

PRESIDENT ASKS FOR MILITARY TRAINING County-Wide Basketball Tournament Opens Tues.

All Ashe County High Schools Are To Participate

Will Be Held At West Jefferson Gymnasium; Expect Record Attendance

Ashe county basketball fans will have an opportunity to see their favorite teams in action here next week when the county-wide tournament gets underway on Tuesday and continues thru Saturday night.

The tournament is to be held at the West Jefferson high school gymnasium, where additional seating arrangements are being made to take care of the record crowd expected to attend.

Among the top boys teams are West Jefferson and Jefferson, and as usual, among the top girls are Virginia-Carolina, Jefferson and West Jefferson, have also made an unusual showing this year. But anything can happen in this tournament, which is usually full of surprises.

Door keepers for the tournament will be Ron Davis, Dell Goodman and L. K. Halsey.

The schedule for the games will be prepared by Dale Atwood, Harold Miller and Paul Miller. Orville Jackson and Glenn Miller will be scorers and Dale Atwood and Robert Davis will keep time.

New G-E Store To Open Friday

John F. Reeves To Manage New W. J. Electric Company Here

Plans are now completed for the formal opening of the W. J. Electric Company here on Friday and Saturday. Joan F. Reeves, manager announced and add that the public is cordially invited to attend.

This new store, which will carry a complete line of G-E appliances is associated with the W. J. Parts Company and is owned by John F. Reeves, W. D. and Gale McMillan. It is located on State Street, just off of Jefferson Avenue, across from the Sinclair Service Station.

Manager Reeves announced that a large group of attendance prizes would be offered for the opening days, Friday and Saturday and asked everyone to visit the new store and see the fine array of electrical appliances. Attendance prizes include a five-tube table model radio, a steam iron, an alarm clock and a Daisy deluxe can opener.

Mr. Reeves, who has been associated with the W. J. Parts Company for the past two years, was previously connected with The Skyland Post for many years and has many friends throughout this area who will be glad to learn of his new connection. He will be assisted by William Wyrick, formerly with Ray Drug Company.

Scout School To End Fri. Night

Scouters in Ashe county have been conducting a week of training, which will end with an outdoor camping session, weather permitting, tomorrow night. Here for the special week of scouters training is Ralph Harbison, scout executive of the Old Hickory Council. Aiding in the course are Revs. Hoyt Wood and J. W. Luke.

Attendance has been exceptionally good with an average of 16 men reporting each night. Instruction classes have been held at the community building.

REV. REX CAMPBELL PREACHES HERE, SUN.

Rev. Rex Campbell was the guest pastor of the West Jefferson Baptist church on Sunday and delivered the sermon at the morning service.

Delivers World-Significant Message



President Harry S. Truman, who told the members of congress yesterday in a joint session, that the position of the U. S. should be made unmistakably clear in the present world-crisis.

Red Cross Fund Reaches \$700.00; Still Far Short Of County's Quota Of \$1,250.00

All Workers As Well As Schools Are Asked To Turn In Contributions

Reports yesterday afternoon revealed that while Ashe county's Red Cross Fund Drive is slowly climbing, it is still far short of the quota of \$1250, with only \$706.27 turned in. All workers as well as schools are asked to report their results.

"We want to conclude the drive on time and urge all individuals who have not made a contribution to do so without more delay," Ray Blevins, chairman, said.

Given below is a list of contributions not previously reported: Graybeal's Drug Store, \$20.00; G. F. P. Chevrolet Co., \$15.00; Burgess, Todd Drug Co., \$15.00 each.

Baldwin school, \$12.85; Farmers' Supply Co., Parker Tie Co., Dr. Ed Jones, Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Fred N. Colvard, John A. Weaver, Parker Store, Barr Lumber Co., \$10.00 each.

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NEW JAILER BEGINS DUTIES THIS WEEK

R. D. Sheets this week began his duties as the jailer for Ashe county, succeeding W. H. Owens who has served as jailer for some time. Mr. Owens moved to his home at Idlewild and Mr. Sheets moved into his new quarters.

Jefferson Boys Victorious Once More In W.-S. Tourney

The Jefferson boys, the last of the Ashe county teams to remain in the 22nd annual Journal and Sentinel Northwest Tournament, defeated Scots 39-16 and are scheduled to meet the winner of the Sedge Garden-Granite Falls game Friday afternoon at three o'clock.

The Jefferson girls were eliminated Tuesday night when they lost to Claremont in a defensive dual, 18-12.

The rivals battled to a scoreless deadlock in the first period. B. Little, Claremont forward, broke the tie by sinking two foul tosses just after the second period opened. Deal scored a field goal for Claremont a few minutes later to make the score 4-0 for the Catawba six at half-time. Jefferson scored at 1:10 of 3rd period and later tied the score at 6-6.

Claremont guards did a beautiful job of holding Jefferson in check while Gladys Watson did a brilliant guarding job for Jefferson. She switched to forward in the last few minutes and Claremont pulled away with three baskets.

GIRLS' GAME

Pos. Claremont (18) (12) Jef. F. C. Sigmon 7 B. Haynes F. B. Little 11 3. N. Haynes F. D. Sigmon 1 Rash G. P. Little Austin G. Whitner Watson G. F. Sigmon Francis Score at half: Claremont 4, Jefferson 0.

Substitutes: Claremont—Carpenter, Epps, Deal, M. Little, Jefferson—None.

On Saturday night the girls defeated Taylorsville from Alexander county, 27-8. The local guards held Taylorsville to two foul tosses in the first half and

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Merchants To Aid In Securing New Industries Here

Plans Outlined At Meeting Of Directors On Monday Night

At the regular meeting of the directors of the West Jefferson Merchant's Association on Monday evening, plans and possibilities of securing new industries for this section were outlined and the group voted to meet again with a larger representation of business men on Wednesday afternoon when a representative of the employment commission was present and discussed plans with them.

On both occasions the merchants voted to cooperate in every way in securing some new industries. Don Blackburn, Jack

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Teachers Name James Head Of County NCEA

Group Meetings Are Held; Delegates To State Convention Chosen

At a county-wide meeting of Ashe teachers yesterday afternoon, Frank James was chosen president of the county unit of the NCEA to succeed Mrs. Gertrude Vaught, who has efficiently and successfully served in this capacity for the past three years.

Other officers elected included Herbert Graybeal, vice-president; Mrs. Frank James, secretary and Mrs. Blanche Pugh, treasurer. Delegates were also named for the State convention, scheduled for April 15.

Group meetings were held with special demonstrations and other features for the various groups

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Yates Named By Republicans As County Chairman

Jim Yates was named chairman of the Ashe County Republican Executive Committee at the party's county convention held last Saturday afternoon at the courthouse. Mr. Yates replaces B. B. Graybeal, who has served in that capacity for the last several years.

Following the election of delegates on Saturday, Mr. Graybeal and Mr. Yates left Wednesday for the district convention at Salisbury and will attend the State convention at Durham, today.

At the meeting Saturday the county group pledged support to Hobart Martin, of Albemarle, candidate for national committee chairmanship to replace Charles Jonas, who resigned.

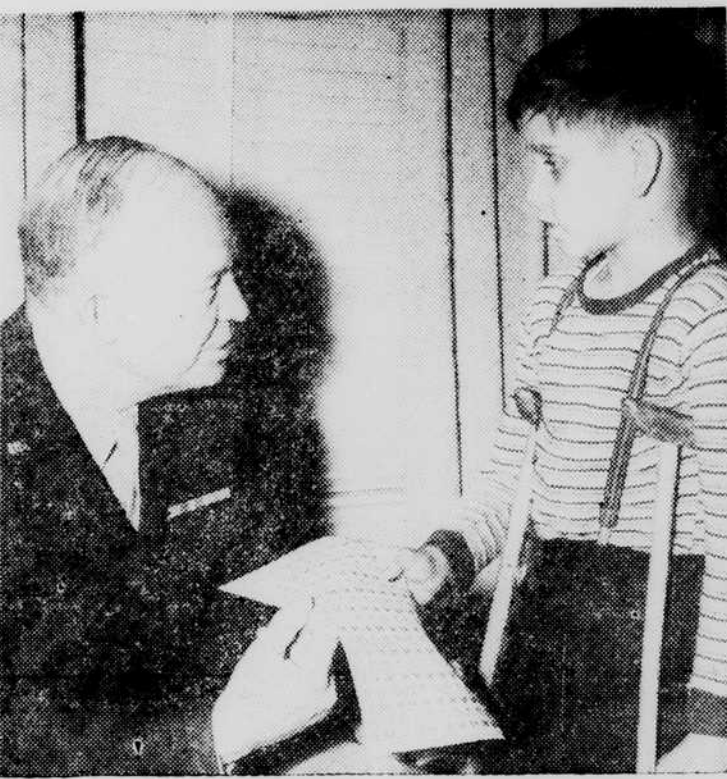
Over one-hundred Republicans were present at the convention on Saturday. Republican township primaries were called last Friday and delegates were named for the convention.

Baptist Pastor Accepts New Call

Rev. E. W. Powers, who has served as pastor of the West Jefferson Baptist church for the past four years, has accepted a call to the Westfield Baptist church, near Mount Airy, where he has officially begun his work, it was learned this week. He expects to move there in the near future.

A native of the Horse Creek section of Ashe county, besides being active in young peoples activities of the church, he worked with Boy Scouts of the county, serving as scout master of local troop 88 and was chairman of the organization and extension committee of the Ashe district of Old Hickory Council. Mr. Powers was also a member of the West Jefferson and Lansing high school faculties.

Eisenhower Helps Crippled Children



David Tear, 9, sells General Dwight D. Eisenhower the first sheet of Easter Seals to launch the annual national campaign for crippled children, which is being conducted in North Carolina, March 15-31.

Easter Seal Sale To Open On Monday; Is Sponsored In County By Rotary Club

Ready To Begin Work On County War Memorial

Sand Received; Actual Construction To Begin As Soon As Weather Permits

Plans for the war memorial for the veterans of World Wars I and II are going forward and at the meeting of the Ashe Post 171 of the American Legion, Saturday night, L. P. Colvard reported that enough sand had been received to begin work on the base for the memorial. Work will begin as soon as weather permits, one member stated.

The cooperation of families of casualties of both World Wars I and II is asked in sending in

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Fire Breaks Out In Barber Shop

Fire broke out in Jim Haire's barber shop around five o'clock Saturday afternoon and the W. J. Fire Department was summoned to extinguish the blaze. The fire started from the oil stove in the small room in the back of the barber shop and was put out by extinguisher brought by B. B. Graybeal, fire chief.

Graham Would Re-Route State Roads According To Use

Statesville — State Highway Commission Chairman A. H. "Sandy" Graham said this week that highways should be re-routed and improved according to use and defended the secondary road program of his administration since he took office in May 1945.

Mr. Graham spoke at a meeting of the Statesville Lions club. He said that the roads were paid for from the proceeds of the gasoline tax, and the persons who used the roads most paid the most.

"Obviously there must be some hardheaded and practical standpoint . . . to determine which roads shall be re-routed and improved, and which new roads shall be built," he said.

"In North Carolina, the key to this selection is the volume of traffic . . . It has been the policy of the Highway Commission . . .

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Funds Used To Aid Crippled Children; J. V. Caudill Sr., Is Chairman

J. V. Caudill, Sr., chairman of the annual sale of Easter seals for the benefit of crippled children, announced that the sale would officially open on Monday.

The project is sponsored by the Jeffersons Rotary club and the cooperation of everyone is asked in this worthy cause. "We hope to raise at least \$900.00 as the funds are badly needed," Chairman Caudill said.

A direct canvass will be made of business houses and letters will be mailed to a number of individuals. The schools are being asked to cooperate and on Saturday Easter Lilies will be sold in addition to the seals.

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Hearing Held On Larceny Charge

A hearing was held last Thursday before Dave Burkett and W. H. Owens, justices of the peace, for Birge Selby and Sonny Wellington, colored, and Ambrose McCoy, all charged with larceny of meat.

Both Selby and McCoy were acquitted and Wellington was bound to court and is now being housed in the county jail, pending posting of \$200 bond.

Rotarians To Name Officers

Officers and directors of the Jeffersons Rotary Club will be named tonight at the regular meeting at the community building at 6:30 o'clock. All members are urged to be present.

Also at the meeting, delegates to the Rotary district conference to be held in Asheville, April 4, 5 and 6 will be named. Serving on the committee to urge members to attend the meeting are Gale McMillan, chairman, and Coleman Payne and Todd Gentry. Mr. McMillan has also been asked to speak on community service at the district meeting and Rev. Hoyt Wood, president, to give the memorial address.

Last Thursday the group heard Wade E. Eller, who spoke on the Health program in Ashe county, pointing out additional improvements for the county hospital, through State and Federal funds. Wick G. Yannon was in charge of the program and introduced the speaker.

"It certainly is the policy of the present membership of the highway commission to continue

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Wants Immediate Action On Aid To European Nations

Asks For Unity Of Country In Maintaining Peace; Gets Big Ovation

President Harry S. Truman in his message to the joint session of both houses of congress yesterday at noon, recommended a three point program for keeping world peace which included immediate passage of the aid to European nations bill, prompt enactment of universal military training legislation and the temporary re-enactment of the selective service system.

Before asking Congress to act on this program, he reviewed world conditions and said, "We must act now for peace."

He told of Russia's use of the veto power in hampering the work of the United Nations and said she also destroyed the independence of several European nations.

He spoke of the meeting at this time in Europe of the free nations seeking to re-habilitate themselves. And in discussing Russia's attitude toward this he said that she did not want the United States to help these nations nor did she want these nations to help themselves.

"The pattern is clear," he said. He also spoke of the fact that the free nations were drawing closer together. He pointed out that it had become necessary for the United States to take additional measures to support the

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Winners Given In Scout Contest

Bill Bare, Walter W. Bare And Billy Joe Bare Awarded Prizes

Winners in the scout contest held in the county have been announced this week by Millard Graybeal. The contest officially closed March 9 when all papers were handed in to Mr. Graybeal. Participating scouts were to write papers on the scout, which was improperly dressed, on display in Belk's Department Store window.

First place winner was Bill Bare, of Glendale Springs, Troop 115, who was awarded a complete scout uniform, consisting of cap, shirt, pants, belt and neckerchief. Second place winner was Walter W. Bare, also of Glendale Springs, Troop 115, who was given pants and shirt; and winner of third place was Billy Joe Bare, of Jefferson, Troop 113, who was given a shirt, neckerchief, cap, belt and slide.

Ralph Harbison, scout executive of Old Hickory Council, was here for the judging. Mr. Graybeal stated that he was well pleased with the response of the scout in the contest, which was entered by sixteen members.