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## High School Finals To Start Next Week

### County Made Record In AAA Grass Seed Plan

**To Discontinue Seed Order; Farm Allowances Are To Be Set Up Under AAA**

During the past few weeks Ashe county farmers have received AAA purchase orders for more than one hundred thousand pounds of grass and clover seed, which is believed to be a record amount since records for the State show there was only around one million pounds issued for the entire state.

AAA officials pointed out that if this seed was properly used it would prove to be a great help in the improvement of pastures in the county and would also tend to increase the dairy program. Members of the Ashe AAA committee said that they wished to thank all seed dealers for their splendid cooperation in putting this program across. "It should mean much to the county," one member declared.

It was announced by the AAA office that it would discontinue issuing purchase orders for seed on Monday, May 5. A portion of farmers is called to order.

It was also announced that a farm allowance will be set up within the next few weeks for each farm in the county participating in the 1947 AAA program. Last year no set allowance was necessary as many was available to pay each producer for all practices carried out.

Anyone buying material this year can only be paid an amount equal to the farm allowance. Any material received through the AAA office will be charged against this allowance.

### Lansing Winner Of Debating Cup

**Has Won Debate Sponsored By Rotary Club For Past Two Years**

The annual debating contest sponsored by the Rotary Club was won this year by Dawes Graybeal and Thomas Roberts, Lansing High School's negative team.

They were victorious in the semi-finals at Jefferson April 21 when they met Jefferson's negative team. On Thursday night, April 24, they were guests of the Rotary Club, where they debated Jefferson's affirmative. Ann Francis and Billie Oliver. These four final contestants receive medals from the club, and Lansing receives the debating cup, which, since it has been won for the second consecutive year by this school, may be kept in permanent possession.

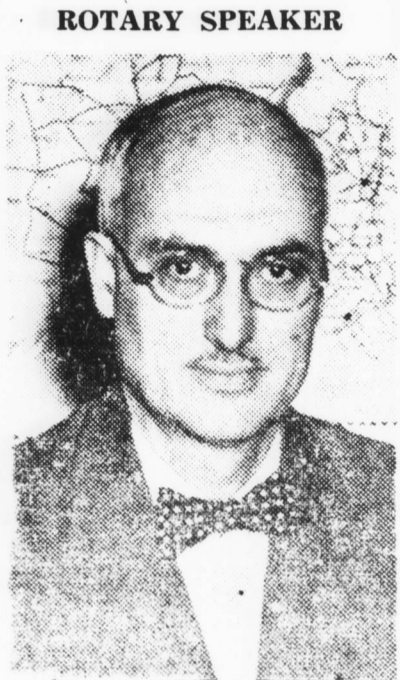
The victorious team has won every debate in which it has engaged this year. A state debate was held earlier at Jefferson where Lansing's negative won over Boone's affirmative team. Lansing's affirmative team was composed of Ruth Campbell, Pauline Weaver, and Wanda Weaver, and the Lansing coach was Mrs. Stafford Smith. The question debated it: Resolved that the Federal government should provide a system of complete medical care available to all citizens at public expense.

### Cecil Callis Is To Be Ordained

Rev. Cecil Callis will be ordained as a minister and installed as pastor of the Jefferson Presbyterian church on Sunday night at eight o'clock, it was announced here.

Rev. Denver Blevins, of Kenly, formerly of Ashe county, will preach the ordination sermon. Others who will take part in the service are: Hoke Henderson, of Elkin, moderator of the Presbytery, who will make the charge to the congregation. Rev. Ralph Ritchie, of Elkin, will charge the pastor; Rev. John W. Luke who will lead the ordination prayer; and Rev. W. P. Boyle, it was stated. The public is cordially invited to attend.

### Construction Work On Three Highways Is Now Underway



**ROTARY SPEAKER**  
 Henry S. Villard, Deputy Director of Near Eastern and African Affairs, will address the Rotary District Conference.

### Glendale Springs, Beaver Creek, W. Jefferson-Smethport Roads Included

Construction is now underway on three sections of major highways in the county and is expected to be completed this summer, according to information received here.

Work was started this week on the Beaver Creek-Obids highway and this will include the paving of three and one-tenth miles from Oak Lodge to a point near the Cal Greene place.

Work is going forward on the Glendale Springs-Jefferson section, which also includes repaving and straightening. The old pavement has been torn off on a stretch of this road, but it is understood, that according to the contract, this road will not be closed for travel.

The new link of the West Jefferson-Smethport road, which crosses the railroad track and follows Jefferson Avenue, before

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### Many Expected To Attend Annual Rotary Meeting

**Will Be Held In Charlotte May 5-6; Near East Representative To Speak**

A large number of the membership of the Jeffersons Rotary club is expected to attend the Rotary District Conference to be held in Charlotte May 5-6 when Henry S. Villard, Deputy Director of Near Eastern and African Affairs will address the group, local president W. B. Austin said this week.

Mr. Villard has served as Political Advisor, U. S. Delegation to the United Nations Assembly, and Political Liaison Officer, U. S. Delegation to the United Nations Conference on International Organization. He has a distinguished career as a Foreign Service Officer with the State Department, and members of the

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### Rev. Sam Moss To Speak Sunday

Rev. Sam Moss, pastor of the Methodist church, Boone, will preach at the Jefferson Methodist church on Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock, it was announced here this week.

Every member is urged to attend and the public is cordially invited.

### Doughton Seeking Community Tax Law For All Of The States

Washington—Application of the community property principle of tax returns to all states, reducing federal income taxes by \$1,000,000,000 in 1948, was proposed in a bill introduced by Rep. Doughton (D., N. C.).

The North Carolinian, who was manager of tax legislation while Democrats controlled congress, told reporters "I will insist on action in the present congress."

He expressed hope that the senate will attach a community property amendment to the \$4,000,000,000 income tax reduction bill soon to be voted on in that body.

While the tax cut now before congress would be applicable to the current year, Doughton's bill would not be effective until next year.

Nine states now have community property laws which permit their married residents to split their income equally between husband and wife for tax reporting purposes. This often puts them in lower surtax brackets and results in substantial savings.

### Jefferson Will Have Election Tuesday, May 6

**L. P. Colvard Again Named As Candidate For Mayor; Books Are Open**

At a mass meeting on Tuesday night at the courthouse L. P. Colvard was named as a candidate for mayor to succeed himself. He is unopposed for the election that will be held May 6.

Named as candidates for aldermen are J. Bruce Porter, Roy R. Badger, and Lawrence Tyson, who are also unopposed.

It was announced that the registration books will remain open through Saturday, May 3. All residents not registered and otherwise eligible to vote are asked to register by that time.

### Apiarists Will Hear Stephens

H. D. Quessenberry, county agent, announced this week that plans are being made for a meeting at Bower Walters' farm near Jefferson on May 9 at 1:30 p. m. at which time bees from the old type gum will be changed to a patent bee gum and re-queen the colony.

"W. A. Stephens, Extension Bee Specialist, will be present for this meeting, and I am sure will be able to answer questions in regard to beekeeping in Ashe county," Mr. Quessenberry said.

### Newly Elected Officers Of Jeffersons Rotary Club



These new officers will begin their duties July 1. Reading from left to right: Hoyt Wood, president; Dean McMillan, vice-president; Thomas Sears, secretary and treasurer.

### Wood Is Named New President Of Rotary Club

**Dean McMillan Is Vice-President; Sears Again Chosen Secretary**

Hoyt Wood, pastor of the West Jefferson Methodist church was named president of the Jeffersons Rotary Club to succeed W. B. Austin. Other officers named to serve with him include Dean McMillan, vice-president and Thomas Sears, secretary and treasurer.

Members of the new board of directors include, in addition to Wood and McMillan, L. P. Colvard, A. B. Hurt, L. B. Tyson and Todd Gentry. W. B. Austin, the outgoing president is an ex-officio member of the board of directors.

The new officers will begin their duties with the new Rotary year, July 1.

### Certificates Of Teachers To Be Renewed 1947-48

**Were Not Renewed By N. C. Legislature As In Past Years**

The attention of teachers is called to the fact that their certificates were not renewed by the legislature this year as in the past.

B. H. Duncan superintendent of schools pointed out that the State Board has been given the power, by law, on renewals. He explained that all certificates requiring renewal are given one year's renewal for 1947-48 term, but that all teachers who have certificates that have expired, must meet the renewal requirements by September 1, 1948.

He further pointed out that teachers should take advantage of summer schools this summer as well as next so that they should be sure of validating their certificates before September.

### Scout Camporee To Begin Sunday

Complete plans for the Ashe county boy scout camporee have been announced this week by Harvey Payne, chairman of the camping and activities committee. The camporee which will open near Ambrose Barr's below Jefferson, Saturday, May 3, and continue through Sunday, May 4, is expected to be attended by more than 50 boys.

Parents and all those interested in the scouts are invited to stop by the camping grounds and see the scouts at work.

Scouts will represent the Jefferson, Fig, Crumpler, West Jefferson, Glendale, Grassy Creek, and Floetwood troops.

Mr. Payne pointed out that he hoped that it would be the most widely attended camporee ever held here in the county.

The full program will contain many interesting features of scout work.

### Cancer Control Fund Quota For County Is Surpassed Two Hours After Drive Opens

### Baseball Will Be Started Here Saturday, May 10

**Managers Of Six Teams Are Named; Equipment Now Being Secured**

At a meeting of the by-laws committees and the managers of the teams in the Mountain Baseball League, plans were made for the season and the schedule for the games which will open on May 10, was worked out.

The West Jefferson team met at the Man's Store Monday to be measured for the suits, which were made possible by donations of the merchants of the town. Those to purchase suits were The Man's Store, Quality Cleaners, Belk's, Blackburn's, The Skyland Post, First National Bank, Quonset Grill, Reins-Sturdivant, C. & H. Service Station, Parker's Store, Ray Hardware, Davidson's, Graybeal's Drug Store, Ashe Hardware, Duncan Motor Company, Burgess Furniture Store, Parker Tie Company. Each of these merchants gave \$20 to pay for a suit.

Dan Campbell, secretary of the

### Section Of River Closed May, June

Announcement was made this week by Roland Koontz that the portion of the North Fork of New River from the dam to the South fork junction would be closed for the spawning season from May 1 to June 30, both dates inclusive.

The cooperation of all land owners and sportsmen is asked in this protective measure.

### Educational Literature Also Distributed Telling How Disease Is Curbed

Ashe county's quota for the cancer control fund drive was raised and surpassed in record time by two hours after the drive officially opened on Thursday morning. The county's quota was set at \$100.00 and to date a total of \$420.25 has been raised with some more contributions to come in.

A large amount of literature relative to the control of the disease was also distributed by those making the canvass for the drive.

Todd Gentry served as county chairman, Miss Ruth Tugman as county commander. Assisting them in making the canvass were Mrs. Ed M. Anderson and Miss Jennie Clyde Worth.

Contributors to the drive were as follows: Skyland Post, Todd Gentry, M. G. Edwards, G. W. Edwards, Carolina Briar Corp., Burgess Furniture Co., Belk's Dept. Store, Rhodes Furn. Co., Cash Wholesale, Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home, \$25.00 each.

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### Ashe Teacher Dies In Boone

Mrs. Ellere Milam, of Milam, teacher at Toliver school, succumbed in the Boone Hospital Tuesday morning. Mrs. Milam had resigned her position there a month ago. She is survived by her husband.

B. H. Duncan, superintendent of schools pointed out that Mrs. Milam had rendered good service as a teacher during the year, and it was with shock and regret that the news of her death was received.

### Several Are Slightly Injured In Car Wrecks In County

Several people received minor injuries in highway accidents over the past week end in the county, but only one person, Glade Caudill, of Stratford, received serious injuries when the car which he was driving overturned on the Nathan's Creek-Sparta highway near the Stringer place on Sunday. He received a broken shoulder and arm as well as cuts about the head and is now undergoing treatment in Ashe hospital.

Dean Hedge and Dalton Miller had a slight wreck near the Vanroy flooring plant on Saturday when both of their cars were slightly damaged. No one was injured, officers reported. John Sutherland sustained slight injuries in a motorcycle accident, which occurred on the Beaver Creek road on Friday.

### WORK GOING FORWARD ON MOTOR CO. BUILDING

Work is now going forward on the new building to be occupied by Ashe Motor company, on Jefferson Avenue. The building is under construction on the opposite side of the street from the Greystone service station on the outskirts of West Jefferson.

### Elkland To Be First To Award Diplomas, May 9

**Full Schedule Of Programs Of Nine High Schools To Be Announced Next Week**

Commencement programs in some of the nine high schools of the county will get underway next week, with others being held later in May when a total of 154 will receive diplomas.

Elkland high school finals will be the first in the county with the 22 graduates being awarded diplomas on May 9. Finals at Treating Springs will be one day later as the members of the graduating class will receive their diplomas on May 10.

Most of the exercises will be held the following week. Lansing and Virginia-Carolina are slightly later than the others, with Virginia-Carolina the last, with finals scheduled for May 31.

In addition to the graduating exercises, many of the schools are having special programs and plays. Full details of the programs will be announced in the annual commencement and educational program edition of this paper next week.

### School Play At Elkland On Sat.

**Will Mark Opening Of School Finals; "Mama's Baby Boy" Will Be Presented**

The senior class play, "Mama's Baby Boy," a 3-act comedy, will be presented on Saturday night, May 3, in the Elkland school gymnasium as the opening number of the commencement program.

The theme of the play centers around the romance and financial difficulties of Anna McLean, a 40-year-old widow, with an eighteen year old son, and Luther Long, a widower of the same age with a 17-year old daughter. Each parent is practically broke, and though they really care for each other, the contemplated marriage is one of convenience. Both, to conceal their correct ages, persuade these teen-agers to dress as mere children with the promise that each may go to the college of his choice when the necessary money is available through this marriage. Events become involved when young friends of the son and daughter arrive and set the fun in motion. This finishes the "pretenders" and they dress again as they should be; the truth comes out—the wedding seems in danger, but all is saved by recent investments proving successful and the wedding bells still ring.

The characters will be portrayed by: Mattie Jones, the young widow, Mrs. McLean; Joe Bledsoe. (Continued on Page 4)

### Guy Brown Now Wanted In Rowan

Guy Brown, who has been held in the Ashe county jail since Monday, pending the arrival of officers from Rowan county, where it is reported that he is wanted on the charge of car theft among other offenses also had the misfortune to run into the arms of the law here.

Brown first made his public appearance at the Lone Pine service station and was brought to the Ashe hospital for treatment of slight wounds, which he apparently received in an altercation. He became annoying there and hospital authorities called for an officer of the law to remove him.

As he reached the jail he complained of severe pain and asked Sheriff Todd to assist him in getting out of the car. He then took advantage of the situation and slipped the sheriff's gun from his pocket, which the sheriff soon recovered in a tussle, but Brown escaped temporarily. He was later picked up near the Bauguess residence just below Jefferson. Officers stated that he was apparently under the influence of some narcotic.