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432,000 POUNDS OF TOBACCO SOLD HERE

All Major Companies Have Buyers On New Market

Gov. Inspection Will Start Here Monday Morning

Interest Shown In New Market By Agricultural Leaders Is Widespread

Farmers who market their tobacco here, have the advantage of buyers from all of the major tobacco companies as well as a number of independents; for this market now has representatives from Reynolds, American, Liggett and Myers, Piedmont and Austin tobacco companies as well as many other independent buyers.

Officials of the warehouse and others pointed out that they were happy to have so many companies represented here. It was observed that many markets that have been in operation much longer have far fewer buyers.

Congressman R. L. Doughton and S. E. Wrathers of the tobacco section of the U. S. Department of Agriculture announced that graders would be here on Monday morning to remain through out the season for government inspection.

Window Prizes Are Announced

Much Interest Shown By Local Merchants, Many Window Displays

Much interest was shown in the annual Christmas window contest for the local merchants and winners are announced today as reported by the judges, who rendered their decision Friday night following window inspections.

Ray Drug Company was the first place winner and Wiles Jewelry store won the second place honor. Davidson's store and Smithy's store tied for the third place.

Judges for the contest were Misses Ella Mae Crosby and Edith Pierce and O. L. Fulcher. The judges pointed out that more interest was shown than ever before and that all of the merchants in the contest deserved commendation for their beautiful windows. "The windows added much to the attractiveness of the town," one judge remarked.

The winners will be presented prizes within the next few days. The contest is sponsored annually by The Skyland Post. This contest is held to give our citizens a chance to show their window displays to the best advantage.

Fish And Game Club To Meet

The Fish and Game Club will hold an executive meeting in the City Club at West Jefferson on Monday night, December 15, at 7:00 P. M. It was announced today. Plans for a joint meeting in Lansing have been canceled. The meeting will be preceded by a chicken dinner and all members are urged to attend. The guest speaker will be Floyd Crouse of Sparta.

16 Ashe Schools Serving Lunches

There are now 16 schools in the county operating lunch rooms, according to information released from the office of the county superintendent, A. B. Hurt.

While it was necessary for most of these to slightly advance the price over that of last year, a number of commodities are being received and well-balanced lunches are being served to a large number of school children.

Lunchrooms are now being operated at Jefferson, West Jefferson, Elkland, Fleetwood, Nathan's Creek, Riverview, Healing Springs, Lansing, Virginia-Carolina, Helton, Parker, Rock Creek, Green Valley, Warrensville, Baldwin and Idlewild.

Telephone Company Is Finally Granted Increase In Rate

PLEASED OVER MARKET



Congressman R. L. Doughton expressed much satisfaction yesterday over the successful opening of the tobacco market here, in which he has given invaluable aid.

Urge Veterans To Plan Now For Farm Training

S. B. Lacey, Vocational Agricultural Teacher, Has Full Enrollment

It was pointed out this week by S. B. Lacey, vocational agricultural teacher at Jefferson, that the enrollment period for the veteran farmer training program for 1948 ends January 6. Jefferson has as many applicants as can be taken now however, veterans are reminded that they still have ample time in which to take advantage of the G. I. training. They must start training within four years after July 28, 1947 or in 1951.

Veterans are entitled to a training period of one year for the first three months of military service and month for months thereafter, not to exceed one month for each year of military service.

Members of the club will be present at the meeting. The meeting will be preceded by a chicken dinner and all members are urged to attend. The guest speaker will be Floyd Crouse of Sparta.

Merchants Happy Over Market Opening



Amos Wagoner, left past president of the West Jefferson Merchants' Association and Sharpe S. Shopmaker, current president express joy over the opening of the market on Monday. Wagoner bought the first tobacco sold, for fifty-eight cents per pound. (Photo by Weston)

Commission Is Mindful Of Complaints Made By Subscribers

A report received this week by this paper from the N. C. Utilities Commission permits the Central Telephone company to put into effect after December 15, a rate increase asked for several months ago at a hearing when a large number of subscribers were present to protest the service.

The report states that a large delegation was present to complain of the service. "The Commission is mindful of the complaints made about the service at the various exchanges of the petitioner, however, it is also advertant to the fact that it is difficult for the Central Telephone Company to get an adequate amount of material and equipment, a condition that not only confronts the petitioner but all other telephone and electric utilities," the order stated.

In conclusion the Commission order that "this cause be retained for a period of 15 months from this date and that the applicant file with the Commission not later than August 1948, complete financial reports."

The increase raises business telephones in West Jefferson to \$3.00, single party, and residences single party to \$2.25; while business telephones in Jefferson would be increased to \$3.50 single party and residences \$3.00, single party.

Burial For Bina Woman Saturday

Funeral service for Mrs. Philena Kenney Roberts, of Bina, will be held at the Roaring River church on Saturday, December 13, at 11:00 A. M., after which she will be interred in the family cemetery at Joynce.

Mrs. Roberts was 70 years of age at the time of her death early Wednesday morning. She was the wife of the late R. Creed Roberts, of Bina.

She is survived by Mrs. F. G. Walker of Oxford, N. C. and Mrs. L. M. Jones of the same place. Burial will be held at 11:00 A. M. on Saturday at the family cemetery at Joynce.

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Experts Examine Tobacco As W. J. Market Opens Monday



Ready when the opening sales were launched on Monday were: W. B. Austin, left, member of the State Board of Agriculture, who worked continuously for the opening of the market; W. P. Hedrick, center, tobacco marketing specialist of the N. C. Department of Agriculture, who was also unstinting in his efforts in helping with the market; Bill Acker, buyer for Reynolds Tobacco company, the first of the representatives of the larger companies to arrive. (Photo by Weston)

2 Men Injured In Plane Crash Here On Sunday

Piper Cub Crashes After Striking Power Line As Pilot Attempts Landing

Two Virginia men barely escaped fatal injuries here Sunday afternoon about 2:30 when their Piper Cub crashed into a field adjoining the old West Jefferson air port, when it struck a power line.

Robert Douglas Osborne, 22, accompanied by his cousin, Allen S. Osborne, 23, both of North Holston, Va., received serious injuries. Robert sustained a fractured skull, a broken collar bone and several cuts and bruises about the head. Allen sustained a fractured lower leg and a number of bruises. Both were taken to the West Jefferson Hospital, where they are being treated.

Forest Fire Protective Service To Be Activated On County-Wide Basis

Ralph Tomlinson Is County Warden; Others Are To Be Added To Service

For the first time a county-wide forest fire protective service is being established in Ashe and Ralph Tomlinson has been named as the county warden, A. D. Williams, district ranger, has announced.

It was also announced that as soon as possible others would be added to the service in order to give coverage of the county. The service will be organized by the county warden, Ralph Tomlinson, and will include a number of forest fire wardens and rangers.

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Sales For First Three Days Bring Around \$168,480

Average Price Considered Good For Quality Of Leaf Offered For Sale

Sales at the Tri-State Burley Warehouse, which opened on Monday, reached 432,000 pounds yesterday afternoon with an average of between 38 and 40 cents for the first three days of West Jefferson's new market.

Representatives of the U. S. Department of Agriculture pointed out that prices were unusually good, considering the quality of tobacco offered for sale. Much of it was wet and there were some unusually low grades offered for sale. The best grades brought as much as sixty cents in many cases.

Thousands of people crowded the warehouse for the opening on Monday and many followed the sales for some time. Tobacco from three states, Tennessee, and Virginia, as well as North Carolina has been sold here.

Coming from Washington for the opening was S. E. Wrathers, of the tobacco section of the U. S. Department of Agriculture and from Raleigh, was W. P. Hedrick, tobacco marketing specialist of the N. C. Department of Agriculture.

Farmers have expressed themselves as being well pleased over the prices offered on the new market as well as other services rendered here.

The new warehouse, built by a large group of growers, business men, is operated by C. C. and Rex Taylor.

Sales are held each day and all of the major companies have buyers present in addition to the independent buyers.

Teachers Hear A. S. T. C. Faculty

Workshop idea is discussed by Boone educators; make plans

Workshop was the topic of discussion in the county-wide meeting held yesterday afternoon at the Jefferson Hotel. The meeting was held to discuss the idea of a county-wide workshop for teachers.

Tri-State Warehouse Officials

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Urge Farmers To Buy Fertilizer

H. D. Quisenberry, county agent, urged that farmers buy their fertilizer now, as there will be less after the first of the year.

"If our farmers wait until after January to start moving their fertilizer, they will not, in my opinion, get as much as last year, because they could get about five percent more if a good strong movement could be started immediately," he said.

There will be a little more nitrogen and phosphate this year if the fertilizer manufacturer can move out of his plant some of the stock now on hand, and it is urged that farmers buy their fertilizer now, it was stated.