



# The Skyland Post

## Ashe School Leaders Hope To Continue Lunchrooms

### Wage Hour Bill Comes Before N. C. Legislature

Senate Passes Funeral Bill; Bill Killed To Refund City-Paid Gasoline Tax

**By Staff Writer**  
Raleigh—(Special)—A State minimum wage-hour bill, backed by the Department of Labor, was introduced in the General Assembly Tuesday in the wake of the movement to outlaw the closed shop in North Carolina, but there were indications that newer and even more drastic laws to curb dictatorial labor union tendencies may be proposed in the Legislature.

Other bills, with more teeth than the anti-closed shop measure introduced by three ex-G. I.'s last week, are known to have been drawn. Whether or when they will be introduced has not been learned.

The minimum-wage bill introduced yesterday would set a 40-cent-an-hour wage and a 40-hour week, with time and half for overtime and special protective provisions for women as the minimum standard throughout North Carolina. It would not affect workers in the State's major industries, whose negotiated contracts are well above that minimum and who are already protected by Federal wage hour statutes. Its principal effect would be upon some 200,000 employees in North Carolina's intrastate industry, retail and wholesale mercantile establishments, laundries, cleaning companies, taxicab concerns, garages, beauty parlors, barber shops, filling stations, locally operated offices, small shops and other such establishments.

**City Paid Gas Tax**  
Opponents of highway fund diversion this week killed a bill to refund city-paid gasoline tax by the time-honored legislative expedient of inciting rural counties against the so-called big, rich cities.

As the law now stands, Winston-Salem still pays more than  
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### War Relief Movie To Be Shown Fri.

"Seeds of Destiny" To Be Presented At Presbyterian Church; Public Invited

A special picture, "Seeds of Destiny," depicting the overseas relief work of the Protestant churches, will be shown on Friday night at 7:30 at the West Jefferson Presbyterian church, it was announced this week.

The possibilities of bringing relief to the war-stricken areas of Europe and Asia will be discussed at the meeting.

The meeting is being sponsored by the three churches of the town with the hope that West Jefferson can make a united effort to do its share in helping her neighbors of other lands.

It was previously announced that Mr. Graham Hodges, of New Windsor, Md., would be here to make an address on this occasion. However, Mrs. Hodges has been forced to cancel this engagement, it was pointed out.

The public is urged to attend this meeting.

### Geo. T. Gentry Given Promotion

With The Eighth Army In Osaka, Japan—A member of the 25th Medical Battalion of the 25th Infantry (Tropic Lightning) Division of General Eichelberger's Eighth Army, Private First Class George T. Gentry, son of Mrs. Floyd Gentry of R. F. D. No. 1, West Jefferson, has been promoted to the rank of corporal.

Corporal Gentry entered the Army in April of 1946 at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, and received his basic training at Fort McClellan, Alabama. He left the United States for overseas duty in August of 1946 and was then assigned to the 25th Infantry Division. Prior to his entrance into the Army, he attended the Jefferson high school.

## County Surpasses Polio Fund Drive Quota This Week

TO BE EAGLE SCOUT



Earl Ross Haire, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Haire, of West Jefferson, has the distinction of being the first Boy Scout in Ashe county to reach the rank of Eagle.

### Haire Youth To Become An Eagle Scout On Sunday

Special Observance Of "Boy Scout Week" Is Noted By Various Troops

It was announced this week by Rev. E. W. Powers, local Boy Scout master that on Sunday night at 7:30 the West Jefferson Scout troop will assemble at the First Baptist church when a court of honor will be held for the purpose of awarding the Eagle badge to Scout Earl Ross Haire. Haire is the first candidate for the highest rank in scouting in Ashe county.

The requirements for an Eagle rank besides passing five other ranks of tenderfoot, second class, first class, star and life, are to have qualified for twenty-one merit badges. Then a scout may qualify for the eagle palm awards of which there are three, namely, a bronze palm, a gold palm, and a silver palm which altogether,  
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### Several Attend Driver's School

The training school for drivers of school buses held yesterday at the county courthouse by C. I. Yelton was well attended with a number of schools in the county being represented.

Mr. Yelton said that he was well pleased with the cooperation from the principals and the interest taken by prospective drivers.

## Many Here Favor Separate Game And Fishery Division

Local sportsmen were among the wildlife federationists, who turned out 300 strong for Tuesday at the hearing in Raleigh by the House Committee on Conservation and Development to advocate a bill that would separate the Division of Game and Inland Fisheries from the Conservation Department and place administration of the game and fish laws under a new wildlife resources commission.

It was recalled that it was here in West Jefferson that Governor Cherry in an address before the Rotary club and others, before he was elected governor, said that he would favor the separation of the two.

Russell W. Barr and Ira T. Johnston were among the local people attending the hearing.

The committee heard only arguments in favor of the proposed

### Contributions Still Coming; Chairman Little Is Well Pleased

Reports yesterday revealed that a total of \$2,843.30 had been raised in the infantile paralysis fund drive here. Chairman W. Glenn Little announced. This is slightly over the county's quota, which was set at \$2,650.

Chairman Little said that he was greatly pleased over the fine response given this worthy cause and through which many Ashe county children have been aided. He pointed out that he wished to thank everyone for their cooperation. It was explained that those who have contributions and have not turned them in may do so yet.

The following contributions have not been previously announced:

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Vannoy, \$25.00.

W. L. Tomlinson, Parker's Store (additional) \$10.00 each. James Miller, \$8.70.

Bryce Lyle, Myers Lumber Co., Little Milling Co., Goodman Bros.  
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### County's Legion Posts Will Give Oratory Prizes

County Finals Are To Be Held March 14; Students Urged To Enter Contest

It was announced this week by A. B. Hurt, chairman of the American Legion's annual oratorical contests, that Ashe county post and the Lansing post would be co-sponsors.

Frank James, of the Lansing post is assistant to Hurt in working out the contests in the schools. The county finals are scheduled to be held on Wednesday, March 12, Chairman Hurt said.

The Ashe post of the legion will give a \$25.00 savings bond to the winner of the first place and the Lansing post will give \$10.00 in cash for the second place winner.

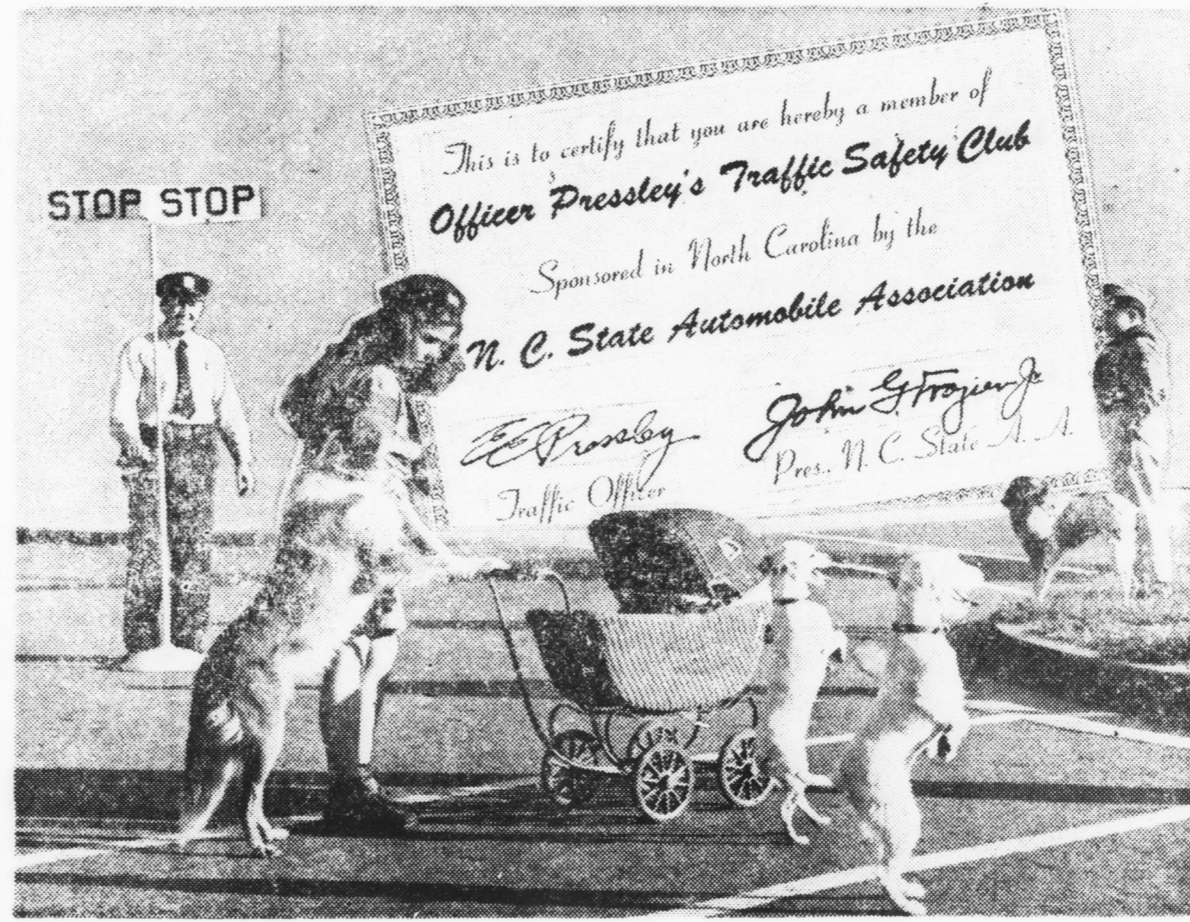
Chairman Hurt said that information was being sent to the principals of the schools and that he hoped a number of students would enter.

### A. C. E. TO SPONSOR GRAND OLE OPRY SHOW

A show will be given at the Ashe county courthouse in Jefferson on Tuesday, February 19, at 7:30 p. m. it was announced here this week.

Robert Lunn, the talking blues artist, will be featured with his WSM Grand Ole Opry gang, from Nashville, Tenn. The show is being sponsored by the American Confederation of Enlisted Men. A small admission fee will be charged.

### Pressley's Traffic Safety Show Coming Here February 20



Traffic Officer Pressley's traffic show is to be shown in the schools here next Thursday, February 20, under the sponsorship of the Jeffersons Rotary club. There are now already more than 70,000 members of Officer Pressley's Junior Traffic Club in North Carolina.

### Would Modify Parking Rules In W. Jefferson

Citizens Meet With Officials And Discuss Problems At Gathering Friday

As a result of much dissatisfaction among merchants over the strict enforcement of traffic regulations here a large majority of them met with town officials on Friday evening to discuss the problem.

It was the general consensus of opinion that there should be more leniency, particularly for out of town people, and the importance of an officer enforcing regulations showing courtesy and consideration was also stressed.

As a result of the discussion it was decided that a new ordinance be drawn up and published regarding traffic regulations and that the new ordinance give the regulations in detail in order that limitations might be understood.  
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### All-Star Tourney To Begin Monday

The Northwestern all-star tournament will open on Monday night at the Jefferson gymnasium with the first game being played at 6:30, it was announced by Colonel Francis, president.

West Jefferson all-stars will play the Crumpler Rebels in the first game. At 7:30 Millers Creek will meet Fleetwood and at 8:30 Lansing and Mocksville Millers will play.

No games have been scheduled for Tuesday night.

### Week Of Cold Weather Here

After a week of bitter cold weather throughout Ashe county, the temperature arose into the thirties for the first time, yesterday. More snow was predicted by those claiming to be weather prophets, however.

During the past week the mercury hovered so near zero for so long that a number of water pipes were frozen as well as automobiles. In addition to the temperature, which dropped as low as 8 degrees below zero in some sections, snow blizzards also added to the uncomfortable weather.

Because of snow drifts on the highways Riverview school buses were unable to operate on Friday and Monday. Other schools followed their regular schedules, however.

## Representative Blevins Asks Legislature to Rescind 'No More Debt Policy' for Ashe

### AAA Community Committeemen To Meet Today

Farm Plans For 1947 Are To Be Outlined; 1946 Reports Must Be In By Sat.

AAA community committeemen will attend meetings today and Friday of this week for instructions on executing 1947 farm plans. After these meetings the committeemen will have the farm plans in each community and will assist the farmer in making them. All farmers who expect to participate in the 1947 AAA program must execute a farm plan and this should be done by March 1, it was explained.

A number of farmers have not yet made a report on lime and phosphate received in 1946. It is necessary that this report be made by February 15, AAA committeemen pointed out.

### Ashe Farm Sells For Over \$13,000

The William Graybeal farm in the Laurel Township was sold by the trustee, Ira T. Johnston, for \$13,597.50 this week to Q. G. Williams.

The farm tract, which contains 93 acres, is made up of a number of acres of fertile farm land.

### Also Introduces Measure to Prohibit Sale on Wine and Beer in County

Ashe county's representative, J. O. Blevins introduced two bills in the legislature on Friday. House Bill 266 would repeal the law relative to the issuance of bonds in Ashe county. House Bill 267 prohibits the sale of wine and beer in Ashe county.

The first bill, 266 would repeal the 1933 law which made it impossible for Ashe, even through a vote of its citizens to incur any appreciable debt. This policy was adopted during depression days because of the financial condition of the county.

Ashe has one of the smallest amounts of taxable property in North Carolina. In 1933, a sta-  
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### Hershel Francis Dies Suddenly

Funeral service for Hershel Francis, 24, of Grassy Creek, was held at his home Sunday morning. Burial followed in the family cemetery with Revs. Carl Sturgill and Mr. Powers, officiating.

Mr. Francis succumbed in the Black Mountain Sanatorium last Thursday after a sudden illness. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Francis, he is survived by his parents and wife, and one son, Harvey Francis.

### Extract Wood Comes To Town



Here is a typical scene on Railroad street showing the large amount of extract wood being brought here by truck to be shipped out by rail. It is estimated that 100 carloads have been shipped out of West Jefferson since January 1. (Staff Photo).

### Will Meet Friday To Discuss Plans For Operations

Federal Funds Allotted For Project Will Be Exhausted By March 1

Ashe county children as well as any others may be eating cold biscuits at noontime instead of the usual appetizing hot lunches served in the school lunchrooms, if some plans are not worked out to continue the present system, by the end of this month.

B. H. Duncan, county superintendent of schools, along with others in the State, has received an announcement from the State office pointing out that because of the limited allotment for lunchrooms and the greatly increased number of lunches served, there will not be sufficient funds in the present allotment to continue the program after the end of this month. Superintendent Duncan has called a meeting of all school principals and operators of school lunchrooms for Friday afternoon at 2:00 p. m. at the courthouse to discuss plans for continuance.

The State office has suggested various plans for continued operation including the raising of prices and the cutting down of the number of school lunches served. There are now 17 schools in the county operating lunchrooms. And figures show that there are around 2400 meals served daily including 400 free.

"I hope that some plans can be worked out to continue the program throughout the year," Mr. Duncan said.

### Jefferson Boys Defeat V-C Tues.

V.-C. Girls Win; Nathan's Creek Girls And Lansing Boys Victorious

On Tuesday night, Jefferson split honors with Virginia-Carolina on the Jefferson court with the V-C girls winning by a margin of 32-26. The Jefferson boys, however, handed V-C a defeat of 58-37. Rash was high scorer for Jefferson with 20 points. Brown scored 13 points for V-C.

Nathan's Creek and Lansing also split honors on the West Jefferson court when Nathan's Creek girls were victorious by a score of 21-20. Lansing boys defeated Nathan's Creek by a margin of 30-26.

The West Jefferson-Riverview game was postponed. The game was played last night but results were not available in time for publication.

No report was given on the Healing Springs-Fleetwood game. The schedule for next Tuesday night is as follows:

Nathan's Creek at W. Jefferson. Riverview at Elkland. Jefferson at Fleetwood. Lansing at Virginia-Carolina.

### BILL ASHLEY HAS POSITION AT TRYON

Bill Ashley, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Ashley, of Warrensville, recently completed his studies at Cecil's Business college, Asheville.

He now holds a bookkeeping and secretarial position at the Pinecrest Inn, Tryon.

### Dan W. Miller To Be Buried Today

Funeral service for Dan Witt Miller, 30, of Laurel Springs, will be held this afternoon at two o'clock at the Peak Creek church. Rev. J. W. Luke will officiate and interment will be in the family cemetery.

Mr. Miller succumbed in the Baptist hospital in Winston-Salem Monday after a brief illness. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Miller, and the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. Bert Miller, of Rexburg, Idaho; Mrs. Clark Blevins, of Laurel Springs; Mrs. Dovie Woodie, of Landis; Mrs. Joan Miller, of Nathan's Creek; Mrs. Herman Alexander, of Landis; Nancy Miller, of Laurel Springs; C. J. Miller, of Petersburg, Va.; and Tom C. Miller, of N. Wilkesboro.