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## Boy Scout Fund Drive Still Short Of Quota

### Nov. 10 Date For Drama Festival At Jefferson

Seven Of County's Nine High  
Schools Are Expected To  
Take Part In Event

Ashe county's first locally sponsored one-act play festival will be held at the Jefferson high school next Monday, November 10 when seven of the county's nine high schools are expected to take part.

The afternoon performance will open at 3:00 o'clock and there will also be a night performance, it was announced. The public is cordially invited to attend. Tickets will go on sale in advance, Alice Lee Austin, president of the Jefferson Dramateers announced today.

Cratis Williams, director of Appalachian Playcrafters as well as several of his group will assist with the festival. Miss Loris Shipman, English instructor and dramatics critic will also assist.

Mrs. Gertrude Vaught, who is in charge of the Jefferson Dramateers, said that various committees were at work on the festival and that everything would be in readiness for the opening.

Prizes are to be awarded winners.

### Thieves Enter Business Places

### Forced Entrance Made In Theatre And Wholesale Grocery Firm

Thieves forced their way into two business firms here during the last few days.

The Parkway theatre was entered by thieves early Sunday morning and approximately \$20 in cash was taken and other minor damage was done, local officers reported this week.

The thieves entered the building by breaking a pane of glass in the front window and then breaking the lock on the door to the office inside the building. Evidence showed that the breakers had attempted to break the safe but their efforts did not prove successful.

The theft was discovered early Sunday afternoon, as yet no arrests have been made, local officers stated.

Bare-Little, wholesale grocery company was also forcibly entered Tuesday night. As far as could be learned nothing was taken from this establishment, except possibly some cigarettes. This was the second time thieves had broken into this establishment within the past few weeks.

### Jefferson Charge Services Given

The preaching services for the Jefferson Methodist charge have been announced this week by the pastor, Rev. C. C. Murray.

The schedule is as follows: Bethany, fourth Sunday morning, 11:00 o'clock; second Sunday night, 7:30 o'clock; Jefferson, first Sunday morning, 11:00 o'clock; third Sunday night, 7:30 o'clock; Orion, third Sunday morning, 11:00 o'clock; first Sunday afternoon, 2:30 o'clock; Zion, second Sunday morning, 11:00 o'clock; fourth Sunday afternoon, 2:30 o'clock.

### P.T. A. Plans To Hold Bazaar

Plans are now underway for the Parent-Teachers Association of West Jefferson to sponsor a bazaar on Saturday, December 6, at the community building, Mrs. D. A. Sells, chairman of the bazaar, stated this week.

Articles will be on display at the community building between the hours of 2:00 and 5:00 o'clock. Those on display will include pillow cases, aprons, handiwork of any kind, canned goods, cakes, pies, candy or any other kind of sweets, meats, eggs and butter. Anyone who wishes to sell anything at the bazaar should contact the chairman, Mrs. Sells.

## Work On Tobacco Warehouse Bldg. Well Underway

### FOOD CONSERVATION



Charles Luckman, chief of food conservation, has been having his troubles trying to get industry, agriculture and all factors together on his food program.

### Expect Building To Be Finish- ed Within Next Few Weeks

Construction work is well underway of the new tobacco warehouse building here and it will be completed within the next three weeks in plenty of time for use, when the season opens.

As announced before, buyers from the larger tobacco companies have been assured and everything points to a successful opening when the burley season opens. Taylor Brothers, who are to operate the warehouse are now here and are working with the group as well as farmers.

The new warehouse is to be called the Tri-State Burley Tobacco Warehouse since it will not only serve farmers in this immediate section, but many in Tennessee and Virginia, the directors pointed out.

### Northwestern Bank Purchases Building Here

### J. A. Reeves Business Building Purchased By Bank This Week

Some of West Jefferson's most valuable business property changed hands this week, when a part of the J. A. Reeves building now occupied by the J. A. Reeves feed store, and Stegall Deputy Shop was purchased by the Northwestern Bank.

Official figures of the transaction were not revealed, but according to reports, the property brought more than \$20,000. It is expected that it will be sometime before the building is vacated for the use of the new owners. It is also understood that when Northwestern Bank gets possession of the building part of it may be rented.

The building, located on Jefferson Avenue, across from Ray drug company, occupies one of the most valuable business sites in town, according to the recent property valuation.

### To Build Church At Beaver Creek

A building program is now underway for the Beaver Creek Baptist church, Rev. Harvey Phillips, pastor has announced and a number of members have already made pledges to its support.

The old church building is being torn down and the new one will be built on its site, it was learned.

Those to pledge their support included Mrs. L. L. Pierce, Mont Goodman, Mrs. Price Goodman, Mrs. Hayden Goodman, Paul Goodman, J. M. Goodman, Carl Barker, W. F. Goodman, Warren Goodman and Fred Hardin, \$100 each. Mrs. Fred Blevins, Elwood Goodman, Mrs. Mont Hardin. (Continued on page 4)

## Basketball Season Opens In County High Schools

The basketball season in Ashe county officially opened on Tuesday night with six of the nine high schools seeing action.

Nathan's Creek took both games from Elkland, the girls winning 37-18 and the boys, 35-17.

Fleetwood and Jefferson broke even. Fleetwood girls winning 19-18 and Jefferson boys winning 40-28.

Last year's champions, Virginia Carolina girls defeated Lansing 44-3, while Lansing boys defeated Virginia-Carolina 24-21.

Tonight Healing Springs meets West Jefferson at West Jefferson gymnasium.

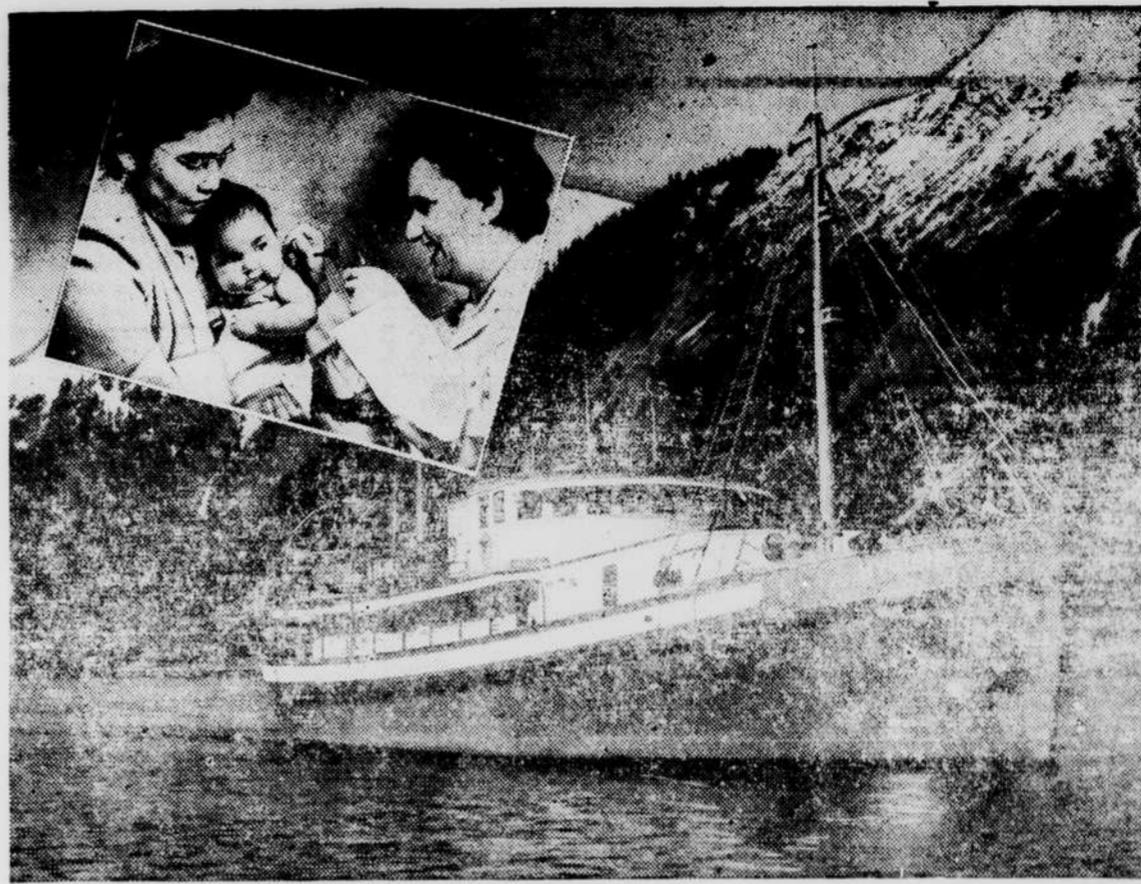
The schedule for next week is as follows:

NOVEMBER 11, 1947  
Fleetwood at Nathan's Creek  
Lansing at Jefferson  
West Jefferson at Elkland

NOVEMBER 13, 1947  
Riverview at Healing Springs

Attention was called to the fact that the home gymnasium at Nathan's Creek this year is at West Jefferson. This is due to the fact that the Nathan's Creek gym is being used as a school building. All games scheduled for Nathan's Creek, therefore, will be played at the West Jefferson gymnasium.

## Uncle Sam Believes This Nation's Wealth Is Health



On the premise that a nation's health is a nation's wealth, Uncle Sam has recently begun to take more interest than heretofore in the well-being of his nieces and nephews. This project is the ship "Hygiene," a veritable floating clinic—that voyages along the far-flung coast of Alaska, giving prenatal care to mothers and taking care of the ills of the children.

### D. P. Jones, 62 Was Buried Here Wed. Afternoon

### Died Suddenly From A Heart Attack Saturday Night

Funeral service was held yesterday afternoon at the West Jefferson Methodist church, for Daniel Preston Jones, who died here suddenly Saturday night following a heart attack. Rev. Hoy Wood, pastor of the church, conducted the service and burial followed in the West Jefferson cemetery.

News of Mr. Jones' death spread as pallbearers, Neely with others served as flower bearers.

The deceased, who was a native of Allegheny county, was the son of the late Norman Hayward Jones and Mrs. Malinda Gambill Jones. He made his home in West Jefferson for a number of years, where he operated a hardware business. For the past fifteen years he had lived in Colorado, where he was engaged in mining, until he and Mrs. Jones returned here last summer. While he had been in declining health for some time, his sudden death came as a shock to his friends and relatives.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ethel Tucker Jones, two daughters, Mrs. Lynn N. Webber of Colorado Springs and Jackie Jones, a student of Colorado State Teachers College, Greeley, Colorado, and one granddaughter, Lydia Webber, of Colorado Springs.

Surviving also are the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. (Continued on Page 4)

### EMPLOYMENT OFFICE TO BE CLOSED TUES.

It was announced here this week that the employment office will be closed on Tuesday, November 11, for Armistice day.

All persons seeking work or filing claims are advised that the office will be open on Tuesday, November 18.

### New Patrolman Begins Duties

Patrolman Joe Wilson, of Bakersville, began his duties here November 1 patrolling Ashe county.

He will be trained here at West Jefferson and will serve this area, Cpl. Dave Houston stated. Patrolman Wilson will be the third patrolman stationed here. In addition to Wilson and Houston, Patrolman R. D. Pennell is also stationed here.

### Ex-Governor J. M. Broughton Enters Race For U. S. Senate With William B. Umstead

### New School Buses Purchased By Fleetwood Group

### Supplies Community Need, Contributors, Thanked By School

A badly needed additional new school bus, also recently purchased by the patrons and friends of Fleetwood high school and is now in use.

A. B. Park, superintendent of schools pointed out that this was one of the most modern vehicles in the school transportation system and pointed out that the community was to be commended for their efforts.

James Stanley, principal of the Fleetwood High School said that he wanted to thank everyone who helped to make the purchase possible.

The list of contributors is as (Continued on page 4)

### Lansing To Hold Youth Program

Assembly's Youth Sunday will be observed Sunday, November 9, throughout the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.

The Lansing Presbyterian Youth Fellowship will assist in the regular 11 o'clock church service at the Lansing Presbyterian Church on this date.

## Credit Buying Controls, Sugar Price Lid Are Lifted

Washington — The price lid on sugar was lifted at midnight last Friday night and controls over installment buying have also expired.

In both cases experts declared the actions need not add to the money troubles of housewives—and of the men who fill their purses—providing moderation is exercised by all.

New York sugar brokers forecast no price increase this year, but they differed as to the future outlook. Some expect a world sugar surplus is in store which would keep the price tags low.

Others point out, however, that the European aid program will divert a large portion of the crop to Europe, which may affect prices in the U. S.

### Takes Formal Announcement And Files With State Board Of Elections

Broughton, former Governor of North Carolina, took formal notice of his candidacy for the U. S. Senate, was filed by William B. Umstead of Durham.

Broughton issued a statement saying that he would be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the Senate in next year's primary election after he had received approval of the State Board of Elections to put his name on the ballot.

"During my term as Governor of North Carolina I have endeavored to serve the people of this state to the best of my ability," Broughton said in his statement. "I am confident that the people of North Carolina will support me and I am confident that I will be able to serve the people of this state as well as the people of the United States."

The program made a matter of record. On this record and upon a pledge of continued active interest in these and other phases of vital concern, I shall confidently submit my candidacy to the people."

Broughton had long been considered as a certain candidate for the Senate, and his announcement today came as no surprise. For several months he has been touring the State making speeches before farm organizations and civic groups.

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## Want All Gifts Reported Not Later Than Sat.

Those Who Have Not Sent In  
Contributions Urged To  
Do So At Once

According to the latest reports available yesterday afternoon, the county is still slightly short of the Boy Scout Fund Drive Quota of \$1500, by around \$300.00. As every effort is being made to complete the drive this week, all those who have not sent in their contributions are urged to do so now.

Drive chairman, Joan W. Luke said that he appreciated the fine cooperation of all of those who had been helping in the drive, but that he felt that there were others who would like to assist and urged that they do so immediately.

All schools are reminded that basketballs go to the winners and they are asked to turn their collection in.

Contributions not previously reported include the following: Fred Colvard, \$20.00.

W. J. Esso Service \$10.00.

Phipps Dairy, Mrs. Con Ireson, Victor Clark, L. B. Tysen, George Perkins, D. A. Perkins, Robert Colvard, Fred Ray, Walter Dickson, Paul Thomas, J. E. Roe, A. Friend, Margaret Phillips, Lenna Gambill, Quality Cleaners, R. L. Ballou, \$5.00 each. Service Store, \$4.00.

Dewey Sells, Winkler's Store, B. and O. Grocery, \$3.00 each.

Mrs. C. B. Latnam, V. C. Lillard, \$2.50 each.  
J. F. Miller, Dave Houston, Rye Parsons, Clint R. Gilley, Ross Bunch, Lee Bowers, \$2.00 (Continued on page 4)

### Zone Meeting Of WSCS Is Held

Jefferson Hosts To Group  
Mrs. Latnam Is  
President

The Ashe County Zone of the W. S. C. S. of the Shenandoah Valley met at the Jefferson Hotel Saturday, when Mrs. C. B. Latnam, zone chairman, presided.

The zone was welcomed by Mrs. W. J. Esso, who is the immediate past zone chairman. The meeting was held in the dining room of the hotel and was presided over by Mrs. Latnam. The zone chairman, Mrs. Latnam, presided over the meeting and presented the report of the zone. She also presented the report of the zone. She also presented the report of the zone.

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### Mrs. Barr Now At W. J. Post Office

Mrs. Charly V. Barr has been acting postmaster of the West Jefferson post office to succeed Mrs. Margaret Phillips, whose resignation became effective last Friday, October 31.

Miss Phillips had filled this position for more than two years without a vacation and is now on a vacation. She went to her home in the post office here in 1945.

Mrs. Barr's appointment was recommended by the Ashe County Democratic Executive Committee.

After accepting the position of post office she was employed by the FEA and had previously taught in the West Jefferson high school. Inspector R. S. Fisher checked Miss Phillips out and Mrs. Barr in.