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Work Is Started On New Well For West Jefferson

Located On Property Of Mrs.
B. E. Reeves Near New
Smethport Highway

Drilling is now underway on the new well for the town of West Jefferson, on the property of Mrs. B. E. Reeves near the new Smethport-West Jefferson highway. Officials pointed out that as yet no water veins have been struck and a forecast of the amount of water to be secured for the town from this additional well, can not be determined at this time.

It is believed however, that if an ample water supply can be struck, that the present water supply and the new supply can be used on an alternate basis.

A new pump will have to be secured and the two water lines must be joined, it was pointed out by town officials.

In charge of the drilling is the Virginia Machinery and Well company of Richmond, Va.

Body Of Billy Miller Is Found

Body Found Saturday In Yadin River After Search Of Several Days

The body of Billy Dean Miller, eight years old, who drowned Saturday, July 19, in the Yadin river two miles west of North Wilkesboro, was found Saturday, seven miles downstream from where he fell into the water.

The child drowned when he and two other boys went to the river near Curtis Bridge to go swimming. He was reportedly testing the water's temperature when he fell into the river and was swept downstream.

His body, for which hundreds had searched since the accident, was lodged against a log three and one-half miles east of North Wilkesboro.

Coroner I. M. Myers pronounced the child's death as caused by accidental drowning.

He was the son of Lawrence Miller, of Obids, and Mrs. Nora Parsons, of Cricket. He made his home with his mother and step-father.

Surviving besides his parents, are one brother, one sister and one half brother.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m., Sunday at Yellow Hill Baptist church, near Summit.

Mrs. Osborne, 84, Buried On Mon.

Last rites for Mrs. Mary Osborne, 84, of Smethport, were held at the Milam Baptist church Monday afternoon at two o'clock. Interment was in the Milam cemetery.

Mrs. Osborne, who died at her home at Smethport on Saturday, was married to the late Herman Osborne. Surviving are several nieces and nephews.

LICENSE REQUIRED FOR MOTOR BICYCLES

Owners of motor bicycles are reminded this week by Cpl. D. A. Houston, state highway patrolman, that they must have license tags as well as driver's license before they are permitted to operate on the highways.

Those under sixteen years of age are not permitted to drive, Cpl. Houston stated.

Mrs. Lawrence Dies At Milam

Funeral service for Mrs. Mary Ann Lawrence, 93, who died at her home at Milam on Friday, was held at the home Sunday afternoon at two o'clock. Officiating was Rev. Squire Graybeal assisted by Rev. Tom Farmer. Interment was in the family cemetery.

The daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Graybeal, she was married to the late John C. Lawrence. She is survived by the following children: Mrs. Callie Miller and Mrs. Rosalie Jones, both of Trenton; Mrs. Lillie Price, of Casey, Ill.; Joseph Lawrence of Ruffin. Also surviving are 26 grandchildren; 105 great-grandchildren and 27 great-great-grandchildren.

County Benefits In Agricultural Fund Allotment

UN REPRESENTATIVE



Willard L. Thorp, who has been nominated by President Truman as U. S. representative in the UN economic and social council.

ABC Stores Are Turned Down In Alleghany Sat.

Proposed Establishment Of
Legalized Liquor Store
Defeated By 795 Majority

Sparta—Alleghany County voters Saturday kept this mountain county in the legally dry column, defeating a proposal to establish ABC stores by a majority of 795, based on unofficial returns from the seven precincts.

The vote was:
For the proposal, 937.
Against, 1,732.

Sparta was the only point in the county to vote in favor of the proposal. Gap Civil precinct, which includes Sparta, voted 528 for ABC stores and 420 against.

The dry victory was more pronounced Saturday than it was in 1937 when the dries won by a majority of 275 ballots.

Alleghany joined Rowan County in turning down ABC stores. Rowan voted against the proposal several weeks ago. However, Mecklenburg County gave ABC stores a large majority in an election June 15, becoming the first Western North Carolina county to

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Jefferson Is To Have More Water

Jefferson, like West Jefferson, has had a slight water shortage. Some residents found themselves without on Tuesday evening. Plans are now underway to connect another spring to the present supply and thus increase it, officials said.

Service stations using the town water, have been asked to discontinue the washing of cars in order to conserve water, officials said.

W. Jefferson, Helton Win Two Games On Week-End

In the two days of play during the week end West Jefferson and Helton were twice victorious while Laurel Springs and Scottville each captured one victory to their credit, in the Mountain Baseball league.

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Helton still holds top position in the second half of the league, with West Jefferson in second place.

The standings are as follows:

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Helton	5	0	1.000
West Jefferson	4	0	1.000
Laurel Springs	2	2	.500
Lansing	1	3	.250
Scottville	1	4	.200
East Jefferson	0	3	.000

 The league secretary has requested that all team managers

Improved Farm Practices And School Lunch Programs To Continue

Ashe county, along with others in North Carolina will be greatly benefitted by the restored agricultural allotment in which this state will receive an estimated \$17,732,290 for soil conservation, rural electrification, school lunches and farm tenant purchases over the coming year.

Last week the county AAA office began to again issue purchase orders for phosphate and other materials, after being curtailed for several weeks.

A. B. Hurt, Superintendent of schools, said today that the school lunch programs would probably be able to operate as usual, since all of the allotment is to be spent on lunches and none on equipment.

A report from Washington reveals that six southern states—North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama, Florida, Georgia and Virginia—will receive \$83,277,888. Except for farm tenant purchases and soil conservation, the states roughly will receive 10 per cent less than for the year ending July 1, Department of Agriculture experts said.

All school lunch funds must go (Continued on Page 4)

District Gov. Here For Rotary

J. L. Segraves, Who Attended
Rotary International
To Speak Tonight

Macon M. Williams, governor of the 194th district of Rotary, told the value of "Rotary Here and Elsewhere," in an address before the local club, last Thursday night. He stressed the value of the organization as a world force and pointed out the goodwill that could be built up between peoples of other nations, through Rotary.

Prior to the meeting, a club assembly was held and the activities of the various committees discussed.

Tonight J. L. Segraves, cashier of the First National Bank, will be the guest speaker. He recently returned from a trip of several weeks to the west coast, where he attended Rotary International and visited a number of places of interest. He was accompanied by Mrs. Segraves.

REVIVAL TO BEGIN AT ORION CHURCH, SUN.

A revival will be held at the Orion Methodist church beginning Sunday evening at eight o'clock. Rev. Marion Fisher, pastor, announced this week. Services will be held each evening at the same time. The public is cordially invited to attend.

A worship service will be held at the Jefferson Methodist church at eleven o'clock, Sunday morning.

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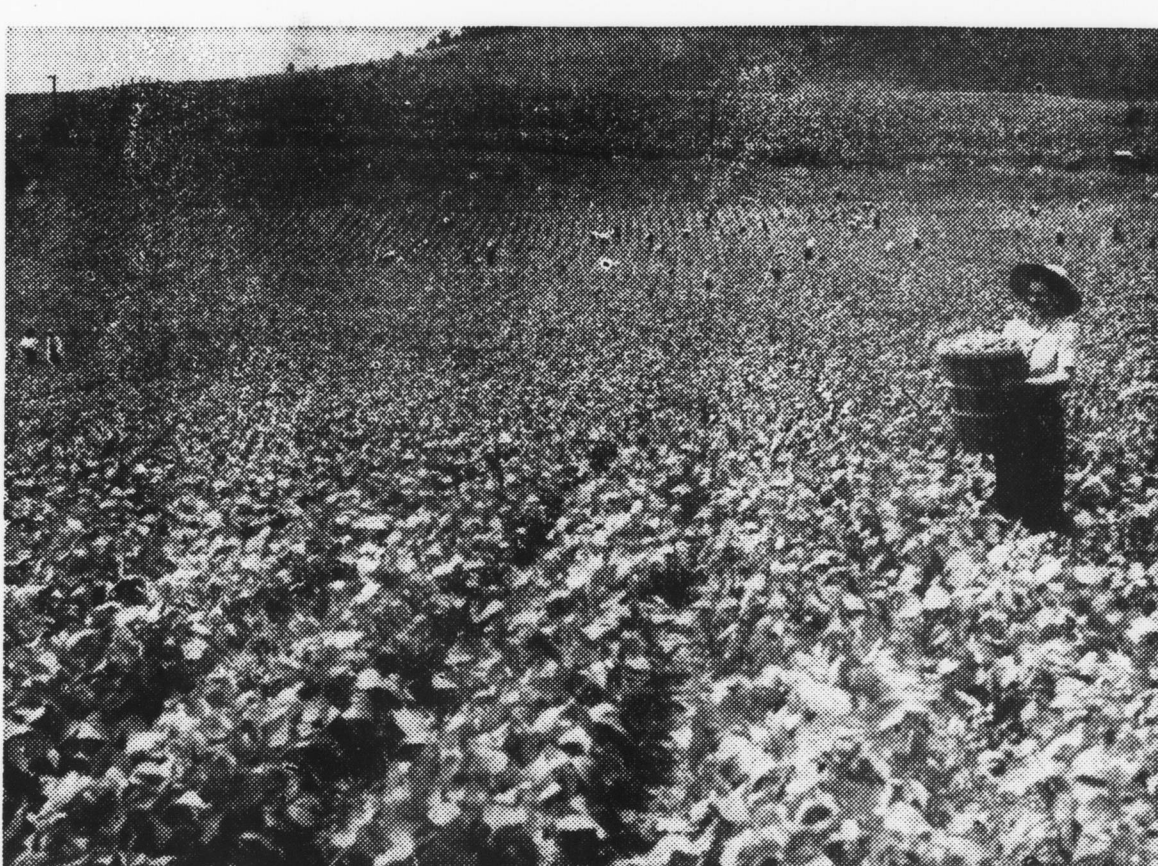
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Carnival Here All This Week

The West Jefferson fire department is sponsoring the Williams Amusement company carnival here all this week.

The carnival is located on the industrial property just below the upper bean market, off the Boone highway.

Thousands Of Bushels Of Beans Are Picked Daily



Above is a scene from Fred Colvard's farm near Jefferson, showing beans being picked for the market. This is typical of this county, where thousands of bushels of beans are now picked daily.

Local Markets Flooded With Beans This Week

Prices Tuesday Night Rang-
From 75c To \$1.35
Per Bushel

Bean growers in this section continue to flood the local markets, where prices are still low since the supply is greater than the demand.

Prices Tuesday night were better than they have been recently, with 13,500 bushels sold from 75c to \$1.35 per bushel at an average between 95c and \$1.00.

Representatives from the Federal Marketing Division with headquarters in Atlanta, together with inspectors, arrived this week.

Officials of the local markets announced that they took no action in the purchasing Tuesday night. It is hoped that they will purchase some of the beans and thus help the market conditions here.

79 Farmers Sold Lambs In Pool Here Tuesday

Seventy-nine Ashe farmers sold a total of 785 lambs in the cooperative pool, on Tuesday, for a total of \$13,446.00. H. D. Quesenberry, in charge of arrangements said. The total weight of the lambs was 67,699 pounds.

The reports reveal that there were 267 choice lambs which brought \$23.00 per hundred; 363 good lambs sold for \$20.00 per hundred; 91 mediums for \$16.00; 8 commons for \$8.00 and 21 old sheep for \$1.50 to \$6.50.

Farmers expressed themselves as being well pleased over the sale as a whole.

It was announced that other cooperative pools would probably be held late in August. The definite dates of these will be announced in advance, H. D. Quesenberry said.

DEARMAN IS NEW MANAGER OF THEATRE

The Parkway Theatre here is now under the temporary management of Paul Dearman, of Statesville, it was announced here this week.

D. D. Bunch, who has been manager here for sometime, left this week to take over another theatre in the eastern part of the state.

CONGRESS ADJOURNS WITHOUT ACTION ON MANY MEASURES

Washington—Only half the legislation Secretary of State Marshall recommended to Congress as "urgent" was passed in the session which recessed last week end.

However, the bills which were approved included almost all bearing upon the American conflict with Russia—chief among them authority and money for the \$400,000,000 Greco-Turk program.

Administration officials said the record was by no means a bad one for foreign policy co-operation between the Democratic Administration and the Republican Congress.

Marshall sent to Chairman Vandenberg (R-Mich.) of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on January 29 a list of 10 matters for congressional action which he called "urgent items in order of priority." He attached an additional list of 17 items which he marked "important for this session of Congress." Thirteen of the latter failed of passage.

Ashe Boys And Girls Win In Group Classes In Tri-County Lamb Show Here On Monday

Alleghany Leads In Individual Class; White Packing Co. Pays Top Prizes

Ashe county boys and girls took the top places in the group classes at the tri-county lamb show held at the West Jefferson livestock market on Monday, when FFA and 4-H boys and girls from Ashe, Alleghany and Watauga had creditable entries.

J. C. Pierce, Jr., professor of animal husbandry at State College, was the judge for the show. L. I. Case, in charge of animal husbandry extension at State College was also here for the show.

Prizes in class one, pen of three lambs, were won by Betty Lou Thomas, Grassy Creek, first place; Joe Thomas, Grassy Creek, second; Carlisle Bledsoe, Wagoner, third; Billy Finney, Sparta, fourth; Arnold Mitchell, Sparta, fifth.

In class two, the set of twin lambs, winners were Betty Lou Thomas, first; Joe Thomas, second; Carlisle Bledsoe, third; Arnold Mitchell, fourth; Billy Finney, fifth; Everette Cox, Sparta. (Continued on Page 4)

STUDY COURSE IS WELL ATTENDED

The study course, which is being conducted at the West Jefferson Methodist church this week by Dr. Gilbert T. Rowe, professor of theology of Duke University, will end tomorrow night.

The course has been well attended this week by members of church societies as well as the general public. The subject of the course is "Christian Beliefs."

PHONE SERVICE Expanded Here

W. S. Beddingfield, an official of the Central Telephone Co., announced yesterday that better long-distance telephone service could now be expected from West Jefferson on incoming as well as outgoing calls.

He explained, that last week two new circuits to Winston-Salem and one to Statesville were put into operation. Two new circuits have just been completed from West Jefferson to North Wilkesboro. He pointed out that every effort was being made to serve the patrons in the most efficient way possible.

BIRTH ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Miller, of Jefferson, announce the birth of a daughter, Barbara Lea, at the Ashe hospital July 18. Mrs. Miller was the former Miss Gladys Goodman, of Jefferson.

Some Teachers Still Needed; Repairing Bldgs

County Board Of Education
Will Meet Saturday
Morning At 10:00

With the opening date of the county schools less than a month away, there are still some teachers needed, A. B. Hurt, superintendent of schools said. Lansing still has some vacancies and Elkland has one, he explained, but announced that these would probably be filled within the near future.

Supt. Hurt said that he expected to have the entire list of teachers ready for publication within the near future.

He announced that the county board of education would meet on Saturday morning to make additional plans for the opening of the schools on August 25.

Repair and improvement work is now underway in some of the school buildings and more will be done before the opening of schools. Some work is now being done on the agricultural building at Jefferson and at Lansing an additional room is being created. Some painting will be done at Healing Springs within the next few days, Mr. Hurt said.

Attention was called to the fact that as to the property purchased last week for a central high school between the Jeffersons, the actual transaction was made by the county commissioners, rather than the board of education, as announced by those connected with the sale.

Fishing License Available Here

Hunting License Can Be Secured Through District Game Protector

Fishing licenses are available here in West Jefferson as well as at various stores in the county. Roland Koontz, district fish and game protector, announced yesterday.

They may be secured from Ashe Hardware, J. A. Reeves of the Western Auto Store here and in the county at S. G. Graham's Store, Todd; Segraves Motor Co., Warrensville; W. R. Osborne's Store, Fig; J. S. Stevens's Store, French Young's Store, Lansing and Worth Miller's Store, Crumpler.

Koontz reminded the public that it is possible to fish in the county in which one lives and use live or natural bait without purchasing a license. Hunting licenses are required, however, for any type of hunting, anywhere. Residence hunting or trappers' licenses may be secured from Roland Koontz at his home at Jefferson.

He stated that according to the ruling by the attorney general any person convicted of violating the game law will have his license revoked. Anyone hunting without a license will also lose the right to purchase a license.

ASHE MYF WILL Meet Mon. Night

The Ashe sub-district MYF meeting will be held at the West Jefferson Methodist church Monday night at eight o'clock, it was announced yesterday.

All MYF members and pastors are urged to be present.

THIEVES ENTER Ray Drug Store

A thief or thieves entered Ray Drug store here last Sunday night and robbed the cash drawer of around \$75.00. The entry was made through a back window after the glass had been broken by a rock.

Those investigating the theft pointed out that it was probably done by a youth, as the opening in the window was not large enough for an average man to get through.

The broken window was discovered by officer C. P. McMullan before ten o'clock Sunday night, which placed the time of the robbery between closing time on Sunday and the time of its discovery.

Officers are still working on the case, but no arrests have been made as yet.