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TOBACCO SALES SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY

Turkish Leaf Program To Be Expanded In County

Quality Better;
Program Must
Be Supervised

Company Formed To Handle
Crop: High Quality Nec-
essary in Production

Due to successful results achieved after three years of experimentation in the production of Turkish tobacco in this area, 1948 should find a good increase in the number of farmers growing this, as well as the acreage, H. D. Quessenberry, county agent, said.

John Wilkins, agronomist specialist, who has been in charge of the experiment in this area, said that everyone was encouraged in the unusually high quality of the tobacco grown in this area during the past year in spite of the unfavorable weather. He pointed out that high quality was essential in this type of tobacco.

Quessenberry said that the growing of Turkish tobacco was particularly adaptable to small farms with plenty of labor. He urged that all farmers interested in getting into this program contact him as soon as possible. "We want more farmers, who are interested, to grow this tobacco, but the program must be well supervised and we do not want more than can be supervised," he said.

During the past year, the average for all sections of N. C., where Turkish tobacco was grown, was 997 pounds per acre while that of Ashe county was slightly above the average, 1061 pounds per acre. There were a total of 32 farmers in Ashe and Alleghany counties growing this type of tobacco last year, it was explained.

Farmers were paid 75 cents per pound. It was explained that under the expanded program there would be an opportunity of farmers securing an even higher price provided the quality is high enough to merit it. "It is the quality, not the volume that is essential in this tobacco," one specialist said.

Because of the success of the program, a company has been formed to handle the Turkish tobacco. It is to be known as the South Eastern Aromatic Tobacco (Continued on page 8)

Mrs. Duvall Is Struck By Car

Painfully Injured When She Was Hit By Car In Front Of Her Home

Mrs. H. B. Duvall was painfully injured Tuesday night, December 23, in front of her home at Beaver Creek, when she was struck by an automobile as she approached the steps of her home. As she left the taxi, driven by Bruce Blevins, a car, driven by Walter Elmore, en route from Obids, struck her and knocked her down. She sustained a broken collar bone and other bruises and was taken to the Ashe Memorial hospital for treatment.

Eldredh told investigating officers that he was blinded by the lights of the taxi which was parked on the left side of the road where it was parked to let Mrs. Duvall out at her home.

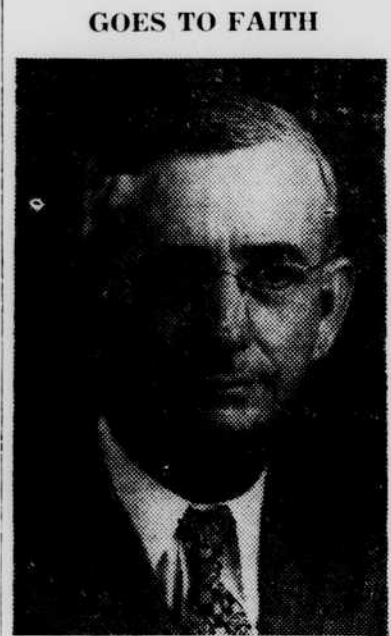
Mrs. Duvall is still undergoing treatment in the Ashe hospital.

Patrolmen To Check Drivers

Yesterday was the last day for the "Red" Drivers, whose names begin with "A" or "B" to take the test to have their drivers' licenses renewed.

Commander H. J. Hatcher, Highway Patrol commander, said that after the first of the year he would order patrolmen to make spot checks of motorists in order to apprehend drivers who have not had their licenses renewed. Beginning Jan. 1 and continuing through June 30, drivers whose names begin with "C" and "D" will be examined for re-

Business Outlook For 1948, Is Bright As New Year Begins



Rev. W. T. Whittington, former pastor of the West Jefferson Baptist church, who has accepted a call to Faith.

Whittington Has Accepted Call To Faith Church

Former West Jefferson Pastor Will Move To New Field This Month

Rev. W. T. Whittington, who made an enviable record as a pastor of the West Jefferson Baptist church and as a community leader before leaving here to go to Damascus, Va., has accepted a call to Faith, near Salisbury.

Mr. Whittington has also made a fine record at Damascus, where church officials point out it is with regret that they see him go. During his stay at Damascus, five new Sunday school rooms have been added to the church, it has also been equipped with a dining room and kitchen, a new carpet has been added and there have been around 100 new members to join. In addition to this, a new parsonage has also been built.

Where Mr. Whittington, was seen identified with community activities and served for some time as director of the personnel department of Lincoln (Continued on page 4)

1948 TOWN AUTO TAGS ARE NOW AVAILABLE

Automobile tags for residents' vehicles for 1948 are now available at the town hall, Ralph Campbell, clerk, stated this week. All residents of West Jefferson, are required to have town tags and they should be placed on vehicles by February 1, Mr. Campbell stated.

General Eisenhower Is Given Medal



General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower, is shown as he was presented with the gold medal of the Pennsylvania society for distinguished achievement, by Sen. Edward Martin (R. Penn.), left, while Thomas I. Parkinson, president of the society looks on.

Warm Weather Hails Arrival; Farming Prospects Also Appear To Be Good

Business leaders here, as well as elsewhere, point out that an advance picture of 1948 appears something like 1947, with possible improvements in some fields, where there will be more merchandise available.

Because of the definite downward trends in styles, fewer people are expected to cling to their outmoded clothes and sales of style merchandise are expected to show an increase. Automobiles, radios and some other mechanical and electrical equipment are expected to be more plentiful during the year, but still not enough to go around, according to advance reports.

In this section, where farming is the major industry, the farm outlook is brighter. The establishment of the tobacco market, the expansion of the Turkish tobacco program, the possibilities of improving dairy herds through the artificial breeding, the increase in the production of grade A milk and the erection of a number of grade A barns are indications of increased income.

The weather for the latter part of 1947 has been unusually mild and the New Year dawned equally so. Just how long this unusual winter weather can continue is not predicted.

Fish And Game Club Meets Mon.

The Ashe Fish and Game club will hold its regular meeting next Monday night at the City Cafe in West Jefferson at 7:30 p. m. Award of prizes for the membership contest which closed last night will be made at this meeting, it was announced. Members are also reminded that the election of new officers will be held at this meeting.

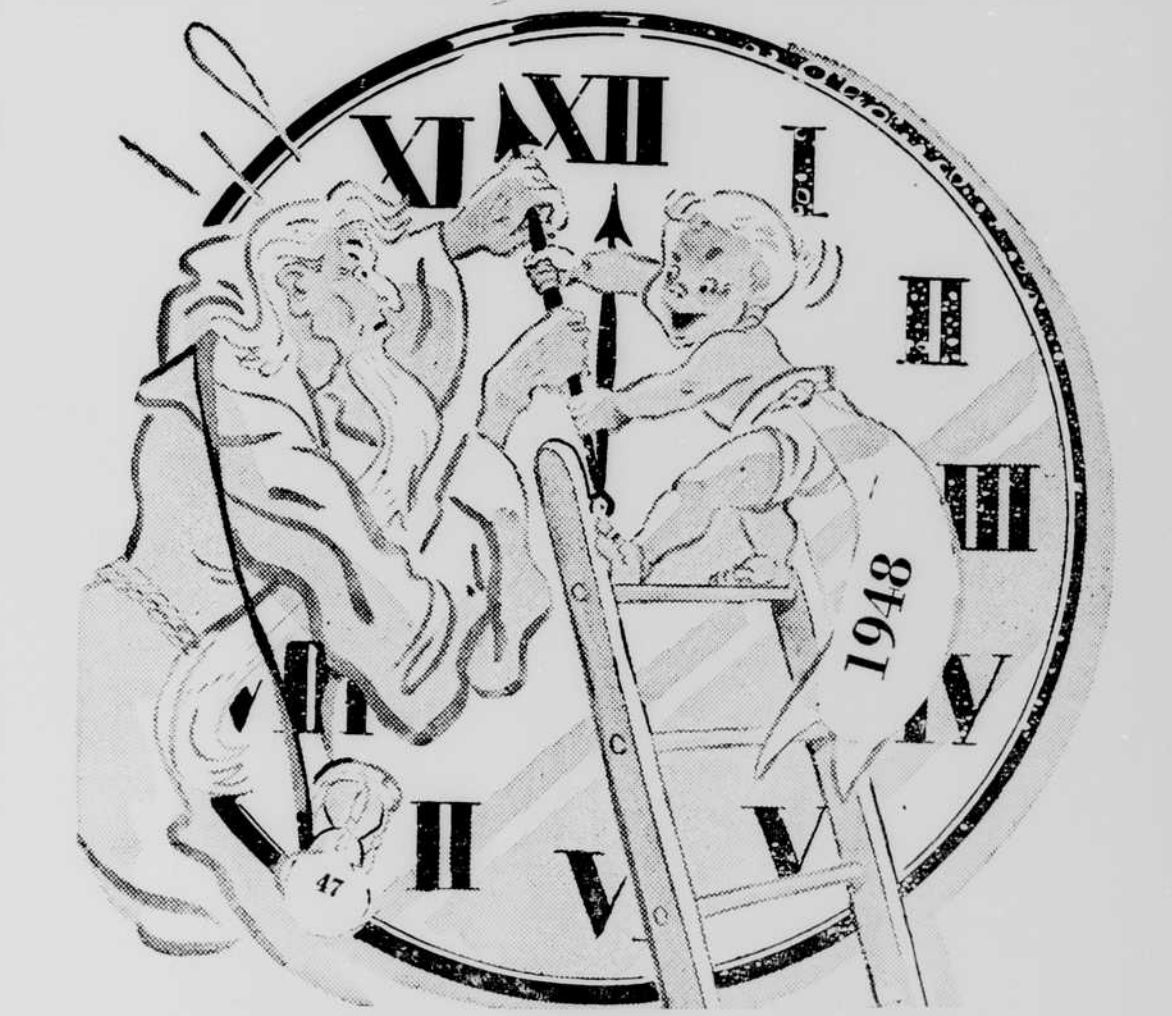
The presence of all members, new and old, is urgently requested by the program committee, and prospective new members are also cordially invited to attend.

Ice Cream Shop Will Not Open

The Skyline Ice Cream Shop, which was scheduled to have the grand opening here Saturday afternoon as announced elsewhere in this paper, will not open, Dennis Lewis, owner, stated today. It was not learned until after publication that equipment scheduled to arrive would be delayed.

Plans for the opening date will be announced later, Mr. Lewis pointed out.

A Happy New Year To Everyone, Everywhere



George Perkins, Former County Man Is Killed

Dies In Asheville Hospital After Injuries In Automobile Accident

Funeral service was held on Sunday in Asheville for George O. Perkins, 49, who died Friday in an Asheville hospital as a result of injuries sustained Thursday evening when the car he was driving was struck by a bus, about a mile east of the Beaucatcher tunnel.

State Highway Patrolman Dwight Ray, who investigated the accident which caused the death of Mr. Perkins, said that James B. Robinson, driver of the Queen City bus which struck the car being driven by Mr. Perkins, was arrested and placed under bond of \$1,000 for his appearance at the inquest Saturday. No charge was brought, pending action by the coroner's jury.

The investigating officer quoted the driver of the bus as saying the bus struck ice and skidded against the car in which Mr. Perkins and his son were riding. It was reported the bus was passing another car at the time it went into a skid. Mr. Perkins and his son were taken to Mission hospital.

Kenneth Perkins, 14, son of Mr. Perkins of Haw Creek, who was riding in the car being driven by his father, suffered minor injuries, hospital authorities said.

Mr. Perkins was born December 13, 1898 at Orion. He was graduated from the University of North Carolina law school in 1926 and has resided here since (Continued on page 4)

ARRIVAL OF NEW YEAR CELEBRATED

Ashe county people, along with others, celebrated the arrival of the New Year with traditional watch parties and other festivities.

A number attended the dance at the community building. Others greeted the coming of 1948 in smaller parties. The absence of fire crackers brought the year in quieter than usual; but bells and other noise-makers were heard.

Dr. and Mrs. J. Bruce Porter, held their annual party at Jefferson, when around 40 guests were present to enjoy their hospitality and welcome the New Year.

New - Grower Applications For Tobacco Allotments Must Be Filed By Feb. 1

Horse And Mule Clinics To Open On January 12

All Farmers Are Urged To Have Work Stock Examined By Veterinarian

The annual horse and mule clinic will be held in the county, beginning January 12. H. D. Quessenberry, county agent, announced this week. A complete schedule, announcing time and place of examinations for work stock, is now being worked out and will be announced next week. The series of clinics will last for eight days, beginning January 12. (Continued on page 4)

Rotarians Will Not Meet Tonight

Rotarians are reminded that the regular meeting of the Jefferson Rotary club will not be held tonight in observance of New Year's Day. The club will meet as usual next Thursday, January 3, after observing both Christmas and New Year's.

Prices Climb To All - Time High As Year Comes To End

Washington - Wholesale prices continued their steady climb during the week ending Dec. 20, scattering postwar records and edging closer to the all-time high of May, 1920, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported yesterday.

However, food prices declined slightly in the same period, especially for meats, eggs, fats and oils. This was offset somewhat, the bureau said, by higher figures for fresh fruits and vegetables. Prices of foods were 0.3 per cent lower than a month earlier, but still 11.7 per cent above a year ago.

The wholesale price index covering about 900 commodities rose seven-tenths of one per cent during the week to come within three per cent of the record level of May, 1920. The bureau pointed

Eligibility Of New Growers Is Outlined By ACA Office

It was announced this week by the ACA office that the closing date for filing applications for new-grower tobacco allotments is February 1.

Attention of those seeking allotments is called to the following requirements:

The operator shall have had experience in growing burley tobacco either as a share cropper, tenant, or as a farm operator during two of the past five years. A veteran shall be eligible if he has had experience in growing tobacco during one year either within the five years immediately prior to his entry or since his discharge from the armed forces.

The farm operator shall live and be largely dependent for his livelihood on the farm covered by the application, unless the community and county committee determines that he does not live on the farm because of conditions beyond his control, such as inability to obtain material with which to repair or construct a house on the farm.

The farm covered by the application shall be the only farm owned. (Continued on page 8)

Expect Higher Prices During Remaining Time

Tri-State Warehouse Has Plenty Of Floor Space; Receiving Tobacco

The Tri-State Burley Tobacco Warehouse, here is now receiving tobacco for the after holiday sales scheduled to re-open on Monday morning, January 5.

According to all indications, prices will be slightly higher than they were before the Christmas holidays and all farmers are invited to bring the remainder of their crops to West Jefferson.

The new market has plenty of floor space and can sell tobacco the day it comes in as soon as the sales are resumed Monday, it was pointed out. The market also has plenty of buyers and graders. The million pound mark was hit before the holidays.

"We were pleased with the number of farmers we were able to serve before the holidays as well as the prices brought, considering the quality of the tobacco," C. C. Taylor said. He added that they were looking forward to serving even more when the sales are resumed next week.

The new West Jefferson warehouse is largely owned by farmers and every effort is made at all times to serve the needs of the growers.

Breeding Work To Begin On Sat.

Clifford Koontz Is Technician; Farmers Urged To Sign Us Their Cows

Plans for activating artificial breeding work in the county Saturday were perfected at meeting in the county agent's office Tuesday night.

H. D. Quessenberry urged that all farmers who had not signed up their cows do so immediately, as some more are needed to finance the program.

The artificial breeding program is being sponsored by the Guernsey Breeders Association in this county and a technician is being employed to inseminate the prescribed cows of the members with viable semen, furnished by the Southeastern Artificial Breeders Association (proven bulls of Guernsey, Jersey and Holstein breeds.)

Clifford Koontz, who has had special training in this work at State college, has been employed as technician.

At the meeting Tuesday night it was decided that at the present, when farmers want service for their cows, that the request (Continued on page 4)

Town To Be Rid Of Stray Dogs

Citizens of the town of West Jefferson are reminded of the town ordinance which states that dogs are not allowed to roam at large through the town, Ralph Campbell, clerk, stated this week.

Beginning today and continuing through next week, all stray dogs that are found in town, will be shot. Dog owners are asked to keep their dogs confined at home.

Bank Hearing Is Held Tuesday

Guernsey J. Hood, N. C. Commissioner of Banks, held a hearing at the community building Tuesday to consider the application of the Northwestern Bank to open a branch at West Jefferson and to close the branch at Jefferson.

There was some testimony offered objecting to the removal of the Jefferson branch as well as more in favor of the removal. The application will be considered again before the N. C. Banking commission in Raleigh, this month.