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## TO PUSH SCHOOL BUILDING PROGRAM More Road Improvements Expected Here Soon

### Contractor For Big Laurel Road Brings Machinery

Several School Bus Routes Are Now Being Repaired And Improved

Ashe county's road improvement program is being slightly expanded and more can be expected to receive attention at an early date, officials point out. Several school bus routes are being improved and there are many more scheduled before the summer is over.

In speaking of the section of road in Clifton on the Watauga line, West of Highway 88, Commissioner Goforth explained that since this was not in reach of a local quarry in Apple Grove, that it would be slightly delayed.

"We are to obtain the material for this area when the contractor on the Laurel job crushes the stone for his job. But the good people of this section have not been forgotten and we will do a good job for them before winter sets in," he concluded.

The arrival this week of the machinery for the Laurel road will no doubt be good news to everyone and particularly to the people of this area.

The beginning of actual work on the Laurel road is an improvement long looked forward to.

### County Youths Go To Boys' State

Event Sponsored By American Legion; Rotary Club Sends One Boy

Jack Jones and Jack Little are attending the tenth annual Boys' State that is being held at Chapel Hill this week.

Jones is being sent to the Boys' State by Ashe Post 171 of the American Legion while the Jeffersons Rotary Club is sponsoring Little.

The Boys' State is held annually and is sponsored by the North Carolina Department of the American Legion and conducted by the University's Institute of Government.

At the opening session the youths were welcomed by Albert Coates, director of the Institute, and addresses were made by three members of the Legion commission of Boys' State.

The boys will receive instruction in government throughout the week and will be highlighted with an election of State officials, including governor. These officials will govern activities of the group.

Wayne Sells and Carlton Miller attended Boys' State from Ashe county last summer.

### Plan Farm Bureau Meetings For Ashe

Beginning June 19, a series of Farm Bureau meetings will be held in Ashe county. The principal speaker at these meetings will be George Farthing, field representative of the N. C. Farm Bureau.

He will explain to farmers the purpose and function of the Farm Bureau and its place in agriculture today. He will be accompanied by Paul Weaver and Bernard Graybeal, president and secretary of the Ashe county Farm Bureau and D. F. Tugman, county agent.

All farmers are invited to attend these meetings if possible and learn more about the Farm Bureau.

Following is the schedule of the meetings: Monday, June 19, 8:00 p. m., Idlewild school; Tuesday, June 20, 8:00 p. m., Virginia Carolina high school; Wednesday, June 21, 8:00 p. m., Riverview school; Friday, June 22, 8:00 p. m., Chestnut Hill Baptist church.

### Tourists Beginning To Come To County From Many States; Parkway Is Big Attraction

DAIRY PRODUCTS HEAD



J. Floyd Langdon has been named executive vice-president of the N. C. Dairy Products Association.

### Stringer Named American Legion District Head

New Commander Was Former Head Of Ashe Post 171; World War II Vet

Hoyle Stringer, past commander of Ashe Post 171, was elected commander of the 26th district of the North Carolina Department of the American Legion at the district meeting held Saturday night at the community building.

Ray Bevena, commander of Lansing Post 274 was named district vice - commander and Dewey Warren, Taylorsville post, was named as delegate to the National Convention of the American Legion.

Prior to the election of officers Commander Louis Nelson spoke on the good work that the Legion is doing for the rehabilitation of veterans. He stated that this is among the finest programs ever undertaken and urged that each legionnaire give his whole - hearted cooperation for the success of this vital program.

The district commander also emphasized the importance of getting every available veteran active in the American Legion.

Following the district meeting 40 and 8 Voiture 1168, composed of members in Watauga, Ashe, Alleghany and Wilkes met when Leonard Shepherd was named Chief de Gare, and Hoyle Stringer was named correspondent.

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### Death Escaped In Fall From Negro Mountain Rock

Mrs. Annie Pruitt Wyrick miraculously escaped death and serious injury just before noon on Sunday when she fell and slid several hundred feet from the overlook rock on Negro Mountain between the Jeffersons.

The rock is a favorite sight - seeing spot and Miss Wyrick, her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Craven, were with her on the rock when the accident occurred around 11:45. According to her sister she was attempting to pick a flower on a ledge of the rock when she fell.

Her companions rushed down immediately for aid. State Highway Patrolman Dave Houston called an ambulance and volunteers to search for the body. When the rescue party reached her she was still conscious. She was carried to the ambulance and then taken to the Ashe hos-

### Many More Expected In Near Future With Places Elsewhere Hit By Heat

The 1950 Ashe county tourist season is well underway with tourists coming from many distant states as well as from other sections of North Carolina.

All hotel special summer facilities including the Black Bear Inn, Healing Springs, Shatley Springs and others are in readiness to receive guests. The other places open throughout the year cater to tourists as well as commercial travellers.

Many people are attracted here by the fishing and practically all visitors marvel at the cool climate.

The Hotel Colvard is expected to be opened in the near future and will add to the accommodations in West Jefferson.

The Doughton Park coffee Shop and Lodge on the Parkway are also attracting many visitors.

With the formal opening of the Parkway scheduled for August 12, more and more people are expected in this section of the state.

### James T. Capps Commander Of Legion Post 171

D. B. Goodman, Sam Davis, Other New Officers; P. G. Wright, Adjutant

James T. Capps was named commander of Ashe Post 171 of the American Legion at the meeting held Saturday night. Capps, veteran of World War II, will succeed Leonard Shepherd as post commander.

P. G. Wright, veteran post finance officer and adjutant, was again named to this post while D. B. Goodman and Sam Davis were named first and second vice-commanders respectively.

Other officers elected at the meeting were Joe Garvey, sergeant - at - arms; Rev. Hoyt Wood, chaplain; James Owen, historian and past Commander Shepherd, as post service officer.

In accepting the nomination of post commander, Capps stated that he would, with the cooperation of members of the post, work for a successful year in the local post.

The State convention of the North Carolina Department of the American Legion was discussed by legionnaires. This meeting is to open on June 24 and several members of the local post are expected to attend.

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### Mountain League To Play Six Games

Six games are on the schedule for Mountain League competition this week end.

The schedule for Saturday is Smethport at Grassy Creek, Stratford at Glendale Springs and Piney Creek at Scottville.

Sunday afternoon's schedule is as follows: Scottville at Smethport, Glendale at Piney Creek and Grassy Creek at Stratford. Last Saturday afternoon the Scottville - Piney Creek game (Continued on page 3)

### Safety Measures Would Have Saved The Lives Of Many



Thirty-three persons died and 29 were critically injured recently when a rush-hour filled street car and a loaded gasoline truck collided on Chicago's south side. Flaming gasoline seared victims beyond recognition and destroyed nearby buildings.

### Every Effort To Be Made For All Projects Needed

Will Be Re-Sumitted To State Board For Re-Study As Soon As Possible

A. B. Hurt, superintendent of schools, announced this week that every effort would be made for an early and final approval from the State Board of Education of all school projects which are to be re-studied.

It has been explained that all projects passed the first time, by N. C. Board of Education are re - submitted separately and passed upon again before they are given the go-ahead signal.

At the meeting last month of the State Board of Education, the consolidated high school at Beaver Creek was given the approval as were sanitary projects. Other projects passed the first time in the overall program are to be re-submitted singly. It was pointed out that some early action was expected on both the Lansing and Riverview projects. An agriculture teacher has been employed at the latter and some additional space is necessary this year before this is added.

"We hope to get as quick action as possible, for the need is great," A. B. Hurt said.

### Elliott Rites This Afternoon

Soldier Was Killed At Fort Hood, Texas In Automobile Accident

Final rites will be conducted at the Peak Valley church this afternoon at 2:00 for Corporal Cecil A. Elliott, 23, who was killed in an automobile accident at Fort Hood, Texas, on June 10. The military services will be conducted by the Lansing Post and the Ashe Post 171 of the American Legion. Burial will be in the Sharpe cemetery.

Corporal Elliott was killed in an automobile accident at Fort Hood when the 1949 Ford convertible which he was driving collided with a truck. Another boy, riding in the car, was not injured.

An ambulance driver at Fort Hood, Corporal Elliott had served over two years in the army and prior to entering the Army had served three years in the Navy.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar L. Elliott and one sister, Mrs. Jean Eggers, all of Creston.

### Baptist Hospital Rally Day Sunday

The Associational Baptist hospital Rally Day will be held at the Baptist church in West Jefferson on Sunday afternoon, June 18 at 2:30, it was announced this week.

Chaplain Young of the Baptist hospital in Winston - Salem will be the guest speaker and every pastor in the county is urged to attend and bring representatives from his church.

### PMA Group Goes To Area Meet

All three members of the county PMA committee, the PMA secretary and treasurer and thirty-nine community committeemen attended the district meeting in Wilkesboro on Wednesday of last week. Ashe county is to be commended for having the largest attendance of any of the ten counties at the meeting.

N. L. Wilson, district fieldman, was in charge of the meeting and had worked out a splendid program which was thoroughly enjoyed by about three hundred people who were present. Different programs, operated by PMA, were discussed by representatives of the State office.

### PMA Committee Gets Information For Leaf Acreage

County PMA Office Still Has \$6,000 Left In County's Allotment

Forty-two PMA committeemen assembled at the West Jefferson high school building Monday morning where they received instructions on measuring tobacco and taking performance reports on all allotment farms.

N. L. Wilson, district field man and Mr. C. R. Dale, State spot - (Continued on page 4)

### Tom Joines, 37, Is Suicide Victim

Tom Joines, Sturgills farmer, instantly killed himself around four o'clock Sunday afternoon when he fired a shotgun into his chest in the bedroom of his home where he lived with his mother, Mrs. Martha Joines, near Sturgills.

The body was discovered around supper time by his mother who had been visiting neighbors and returned home to find all the doors locked. Upon forcing an entrance into the house she found the keys and a shotgun by his side on the bed. Coroner R. R. Badger, who investigated the death, said that a broom lying nearby had also apparently been used to fire the gun. Coroner Badger said that he had probably died instantly.

The funeral service is planned for Friday afternoon at Sturgills. In addition to his mother are two brothers, Damer, of Alaska; Robert, of Baltimore. (Continued on page 3)

### 268 Lambs Sell For \$6,652 Here

The first lamb pool of the season was held at the West Jefferson Livestock Market on Saturday when 268 lambs were sold for a total of \$6,652.48.

The total price paid in the pool for choice lambs was \$27 per hundred with medium bringing \$25 and good \$23. The lambs were bought by Swift and Company.

There was a total of 115 choice lambs weighing 11,579 pounds, 100 good lambs weighing 9,554 pounds, 37 medium lambs weighing 3,359 pounds and 2 common weighing 153 pounds.

There were seven choice lambs sold to individuals and seven wethers, ewes and rams sold at from \$6 to \$16 per hundred.

### Farmers Urged To Plant Full Allotment Of Tobacco; High Prices Are Predicted

### Stores Closing Wednesday P. M. In W. Jefferson

Following Usual Custom; Cooperation Of Public Asked In Shopping

It was announced this week by Sharpe S. Shoemaker, head of the Merchants' Association, and others working on the project, that following the usual custom, most all stores would be closed in West Jefferson on Wednesday afternoon, during the summer months in order to give employees some time off.

The cooperation of the public is asked. It was asked that shoppers do Wednesday buying in the morning.

The list of the stores closed Wednesday afternoon is as follows: Bell's Department Store, Baldwin's Men's Shop, Frazier's Store, McNeill's Nona-Ruth, B. F. Cook, T. E. Parker, W. J. Food Center, McEwen's, I. M. Cook's, Glenn's Vegetable Market.

Ashe Hardware, Ray Hardware, Davidson's, Burgess Furniture Store, Rhodes Furniture Store, Eiler's Shoe Shop, W. J. Electric Co., Dollar Electric Co. (Continued on page 3)

### Expert Says Getting Plants Out Now Is Important For Production

C. C. Taylor, well known tobacco warehouseman, who has operated the Tri-State warehouse here, since the market opened, said yesterday that all indications now point to higher prices than ever before, next season. "For this reason it is important to get plants out now and plant all allotments," he said.

Mr. Taylor, who has been on the Maryland market for several weeks, says tobacco sold from six to seven dollars per hundred higher, than last season. "All indications are that West Jefferson burley section will also have an increase," he said. "I urge farmers to make every available effort to get enough plants for their allotments even if they have to go out of the State to get them," he continued.

Other authorities also predict an increase in price this year. Fred S. Hovster, president of the bright belt warehouse association, also predicted an increase.

He predicted that the Government support price, which is based on 90 per cent of parity, would average 44 cents a pound this year, as compared with (Continued on page 3)

### Conditions In Philippines Discussed By Club Speaker

Members of the West Jefferson Woman's Club were given some first hand information about the Philippines on Monday evening when Mrs. Max White, who has spent the past three and one-half years there, was the guest speaker.

She discussed the industrial development, educational facilities, need of public health improvements, religion and other customs and institutions of the islands.

The speaker deplored the lack of news published there and pointed out that there was a feeling of unrest among many.

In speaking of agriculture and industry she described the pineapple planting, harvesting and canning. She also described some of the most beautiful flowers including orchids and ginger flowers.

The speaker was introduced by (Continued on page 4)