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## Red Cross Campaign Far Short Of Quota

### Approve 4-Year Medical School Fund In Harmony

#### Appropriations For State Schools Are Passed On By Committee

**By Staff Writer**  
Raleigh—(Special)—Without a voice being heard in opposition, the joint appropriations committee Tuesday approved an appropriation of \$3,790,000 for an expanded four-year medical school at the University of North Carolina.

The issue of expanding the two-year medical school at the university into a four-year school had been regarded at the start of the session as one of the most controversial issues before the general assembly.

An imposing number of members were regarded as being opposed to expansion of the medical school, and others were regarded as opposed plans to locate it at Chapel Hill.

Consideration of the medical school came up when the joint appropriations body began its study of the permanent improvement appropriations measure under which the advisory budget commission recommended the spending of \$44,501,437 during the coming biennium.

The appropriation of \$3,790,000 for the medical school would be added to \$1,500,000 expected from federal funds under the Hill-Burton act for a total of \$5,290,000 to be used as follows: \$3,200,000 for a 400-bed hospital, \$600,000 for hospital equipment, \$200,000 addition to the present medical school building, \$80,000 for a nurses home and training school, and \$490,000 for 150 homes for internes and residents.

**Building At Appalachian**  
The committee voted an additional \$318,000 for a music and art building at Appalachian State Teachers college, thus increasing the total for Appalachian to \$1,915,500; and voted to add \$175,000 for an administration and library building at the Pembroke State college for Indians, boosting the Pembroke appropriation to \$787,000.

Including the medical school, permanent improvements voted for the university at Chapel Hill would total \$7,844,800.

Other appropriations were approved. (Continued on Page 4)

### 15 From Ashe Given Discharges

#### Group Includes Men From Army, Navy And Marines

Fifteen more Ashe county men were discharged through the local draft board this week, Sam L. Davis has announced. Twelve served in the army, two in the navy and one in the marine corps.

Those serving in the U. S. Army are: Wayne Gentry, of Todd; Elmer Elliott, of Clifton, Elmer G. Blevins, of Bina; Ryland F. Jones, of West Jefferson, Robert S. Wolfe, colored, of Crumpler.

Those in the U. S. Navy are: C. Goodman, of West Jefferson, Johnny F. Roten, of Hemlock, Gilmer W. Pasley, of Grassy Creek, Norman J. Osborne, Wiley B. Taylor, of Toller; Ernest K. Edwards, of Todd, and Guy W. Lyon, of West Jefferson.

McDaniel Harless, of West Jefferson and Avery M. Lambert, of Jefferson, served in the navy, and W. R. Wood, of Todd, in the marine corps.

### Rotarians Will Hear New Pastor

Rev. Cecil Callis, pastor of the Jefferson Presbyterian church, will be the guest speaker at the meeting of the Jeffersons Rotary club tonight. Sharpe S. Shoemaker will be in charge of the program.

H. D. Quessenberry, county agent, was speaker last Thursday when he made a report on the Red Cross drive now underway.

Mr. Quessenberry also spoke on the pure-bred cattle associations in the county.

## County's Annual Basketball Tourney Will Open April 1

### JEFFERSON PASTOR



Rev. Cecil Callis, new Presbyterian pastor of the Jefferson churches.

### Alton Weaver Is Winner Of Legion Oratory Contest

#### Goes To Statesville Today To Compete In District Event

Alton Weaver was the county winner in the oratorical contest sponsored by the county's two American Legion posts, when the finals were held at Jefferson high school on Tuesday afternoon. Maryzelle Absher, of Nathan's Creek high school, won second place. Lansing was represented by Helen Gilley and Healing Springs by Joe Goodman.

Alton goes to Statesville today to take part in the district contest. Winners in the district advance to the regional contest and hence to the State contest.

The contestants spoke on phases of the constitution or other related subjects. Alton Weaver's subject was "The Land We Defend," and Maryzelle Absher discussed the history of the constitution.

Weaver was presented a \$25.00 bond and a second prize of \$10.00 went to Miss Absher. A. B. Hurt, (Continued on Page 4)

### Mrs. Medley, 75, Buried Saturday

Funeral service for Mrs. Hettie Medley, 75, of Jefferson, was held Saturday morning at eleven o'clock at the residence. Officiating was Rev. Will Mullis and interment followed in the Poe cemetery.

Mrs. Medley is survived by one son, Will Medley, and two daughters, Maggie and Mary Medley.

## West Jefferson Wins From Blowing Rock In Tourney

West Jefferson High boys turned back a strong Blowing Rock quint from Watauga in a thriller to open the Northwest tournament play Tuesday afternoon in Winston-Salem, 37 to 31.

It was a nip-and-tuck battle all the way with West Jefferson spurring in the final minutes to clinch the game. West Jefferson led at half-time, 13 to 12.

Walker, Hardin and Barr topped the scoring drive for West Jefferson with Klutz and Lentz doing the heavy work for Blowing Rock.

**W. Jefferson Blowing Rock**  
(37) (31)

**Pos.**  
F.—Hardin 8 ..... 4 Clawson  
C.—Walker 12 ..... 6 Justice  
G.—Barr 8 ..... 8 Lentz  
G.—Wyrick 2 ..... 1 T. Greene

### Some Delay Since Schedule Was Interrupted By Two Weeks' Closing Of Schools

At a meeting this week of the officials of the Ashe County Athletic Association it was decided to open the annual high school basketball tournament on April 1 in the Jefferson High School gymnasium and continue it through April 5. The tournament was first scheduled to open March 24, but because of the temporary closing of the schools for two weeks on account of the weather, the tournament dates were changed.

Officials pointed out that since there were still a number of make-up games to be played before the season ends the pairings for the tournament cannot be announced until the games are played.

The V-C girls and the West Jefferson boys drew a by for the opening night, however. It was announced that the opening games on Tuesday night April 1 would be played at six, seven, eight and nine o'clock as will the games on Wednesday and Friday nights. Thursday's games will be played at seven and eight o'clock and the finals on Saturday. (Continued on Page 4)

### Jefferson Is In Drama Contest

#### Left Yesterday For Asheville Where They Will Compete In Regional Contest

The Jefferson High School Dramatics Club has entered the one-act play contest conducted annually by the University of North Carolina. The group left yesterday for Asheville to enter the regional contest to be held in Lee Edwards High School. The one-act play is a comedy, "Pink and Patches", by Margaret Bland.

The cast includes: Texie, Wanda Bower; Rexie, Ivan Rash; Ma, Paula Lee Badger and Mrs. Allen, Annabel Colvard.

Try-outs for the winning contestants from each grade were held last Wednesday morning. Judges for the contests were Mrs. Marie Jackson, Misses Louise Sutherland and Jennie Clyde Worth.

A group from each grade entered the preliminary contest, ninth grade, Mary Jo Little, Ivan Rash, Paula Lee Badger and Audrey Vannoy; tenth grade, Wanda Bower, Annabel Colvard, and Beth Sheets; eleventh grade, June Crepps, Dean C. Jones, June Weaver and Mary Gordon Austin; twelfth grade, Patsy Badger, Jack Sheets, Wava Eller and Elizabeth Weaver. Honorable mention was given to Calvin Miller, Mary Jo Little, June Weaver and Elizabeth Weaver.

Mrs. Gertrude Vaught in charge of the dramatics club.

### West Jefferson Wins From Blowing Rock In Tourney

G.—Powers 5 ..... 12 Klutz  
Score at half: West Jefferson 13, Blowing Rock, 12.  
Substitutes: West Jefferson—McMillan, Haire 2, B. Hardin 2, Blowing Rock—Williams, Williams.

Officials—Hawn and Bowles

Landis High, a strong squad from Rowan county, edged Jefferson from Ashe in a closely fought game Tuesday night, 31 to 29.

Landis took a 10-1 lead in the first period and then withstood the late dash of the Ashe five to win the game.

The scoring duel was well divided among the five starting Landis players with Boston and Shoemaker dropping in eight. (Continued on Page 4)

### Leaders Discuss Plans For Cancer Control Fund Drive



Gov. R. Gregg Cherry meets with group to discuss plans for the 1947 fund-raising campaign of the North Carolina Division of the American Cancer Society. John D. Larkins, Jr., is chairman of the drive in this State where 2,581 men, women and children fell prey to this disease last year.

### Re-Valuation Is Asked For In Bill By J. O. Blevins

#### Measure Introduced Last Week Relates To Property In West Jefferson

J. O. Blevins, last week introduced, at the request of the board of aldermen of the town of West Jefferson, a bill providing for separate valuation for the town from that of the county in order to improve the financial standing of the county.

The proposed bill, discussed for sometime provides that: "The governing board of the Town of West Jefferson may, in its discretion, list, value and re-value all property for the purpose of town taxation separately and independently from and without regard to any listing, valuation or revaluation of such property for purposes of State and County taxation."

A Raleigh paper carried the following on the bill after its introduction:

"Ashe county valuations are notoriously low—so low, in fact, that Ashe rates at bottom of the 100 counties in many respects, according to comparative property values, although it is among the best agricultural counties of the State. Accepting these valuations imposes upon the thriving Town of West Jefferson necessity for levying a tax rate that scares off prospective investors and business interests.

"Representative Blevins said a fair and equitable valuation (Continued on Page 4)

### New Road Job Is To Be Let Soon

At the meeting of the State Highway Commission on Saturday, pushing a program to overcome war strain and neglect in the public road system, it was announced that contracts would be let March 25 for 144 miles of work.

Federal-aid projects include the bituminous surfacing of 2.45 miles from West Jefferson to Warrensville. This new link will cross the railroad and follow Jefferson Avenue until it reaches the hill it is understood.

### Guernsey Group To Meet March 26

There is to be a meeting of the Ashe County Guernsey Breeders Association on Wednesday, March 26, at 8:00 p. m. at the Community Building at West Jefferson. The directors will meet at 6:00 o'clock for an evening meal and discussion and adoption of the rules and by-laws for the association.

John Arey, in charge of dairy extension work at State College, will be present for this meeting along with Dr. Elliott, who is now in charge of artificial breeding in North Carolina.

### Will Meet Next Thursday At Jefferson To Plan For Tri-County Feeder Calf Sale

#### Sugar Stamp 53 Expires March 31; Spare 11 Follows

#### New Stamp Coming In On April 1 Is Good For 10 Pounds Instead Of 5

Housewives were today reminded by OPA that Spare Stamp 53, currently good for five pounds of sugar, must be "spent" in the next few days or not at all, since it expires March 31, one month earlier than originally intended.

The following day, April 1, OPA begins the use of ten-pound stamps, with Spare Stamp 11 becoming good for that amount, A. D. Simpson, Jr., Regional Sugar Executive, said in Atlanta.

"While Spare Stamp 11 will be good for ten pounds right on through September 30, we are hoping the sugar supply will make it possible to declare another ten-pound stamp good on July 1," Simpson said.

He emphasized, however, that these ten-pound stamps are not a "bonus" and that sugar must still be used carefully. He also pointed out that there will be no special stamps set aside this year for canning sugar, as the ten-pound stamps should prove sufficient to cover all necessary home uses of sugar, including

### Make Plans For Scout Camporee

At a meeting of the Ashe Boy Scout District last Thursday night plans were discussed for the annual camporee.

No dates were set, but plans for holding this in the county this year were favored by the group.

### V.-C. Girls Win In Boone Tourney: Defeat Jefferson

The Virginia-Carolina girls and the Cove Creek boys walked off with the championships of the Appalachian high school association basketball tournament at Boone Saturday night.

With Sturgill leading the way with 20 points, the V.-C. girls scored a 34-22 victory over Jefferson. However, Cove Creek had no little trouble scoring a 24-22 win over Boone High, coming from behind a 12-11 half-time deficit.

Named on the all tournament girls' team were Sturgill and Reedy, of V.-C.; Black, of Riverview; Todd, of West Jefferson; Goodman, of Nathan's Creek, all forwards, Hash, of V.-C.; Watson and Austin, of Jefferson; Mikel, of Elkland, all guards.

On the boys' team were for-

### Lamb Show Planned For July 24 For Ashe, Alleghany And Watauga

Commercial cattle breeders of Ashe county will meet at Jefferson at the courthouse next Thursday to discuss plans for holding a tri-county feeder calf sale for Ashe, Alleghany and Watauga counties. This meeting is one of the series being held following a group discussion last Thursday, when L. I. Case, Extension Animal Husbandry and R. W. Shoffner, district agent for Western North Carolina met with the farm agents of the three counties to discuss the possibilities of holding such a sale at the test farm at Transou.

Both Case and Shoffner pointed out that a large number of feeder calves for 4-H Club boys and girls in the central and eastern part of the State have to be shipped in from elsewhere and that a sufficient number of these calves would be available in these three counties if properly handled.

Possibilities and advantages of such a sale were outlined by Mr. Shoffner as well as Mr. Case.

At the meeting last Thursday, the group agreed to go ahead with a Tri-county 4-H Club lamb show. The date set for this show is July 24. Very few changes (Continued on Page 4)

### 18 Year Olds To Report To Board

All men reaching the age of eighteen years are still required by law to register at the local draft board, Sam L. Davis, clerk, stated this week.

Registrants should report to the board on their birthdays or as soon after as it is possible.

### V.-C. Girls Win In Boone Tourney: Defeat Jefferson

wards, Walker, of West Jefferson; guards, Cox, of Elkland; Wyrick, of West Jefferson; Jones, of Jefferson.

The West Jefferson boys advanced to the semi-finals on Friday night and were defeated by the Cove Creek boys 26-20. The V.-C. girls eliminated the West Jefferson girls 27-22, and the Jefferson girls won a 24-16 victory over the Riverview girls.

### TOWN LICENSE TAGS ARE NOW AVAILABLE

The town license tags are now available at the town hall, Ralph Campbell, town clerk stated this week.

All town citizens are asked to get theirs as soon as possible.

### Schools Asked To Turn Reports In At Early Date

#### County Workers Are Also Urged To Turn In Collections Soon

Reports yesterday afternoon reveal that \$1150.00, or still less than half of the county's quota in the Red Cross campaign fund drive has been raised to date. The quota is \$2330.

Ashe county schools were asked to make their collections among the teachers and students this week and to turn these reports in to the Red Cross office or to the Skyland Post. Those that have not made their collections are asked to do so at once in order that the drive may be completed.

County workers are also asked to turn in their collections.

Contributions not previously announced include the following:

Belk's Dept. Store, \$25.00.  
Ashe Motor Co., J. L. Segraves, \$20.00 each.

Lenna Gambill, Roger Holman, J. C. Pierce, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Dent, Wesleyan Service Guild, of the West Jefferson Methodist church, Mr. and Mrs. Sharpe Shoemaker, Mrs. J. M. Barlow, \$10.00 each.

W. B. Reeves, Paul A. Perkins, Irene Mophew, Carl F. Colvard, Mrs. Nelia Dixon, Three Forks Baptist Church, \$5.00 each.

Lady Fair Beauty Shop, Sinclair Service Station, Harvey Payne, Mrs. T. J. Bare, \$2.00 each.  
Mrs. Mable T. Brown, A. Friend, E. L. Stuart, J. N. Tulbert, Salvation Army, T. G. Lyle, Bertie L. Bare, A. Friend, \$1.00 each.

Mrs. Grant Dollar, principal of Baldwin School was the first of the schools to make a report. She turned in \$13.40 yesterday.

### Veteran Farm Meeting Mar. 27

It was announced this week by Upton Blevins that there would be a meeting in the Ashe county courthouse at 7:00 p. m. Thursday, March 27, to discuss the possibilities of a veteran farm training program in the county. Everybody is cordially invited to attend.

### Auto Collides With Truck, Fri.

#### Driver Convicted Of Intoxication And License Revoked

A 1936 Ford coupe, driven by Howard Comer, of Smethport, collided with a 1941 Dodge dump truck, driven by Kenneth B. Blevins, of Crumpler, one mile below the Glendale Springs River Bridge on Highway No. 16, Friday afternoon.

Investigating officer, State Highway Patrolman David Houston reported the damage to Comer's car to be around \$150.00. The truck was not damaged.

Johnny Jones, of Buffalo, a passenger in the car driven by Comer, suffered slight head injuries, it was learned.

Comer, charged with driving while under the influence of some intoxicant, was tried before Mayor T. E. Parker, Monday. He was fined \$50 and costs, and his license was revoked for a period of 12 months.

### Weaver To Enter District Contest

Alton Weaver, winner in the local event of the Youth Speaking Contest, will represent the West Jefferson Methodist church in the district contest at Statesville Tuesday, March 25.

Alton spoke on Christianity in India at the local contest held recently here at the church.

The contest will be held at 7:30 o'clock at the Broad Street Methodist church in Statesville.

Winners in the district contest will compete for the conference contest at a later date, it was pointed out.