

## PLANNING FOR TOBACCO MARKET

### Guernsey Sale Expected To Draw Crowd Friday

Many Of State's Best Herds Will Be Represented

32 Registered Purebred Animals Are To Be Sold At Auction At Test Farm

Many dairy farmers from Ashe and Alleghany as well as others are expected to attend the purebred, registered Guernsey cattle sale to be held at the State Test Farm at Transou on Friday afternoon when animals from some of the best known herds in North Carolina will be sold at auction to the highest bidder.

The sale, which will open promptly at 12:30 is being sponsored by the North Carolina Guernsey Breeders' Association, the North Carolina Extension Service, milk companies, with local business firms also cooperating.

This is the fourth annual event of its kind to be held in the county and because of the interest shown in previous promotion sales of this type, Friday's event is expected to draw a large crowd of dairymen and others interested in improving the dairy program through better breeding.

Around 30 heifers and two young bulls are to be consigned to the sale from some of the most outstanding herds in North Carolina. Since these prize animals are to be sold at auction, farmers of this area will have an opportunity to secure some really fine cattle with high production records.

Through the cooperation of the local milk companies, Kraft (Continued on page 8)

#### To Hold Inquest Over Dancy Death

Wilkes Youth Killed On Glendale Springs Highway Last Saturday Night

A coroner's inquest will be held Saturday afternoon at four o'clock at the courthouse in connection with the death of Claude Dancy, 19, Wilkes county youth, who was killed Saturday night at Glendale Springs.

Preliminary investigation by patrolmen A. H. Clark and D. A. Houston shows that Dancy came to his death as a result of being struck down by a hit-and-run driver Saturday night around 9:30 near Miller's store. The victim was taken to the Wilkes hospital immediately by companions, but was dead on arrival, as a result of a cut and other injuries about the chest and legs.

It was pointed out that there was a possibility that the deceased might have sustained some injuries before being struck by a car.

Following a preliminary investigation, four men were released on bond in connection with Dancy's death. Bill Miller was released on \$1,000 bond and Rev. Taylor, of Wilbar, Arlie Phillips of Beng, and Bryce Mash were released on \$200 bond each. Funeral service for Dancy was conducted at two o'clock Monday at the Miller church at Vannoy.

#### SPARTA HORSE SHOW TO OPEN FRI NIGHT

Sparta—With 75 entries already registered and some late ones expected, Sparta's horse show, which gets underway with the first show Friday evening, is expected to draw a large crowd.

In addition to Friday evening's event, a show will be held Saturday afternoon and Saturday evening.

The stables have been greatly enlarged, the track improved and everything is now in readiness for a successful show. Manager Tom Greene said.

The show was originally scheduled for June 20-21, but was postponed until this week end because of rain, then.

### Superior Court To Open Monday; Town Park Case On Docket

NOMINATED FOR PRES.



Dr. Claude A. Watson, Free Methodist minister, Los Angeles, who was chosen by the Prohibition party as its 1948 presidential candidate.

#### Bean Markets Flooded; Prices Continue Low

Approximately 19,000 Bushels Sold Last Night At Average Of \$1.10

Tuesday night the volume reached a record for the season, so beans continued low this week while the volume, pushed up by favorable rains, continued to increase.

Last night the volume reached a record high for the season, so far, with around 19,000 bushels sold on the two markets at an average of around \$1.10 per bushel. Some first quality beans sold for as much as \$1.30, while others dropped down to \$1.00. (Continued on Page 4)

#### School For Bus Drivers, Aug. 12

A. B. Hurt, superintendent of schools, said this week that the final course of instruction for school bus drivers would be held August 12 and urged that all principals have drivers and prospective drivers at Jefferson on that date.

C. I. Yelton, of the highway safety division will be there at that time to take charge of the training school.

### Lansing Keeps Top Place As First Half Of Season Ends

Several hundred Ashe county baseball fans witnessed the final game of the first half of the season here last Sunday, a game which saw the Lansing Cubs take a 17-7 beating at the hands of the local nine, but still manage to maintain their position as undisputed champions for the first portion of the season.

Sunday's game climaxed a determined but unsuccessful effort on the part of West Jefferson to come from next to the cellar and capture the league crown with a late winning spurt.

A superb performance of pitching by Big Ave Miller, along with excellent support by all players, gave West Jefferson its ninth win out of its last ten games, and a tie with Scottville for second place. The game was highlighted by catcher Walt Miller's homer with two men on base, a lick that helped maintain his record as one of the local club's safest hitters

#### Judge Frank Armstrong To Preside; Several Divorces Are To Be Heard

The July term of superior court, for the trial of civil cases in Ashe county, will open on Monday morning, with Judge Frank M. Armstrong presiding.

Several divorce cases are expected to be heard and following this the first case on the docket and the one that is expected to be the highlight of this session of court, is that of the Town of West Jefferson vs. T. C. Bowie, et al, in connection with the possession of the town park and streets and alleyways.

Among the other cases to be tried is that of Helen Bare vs. Val Sheets and Frank Miller. It will be recalled that Helen Bare was painfully injured by an exploded dynamite cap at her home near the Glendale Springs river bridge, last December.

Other cases on the docket include County of Ashe vs. H. C. Tucker, et al; Fred Watson vs. Orville Greene, et al; Ira Greer vs. L. M. Sturgill, et al; William W. Taylor vs. Mont Jones; R. C. (Continued on page 8)

#### Minimum Wage Boost Rapped

North Carolina Publisher Urges Stable, Bigger Purchasing Power In Small Towns

Washington, (Special)—A higher minimum wage might force some small-town newspapers out of business and handicap the training of skilled labor in print shops, a House labor subcommittee was told last week by Ed M. Anderson who publishes five weekly newspapers in western North Carolina.

As legislative committee chairman of the National Editorial Association, representing 6,000 smaller papers, Anderson urged that Congress clarify the wage-hour act to state plainly which publishers are covered by it.

Raising the wage floor from 40 to 60 cents an hour, as proposed in pending legislation, would "cripple" the veterans on-the-job training program, he said, because "the average smalltown publisher could not afford to pay these unskilled employees" at higher rates. This, he added, would aggravate the already critical shortage of skilled labor, one factor in the mounting death rate of country weeklies.

As their costs "have more than (Continued on Page 4)

### Dairying Is The Biggest Industry In Ashe County



Milk production leads all other industries in the county. More than 118,060 gallons are being sold daily at an approximate price of \$4.073 per day or a yearly income of more than \$1,260,000. The above dairy barn houses Guernseys on the farm of G. B. Price, Clifton. (Staff Photo.)

#### Hundreds Attend Meeting Of BTU Workers Friday

Thirteen Churches Of Ashe Baptist Association Are Represented

Five hundred Baptists attended the mass meeting at the West Jefferson Baptist church Friday night when a week of Baptist training union revivals came to a close. Workers and members representing 13 churches in the Ashe Baptist Association were represented. The group from Buffalo won the attendance prize having a representation of 55 members.

During the meeting, presided over by Harvey T. Gibson, North Carolina Training Union director and D. C. Severt, associational training union director, workers in the 13 churches gave reports (Continued on Page 4)

#### Lewis Succumbs At Home Sunday

Funeral service for Walter Lewis, 54-year-old resident of Smethport, was held Tuesday morning at ten o'clock at the Smethport church. Officiating at the service were members of the I. O. O. F. Lodge No. 38 of Jefferson and Rev. Carol Burkett. Interment was in the Lewis cemetery.

A native of Ashe county, Mr. Lewis was the son of the late Amanda Campbell and George Lewis. Well known here in the county, he had been employed by the Norfolk and Western railway for the past 30 years. Mr. Lewis was an active member of the I. O. O. F. Lodge. He succumbed at his home at Smethport Sunday afternoon after a lingering illness.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Hattie Lewis, and three daughters, Mrs. Hiram Weaver, Mrs. Verna McNeill and Mrs. Herbert Walters.

#### Merchants Have Big "Fish - Fry"

The annual employer-employee fish-fry of the West Jefferson Merchant's Association, which was held at the community building last night, instead of Bluff Park, had a majority of the business firms in town well represented.

Dinner was served buffet style with everyone desiring to do so coming back for "seconds."

The event was first planned for Bluff Park, but was changed because of the unsettled condition of the weather.

Mrs. Blind Dixon furnished informal music and everyone reported an enjoyable time.

### Three New Ordinances Are Passed By Town Board Fri. To Improve Conditions Here

#### Rotarians And Dairymen Have Program Tonight

Guernsey Breeders And Other Dairy Specialists To Meet With Rotarians

Tonight, or the eve of the Guernsey promotional sale scheduled for tomorrow afternoon, the Jeffersons Rotary club program will be centered around the dairy industry.

The meeting is to be held at Shatley Springs at 7:30, when in addition to the Rotarians, dairy farmers will be special guests. Representatives of milk companies serving this section including Coble, Kraft and Carnation are also expected to be present.

H. D. Quessenberry, county agent, is to preside over the dairy program. Glenn H. Cartner, manager (Continued on Page 4)

#### Bible School To Open At Zion Mon.

A Bible school will begin at the Zion Methodist church on Monday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock. It was announced this week by Rev. Marion Fisher. The school will be held from 2 to 4 o'clock each afternoon.

All boys and girls are urged to attend.

### Ashe County 4-H Girls And Boys Are Back From Camp

Eleven Ashe county 4-H club boys and girls were campers at the Millstone 4-H club grounds near Rockingham for the week July 7-11. The group returned Friday night.

Leaving here last Monday, the campers arrived at Millstone for a week of supervised instruction which included courses in swimming, competitive sports, folk games and handicraft. Hiking and other sports were also enjoyed by the group.

This is the first time Ashe county 4-H club members have taken advantage of the summer camp and Miss Ella Mae Crosley, home demonstration agent and 4-H club worker who accompanied the group, stated that she hoped the boys and girls could take a similar trip each year. O. M. Fulcher, assistant county agent, also accompanied the group. Instructors included state personnel members.

#### Firearms, Uses Of Water And Special Privilege Taxes Are Cited

Three new town ordinances, relative to the use of firearms, collection of privilege or operational taxes, and the conservation of water, were passed after considerable discussion by the Town board at its regular session last Friday night.

One of the ordinances drastically curtails such practices as car washing, lawn and garden sprinkling, and other unessential uses of water. It was pointed out before the board that the water situation in West Jefferson is critical both from the standpoint of health and fire prevention. A competent sanitary engineer was reported to have explained that there was great danger of pollution of the water supply from sewer units if the water pressure was permitted (Continued on page 8)

#### David Waugh Is To Head Garage

David Waugh, an expert in mechanical and transportation problems has been employed as head mechanic in the county garage. A. B. Hurt, superintendent of schools, announced.

A native of this county, Mr. Waugh has had years of experience and training in this field and Mr. Hurt said he felt fortunate in securing him.

### Expect To Open Here This Fall; Interest Is Keen

Stock Now Being Sold To Erect Building; Which Is To Be Started Soon

A representative group of Ashe county farmers, business men and others made plans here last Friday night to start work on a tobacco warehouse, at once, in order to be ready for the season next fall as the market opens.

Stock is now being sold to build the proposed warehouse and within a short time, actual work is expected to be started on a building in the vicinity of the Ashe Bean Market. Around \$40,000.00 has already been subscribed in stock and the remainder is expected to be subscribed to within the next few weeks, those in charge pointed out.

At the meeting of the initial stockholders, last Friday night, the following were elected as members of the board of directors: J. R. Phipps, chairman, W. D. McMillan, J. E. Roland, G. W. Edwards, W. G. Vannoy, G. O. Burgess and Russell Barr. Elected as secretary was Dean McMillan; treasurer, G. W. Edwards and president, J. E. Roland.

Russell Barr, chairman, Wade Vannoy and Todd Gentry were named on the building committee.

The finance committee is made up of Mrs. Ed M. Anderson, chairman, H. D. Quessenberry, Dean McMillan, W. G. Vannoy (Continued on page 8)

#### Houck Is Winner On New Song Hit

"This Time The Joke's On Me," Recommended For Publication By Board

Clark Houck, of West Jefferson was notified by wire last Thursday that he was one of the eight talented newcomers to the Song Hit Guild of Hollywood, Calif., having won recognition for his composition entitled "This Time The Joke's On Me."

The new song has been recommended for publication by the advisory board, composed of Al Johnson, Ferde Grofe, Manie Sacks and Les Brown, and as soon as the mechanics necessary for publication have been completed it will be released. Houck received a check for \$250, which constitutes the advance royalties on the song.

Houck, who plays both the piano and the saxophone, has been interested in music for the past fifteen years. He said, although he was naturally optimistic about the success of his song, he hoped it would be a hit.

The Song Hit Guild, which was founded in 1938, has been established as the accredited talent scout for music business. Mr. Houck won recognition through their talent research which covered both the United States and Canada.

#### ATTEMPTING TO AID BEAN FARMERS

In an effort to increase the demand and hence raise prices of beans, the West Jefferson Merchant's Association last week end contacted both Congressman Doughton and Senator Hoey, regarding the disposition of surplus canned goods which canneries now have on hand, suggesting this surplus be sent to Europe in order that canneries might take care of the fresh crop. Both Congressman Doughton and Senator Hoey expressed concern over the low prices and said that they would do what they could.

Senator Hoey said he was passing the suggestion of the disposition of surplus canned goods to the War Department and to the Department of Agriculture.

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