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W. J. MART PASSES 1,500,000 POUND MARK

Will Meet Friday To Plan Food Relief Collection

Churches To Be Asked To Help In Worthy Cause

Sunday, December 19, Is Date For Collection Of Food For Europe

H. D. Quessenberry, county agent, announced yesterday that an organization meeting would be held at the community building on Friday at 1:30 to plan for the county's collection of food for the hungry people of Europe.

Ashe, along with other counties in North Carolina is asked to help fill the North Carolina Friendship Train, which will leave Salisbury, December 22. In order to have the local collection ready for the train, it will be made on Sunday, December 19. It was explained that the foods would be distributed to all countries in Europe, where the churches are given a free rein to do the distributing.

All types of foods that can be shipped are needed. The list includes corn, wheat, oats, rye, barley, all small grains, soy beans, peas, dried fruits, canned meats, canned goods in tin cans, rice, salt, sugar, lard, macaroni, syrup, molasses in cans, cotton which is the only non-food, canned milk, peanuts, pecans, candy, flour, fruit juice in cans.

The food to be transported in the Friendship Train has been referred to as "Christianity in Carload Lots," and all ministers are urged to cooperate in the collection. The schools will also be asked to help.

More details of the drive will be announced next week.

Each minister in the county will be asked to take charge of the collection in his community and church in order to carry out the plan in all of the churches, it was announced. All ministers are urged to attend the meeting on Friday afternoon in the community building.

"People of the county have a real opportunity to help those who need it most in European countries," Mr. Quessenberry said.

Local Merchants Break Ordinance

Cooperation Of All Asked In Helping To Keep Streets Clean

Ralph Campbell, town clerk, pointed out yesterday that several of the merchants of West Jefferson were breaking one of the charter ordinances of the town.

He stated that among the original ordinances was one that stated that "merchants should not sweep trash from their stores into the streets." Local officials say that several merchants have been observed sweeping the trash into the streets. "If this policy continues," Mr. Campbell said, "citations for mayor's court will be issued to those merchants."

The town clerk asked for the cooperation of all merchants in helping to keep the streets of West Jefferson as clean as possible.

Four Convicts Escape At Camp

Of the four convicts, who escaped from the Ashe county prison camp last week, all have been apprehended but one. Daniel Edward McPhail, Raleigh, is still at large.

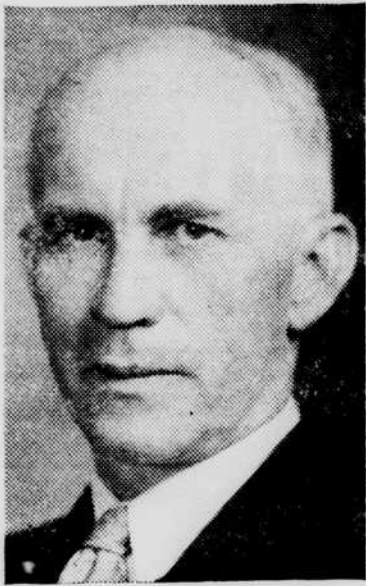
Luther Kimmer, who escaped Wednesday, was caught Thursday.

Obid Sellers, Clarendon and Lewis Crane, Charlotte, escaped Thursday, but were caught Saturday.

McPhail escaped from the camp Thursday and officers are still looking for him. Another prisoner, Ben Blevins, Laurel Springs, escaped from the Ashe county camp, yesterday afternoon, officials reported.

Convention Names County Committee For Farm Program

COUNTY CHAIRMAN



J. W. Gambill, who was again named PMA County Chairman, at the convention on Friday.

J. W. Gambill Is Again Chairman; T. J. Graybeal, Vice-Chairman

J. W. Gambill was again named chairman of the PMA county committee at the county convention last Friday, following the election of community committeemen on Thursday.

Other members of the county committee include T. J. Graybeal, vice-chairman, H. H. Burgess, regular member; S. W. James, first alternate and R. L. Austin, second alternate.

At the meeting of this newly elected committee, G. Melvin Campbell was elected secretary and Miss Edna May, treasurer, for the coming year.

The community committeemen for the various township elected on Thursday are listed here with the chairman first named, vice-chairman, regular member and first and second alternate, in corresponding order:

Chestnut Hill—Robert C. Murray, Carl Blevins, Rex P. Jones, L. H. Trivette, W. W. Blackburn, Clifton—Sam W. James, Quincy H. Ashley, Robert C. Hartsoe, Edd H. Little, Ben F. Little, Creston—John Knox, Chester Banks, Joe Robinson, Finley Miller, Avery Testerman. Elk—J. T. Brown, Clyde Houck, D. R. Jones, Robert Bledsoe, Joe T. Grubb. Grassy Creek—John A. Dickson, Earl H. Handy, Arthur J. Blevins, Ted Graybeal, Geter H. Pugh.

Helton—Bradford L. Waddell, W. Edd Jones, Byron Sexton, Vinson McClure, Ray Spencer. Horse Creek—Edward A. Goss, John Goss, Everett Stansberry, Edgar Stansberry, Millard Campbell.

Hurricane—Fred Blevins, Albert A. Perry, Gilliam Weaver, Howard Tedder, Fred Carter. Jefferson—James M. Little, Oscar Badger, Coy Goodman, Elbert Marsh, J. F. Dillard. Laurel—Bruce Graybeal, T. Watt Pennington, Russell Ham, Quincey G. Williams, Joe Farmer. North Fork—Arlie G. Wilson. (Continued on page 4)

Girl Scouts Are To Serve Supper

It was announced this week that the Girl Scouts of Glendale Springs would serve a supper at Bob's Cafe there on Saturday evening, December 17, in order to raise funds for purchasing uniforms.

In addition to serving the supper it was also announced that they would have a special display of Christmas gifts which they will also sell.

Inspection Lane Returns Dec. 15, For Final Time

The North Carolina Mechanical Inspection Lane is scheduled to return to Ashe county December 15 for the final time this year.

The inspection law requires that all vehicles registered in N. Carolina must be inspected once in 1948 and every six months thereafter.

When the lane left in November there were still some 200 vehicles registered in this county that had not been inspected. All vehicle owners, who have not had their car or truck inspected, are urged to bring their vehicle to the lane next week so that all cars registered in this county will be inspected.

Arthur T. Moore, Director of Mechanical Inspection Division of the Department of Motor Vehicles, stated that the general condition of vehicles had im-

Blackburn, VFW Play Jefferson

The Blackburn all-stars and VFW boys play the Jefferson high school basketball teams in two games tonight at the West Jefferson gymnasium. The girl's game will start at 7:30.

Blackburn's and the VFW team are undefeated in games thus far this season. Stars for the two teams are Vivian Johnson and R. C. Miller.

Hundreds Follow The Sales On The W. J. Tobacco Market



Buyers examine the leaf as sales go on. Farmers and others follow with interest the sales at the Tri-State Burley Warehouse where records are being set for high prices on good tobacco. (Staff Photo by Nena Barr.)

Library Board Discusses Plans For New Building

To Make Changes In Distribution Of Books To Elementary Schools

At a meeting of the Ashe County Library Board, the need for the erection of a much needed library building was discussed and the possibilities pointed out. A. B. Hurt, superintendent of schools, said that if the location and materials could be secured, the cooperation of the veteran's training class could be had on the labor.

It was pointed out that by erecting a building, rental funds could be saved and it was also announced that some funds would have to be raised by private subscription. The board decided to consider the matter and to present it again at an early date.

A. B. Hurt, superintendent of schools, reported that there had been much complaint among the teachers regarding the poor circulation of the school books in the traveling unit of the library as operated by Mrs. Ethel Boyd. Other members also reported complaints about failure to circulate the books to all of the small schools often enough. The board decided to keep this part of the library, which is housed in the Neal building at Jefferson, open all day on Saturdays so that the teachers could come in for their books then and return those already read.

Due to the fact that reports revealed that the cost of the operation of the bookmobile by Mrs. Boyd was excessive as compared to the circulation it made possible, the board voted to curtail the use of the bookmobile during the winter months.

It was revealed that since the bookmobile was used by Mrs. Boyd for her private transportation to and from Glendale Springs to Jefferson, that it could not be classed as a public vehicle and hence could not be allowed tax-free gas as the school buses are. This increases the cost almost one-half, authorities said.

Figures revealed that when (Continued on page 4)

Brevard Defeats Mars Hill 33 - 13

A powerful Brevard College football team, sparked by the brilliant all-around play of tailback Don Hipps, defeated a fighting Mars Hill eleven, 33-13, Thanksgiving day at Mars Hill.

Hipps ran, passed and kicked the Brevard team to their triumph, getting plenty of assistance from a big line and backs Albert Thomas and Clifton Rigbins.

This paper, through error, reported last week that Mars Hill won the game.

Ashe Gets \$5,000 Additional For Phosphate For '48 PMA Program; Farmers To Apply

Store Windows Draw Attention; Winners Named

Judges Select Belk's Blackburn's And Ray's As Best Among Merchants

West Jefferson merchants, large and small are putting on a Merry Christmas in their windows, which are attracting much attention as shoppers hurry along with their Christmas buying.

In the contest, sponsored by this newspaper, in which Miss Nena Barr, C. E. Gardner, assistant county agent, and Mrs. Gardner, teacher at Nathan's Creek, served as judges, first place was awarded to Belk's Department Store, second to Blackburn's and third to Ray Drug Store.

Each year this paper offers cash prizes in order to stimulate interest and the judges are out. (Continued on page 8)

P.-T. A. Asks For Return Of Plates

Mrs. Dean McMillan, P.-T. A. president, stated yesterday that she wanted all bowls, plates and pans, belonging to the community building to be returned. She said that the P.-T. A. serves the Rotary Club dinner each Thursday, and that all the utensils are needed for that purpose.

The cooking utensils may be left at the W. J. Parts Co., or at her home, she stated.

V-C Girls And W. J. Boys Undefeated In Basketball

The Virginia - Carolina girls and West Jefferson boys remain undefeated as the half-way mark approaches in county basketball schedules. V-C took two games during the past week, defeating Healing Springs, 53-50, and Elkland, 56-25, while the West Jefferson boys won their only game, 49-46, over a tough Nathan's Creek team.

V-C won both games Tuesday night when the girls won 56-25 and the boys, 54-43. Adams led the V-C girls to this victory while Halsey shot 25 points to pace the boy's win.

In other games Tuesday night, Nathan's Creek defeated Riverview, with the girls winning 31-17 and the boys, 35-22. Hazel Jones shot 20 points to lead the girls and Shatley scored 10 points for the winning boy's team.

Farmers Who Have Not Made Reports Are Asked To Do So Immediately

G. Melvin Campbell secretary to the county PMA committee, said this week that Ashe has been given \$5,000 additional money to be used to furnish phosphate to farmers on the 1948 PMA farm program. "Any farmer may receive additional material if the 1948 application for the farm has not been transmitted to the State Office," he said.

"Every farmer, who has not already done so, is asked to make a performance report and sign an application for payment at once. Everyone who received material in 1948 will receive a small payment increase check. This check can not be mailed until a report is made and the application signed," Secretary Campbell continued.

"All lime and phosphate received by the farm on the 1948 program must be applied by December 31. Material not applied by this date will be transferred to the 1949 program and the farm will probably not be able to receive any 1949 material," he concluded.

Special Meeting For Beaver Creek

It was announced this week that the eastern representative of the National Benevolent Association will speak tonight at the Christian church, Beaver Creek. Everyone is invited to attend this meeting and see the pictures that will be shown, the announcement stated.

Growers Paid Over \$654,000 Since Opening

High Quality Tobacco Sells As High As 65c Pound; Plenty Of Room

The West Jefferson Tobacco market continues to set a record for pounds as well as high prices on quality tobacco, according to sales figures released late yesterday.

The Tri-State Burley warehouses have already sold more than 1,500,000 pounds for over \$650,000.00.

High quality tobacco is bringing an unusually good price and the lower qualities are also selling well in consideration of the grades by government graders. Many piles of best grade tobacco brought as high as 65 cents per pound.

Officials estimated that the average so far is around \$47.70 per hundred.

Buyers from the various companies are high in their praise of the market, which is one of the newest in the burley belt.

Bailey Glenn, of Reynolds Tobacco Company, told a Post reporter yesterday that he was highly pleased with it and felt that it would continue to grow.

C. C. and Rex Taylor, operators of the warehouses, said they were happy to be serving the growers of this entire area. "Keep on bringing us your tobacco. We will always give you the best service and price possible," C. C. Taylor said.

There are now two warehouses, with sales daily and the floors are cleared each day.

Farmers are again advised by the U. S. Department graders not to bring their tobacco in wet. "This will lower the price of quality tobacco," one grader pointed out.

"Farmers grow as fine tobacco here as can be found anywhere and for this reason should handle it properly in order to assure the best possible price," an official said.

Tobacco Buyers Speak To Rotary

Miss Crosby Discussed Home Demonstration And 4-H Work In County

W. B. Austin, who has charge of the program tonight, stated that tobacco buyers from the various companies on the Tri-State Burley Market would be his guests and make informal talks to the group.

Miss Ella Mae Crosby, Ashe home demonstration agent, spoke to the Jeffersons Rotary club last Thursday night on the work of home demonstration and 4-H clubs in this county.

She pointed out the importance of this work to the farm life and commented on club activities during the past year. Glenn Graybeal, who had charge of the program, introduced the speaker to the group.

John Reeves, program chairman, said that the annual Christmas ladies' night, would be December 16 and that Rev. Hoyt Wood, Dr. J. K. Hunter and Coleman Payne would have charge of the program.

Questionnaires Must Be Returned

Miss Winona Roland, clerk for the local draft board, announced yesterday that all questionnaires must be returned to the board within ten days after they are mailed to the registrants.

"Those registrants, who do not return questionnaires within the proper time, will be turned in to the State Selective Service Board as delinquents from this board," Miss Roland said.

These questionnaires must be either typed or written in ink, the clerk added.