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## START WORK ON TOBACCO WAREHOUSE Parking Meters To Be Installed In West Jefferson

### New System Is Expected To Be Started In Sept.

215 Meters Will Be Distributed Along Main Street And Jefferson Ave.

Parking meters for the town of West Jefferson are to be installed in the near future, it was decided at a meeting of the board of aldermen last week.

Officials stated that the contract for 215 meters has been accepted by the Alex B. Andrews unit at Raleigh of the M. H. Rhodes company of Hartford, Conn., and shipment of the meters has been promised within 30 days.

Town officials pointed out that not only would the meters relieve the congested traffic but would give the town some needed revenue for general improvements. The meters are to be installed on a one-year period, if they have not proven satisfactory, they will be removed.

The meters will be distributed along Main street and Jefferson avenue. They will have one to two-hour parking measures and can be used accordingly. The cost will be five cents per hour, town officials said.

### Farm Week Draws County People

Ashe County Well Represented In Raleigh This Week For Farm Program

Ashe county along with others in this State is being well represented at the 40th annual session of the State Farm and Home Week program being held in Raleigh.

The program includes many headline speakers among whom are General Dwight Eisenhower, army chief of staff; Dorothy Thompson, newspaper columnist; Representative Stephen Pace, of Georgia; Dean I. O. Schaub, director of the College Extension Service; Dr. L. D. Bayer, dean of the college's School of Agriculture and director of the State Agricultural Experiment Station, Dr. Jane S. McKimmon, retired assistant director of the Extension Service, and Thomas Pearsall, of Nash county, speaker of the House of Representatives in the 1947 General Assembly.

Among those from this county attending are Mrs. Ward Ray, Mrs. Paul A. Perkins, Mrs. Robert Caldwell, of Baldwin; Mrs. Wm. T. Miller, of Nathan's Creek; Mrs. G. G. Howell, of Warrensville; H. D. Quessenberry, county agent, Clifford Koozts and Miss Ella Mae Crosby, home agent.

### Demonstrations To Be Held Tues.

A demonstration for the building of Grade "A" barns will be held at the Doughton-Meadows farm and Miss Joyce Myers' farm in the Laurel Springs section on Tuesday, it was announced here this week.

These demonstrations are being sponsored by the county agent in cooperation with Coble Dairy Products, REA, and Sears Roebuck company, it was explained. All farmers are cordially invited to attend.

### Rev. C. W. Jones To Hold Revival

Rev. Claude W. Jones, of Maryland, a native of Ashe county, will conduct a ten-day tent revival in Jefferson beginning tomorrow night, it was announced yesterday.

Services will be held each evening in the tent located near Waddell's store at the intersection in Jefferson.

Services will continue through September 7. Rev. Blanchard Ham, pastor of the First church of the Nazarene, of Charlotte, will conduct the service Sept. 4.

## County's Schools Opened On Monday; Attendance Is Good

GIVEN APPOINTMENT



Mrs. Gertrude Vaught, Jefferson high school teacher, appointed a member of the editorial board of the English teachers' magazine of N. C.

### Lunch Rooms Will Be Opened Soon; Enrollment Shows Increase Over Last Year

Thousands of Ashe county children entered school on Monday as the 1947-48 session opened with unusually good attendance. As far as it could be learned most all schools showed an increase in initial enrollment over last year and many of the schools found some grades so crowded that they had to be divided.

Most schools had special opening exercises on Monday, which were attended by a number of patrons.

Last minute vacancies were filled, in most cases, and following the opening on Monday, teachers and students began work in earnest, in spite of the warm weather.

Most of the school lunch rooms are scheduled to open on Monday morning and others will open as early as possible, it was announced.

All buses were in operation, but some of them had to travel over detours, as some of the roads are still under construction.

The Glendale Springs road is expected to be open for school bus travel this week, Supt. of schools A. B. Hurt, announced.

### Rev. Joe Taylor To Hold Revival

To Begin At Nathan's Creek Methodist Church Sunday, September 7

Rev. Joe M. Taylor, Jr., former pastor of the Jefferson Methodist church, will be the guest speaker at a series of meetings to be held at the Nathan's Creek Methodist church, it was announced here this week by Rev. William C. Crummett.

The services will begin on Sunday. (Continued on page 4)

### Dr. R. R. King To Speak At Rotary

Dr. R. R. King, Jr., district health officer, will be the guest speaker at the regular meeting of the Rotary club tonight at seven o'clock at the community building. A. B. Hurt will be in charge of the program.

Guest speaker last Thursday was Dr. J. H. Armstrong, district superintendent, of Statesville. (Continued on page 4)

## Rate Increase Is Sought By Central Telephone Co.

The Central Telephone Company this week filed an application with the North Carolina Utilities Commission asking a general increase in telephone rates. In its application, the Company cited increased operating costs and the lowest earnings in its history.

W. E. Sparger of Mount Airy, North Carolina Manager of the Company, said the Company's operating costs are the highest in its history, resulting in a low return on its investment and asked that increased rates be made effective at an early date.

The requested increases in rates, which the Company said would vary with localities, generally ranges from 25c to \$1.25 per month for Business Service and 15c to 75c per month for Residence Service, depending upon classification.

"In line with our long established policy we would like to keep rates down," Sparger said. "They have remained generally the same for the past 20 years,

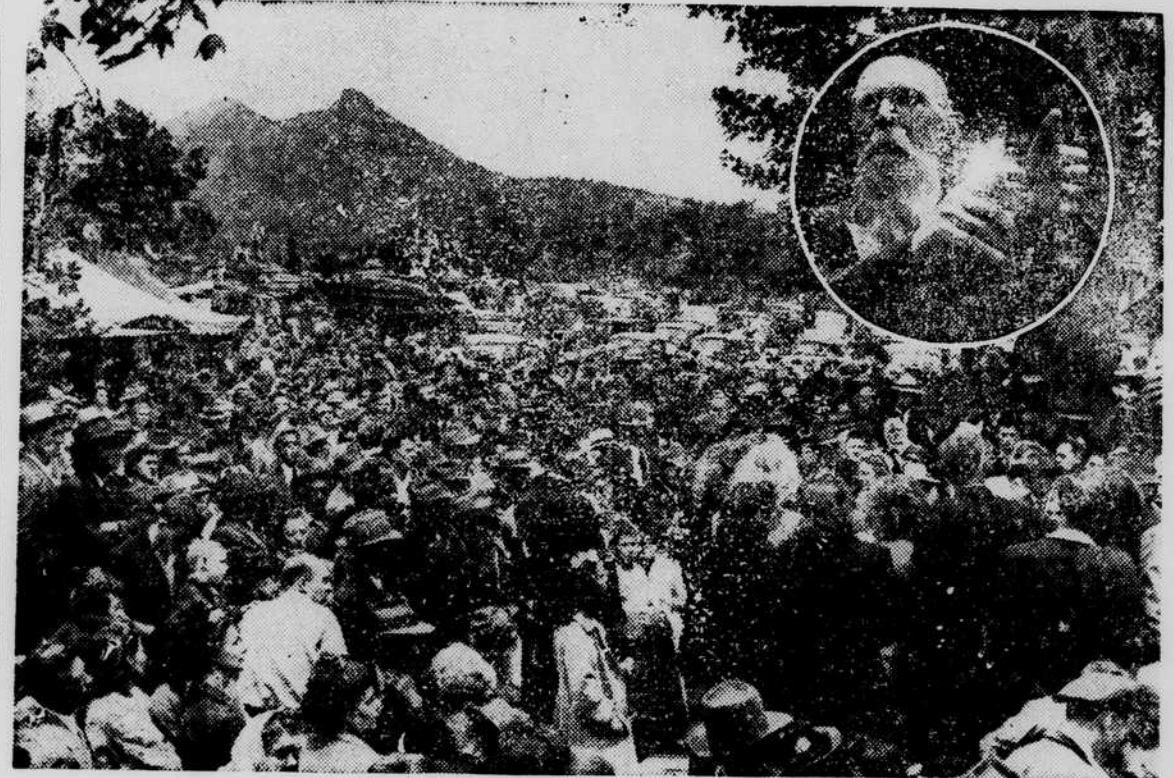
but 1927 rates are not enough for 1947 costs. It is only as a last resort that we are asking for relief now, to more nearly balance some of the tremendous increases in telephone operating expenses." Sparger reported Company earnings have dropped until at present less than 2 1/2 per cent is being realized on the Company's investment.

"Current earnings in North Carolina," he said, "are among the lowest in the Company history."

The Telephone Company, in its application to the State Utilities Commission, said it was spending large sums of money for plant visioned for the next two years, additions in 1947 and a larger construction program was envisioned.

If the proposed rate increases were granted, the Company added, it would give them an additional gross revenue of about 11 per cent on its entire business in North Carolina, but with the added net earnings even this (Continued on page 4)

## Hundreds Attended The Singing On Grandfather Mountain



The singing on Grandfather Mountain during the summer is an annual event looked forward to by a large number of people from North Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia mountains. Shown above is a part of the crowd, which took part in the recent "sing."

## Baptist Ass'n Is Expected To Draw Many This Week

Will Open At Clifton Baptist Church On Friday; J. C. Goodman Is Moderator

A record crowd is expected to attend the sixty-first annual session of the Ashe Missionary Baptist Association scheduled to open at the Clifton Baptist church on Friday and to continue through Sunday.

J. C. Goodman, moderator said that a fine program had been planned with outstanding speakers expected to take part.

Among the other features to be discussed were the educational drive and plans for Wake Forest.

Dr. I. G. Greer, superintendent of the Baptist orphanage at Thomasville will speak as will other state leaders. Reports for the work during the past year will (Continued on page 4)

## Record Rainfall Here This Month

According to official reports from J. S. Parker, of Parker, all records for the month of August so far, have been broken for this section with a rainfall of 2.5 inches and without a clear day for the month.

Many of the crops are showing a nominal growth due to lack of adequate sunshine and high soil moisture, Mr. Parker reports. He also points out that much of the tobacco headed too low and is now "yellowing too easily for maximum production."

## Stores To Close For Labor Day

Amos Wagoner, Jr., president of the West Jefferson Merchants Association, this week reminded local merchants that next Monday, Labor Day, was among the holidays the group voted to observe by closing.

In the by-laws and constitution, as adopted by the group July 4, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and the day after Christmas are the days on which the stores are to close. Mr. Wagoner pointed out.

The attention of the public is called to this in order that they may supply their needs on Saturday, it was pointed out.

The Northwestern Bank announced that it would also be closed on Monday.

## Many Expected To Attend "John Luke Day", Sunday At Glendale Springs Church

### Merchants To Hold Meeting On September 8

### Business Meeting And Dinner Planned; Will Be Held At Graybeal's

At a meeting of the board of directors of the West Jefferson Merchant's Association held on Monday night, tentative plans for the annual business meeting on September 8, were made.

More details of the meeting will be announced later and all members are urged to attend. It was decided that the dinner would be followed by the business session.

There was also a discussion of peddling on the streets. It was unanimously voted to ask the town authorities to stop all peddling on the streets and to have these selling from the sidewalks to buy a special privilege license.

It was pointed out that those who sell from the sidewalks, are unfair competition to regular merchants and also detract from the town.

Other plans for improving public service and general conditions of the town were discussed. (Continued on page 4)

## Farmer Tells Of Benefits Of Conservation Farming

By L. S. RICHARDSON

When I was a boy we used to clear land and roll large logs in a pile and burn them. We had no idea then, that this nation would ever use the timber as fast as it would grow. Only a few years ago we would plow these steep hills from top to bottom and plant them in corn. After the corn was cut we would haul rocks and logs to fill the gullies so we could plow the field again for the next crop. We had no idea then, that this nation would ever be so short on land needed to produce our food and feed.

Seven years ago I kept three cows on this farm and they had a hard time finding enough to eat. In fact I may have had enough feed and pasture to properly keep two cows. The soil on my hills was washed away and the streams were so full of mud and silt from my neighbors farms and mine that I could not harvest a crop on my bottom land. My first experience with soil

### Well Known Presbyterian Minister To Be Honored For 20 Years Of Service

By Staff Writer  
Sunday, hundreds of people from Ashe and Wilkes counties, will gather at Glendale Springs, atop the Blue Ridge to observe "John W. Luke Day" in appreciation of 20 years of unselfish service this Presbyterian minister has rendered in this area.

Taking part in this all-day service will be those who worked with Mr. Luke in the beginning as well as others who have been associated with him down through the years. Dr. E. E. Gillespie will preach at the 11:00 o'clock hour. Following a picnic dinner on the ground, Rev. R. H. Stone, of Charlotte will preside over the service, in which a number of citizens will express appreciation for the fine work of Mr. Luke. Ashe county people who will take part in the service will be Rev. How Wood, Mrs. Shupe S. Stone, Mr. J. O. Brown and L. P. Colvard.

John W. Luke came to Ashe county in 1927 and has in the past 20 years, worked successfully in both Ashe and Wilkes county. The value of his work and influence for good, cannot be measured in figures, yet these (Continued on page 4)

## Building Will Be Erected On Industrial Lots

### Preliminary Work On Ground Already Underway; Residence Being Moved

Preliminary work on the proposed tobacco warehouse building was started this week when the contract was let and ground work got underway.

The proposed new building, which will contain 55,000 feet of floor space is to be erected on the property owned by the West Jefferson Industrial Company and located between the Lyles' residence and the upper bean market.

The residence, formerly owned and occupied by Austin Jones, is being moved from its present location in order to give the additional room needed. Zeb Watterspoon is the contractor in charge of the building.

It is estimated that the building will cost between \$50,000 and \$60,000, members of the building committee pointed out. Kussen W. Barr is chairman of this committee. Some stock has been sold and others will be given an opportunity to buy some, it was announced.

J. R. Rapp is chairman of the board of directors, Wyatt Rowland, president, Dean McMillan secretary and G. W. Edwards, treasurer.

## Healing Springs To Have Program

### Picture "Ever Since Eden" Will Be Shown September 3 At High School

The Healing Springs school invites the public to attend a special showing of the sound motion picture "Ever Since Eden" at the school auditorium on Sept. 3, at 7:30 o'clock.

"Ever Since Eden" tells the entertaining and educational story of the once humble and scorned tomato. . . . how it was transported by Cortez from the jungles of the Incas, eventually to become one of man's favorite foods.

A stirring screen adventure, "Ever Since Eden" portrays a veritable pageant of history as the story of the tomato unfolds. Creators, Lafayette and Jefferson, all play a part against a rich, eighteenth century background. In the nineteenth century the story is principally concerned with the pioneer efforts of Livingston, whose fame is now world-wide, in his successful struggle to develop a tomato seed that would produce tomatoes uniform in quality, size and color.

Through the courtesy of the H. J. Heinz Co., a thrilling tour is made of one of the great tomato processing plants where modern methods make this food ready for the table. Up-to-date cultivation of the tomato in the fields is also shown, including "plant-dusting" by airplane to prevent blight from coming to the delicate crop. Scientific research is seen continually on the alert to maintain the uniform quality of the crop and make possible continual improvement in nutritive value. Kyle Dickson, school principal said.

## Blevins Rites Held Yesterday

Funeral service for Mrs. Dora Blevins, 71, of Crumpler, was held yesterday morning at eleven o'clock at the Crumpler Baptist church. Officiating was Rev. W. E. Denny and interment was in the Crumpler cemetery.

Mrs. Blevins, the daughter of the late Ala Baker and Lowery Jones, was married to the late Cicero Blevins. She succumbed at the Ashe Memorial hospital, Monday.

She is survived by Mary Blevins, Glenn Blevins, Pascal Blevins and Mrs. V. B. Cashion, of Hickory. (Continued on page 4)