

SAFE AND SANE JULY FOURTH OBSERVED HERE

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 the Parkway throughout the day. The streets of West Jefferson and Lansing had little traffic as citizens either took to the country or stated at home for the holiday with business places in the three towns closed.

A record crowd attended the West Jefferson - Lansing - Helton baseball game on the local diamond, which West Jefferson won in a nip-and-tuck battle for ten innings, 10-9.

Game protectors stated that the streams of Ashe county were covered with fishermen Tuesday with trout and bass fishing the most popular.

No accidents were reported in this vicinity and traffic was handled unusually well by officials who were busy much of the time giving directions and answering questions along the Parkway.

ASHE MAN KILLED IN TENNESSEE WRECK

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 City, Tenn., where he died about an hour after the accident from a broken neck and multiple head injuries.

Rev. Noal Riddle officiated at the service for Price at the home with interment being held in the family cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Hazel Price; three children, Betty Sue, Gale and Barbara Ann and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Price.

OFFICERS ARE TO BE INSTALLED TONIGHT

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 last Thursday night Jack Little, Rotary sponsored youth at Boy's State, reported on the activities there. He was introduced by Bruce Hash, program chairman for the night.

Arnold Drye was welcomed into the club as a new member at the meeting.



MOVIE RAINSTORM IN PARIS . . . Acting out a scene for a movie they are making, French film stars, Jean Pierre Aumont and Simone Renant stand in a downpour in Place Vendome. The rain was produced by courtesy of the Paris fire department with the two firemen at right the actual rainmakers. The curious crowd didn't seem to mind getting sprinkled as they watched the free show.

DOWN SOUTH

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History has always been a hobby of mine, and in reading an old history book recently I came across a statement by George Washington that pretty well sets forth my philosophy about this nation and its people. He made the statement, of course, when this was a very small country, but I believe it is just as true to-

day as it was the day he made it. He said this: "The masses of people in these United States mean well, and I firmly believe they will always act well, whenever they can obtain a right understanding of matters."

I believe this about the American people. I believe they are sensible enough and patriotic enough to do what is right and necessary to preserve democracy.

to preserve the American Way of Life provided they can obtain a right understanding of matters. That is the important point—obtaining the right understanding of matters—and this is the point where the newspapers of America are charged with a terrific responsibility. The newspapers still are, and perhaps always will be, the main source of information for the American public. The newspaper is personal, it is tangible, the individual can hold it in his hand and read the black type on the white page.

If the newspaper measures up to its responsibility, it will give the reader full information, not just part of the information; and it will give him impartial information, not biased information. The reader can then make up his own mind.

PUBLIC HEARING ON SCHOOLS AUGUST 3

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 located at Elkland, Fleetwood, Healing Springs, Jefferson, Nathan's Creek and West Jefferson, and that the high schools in the Lansing, Riverview and Virginia-Carolina Districts be continued for the present."

The plan of organization, recommended by the Ashe County board and previously approved, called for a high school to be constructed at Beaver Creek, about two miles from the West Jefferson city limits. The county owns this property, which consists of about 30 acres and is a part of the county home tract.

The previously approved plan called for the consolidation of Elkland, Jefferson, West Jefferson and Fleetwood schools.

And there was perhaps never a time in the history of this country when the people needed full information more than they do now. Are the newspapers of the country measuring up to their responsibility in this respect? In a great many particular cases, I fear that they are not. I have occasion to travel over this country a great deal, particularly here in our Southland, and I see too many cases where information the people should have is played down or ignored, too many other cases where information the people should have is played up or magnified beyond its importance.

These observations, of course, do not apply to the editorial page, which it is perhaps the privilege of the publisher to slant in whatever direction he thinks best. But even on the editorial page the newspaper

page, which it is perhaps the privilege of the publisher to slant in whatever direction he thinks best. But even on the editorial page the newspaper should be sincere, and said to relate we have plenty of reason to doubt the sincerity of some of our newspapers.

As an illustration, let's consider the attitude of some of our own Southern newspapers toward the FEPC. Implicitly following the party in every respect, so much so that their policy is undoubtedly masterminded from party headquarters in Washington, these newspapers make just one exception—they oppose the FEPC. Some of the measures they support are just as bad as the FEPC, and I do not need signed confessions by the publishers to convince me that the opposition of these particular newspapers to the FEPC is due entirely to the pressure of public opinion, due to the emotionalism it arouses, due to the fact that they are afraid of a boycott by the public if they support it—and is not due to any conscientious objection on their part to this further extension of governmental control into the lives of the people.

It is with these thoughts in mind that we can say that from every angle an honest, independent, conscientious, patriotic newspaper occupies a position of responsibility and influence without peer in the life of the nation. To the extent that American newspapers generally measure up to the position they occupy will determine whether or not the American people can obtain a right understanding of matters and accordingly have full freedom in their pursuit of happiness in this country in the days ahead.

No marketing quotas will be proclaimed for the 1951 wheat crop, the U. S. Department of Agriculture has announced.

Virus diseases of food crops offer one of the most baffling types of problems to the research scientist.

N. C. SCHOOL BOARD VOIDS SCHOOL PLANS

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 "If we had known Jefferson was going to have a hearing we could have had one at the same time" a teacher from Todd said. He called attention to the fact that the small group from Todd did not represent the entire community and that the spokesman from the group, Howell, did not even live in Ashe county.

He also emphasized the fact the group from Jefferson had previously made a public announcement that it did not desire a hearing and that it did not want to come in the consolidation. "I can't understand any group saying one thing and then doing another," a member of the county board of education said. He called attention to the fact that this concession at Jefferson had been made to the board and published in The Skyland Post.

Attention was also called to the fact that this agreement by the Jefferson group declining a hearing had been sent to the State Board of Education and that some of the signatures on this agreement were those of the leaders of the hearing held last week.

Members of the county board of education said they were surprised that the Jefferson group wanted to consolidate both Nathan's Creek and Healing Springs. Some of this same group had previously contended that Healing Springs and Nathan's Creek should not be brought into the consolidation, members of the board of education said. It was also pointed out by Ashe Board members that the immediate needs at Healing Springs and Nathan's Creek were nothing like as vital as those of Lansing and Riverview.

John L. Cameron, of the State Schoolhouse Planning Board said "that survey groups, working under the auspices of the State Board of Education, had surveyed Ashe County and had split on the proposed sites for the consolidated high school.

However, he added, the group that favored the Beaver Creek

site had made its survey about two years ago, and "circumstances have changed considerably since then."

Fleetwood citizens pointed out that the survey was not made two years ago and that the geography and population of the county had changed very little since then.

"I see no change except in the minds of some people." A high school teacher said.

A number of West Jefferson citizens said they still thought that a location between the towns would be fine, if a suitable one could be found. "I see nothing different, than when members of the planning board and survey committee first looked, N. gro Mountain is still there," one citizen said.

A check up on the records reveals that the survey was made October 6, 1949 instead of "about two years ago." The records show that the survey made and signed by W. H. Plemons, Herbert Wade and Chas. Wilson was unanimous in selecting the site at Beaver Creek. Members of the board of education said no other surveys, before or after had been submitted to them.

People in the Lansing and Riverview section bemoaned the continued delay. "We need some action now," a Riverview teacher said.

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