

### Bringing Tobacco To Warehouse



Caught by the roving cameraman are two Grayson county farmers with their tobacco at the Tri-State Warehouse. By bringing this picture to The Skyland Post and identifying themselves, they will receive a pleasant surprise.

### Farming Notes

as large as it was five years ago. Rayons require a relatively short washing period. Two to four minutes is usually enough. Henderson county landowners have voted in favor of a proposal to organize a soil conservation

### What Yule Cards Mean

There may be a "hidden wish" in your Christmas cards this year. Many familiar designs have special meanings that are centuries old.



Holly . . . WELCOME

Hung on doors and windows, it invites celebrants in to share the Yuletide spirit. Ancient Romans decorated their homes with holly during religious festivals.



Candles . . . BLESSING

Candles are burned in church as a symbol of enlightenment. It's an old Irish custom to place a lighted candle in the window on Christmas Eve, to guide the Christ Child on his long journey from heaven.



Bells . . . PEACE

An ancient legend says that when Christ was born, the devil died and all the earth's bells rang in celebration, just as they ring today on Christmas Morn.



Carolers . . . HAPPINESS

Carols originated in medieval England. Wandering musicians went from door to door, singing their wishes for health and happiness, just as Christmas cards now carry our affectionate Yuletide messages to friends and loved ones everywhere.

district in the county. The vote was 230 to 12. The proposal now goes to the State Soil Conservation Committee for consideration.

Results of a medical care survey in Greene county are contained in a bulletin published by the North Carolina Experiment Station.

More than 80,000 acres of tobacco land have been brought back into profitable production with Oxford 26, a wilt-resistant tobacco variety.

One of the earliest holiday greetings is a crude wood cut of the Christ Child in a treasure ship overflowing with good wishes. It was produced by a German printer in 1450 as a New Year's card.

The candle in the window, a favorite Christmas card design, traces back to an old Irish belief that the Christ Child, out alone in the cold, needs light to find his way on Christmas Eve.

The ruddy, jovial Santa Claus of the Christmas cards was first sketched in his present-day form by Thomas Nast, the cartoonist who created the G. O. P. Elephant and Democratic Donkey.

The Puritans would have frowned on Christmas cards. It was the law in Massachusetts

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### Open Forum COLUMN FOR THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Red Oak High School Red Oak, N. C.

Dear Mrs. Anderson: My wife and I are still enjoying the Skyland Post. We were very interested in contrasting the votes for President in our own precinct here at Red Oak with certain ones in Ashe county. The vote here stood: Truman—242; Thurmond 1; Dewey, 2. This of course, was only one precinct in Nash county, but it was almost that one-sided in the entire county.

Lansing school news is conspicuous by its absence. Having spent 9 years there, I would quite naturally want to keep "posted" on happenings there. Frank James, I believe, is their new principal. Give us more school news if possible. My check for \$3.00 is enclosed. Sincerely yours, Joseph A. Martin.

from 1659 to 1681 that "Whosoever shall be found observing any such day as Christmas . . . either by forebearing of labor, feasting, or in any other way, shall be fined five shillings."

Exports of United States fishery products to European markets have declined drastically and can be expected to remain at low ebb until means are found to improve the foreign exchange situation.

Meat production under Federal inspection for the week ended November 13, totaled 324 million pounds.

According to legend, coffee roasting started with Arab efforts to keep a monopoly on the crop by refusing to sell the raw beans, heating them until they would not germinate.

The ham, considered the most valuable part of a hog carcass, gets the roughest treatment in the handling of market hogs.

A cotton crop of 690,000 bales is now forecast for North Carolina in 1948.

### 25 Patients In Ashe Hospital

The following are patients in Ashe Memorial hospital this week: Lee Jones, Clifton; Roby Blevins, Grassy Creek; Mrs. Florence Roten, Grassy Creek; W. A. Atwood, Furches; Mrs. Vance Roten, Baldwin; Bryan Kirby, Sturgills; Patsy Medley, Tuckerdale; Mrs. Ruth Marsh and son, Fries, Va.

Mrs. Carl Owens and daughter, West Jefferson; Mrs. Jake Goodman, Todd; Mrs. E. G. Caudill, Warrenville; Mrs. Flora Gregg and daughter, Lansing; Ronald Lee Hardin, Laurel Springs; D. D. Dixon, Jefferson; Miss Carolyn Cox, Crumpler; Mrs. Sylvester Roark and son, Treetop; Mrs. Dorothy Calloway and daughter, Jefferson; Mrs.

### Silas Creek News

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sossomon, of Johnson City, Tenn., spent Sunday with Mr. C. F. Dickson and Mr. and Mrs. John Houck.

Rev. G. W. Dalton filled his regular appointment at Trinity Methodist church Sunday. He and Mrs. Dalton were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Jones.

Mr. Cicero Jones, who passed away Monday of last week, was

Carrie Jones and daughter, Sparta; Mrs. Robert Miller and daughter, Glendale Springs; Edward Jones, Warrenville; Mrs. Jane Miller, Tuckerdale; Mrs. Coy Woodie, West Jefferson; Mrs. Lucius Coldiron, Glendale Springs; Mrs. Tom Childress, Lansing and Mrs. Bruce Eller, Helton.

buried in the old Jackson Testerman cemetery. Rev. Granville Howell and Rev. E. R. McClure conducted the funeral service. Mrs. John Houck, who fell and injured her leg a few days ago, has been taking treatment at the Ashe Memorial hospital. She is much improved at present and it is not thought that she will have to make many more trips. The last report is that Roby Blevins, who is also being treated in the Jefferson hospital, is some better.



## Happy HOLIDAY

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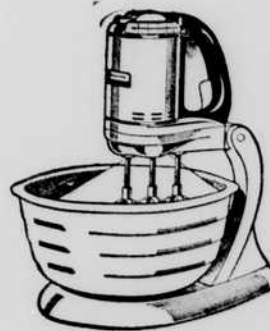
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