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## To Start Research For Turkish Tobacco In County

### Many At Hearing On Co-Operative Levy Proposal

Anti-Fireworks Measure Is Passed By North Carolina Senate

**By Staff Writer**  
Raleigh—(Special)—With the exception of senate passage of a rigid anti-fireworks bill, the legislature worked principally in committees the first of the week and made what its leaders considered good headway.

Hearings were concluded on a highly controversial wildlife bill, which would separate the division of game and inland fisheries from the department of conservation and development. The house committee planned to vote on the measure tomorrow; the senate committee, later.

**Cooperatives Tax**  
Proposed levy of income and franchise taxes on farmers' co-operatives Monday occasioned the largest public hearing in North Carolina's legislative annals.

Over 3,000 proponents and opponents of a proposed amendment to the revenue bill, which would tax co-operatives the same as private enterprises, attended the hearing before the House Finance Committee in Memorial Auditorium.

Chairman Kerr Craige Ramsey, Representative from Rowan, allotted each side one hour.

Willard L. Dowell, executive secretary of the North Carolina Merchants' Association, supported the bill which, he said, was aimed at "giant money-making co-operatives who're doing big business and are able amply to pay taxes."

He quoted Representative Henry C. Fisher of Buncombe's estimate which placed co-operatives' business between \$50,000,000 and \$75,000,000 annually. "By 1950, co-operatives will capture at least \$100,000,000 of North Carolina's business volume," Fisher sponsored the bill.

**Safer Driving Sought**  
House judiciary one directed Chairman Frank Taylor of Wayne name a sub-committee to revise, if it considers it necessary, a measure to cause proof of financial responsibility by motor vehicle drivers involved in accidents. Proponents at a lengthy hearing said the bill's enactment

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### Lunchrooms To Be Continued

Prices To Be Raised Because Of Shortage Of Federal Funds

At a meeting of school principals and lunchroom operators last week there was a general discussion of various ways of continuing operation in the schools without federal aid, which will come to an end at an early date.

It was pointed out that there was sufficient funds to operate through February and possibly part of March, but that the schools would have to find other ways of financing the project at that time.

One of the plans suggested was to increase the price to fifteen or twenty cents. Most of the schools are now charging ten cents.

There are now 17 schools in the county operating lunchrooms. And figures show that there are around 2400 meals served daily including 400 free.

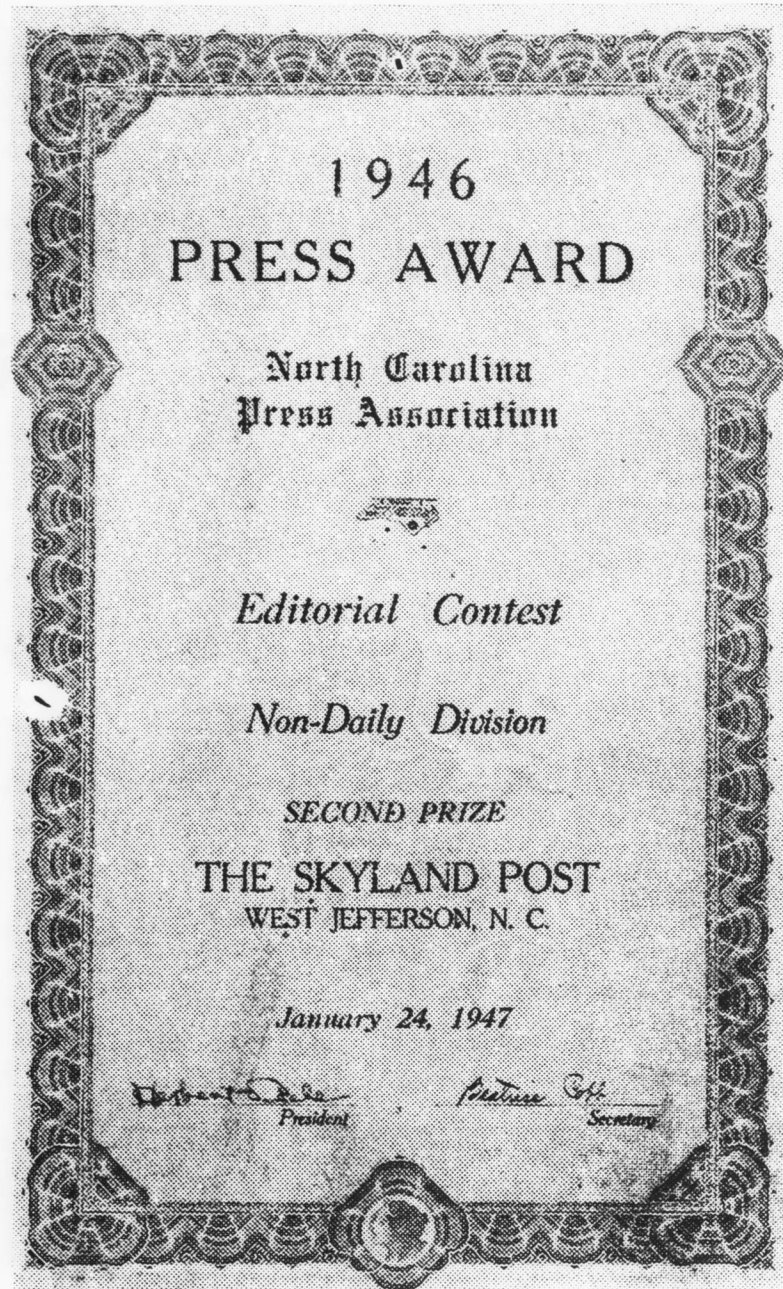
"I hope that some plans can be worked out to continue the program throughout the year," B. H. Duncan, county superintendent of schools, said.

### Francis To Speak To Rotary Club

Raymond Francis will be guest speaker at the meeting of the Jeffersons Rotary club tonight. Earl Davidson will be in charge of the program.

At the meeting last Thursday, Rev. Hoyt Wood entertained the club with an oral and written questionnaire. Prizes were awarded in each group, the jack pot question being won by Ira T. Johnston.

### Skyland Post Is Given Press Award



A certificate of merit was awarded this paper as second place winner on editorials among non-daily papers of the State at the annual institute of the North Carolina Press Association. The editorial on which the Post won this distinction, "An Indictment" is reprinted elsewhere in today's paper.

### Series Of Farm Planning Meetings For County Will Open Mon.; Schedule Given

Price Production, Market Outlook And Other Problems To Be Discussed

Ashe county farmers will have an opportunity to discuss production, price and market outlook for important crops of this section at a series of planning meetings opening on Monday, H. D. Quessenberry, county agent, announced this week.

Representatives of all farm agencies of the county including J. T. McLaurin, soil conservationist, Thomas H. Sears, FHA supervisor, representatives of the AAA office are expected to cooperate with the county agents in these meetings.

In addition to the discussions a sound motion picture will be presented.

The schedule for next week is (Continued on Page 4)

### To Assist Vets In Applying For Farm Training, Friday

R. L. Tait, vocational agricultural teacher, of Appalachian high school, will be in the office of the board of education in the courthouse on Friday, February 21, to assist Ashe county veterans in making their applications for agricultural training.

Mr. Tait will spend the entire day there and all veterans that are interested in the work are urged to get in touch with him. The agricultural training program for veterans in this county is under the supervision of Mr. Tait with Mr. Miller as a teacher at Jefferson. Because of the growing interest in the program, it is hoped by those working on the program that a full time vocational agricultural teacher can be secured for this county.

As announced last week, veterans of World War II who desire to take cooperative farm training under provisions of Public Law 346 must be enrolled for instruction by a vocational and

### Clothing Drive Is Now Underway In W. Jefferson

In an effort to do its share in bringing relief to the war-stricken areas of Europe and Asia, West Jefferson is being called upon to contribute to the clothing drive which is being sponsored by the three churches here, it was announced this week.

A meeting was held at the West Jefferson Presbyterian church Friday night to discuss plans for the drive, at which time it was decided to have meetings of the different groups to decide on collection points.

On Sunday night, the West Jefferson Methodist church will hold (Continued on Page 4)

### County Teachers Will Meet Next Wed. Afternoon

Officers To Be Named And Other Important Matters To Be Taken Up

Mrs. Gertrude Vaught, president of the Ashe county unit of NCEA, announced this week that an important county-wide meeting of teachers would be held at the courthouse next Wednesday afternoon, February 26, when officers will be named and other matters of vital interest taken up.

Mrs. Vaught said that amendments to the State constitution would be voted on and delegates to the State convention to be held in Asheville March 27, 28 and 29 would be chosen.

The meeting will open at 1:30 o'clock and all teachers are urged to attend.

### Make Plans For Annual Red Cross Fund Drive Here

March Is Officially Designated As Red Cross Month; Quessenberry Chmn.

At a meeting of officers and others interested in the Red Cross Fund Raising Drive initial plans were discussed and it was announced that the county's quota would be \$2230. H. D. Quessenberry is county chairman of the drive and he will be assisted by Sharpe S. Shoemaker and others, to be announced next week.

Mrs. W. G. Vannoy, chapter chairman of Ashe County Red Cross unit announced that plans would be made to complete the drive as early as possible. Advance gifts will be sought and special appeal letters will go out to a large number. Special community workers are to be named and they will also be announced next week.

Attention is called to the fact that 65 per cent of the funds raised remain in the local chapter to take care of the necessary work here. The remainder goes into the national headquarters fund.

"Because of the many calls on the Red Cross in disaster work, home service and for men still in service, I believe we will have no trouble in raising our quota," one official said.

### Rites Held For Mrs. Goodman, 88

Funeral service for Mrs. Mary Ann Goodman, 88, was held Sunday at the Liberty Hill church. Burial was in the church cemetery with Rev. Conley Burkett officiating.

Mrs. Goodman, the wife of the late Lee Goodman, succumbed at the Ashe Memorial hospital last Friday. She had been making her home with W. G. Long at Glendale Springs and had been in ill health for several years.

She is survived by a half-sister, Mrs. John Reeves, of Nathan's Creek and her nephew, W. G. Long.

### Want To Finish USO Fund Drive

Lowell Smithey said this week that he was anxious to complete the USO fund drive and wanted to ask all of those who have not sent in their contributions to do so, now.

"The county has a quota of \$1,000.00 and less than half of it has been raised. Some people have been generous, but many have yet given nothing," he said.

Chairman Smithey said he wanted to complete this drive before the Red Cross drive opens.

"Let's not let Ashe county get a black eye because we do not raise our quota, when with a little more cooperation, it can be done," he concluded.

### W. Jefferson Youth Winner Of District Speaking Contest

CONTEST WINNER



Alton Weaver, West Jefferson High School student.

### AAA Community Committeemen Have Plans Now

Farmers Urged To Contact Them And Sign For 1947 Improved Practices

It was announced this week that the AAA community committeemen now have farm plans and all farmers are urged to see them and sign for practices for the 1947 program.

The county's program for the year calls for \$100,338.00 for improved farm practices, but in order to get this plans must be made by the farmers and must be completed before March 8.

The ten practices for improved farming decided on for Ashe county include liming material, phosphate, potash, winter cover crops, small grains, permanent pastures, mowing pastures, contour strip cropping, forest planting and hay crops. More details of the program are announced on page two of this paper today.

It was learned that plans are now being worked out where farmers might secure additional seed under the program. These plans will be announced when they are approved.

### Houck Guest At Guernsey Meet

George Edwin Houck, winner of the 4-H guernsey project in the county last year was a special guest of the banquet meeting of N. C. Guernsey Breeders Association in Winston Salem, last Thursday. He was accompanied by H. D. Quessenberry, county agent.

### All-Star Tournament Is Now Underway; Attendance Good

Local fans as well as visitors got an eyeful of basketball as four county teams and two outside teams opened the Northwestern all-star tournament in the Jefferson gymnasium Monday night.

In the opening game contest, the mighty Crumpler Rebels rolled up the first victory of the evening, defeating the West Jefferson boys by a score of 39-21. McMillan, Absher and Cox set the pace for the winners scoring 12, 11, and 10 each. R. C. Miller led in the scoring for the West Jefferson team scoring a total of 7 points.

In the second game, Miller's Creek held a 20 point lead when the final play ended their game with Fleetwood, the score being 47-27.

At the half, the Miller's Creek boys led by a score of 33-9. McClean and Bumgarner set the pace for the winners scoring 16 and

### Alton Weaver Will Compete In State Finals At Elkin, Today

Alton Weaver, West Jefferson high school senior and winner of the first place in the district finals of the Soil Conservation service speaking contest held in North Wilkesboro last week, enters the State finals today at Elkin.

The finals are to be held at the Gilvin Roth YMCA building according to an announcement made by Garland Johnson, chairman of the agricultural committee of the North Carolina Bankers Association, contest sponsors.

At this time winners of the seven district contests will compete for \$350.00 in Savings bonds and a trip to the annual convention of the Association at Asheville, and represent forty-five counties.

The high school students will be judged in the championship event by the following: Dr. J. Henry Highsmith, Raleigh; Dr. Jane S. McKimmon, former as (Continued on Page 4)

### Fulcher Named Assistant Farm Agent In County

Will Meet With 4-H Clubs Of County Beginning Friday; Schedule Is Given

O. M. Fulcher, of Leaksville, has accepted the position as assistant county agent here this week and starts work tomorrow. H. D. Quessenberry announced, Fulcher, a graduate of State College, has been doing dairy work before coming here. Those in charge of the program pointed out that they were happy to have him in the work here, for which he is well qualified. He will spend much of his time with the 4-H clubs.

A series of meetings for these clubs has been planned beginning Friday. In addition to a short business session, special pictures will be shown to the members.

The schedule is as follows: Friday, February 21, Rock Creek, 9:30 a. m.; Riverview, 11:00 a. m.

Monday, February 24, Healing Springs, 9:00 a. m.; Grassy Creek, 11:00 a. m.

Tuesday, February 25, Nathan's Creek 9:15 a. m.; Glendale Springs, 11:00 a. m.

Wednesday, February 26, Fleetwood, 10:30 a. m.; Elkland, 12:45 p. m.

Thursday, February 27, Lansing, 11:00 a. m.; Helton, 12:45 p. m.

Friday, February 28, Jefferson, 9:00 a. m.; West Jefferson, 10:00 a. m.

### Transou Test Farm Is Chosen; Plans For Work Studied

Several Officials Visit Farm To Discuss Possibilities Of Development

The State Test Farm at Transou has been selected for research for Turkish tobacco for the western part of the State, it was learned here this week.

This new department will be operated in connection with the experiments being carried on here under the Extension Department, of which John Wilkins, agronomist, is in charge. It was pointed out that the selection of research here was made because of the progress made in this area in the experiment.

In discussing the per acre average for all the counties, Wilkins said that the per-acre average for all counties in 1946, based on the nine acres contracted, came to 1,202 pounds. Multiplying this yield by the price the farmer received for his crop 75 cents a pound—the value per acre is \$901.50.

"The 18 acres designated to be planted in Western North Carolina in 1947 have been taken by farmers who made early requests," Wilkins said.

During the past week a number of officials have visited the test farm at Transou, discussing the various possibilities of the development of projects underway there. Among the visitors were F. E. Miller, director of N. C. Test Farms and Professor J. C. Pierce who is in charge of beef cattle and sheep research. Dr. Luther Shaw, USDA, burley tobacco specialist, of Waynesville, was also here in the interest of the burley work.

C. L. McClaslan, of the Extension Service, visited the farm in the interest of hay drying. There is a possibility that some hay (Continued on Page 4)

### PTA To Sponsor Card Party Here

Will Be Held March 10; A Number Of Prizes To Be Offered, Public Invited

The Parent-Teachers Association is now making plans to sponsor a benefit card party at the community building March 10, the proceeds of which will go to the association. Rook, bridge and gin rummy will be played and tickets will be sold in advance. Mrs. Dean McMillan announced this week.

West Jefferson merchants have given prizes to be used for the benefit. Some of the gifts donated are: an all wool Chatham Woolshire blanket, Bell's Dept. Store; electric heating pad, Firestone store; electric iron, W. J. Parts Co.; picnic ham, Ashe Grocery company; 100 gem everbearing strawberry plants, Mrs. Jim Gambill; a wash and grease job, to be given by the Texaco service station, C. and H. service station, and G. F. P. Chevrolet company; Dr. Peppers, Dr. Pepper Bottling company.

Three bottles of furniture polish, Colvard Oil company; three cans of car polish, C. A. Segraves; a homemade cake, Mrs. John Wilkins; homemade mints, Mrs. R. C. Ray. Prizes will also be given by Duncan Motor company and Ashe Motor company.

The party will begin at 7:30 o'clock.

Special committees have been named by Mrs. Dean McMillan and will be announced later.

### John A. Parsons Dies In Hospital

Funeral service for John A. Parsons, 72, of Warrensville, will be held today at 11:00 o'clock at the Warrensville Methodist church. Interment will be in the Welch cemetery.

Mr. Parsons died Tuesday evening at the Baptist hospital, Winston-Salem, after a lingering illness.

Survivors include his wife and six children, Mrs. Bernice Elliott, Conley Parsons, Mrs. Edith Roten, Mrs. Grace Turner, Mrs. Hazel Stanley and Jones Parsons.