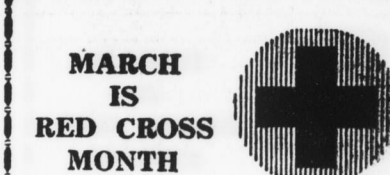




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Sunday Will Be Red Cross Day In Ashe Churches

Health Measure Given Approval

By N. C. Solons

Would Match Federal Funds For Permanent Improvement In Program

By Staff Writer

Raleigh—(Special)—The \$48,000,000 permanent improvements bill, carrying with it an appropriation to be matched with Federal funds for the establishment of a teaching hospital, nurses home and four-year medical school at the University of North Carolina, roared through the House Tuesday and went to the Senate.

The House had its busiest day of the session. It met at noon to pass the permanent improvements appropriations and other measures, and then held another session at 5 p. m. Finally, wearied after its long deliberations, the House adjourned just before it was scheduled to begin consideration of bills to prohibit the sale of wine in 17 counties and regulation of beer in those and six other counties.

The bills, which are expected to cause extended debate, probably will be considered when the House meets again at 11 a. m. today.

Amendments Rejected

The permanent improvements bill swept by without an opposing voice after three amendments were voted down. Representative Hardison of Craven would have provided that the hospital-medical school could not be started until the Medical Care Commission's good health program of hospitals and medical centers over the State had been completed; Representative Fisher of Buncombe would have required the commission to allocate funds for the construction of a large regional hospital in Buncombe County; and Representative Tompkins of Jackson would have required the medical school-hospital be located at Asheville. All were soundly defeated.

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Crumpler Defeats W. J. In Tourney

Win By Score Of 54-39 In Finals Held Saturday Night At Jefferson

The powerful Crumpler Rebels defeated the strong West Jefferson all-star team in the finals of the Ashe county all-star tournament on Saturday night by a score of 54-39.

In the first round of the tournament Jefferson lost to Crumpler by a score of 24-20, and West Jefferson defeated Riverview 37-29. Lansing won by forfeit from Fleetwood. In the second round, Crumpler defeated Elkland 32-24, and Lansing lost to West Jefferson by a score of 45-22.

Plans are now underway to make the all-star tournaments an annual event here in the county, officials announced.

Many improvements have been made in the gym at Jefferson and others are being planned, which will include a new lighting system and an increased seating capacity. Increased parking space will also be available, it was stated.

Amateur Program Planned April 23

An amateur program will be held at the Riverview high school on April 23, sponsored by the tenth grade class, it was announced here this week.

A musical contest has been planned and all last year's performers are expected to enter again this year, together with many new ones, it was stated.

All those who play an instrument, sing or are talented in any way and who are interested in appearing on this program are asked to contact Miss Hazel Jenkins, Home Economics teacher, or any member of the tenth grade class, it was pointed out. Prizes will be awarded to the best contestants.

County's Basketball Tournament Opens Next Tues. April 1

REPRESENTS COUNTY



Alton Weaver will represent counties of this area in the soil conservation oratorical contest in Elkin April 3.

Meet Today To Plan Sale Of Feeder Calves

Tri-County Event For Ashe, Alleghany And Watauga Aim Of Farm Leaders

Commercial cattle breeders of Ashe county will meet at Jefferson at the courthouse today at 10:30 o'clock 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.

Jefferson Group Winner In Drama

The Jefferson High School Dramatics Club was one of the winners in the regional contest held at Lee Edwards high school in Asheville last week, when they presented a one act comedy entitled "Pink and Patches."

The dramatics club will enter the annual dramatics contest to be held at the University of North Carolina, at Chapel Hill, on April 10, 11 and 12.

The dramatics club is under the direction of Mrs. Gertrude Vaught.

Soil Conservation Finals To Be Held At Elkin Apr. 3

Alton Weaver, West Jefferson High School student and son of Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Weaver, of West Jefferson will be among the eight high school students speaking on the general subject, "Soil Conservation," to compete for \$350 in Savings Bonds and the honor of being guest speaker before the annual convention of the North Carolina Bankers Association at the finals of the second annual Soil Conservation Speaking Contest at Elkin, April 3.

The finals were scheduled to be held February 20, but both judges and speakers were snowbound on that date. The new date was announced at that time.

Representing 45 North Carolina counties, the following contestants will be heard: Alton Weaver, Ashe County; Mattie Sue Carpenter, Cleveland County; Leonard Dean, Granville;

Games Schedule Expected To Be Completed Tonight; Much Interest

As the season's schedule of basketball games comes to a close and the opening date of the tournament, next Tuesday, April 1, draws near, more and more interest is being shown in the event. The tournament will be played in the Jefferson gymnasium Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights.

Since there are still a few make-up games, which are expected to be concluded tonight, the pairings will not be completed until these games are played and the standings for the season worked out.

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 night at 7:30 and 8:30 o'clock. While it is still too early to predict the winners Jefferson and West Jefferson boys are favorites with many along with Jefferson and Virginia-Carolina girls.

Jefferson, W. J. Play Close Game

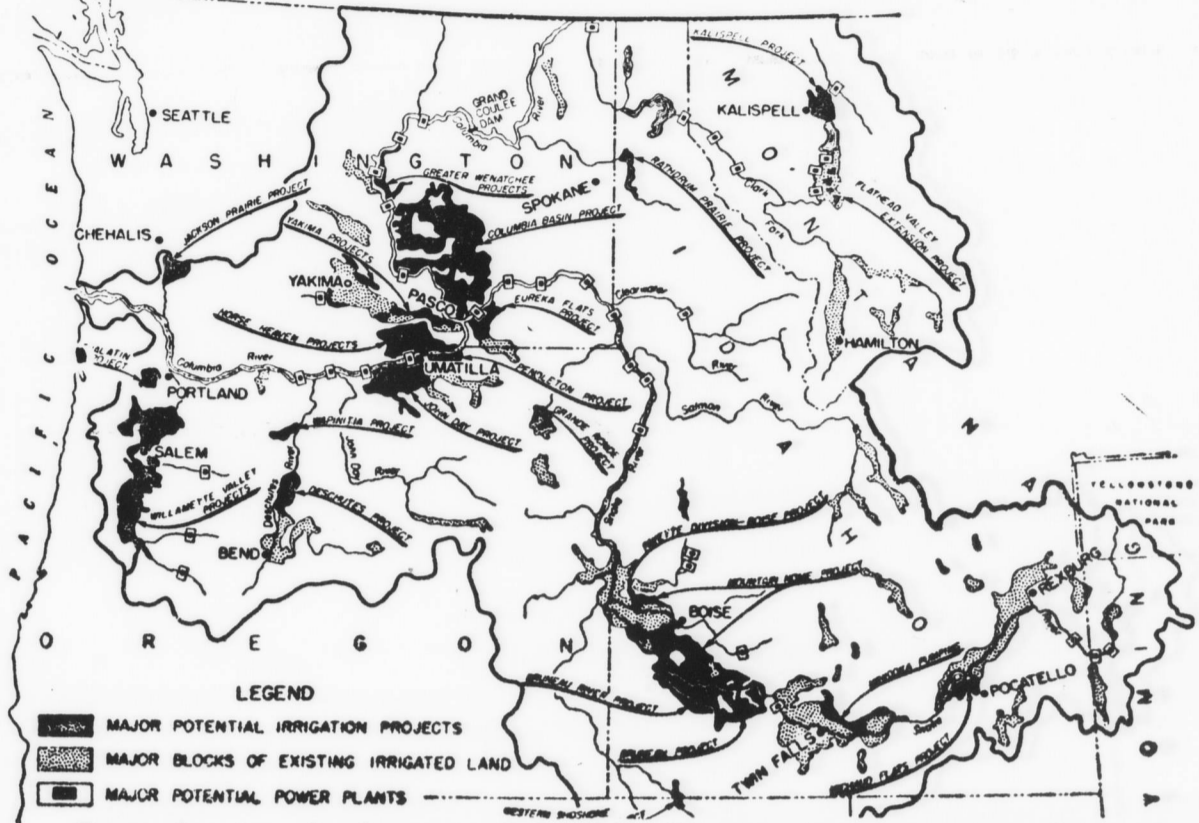
West Jefferson Winner; Results Of Other Games Are Announced

Basketball fans witnessed one of the most exciting games of the season on Tuesday night when West Jefferson boys defeated the Jefferson quint on the local court, by a close margin of 27-26. In the beginning period Jefferson led the scoring but West Jefferson rallied to tie the score 7-7 at the end of the first quarter, and kept the lead during the remainder of the game. At the half West Jefferson was only leading by two points and at the end of the third quarter were in the lead with a score of 20-16. With only four minutes to play and a score of 25-20 the action was really fast with both teams fighting for the ball. Wyrick led the scoring for the winners with 14 points and Dean C. Jones, Jr. scored 10 points for the losers.

The girls game, however, was not as close with the Jefferson sextet defeating the West Jefferson lassies by a score of 33-20. Thompson scored 17 points for the winners and Speaks and Todd scored 8 points each for West Jefferson.

In a make up game at the Jefferson gymnasium Thursday night, the home teams captured a (Continued on Page 4)

BUREAU OF RECLAMATION OUTLINES VAST PLAN



Comprehensive development of the Columbia River Basin in the Pacific Northwest, embracing 238 projects has just been announced by the U. S. bureau of reclamation. Eleven of the projects are singled out for authorization now to meet the earlier needs of the region. If authorized by congress, the plan ultimately will benefit 5,360,000 acres of land.

Legion To Again Sponsor Annual Spelling Contest

Finals To Be Held At Courthouse On April 16; J. B. Hash Is Chairman

The annual spelling contest, sponsored by the Ashe Post 171 of the American Legion, will be held Wednesday, April 16 at the courthouse in Jefferson. J. B. Hash, chairman, stated this week. The contest had previously been announced for April 9 but since schools were closed temporarily due to the bad weather, the date was postponed until April 16, it was pointed out.

Every school in the contest is entitled to one representative from grades four through eleven. Mr. Hash stated, Medals will be given by the American Legion for each grade winner.

Schools will conduct preliminary contests in the schools to select the delegates to represent them in the contest at the courthouse. The program will begin at seven o'clock and the public is invited to attend.

FIRE BREAKS OUT IN DIXIE BARBECUE

Local firemen were called out about 12:30 a. m. Tuesday morning, when the Dixie Barbecue, owned and operated by Jack Miller and located next to the W. J. Ezzo Service Station, caught fire.

It was reported that an oil stove flamed up but the fire was out when firemen arrived at the scene. The stove had been carried to the outside and the flames extinguished before damage was done to the building, it was stated.

Cool Spring Arrives Here

Spring came in with a breeze that literally became a whirlwind, Friday and Saturday.

Sunday was a typical Spring day, but winds blew again on Monday, followed by rains and thunderstorms. Early Tuesday morning the snow started falling and continued throughout most of the day as well as into the night.

The strong wind together with the blowing snow made driving hazardous.

Yesterday morning the temperature dropped to a low of sixteen degrees above zero, bringing out winter coats again.

Several people remarked that this was the shortest Spring they had experienced. Most people predicted that the weather would continue to remain cold until after Easter.

Necessity Of Maintaining Standards In Lunchrooms Of Schools Is Explained

Ashe Given 6 Men On School Board By Legislature

Named In Omnibus Bill Introduced Before Legislature Last Friday

Ashe county was given a six-member board of education in the omnibus bill introduced last Friday in the N. C. Legislature when several other county school boards were also named.

Named in the bill for two-year terms for Ashe county were G. O. Burgess, Cleve Francis, Clyde Houck, Bradley Sturgill, Arthur Rose and L. P. Colvard.

These men were voted on earlier in the year by the Ashe County Democratic Executive committee and each of them received a majority vote. Their names were in turn suggested to the N. C. Legislature.

According to unofficial information received here, there is (Continued on Page 4)

SUPERINTENDENT IS TO SPEAK ON SUNDAY

Rev. J. H. Arnbrust, district superintendent, of Stateville, will preach at the Grassy Creek Methodist church on Sunday at 11:00 o'clock a. m., it was announced here this week. Rev. Mr. Arnbrust will hold quarterly conference at that time.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

County's Burley Tobacco Allotment Cut 20 Per Cent

It is announced by the AAA office that the Burley tobacco acreage had been cut 20 per cent for this year on acreage allotments of one acre or more.

According to agricultural leaders the reason for this reduction in Burley for 1947 can be based on the following figures:

The carry-over of Burley from 1945 to 1946 was 759 million pounds added to the 1946 production of 578 million pounds gave a total supply of 1337 million pounds. The disappearance or consumption in 1947 was 477 million pounds which would leave a 1946 carry-over of 860 million pounds. This 1946 carry-over added to the 1947 estimated production would give a total 1948 supply of more than 1400 million pounds. One can easily see from this that the supply of Burley tobacco has been built up until it is three times the consumption. This vast surplus accumulated due to the 10 per cent increase of individual allotments in 1943, the 25 per cent increase in individual allotments in 1944 along with the acre law in 1944 which raised all allotments of less than one acre up to an acre if there was as much as 4 acres of cropland on the farm. All these increases plus our step up in yields per acre has resulted in a vast surplus which must be reduced if good Burley prices are to continue, it was pointed out.

In November, 1946, a Burley Referendum was held in which more than 90 per cent of the Burley growers voting favored a three year control with a 20 per cent reduction if necessary. It was pointed out by some officials that growers need to work on the marketing end of the program to do away with the accumulated surplus.

County Still Far Short Of Drive Quota Of \$2330.00

A Total Of \$1370.23 Reported Yesterday; All Churches Asked To Help

Sunday will be Red Cross Day in the churches of Ashe county and all churches and Sunday Schools are asked to take a collection toward helping to raise Ashe county's quota in the fund raising drive now underway.

A total of \$1370.23 was reported yesterday afternoon. Drive Chairman H. D. Quessenberry pointed out that because of the humanitarian work done by the Red Cross, he felt sure that all churches and Sunday Schools would cooperate in the drive. Special attention of the pastors and Sunday School superintendents is asked.

The drive is scheduled to end this month and only a little more than half of the county's quota of \$2330 has been raised.

Contributions not previously published include the following:

- First National Bank, Smithey's Store, \$25.00 each; Ron Davis, \$10.00; Friendship School, \$5.10. Fred G. Ray, Clara Perkins, Kay L. Eller, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. K. L. Eller, Hoyt Wood, J. B. Hash, Todd Drug Company, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Todd, Francis Ann Todd, \$5.00 each. Chapel School, \$3.00; Parker School \$2.25.

John Goss, Buelah Cockerham, Mamie Wallace, Mrs. E. F. Gambill, Scott Cox, Mrs. C. F. Vaught, Mrs. E. V. Pierce, \$2.00 each. Little Helton School, \$1.83. Paul Weaver, Mrs. G. W. McMillan, Mrs. Bea Vannoy, G. W. McMillan, Mrs. W. F. Gambill, (Continued on Page 8)

Several Injured In Accidents

John Cox And Don Miller Injured Near Glendale; Weaver's Car Wrecked

Several people were slightly injured in highway accidents in Ashe county during the past week end.

John Cox and Don Miller were brought to the hospital for treatment on Friday night following an altercation which took place near Glendale Springs. These men had received knife wounds and were badly beaten about the head. According to reports they had picked up Paige Sheets on the mountain and he later wrecked the truck driven by Miller, and with others who joined the group beat both Cox and Miller.

Sheets was arrested for assault and assault with a deadly weapon with intention to kill; was released under a \$1500.00 bond. Early Saturday morning Ralph "Hardrock" Lyalls was driving Earl Weaver's car when it was badly damaged when it collided with a truck belonging to Ulysses Fow near the Vannoy Flooring plant. According to State Highway Patrolman Dave Houston who investigated the accident, the Plymouth car driven by Lyalls struck the truck which was parked off of the highway and was damaged around \$450.00. Riding with Jones were Earl Weaver and Wayne Jones. Jones received some slight cuts according to the report of the investigating officer.

Christine Foster (colored) was brought to the hospital Saturday morning for cuts and bruises she received in an automobile accident, according to reports.

Teachers Will Attend NCEA Meet

Around 20 teachers from Ashe county are leaving today to attend the annual meeting of the North Carolina Education Association being held in Asheville on Friday and Saturday.

Among those who will attend are Mrs. Gertrude Vaught, president of the Ashe county unit; A. B. Hurt, principal of the Nathan's Creek high school, James Miller, principal of Elkland high school; Mrs. Lola Porter and Miss Lorene Perkins, of West Jefferson high school.