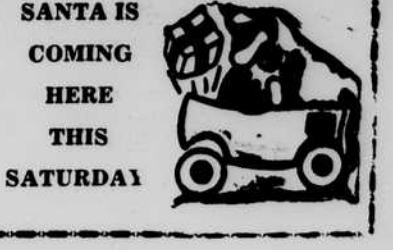




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Local Merchants Now Ready For Christmas Business

Over 7,000 Turkeys Sold In County For Around \$35,300.00

W. J. Tobacco Market Is Now Nearly Ready

New Tri-State Burley Market Expected To Open Within A Few Days

Officials of the new Tri-State Burley Tobacco Warehouse at West Jefferson announced yesterday that there was a slight delay in the completion of all details for the opening.

"Due to complications in Washington relative to the assignment of graders to this new market, with which most of the farmers are familiar and which have been aggravated by those working in the interest of other markets elsewhere, we are unable to announce this morning just when we will be able to receive tobacco. We expect to at any moment, however," Steve Taylor said.

The new market has been assured of buyers from the larger tobacco companies and the newly completed building is now in readiness for use.

It was also announced that just as soon as every detail was worked out and the house here was ready to receive tobacco, that announcements would be made over all the radio stations in this vicinity.

Mr. Taylor, long experienced in the operation of warehouses (Continued on page 8)

Damage Is Done By Strong Winds

Light And Telephone Lines Are Crippled; Buildings Are Damaged

Winter came in with a rush here on Monday afternoon when strong winds not only lowered the temperature, but did considerable damage as well.

There were some brief outages on the part of the electric power company; the telephone lines were damaged worse, however. Two poles were broken, one at Jefferson and another at West Jefferson. Other objects that were blown against lines also caused some damage and slight delays in service. Some trees were blown on lines. Most of the roof of the new Colvard building at Jefferson was blown off and this also damaged lines.

Roofs of a number of barns and outouses as well as some dwelling houses were also damaged.

The new Ford motor company of Jefferson Avenue had some of the large plate glass windows blown in.

POST GIVING FREE THEATRE TICKETS

Again The Skyland Post is conducting its annual Christmas gift plan when dozens of tickets to the Parkway Theatre are to be given away absolutely free.

In practically all of the advertisements except those of national products in The Post today will be found the names of Ashe county people. Read all of the advertisements carefully and when you discover your name bring the advertisement in which it appears, into the office of The Post and you will be given a ticket to the Parkway Theatre.

The names printed in the advertisements were chosen impartially from the post office of the mailing list of The Post. The tickets must be called for and used by December 10.

Read all of the advertisements, it may mean a free ticket for you, as well as the solution to your shopping problems.

Number Raised In County This Year Shows Decrease From Last Year

Thousands of Ashe county turkeys are playing an important part in the observance of this American holiday, along the Atlantic seaboard, today.

Unofficial estimates placed the number sold at around 7,000 much less than the number disposed of on the Thanksgiving market last year. Buyers reported, however, that there was no decrease in the quality of the turkeys and that many of them were shipped out to distant points including Baltimore, New York and Philadelphia.

These prize fowls averaged around 14 pounds and brought an average price of 35 cents per pound, slightly higher than last year. The total estimated income to the growers is estimated at around \$35,300.00.

It was pointed out that due to the increase in cost of feed that even with the increase in price per pound, growers found their margin of profit less. The decrease in the number of turkeys grown, is attributed to the rising cost of feed.

Teachers Will Have Workshop

Plans are now underway to have the next county-wide teachers meeting in the form of a workshop, with teachers from ASTC assisting in the organization of the plans.

The definite date for the meeting has not been decided upon yet, but it is expected that it will be held early in December. Plans were discussed at the meeting of the advisory council of the county unit of the NCEA held last Thursday evening.

BOARD OF EDUCATION WILL MEET ON MONDAY

It was announced this week that the county board of education would meet at the courthouse, on Monday to consider a number of school problems.

It was pointed out that work is now going forward on some of the sanitary projects in spite of the fact that materials are still hard to get. The scarcity of materials has caused much delay.

First To Bring Tobacco To Warehouse



Hugh Halsey, left, and John Kennedy, right, of Piney Creek, had the distinction of being the first to bring tobacco in to the new Tri-State Burley Tobacco Warehouse that has just been completed.

Santa Claus Will Arrive In West Jefferson Saturday Afternoon For Parade



Santa To Parade Saturday; Many Gifts Featured

W. J. High School Band To Play; Schools Asked To Take Part In Parade

TO STOP METERS

Hundreds of people are expected to begin their Christmas buying here in earnest this week end when the holiday shopping season is officially opened with the appearance of Santa Claus, the turning on of the Christmas lights and the completion of the street decorations.

Santa, along with the West Jefferson high school band is expected to lead the parade, which the schools of the county have been invited to participate in. The parade will start promptly at 2:00 P. M. at the community building. And if the weather permits, the West Jefferson high school band, under the direction of Mrs. Walter Dickson, will march and play Christmas carols. The public is cordially invited to come to see Santa on parade, hear the band and do Christmas shopping. Santa will have candy for the children.

In cooperation with the opening of the Christmas shopping season, town officials said that the parking meters would be closed, beginning Saturday at 1:00 P. M. until Monday morning. West Jefferson citizens are asked to leave all available space for out-of-town shoppers.

Local merchants report an unusually large assortment of gifts as well as much practical merchandise. In fact, there are many items back this year that have not been available since before the war. Window and interior display all reflect the gay holiday spirit and everything is in readiness to assist the public with Christmas shopping. (Continued on page 4)

Caldwell Rites Set For Friday

Jerry Caldwell, Age 4, Dies Suddenly As Result Of Heart Trouble

Funeral services for Jerry Joe Caldwell, four-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Caldwell, of Crumpler, will be held Friday morning at eleven o'clock at the Mt. Zion Methodist church.

Officiating will be Rev. E. B. Barton and burial will be in the cemetery.

The child died suddenly around nine o'clock Saturday night at the Ashe Memorial hospital where he was rushed for treatment when he became ill. His death came as the result of an enlarged heart.

Mr. Caldwell, father of the child, was in Oregon at the time of his son's death and is now en route home to be learned.

Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell formerly lived in Allegheny. One brother survives, in addition to the parents.

WINDOW CONTEST TO BE HELD HERE

In order to stimulate interest in the Christmas window decorations of the business houses here, this paper is again conducting a contest.

A first prize of \$5, a second of \$3, and third prize of \$2 will be awarded to the business houses having the most attractive windows.

The windows will be judged on Friday, December 5 by a board of local professional men and women not connected with the business firms and prizes will be announced in this paper.

Many of the stores now have in attractive Christmas window displays and the attention of the public is called to them.

Due to the fact that there are many new gift items this year as well as a greater abundance of others and more decorating material, many of the stores are planning to feature unusual windows to display holiday gifts.

New Auto Tags To Go On Sale In State On Monday

Will Get License Plates For Both Front And Back This Year

Ashe county people along with others in N. C. will have an opportunity of buying their new automobile licenses, on Monday December 1. They will however, have to order theirs from the N. C. Motor Vehicle Department in Raleigh or secure them elsewhere as they are not to be handled locally, as far as it could be learned this week. Those desiring to do so may purchase theirs from the office of the Carolina Motor Club in North Wilkesboro.

A license plate for the front of the vehicle as well as the rear will be issued for the first time since 1942, when the wartime steel shortage brought in the one-plate plan.

The 1947 Legislature, simplified license rates, which formerly were different for every weight and model of car.

Next year the man with a Lincoln or Cadillac or with a bus or hearse will pay \$15 for his tags.

But for \$12 he can get tags for a Buick, Chrysler, Lincoln Zephyr, Packard or comparable cars no longer made.

Lighter-car licenses will cost \$10. Tags for taxis and other passenger vehicles for hire will be \$60.

Rosser said 1948 registration cards would be mailed by Dec. 1 (Continued on page 8)

County Quietly Observing Thanksgiving; Churches Holding Special Services

Remind Schools Essay Contest Ends On Dec. 1

Contestants Urged To Have Entries In By Closing Date

Ashe county high schools are reminded that Monday, December 1 is the final day to submit entries in the county newspaper essay contest which is being sponsored by this newspaper.

The contest was launched the first week in October in connection with the observance of National Newspaper Week. All of the details were explained fully at that time.

All high school students are eligible to enter the contest and prizes will be awarded the county winners by this paper. Prizes of \$10.00, \$5.00 and \$3.00 will go to the winners of first, second and third places respectively.

The subject for the contest this year is "Your Newspaper Serves Freedom by Serving You."

To Hold Burial For Warrior Wed.

Burial service for Thomas E. Wyatt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Houston Wyatt, will be held at Hardin Cemetery, Wednesday, at 2:00 p. m., at which time a large crowd is expected to assemble to pay tribute to another of Ashe county's sons who made the supreme sacrifice.

Rev. W. T. Whittington, former pastor of the West Jefferson Baptist church, will be in charge of the services. A full military funeral has been arranged by the American Legion with the assistance of the VFW, and these units will furnish pall bearers, firing squad and buglers. The Legion chaplain will assist Rev. Whittington with the burial services.

This is the fourth funeral for returning war dead to be conducted by the Legion and VFW in this county.

Parking Meters To Close Sat. P. M.

In order to facilitate parking conditions for Christmas shoppers, Saturday afternoon, when the holiday shopping season will be officially opened with the appearance of Santa, officials of the town of West Jefferson have announced that parking meters will cease operation beginning at 1:00 o'clock and will not be started again until Monday morning.

Local people are asked to leave all possible parking space for those from out of town, who are expected to shop here.

To Discuss Farm Training Plans Next Wednesday

Veterans Interested In Training Are Asked To Meet At Jefferson School

It was announced this week by vocational agricultural teacher, S. B. Lacy, that a meeting will be held in the Jefferson high school auditorium on Wednesday night, December 3, at 7:30 p. m., when all veterans, who are interested in training for the following year, are urged to attend. The program will be explained at this time and the procedure for the selection of new trainees will be discussed. Trainees will be selected from the list which will be taken at the meeting.

Mr. Lacy pointed out that the program this year will operate under a new law and that the new enrollment will be confined to self-proprietorship cases, and must be a full time job.

Jefferson's high school allotment will be 72.

A. B. Hurt, county superintendent, has appointed the following special committee to assist with the program: P. G. Wright (American Legion); Lowell Smith (V. F. W.); Upton Blevins (A. C. E.); H. D. Quisenberry, county agent; W. B. Bowlin, Frank James and Mrs. Ed M. Anderson.

Medical Society Officers Named

Dr. Robert King, Health Officer, Miss Madeleine McCain, Health Educator, and Wade E. Eller, sanitarian, attended the Western District Public Health Association in Waynesville on November 21.

An informative program was given dealing with the control of diseases carried by animals re-elected president of the sanitarians section and Dr. Robert R. King, Jr. was continued as chairman of the health officers' section.

The schools are to close on Friday December 19 and will reopen again on Monday December 29, it was announced.

Mr. Hurt said that all schools except Jefferson and West Jefferson were operating on Thursday this week, but that these two were observing Thanksgiving holidays.

Soil Conservation Committee Will Be Elected Next Week

Four local farmers have been nominated for candidates for the Ashe County Soil Conservation Committee according to J. C. Little, Chairman of the Ashe county Election Committee of the New River Soil Conservation District. These men will be voted on in an election to be held the week of December 1 to 6, 1947, as provided by changes made in the State Soil Conservation District law by the Legislature. The three men receiving the highest number of votes will be chosen.

The candidates are: Wade E. Eller, J. W. Gambill, W. Raymond Francis and Ralph Tomlinson.

The Soil Conservation Committee will have the responsibility of representing the people of this county and developing and directing a soil conservation program. The chairman of this com-

mittee will represent this county on the New River Soil Conservation Board of Supervisors. The Committee will set up annual soil conservation goals and with assistance from personnel of agricultural agencies, develop plans for meeting these goals. In short, they will provide a medium through which any agency, organization, or individual interested in soil conservation can work in reaching the farmers of this county.

The candidate receiving the highest number of votes will serve for a period of three years, the next highest, period of two years, and the third highest, for one year. Candidates are nominated by submitting a petition to the State Soil Conservation Committee in Raleigh. The signatures of 24 qualified voters residing within the county are necessary to place a name in nomination.