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COUNTY HAS SCHOOL BUILDING PROBLEMS

Over 50,000 Visit Parkway In This Area On July 4

Biggest Crowd On Record Sees Scenic Beauty

Sunday And Monday Both Big
Days; Picnic Grounds
Are Filled

The call of the beautiful Blue Ridge Parkway in this area and the cool mountain air attracted what was believed by officials to be a record crowd over the July 4 holiday week end.

Officials said there were more than 10,000 cars on the Parkway in this area, with Bluff Park being the center of attraction. It was also pointed out that there was an average of five people to each car, bringing the total visitors up to more than 50,000.

Picnic grounds were filled to capacity on both days while many others ate in nearby hotels, and restaurants.

Of special attraction along the Parkway, which was bordered in its best summer greenery, enhanced by recent rains, was the white and pale pink rhododendron.

"With all of the beautiful views I believe the cool mountain air was most welcomed by those coming from a distance where the weather has been so excessively hot," one official said.

Cars from more than 22 states were counted among the visitors.

No accidents were reported in this vicinity and traffic was handled unusually well by officials who were busy much of the time giving directions and answering questions along the Parkway.

Former County

Man Promoted

Charles E. Weaver Is Named
Manager Of Charlotte
VA Office

Charles E. Weaver, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Weaver, of Lansing, has been named manager of the VA office in Charlotte and begins his new duties this week.

Mr. Weaver, who has been assistant manager of the Winston-Salem VA office since 1946, is now in charge of the Charlotte office which houses the loan guaranty division and the chief attorney's office of the regional VA office.

A veteran of the army in World War II, Mr. Weaver has been with the regional office since February 1945. He attended Lees McRae Junior College, Duke University and Appalachian.

Presbytery To Meet On July 12

The Presbytery of Winston-Salem will convene in West Jefferson for its regular meeting on Tuesday, July 12, it was announced this week. The meeting will be held at the West Jefferson Presbyterian church.

Plans were announced this week that the Women of Church of the West Jefferson Presbyterian church have made plans to serve lunch to the men attending the Presbytery meeting.

Mrs. Girtman, 67, Buried Wednesday

The funeral service for Mrs. Ada Girtman, 67, Laurel Springs, was held yesterday morning at eleven o'clock at the Transou Methodist church, with interment in the Transou cemetery. Rev. Grace Jones officiated.

Mrs. Girtman, who was the wife of G. W. Girtman, died Monday afternoon at her home at Laurel Springs from heart trouble.

She is survived by her husband and the following children: W. F. McGrady, Ronald, Alfred and Howard Girtman; Mrs. Pearl Bare and Mrs. Bell Little.

Officers Of Rotary Club Are To Be Installed Tonight; J. V. Caudill Is President

ROTARY PRESIDENT



J. V. Caudill, new president of Jeffersons Rotary Club.

918 Sheep Sold In Second Lamb Pool Held Tues.

Top Price Of Twenty - Six
Cents Per Pound Paid
For Choice Grade

H. D. Quessenberry, county agent, announced yesterday that a high bid of 26 cents per pound for choice lambs was made by New York Butchers, over Swift and Company, in the second lamb pool that was held at the West Jefferson Livestock Market, Tuesday.

A total of 918 sheep were sold in the second pool, bringing \$13,581.48 for 76,152 pounds.

In the choice grade, bringing 26 cents per pound, were 393 lambs, weighing 36,139 pounds, for a total amount of \$9396.14.

Good lambs, 421, weighing 33,722 pounds, brought 24c per pound, selling for \$8,093.28. Seventy-one medium lambs, selling at 2-1-2c per pound, sold for \$995.89. Two common lambs sold for \$37.40, selling at 17c per pound.

Three good ewes sold at 6-1-2c per pound, bringing \$26.65, while six medium ewes sold for \$26.36. They sold at 4c per pound. One good ram was sold for \$5.76.

In the two lamb pools held this season, 1263 head were sold for \$26,444.91.

Agent Quessenberry said that the third lamb pool of the season would be held the last of this month or the first part of August. Definite plans on the third pool will be announced later, he pointed out.

Safe And Sane July 4th Is Observed In County

Ashe county observed a quiet safe and sane July 4 with no accidents of serious nature reported. Picnicing, ball games and other outings were among the favorite pastimes.

This was in quiet contrast to much of the rest of the nation, where the final death toll of 818, by far the highest for any holiday period in history, was reported for the week end observance of July 4.

The National Safety Council called the appalling holiday carnage "a disgrace to a civilized nation."

From 6 p. m., Friday to midnight Monday, a United Press tabulation showed that:

321 persons were killed in traffic.
278 drowned.
1 of heat prostration.

Committee Chairmen Are
Named; Plans For Year
To Be Outlined

Officers for the new year will be installed tonight at the meeting of the Jeffersons Rotary Club at the community building. Jake Caudill will succeed Dean McMillan as president of the club.

Other officers to be installed are Bruce Porter, vice-president; Harvey Payne, secretary-treasurer and Jim Graham, sergeant-at-arms.

Club directors are, in addition to the president, Dean McMillan, Bruce Porter, Jim Graham, Merrill Graybeal, Tom Sears and L. B. Tyson.

Jason B. Denton is Rotary Governor for the 280th district of which the local club is a member and Percy Hodgson is the new president of Rotary International.

Committees, appointed by the president and club directors, will be announced at the meeting tonight, in addition to some of the

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Commissioners Meet Friday To Consider Budget

Tax Rate Expected To Be Set
At Special Meeting After
Studying Budget

A special meeting of the Ashe County Commissioners will be held on Friday when the proposed budget will be studied in consideration of the tax rate which is expected to be set at this time.

The regular meeting was held on Tuesday, but due to the fact that the Chairman, Wade E. Vannoy, had been called out of the State for a funeral no action was taken by the other members on the proposed budget, as compiled by E. W. Smith, auditor and C. S. Neal, county accountant.

When the budget is accepted and approved, the tax rate for the coming year will be set, officials announced.

In addition to Chairman Vannoy, other members of the board of commissioners are V. C. Lillard and John Houck.

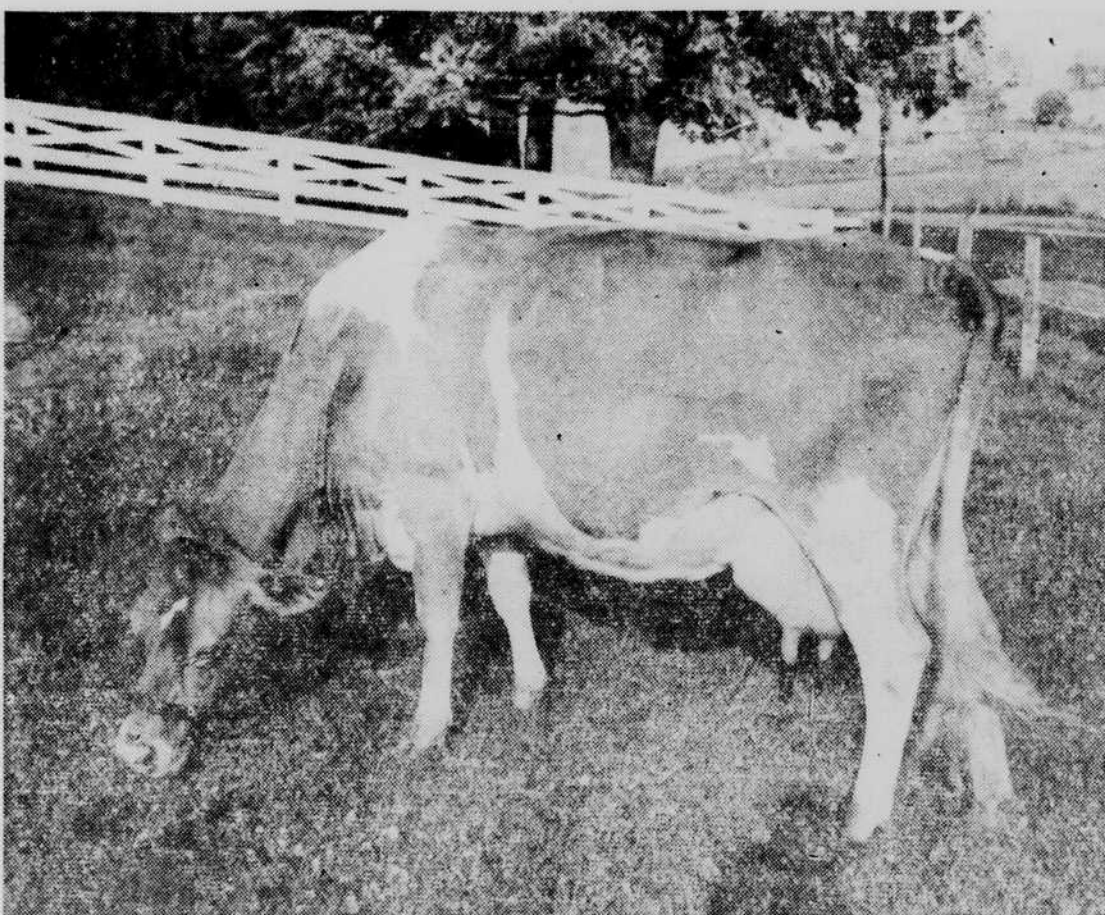
Dr. Arlie Plummer Is Seriously Ill

Dr. Arlie Plummer, Rawlins, Wyoming, remains critically ill, having suffered a stroke a few days ago.

Mrs. R. E. L. Plummer, who flew there on Sunday is with her son.

Dr. Plummer has many friends and relatives in this area who will regret to learn of his illness.

Interest In Registered Guernseys Growing In County



More and more farmers in this county are becoming interested in pure-bred registered Guernsey cows. The above Guernsey belongs to Norman Duffall, West Jefferson.

18,000 Bushels Of Beans Sold On Local Market

Prices Range From \$1.65 To
\$2.05; Average From \$1.75
To \$1.90 Per Bushel

Officials of the Farmers' Bean and Vegetable Market reported yesterday that around 18,000 bushels of beans had been sold since the opening on June 29.

Prices range from \$1.65 to \$2.05 per bushel with the average running from \$1.75 to \$1.90, it was pointed out.

As far as it could be learned, these prices are slightly higher

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To Compile List Of Unpaid Taxes

Mrs. Elizabeth V. Miller, Ashe county tax collector, announced this week all taxpayers who have not paid 1948 taxes should do so at once, as the advertising list of unpaid taxes will be compiled soon.

She pointed out that by paying taxes now, taxpayers would avoid additional penalty and advertising costs. The penalty is now four per cent and will be increased one-half per cent each month until paid, the tax collector stated.

Farmers Urged To Save Beans

H. D. Quessenberry, county agent, again reminded farmers that there appeared to be a new threat to the bean crop in Ashe county through a new type of deadly insects, the leaf hopper and thrip.

He explained that the leaf hopper attacks the leaf, chiefly of pole beans and thrip the bloom. The latter is a small, green flying insect, hard to discover, he continued.

He said that through experiment it had been proven that three percent DDT dust will kill both types of these pests but should be used immediately since they do their damage quickly. He pointed out that this could be used with the regular rotonone dust or separately.

"These insects could do great damage to our crop of beans unless they are stopped," he concluded.

Colvard Outlines Possibilities And Problems Of Dairymen At Annual Guernsey Meeting

Guernsey Sale At Test Farm Attracts Many

Many Ashe County Dairymen
Purchase Fine Animals;
Several From County

With interest and attendance topping previous records the Sixth Annual Ashe County Guernsey sale held at the State Test Farm on Friday was one of the most successful of its kind ever held in this area.

Visitors and buyers registered keen interest throughout the sale when 39 animals were auctioned off to the highest bidders.

Harry Hamilton, well known auctioneer, was in charge of the selling and R. A. McLaughlin, of Coble's read the pedigrees. R. E. Black, H. D. Quessenberry and James Graham assisted with the bidding and recording.

The sale, which is sponsored annually by the Ashe County Guernsey Breeders' Association, and the extension division has animals consigned from some of the best herds in the State.

At the sale on Friday, the

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Compares This Section With
Others Recently Visited
In United States

Farmers were asked to weigh the problems and possibilities of the continuous development of the dairy industry in this section by Dr. Dean Colvard, head of Animal Husbandry at State College, at the annual dairy meeting held at Shatley Springs last Thursday evening.

The meeting, held on the eve of the Guernsey sale, which took place on Friday at the State Test Farm, was widely attended by Rotarians, Ashe county dairymen and many others from elsewhere with animals consigned in the sale. Dairy companies purchasing milk in this area also had representatives there.

The speaker, presented by H. D. Quessenberry, who was in charge of the program told of his recent visit to New York State, Wisconsin and other dairying states and the problems he encountered there.

He brought out the fact that there had been and would be good and bad years as far as the profit side of the industry goes. He also stated that the most successful farmers did not jump

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Many Appeared Before Board At Meeting Monday

State Funds Are Not To Be
Released Until Projects
Are Approved

Ashe county, along with many others in this State, is confronted with school building problems, because of the overcrowded and unsafe conditions of many of the buildings.

But according to reports from State officials, there will probably be little or no State funds available for buildings in time to complete them for the coming school term.

At a meeting of the county board of education on Monday, the problems and possible solutions were discussed, when representatives of a number of school districts of the county were present.

It was revealed, however, that State funds for building will only be released when projects are approved and these are to be carefully considered in the light of present, as well as future needs. Applications for proposed buildings must be made in order that they might be surveyed by State school officials, it was pointed out. It was also explained that the plans must be both feasible and practical.

A. B. Hurt, superintendent of schools, said that every effort would be made to secure some of the funds as soon as they are released, because of the critical needs in this county.

The board of education had planned to meet with the county commissioners to discuss some of the possibilities; but due to the absence of the chairman, Wade E. Vannoy, this meeting was postponed.

Legion Post To Install Officers

Leonard Shepherd, Command-
er; P. G. Wright, Adju-
tant-Finance Officer

Leonard H. Shepherd will be installed as post commander of Ashe County Post 171 of the American Legion at the meeting to be held Saturday night at the community building.

Other officers to be installed at the meeting to serve with Commander - elect Shepherd are P. G. Wright, veteran post adjutant and finance officer; James T. Capps, first vice-commander; Bradley Goodman, second vice-

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Service Office Moved This Week

Leonard Shepherd, full-time Ashe county service officer, announced yesterday that the office is now located in the jury room at the courthouse. It was formerly located at the town hall in West Jefferson.

Veterans in need of service by this office are asked to contact Mr. Shepherd at the courthouse between 8:30 a. m., and 4:00 p. m.

Men Caught For Blasting Creek

James W. Miller, of Iredell county and Lawrence Houston Hollar, Jr., also of Iredell county, were arrested Tuesday afternoon by R. H. Koontz, district fish and game protector, and Walter Edmisten, supervisor of district 7 for the North Carolina Wildlife Resource Commission, for dynamiting fish in Buffalo Creek below Smethport.

They were tried before Justice of the Peace, Dave Burkett, and bound over to Superior Court under bond of \$500 each.

Mr. Koontz calls attention to the fact that it is unlawful to use explosives to kill fish.



Ruth Ann Steinhagen (left), 19-year-old stenographer, admitted she shot Eddie Waitkus, first baseman of the Phillies, in a Chicago hotel room to "satisfy an urge"; and Estelle Gregor (right), Jackson Heights, New York, show girl, told of a three-year friendship with the ballplayer, saying whenever they were playing in the same town they'd have dinner together and perhaps see a show.