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## TOBACCO FESTIVAL HERE ON SATURDAY

### Local Merchants Now Ready For Christmas Business

#### Santa To Arrive Saturday; Many Gifts Featured

#### Christmas Lights To Be Turned On; Other Special Decorations

Hundreds of people are expected to begin their Christmas buying here in earnest this week end when the holiday shopping season is officially opened with the appearance of Santa Claus, the turning on of the Christmas lights and the completion of the street decorations.

Santa will arrive in time for the parade at 11:00 o'clock and will spend the rest of the day in town, in the various stores and on the streets contacting as many children as possible. Everyone is invited to see Santa and to shop here.

In cooperation with opening of the Christmas shopping season, town officials said that the parking meters would be closed all day Saturday. West Jefferson citizens are asked to leave all available space for out-of-town shoppers.

Local merchants report an unusually large assortment of gifts as well as much practical merchandise. In fact, there are many items back this year that have not been available since before the war. Windows and interior display all reflect the gay holiday spirit and everything is in readiness in all of the stores to assist the public with Christmas shopping.

Today this paper, in cooperation with the merchants, issues (Continued on Page 4)

#### County NCEA To Meet Wednesday

#### Majority Of Teachers Attended Annual Banquet Friday Night

Dr. John Barden, ASTC, will speak to the Ashe county unit of the NCEA at a county-wide teachers meeting at the Jefferson school, next Wednesday at 1:45 p. m. Mrs. Gertrude Vaught, president, announced yesterday. Mrs. Vaught stated that Dr. Barden would speak on the legislative program of the NCEA and discuss it for the teachers. "All teachers in the county are urged to be present at this meeting," she said.

Over one-half of the teachers in the county attended the annual banquet meeting of the NCEA at the community building in West Jefferson, Friday night, at which time Dr. J. H. Hatt, superintendent of the Elkin hospital, spoke to the group. Cratis Williams, ASTC, and Marlene Jones, Lansing, sang several selections. The dinner was served by the Riverview home economics department.

#### WINDOW CONTEST TO BE HELD HERE

In order to stimulate interest in the Christmas window decorations of the business houses here, this paper is again conducting a contest.

A first prize of \$7 a second of \$5 and third prize of \$3 will be awarded to the business houses having the most attractive windows.

The windows will be judged on Friday, December 3 by a board of local professional men and women not connected with the business firms and winners will be announced in 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 display holiday gifts.

#### Tobacco Market Is Ready For Opening Sales On Monday

COMING SATURDAY



D. S. Coltrane, N. C. Commissioner of Agriculture, will attend the tobacco festival here on Saturday.

#### Turkey Crop Is Short In County; Prices Are Good

Prices Averaged 46 Cents Per Pound As Compared To 35 Last Year

Ashe county, one of the leaders in North Carolina in the production of turkeys, this year fell short in the usual number produced, according to the number marketed for Thanksgiving.

Produce buyers attributed the shortage to the fact that feed has been unusually high and the price of turkeys comparatively low in recent years.

One official estimated the number sold on the Thanksgiving market at around 4,000. These turkeys averaged around 14 pounds and brought an average price of 46 cents per pound, making a total income to growers of around \$25,760.

Last year far more turkeys were sold. For the Thanksgiving market, buyers handled around 7,000 of these prize fowls and the average price paid for them was 35 cents.

#### REVIVAL SERVICE AT GLENDALE SPRINGS

Announcement was made this week of a revival service now in progress at the Glendale Springs Pentecostal church. Rev. H. N. Watts, evangelist, from Dexter, Ga., is preaching at the services each night, which will continue for two more weeks.

#### Davidson's Moves To New Location

Davidson's store, which has been located next door to The Skyland Post, is now open for business in their spacious new headquarters, the building formerly occupied by Belk's.

Friday and Saturday are "House - Warming Days" in the new location and officials of Davidson's said they wanted to extend to everyone a cordial invitation to attend.

"We are happy to be able to be in large quarters and to better serve our customers," Mr. and Mrs. Davidson said.

The building has been newly painted and remodeled. In addition to the regular merchandise, many specials are to be featured for the opening with gifts for children. Mrs. Davidson said.

The store is conducting a special contest for children in which valuable prizes are to be awarded. The prizes are now on display in a window of the store.

#### Full Set Of Buyers, Graders; Additional Warehouse Completed

All indications are that the tobacco market season, which gets underway here on Monday morning with the opening sales at nine o'clock, will be a very successful one since the demand for tobacco is strong and the quality much better than average.

In addition to the original Tri-State warehouse, the second one has been completed and will be operated as number II, giving the combined total of more than 86,000 feet of floor space, on which 1,000,000 pounds of tobacco can be taken care of. Additional prize and storage rooms have also been constructed for the various companies.

Tobacco is being brought into the West Jefferson market from North Carolina, Virginia and Tennessee and all indications are that the quality is much better this year than it was last season.

H. L. Clayton, a circuit rider for Reynolds, who was here for the opening last year, was here this week and said that he was pleased with the quality of the tobacco. Government graders are also here and both buyers and graders said they wanted to remind the farmers not to bring in their tobacco wet.

C. C. Taylor, of the Tri-State (Continued on page 4)

#### X-Ray Clinic To Be Held Friday At Health Dept.

#### Men And Women Over 45 Years Of Age Should Have X-Ray Made

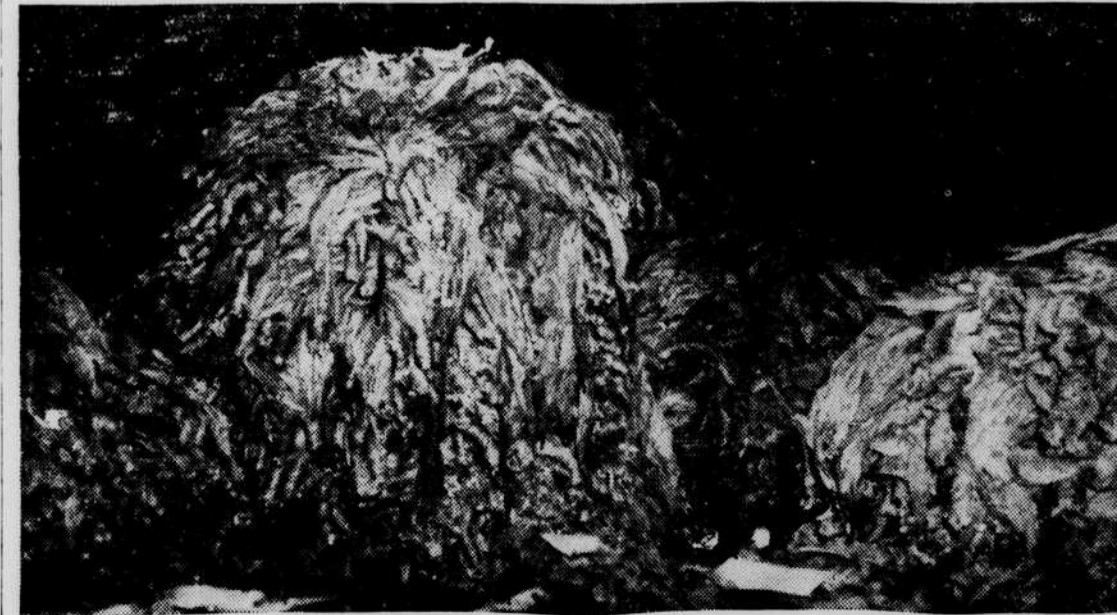
The public is again reminded that it will have an opportunity to have a free chest X-ray made tomorrow at the County Health Department at the Ashe Memorial hospital. A mobile unit of the North Carolina Sanatorium will make the X-rays.

In a bulletin released by the Tuberculosis Association, the following people were listed as those who should have a chest X-ray made:

Anyone who has lived or worked with a person who has active T. B., medical and nursing students, physicians and nurses, hospital attendants, working men and women, men and women over 45 years of age, young women in industry, mothers and teachers, boys and girls in their late teens and early twenties.

A large number of high school boys and girls are expected to take advantage of this opportunity.

#### Coming Into West Jefferson For Opening Sales Monday



Tobacco is coming into the Tri-State Warehouse from North Carolina, Virginia and Tennessee, ready for the opening sales Monday morning at nine o'clock.

#### Santa Is Coming For Parade Sat.



#### WESTERN UNION

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WILL ARRIVE IN WEST JEFFERSON ON SATURDAY IN TIME FOR TOBACCO FESTIVAL AND PARADE HOPE TO SEE ALL CHILDREN.

SANTA CLAUS

#### Thanksgiving Is Quietly Observed In Ashe County

#### Hunters Take To Fields Today For Short Open Quail Season

Ashe county is again observing another peacetime Thanksgiving today in peace and quietness with mild winter weather. Several of the churches are holding services today while others had services last night.

Some of the schools in the county are closed today and some will be closed tomorrow in observance of Thanksgiving. Stores, banks, county offices and other business houses are also closed today.

As the hunting season opens, several will take to the fields to engage in this favorite sport.

Roland Koontz, fish and game protector, announced that the open season for quail has been (Continued on Page 5)

#### No Arrests Made In Ashe Motor Company Theft

Officers stated yesterday that no arrests had yet been made in connection with the robbing of the Ashe Motor Co. safe, which occurred last Wednesday night. Every effort is being made by local officers to apprehend the criminals in this case.

B. B. Graybeal, one of the owners, stated that there was approximately \$500.00 in the safe, when it was robbed.

Patrolman Dave Houston said that drills from the shop had been used to go into the safe from the bottom, and that one of the drills was so large, that it would take a good size man to handle it.

Guy Scott, S. B. I. agent from Winston-Salem, was here Thursday, and helped local officials in the investigation of the case.

#### Name Voting Places For PMA Election Scheduled To Be Held On Thursday, Dec. 2

#### Farmers Still Have Time To Enter Contest

#### A Number Of Cash Prizes To Be Awarded In Festival Tobacco Contests

H. D. Quessenberry, county agent, in charge of the tobacco show and grading contest, being held Saturday in connection with the festival, said yesterday that farmers still have time to enter these and urged all that have not done so, to get ready immediately.

Quessenberry pointed out that the time to enter would be Friday afternoon or Saturday, not later than 10:30, since the entries are judged in the afternoon. It was again explained that there would be no entry fees and that a number of cash prizes would be awarded. Sam Cartner, tobacco specialist, will assist Agent Quessenberry with this phase of the festival.

The show and contest are to be held in the new prize rooms, above the warehouse in the building formerly used by the (Continued on page 4)

#### Two Bucks Shot By Ashe Hunters

It was reported yesterday that Jake Caudill and Robert Colvard shot two bucks on a deer hunting trip to the Daniel Boone National Park near Edgemont this week. Mr. Caudill got an eight-point buck early Monday and then Tuesday Mr. Colvard shot a small buck.

Others on the hunting trip were Gale McMillan and Lawson Houck.

#### Farmers Urged To Take Part Program Is Important For County

Ashe county farmers will go to the polls, Thursday, December 2, to vote for their community P. M. A. committeemen and also for a delegate to the county convention, which will be held Friday, December 3, at which time the county committee will be elected.

Nominating meetings will be held in each township Thursday morning, December 2, at 9:00 o'clock and voting will start immediately after this meeting. "Farmers should attend this meeting and have a choice in nominating the men they wish to see elected," J. W. Gambill, county chairman said.

"It is to the interest of every farmer in Ashe county that they go out on December 2, and vote for the men they wish to assist in administering the P. M. A. program in their township. Ask your neighbor to go with you," he continued.

The polls will be open all day. Listed here is the voting place for each township:

Chestnut Hill, Chestnut Hill voting place; Clifton, Warrensville post office; Creston, Robin- (Continued on page 4)

#### Two Convicts Are Recaptured Fri.

The two convicts, Roy Yountz and Jack F. Brown, who escaped from the Ashe county prison camp last week, were recaptured in Winston-Salem, Friday night.

Of the nine escapes from the Ashe camp, all men have been recaptured, as Doughton Greene was picked up in Cleveland, Ohio, this week. E. H. Beshears, superintendent of the camp, reported yesterday.

#### Draftees May Be Inducted Early

Edward Osborne, chairman of the Ashe County Draft Board, announced this week that the local board now has authority to send men for induction ahead of the regular schedule. He stated that several registrants had asked to be inducted early.

"Registrants who make the request in writing to the draft board, will be allowed to go for the pre-induction examination in the next quota from the county," Mr. Osborne said.

He pointed out that he did not want to leave the impression that the draft board wanted anyone to go ahead of schedule but that the board was only offering this service to those men who wish to go into the service earlier.

Fourteen men left Monday for their pre-induction physical examinations at Charlotte.

#### Opens With Big Parade; Record Crowd Expected

#### Commissioner Of Agriculture And Other Noted Leaders Will Attend

A record crowd is expected here on Saturday for West Jefferson's first annual Tobacco Festival, which will be opened with the gigantic parade at 11:00 o'clock in the morning and continue throughout the day, ending with the ball in the evening.

The selection of the festival queen, tobacco judging contest, band concert by the North Wilkesboro fifty-piece band, which will also lead the parade, fireworks and tobacco ball are among the features that have been planned for the day. James A. Graham, general chairman said.

Among the many other attractions of the parade, in which the queens, representing the nine high schools in the county, will ride, will be Santa Claus. In addition to a number of commercial floats, several civic groups will also be represented.

Coming for the big event are a number of state and national officials and other tobacco authorities, including N. C. Commissioner of Agriculture D. S. Coltrane, Claude T. Hall, a member of the N. C. agriculture commission; W. P. Hedrick, tobacco specialist of the N. C. Department of Agriculture; R. W. Shoffner, district supervisor of the N. C. extension division; R. R. Bennett, extension tobacco spe- (Continued on page 4)

#### Special Traffic Regulations, Sat.

#### Parking Meters To Be Discontinued All Day For Tobacco Festival

Ralph Campbell, town clerk, announced yesterday that temporary traffic regulations will be enforced Saturday in cooperation with the tobacco festival. The parking meters will be discontinued all day Saturday, it was pointed out, but the meters will be in effect again on Monday.

He stated that Jefferson Ave., will be blocked to all parking from early Saturday morning until after the parade, and that proper signs and other directions will be posted in all other restricted areas in town. He asked that all citizens cooperate with the municipal officers by obeying the signs.

"Detour streets will be established and properly identified for persons coming into West Jefferson for the event and on these detour streets there will be unrestricted parking, except for a few areas, where it is impractical." (Continued on page 4)

#### POST GIVING FREE THEATRE TICKETS

Again The Skyland Post is conducting its annual Christmas gift plan when dozens of tickets to the Parkway Theatre are to be given away absolutely free.

In practically all of the advertisements except those of national products in The Post today will be found the names of Ashe county people. Read all of the advertisements-carefully and when you discover your name bring the advertisement in which it appears, into the office of The Post and you will be given a ticket to the Parkway Theatre.

The names printed in the advertisements were chosen impartially from the post offices of the mailing list of The Post. The tickets must be called for and used by December 10.

Read all of the advertisements, it may mean a free ticket for you, as well as the solution to your shopping problems.