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Tobacco Sales Near Million Pound Mark

County Prison Camp At Buffalo Being Re-opened

Around 40 Long-Term Prisoners Will Do Highway Maintenance Work

N. C. Prison camp 802, closed during the war years when the prison population was greatly decreased, is now being re-opened at Buffalo and has around 40 long-term white prisoners, who will do highway maintenance work.

Ed Beshear, of Wilkes county is superintendent. Several Ashe county people will serve as guards.

E. Ford King announced that the highway work would be under the supervision of Frank McCracken.

It was pointed out that with the increase in prison population a number of camps that have been closed are being re-opened in various sections of this state.

Maintenance work on highways in some parts of the county has suffered from the lack of labor and it is believed that with this additional supply, more maintenance work can be done.

Ball Season In Full Stride Now

Results Of Six Games Given; January Schedule Is Announced

The basketball teams from V-C and Healing Springs high schools split a double-header Tuesday night at the Healing Springs school. The V-C girls won by a score of 15 to 29 in a spirited contest, and the Healing Spg's boys' team won out scoring 38 against 27 points.

The West Jefferson high school boys' "A" and "B" teams journeyed to Mt. City Tuesday night, and the "A" men lost to the Tennessee team in a hard 43-40 battle. Bobbie Walker was high scorer for the W. J. basketballers. The W. J. "B" team trounced Mt. City 24-17.

Jefferson high school boys and girls both overcame teams from Elkin high school last Thursday night on the Jefferson court. The girls' score was 24 to 30 and the Jefferson boys found winning an easier task, with a 34 to 11 final score.

The results of games played by other high schools during the past week were not available at time of publication.

The schedule of games for January is as follows:

- JANUARY 1, 1948 Elkland at Virginia-Carolina.
- JANUARY 6, 1948 Jefferson at Elkland
- Healing Springs at Nathan's Crk Virginia-Carolina at Fleetwood
- JANUARY 8, 1948 Riverview at West Jefferson
- JANUARY 13, 1948 Nathan's Creek at Elkland Lansing at Virginia-Carolina Fleetwood at Jefferson
- JANUARY 15, 1948 W. Jefferson at Healing Springs
- JANUARY 20, 1948 Nathan's Creek at Fleetwood Healing Springs at Riverview

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Santa Claus To Be Here Sat.

Santa Claus will again be here in West Jefferson on Saturday to see the children. He will be on the streets and in the stores and will have candy for the children. This is his third visit to West Jefferson and all those who have not had an opportunity of seeing him should plan to be here Saturday.

A number of merchants have reported record business so far this year, however, it was pointed out that a good selection of gifts is still on display and the public can secure many of the items which have been scarce for so many years during the war.

Parents are cordially invited to bring the children here to see Santa Claus and do their Christmas shopping.

Community, County Committeemen Are Elected By Farmers

NAMED CHAIRMAN



Wade E. Eller, who was again named chairman of the New River Soil Conservation Committee.

Francis, Eller And Gambill On Soil Committee

Wade E. Eller Is Again Chosen As Chairman Of Group

Results of the soil conservation election for the New River district which was held during the first week of December at voting places all over the county were announced this week by J. C. Little, election chairman.

W. Raymond Francis was high man in the election and will serve the three-year term of office. J. W. Gambill, the next highest, was elected to the committee for two years and Wade E. Eller was elected for one year, it was announced.

The three new members of the New River Soil Conservation committee met last week and elected Wade E. Eller for chairman of the county committee.

Game Club Meet Well Attended

Despite inclement weather conditions, members of the Ashe Fish and Game Club met Monday night at the City Cafe and enjoyed a chicken dinner. R. Floyd Crouse, member of the N. C. Wildlife Commission who was to speak, was unable to be here.

During the business session, plans for the membership drive now underway were discussed. The drive officially ends on January 1, and a meeting will be held January 5 to award prizes.

A guest of the club was B. S. Coburn, government snapper at the W. J. Tobacco Market.

Dresses Are Packed For Europe



In response to the urgent need of the distressed peoples of Europe for textile products, U. S. mills under a voluntary program initiated by the American Cotton Manufacturers Association have contributed enough cloth to make the equivalent of a quarter of a million dresses. Officials are shown inspecting some of the cloth prior to shipment to Europe.

J. W. Gambill Is Chairman: List By Communities Is Announced

Interest in the Agricultural Conservation program in the county was demonstrated by the large number of farmers voting in the recently completed series of elections for community committeemen.

Following the election of community committeemen, the county convention was held on Monday when 26 of the 28 precincts were represented. J. W. Gambill was named chairman, H. H. Burgess, vice-chairman, and V. C. Lillard, regular member.

This committee met Monday afternoon and again named McCampbell, chief clerk and secretary, Miss Edna May, secretary, and Miss June Stringer and Mayola Roland, office assistants. Community committeemen, with the chairman named first and the vice-chairman second, are as follows:

- Ashland—Smith Allen, Carl Hartsog, Charlie Perkins.
- Baldwin—Joe R. Grubb, Rayburn Houck, Dean Lawrence.

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Man Drowns In New River After Truck Overturns

Accident Occurred Between Bina And Warrensville, Saturday Night

Funeral service for David Vance Eldred, 35, of Lansing, was held yesterday morning at eleven o'clock at the Long Branch church. Interment was in the Long Branch cemetery.

Eldred came to his death as the result of drowning Saturday night when the 1937 Chevrolet 2 1/2 ton truck he was driving left U. S. Highway 162 between Bina and Warrensville and landed in the icy waters of New River.

At the time of the accident, Eldred was accompanied by Riley and Howard Potter, of Lansing, and they were all en route home after a trip to Virginia for a load of corn. The Potter brothers told investigating Patrolman, R. D. Pennell, that the accident occurred so quickly that they were unable to tell exactly what happened. They climbed out of the cab of the truck and called to Eldred it was reported, and when they received no answer, ran to the highway to call help. No attempt was made to remove Eldred from the wreck until the patrolman arrived, it was learned.

Upon the removal of the body from the wreck, Coroner R. R. Badger stated that Eldred came to his death as a result of accidental drowning. The truck was (Continued on Page Five)

Agricultural Picture Of Europe Related To Marshall Plan



This map made by the office of foreign agriculture relations of the U. S. department of agriculture, should figure prominently in discussions of the Marshall plan. The black circles show the areas and the amounts of wheat and rye exported. The shaded circles indicate the amounts of wheat and rye that are imported by the respective areas.

County Schools Will All Close Fri. For Holidays

Will Re-Open December 29; Attendance Is Unusually Good For December

Ashe county schools will all close on Friday for the Christmas holidays and will re-open on Monday, December 29. A. B. Hurt, county superintendent, announced yesterday.

Most of the schools are having special Christmas programs and some of them, treats for children on the closing day.

Mr. Hurt pointed out that the attendance had been unusually good this fall and that favorable winter weather had helped this.

Favorable weather has also cut down transportation problems and as a whole the roads are in better condition than usual for this time of year, it was explained.

The activation of the prison camp is expected to furnish more power for roads and will keep them serviced better, it was stated.

High School Band Broadcasts Mon.

Members of the West Jefferson high school band, accompanied by Mrs. Walter M. Dickson went to Galax, Va., Monday, where they played Christmas carols over the Radio station there.

Mrs. Dickson pointed out that the group was well received and invited to come again.

Churches Of County Plan To Observe Christmas With Programs; Schedule Given

Breeders' Ass'n Directors Will Meet Fri. Night

Artificial Breeding Program To Be Discussed; Farmers Urged To Attend

A meeting of the directors of the Ashe county Guernsey Breeders Association will be held Friday night at 7:30 in the office of the county agent at the courthouse, it was announced yesterday.

H. D. Quessenberry said that he wanted to extend to all farmers interested in the proposed artificial breeding program, an invitation to attend the meeting, as this is to be discussed.

Mr. Quessenberry explained that farmers had signed for about 500 cows to be included in this program but that 1,000 would be needed to set it up on the basis as planned. He further explained that all bulls used in the program were proven.

The artificial breeding program is being sponsored by the Guernsey Breeders Association in this county and the association agrees to employ a technician whose duty it will be to inseminate the subscribed cows of the members with viable semen furnished by Southeastern Artificial Breeding Association, (proven bulls of Guernsey, Jersey and Holstein breeds) and to perform such (Continued on page 8)

Many Will Get Underway This Week; Others To Be Held During Week End

Ashe county churches are making plans to observe Christmas in a fitting manner with special programs. Many of these will be held this week end and others next week.

Pageants and plays will be presented by many of the churches and others will have special programs including the children, and will also have Christmas trees.

The annual Christmas eve service will be held at St. Mary's Episcopal church at 8:30 p. m., on Wednesday evening. Rev. James McKeown will be in charge of the service.

At the Jefferson Methodist church Sunday night, at 7:00 o'clock, the Youth Fellowship will present the play, "The Christmas Secret" by Dorothy Abbott. Those taking part in the play are Billie Oliver, Betty Jane Porter, Ina Ruth Worth, Peggy Sue Oliver, Mary Gordon Austin, Wilda Ray Little, Shirley Ann Little, Bernard Bare, Sonny Farnsworth, John Willard Porter, Ronald Murray, Retha Stansberry, Nancy Graybeal, Dean C. Jones, Jr., Margaret Grant, Joe Neal, Jr., David Worta, K. O. Laughn, Jr., Billie An Badger, Shirley Harvey, Louis Murray, Jimmy Saunders and Jimmy Graybeal.

Following the play, Rev. C. C. Murray, pastor, will conduct the (Continued on page 4)

Total More Than \$330,000; Growers From 4 States

Plenty Of Buyers, Government Graders; Prices Are Considered Good

Sales at the Tri-State Burley Warehouse surpassed the 900,000 mark yesterday and are expected to go beyond a million pounds today, with an average for the season of 40 cents, totalling more than \$330,000.00.

Since the market opened a week later than others, the volume is considered unusually good as well as the average price, judging from the quality of tobacco offered for sale. The better grades have brought as high as sixty cents.

The market has plenty of buyers from all of the larger companies, as well as independent buyers. Government graders are also on the job. Growers from North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia, have brought tobacco here to be sold. Farmers, near and far, are expressing their satisfaction over the prices brought on the West Jefferson market.

Sales will close on Friday until after the holidays, but the warehouse will remain open continually to receive tobacco except on Christmas day, it was announced.

Rotary Party Is Set For Tonight

Rotary-Anns Invited As Special Guests; Surprise Program Planned

The Jeffersons Rotary Club will have the annual Christmas party tonight at seven o'clock at the community building. A special surprise program of entertainment has been planned and Rotary-Anns have been invited as well as a number of others as special guests.

In charge of program arrangements are Millard Graybeal, J. V. Caudill, Amos Wagoner, Jr., and James Graham.

The Christmas party will be the last meeting this year, as the regular meeting next Thursday will not be held since it will be Christmas day. The meeting on Thursday, January 1, will not be held either, it was pointed out and the next meeting of the club will be held on January 8.

Guest speaker at the club last week was Lenox Rawlins, buyer from the American Tobacco company. W. B. Austin also spoke (Continued on page 8)

Xmas Program At High School

A Christmas program will be presented today at 12:45 o'clock at the West Jefferson high school, it was announced here this week.

The primary grades will have a part on the program first and then the grammar grades. Last on the program will be the pageant, "A Christmas Story," given by the high school. Students from all the grades and the high school will participate in the chorus and they will be accompanied by the high school band.

Want Clothing, Toys For Needy

Plans are now underway for the packing of Christmas boxes for the needy, assembly-Cheer Fund, sponsored by the West Jefferson Merchants' Association.

They are to be wrapped at the office of the Welfare Department under the direction Ruth Tugman. Volunteer workers, who can assist with this are asked to contact Miss Tugman.

While fruits, nuts, candies and other Christmas items have been purchased through the merchants' fund, Miss Tugman pointed out that if there were any individuals having toys and clothing they were no longer using, these would be appreciated. She requested that only such items in good condition be contributed and that they be brought to the welfare office not later than Friday noon.

Dr. Zeno Wall Succeeds Greer As Orphanage Head

Dr. Zeno Wall of Shelby will succeed Dr. I. G. Greer as superintendent of the Baptist Orphanage of North Carolina, and Dr. Greer will succeed Dr. Wall as chairman of the institution's board of trustees.

The appointments were made Tuesday at a meeting of the trustees in Greensboro.

Dr. Greer resigned as superintendent to become executive vice-president of the Business Foundation of North Carolina on January 1, with headquarters in Chapel Hill. He had been superintendent of the orphanage for 15 years, and in recent years also served as president of the North Carolina Good Health Association.

Dr. Wall has been pastor of the First Baptist church of Shelby for 23 years and has long been a leader in the denomination. Dr. Greer commented that the board "showed sound judgment in selecting a man so eminently fitted to carry on the orphanage's activities."

Dr. Greer said that the orphanage—both at Mills Home here and at Kennedy Home, in Kinston—was in the greatest of financial and organizational condition, and that he was leaving the post only because his new position will present enlarged opportunities for service.

Dr. Wall is a native of Rutherford county. He attended Mills Hill college, the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky., and received his D. D. degree from Mississippi college in 1916. He was pastor of the First Baptist church of Goldsboro from 1922 to 1925, when he moved to the Shelby church.

He and Mrs. Wall are expected to come to Thomasville and take up residence at Mills Home about February 1.

Want A Puppy For Christmas?

Santa has listened to many requests for Christmas and will comply with as many as he can.

If there is any child, who would like a friendly 8-week-old puppy, he does not have to wait for Christmas for that. Mrs. Floyd Triplett called this office yesterday and stated that she had one to give away for the asking.

The puppy is a cross between a Collie and a Spitz and of course Mrs. Triplett wants it to go to a child that will treat it kindly, as a dog should be treated.

Mrs. Triplett lives on Wilton Avenue in West Jefferson.