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Attend The Tobacco Festival

This paper joins with officials and all others who have a part in it, to invite everyone in this area to attend the first annual tobacco festival here on Saturday, November 27. The day's program is varied and the celebration should be both instructive and entertaining. The gigantic parade will glorify tobacco and will include many commercial as well as educational floats and will be worth seeing. The tobacco contests for farmers should prove instructive as well as profitable for growers and all others interested in grading and improving the quality of tobacco.

The tobacco ball, crowning of the festival queen, fireworks and other features have been planned for the enjoyment of the visitors.

The merchants are cooperating in every way so that visitors may also do some Christmas shopping while here. Santa Claus and Christmas decorations will add to the festivity of the occasion.

This event, sponsored by the Rotary club, West Jefferson merchants, business men and others, should attract widespread attention. Much of the credit for the observance should go to the general chairman, James A. Graham, and those who have worked with him.

We believe that every citizen who does not attend this, will miss an important event. Again we extend a cordial invitation to everyone to be present.

Trade At Home

Again the Christmas shopping season has arrived and again the local merchants are ready for it. Throughout this paper today will be found hundreds of advertised values and in the stores are many more, for the official opening of the holiday shopping season, Saturday, under sponsorship of the West Jefferson merchants. Everyone is cordially invited to do Christmas shopping here and now.

The local merchants have made extensive plans and preparations for this Christmas shopping season. The business district will be gaily decorated with multi-colored street lights. The stores and windows will also feature Christmas displays of all kinds and this season the West Jefferson stores are filled with the largest assortment of gift merchandise ever assembled here. Santa Claus will be here all Saturday afternoon giving candy to the children.

The elaborate plans that have been made by the merchants, together with the large array of fine gift merchandise to be found in the stores is convincing proof that West Jefferson is a good place in which to do your Christmas shopping.

Our merchants are alert and progressive. They are public-spirited. They support all worthy movements for the betterment of the general public of the county. They pay taxes and employ local people. They deserve the patronage of all of our people. These merchants have made every effort to secure a good selection of holiday merchandise and we believe the public will find a better assortment here than in any other place comparable in size. We feel also that local merchants are happy to serve you at all times and will really appreciate your business. We are indeed fortunate to have so many really fine gifts

here at home. Do your Christmas shopping now and be sure to shop with your local merchants for a Merry Christmas!

Visit Our Tobacco Market

All farmers in this area are invited to sell their tobacco in West Jefferson; for we believe the Tri-State warehouses offer services that cannot be excelled.

But whether you plan to sell your tobacco here or not, or whether or not you grow any tobacco, you are invited to visit our market.

Ashe county is justly proud of its market, and for this reason we want all citizens to see for themselves just what we have here, the fine service being rendered, the many advantages offered to the farmers and the courteous and efficient manner in which the market is operated.

This market belongs to the people of this area. It was opened under handicaps and opposition from outsiders last year, who were acting from selfish motives. But these were overcome and the additional efforts necessary for its establishment served to make it stronger. The market now enters its second season with an opportunity for expanded service. Again we say that this is your market and invite you to visit it. Be here for the opening sales on Monday.

Some Roads Impassable

While the weather has been unusually good this fall, with comparatively little rain, there are some secondary roads which are impassable. We have reports from citizens living in the Teaberry section, on the road which leads from Lansing to Bina, stating that they are forced to walk over some parts of the road, which are already impassable in a car.

This is an example of what we mean when we say that Ashe county must have more improved rural roads. This road has been reported to highway officials more than once, in times past. Why can't something be done about it as well as other rural roads over which people must travel throughout the year? In this age of progress and development, must good citizens in these areas have to abandon their cars and walk?

Farmers Urged To Vote

Thursday, Dec. 2, is election day for farmers regarding the PMA committee-men. We urge all farmers to go to the voting place in their townships and cast their votes for the men, whom they believe will best help them in the better farm practices carried out under the auspices of the PMA.

The farm improvement program is an important one. And the degree of effectiveness in which it is carried out not only depends upon the farmers themselves, but the committeemen and others in the administration of the work. We urge all farmers to register their interest by voting.

More Text Books Needed

In a report to the Governor concerning the findings of the State Education Commission has been called to the fact that North Carolina children are not getting enough textbooks and other study materials and ample funds for these should be provided immediately, according to the report of the State Education Commission.

The commission found a "serious lack of materials" in both elementary and high schools and said that "the condition is extreme in the areas of audio-visual facilities, science and health materials, and materials for experiences in practical and fine arts. Although printed materials are among the most important tools of the teacher, the inadequacies in these materials present significant problems for the school program. The supply of basal textbooks, supplementary textbooks, periodicals, and other printed materials is inadequate in more than half the schools."

Several studies in this connection were made by the commission. Some 11,000 teachers were asked the question, "Are teaching supplies adequate?" Over 3900 teachers answered "No." The answers of principals were in about the same ratio. Responses from one hundred county and city superintendents to a questionnaire showed that the average expenditure per pupil for supplies for the year 1946-1947, exclusive of textbooks, was 75 cents. These superintendents estimated that an average per pupil amount necessary annually for providing an adequate supply of materials is, at present prices, not less than \$7.50.

This Week In Washington

With "unpack" as the watchword, official Washington is eagerly taking an active part in the plans for one of the most elaborate inaugural ceremonies in presidential history as President Harry S. Truman, now ensconced in a temporary White House, holds serious meetings with his cabinet and heads of governmental agencies in preparation for the coming session of the 81st congress.

The inaugural ceremonies in 1940 were more or less perfunctory and were almost nil in 1944 during the war, so Washington hasn't had a real inaugural with all the trappings since Roosevelt's first term 18 years ago, back in 1933.

The only fly in the ointment of an otherwise harmonious session of the congress is the question of what the Dixiecrat senators and congressmen may do with the President's progressive program. There is little doubt but that he will send to the congress much the same 21-points that he presented to the 79th and 80th congresses. In the 79th a coalition of southern Democrats and northern Republicans prevented action. In the 80th, with clear control, the Republicans, along with the help of some of these same southern Democrats, smashed his program.

However, there is little question but that these southern leaders, many of whom remained loyal to the President in the campaign, have been somewhat chastened and that the President will go to the congress this time with the same fighting spirit and leadership with which he went to the people of the nation and received their mandate in a victorious election.

Despite the narrowness of victory, some 2,000,000 popular votes, observers here regard the outcome as no less a mandate from the people on high prices, on farm price support, on federal aid to education, a national health bill, repeal of the Taft-Hartley act and extension of the New Deal reform, than if the voting majority had been larger. Also, Republican senatorial liberals such as Aiken and Flanders of Vermont, Tobey, of New Hampshire, Ives, of New York, Baldwin of Connecticut, Lodge, of Massachusetts, Morse of Oregon, Thye, of Minnesota and Young of North Dakota may join the Democratic majority to offset whatever southern losses there may be on Mr. Truman's congressional program.

In addition the President will have such stalwart liberals as the freshman Hampshire of Minnesota replacing the reactionary Ball; Stevenson of Illinois replacing the equally reactionary Brooks; Gillette of Iowa, taking the place of George Wilson, and Kerr of Oklahoma, succeeding the reactionary Moore to back him up in his liberal legislation.

It appears that Senator Scott Lucas, of Illinois will replace Senator Alben Barkley, who moves up to the vice-presidency, as the majority floor leader in the senate, although Senator Lister Hill of Alabama has the seniority for this post.

In the House, former speaker Sam Rayburn, of Texas, and John W. McCormack of Massachusetts, former majority leader, no doubt can have his old job back if he wants it.

Chairmanship of the important House standing committees, if present seniority rules are followed, will give few chairmanships to the far west and mountain states where President Truman received his most important support. House Agriculture will go to Cooley, of North Carolina; Appropriations to Cannon of Missouri; Armed Services to Vinson of Georgia; Foreign Affairs to Sol Bloom of New York; Post Office and Post Roads to Murray of Tennessee; Public Lands to Somers of New York; Public Works to Whittington of Mississippi; Rules to Sabath of Illinois; Ways and Means, Doughton, of N. C.

In the senate, however, all chairmanships save banking and currency, where the ailing Wagner of New York holds seniority, go to the south and far west. Agriculture, Thomas, Oklahoma; Appropriations, McKellar, Tennessee; Armed Services, Tydings, Maryland; Banking and Currency, Wagner, New York; Finance, George, Georgia; Foreign Relations, Connally, Texas; Interior and Insular Affairs, O'Mahoney, Wyoming; Interstate and Foreign Commerce, Johnson, Colorado; Labor and Public Works, Thomas, Utah; Post Office and Civil Service, Johnston, South Carolina; Rules, Hayden, Arizona. Representative John S. Wood,



West Jefferson Boys Win Two To Remain Undeclared

\$370 Reported In Seal Drive

The West Jefferson boys' basketball team continued its winning streak as the local boys won two games during the past week. Tuesday night Walker and Wyatt led their team to a decisive 32-34 victory over the Virginia-Carolina team and last Thursday, West Jefferson won easily over Lansing, 50-24.

Walker shot 21 points and Wyatt, 14 points, to set the pace for the West Jefferson team. Halsey scored 19 points for the losing team. This was the first loss for the V-C team.

In the girls' game, V-C won 42-38. It was a hard fought game with West Jefferson in the lead at the half, 19-13. Speaks shot 21 points for the losers while Adams scored 21 points and Reedy, 15 points, for the winning team.

Jefferson won both games from Nathan's Creek, Tuesday night, with Diggs and Jones leading the boys to a 27-23 win. The girls won 25-23 in a hard-fought game with Rash and Haynes leading the offense.

Riverview and Lansing split their games this week with the Riverview boys winning 24-21 and the Lansing girls, 28-19.

In games last Thursday night, the West Jefferson girls defeated the Lansing girls 38-11. Louise Speaks shot 25 points to lead the winning team. Kilby had seven points for Lansing. Bobby Walker shot 12 points as his team swept to an easy 50-24 victory. Roberts shot six points for Lansing.

Virginia-Carolina won both games from Nathan's Creek, with the girls winning 48-23 and the boys, 51-46. Adams led the scoring for V-C with 30 points and Jones was high for Nathan's Creek with 23 points in the girls' game. In a close and hard fought game, the V-C quintet, with Halsey leading the scorers with 21 points, defeated the Nathan's Creek team. Shatley shot 18 points for the losing team.

ASHE COUNTY'S BASKETBALL STANDINGS

Girls			
Team	W.	L.	Pct.
Va.-Carolina	4	0	1.000
Jefferson	3	1	.750
West Jefferson	3	2	.600
Nathan's Creek	3	2	.600
Riverview	1	1	.500
Fleetwood	1	2	.333
Lansing	1	4	.200
Healing Springs	0	1	.000
Elkland	0	3	.000
Boys			
Team	W.	L.	Pct.
West Jefferson	5	0	1.000
Riverview	2	0	1.000
Va.-Carolina	3	1	.750
Jefferson	3	1	.750
Nathan's Creek	3	2	.600
Healing Springs	0	1	.000
Elkland	0	3	.000
Fleetwood	0	3	.000
Lansing	0	5	.000

The teams marked with * have not turned in the results of all their games. Please report the scores promptly to The Skyland Post after each game.

Over \$370 has been raised on the quota of \$900.00 in the 42nd annual Christmas Seal sale in Ashe county, Mrs. A. B. Hart, chairman, announced this week. She stated that this amount was raised in the bond drive and that the school and mail drives were started this week.

Those buying bonds thus far are: Robert G. Lassiter, \$50.00; Oak Flooring Company, \$25.00; Reins-Sturdivant, Ray Hardware, Parkway Theatre, Parker Tie Co., C. S. Neal, Rhodes Furniture, Appalachian Flooring Co., Burgess Furniture, W. J. Parts, W. G. Vannoy, C. and H. Service Station, G. F. P. Chevrolet and Skyland Post, \$10.00 each.

Badgers Funeral Home, \$7.50. Those giving \$5.00 were W. E. Vannoy, Duncan Motor Co., City Cafe, Wiley Jewelry, Frazier's, Parker and Man's Store, Toisd Drug Co., Bare Milling, Miller's Jewelry, Hayes Hardware, First National Bank, Ashe Hardware, Duval Grocery, Archie Little, McNeill's Store, Smith's, I. M. Cook, B. F. Cook, Mayflower Beauty Shop, Dr. J. K. Hunter, Farmer's Supply, Dr. Pepper Bottling Co., City Florist, E. E. Jones Store, Dr. Clyde Jones, W. J. Hardware, Cash Wholesale Grocery, Bryan Oliver and Ira T. Johnston.

Seals were purchased by the following: Fabric Shop, \$2.00; West Jefferson Hotel, Ruth Tugman and Ezy Way Grocery, \$1.00 each.

FARMERS URGED TO ENTER CONTEST

(Continued from page 1) Ashe bean market. John Van Arsdale, well known tobacco authority, will assist with the judging and grading contest. Quessenberry pointed out that all farmers should plan to attend these even if they do not enter, because of their educational value. Details of the prizes are announced elsewhere in this paper.

TOBACCO MARKET READY FOR SALES

(Continued from Page 1) warehouses, said yesterday that around 360,000 pounds had already come in and that much more would be here for the opening sales on Monday.

"We will clear the floors daily and will give every possible service to tobacco growers," he said. All possible facilities for handling the tobacco and giving the best possible service have been arranged for, he said. The market will have plenty of buyers, including those of American, Reynolds, Liggett and Meyers, Piedmont and Austin.

Holly, mistletoe, poinsettia, and other floral motifs provide the most popular Christmas card designs.

NAME VOTING PLACES FOR FARMERS

(Continued from page 1) son's store; Elk, Elkland school, Grassy Creek, Sturgill's store; Helton, Helton voting place; Horse Creek, John Goss's store; Hurricane, W. M. Little's store; Jefferson, courthouse; Laurel, Edna Engridge's store; Obids, Bare's Store at Glendale Springs. Old Fields, store at Baldwin; Peak Creek, R. L. Austin's store; Pine Swamp, L. H. Miller's store; Piney Creek, Walter Osborne's store; Pond Mountain, Millard Osborne's store; Walnut Hill, Judson Blevin's store; West Jefferson, AAA office.

LOCAL MERCHANTS READY FOR XMAS

(Continued from Page 1) its annual Christmas shopping edition officially used in the holiday buying season. Throughout this paper will be found hundreds of advertised values which prove that West Jefferson is the ideal place in which to shop.

SPECIAL TRAFFIC REGULATIONS SAT.

(Continued from page 1) perative that clearance for vehicles and pedestrians be maintained," Mr. Campbell said. The town clerk pointed out that these temporary regulations are necessary to insure maximum traffic control and regulation within the town during the parade, and for the interest and convenience of the visitors in West Jefferson during the day. It is further requested that upon commencement of the parade, all spectators along the route of the parade, keep on the sidewalk and not congest the parade route, thus making complications, he stated.

TOBACCO FESTIVAL HERE SATURDAY

(Continued on page 4) cialist; S. N. Hawks, assistant extension tobacco specialist; C. W. Thomas, N. C. director of test farms; Dr. J. H. Felton, State College; Tom Thigpen, representative of the USDA tobacco marketing, Washington, D. C.; Ralph Cummings, assistant director of N. C. test farms, Dr. W. E. Colwell, head of agronomy department, State College; Congressman R. L. Doughton and others.

High schools of the county have selected the following queens to represent them in the parade and from whom a queen of the festival will be named: Ruby Lewis, Riverview; Nancy Sexton, Virginia-Carolina; Geneva Greer, Lansing; Lenna Duncan, Elkland; Mary McNeill, West Jefferson; Annabel Colvard, Jefferson; Naomi Bare, Fleetwood; Arlene Fletcher, Nathan's Creek; Healing Springs, Grace Neaves.

The queen is to be crowned in the evening at the high school gymnasium. She is to be selected by out-of-county officials at a luncheon given them and official guests and the announcement will be made at the coronation service in the evening, it was announced.

A detailed program of the days activities and the tobacco contest are published elsewhere in this paper.