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## EASTER SEAL SALE UNDERWAY IN COUNTY

### State's Appropriations Bill Is Trimmed By House

#### Scott Blames Lobbyists For Program Delay

Health And Welfare Funds  
Get Biggest Cuts In  
A Close Vote

By Staff Writer

Raleigh — (Special) The House tentatively trimmed more than \$2,700,000 off the biennial appropriations bill in some five hours of work Tuesday.

The representatives voted, 46 to 43, to adopt an amendment by Representative Hugh Q. Alexander, of Cabarrus, under which an appropriation to the Board of Health to aid County Health Departments would be cut by \$1,000,000 a year.

Another \$700,000 was sliced in an even closer vote. The House — sitting as a committee of the whole — ended in a 42-42 tie on an amendment offered by Representative R. M. Gantt of Durham to cut that amount from the Welfare Department's general assistance fund.

Other minor cuts were made. They included \$8,741 from the Department of Archives and History, \$129,850 from the Department of Conservation and Development, and \$9,000 from the State Recreation Commission.

These were nearly equaled by an increase of \$2,000 to the State (Continued on page 4)

#### Baseball Meeting On Tuesday Night

West Jefferson Team Has Entered The Grayson Baseball League

W. L. Hughes, popular manager of the West Jefferson baseball team last year, announced yesterday that a meeting of all baseball players and fans would be held Tuesday night, 7:30, at the community building.

The purpose of this meeting is to organize the team, name a manager and make plans for the opening of the Grayson League, of which West Jefferson is a member this year, on April 30, Mr. Hughes stated.

The Grayson League this year will be composed of the following teams: Marion, Galax, Fries, Independence, Sparta and West Jefferson.

At a recent meeting of officials of the league it was decided that no professional players will be allowed on the Grayson League teams this year. It was also decided that all players must be residents of the team's county or must be natives of the county. "Other details of West Jefferson's entry into this league will be announced next week at the organizational meeting," Mr. Hughes stated.

#### School Clinics Now In Progress

Mrs. James Owen, county nurse, stated yesterday that the health department had received a good response to the pre-school clinic program which is now underway in the different school districts in the county.

The county nurse said that she again wanted to remind parents that all children who plan to enter school next fall must attend one of these clinics to receive a physical examination and required immunization.

Mrs. Frances Thomas, chairman of the Ashe chapter of the Red Cross, is assisting Mrs. Owen in these clinics.

The schedule for the remainder of the month is as follows: Monday, April 11, Fleetwood; Tuesday, April 12, Lansing; Thursday, April 14, Nathan's Creek; Friday, April 15, Healing Springs and Tuesday, April 26, Virginia - Carolina. The clinics will start at 9:00 a. m., at each school.

### Rash Gets Sentence Of 12 To 15 Years In Snyder Death

HEADS SCHOOLS



A. B. Hurt, who was again named County Superintendent of Schools by the Board of Education, Monday.

#### A. B. Hurt Again Named Supt. Of County Schools

Board Met On Monday; Colvard Again Named County Chairman

Ashe county's newly re-appointed school board, as named by the General Assembly, held an organizational meeting on Monday morning and again named A. B. Hurt, for another term as county superintendent of schools.

L. P. Colvard was again named as chairman of the board by the group. It was announced that the board would meet again next Monday morning to consider other business.

Members of the board are G. O. Burgess, L. P. Colvard, Cleve Francis, Arthur Rose and Bradley Sturgill, for a term of two years.

#### Last Rites Today For Kelch Baby

The funeral service for Michael Patrick Kelch, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kelch, Tree-top, will be held this afternoon at two o'clock at the Roark cemetery.

The infant son, who died Tuesday night, was born Monday at the Ashe Memorial hospital. He is survived by his parents.

#### Guilty Of Second Degree Murder As Trial Ended Thursday Night

R. E. "Couge" Rash, 53, who was tried last week on the charge of murder in connection with the fatal shooting of Arthur Snyder, 21, on April 17, 1948, was given a prison sentence of "not less than 12 or more than 15 years," by Judge Frank Patton, after the jury brought in a verdict of murder in the second degree.

The decision was brought in shortly after eight o'clock on Thursday evening. And soon after the attorneys had spoken briefly, Judge Patton pronounced the sentence. Rash, who is allowed 10 days to get his affairs in order is expected to be taken to the central prison at Raleigh within a few days.

Some other cases were disposed of before the special session of court adjourned just before noon on Friday.

The case against Stewart Duncan, charged with a traffic violation, was not pressed with leave.

The cases against Joe Blackburn and Lee Moretz, charged with rape, were not pressed with leave, due to the fact that the State's witness was out of the State.

#### Plan Meetings For Increased Corn Production

Schedule Announced By H. D. Quessenberry, Beginning Monday

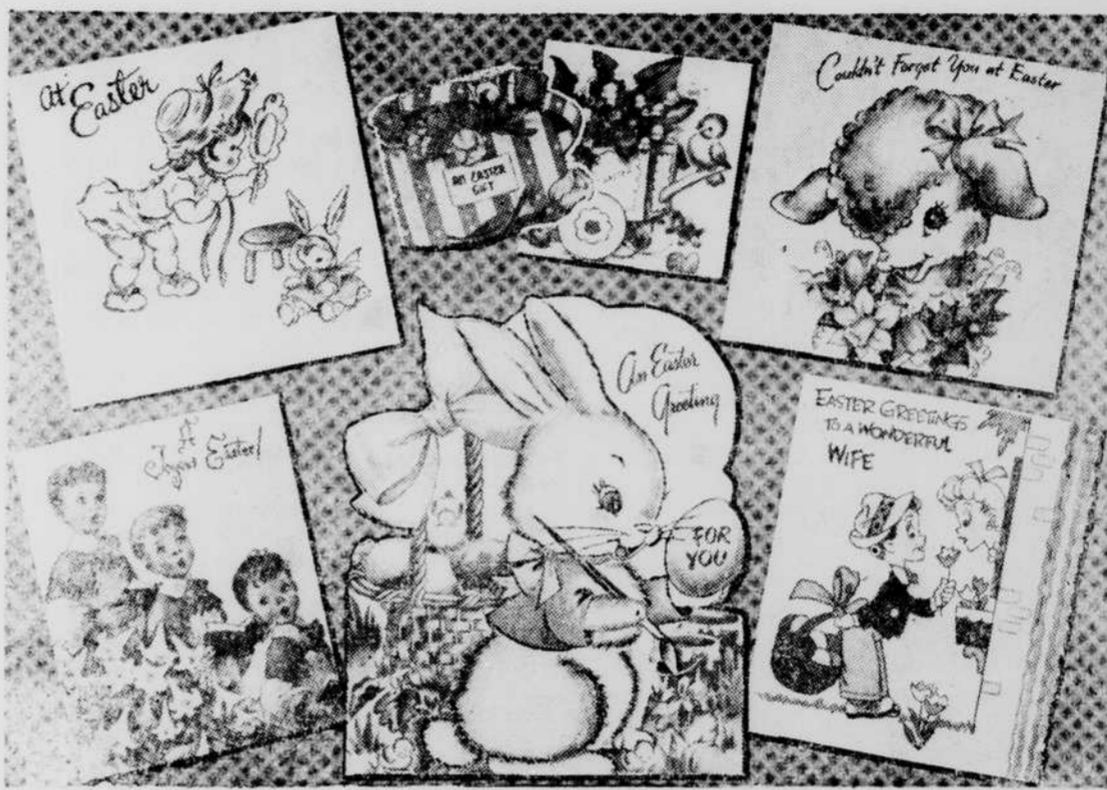
H. D. Quessenberry, county agent, announced yesterday that a series of three meetings had been planned for next week to discuss increased production of corn.

In connection with the meeting there will be a 16 millimeter corn production movie, with sound, entitled "More Corn Per Acre." This was taken in North Carolina by Dr. Landis Bennett, under the technical supervision of Dr. L. S. Bennett and will give a state-wide over-all picture of much interest to farmers.

The information will also be localized with a specific discussion of the varieties best adapted to this immediate section, Agent Quessenberry said.

The schedule is as follows: Monday, April 11 — Healing Springs high school, 10:30 a. m. (Continued on page 4)

#### Early Easter Greetings Herald The Approaching Season



The public is already being reminded that the Easter season is near by the gay and colorful cards, telling of the joyous occasion. Uncle Sam, who plays Santa and Cuid, must also chirp for Easter and Spring.

#### Jefferson And Lansing Drama Groups Cited

Both Receive Same One Rating In Northwestern Drama Festival

The dramatic groups from both Jefferson and Lansing high schools were given number one ratings in the Northwestern Dramatics Festival held at LeNoir - Rhyne College in Hickory last week. One of the Jefferson players, Annabel Colvard, was given special mention for her portrayal of the spinster school teacher.

A total of four plays were given during the festival which lasted from Friday until Saturday. Four plays were given number 1 rating by the critic, Professor Kai Jurgensen, of the Carolina Playmakers of Chapel Hill.

The plays were: "Late Holiday" by Granite Falls; "Glamor in the Poconos" by Jefferson; "The Shock of His Life," by Startown and "The Man Who Died At Twelve O'clock," by Lansing.

#### Last Rites Held For Mrs. Harris

The funeral service for Mrs. Retha Marie Harris, 21, Wilmington, Del., was held Friday afternoon at the Hemlock cemetery.

Mrs. Harris, who died March 27, was the daughter of Mrs. William Farmer and the late Mr. Farmer, of Hemlock.

She is survived by her husband, William Harris, her mother and several brothers and sisters.

#### COMMISSIONERS MET ON MONDAY MORNING

The Ashe county commissioners met on Monday and in addition to issuing claims, discussed the progress being made on the tax adjustment program.

Groups representing various sections of the county, including South Beaver Creek and Shatley Springs communities appeared, asking for road improvements.

#### TRAINING COURSE FOR SCOUT LEADERS

John W. Luke, Boy Scout Chairman, announced yesterday that plans were being completed for the leadership training course to be held at the community building April 18-22, beginning at 7:30.

Scout executive Joe Edwards will be here for some of the meetings.

#### Farmers Have Little Time Left For Taking Part In Improvement Program

#### Teachers Attend NCEA Meeting In Asheville

Mrs. Gertrude Vaught And Ron Davis Are Local Unit Representatives

A large delegation of Ashe county teachers are among those attending the 65th annual convention of the North Carolina Education Association, which is being held in Asheville, starting today.

Ron Davis, incoming president of the Ashe county unit, and Mrs. Gertrude Vaught, retiring president, are expected to attend a meeting of the local units' presidents.

Noted speakers who will appear on the program are: Hartzell Spence, noted lecturer and author; Mrs. Lucille Allen, president - elect; Rev. Clarence W. Cranford, Baptist leader from Washington, D. C.; Dr. Lyle Ashby, assistant secretary for Professional Relations of the NEA.

Delegates who expect to attend include Lola Porter and Lorene Dickson, West Jefferson; Dale Atwood, Jean McMillan and Blanche Pugh, Nathan's Creek; Jewel Miller, Pauline Martin and Carl Hartzog, Riverview; (Continued on page 4)

#### Jurors Drawn For April Term Of Superior Court

The following jurors were drawn last month for the regular April term of superior court for the trial of criminal cases which will open April 18.

Riley A. Stewart, Trade; Hilt Severt, Glendale Springs; R. M. Weaver, Lansing; Maude Grogan, West Jefferson; Lee Riley, Clifton; Conley Houck, West Jefferson.

Dent Bare, Jefferson; Ray Sturgill, Sturgills; Ruby Lewis, Parker; Kelee Miller, Jefferson; Graham Perkins, Tolver; M. A. Shepherd, Lansing; H. M. Winkler, Todd.

P. C. Blevins, Silas Creek; E. L. Phillips, Todd; Warren Sullivan, Sturgills; F. N. Elliott, Smethport; J. A. Garvey, Crumpler; E. W. Martin, Trade; Adolphus Shepherd, Ball.

Charlie Mahaffey, Clifton; Lil-

\$102,000.00 Of The County's Allocation Of \$114,000.00 Already Obligated

Farmers who have not yet received material through the PMA office for the 1949 program are reminded that funds remaining in the pool will last only a few days. A total of \$102,000.00 of the county allocation of \$114,000.00 has been obligated.

Each producer, who has not done so, is urged to visit the PMA office without delay and ask for purchase orders for phosphate and pasture seeds or place an order for limestone, members of the committee said.

A check-up yesterday revealed that twenty-two hundred farmers have signed farm plans and received purchase orders for manure. (Continued on page 4)

#### Operetta Fri. At Lansing School

The Lansing elementary school will present the operetta, Cinderella, Friday night at eight o'clock at the Lansing gymnasium, Frank James, principal, announced yesterday.

Mr. James stated that the operetta is being presented under the direction of all the grade teachers, Miss Clara Perkins will be in charge of the music. There will be a small admission charge.

#### Will Use Funds For Crippled Children's Aid

Caudill Chairman; Rotary Club Is Sponsor Of Worthy Project

Appeal letters have been sent out to several hundred people in the county this week, soliciting their aid in the annual Easter Seal Sale Drive to raise funds for crippled children. Others will be contacted, personally, J. V. Caudill, chairman, said.

The Rotary club is again sponsoring this annual drive in connection with its major project of aiding crippled children and the cooperation of everyone is asked.

Chairman Caudill said he would appreciate the help of everyone in this worthy cause. "I hope we can raise at least \$900.00 in this," he said.

It was pointed out that there are 62,000 children in North Carolina, needing services not provided for in other funds, but, due to lack of adequate funds, the League has not been able to meet these needs.

Facilities supported by the hospital, surgical and convalescent care; camping, special programs, education classes for handicapped children, bedside teaching for homebound and hospitalized children, corrective (Continued on page 4)

#### Children Have Narrow Escape

Returning From Church Social When Car Is Hit Between Jeffersons

Several children of the Baldwin community narrowly escaped serious injury when the car in which they were riding Saturday night around ten o'clock, was struck by another car, driven by Junior Vanover, as he was being chased by officers.

The accident occurred between the Jeffersons near the Graybeal estate. The Edwards children and others, who were returning from a social gathering of young people at the Jefferson Methodist church were passengers in the Chevrolet driven by G. W. Edwards. They were taken to the hospital where it was found that they fortunately sustained only minor cuts and bruises.

Town officer, Reid Sturdivant, who reported the accident, said that Vanover, driving a 1935 Ford, backed into a truck near the Cash Wholesale Grocery Company and that officers were in pursuit of him when he next struck a fender of a Plymouth driven by a Mr. Goodman. It was then that he sideswiped the Edwards car. Both cars were badly damaged by the impact. Officers arrested Vanover for driving drunk and reckless driving. Also arrested was Raymond Little, also charged with drunkenness.

#### Rotary Debate At Meeting Tonight

The Lansing affirmative debate team and Jefferson's negative team will meet tonight in the Rotary Club debate at the meeting of the Jeffersons Rotary Club in the community building. These two debate teams won Monday afternoon in the preliminaries held at the Jefferson school. Professor Pritchard, ASTC, and members of the Appalachian debate team were the judges.

At the meeting of the club last week, Rev. Cecil Callis, Jefferson Presbyterian minister, spoke to the club on "Attendance at Church." He made a very interesting speech, pointing out the importance of regular church attendance. Langdon Scott had charge of the program.



Margaret doesn't wear braces or crutches or sit in a wheelchair. But she's completely deaf. She is receiving speech and hearing therapy to help her communicate with others and live a more normal life. This is made possible for her and many other children through the sale of Easter Seals.