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FIVE AND HALF MILLION POUNDS OF BURLEY SOLD

Mountain Burley Houses Go Into Last Week of Sales With All Poundage Records Broken; Receipts Continued Rather Brisk Tuesday

More than five and one-half million pounds of burley tobacco had been auctioned on the floors of the Mountain Burley Warehouses here until this morning, with indications that the day's sales would bring the turnover to a gain of a million pounds over last year. Actual season sales were given at 5,591,000 pounds.

Receipts of weed continued rather brisk today and Tuesday about 70,000 pounds of tobacco was sold, with the good grades still bringing high prices.

Sales will continue through Thursday and Friday, it is stated by Mr. Coleman, thus marking the end of the current season.

Mr. Coleman suggests that any tobacco remaining in the section be brought in immediately so that it may be sold before the close of the auction.

P.T.A. MEETING WELL ATTENDED

"Juvenile Guidance in the Community" is Theme for Meeting of Parents and Teachers

A large number of teachers and parents of the community were present at the meeting of the Parent-Teachers Association held in the local high school auditorium on Monday evening January 28.

In the contest between grades to determine which had the largest number of representatives present the sixth grade in the elementary school and Mr. Williams' ninth grade home room were winners. An award of one dollar each was made to these rooms.

Announcements were made concerning a pie supper at the elementary school on February 14, and the need and plans for raising money for the band, which is now under the direction of Mr. Gordon Nash.

"Juvenile Guidance in the Community" was the theme of the program for the evening, with Mr. Clyde Greene presiding. In introducing the program Mr. Greene remarked that the problem of rearing children is greater now than ever before because in earlier times all activity was centered around the home, whereas now so much of the activity takes place away from the home. Since there are so many agencies which affect the child's growth today these influences should be made the best possible.

Mr. Donald Thompson talked on the part the parents play in the development of the child. Parents must grow up with their children, and an adult must be able to attune himself to the interests of the child. Parents who grow with their children are able to encourage and stimulate them. There is nothing static about child life, each generation is different. Children are what we make them. Adequate parents are not born, they are taught and we must keep up with the teaching of the children by understanding rather than by rote.

"The Parent and the High School in Juvenile Guidance" was the topic of Mr. Cratis Williams' discussion. The problems of the growing child are more difficult during the time he is in High School than at any other time, he said, and continued that his likes and dislikes change

Mr. Smith Accepts Work With Veterans Administration in Ill.

Mr. Burke M. Smith has accepted a position as clinical psychologist with the veterans administration at the veterans hospital in Hines, Ill. Mr. Smith left last week to assume his new duties. He also plans to continue work on his doctor's degree at the University of Chicago.

Mr. Smith has been spending his terminal leave at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Hall Smith of Boone, and Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Hayes of Triplett, after serving over 42 months in the navy. His naval duties consisted of psychological work with naval recruits, neuro-psychiatric casualties, and with prisoners. Prior to entering the service, he was an instructor in psychology at Appalachian State Teachers College.

Mrs. Smith accompanied Mr. Smith and they plan to make their new home in the Chicago area.

Declared Dead



PFC. J. C. KRIDER

J. C. KRIDER IS DECLARED DEAD

Son of Todd Man, Missing Since April, Said to Be Dead by War Department

Pfc. J. C. Krider, who had been reported missing in action in Germany since April 14, 1945, has been officially declared dead, according to a notification to the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Krider of Todd, from the War Department.

Pfc. Krider, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Krider, was born Jan. 15, 1926, at Todd. He entered service April 12, 1944, and completed his basic training at Camp Blanding, Fla. Pfc. Krider went overseas in December, 1944, and served with the Seventh army in the infantry.

In addition to the parents he is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Don Walters of Jefferson; Mrs. Tatum Brown of Todd, and Mrs. Forrest Greene of Boone, and one brother, Pfc. William F. Krider of Camp Pinedale, Fresno, Calif.

Dr. Harmon Returns; To Reopen Medical Office Here Monday

Dr. R. H. Harmon, former Boone physician, and family are establishing their residence this week in the Dr. Hugh Watson house in Daniel Boone Park, and Dr. Harmon announces that he will reopen his office for the general practice of medicine in the Dr. Perry building next Monday.

Dr. Harmon, who is on terminal leave from the army, will be formally separated from the service next Saturday. He holds the rank of lieutenant-colonel and saw much service in the Pacific battle areas. During his leave he has taken special post-graduate medical courses.

Son Telephones His Mother From Overseas

Mrs. H. F. Ingle of Boone, had the thrilling experience of talking by telephone to her son, Pfc. Herbert F. Ingle, from Bern, Switzerland, last Saturday. The conversation lasted for three minutes and Mrs. Ingle says reception was quite as good as is the case in local telephone calls.

Pfc. Ingle, who is with the 355th Engineers, was en route from Bremen, Germany, to Rome when he called. He has been in the army since February 6, 1943, and has served with the engineers in England, France and Germany since January, 1944. He expects to return in March.

T-5 HENRY R. TESTER RECEIVES DISCHARGE

T-5 Henry R. Tester, son of Mr. and Mrs. Duke Tester of Valle Crucis, arrived home Jan. 30, after serving three years in the army with the 127th Signal Radio Int. Co., of which 22½ months were spent in Burma and China. While overseas he served as radio operator, supply clerk and truck driver. While driving a truck he made three trips from Burma to China, over the Burma road, hauling troops, supplies and ammunition.

He has five medals, American theatre, Asiatic-Pacific with three bronze stars, World War II, Victory medal and Good Conduct.

Yields on North Carolina's 80,000 acres of sweet potatoes averaged between 97 and 115 bushels per acre in 1945 but quality was described as "poor" by extension service horticulturists.

MILLARD GREER MAKES ESCAPE FROM LENOIR JAIL

Arrested in North Wilkesboro, Companion of Man and Woman Caught in Boone on Robbery Charges, Saws Bars From Caldwell County Jail

Millard Greer and Estel Greer, brothers, who were being held in Lenoir jail on robbery charges, escaped Monday evening, apparently having used a hacksaw in opening their cell door. They waited in the corridor for the jailer, locked him in a cell and came down in the elevator.

Millard Greer, one of a trio who held up and robbed a North Wilkesboro taxi driver near Deep Gap on January 7, and who had made his escape when his companions were arrested in Boone by Patrolman M. C. Jones and Police Officer Scruggs, had been arrested by North Wilkesboro police Saturday, after fierce resistance to the efforts of three officers.

Albert Bradley and Virginia Greer Watkins, who were with Greer when the taximan was robbed, bound and gagged, were taken by local officers to West Jefferson, since the crime was committed in the edge of Ashe county. They are still in custody there.

Greer faces similar charges, having robbed a taxi driver and left him imprisoned in the trunk of his cab in Caldwell county. In Tennessee he is being sought for kidnaping and robbery, it is said, while in Virginia he is listed as an escapee from the state penitentiary where he was serving a sentence for highway robbery.

O.P.A. CLOSES LOCAL OFFICE

Function of Rationing Board Transferred to District Office at West Jefferson

The OPA, usually referred to as the "ration board," closed its office in Boone on January 31, after four years of administering price and rationing regulations in Watauga county, and in the future the functions of OPA will be conducted through district offices.

Anyone in this area having business with OPA will henceforth contact the office in West Jefferson, which serves Watauga, Ashe and Alleghany counties, or the state office in Raleigh.

Lions Club Inducts Number New Members

The Boone Lions Club inducted eight new members at its regular meeting in the Gateway Cafe Tuesday evening. Those inducted were: James H. Council, former club president, who was re-instated; Jack Hodges, Robert Agle, W. M. Grubbs, John Wellborn, Sam Raper, William Welch and Willis Chester.

The program for the evening was in charge of the education committee. Those appearing on the program were: D. J. Whittener, who spoke on "What I Do as Zone Chairman"; Robert C. Busted, "What I Do as Lion President"; Ralph W. House, "What I Do as Secretary-Treasurer"; G. K. Moose, "What I Do as a Member of the Board of Directors"; J. K. Parker, Jr., "What I Do as Bulletin Editor"; T. M. Greer, "What I Do as a Member of the Club"; and A. R. Smith, "What Lions International Is."

Lion W. Amos Abrams presented emblems of membership to the new members and the Lions code of ethics. Capt. Carlos DeLima, a guest of the club, spoke enthusiastically of Boone, the mountains and the citizens of Watauga county. Mr. Wagoner was also a guest.

CEILINGS SET ON GAS AND ELECTRIC STOVES

Raleigh, Feb. 5—Consumers may now purchase the new gas and electric stoves, beginning to reach retail stores, at 1942 prices, State OPA Director T. S. Johnson said today.

OPA dollar-and-cent prices on the two available types—the standard range and the apartment size stove—vary widely just as stove prices did before the war, Johnson explained. However, a typical price for a standard electric range is \$189 and for an apartment size electric stove, \$157. A typical price for a gas stove is \$75 for a "small" size and \$95 for the standard range.

As late as the 14th century, English schools still taught Latin through French.

President Meets Air Force Association Group



Gen. James H. Doolittle and key figures of the air force association, called upon President Truman following election of Doolittle as president of the group. Left to right: General Doolittle, Col. Willis S. Fitch, T-Sgt. Forest Vossler, President Truman, Lt. Col. Thomas G. Lanphier, Jr., Sgt. Merryl Frost and Col. James M. Stewart.

Another Tobacco House To Be Built This Season

World Bank Post



Fred M. Vinson, native of Kentucky, present secretary of the treasury, has been named by President Truman to be U. S. governor of the international monetary fund and of the international bank. He will also remain as secretary of the treasury.

LINVILLE ROAD TO BE TOPIC OF COMMERCE GROUP

Chamber Commerce Gathering Thursday to Concern Itself Possibilities of Construction of Boone to Linville Highway; Avery Folks to Attend

The construction of the proposed highway from Boone to Linville will be the major topic of discussion at a meeting of the Boone Chamber of Commerce to be held Thursday evening, Feb. 14, it is announced by Mr. H. W. Wilcox, president of the organization, who states that a number of people from Avery county will be in attendance, and asks that there be a large attendance of people from this community.

"The chamber," says Mr. Wilcox, "considers that the Linville road should be one of the Governor's rural problems, since it would afford an outlet for so many people who are now unable to handily reach marketing and shopping centers. Requests for this road have been increasing from the rural districts which such a highway would serve. It is to be added that it would also relieve a serious bottleneck west of Boone by giving us a splendid outlet to Tennessee and the western part of the state."

The hour and place of the meeting will be announced in the next edition of The Democrat, Mr. Wilcox said.

Lieut. and Mrs. Horton Gragg are spending the week at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gragg. They are en route from Fort Worth, Texas, to Kearns Field, Salt Lake City, Utah, and Lieut. Gragg, who is an air corps pilot, expects to later proceed to the Pacific area for a tour of duty.

Group of Independent Buyers Acquire Property and Secure Permit for Construction of Big New House; Work May Start in 30 Days

The early erection of another modern tobacco warehouse in Boone by a group of independent tobacco buyers, was revealed to The Democrat Tuesday afternoon, when it was learned that Messrs. A. G. Wright, C. C. Taylor, Rex Taylor and O. L. Badgett had purchased a lot, secured a building permit, and plan to start the erection of the new house within the next 30 days, if weather conditions permit.

The warehouse, it is stated, will contain 65,000 square feet of floor space, will be constructed of cement, wood and steel, will be thoroughly modern, and will incorporate a number of new and modern features for the convenience and comfort of the farmers. It is planned to have the building finished by September.

The Messrs. Taylor, Wright and Badgett have had an average of 20 years experience in the tobacco business, and have bought and sold tobacco throughout all the belts. They are well known here, where they have been on the local market every season of its operation.

Early Settlement of Steel Strike Forecast

A high federal official predicted in Washington Tuesday night that a pending steel price increase, reported to be announced in a day or two as part of a revised wage-price policy, would result in settlement of the nation's steel strike.

This official, who declined to give his name, stated that "the government will put all its chips down. The steel industry will know exactly where the government stands. I think they will settle."

His comment highlighted back-of-the-scenes reports that the proposed new price and wage policy already had reached the White House in draft form and would be announced publicly today.

Unexpected "differences of opinion" had developed, some administration leaders said, on the price and wage policy, which would allow industry to hike prices sufficiently to permit higher wages—the whole being aimed at untangling wage disputes currently affecting 1,445,000 workers.

In one of the most recent disputes, the office of defense transportation, by presidential order, was to take over and operate 91 strike-bound tugboat companies in New York harbor beginning at 12:01 today.

Meanwhile, leaders of the CIO's "biggest units" now on strike—the United Steel workers, United Electrical workers and United Automobile workers, were summoned by CIO President Philip Murray to confer in Washington Thursday, adding a general belief that definite action was expected in the nation's capitol.

Further support to the belief that government action was imminent came from Detroit where James F. Dewey, special federal mediator in the General Motors strike, said "national developments" affecting prices or wages were expected shortly.

POLIO CAMPAIGN ENDS THURSDAY; BEHIND QUOTA

Total of \$1,268 Has Been Turned in So Far in Fight Against Infantile Paralysis; Schools and Churches of County Are Yet to Report

The campaign for funds with which to combat infantile paralysis comes to an end today, with collections thus far something like \$1,000 behind the county's quota of \$2,250. But Mr. Howard Cottrell, chairman of the campaign, is hopeful that when reports from over the county are received, that the goal may be reached.

Mr. Cottrell states that collections thus far amount to \$1,268, and insists on last minute subscriptions. He is insisting that all school principals, churches and others, who have solicited funds for the infantile paralysis foundation, make their reports to him at once. Practically none of these reports have been received and returns are not yet in from the business district of Boone. All those who will contribute to the relief of the little children in their fight against the great crippler, are asked to mail their contributions directly to Mr. Cottrell in Boone.

The President's Ball, held last Thursday evening, was highly successful, a large number of local people gathering for the annual event, and the net proceeds were \$157. A former dance yielded \$56.

MRS. DOUGHERTY DIES AT AGE 97

Aunt of Local College President Dies at Home in Russellville, Tenn.

Mrs. Leah Dougherty, native Wataugan, and well-known by all the older residents of the county, died at her home in Russellville, Tenn., last Friday, after an illness of one week. Mrs. Dougherty was 97 years old.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday and burial was in the home community. Among those attending the rites from Boone were John Greer, Mrs. Jessie McGuire, Edwin Dougherty, Mrs. Annie Ruffy and Dr. B. B. Dougherty. A large number of friends and relatives from the Cove Creek section were present.

Mrs. Dougherty, who was the former Miss Leah Adams, a sister of the late T. P. Adams, was the widow of the late Isaac Dougherty, an uncle of Dr. B. B. Dougherty and Mrs. R. M. Greene of Boone. She was reared in the Cove Creek section of Watauga county, and was widely known and beloved throughout western North Carolina and eastern Tennessee. She had made her home in Russellville for about 25 years.

Immediate survivors are one son and three daughters: Hardin Dougherty, Miss Sallie Dougherty, Mrs. Rebecca Hyatt and Mrs. Ella Wall, all of Russellville, Tenn.

Better Bus Service To Ashe Co. Sought

It appears that there is considerable interest in a local effort to secure better bus service from the Greyhound lines between Boone and West Jefferson. Specifically local business people would like a schedule which would permit folks along the line to come to Boone, do their shopping and return.

Petitions are being forwarded to the Greyhound Corporation in this connection and those interested should call at the Economy Store in Boone and affix their signatures.

HOEY REPORTS TOBACCO BILL TO SENATE FLOOR

Washington, Feb. 5—Senator Clyde R. Hoey, as a member of the senate agriculture committee, today reported the new tobacco quota bill to the floor. The bill was given a place on the consent calendar and is expected to be enacted without opposition when it is called up. It already has passed the house.

The bill would increase penalties for over-production of burley tobacco this year to 15 cents a pound or 40 percent of the sales price, whichever is larger, and would authorize the secretary of agriculture to reduce burley quotas.

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