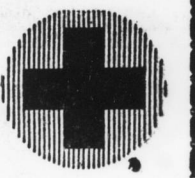


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## Red Cross Campaign Fund Drive Now Underway

### Senate Passes Wild Life Bill; Considers Funds

### Joint Appropriations Body Faces Teachers Pay Problem; Drys Active

By Staff Writer  
Raleigh—(Special)—Bills to create the State Wildlife Resources commission and to outlaw manufacture, sale and use of fireworks passed final legislative readings Tuesday, while dry forces presented arguments before a committee for a state-wide liquor referendum.

Passage of the wildlife bill was completed by the senate. The anti-fireworks measure, proposed by Sen. Weathers of Cleveland, was passed in the house.

**Study Milk Production**  
The house joint agriculture committee voted favorable on a joint resolution authorizing the governor to appoint a 17-member commission to study production, processing and distribution of milk in North Carolina.

The commission would be directed to meet with the governor within 60 days of the resolution's ratification, and its final report would be drawn in time for presentation to the 1949 assembly.

The resolution was introduced after official charges were made here that some milk sold in the state had been watered or otherwise adulterated. The charges led to grand jury action in Mecklenburg county.

**Considering Appropriations**  
By making rapid progress in consideration of the biennial appropriations bill, the joint appropriation committee cleared the way for consideration soon of a highly controversial issue of salary increases for teachers and other state employees.

The committee voted increased appropriations totaling \$466,486 for 10 state institutions and agencies, and approved without (Continued on Page Five)

### Jury List Drawn For April Court

**County Commissioners Meet And Transact Routine Business On Monday**  
The jury list for the April term of Ashe county's superior court for the trial of criminal cases was drawn by the county commissioners on Monday. Court is scheduled to open April 14 with Judge Wilson Warlick presiding and Walter Johnston serving as solicitor.

The county commissioners transacted routine business paying claims and drew the following jury list:  
L. M. Cheek, T. Vernon Osborne, Clarence Greer, Pressley Greer, Richard Johnson, Raymond R. Scott, Frank Hoosier, Letcher Mains, Cecil Church.

Alex Bare, John Bare, Jr., Ray Taylor, Ernie Green, Hill Lyalls, Quincy Shatley, Howard Rhodes, Leo Ham, W. F. Poe, Carl L. Blevins, W. J. Jones, Charles Toliver.

Greeley Parsons, Walter Calhoun, Inomas Severt, Channie Calhoun, Conley Harless.  
E. R. Mikeal, R. J. Blevins, Millard Dancy, Charley Woods, Everett Bare, Ira Hart, L. C. McClure, Lee Miller, D. D. Eller, J. B. Sexton.

Extra Jurors: Burl Brooks, S. A. Hamby, W. R. Roten, A. R. Kilby, John Woodie, Fred Sheets, D. E. Miller, E. E. Trivett.

### Scout Picture To Be Shown Tues.

A special short entitled "Men of Tomorrow", will be shown at the Parkway theatre on Tuesday morning March 11, at 10:30 o'clock for all boy scouts of the county. D. D. Bunch, manager of the theatre, stated this week.

This picture was to have been shown in connection with the observance of Boy Scout Week but did not arrive in time, Mr. Bunch said.

All boy scouts of the county are invited to see this picture, which will be shown free of charge.

## Group Meets Today To Discuss Frozen Food Plant Plans



HERE TODAY  
**Former Governor J. M. Broughton, who is here today in the interest of the establishment of a frozen foods plant.**

### James Coad, Company's Representative And Ex-Gov. Broughton Coming

W. B. Austin, member of the State Board of Agriculture, who along with others has been interested for some time in securing a frozen foods locker plant has announced a meeting this morning to be held at 11:00 o'clock at the community building to discuss plans for going ahead on the project.

At this time former Governor Broughton and James E. Coad, vice-president and treasurer of Southern Frozen Food Lockers, Inc. will be present to discuss the possibilities with all interested citizens.

This company has already established plants in twenty-nine cities and towns in North Carolina and is now preparing to build a plant in Boone, it was learned.

### W. J. Merchants Backing Frozen Food Plant Here

### Discuss Summer Closing At Meeting Of Directors Here Tuesday Night

At a meeting of the board of directors of the West Jefferson Merchants Association on Tuesday night the group voted to back the proposed frozen foods plant project to be discussed this morning at the community building. At the last meeting of the group they voted to ask that the plan formerly sponsored by REA be completed or the payments refunded.

There was a discussion of sanitary garbage cans and due to the financial condition of the town the merchants agreed to buy the proper containers for the street. The president, Amos Wagoner, Jr., agreed to look after this. Other ways and means of improving the sanitary conditions of the town were discussed and are to be followed up.

Closing on Wednesday afternoon was also discussed and a (Continued on Page Five)

### W. J. To Play In Tourney Today

West Jefferson and Jefferson high school boys basketball teams are among the 156 teams entered in the Northwest North Carolina and Southwest Virginia 21st annual tournament sponsored by the Winston-Salem Journal and Sentinel, which opened this week.

The West Jefferson boys will meet Woodlawn there in their first game today at 12:30 o'clock.

### Contract Let To Rebuild Glendale Jefferson Road

### West Jefferson - Warrensville Highway Is Also Expected To Be Rebuilt Soon

According to information received here from reliable sources, the contract was let this week by the State Highway and Public Works Commission for the construction of 8.6 miles of highway 16 from Glendale Springs to Jefferson.

W. E. Graham and Sons, of Cleveland, was the low bidding firm for \$186,858. The contract was for grading, structures and surfacing.

Rebuilding of this link will not only mean a great improvement in travel for Ashe county people, but others as well, as it includes a section of the highway which crosses the state in a practically North-South direction.

Contract is expected to be let on the West Jefferson-Buffalo-Warrensville highway in the near future. This highway will cross the railroad and follow Jefferson avenue across the hill to Smetonport, thus doing away with many of the curves characteristic of the old section of the road going by the W. E. Vannoy Manufacturing plant.

### Get New Pastor For Jefferson

Rev. Cecil Tallis, together with Mrs. Tallis, arrived this week to serve the Jefferson Presbyterian church and others in the field.

Mr. Tallis recently graduated from the Union Theological Seminary at Richmond and comes here to fill a vacancy of several months in the Jefferson church.

### Shoveling Snow Has Been Favorite Sport Here Recently



Here snow is being removed from the steps leading to the Norfolk and Western railroad station. Shoveling snow has not only been a favorite sport for most people here during the past two weeks, but has been a necessity as well, provided they wanted to get in and out of their homes and places of business. (Photo by Correll).

### Ashe Teachers Will Meet Wed. At Courthouse

### Officers Will Be Named And Delegates To State Convention Chosen

The county-wide meeting of teachers of the Ashe county unit of the NCEA has again been postponed and will be held on Wednesday, March 12, Mrs. Gertrude Vaught, president, stated this week.

The meeting was to have been held on March 5, but was postponed because of bad weather.

Officers will be named and matters of vital interest to the teachers taken up. Mrs. Vaught also stated that amendments to the State constitution will be voted on and delegates to the State convention, which will be held in Asheville, March 27, 28 and 29, will be chosen.

The meeting will open at 1:30 o'clock at the courthouse in Jefferson and all teachers are urged to attend.

### Farm Planning Meetings Held

H. D. Quessenberry, county agent, announced this week that some of the farm planning meetings, scheduled for last week, had to be postponed because of the severe winter weather and roads blocked by snow drifts.

He pointed out, however, that meetings that were held were well attended.

The following schedule is announced for next week:  
Monday, March 10, Riverview school; Tuesday, March 11, Orion Baptist church; Wednesday, March 12, Chestnut Hill Baptist church; Friday, March 14, Presbyterian church, Graham.

### County Schools Re-open After Being Closed For Two Weeks Because Of Continued Snow

### Group To Meet To Make Plans For Tournament

### Athletic Association Will Hold Meeting On Monday, March 17

Herbert Graybeal, president of the Ashe County High School Athletic Association, announced this week that the final meeting of the association would be held at the West Jefferson school on Monday evening, March 17 at 7:30 to make plans for the annual tournament scheduled to open March 24.

Due to the inclement weather and the fact that schools have been closed there is much of the schedule to be completed, Mr. Graybeal said.

Some of the games are expected to be made up within the next few weeks provided the weather permits.

### VFW Will Have Meeting Tuesday

The Albert F. Lewis Post 6513 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars will hold a meeting on Tuesday night, March 11 at 7:30 p. m. at the community building here. Sam L. Davis, post commander, announced this week.

The purpose of the meeting is to elect new officers and take up other matters of interest to veterans. All members are particularly urged to attend this meeting, Mr. Davis said.

### Delay Will Cause Closings To Be Slightly Later; Attendance Is Off

Ashe county schools were re-opened yesterday after an enforced two-weeks holiday because of snow and extreme cold weather which kept it from melting. While some of the roads are still impassable, the rising temperature and the sunshine, yesterday, did much to melt the snow away. Highway forces are also at work clearing roads that are still blocked by snow drifts.

Much of the nine and one-half inches of snow which fell here on Wednesday two weeks ago and caused the schools to close, was still on the ground, but most of the roads were clear, however.

B. H. Duncan, superintendent of schools, said that this delay would make the schools a little later in closing in the spring, but that this was anticipated by the early opening last fall.

Attendance was slightly off on (Continued on Page 4)

### Rev. W. P. Boyle To Speak Tonight

Rev. W. P. Boyle, pastor of the West Jefferson Presbyterian church, will speak to the members of the Rotary club at the regular meeting tonight at the community building. Rev. Mr. Boyle will speak on "Youth of Today." Herman Haire will be in charge of the program.

A motion picture pertaining to the dairy industry entitled "John Martin and Son" was shown the Rotarians last Thursday by Harvey Payne. J. Lester Segraves was in charge of the program.

### Total Of \$761.00 Is Reported On Quota Of \$2330.

### More Is Needed; Support Urged So That The Drive Can Be Closed

Reports yesterday afternoon showed that a total of \$761.00 had been raised on the Red Cross Campaign Fund Drive now underway in which the county has a quota of \$2330.

"While initial gifts have contributed almost a third of our quota we still have much more to raise and I hope that all of those who have not sent in their contributions will do so at once," drive chairman, H. D. Quessenberry, said.

County workers are also urged to make their collections as early as possible.

The schools are not conducting a drive as usual but will make their own collections and these will be called for next week, it was stated. This was delayed a week because of weather conditions.

"The work of the Red Cross must go on, in disasters, in the assistance to veterans and men still in service, so we hope the response will be good," Mrs. W. G. Vannoy, chapter chairman said. Attention was again called to the fact by Mrs. Vannoy that sixty-five per cent of the funds raised would remain in the local chapter. Contributions reported so far include the following:

W. E. Vannoy Mfg. Co., \$50.00.  
W. G. Vannoy, W. J. Parts Co., Mr. and Mrs. Ed M. Anderson, Burgess Furniture Store, \$30.00 each.

Parker's Store, C. & H. Service Station, Bare-Little and Co., Rhodes Furniture Co., Cash Wholesale Grocery, Duncan Motor Co., Carolina Briar, Ray Hardware Co., W. L. Tomlinson, Northwestern Bank, \$25.00 each.  
Parker Tie Co., G. F. P. Chev. (Continued on Page 4)

### Ed Anderson At Senate Hearing

### In Washington In Regard To Relief Of Newsprint Shortage

Ed M. Anderson, publisher of The Skyland Post and The Alleghany News and three other weekly newspapers in Western North Carolina, is testifying this week at a special meeting of the Senate subcommittee on newsprint and paper shortages in Washington, D. C., with Chairman Homer E. Capehart, (R), Indiana, presiding. At the invitation of the Senate committee, Mr. Anderson is the first witness.

While it was originally planned to start the subcommittee hearing with a study of the overall newspaper situation, it was decided that the opening days of the hearings would be devoted exclusively to the specific newsprint shortage and every effort is being made to relieve the crisis which is endangering the publication of the smaller newspapers of America.

Because of his expert knowledge of the newsprint situation after serving during the war years on the War production board in the paper and newsprint field, Mr. Anderson was asked to testify first. Chairman of the legislative committee of the National Editorial association and of the N. E. A. newsprint com. (Continued on Page 4)

### Postpone Legion Oratory Contest

The county finals of the American Legion's annual oratorical contest, which were to have been held on Wednesday, March 12, have been postponed until Tuesday, March 18. A. B. Hurt, chairman, stated this week.

This contest was postponed because of the bad weather and will open at 1:30 p. m. at the Jefferson school, Mr. Hurt said.

A \$25.00 savings bond will be given by the Ashe post of the legion to the first place winner and the Lansing post will give \$10.00 in cash to the second place winner.

### Walking In A Winter Wonderland?



But we doubt if many motorists who had to leave their cars parked sang the song as they walked. The above scene shows the depth on College Avenue.

### Mayor Will Be Named Friday

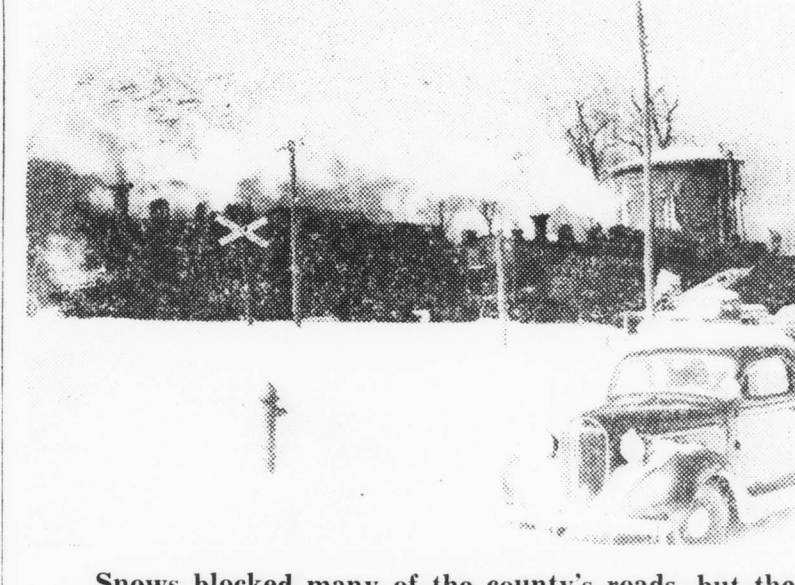
The board of aldermen of the town of West Jefferson, will name a mayor at the regular meeting on Friday night. Carl F. Colvard, Mayor Pro-tem, announced yesterday.

Colvard has been serving as mayor this week filling the vacancy left last Saturday by the resignation of Mayor C. O. Parsons.

Colvard presided over the mayor's court on Monday morning.

At the meeting on Friday night other matters pertaining to the town will be discussed. Members of the board of aldermen in addition to Colvard are Glenn B. Graybeal, Russell W. Barr, John Hardin and D. E. Blackburn.

### Train On Schedule In Spite Of Snow



Snows blocked many of the county's roads, but the train came in as usual. The above picture was taken on Railroad Avenue. Giant icicles were hanging from the water tank in the background.