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## N. C. SCHOOL BOARD VOIDS ASHE PLANS Estimated Budget Is Adopted By Commissioners

### Proposed Budget Based On Revenue From \$2.10 Rate

Estimated Expenditures For  
Coming Year For County  
Placed At \$501,415.00

At the regular meeting of the Ashe County Commissioners on Monday an estimated budget with total expenditures of \$501,415.00 was adopted for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1951, with the income the same.

The estimated property valuation is set at \$7,700,000.00 with the proposed rate at \$2.10, if the estimated budget is adopted.

In the estimated expenses \$42,032.00 is the total amount allotted to schools. The estimated budget is published in detail elsewhere in this paper.

The largest amount of expenditures, \$180,000.00 is included for old age assistance. The next is \$116,640.00 for aid to dependent children.

The estimated budget received the approval of all three commissioners, W. E. Vannoy, Chairman, V. C. Lillard and John Houck.

### Movies Shown At Wildlife Meeting

15,500 Trout Have Been Placed  
In County Streams;  
To Hold Ladies Night

Two motion pictures, "Making of a Sportsman" and "Common Animals of the Woods," were presented at the quarterly fishery meeting of the Ashe Wildlife Club Monday night at the community building which was attended by 45 members, mostly county farmers.

Roland Koontz presented the pictures under the auspices of the N. C. wildlife commission.

Mr. Koontz told the group that 15,500 trout had been placed in the Ashe county streams and that 3000 additional trout were at the State Hatchery at Roaring Gap waiting to be placed in the streams.

Leo Roberts, State Fish Hatchery superintendent, and Dewitt Bryan, Alleghany fish and game protector, spoke briefly to the group.

Wildlife members present voted to hold a ladies night at the next quarterly meeting of club.

### Brief Summary Of Korean War

Tokyo—South Korean troops who fled fallen Suwon link up with advance American ground troops in hopes of stemming Communist drive; North Koreans claim capture of Inchon, port of captured Seoul. American troops have first contact with Communist forces.

Washington—Navy says long range patrol planes—the kind used in anti-submarine warfare—have been ordered to escort ships moving troops and supplies into Korean war zone.

Washington—Air force says American and Australian fliers made 139 sorties against North Korea, mostly against rail communications, on Independence Day.

Moscow—Observers view Gromyko's denunciation of U. S. for pushing "step by step into open war" as further widening of breach between east and west; official Russian navy organ says Russia is threatened by attack so long as capitalist world exists.

Tokyo—MacArthur hints North Koreans who mistreat any captured Americans will face trial as war criminals.

### Public Hearing On County School Plans Is Scheduled Before State Board August 3

#### RECEIVES COMMISSION



Lt. Walter R. Sexton, who was commissioned as a second lieutenant at Lubbock, Texas last week.

### Walter R. Sexton Completes Pilot Training Schools

Receives Second Lieutenant  
Commission And Silver  
Wings Of Pilot

Lieutenant Walter R. Sexton, of West Jefferson, North Carolina, now wears the bars and silver wings of an Air Force officer and pilot after thirteen months of intensive pilot training. This announcement was made today by Major General Robert W. Harper, Commanding General, Air Training Command, at Scott Air Force Base, Illinois.

Lieutenant Sexton began his flying training in Texas last year. During a six-month period of basic pilot training, he flew a 650 horsepower airplane, the T-6 "Texan" for approximately 130 hours. This training includes night flying, instrument flying, acrobatics, navigation and cross country.

In addition to the flying, he

### Plans For Bible School Announced

Rev. Hoyt Wood, pastor of the West Jefferson Methodist church, announced this week that a vacation Bible School will open at the church on Monday morning at 9:00.

All children of the community are cordially invited to attend the Bible School, Rev. Wood said.

### Doughton Park Has Radio And Telephone Service Now

Radio telephone service has been inaugurated between North Wilkesboro and Doughton Park on the Blue Ridge Parkway, 25 miles north of here on the crest of the Blue Ridge.

Radio telephones are operated between the North Wilkesboro exchange of Central Telephone Company and the park. This will provide telephone communication from the park by radio to North Wilkesboro, connecting with the telephone system to any point.

When completed, the radio line will have three phones which will operate much as a rural telephone line. The phones will be at the Park Service maintenance headquarters at Doughton Park and also in the Lodge and coffee shop.

Telephone technicians here said the system will operate on two frequencies, one to ring the phones on a code system and

#### Keen Interest Being Expressed By Citizens From Many Sections of County

"What are we going to do about our schools now?" is the question many people have been asking since the State Board nullified the plans for Ashe county schools, it had previously accepted.

Included in these plans was a consolidated high school in the Beaver Creek section for West Jefferson, Fleetwood and Todd. "If we don't get some action instead of more delays, many of the children now in high school will be through without having the opportunity of the advantages which a larger consolidated high school will offer," one teacher remarked.

"I wish some of the members of the State board could see the room I taught in last year," a member of the Fleetwood faculty said.

All action has been delayed pending a public hearing before the State Board August 3 according to information released from the State Board.

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### Ashe Man Killed In Accident In Tennessee Sun.

Funeral Service For Willet  
Lee Price Held At The  
Home Yesterday

The funeral service for Willet Lee Price, 26, Creston, who was killed Sunday afternoon when his car turned over between Trade and Mt. City, Tenn., was held yesterday afternoon at the home.

The car Price was traveling in, got out of control and turned over down a bank. His chest and neck were pinned under the car. He was taken to the Appalachian hospital in Johnson

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### Triplets Born To Ashe Couple

Triplets, two boys and one girl, were born to Mrs. Bradley Goodman at the Ashe Hospital on Sunday morning. Two of the babies, one boy and one girl, died shortly after birth. The third is reported to be doing fine.

Graveside rites were conducted on Monday by Rev. Rexford Campbell of the West Jefferson Baptist church, and interment was in the West Jefferson cemetery.

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### In The Good Old Summertime The Water Calls



Here's something this county needs, boating and swimming facilities. Those seeking water sports go elsewhere to find them. A lake or a sizeable pool would be an added attraction for tourists.

### Contract Is Let For Widening Of Bridges In Ashe

Edwards, Of Orangeburg, Is  
Low Bidder For Bridges  
In County

Low bids totaling \$3,340,406.05 on 31 projects were received by the State Highway Commission. This was \$68,393.95 below commission estimates.

State Highway Engineer W. H. Rogers, Jr., said prices appeared to be in line with those offered on a group of 31 projects Tuesday. Generally, they were very satisfactory, he added.

At the Tuesday opening, the commission got low bids totaling \$2,566,098.36. The total mileage covered by the two groups of projects is 302.8. The commission will review the bids at a meeting in Haywood county next Thursday night.

Among the low bids received were: Ashe—widening five bridges on N. C. 16 between Jefferson and Orion. J. C. Edwards, Orangeburg, S. C., \$45,076.

### W. J. Post Office Examination Will Be Given July 22

It was announced this week that Saturday, July 22 had been designated as the date for the merit examinations for the West Jefferson Post Office.

It was also announced that notice of the date had been sent to seven applicants. There were more who applied, but it is understood that some of them did not qualify, not having lived in West Jefferson for as long a period as a year.

Those sent notice of the examination were Mrs. Charity V. Barr, acting post master, Sam Davis, Bradley Goodman, Robert McNeill, Frank Barr, Mrs. Charles Gordon and Jimmie Allen.

### Legion Post 275 Will Meet Wed.

Commander Ray Blevins announced yesterday that officers would be elected Wednesday night at the meeting of Lansing Post 275 of the American Legion.

The meeting will be held at the legion hut near the high school and will start at eight o'clock.

Blevins stated that all post members are urged to attend this important post meeting when officers for the coming year would be elected.

### Safe And Sane July 4 Was Observed In County Tuesday; Record Crowd On Parkway

#### School Board To Start Building Program In Ashe

Agriculture Building At Riverview  
And Elementary  
School At White Oaks

The Ashe county Board of Education this week took a forward step in solving some of the school building needs in the county by going ahead with an agriculture building at Riverview and an elementary building at White Oaks. Both of these projects were included in the over-all plan for the county which the State School Board first approved and then turned down.

The new agriculture building at Riverview will enable vocational agriculture to be taught there. It will be located between the two buildings now in use, will contain a shop and two or three classrooms.

The new elementary school building at White Oak will house White Oaks, New Hope and Farmer school, one teacher unit.

Work is expected to get started on these new county projects at an early date.

The editorial section of this paper went to press before the board decided on the Riverview project. The editor is pleased that the project advocated was approved before the paper was published.

### Officers To Be Installed At Meeting Of Rotary Club

Officers for the new year will be installed tonight at the meeting of the Jeffersons Rotary Club at Graybeal's Restaurant. Tom Duncan will succeed Jake Caudill as president of the club.

Other officers to be installed are Todd Gentry, vice-president; Harvey Payne, secretary-treasurer and Coleman Payne, Sergeant-at-arms.

Club directors are in addition to the president, Bruce Porter, Jim Owen, Jim Graham, Jake Caudill, Todd Gentry and Hoyt Wood.

Walter Nau, Hickory, is governor of the 280th district of which the local club is a member; and Arthur Lagueux is Rotary International president.

Chairman of the various Rotary committees for the coming year are aims and objects, Tom Duncan; club service, Ira T. Johnston; community service,

#### Picnicing, Fishing And Baseball Game Highlighted Activities For Holiday

A safe and quiet July 4 was observed in Ashe county Tuesday with picnicing, fishing and baseball game highlighting the day's activities.

Local officials stated that there were no accidents over the holiday in contrast to the more than 600 people that were killed throughout the United States.

The Blue Ridge Parkway in this area and the cool mountain air attracted a record crowd of visitors to the mountains for the holiday.

Doughton Park (formerly Bluff Park) was the scene of congested activities with picnic grounds filled to capacity throughout the day. Thousands of cars from not only North Carolina but other states were on

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### Reunion Held By Dickson Family

The J. A. Dickson family of Grassy Creek held a family reunion on Whitetop Mountain Sunday with all the children present.

Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Dickson, Mrs. Dewey Cox, Mrs. D. H. Walker, Dare Dickson, Mrs. Bill Shmitt, Mrs. Thomas Blair, Mrs. Jones Rudd and Miss Bobbie Dickson.

### Site At Beaver Creek Is Turned Down By Board

Jefferson Delegation Appears  
Before Building Committee  
With Other Plans

After approving the over-all school building program as recommended by the Ashe county board of education and then later for the second time re-approving the proposed location of a central high school at Beaver Creek, the State Board of Education Thursday reversed itself and withdrew its formal approval of the Beaver Creek site and of the Ashe County Board of Education's plan of organization and postponed action on the State board's building committee report until the August meeting.

The move came last week, after the building committee having heard a delegation of 20 people led by Jefferson reported that it had "decided that the plan of organization as submitted by the Board of Education of Ashe County be disapproved, and that the following plan of organization with respect to the high schools of Ashe County be approved:

"A central high school be constructed between Jefferson and West Jefferson at a site to be selected by the Ashe County Board of Education for the purpose of a consolidated high school to serve the schools now

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### Joseph Cooper Is At Great Lakes

Son Of Elizie Cooper Is Taking  
Special Naval Training  
On Lakes

Joseph H. Cooper, seaman recruit, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elizie Cooper of West Jefferson, is undergoing recruit training at the world's largest Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill.

Recruit training is the sharp break between civilian and Naval life in which the new Navy man learns the fundamental principals of the Naval service.

In the course of his training the recruit is taught seamanship, Navy customs, terms, basic ordnance, gunnery, signaling and navigation.

Upon completion of his training the recruit is assigned either to units of the Fleet or to a service school for specialized training.

### Bean Market Making Record

More than 8000 bushels of beans have been sold at the Farmers Bean and Vegetable Market since the opening on June 26, Everett Roland, one of the market owners, stated yesterday.

Mr. Roland stated that the top price paid for beans thus far this season was \$2.35 per bushel. The average price paid on the auction market is \$2.10 he added.

Sales are held at the local market, beginning at two o'clock in the afternoon and continuing every hour on the hour until all the beans are sold each day he said.

"We appreciate the patronage of the growers and promise the best possible service and prices again this season," W. G. Vannoy said.

Officials of the market pointed out that the beans should be picked while they are young and tender to get the best market price.

Weather conditions during the past few weeks have been unusually good for the beans and the crop is expected to be extremely heavy during the next few weeks.