



Land Company Makes Move To Recover Streets

Production Of Turkish Leaf To Be Increased

Around 70 Farmers In Ashe And Alleghany Expected To Take Part In Program

Due to the initial success of the Turkish Tobacco experiments in Ashe and Alleghany counties, 1947 should find a big increase in its production with around 70 farmers taking part in the program, John Wilkins, agronomist specialist of the Extension Division of State College, who is in charge of the project announced, yesterday.

Mr. Wilkins said that farmers were being signed up now and that a list of those participating would be announced at an early date. "We expect to have about double the number of those of last year," he declared.

This year will mark the third year of the project. In addition to Ashe and Alleghany it is also being carried on in several other counties including Caldwell and Haywood.

The crop in 1946 showed an improvement over the first year Mr. Wilkins said this improvement was attributed to more favorable weather conditions and to increased knowledge of the crop.

Club Is To Hear Grant Bauguess

Will Speak On His Work In Japan; To Show Travel Slides Also

Grant Bauguess, Ashe county attorney, who only recently has received his discharge from the U. S. Army will be the speaker at the regular meeting of the Jeffersons Rotary club tonight.

Mr. Bauguess, who served as a captain in the Pacific theatre, will speak on the work he did in Japan while serving there and will show slides in regard to his assignments and travels. L. P. Colvard will be in charge of the program.

The regular meeting was not held last week due to the observance of the Christmas holidays. Members are especially urged to be present at the first meeting for the new year.

Four new members recently joined the club. They are, John Wilkins, J. V. Caudill, J. H. Payne and J. E. Bradshaw.

Baptist School To Begin Monday

The school for Baptist ministers and church workers will be conducted in the following churches, to begin Monday at West Jefferson Baptist church, Tuesday at Bristol church, Wednesday at Grassy Creek, Thursday at Phoenix, Friday at Mission Home.

The school is being conducted in different places for the benefit of ministers and workers in the different sections of the county.

Those to be on the program will be Rev. Howard Ford, of Elkin, and Rev. J. C. Pipes, of Asheville. A number of ministers in the association will also take part on the program.

The churches will serve lunch each day. The public is cordially invited to attend each service and ministers and workers of the church are especially urged to attend.

Winchester To Assist Veterans

Jack C. Winchester, assistant State Service officer, will be at the community building here on Thursday, January 16, from 11:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m., it was announced here this week.

Mr. Winchester will be prepared to help in making application for on-the-job training, widows pensions, back pay, terminal leave pay, compensation claim for veterans and many other items pertaining to veterans and dependents, it was explained. This service will be given free.

New Year Brings More Cold Weather, Highways Are Icy

ROTARY SPEAKER



Grant Bauguess, Jefferson attorney, who recently returned after several months of service in Japan will speak to the Rotary Club this evening

Ashe County Tax Listers Are To Meet On Monday

H. H. Burgess, Supervisor, Some Listers Are Still To Be Secured

H. H. Burgess, Ashe county tax supervisor, announced that he would meet with the listers of the various townships on Monday, at the courthouse, in order to give instructions and to distribute blanks so that the listing might start immediately.

Mr. Burgess pointed out that there were still some listers to be named and that as soon as they had been secured their names would be announced.

Due to the fact that some listers have not been named there may be some slight delay in listing in some of the townships, it was explained.

Goodman Resigns As Game Warden

Harve T. Goodman, who has served as game warden and protector for the past 12 years has resigned effective January 1, because of his farming duties.

"I want to thank my many friends and particularly all hunters and sportsmen for the splendid cooperation they have given me in my work," he said.

A successor is expected to be named to Mr. Goodman in the near future.

Atomic Control First Step Of U. N. In Disarmament Program

Lake Success, N. Y.—The United States Tuesday called for United Nations action on atomic control as the first step in the general arms reduction program recommended by the General Assembly.

The American proposal was laid before the Security Council by U. S. Delegate Herschel V. Johnson in a surprise move, which collided head-on with a Russian demand for immediate action on the whole arms question.

An immediate clash was averted when the delegates agreed to take up both proposals at the next council meeting, probably Monday or Tuesday, when it will begin discussions on the assembly's resolution and any measures to implement it.

Johnson opened yesterday's two-hour session by proposing that action be postponed on the Soviet proposals, which had been submitted to Secretary-General Trygve Lie last Saturday and were on the provisional agenda. He announced that the United

Schools Closed; Bus Schedules Are Curtailed; Travel Is Light

1947 was ushered in with sleet and cold rain yesterday. With the mercury at an uncomfortable low level, ice-covered highways and the sleet-covered wind shields made travel hazardous.

As far as it could be learned most school buses were sent on return trips soon after their arrival, so that children could get to their homes in safety. Schools were closed for the day, with the understanding that they would be reopened today if the weather and the condition of the highways made it advisable.

Parkway bus schedules were also curtailed. Most of the business houses were open, but with little trade, due to the weather and were busy completing inventories.

A number of smaller parties (Continued on Page 4)

Many Wartime Laws Are Killed By President

Truman Proclaims An End To Hostilities Of World War II As Year Ends

Washington—President Truman proclaimed an end to the hostilities of World War II Tuesday, cancelling immediately a score of statutes which restricted the lives and liberties of the people.

His surprise proclamation, cheered even by his political foes in the new Republican-controlled Congress as "a milestone on the way to peace," became effective at noon, e. s. t.

Its most important immediate effect was to end the Government's power to seize industrial facilities threatened by a strike which might imperil the nation's welfare or security.

But to millions of tax-weary consumers it held out hope of lightening of their wartime tax load by mid-year. Unless Congress acts to the contrary, excise taxes on 24 items will be lowered to April 1943 levels on July 1, including the Federal levies on liquor, furs and jewelry.

Also affected is the wartime statute of limitations for persons involved in the Pearl Harbor disaster. Thus, Lieut. Gen. Walter C. Short and Rear Adm. Husband E. Kimmel, army and navy commanders at the Hawaiian base when the Japanese struck on Dec. 7, 1941, could not be prosecuted after June 30.

The draft law and the sugar and rent control programs are not affected.

A Happy New Year To Everyone, Everywhere



Arrival Of New Year Is Marked With Celebration

Governor Cherry Says North Carolina Faces Frightening Aftermath

As the New Year came into being, its arrival was greeted with celebration unrivalled since the early twenties. Most everyone appeared happy that 1946 was over.

Behind lay a road littered with the debris of war and reconversion, strikes and disasters, violence, tragedy and needless deaths—34,000 on the nation's highways alone.

Ahead lay the promise and resolve of peace and better things. Just 12 hours before the new year, President Truman officially ended the period of hostilities of World War II, erasing from the statute books 18 wartime laws.

Night clubs and other entertainment spots filled early and prices soared for refreshments of all kinds.

In New York, Police Commissioner Arthur Wallender assigned 1,684 policemen to handle the million celebrants that thronged Times Square from 42nd to 47th Streets. The five boroughs of New York called 12,750 policemen to duty, representing 75 per cent of the entire force.

Los Angeles put its entire force of 3,190 officers to work in an attempt to prevent a repetition of the wholesale traffic accidents on Christmas Eve.

In a broadcast New Year's message, Governor Cherry said last night that after a full year of peace "we face the rather frightening aftermath of a great war."

"We stand at the turning point for a new era," he added. "If we keep our heads and follow the rules—the golden rule as well as others—we can and will obtain the happiness for which our North Carolina progress was designed. "While this past year has been (Continued on Page 4)

Work Clothing Company Is Again Considering Local Site; Officials Visit West Jefferson

Horse And Mule Clinic To Open On January 16

All Farmers Are Urged To Have Work Stock Examined By Veterinarians

H. D. Quessenberry, county agent, announced yesterday that the schedule had been worked out for the series of horse and mule clinics for the county, for this month, and that the first be held Thursday, January 16.

The schedule for Thursday, January 16, is as follows: 9:00 a. m. to 10:00 a. m., Test Farm, Transou; 10:00 a. m. to 11:30 a. m., Paul Reeves, Laurel Springs; 12:00 noon to 1:00 p. m., Grady Fletcher, Nathan's Creek; 2:30 p. m. to 3:00 p. m., Curn Dixon, Cranberry road; 4:00 p. m. to 4:30 p. m., V. O. Waddell, Scottville.

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1946 Is Banner Year For Babies

The year, which just ended has been a banner year for new babies in this county. The Ashe county hospital reports that 321 were born there during the year. Physicians and midwives report many more were born in homes. As far as it could be learned late yesterday, none were reported on New Year's Day.

Available Buildings Are Surveyed For High Point Overall Plant

Some officials of the High Point overall company were here again last week making a survey of available buildings with the possibilities of opening a branch plant, it is understood.

While no definite commitments were made, those who talked with representatives of the High Point work clothing company, pointed out that they showed much interest.

This is one of the concerns, that demonstrated much interest last summer, when a labor survey was made, showing that there was plenty of available labor for such an industry. The restriction on building material last year was one of the drawbacks, it is understood.

Few Accidents Are Reported

In spite of the ice-covered highways yesterday, no serious accidents were reported. Few people were on the highways, however.

A Parkway bus slid in a side ditch near the Jumping Off Point, Highway Patrolman Dave Houston reported. A few cars were also seen on the side of the highways, no injuries were reported, however. Because of the constant sleet covering windshields, automobile supply places reported a sharp demand for electric defrosters.

Files Answer To Suits Regarding Park Property

Counterclaim Asks For \$25,000.00 For Streets And Alleys

In an answer filed by the land company, T. C. Bowie, E. O. Woodie and T. C. Bowie, Jr., regarding the suit of the town of West Jefferson to recover the property commonly known as the ball park, on the hill above the railroad station, the defendants not only lay claim to this, but the streets and alleys of the town as well, and ask for \$25,000.00 in counterclaim for them.

In the conclusion of the lengthy answer the following is stated:

"Wherefore, the defendants pray that the plaintiff be enjoined from employing as evidence in this suit the two purported maps or plats hereinbefore mentioned, and that the same be expunged from the public records of Ashe county, and further that the defendants be declared the owners in fee of the lands described in the complaint free and clear of any claims of the plaintiff, and that they recover of the plaintiff the sum of \$25,000.00 upon the counterclaim herein plead and that they go without day and recover their costs, and have such other and further relief as they may be entitled to."

The maps referred to are those in possession of the town showing the plot of land in question as a public park, it was explained by town officials. These maps and other information were presented at a public hearing of citizens of West Jefferson some time ago.

Town officials said they hoped to have the case placed on the calendar for the first term of civil court this year.

Church Program To Be Given Sun.

Double Feature Picture, "Women of the Bible" To Be Presented

A special visual program will be presented at the West Jefferson Baptist church on Sunday night at 7:30, it was announced here this week.

A double feature picture will be presented on the "Women of the Bible." This program is dedicated to the women of the church and especially to the two ladies' societies.

The public is cordially invited to attend this program.

A new series of dramatic programs, entitled "All Aboard for Adventure," is being broadcast on Saturday on many radio stations under the sponsorship of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention. The program can be heard on stations WWNC, 2:45 p. m.; WBT, 4:15 p. m.; WPTF, 11:15 a. m. and WSJS, 2:45 p. m., beginning on January 4.

SGT. J. W. STAMPER COMPLETES TRAINING

Sgt. John W. Stamper, of Lansing, qualified as a U. S. Army paratrooper on November 1 after completing five jumps from an airplane while in flight at the 11th Airborne division jump school, Sendai, Japan, it was learned here this week.

On a flight at Sendai, of which Sgt. Stamper was leader, he discovered that four of the others were from North Carolina.

Mrs. F. C. Young Appears On Radio

Mrs. F. C. Young, of Gettysburg, Pa., and formerly of Grassy Creek, appeared on Tom Breneman's Breakfast in Hollywood radio program on Tuesday morning.

She received the orchid for being the oldest person in the audience. She is eighty four and one half years old.

Mrs. Young recently flew to California, where she is visiting her son, Rush Young, in San Diego. She is the grandmother of Mrs. Burl Vannoy, of West Jefferson.

Boone Tobacco Mart Open Mon.

Sales in the tobacco warehouses at Boone will begin again Monday after having been closed for the holidays. The warehouses are now receiving tobacco and will be ready to sell it next week.

The Farmers Burley Warehouse, Inc. will begin sales on Monday and warehouses no 1 and II of the Mountain Burley Warehouse will begin on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Ashe farmers who sold their tobacco there report that they are well pleased with prices for the better grades.

INTERNES IN RALEIGH

Dr. C. E. (Johnny) Miller left Wednesday for Raleigh where he plans to interne at Rex hospital.

Uncle Sam Is Santa To Ashe County Man



Benjamin Harrison, veteran of World War II, who lost a leg in the European Theatre of War is happy over his new Chevrolet, which he received just before Christmas from Uncle Sam. At the extreme right is A. B. Graybeal Jr., general manager of the G. F. P. Chevrolet company, from which the gift car was delivered. As far as it is known Harrison is the first amputee veteran in the county to receive one of these gift cars.