to three years in State prison last Friday by Judge William H. Bobbitt after a Surry county Superior Court jury found him guilty of criminal abortion.

The jury acquitted the Alleghany county physician on a charge of manslaughter in the abortion death of Mrs. Annie Mae Anderson of Charlotte at an Elkin hotel in August, 1946.

Dr. Choate gave notice of appeal to the State Supreme Court and Judge Bobbitt set bond at \$5,000, which was supplied.

Judge Bobbitt found Clarence W. Seagle of Charlotte and Tabor City guilty of criminal abortion and gave him one to three year sentence suspended. He was acquitted on a charge of manslaughter in connection with the death of Mrs. Anderson. He had entered a plea of nolo contendere when trial of the case began Monday. He was placed on probation.

Dr. Choate's counsel, which in- (Continued on page 8)

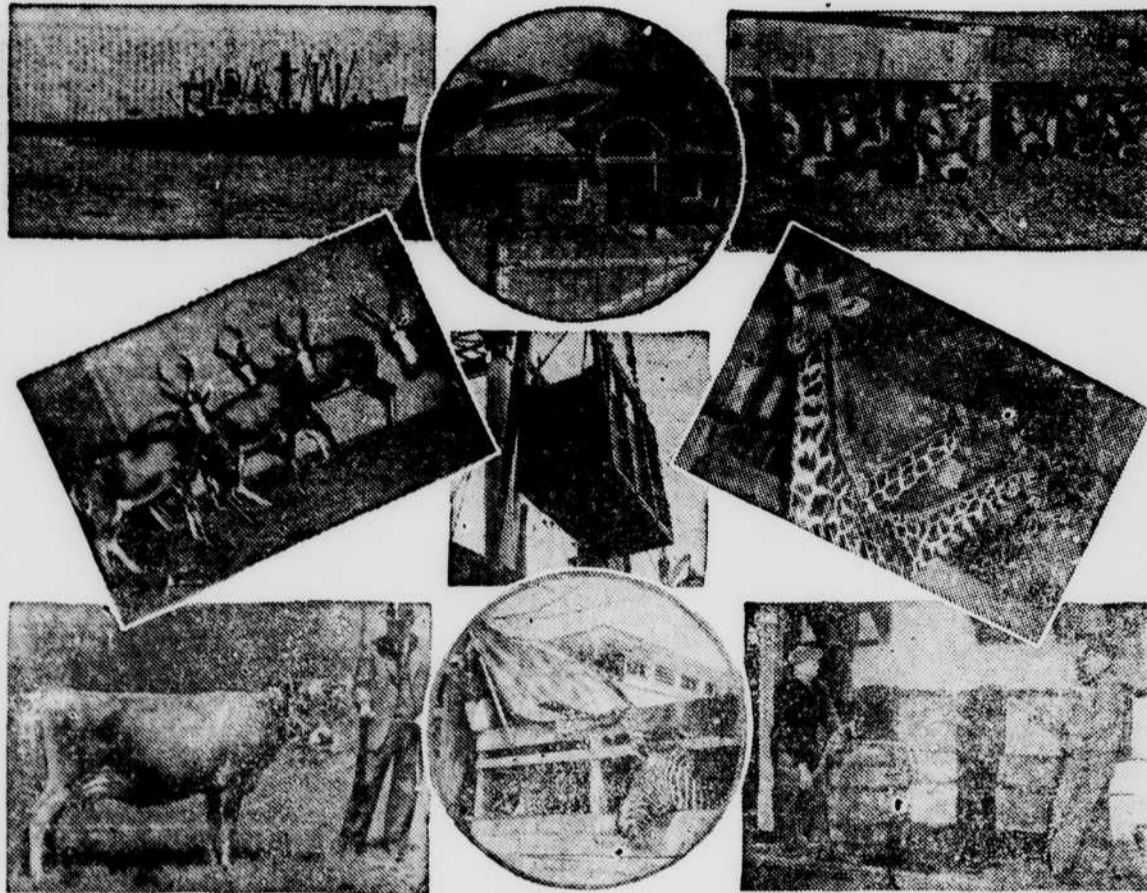
50 Women Attend Church Meeting

The North Wilkesboro district group conference of the Woman's Auxiliary of Winston-Salem Presbytery was well attended by more than fifty women representing the six fields, at the West Jefferson Presbyterian church last Friday, Miss Frances Hesser, missionary to Brazil, was guest speaker.

Mrs. Harry Elliott, of Winston-Salem, Presbyterial president, was also at the meeting and spoke to the group of women on the women's part in the five year program of progress. Mrs. C. Don Coffey, chairman, was also present.

Women representing churches from Ashe, Alleghany and Wilkes counties were present. Mrs. Ivan Miller gave the welcome address and Mrs. Guy Denny was registrar.

Animals From Overseas Are Again Arriving In The U. S.



Animals from overseas are emigrating to the United States again, now that shipping space is available. To protect American livestock against foreign disease they are held in quarantine at Athenia, N. J. Both domestic animals, imported mainly for breeding, and wild animals bound for a zoo must pass through Athenia. During the first six months of 1947, this animal "Ellis Island" received 261 purebred Jersey cattle, 52 antelopes, 16 giraffes, 10 deer, 6 wild swine, and one red buffalo.

Newspaper Contest For High School Students Announced; Valuable Prizes Are Offered

Event Is Launched In Con- nection With National Newspaper Week

In connection with the observance of National Newspaper week, October 1-8 The Skyland Post is again launching its annual county-wide essay contest on the subject, "Your Newspaper Serves Freedom by Serving You," the theme for the week.

All high school students are eligible to enter the contest. Prizes will be awarded the county winners, by this paper. Prizes of \$10.00, \$5.00 and \$3.00 will be awarded to the winners of the first, second and third places.

The essays should be not over 1,500 words in length and the deadline for entering them is December 1. All should be typewritten if possible and sent to this paper before that time. (Continued on page 8)

W. J. P.-T.A. To Meet Mon. Night

The West Jefferson P.-T. A. will meet at the high school auditorium, on Monday, October 6 at three o'clock, Mrs. Dean McMillan, announced this week.

Prior to the meeting the grade mothers have been asked to meet at 2:15 o'clock. It is hoped that all mothers and grade mothers can be present.

Kay Kyser Offers Salute To National Newspaper Week

By Kay Kyser

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Hey chillun, pay attention! Class is now in session and this is your O! Professor telling you it's about time you paid tribute to one of America's greatest institutions — your hometown newspaper!

This is National Newspaper Week and that's no "Comedy of Errors." In fact, it's time we all agreed nothing's more fun than a newspaper. Feeling very scholarly at the moment, I'd say that as the immediate reflection of a community's taste and opinion, your local newspaper is the crystallization of public thought and feeling. Not only that, but you can swat flies with a newspaper and what's better for lining bureau drawers?

Being a high class student myself, ever since I rocked Rocky Mount by winning the zinc-plated yo-yo for being best orator in the drum and bugle, chowder and peanut racing corps, I remember when Shakespeare referred to the seven ages of man. Now we can do that through (Continued on page 8)



Former newsboy Kay Kyser, now famed as the O! Professor, helps pressmen check an edition of the New York Herald Tribune during a visit in honor of National Newspaper Week, October 1 to 8.

Local People Will Attend Telephone Hearing In Raleigh

Scheduled This Afternoon; Will Be Joined By Other Groups

A number of West Jefferson people as well as others in this county and Alleghany will attend the telephone hearing to be held in Raleigh this afternoon, relative to telephone service and rates.

The hearing before the utilities commission was called since the Central Telephone company serving this area has asked for an increase in rates. The West Jefferson Merchants association had previously asked for a hearing in connection with the service, however.

County and town officials from here will be joined by the group from Sparta, which will include Congressman R. L. Doughton.

Among the delegation from here are expected to be A. B. Hurt, county superintendent of schools; H. D. Quessenberry, county agent, Dean McMillan, Jack Rhodes, W. G. Vannoy, Jake Caudill, L. P. Colvard, T. E. Parker, Wade E. Eller, Austin Jones, B. B. Graybeal and others.

The Central Telephone Company is asking in the petition for the authority to establish the following rates for business service in West Jefferson, individual line, \$3.00; four-party line, \$2.25; business extension, \$0.75; rural multi-party line, \$2.50. For residence service, individual line, \$2.25; four-party line, \$1.50; residence extension, \$0.65; rural multi-party line, \$1.75.

PRaises NEWSPAPERS



President Harry Truman, who points out that newspapers have played a splendid part in freedom's cause

Paul Weston Is To Give Concert Here On Friday

Will Be Sponsored By West Jefferson P.-T. A.; Public Is Cordially Invited

Paul Weston, of New York City and Todd, will give an organ concert at the West Jefferson high school Friday evening at 8:00 P. M., under the sponsorship of the Parent-Teachers Association. The proceeds are to be used for improvement of the school building and the public is cordially invited to attend.

Mrs. John Hardin, in charge of arrangements pointed out that Mr. Weston's program on Friday evening would include classical, concert, popular and some hill-billy numbers.

"We feel fortunate in securing Mr. Weston, who is well known, and we hope everyone will avail themselves of the opportunity of (Continued on page 4)

Ashe Fish Game Club Will Meet

The Ashe Fish and Game Club will sponsor a fish fry at The City Cafe on Tuesday, October 7, at seven o'clock. Harvey Payne, president, announced this week. Ross Stevens, executive secretary of the N. C. Federation of Wildlife, Inc., is expected to be present.

The public and all members are cordially invited to attend.

Teams To Decide Date Of Series

Still undecided is the date for the series of the Mountain Baseball League. W. L. Hughes, president, stated this week. Sunday, Helton won a 9-8 victory over East Jefferson, leaving them tied for first place in the second half of the league's season with the West Jefferson team.

Managers of the Helton and West Jefferson teams met last night to decide the date for the play-off, however, the results of the meeting were not available in time for publication.

Winners of the play-off will play Lansing, the champions of the first half of the season.

MISS AUSTIN IS STUDENT BODY HEAD

Miss Polly Austin, was recently named head of the student body of the school of nursing at the Bowman Gray School of Medicine at Winston-Salem, it was learned here.

Miss Austin is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Austin, of Jefferson.

Plans For Inspection Of Motor Vehicles Announced

Raleigh — Plans for North Carolina's motor vehicle mechanical inspection program which will go into effect next January 1 are well underway. Arthur T. Moore, chief of the mechanical inspection division of the Department of Motor Vehicles, announced.

Moore said that in addition to placing an order for the \$80,995 worth of testing equipment, the department was in the process of hiring competent personnel for the job.

Under the program, 40 inspection stations will be established throughout the state. Thirty-six of these units will be permanent, and the other four will serve as replacements and supplementary units. Each station will be equipped with a trailer which will serve as an office. The exact location for all the stations has not yet been worked out, Moore said, adding that they would be determined on the basis of motor vehicle population in specific areas.

Under a law passed by the 1947 general assembly, every motor vehicle registered in North Carolina

Cold Weather Is Felt Here

Jack Frost made his presence really felt here on Saturday night and again Tuesday night. The frost was so heavy many declared it resembled snow.

The temperature dropped as low as 24 in West Jefferson and some other sections of the county.

Winter coats were put into use and citizens resorted to firesides for keeping warm.

The temperature was considered unusually low for this time of year, considering the warm weather felt here earlier this month.

Newspapers Are Lauded By Pres. Of United States

Cites Need Of Defending Free- dom At All Times And To Extend It

In connection with the observance of National Newspaper Week, President Harry Truman has issued the following statement:

"We have the best and freest press in the world, but, as in all other fields of human endeavor, there is always room for improvement. Consequently, it is fitting that there should be a National Newspaper Week when the newspapers of the United States may take stock of their services to their readers.

"I like the slogan you have chosen this year—'Your Newspaper Serves Freedom by Serving You.' There can be no greater contribution to the welfare of our nation and the world than service in the cause of freedom. We are too much inclined to take our own freedom as a matter of course. We need to defend it always, and we need now to do all that we can to extend the blessings of freedom throughout the world.

The newspapers have played a splendid part in this great cause and I know that they can be counted upon in the future."

Mrs. Duncan Was Buried Friday

Died Suddenly On Thursday As A Result Of A Heart Attack

Funeral service was held at the residence in Jefferson Friday afternoon at three o'clock for Mrs. Thomas G. Duncan, 43, well known local woman who died suddenly at her home Thursday morning as a result of a heart attack. Burial followed in the Beaver Creek cemetery.

Rev. Hoyt Wood, pastor of the West Jefferson Methodist church was in charge of the service. He was assisted by Rev. W. T. Whittington, of Damascus, Va., a former pastor of the deceased and Rev. E. W. Powers, pastor of the West Jefferson Baptist church. The deceased, who had been in declining health, remained active until her sudden death, which came as a shock to her many friends.

She was before her marriage Miss Beulah K. Thomas of Zionville, in addition to her husband, she is survived by her mother, Mrs. Lillie Thomas, three sisters, Misses Edna and Mildred Thomas, all of Zionville and Mrs. Don Bingham, of Sugar Grove, Watauga county. Mr. and Mrs. Duncan came to Ashe county from Mountain City, Tenn., in 1935 and have made their home here since that time. For many years, Mrs. Duncan was actively associated with her husband in the Duncan Motor company here, until she became ill.

JUDGE TUCKER AT HOME

Judge B. C. Tucker, who has been undergoing treatment in the Davis hospital in Statesville returned home yesterday.

Among those who have been visiting him in Statesville and here are Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Tucker, of Winston-Salem; Edward Tucker, of Beckley, West Virginia; Mrs. Edward Hall, of Boville, Idaho.

Amateur Hour To Be Held Oct. 24

The amateur hour, to be sponsored by the West Jefferson Parent-Teacher's Association, will be held at the West Jefferson high school on Friday night, October 24, at 7:30, it was announced this week by Mrs. Harvey Payne.

The purpose of this program is to raise money to be used for the first grade room at West Jefferson, it was stated.

Plans are now to have Ivan Miller as master of ceremonies. There will be first, second and third prizes given to the best contestants. Mrs. Millard Graybeal will accompany those who need accompaniment, A. B. Hurt and Ira T. Johnston will be judges for the program.

Mrs. Payne urged all schools that have entries to send them in not later than October 6.