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Ashe Turkeys Sold On Christmas Mart Bring Record Price

Needy People To Be Remembered This Christmas

Merchants Association Sponsoring Plans For Less Fortunate Of County

Around 100 less fortunate families of West Jefferson and Ashe county will have Christmas made merrier for them this year, as a result of funds collected by the West Jefferson Merchants Association. This Christmas Cheer fund was started last year by the merchants with Rocco Curi as chairman. The merchants again responded generously this year. And as a result, nuts, candy, fruits, groceries and some toys and clothing will again be distributed.

The distribution is being handled by Miss Ruth Tugman, welfare superintendent, who has made a survey of the needy families and gifts will be sent to them accordingly. Some stores as well as individuals have made some additional contributions in merchandise and clothing, Miss Tugman said.

Several church groups as well as individuals are also remembering the shut-ins and needy groups.

The American Legion Auxiliary fixed 20 packages for families of veterans of the county. The auxiliary also sent a contribution to the Christmas cheer fund at Oteen.

The West Jefferson Woman's club sent cigarettes to disabled veterans at Moore General hospital and flowers to the Ashe county hospital.

K. F. Faw Will Be Buried Today

Ashe Man Succumbs In Davis Hospital At Statesville, Saturday

Funeral service for Kilby Francis Faw, 70, will be held this morning at 11:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Alpha Miller in West Jefferson. Officiating will be Revs. Carol Burkett and Glade Caldwell and interment will be in the Calloway cemetery.

Mr. Faw, a native of Ashe county, who has been making his home at Othello was taken to the Davis hospital at Statesville Saturday. He succumbed soon after reaching the hospital.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by the following children: F. F. Faw, of Abingdon, Va.; Harley Faw, Mayberry, W. Va.; Mrs. Lucy Welborn, Winston-Salem; Mrs. Ruth Minton, Hickory; Ray Faw, Treestop; Mrs. Alpha Miller, West Jefferson; Albert Faw, Portsmouth, Va. Also surviving are 13 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Careful Holiday Driving Is Urged

Raleigh — Colonel L. C. Rosser, commissioner of motor vehicles, has called on all North Carolina motorists to exercise special care in their holiday driving.

He said that in November, 78 persons were killed in 65 fatal traffic accidents, as compared with 99 killed in 84 fatal accidents during November, 1946.

Colonel Rosser added that the Christmas - New Year holiday season is the most hazardous single period of the year. He said that "heavier travel and the festive spirit of the season increase the normal winter hazards, such as bad weather, slippery roads, and more hours of darkness."

During December of last year, 163 persons lost their lives in traffic accidents in North Carolina. Sixteen of occurred from Dec. 23-25, and 11 persons met their deaths in traffic accidents on Christmas day alone.

Around 3,000 Christmas Fowls Are Sold For Approximately \$18,000.00

Ashe county farmers, who sold turkeys on the Christmas market this year, received more than during the Thanksgiving season and the prices, which ranged from forty to forty-two cents per pound are believed to have been a record high paid for these plump holiday turkeys.

While prices were much higher than usual, the turkey crop was shorter. Unofficial estimates placed the number sold at around 3,000, which was much less than last year. The turkeys weighed an average of fourteen pounds and brought to the growers approximately \$18,000.

Buyers reported that the quality of the turkeys was unusually good this year. Many of those grown in this section were sent to Baltimore and Philadelphia.

W. G. Vannoy, one of the larger buyers in this section said that he purchased around 15,000 for the Christmas market.

W. R. Roten, of Warrensville, also bought a number. There were also several independent buyers.

The turkeys were shipped out both by rail and motor express.

\$500 Is Given To Iron Lung Fund

Quota For Coming Year Is Announced By Chairman, Glenn W. Little

It was announced this week that the Ashe county chapter of the Infantile Paralysis Fund Drive had contributed \$500 toward the purchase of the Iron Lung, which has been purchased as a part of the war memorial. It was announced that individual contributions were still needed.

The quota for Ashe county in the annual Infantile Paralysis Fund Drive, which will get underway the first of the year has been set at \$2915.00. W. Glenn Little, chairman of the drive, stated this week.

Already coin containers have been placed in all of the business houses for the March of Dimes fund.

Additional information concerning the drive will be announced after January 1, it was learned.

MERRY CHRISTMAS GETS HOTEL ROOM

Mobile, Ala. — A young man walked up to the hotel clerk last night and said:

"Merry Christmas."

"Merry Christmas to you," the clerk replied.

The man stood looking at the clerk.

"Is there something I can do for you?" the puzzled clerk asked.

"Merry Christmas," the man repeated and gave the clerk an inquisitive look.

Vernon Weldy, the clerk, said the situation was getting out of hand when the man explained that he wanted a bridal suite, reserved a week before. Said he:

"My name is Charles Merry (Continued on page 4)

Sincere Christmas Greetings To Everyone . . . Everywhere!



Tobacco Coming In For Opening Sales, On Jan. 5

Expect To Sell Another Million Pounds Before The Season Ends

The Tri-State Warehouse, which approximately hit the million pound mark with an average of around forty cents before they sales closed for the holidays, is now receiving tobacco for the opening sales on January 5.

Officials of the warehouse stated that the house would be open throughout the holidays, every day except Christmas, to receive tobacco.

Officials also said they were pleased with the response of the farmers as well as the service they had been able to render them.

The market here at West Jefferson, which was one of the two established in the Burley belt this year has made an exceptional record since it was opened, agricultural leaders point out.

The market has plenty of buyers of all the larger companies, as well as government graders.

Farmers have expressed themselves as being well pleased over prices.

Warehouse Plans Are Considered

A number of members of the board of directors of the West Jefferson Industrial Company this week discussed plans for building an additional warehouse in connection with the New Tri-State warehouse, which was put into operation this season.

It was pointed out that more room was needed and that definite plans would be made to care for this need.

"We are proud of the tobacco market here and want to do everything possible to take care of its needs," one director said.

Dean Colvard Is Given Promotion At State College

Former Ashe Man Is Named Head Of Department of Animal Husbandry

Appointment of Prof. D. W. Colvard as head of the department of animal husbandry at N. C. State College was announced yesterday by Chancellor J. W. Harrelson.

Colvard, who will assume his new duties Jan. 1, will succeed Dr. James H. Hilton, who has been named to succeed Dr. L. D. Baver as dean of the college's School of Agriculture and director of the State Agriculture Experiment Station.

A native of Ashe county, Colvard is now head of the dairy husbandry section of the department of animal industry. Colvard graduated from Berea College in Kentucky in 1935 and later taught at Brevard College at Brevard. He was assistant director of the Mountain Experiment Station at Swannanoa from 1938 until it was taken over by the army in 1941 as the site of a hospital. Later he assisted in the location of two new experiment stations at Waynesville and at Laurel Springs.

TAX PENALTIES TO BE IMPOSED FEB. 1

Ralph Campbell, town clerk, reminded the public this week that penalties will be imposed on persons who have not paid 1947 taxes before February 1.

It is suggested that town taxes be paid as soon as possible.

BARE INFANT DIES

Funeral service will be held tomorrow at 11 o'clock at the home for Eliza Lenore Bare, 4-months old daughter of Charlie Bare, of Jefferson, who died this morning. Burial will follow in the Farmington cemetery. The child's mother, died four months ago.

POST TO BE CLOSED THURS., FRIDAY, SAT.

The office of The Skyland Post will be closed Thursday, Friday and Saturday in observance of the Christmas holidays. The paper is published on Tuesday this week, but will follow the regular schedule next week.

The Post takes this occasion to again wish all of the readers a "Merry Christmas."

This is also the message of the advertisers in this issue. Throughout this paper will be found many greetings sent to the readers as a personal message from merchants, other firms and individuals.

These greetings are being sent to around 19,800 readers. To all of them, along with merchants, we again say, "Merry Christmas."

Record Christmas Business Reported By Stores; Santa Expected To Be Generous

Last Rites Held For A. G. Denny Fri. Afternoon

Manager Of Local Theatre Dies After Critical Illness

Funeral service for Alonzo Guy Denny, 50, was held at the West Jefferson Presbyterian church Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Burial followed in the Jefferson cemetery with Revs. W. P. Boyle, Cecil Callis and John Luke, officiating.

Mr. Denny, who had been ill for several weeks, died Wednesday night at 11 o'clock at the Ashe Memorial hospital. He had been undergoing treatment there for sometime. At the time of his death, he was manager of the Parkway Theatre here. He had been engaged in other business activities here, including insurance, and was well known.

In addition to his wife, the deceased is survived by one son, Scott Denny, who is a student at Bowling Green, Ky.; his mother, Mrs. David Burkett, of Jefferson; one brother, R. C. Denny, of West Virginia; and five sisters, Mrs. Ruth Spiegel, of Charleston, S. C.; Mrs. Julia Fennell, of Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. Ann Hatch, of Maryland; Mrs. Mildred Messner, of California; and Mrs. Lillian Odle, of Maryland.

CANCELS SERVICE AT NATHAN'S CREEK

Rev. William C. Cronmett, pastor of the Laurel Springs charge Methodist church, announces that there will be no preaching service at Nathan's Creek, on Sunday morning, December 28.

Student Night To Be Held At Baptist Church Here, Dec. 28

The training union department of the First Baptist church will promote student night, Sunday, December 28, at 7:30 o'clock. It was announced this week by Mrs. Irene Dickson, training union director.

A special program including music has been planned and taking part in it will be college students who are members of the church. Miss Dorothy Dean Campbell, Gaden-Welbe Betty Cornette, Gule Lersly, J. C. Gamble, C. C. Greene, ASTC, Evelyn-Dare Vannoy, W. C. U. N. C. Margaret Phillips, Greensboro College; Billy Woodie and Wanda Barr, U. N. C.; Wade Vannoy, Jr., Duke University; Basil D. Barr, Columbia Military Academy.

A special invitation has been issued to all college students of all the churches in town. Ushers will be Winfred Barr, G. C. Greene, Margaret Phillips and Evelyn Dare Vannoy.

Uncle Sam Breaks Records For Incoming And Outgoing Mail

After setting a record for volume of Christmas business, West Jefferson stores will be closed for Christmas day and the day after, as usual. According to information received, here practically all stores have set a record for holiday business, with Saturday topping all other days for crowds.

Gift merchandise, as well as practical merchandise, has been much in demand. Furniture, radios, electrical appliances and many other items, that were once hard to get, have been sold in volume this year. According to the sales of candy, every sweet tooth should be satisfied. Merchants pointed out that this was the first Christmas the supply of this had been plentiful for many years, and evidently everyone wanted something sweet. Cakes should also be plentiful, considering the amount of ingredients sold.

Judging from the amount of merchandise sold, Santa should be very generous. Uncle Sam has also helped him out. The mails have been in operation here ever before, postal employees report. The increase in mail was demonstrated by the rush of mail from North Wilkesboro. This is the first time in history that this has been necessary.

Merchants have reported all-time high sales of Christmas cards and the post office reports more of these than ever before. "I did not know there were so many cards," said postal employee and "surely everyone should be well greeted," he added.

Quiet Christmas Expected To Be Observed Here

Stores And Banks To Be Closed For Two Days; Special Services Held

Ashe county is expected to observe a merry Christmas on Thursday, with the cessation of business and the reunion of many family groups. And according to the amount of gifts purchased, this Yuletide should be a generous one.

The section has enjoyed unusually beautiful winter weather, and unless the weather man has a sudden change of heart, Christmas is expected to be a typical fair and clear winter day. Those wanting a white Christmas will probably be disappointed unless there is a last-minute change, weather experts declare.

Retail stores as well as the First National and North Western Bank will be closed on Christmas day as well as the day after, but will be open as usual on Saturday.

All county offices will close Christmas day, but most of them will be open as usual Friday, except the tax collector's office.

Schools are closed for the entire week and will re-open again on Monday, December 29. A. B. Hurt, superintendent of schools announced.

Many of the churches have already held special Christmas services and other are to be held. A complete schedule of these is published elsewhere in this paper today. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Lansing Youth Contest Winner

Joel Carter Wins District Contest Sponsored By N. C. Citizens' Ass'n

The annual essay contest, sponsored for high school seniors by the North Carolina Citizens' Association of Raleigh, has been won in the ninth district by Joel Carter, of Lansing.

His essay competed with and won over essays from all high schools of all the counties in the ninth North Carolina district. The subject was "Should the Debt Limitation Section (Article V, Section 4) of the North Carolina Constitution Be Repealed?" Joel is the son of Mrs. M. M. Carter of Tuckersdale and a student at Lansing high school.

The text of the essay will be published later.

Fireworks Are Prohibited Here

Orders of the town of West Jefferson as well as non-residents are reminded by town officials that it is unlawful to shoot fireworks within the corporate limits of West Jefferson.

The public is reminded that the use of fireworks is also unlawful and fines will be imposed on anyone who uses them.

Although the sale of fireworks is prohibited in North Carolina, firecrackers have been purchased elsewhere and brought into the county. It was stated by officials.

Thousands Saw Santa Here, Sat.

Thousands of children had an opportunity to see Santa Claus here on Saturday and tell him of their desires for Christmas.

Santa told a representative of this paper that he had never seen as many children in West Jefferson as he had an opportunity to talk to on Saturday.

"They had all been good children too," he concluded and told of some of their wishes. "Most of the little girls wanted dolls, of course and the choice of little boys was tricycles."

One small girl asked for nothing except a Bible, which Santa said was a bit unusual.

His final visit here on Saturday was sponsored by the West Jefferson Merchants Association.