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## OPEN WEST JEFFERSON TOBACCO MARKET

### Ashe Schools Are To Attend Child Education Meet

Special Program Is Planned For Saturday; Will Have Special Exhibits

Members of the Association for Childhood Education will meet at the Boone Demonstration School Saturday, December 6 at 11:00 o'clock for their annual regional meeting. Each high school in Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe, Mitchell, Surry, Yadkin, Yancey, Watauga and Wilkes counties is requested to send a representative from the elementary department.

Dr. W. Theo Dalton, Principal Curry Training School, the Woman's College and A. C. E. State Advisor, will be the speaker for this occasion. Other outstanding leaders in the field of elementary education, who will be on the program, are Miss Hattie S. Parrott, former national chairman of this organization, and Miss Eloise Camp, State Library Advisor.

Assisting these leaders in the meeting are John T. Howell and the Boone Demonstration School faculty; Mrs. Chapel Wilson; the A. C. E. branches of Appalachian State Teachers College and Watauga county; Leonard Eury and Miss Eunice Query of the college library department. There will be exhibits of children's work, A. C. E. publications, and the new books for Christmas.

The meeting will close with a "Dutch" luncheon in the college cafeteria.

### P.-T. A. Bazaar To Be Held Sat.

Public Cordially Invited To Attend; Mrs. Sells Is Chairman

Final plans for the bazaar, sponsored by the Parent-Teachers Association of West Jefferson high school, have been made. Mrs. Dewey Sells, chairman of the bazaar, announced yesterday.

Articles will be on display at the community building Saturday, between the hours of two and five o'clock. The public is invited to attend and purchase any of the gift suggestions on display.

### Rocco Cutri Is Now In New York

Rocco Cutri, who operated the Carolina Briar corporation here for several years, left last week with his family for New York.

Mr. Cutri pointed out that he regretted not being able to see all of his friends here and tell them goodbye before he left and that he wanted to do so through this paper. "Again I want to say how much I regret to leave West Jefferson, but for business reasons, I must," he said.

"Again I also want to thank everyone for their kindness and cooperation during my stay here," he concluded.

### Play To Be Given At Healing Spgs.

The Negro play, "Oh Doctor" will be presented at Healing Springs high school, Thursday Night, December 11, at 7 o'clock. It was announced here.

The characters in this play were chosen from local talent outside of the school. There will also be other entertainment. A small admission will be charged, the proceeds of which will go to the Boy Scouts.

### SERVICE HELD AT JEFFERSON WED.

The Jefferson Methodists and Presbyterians held a Union Thanksgiving service at the Jefferson Methodist church last Wednesday night, it was announced here.

## Ashe Woman Held In Fatal Shooting Of Tam C. Miller

BURIED YESTERDAY



Thomas Wyatt, whose last rites were held at the West Jefferson Baptist church, yesterday.

### Final Tribute Paid To Wyatt Here Yesterday

Services Held At W. J. Baptist Church; Interment in Hardin Cemetery

A large crowd assembled to pay final tribute to Thomas Noah Wyatt, the first of West Jefferson's sons who paid the supreme sacrifice to be brought home for final interment, at the West Jefferson Baptist church yesterday afternoon at two o'clock. Interment was in the Hardin cemetery.

Business houses of West Jefferson were closed during the service in tribute to West Jefferson's war dead.

Officiating were Rev. W. T. Whittington, former West Jefferson Baptist pastor and assisting were Revs. M. D. Hart and Grady Hamby. Also taking part were Rev. Hoyt Wood, chaplain of the American Legion, Ashe. (Continued on page 4)

### MR. MRS. PORTER VISIT IN COUNTY

Mr. and Mrs. B. O. Porter, originally from Helton, now of Waukegan, Wash., have been visiting Mr. John Sturgill and other relatives in the county. Mr. and Mrs. Porter left here in 1898 and this is their first trip back to the county. They expressed amazement over the many changes that have taken place and of the progress made in the county.

## Junior Red Cross Drive Is Now Underway In Schools

Mrs. W. G. Vannoy, chairman of the Ashe county chapter of the American Red Cross announced this week that the annual drive of the Junior Red Cross, of which Miss Virginia Dare Teague is chairman is now underway in all of the schools of the county.

The cooperation of every teacher is asked in securing one hundred per cent for each school room. "We would like for each child in the grades to contribute a dime and each high school student, twenty-five cents," Mrs. Vannoy said.

She pointed out that the Ashe unit of the Junior Red Cross had been active in sending gifts, and cards to veterans in hospitals at Christmas and on other occasions. Some of the funds collected are kept in the local treasury and can be used for emergency relief when homes are burned on some occasions, Mrs. Vannoy explained.

Mrs. Vannoy said that she felt that the chapter was very fortunate in again having Miss Tea-

### Died After Being Shot By Sister-In-Law On Monday Evening

Miss Myrtle Woodie, 42, of the Laurel Springs section of the county, is being held in the Wilkes county jail, charged with fatally shooting her brother-in-law, Tam Calvin Miller, 42, shortly after six o'clock on Monday.

Sheriff C. G. Poindexter of Wilkes county and Coroner I. M. Myers said that date for a preliminary hearing had not been set, pending further investigation. The coroner added that Miss Woodie had indicated she might waive the preliminary hearing.

The slaying took place on the road between their homes, which are near each other on the Blue Ridge Parkway in Wilkes county near the Wilkes-Ashe line.

The sheriff said that Miller was shot in the head, the .22 calibre rifle bullet entering just back of his left ear.

Miss Woodie, dressed in blue jeans, said that Miller had been abusing his wife and children for some time, and that she had told Miller if he didn't stop she'd stop him. Sheriff Poindexter said.

The sheriff added that Miss Woodie also said that Miller had (Continued from Page 5)

### Ashe Teachers To Meet Dec. 10 At Jefferson

Work Shops To Be Discussed; ASTC Faculty Members To Assist

A county-wide teachers meeting will be held at the Jefferson school on Wednesday, December 10, at 1:30 o'clock, it was announced here this week.

The discussion will be "Work Shops" and Dr. John Barden, Dr. Workman, Dr. Lee Reynolds, Julian Yoder and Miss Burch, all of Appalachian, will be at the meeting to help with the discussion.

### MISS SARAH NEAL ON DEBATING TEAM

Miss Sarah Gordon Neal spent Thanksgiving with her parents in Jefferson. She has been elected, by process of elimination, from a large number of students at Virginia-Intermont college, to be in the debating team which will debate with Emory and Henry, December 3.

She has also been selected to sing in the Vested choir at Anderson Street Methodist church each Sunday.

### Russia Reported To Have Set Off Atom Bomb In Test



Report from Prague that Russia is making sample atom bombs and has already set off one in a test in Siberia, is being questioned in some quarters. The map above, indicates by a cross, where the baby "a" bomb is supposed to have been exploded, June 15th, which was heard for 20 miles around the proving ground. A large gathering of Russian academy of science men and high officials were present, according to the report.

### Election Of Soil Conservation Committee Ends In County, Sat.

Ashe Farmers Urged To Vote To Name Soil Conservation Committeemen

Ashe county farmers will continue to vote for candidates of the Ashe County Soil Conservation Committee through Saturday. J. C. Little, chairman of the election committee reminded the public this week.

Candidates are four local farmers, Wade E. Eller, J. W. Gambill, W. Raymond Francis and Ralph Tomlinson.

As was pointed out, the three men receiving the highest number of votes will be chosen. The Soil Conservation Committee will have the responsibility of representing the people of this county and developing and directing. The chairman of the committee will represent the county on the New River Soil Conservation Board of Supervisors.

Candidates are nominated by submitting a petition to the State Soil Conservation Committee in Raleigh. The signatures of 24 qualified voters, residing within the county are necessary to place a name in nomination.

### Eller To Speak To Rotary Club

Dr. J. Bruce Porter will be in charge of the program at the meeting of the Jeffersons Rotary club tonight at 6:30 o'clock. Plans are now to have Wade E. Eller, district sanitarian, as speaker. Rotarians observed the Thanksgiving holidays and no meeting was held last Thursday.

### Windows Will Be Judged Fri.

Merchants are again reminded that the Christmas windows are to be judged early Friday night, in the annual contest being conducted by this paper.

Judges will be a group of local professional men and women not connected with the business firms and the prize winners will be announced through this paper.

Many of the stores now have in attractive Christmas window displays and the attention of the public is called to them. Due to the fact that there are many new gift items this year as well as a greater abundance of others and more decorating material, many of the stores are planning to feature unusual windows to display holiday gifts.

### Now Receiving Tobacco; First Sale On Monday

Have Buyers From Largest Tobacco Companies; Modern Building

The Tri-State Burley Tobacco Warehouse of West Jefferson opened yesterday to receive tobacco on the floor in preparation for the sales which open here Monday, December 8.

As soon as it was announced that the market was open, farmers of this section, who have been waiting for the good news started to bring in their tobacco.

The new warehouse, recently completed, with 55,000 feet of floor space, is one of the best buildings of its kind in the state. Here every effort will be made to give the farmers the best of service.

Buyers from the larger tobacco companies will be on the market, which is to be operated by the Taylor Brothers, well known to tobacco growers of this section.

"Farmers are cordially invited to sell their tobacco at the new Tri-State Burley Warehouse. This warehouse was built to serve the farmers and we want to render every possible service and get the most money for the farmers," Steve Taylor said.

"Lines, store and other business establishments are ready to cooperate in every way with the farmers bringing their tobacco here. We want to welcome you to West Jefferson," George S. Sisson, president of the West Jefferson merchants' association said.

### Ashe Teachers At Conference

Dr. Matilda, Author, Is Chief Speaker; Others Are On Program

A number of teachers from the Ashe county schools are attending the conference on language being held at Boone today. Dr. Matilda Bailey is the chief speaker. Dr. Bailey is a well known author of language books and has wide experience as consultant on language curriculum and problems.

The Division of Instructional Service will be represented as follows: Mrs. Hattie S. Parrott, Charlotte and Asheville; Miss Julia Westmoreland, Hickory, Boone and Winston-Salem; Miss Mary Vann O'Brian, Fayetteville; J. E. Miller, Henderson, Rocky Mount, Greenville and Elizabeth City.

### Ralph Gambill Joins Air Force

Ralph Gambill, of Tuckerdale, a veteran of three years service in the navy during World War II, recently enlisted in the U. S. Air Force for a three year period. It was announced by the army recruiters this week.

Gambill, now a staff sergeant, was discharged from the navy as an aviation machinist's mate 2-C, and was enlisted in the air force in the grade corresponding to that which he held in the navy. He states his intentions of making a career of military life, due to the many opportunities it has to offer, it was stated.

S-Sgt. Gambill was sent to Greenville Air Base, Greenville, S. C., for processing and effecting of enlistment. From there he will go to Langley Field, Va., for a short period of refresher training before being permanently assigned.

### VFW ALL-STARS TO PLAY COBLE TEAM FRI.

The VFW all-stars of West Jefferson will play the Coble Dairy basketball team from Lexington here at the gymnasium Friday night at 8:00. This is the first out-of-county team for the local all-stars to play and indications are that it will be a close contest.

Girls all-star teams will play at 7:00 immediately before the boys' game.

### Santa Claus Is Welcomed By Thousands; To Come Here Again On Saturday

### Quota Is Short Of Goal Set For War Memorial

Solicitors Are Urged To Turn In Contributions At Once

The county is still short of the goal set for the War Memorial fund, it was announced this week. Contributions are still coming in but there are a large number who have made no contribution to either the iron lung or the monument to be erected on the courthouse square, it was pointed out. Some solicitors have turned in no contributions and are urged to do so at once.

Published here is a list of contributions not previously reported:

- Carolina Briar, First National Bank, Colvard Oil Co., C. & H. Service Station, Rhodes Furniture Co., Bell's Dept. Store, \$25.00 each.
- W. J. Food Center, \$15.00.
- Ashe Hardware, Inc., Bare (Continued on page 4)

### Huge Crowds Throng Stores As Christmas Shopping Season Is Opened

Santa Claus, who paraded the streets of West Jefferson, last Saturday aboard the fire truck was greeted by thousands who crowded the streets and stores for the official opening of the holiday shopping season here.

Led by the West Jefferson high school band, the parade got underway at 2:00 o'clock when Santa was given a warm welcome. Due to the fact that the crowd was so large, a large number of children did not have an opportunity to talk to him about their wants; but Santa will be in West Jefferson throughout the day this Saturday and will welcome everyone. He will visit the various stores and can also be seen on the streets.

A number of stores reported unusually good business from the crowds here on Saturday and people who were not ready to make their purchases were impressed by the unusually large number of gifts now on display here. (Continued on page 4)

### In The Christmas Parade, Saturday



"Buddy" Blackburn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Blackburn, had his pony decorated for the Santa Claus parade last Saturday.