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## SCHOOL BUILDING PLANS ARE PROPOSED

### Farmers Urged To Vote In PMA Election Thurs.

#### Voting Places Are Announced By Committee

Polls Will Be Open In All Townships From 9:00 A. M. To 6:00 P. M.

J. W. Gambill, chairman of the county PMA committee announced this week that voting places for the PMA community committee election to take place next Thursday, December 15 had been announced.

The polls will be open from 9:00 a. m. to 6:00 p. m., and all farmers eligible to vote are urged to do so. All those who have an interest as an owner, operator, tenant, or sharecropper on a farm participating in the PMA program administered during the current year are eligible to cast their votes.

Attention is also called to the fact that there will be important decisions to be made during the year and that it is vital to have the right type of committeemen to make them.

The voting places announced by the county committee for the election next Thursday, December 15 are as follows:

Chestnut Hill, regular voting place; Clifton, Warrensville post office; Creston, Robinson's store; Elk, W. G. Cook's store; Grassy Creek and Helton, regular voting places; Horse Creek, John Goss store; Hurricane, W. M. Little's store.

Jefferson, courthouse; Laurel, T. J. Graybeal's; North Fork, Stephens' store; Obids, Delmer Rose store at Glendale Springs; Old Field, regular voting place; (Continued on page 8)

#### Rev. John W. Luke Gets Scout Award

Silver Beaver Award Dis-Council Meeting

Rev. John Luke was given the highest award in scouting Tuesday when he was awarded the Silver Beaver at the meeting of the Old Hickory Council Tuesday night at the Home Moravian church in Winston-Salem.

This is the council's highest award for service to boyhood and C. H. Sebring, Winston-Salem and Harry E. White, Sr., Mt. Airy, received the honor along with Mr. Luke.

Officers for 1950 were elected at the council business meeting in the afternoon. Gale McMillan was named as one of the vice-presidents of the council.

Mr. Luke is chairman of the Ashe district with Ed D. Barr as district commissioner. P. G. Wright is the Ashe member on the executive board.

Millard Graybeal is one of the council's three representatives on the national council of Boy Scouts of America.

#### Propose Name For County's New High School

Dozens of people have been expressing enthusiasm over the proposed county high school, to which the county board of education gave a 5 to 1 vote of approval on Monday.

Someone suggested the name "Blue Ridge High School," for this big consolidated county unit.

The proposed new high school would be located on the county home property, according to the suggestions made in the state survey.

By combining the high school units of Jefferson, West Jefferson, Fleetwood and possibly Elkland, in the event that Watauga does not cooperate, this would give the county one large unit, with better equipment and facilities for high school students.

## Prices On Local Tobacco Market Continue High

#### HEADS SEAL SALE



Mrs. Lola Porter heads the Tubercular Christmas Seal Sale in the county this year.

#### Schools To Close Wednesday, Dec. 21, For Holidays

Will Re-Open On Monday, January 2, Throughout County

It was announced this week that the county schools would close on Wednesday, December 21, for the Christmas holidays and would re-open again on January 2.

It was announced by the county superintendent of schools, A. B. Hurt, that the majority of principals and teachers favored this date.

Most of the teachers wanted some time before Christmas as well as after, he explained.

It was pointed out that so far this season weather conditions had been favorable and that attendance had been unusually good.

A special effort is being made to increase attendance this year and to see that every child of school age is in school.

"Every citizen can help in this by reporting to school authorities any children, of school age, who are not in school," one principal said. It was explained that if there were conditions making it hard for children to attend, an attempt would be made to correct them.

#### County's Top Corn Producer



Kermit Jones, Creston, on top of corn and members of the Jefferson veterans' farm class, are shown with the 123.5 bushels of corn produced on one acre of land by Mr. Jones.

#### More Than 500,000 Pounds Sold For Over \$235,000.00 Since Opening

Demand continues sharp and prices good on the West Jefferson Tobacco Market, which is attracting farmers from North Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia.

Unofficial reports revealed that through yesterday over 500,000 pounds had been sold for more than \$235,000.00, since the season opened, at an average of slightly more than \$44.00 per hundred.

Both warehouses reported plenty of floor space.

Steve Taylor, one of the operators of Tri - State Warehouse reported that they had sold nearly 500,000 pounds since the opening of the season, with an estimated average of around \$44.00 per hundred. Quality tobacco continues to bring good prices. Yesterday's top basket was \$63.00 per hundred.

Unofficial reports from Planters Warehouse revealed that nearly 50,000 pounds had been sold here for an estimated average of around \$45.00.

In speaking of the sales, Mr. Taylor said that considering the cold, dry weather, that the poundage handled at Tri - State was good and that much satisfaction was being expressed on the part of the growers for both the service and the price.

#### Minister's School To Start On Mon. At Baptist Church

Revs. J. R. Mosley, Howard Ford And J. C. Pipes Are To Speak

Baptist ministers and church workers of the Ashe Missionary Baptist Association will conduct their annual minister's school, December 12, through December 17, starting at 9:45 a. m., each morning.

Revs. Herman Gentry, Roscoe Trivette, H. M. Winkler, A. C. Ashley and Kene Roark will be in charge of the devotions each day for the morning sessions and Revs. John Goodman, Edgar Cole, Lee Waddell, A. P. Howell and Frank Tucker in charge of the afternoon devotions. Rev. R. C. Ashley, secretary, stated.

In the afternoon the following topics will be discussed: Sunday (Continued on page 8)

#### Santa Claus Will Be In West Jefferson On Saturday



#### Lions Club Will Collect Toys For Needy Children

Citizens Asked To Bring Toys And Gifts To Collection Points By Dec. 24

Don Blackburn, president of the West Jefferson Lions Club, announced yesterday that this organization is now conducting a toy drive, to get toys and gifts for underprivileged children of Ashe county.

He pointed out that the following stores have been established as collection points and that interested individuals are asked to bring their gifts and toys to one of these places by December 14: Blackburn's Dept. Store, Ramsey's 5 and 10c Store, W. J. Esso Station, W. J. high school and the town hall.

The Lions Club will work with the welfare department in the distribution of the toys, so that they will go to needy children.

"Any persons who do not get their toys in before December 14, are asked to call Ralph Campbell at the town hall and make some arrangement so that they can be picked up," Mr. Blackburn said.

Members of the Lions Club are going to repair and paint the toys and it was pointed out that it didn't matter what condition the toys were in, the Lions would fix them and give them to the children.

#### Winkler's Car Found In Tenn.

The 1946 Plymouth, belonging to Tom Winkler, which was stolen from in front of his house Sunday night, was found Tuesday in Lebanon, Tenn., by officers there. The identity of the men who took the car was not known yesterday.

The Lebanon police investigated the car, when it was brought in with a burned out clutch to be fixed, with papers in the car referring to Mr. Winkler in West Jefferson.

Sheriff Bill Todd and Police Chief E. R. Sturdivant left Tuesday afternoon to go to Lebanon, near Nashville, to bring the car back.

#### Santa Claus To Visit Here Saturday; All Children In County Invited To See Him

#### Dr. D. J. Whitener Speaks To Lions

Spoke On The Satisfaction And Happiness In Doing Small Things In Life

Dr. D. J. Whitener, Boone, and past district governor of Lions International, was the guest speaker at the meeting of the West Jefferson Lions Club Tuesday night.

Dr. Whitener spoke on the satisfaction and happiness to be received from the small things of life in the form of assistance or even a friendly word to others.

He stated that in his opinion many persons were running themselves to death from one (Continued on page 8)

#### Merchants Report Business Off To Brisk Start; Good Selections Here

Thousands of children are expected here this Saturday when Santa Claus will pay an official visit to West Jefferson to talk to all the little children in preparation for his final trip of the year on Christmas eve.

Santa, who will be here under the auspices of the West Jefferson merchants, will be on the streets and in the stores of West Jefferson talking to all the children and parents.

All of the children of this area and their parents are invited to come to West Jefferson and see Santa Claus who will be loaded with candies for all the children. Santa made his first visit here on November 26, when he ap- (Continued on page 8)

#### 123.5 Bushels Of Corn Per Acre Raised By Kermit Jones

Kermit Jones, Creston, veteran farm trainee instructor at Jefferson, has the highest corn yield in the county on one acre of ground this year, which was 123.5 bushels of corn by weight.

Mr. Jones planted West Virginia 1163 yellow hybrid variety of corn, furnished by the Farmers Supply Co. He planted around 17,000 plants with 32 inch rows and around eight inches in the row. Mr. Lacey stated.

Three hundred pounds of Rusimon, 300 pounds of fifty per cent potash, 400 pounds of twenty per cent phosphate, 500 pounds of 0-12-12 fertilizer and 300 pounds of amonia nitrate was applied to this acre of bottom land, used to grow the corn on.

J. G. Welch, Lansing, was second in the county with 119 bushels of corn. He used U. S. 13 yellow hybrid corn. John Zachary, Grassy Creek, was third with 108 bushels.

Jefferson Veterans' Agricultural School produced over 100 bushels Mr. Lacey stated. They were Glenn Blevins, Crumpler; Martin Wyatt, Ball; Frank Graham, Husk and Garney Brooks, of Laurel Springs. Mr. Lacey pointed out that all of these trainees used West Virginia 1163 yellow hybrid variety of corn.

The members of the veterans' farm class at Jefferson harvested the corn crop produced by Mr. Jones and weighed it in approximately 35 minutes. Ed Greene, C. E. Gardner and Dana Tugman assisted the veterans in harvesting and weighing of the corn crop.

#### HELTON GRANGE TO MEET DECEMBER 16

It was announced this week that there will be a meeting of the Helton Grange on Friday night, December 16. Everyone who is interested is urged to attend.

#### County Board Sends Proposal To State Office

5 To One Vote In Favor Of Central High School On County Home Property

At a special meeting of the Ashe county board of education on Monday, tentative plans for the county's use of the state funds for buildings were made and will be sent to the State Department in Raleigh for consideration.

Included in the plans was the proposed county's central consolidated high school to be erected on the county home property. The vote of the board was 5 to 1 in favor of this, the minutes of the meeting show. There has been much discussion of this county-wide project and board members said they were glad to approve this as a county, not a community project.

Other plans which received tentative allotments by the board included elementary school projects at Helton, Glendale Springs, White Oak and Fleetwood. Other projects of varying costs were approved by the board for Jefferson, Virginia - Carolina, Healing Sp'gs, Elkland, Riverview, Lansing and Nathan's Creek.

It was explained that projects in several of these schools deal with sanitation and have already been approved, such as those at Jefferson, Healing Springs and Nathan's Creek.

Records of the board meeting show that West Jefferson, which is one of the worst crowded schools in the county, did not ask for funds. It was explained that this school was willing to give up any consideration this time provided that a central high school could be built.

While tentative figures for these various projects are pro- (Continued on page 4)

#### Winners Named In Window Contest

Judges Praise All Stores For Unusual Christmas Displays

In the annual Christmas window contest sponsored each year by this paper the judges announced that Rhodes Furniture Company was the winner of the first prize of \$7.00; Ray's won second, \$5.00; Blackburn's and Davidson's tied for third place for prize of \$3.00.

The judges pointed out that all of the merchants were to be commended and said they wanted to give honorable mention to Firestone, Wiles Jewelry, Frazier's, Smithey's and the Children's Shop.

The judges were professional people not connected with any local business house. In discussing the excellent job most of the merchants have done one of the judges remarked that the windows here were much better than they had seen in some towns much larger than West Jefferson.

#### 736-Pound Hog Killed In Ashe

What is believed to be one of the largest hogs ever killed in Ashe county was the 736-pound dressed hog owned by G. H. Hardin of West Jefferson.

Mr. Hardin stated that the hog was a three-year old White Chester and that it was killed and dressed by Dewey Poe, Jefferson, last week.

"The cool weather has been death on hogs" one farmer said and pointed out that the cool weather during the past two weeks had been very favorable for this essential part of farm work.

The extended mild weather in this section delayed the hog killing more than usual.