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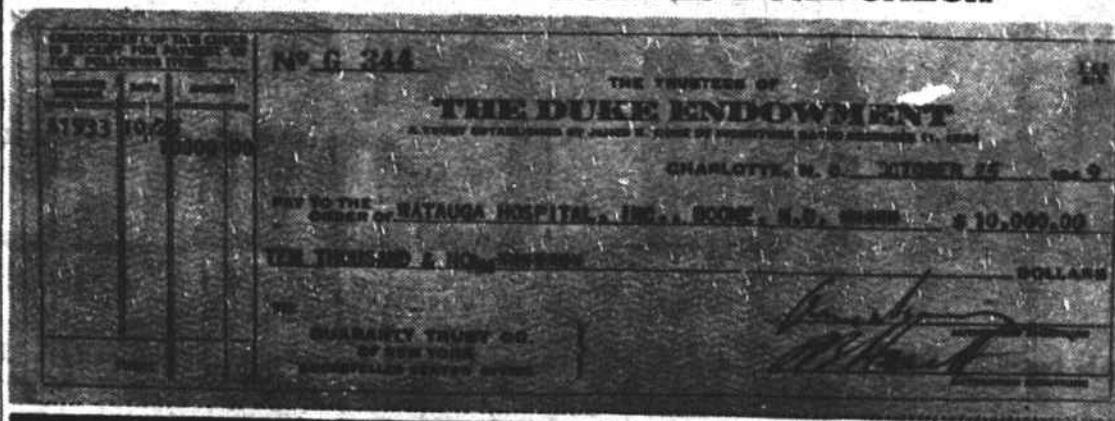
LOCAL DEER HUNTERS hunt up their old hunting pieces, oil the working parts, and draw an imaginary bead on an imaginary buck with about 26 points, and drag out the long-handled underwear, the woolen shirts, and the high boots, all set to sally forth into the woods next Monday morning in quest of the wily white tails . . . Bill Dameron, evidently figuring some of the nimrods will be bringing back the buckskin, announces a special service on processing and storing venison . . . Most of the hunters herabout go to the Pisgah and Daniel Boone wildlife management areas, where it is said the fleet-footed little animals have overstocked their ranges at their own peril. There's be lots of fun, relatively little meat, and a lot of tall tales when the rifles are tucked away again, and the hunter forgets about the cold feet, the freezing ears, stale sandwiches, and the game trails which were silent, for the most part . . . The little prong horn buck which silently slipped under an ivy bush and mysteriously disappeared, is liable to become an elk size monarch of the forests, leaping over ten foot saplings, and all the shots went plumb wide, 'cause the sun was shinin' right plumb in your eyes . . . Those of us who have experienced that November malady, known as buck-fever, and became paralyzed, frozen stiff just like a pointer who has taken the measure of a covey of quail in a stubble field, while a high-headed little buck, tripped sedately by, within stone's throw . . . never say a word about it . . . Sure we saw the buck, plain as day, but had heard voices in the direction in which he was strolling, and might have shot a man . . . We thought a time or two about shooting him . . . oh yes, even drew a bead on a little fleck just behind his left ear, about the time we thought of those voices . . . We never relate about that sickening helplessness, and that paralytic stance as we watch the graceful little buck, parade across the stage of the great open spaces . . . A dead buck, appearing behind a great black gum tree, looking back over his shoulder, disdainfully, as he bids us a graceful adieu . . . Yep, it's a lot of fun . . . Paul Coffey who used to venture forth every season on these deer-hunting forays, had a little card, with this inscription:

"BEHOLD the fisherman and hunter! . . . He riseth up early in the morning and disturbeth the household, no end . . . Mighty are his preparations . . . He goeth forth full of hope, and when the day is far spent, he returneth, often smelling of strong drink . . . and verily, the truth is not in him."

GORDON SHERWOOD, just back from a pheasant-shooting trip to South Dakota, brings us back a quick-frozen ring-neck, which was highly appreciated, tender and succulent, and brought back nostalgic memories of pheasant-shooting on the west slope of the Great Divide many years ago . . . Gordon's father, Mr. Ed Sherwood, accompanied the son part way, and took a hunt out in the hills from Denver, where he bagged a big mule deer, and a buffalo, meantime, visiting a brother in the mile-high city, whom he hadn't seen in a number of years . . . Tommy Osborne, district game protector, dropped by a while back, and tendered us a couple of gray squirrels, seeing as how we weren't likely to venture forth among the hickory trees this fall . . . All such kindnesses contribute a good deal to the joy of living . . . First snow of the season comes floating down last Thursday, but melted instantly . . . freeze that night laid waste the garden flowers, along with our late bean patch which had yielded a "mess" the day before . . . School teacher relates a few funny experiences which enliven the monotony in the realms of the three R's . . .

ONE PARENT, talking with the tutor of his small child, was genuinely concerned, and said was helping out right along with the home work, but added, "I don't lay too much store by readin', but I'm sort of conspici'us in 'numbers' . . . another patron, who was adding to her vocabulary, looked plyingly on the teacher, and sympathized, "Your work must be awful monopolous." . . . Then there was the lad, who had been so attentive, while the teacher was giving down enlightenment on historical lines . . . He hadn't batted an eye, and his orbs had never left the instructor . . . After a while, he broke the silence: "I want to ask a question." . . . "Certainly Johnny," replied the teacher, elated by his intense interest, "go ahead." . . . Johnny thought profoundly for another second or two, looked her squarely in the eye, and said firmly, "I want to ask a question." . . .

HOSPITAL BOARD RECEIVES DUKE CHECK



Clyde R. Greene, second from left, treasurer of the Watauga Hospital board of directors, is shown receiving check of \$10,000 from the Duke Foundation from G. K. Moore, chairman of the board. At the left is Stanley A. Harris, director of the recent hospital fiscal campaign, while at the extreme right is W. R. Winkler, chairman of the hospital building committee. (Photo by Palmer's Photo Service)

Self Defense Is Given as Cause for Shooting on Elk

Methodist Harvest Bazaar Thursday

Plans are near completion for the Harvest Bazaar to be held by the Boone Methodist Women's Society of Christian Service on Thursday, November 17, in the basement of the church. Baked goods, candy, fancy work, toys and other items suitable for Christmas giving will be on sale at various booths. The booths will open at 3 p. m. and remain open until after the supper. A turkey supper will be served from 5 p. m. until 7:30 p. m. Tickets for the supper are now on sale and may be purchased from circle members.

496 Million Is '50 Burley Quota

The Secretary of Agriculture has proclaimed a 1950 burley marketing quota of 496 million pounds. Farmers who are eligible to vote will be given an opportunity to vote in a referendum to determine if they desire marketing quotas on burley tobacco. This referendum will be held in the various communities in the county Saturday, November 26. Any farmer who shares in a 1949 burley tobacco crop either as owner, tenant or share cropper will be eligible to vote in this referendum. Notices of 1950 farm acreage allotments for all burley tobacco farms will be mailed prior to the referendum. For all farms of one acre or more, the allotments will be reduced 14.7 per cent. This factor was set by the Secretary of Agriculture. For all farms of 0.9, or less, no reduction will be made.

Election Bulletin

Democrat Herbert Lehman won easily in Tuesday's election, over John Foster Dulles for the New York Senate seat, formerly held by ailing Robert F. Wagner, in a campaign centering about President Truman's fair deal program. Mayor O'Dwyer was re-elected in New York City. Governor Driscoll, Republican, was re-elected Governor of New Jersey. Democrats elected mayors in four up-State New York cities, normally Republican, also winning the top city posts in contests in other states. In Pittsburgh Democratic Mayor David Lawrence was ahead about two to one, while the Democrats were also carrying Cleveland. Indications were that the Democrats were gaining control of the Philadelphia government.

W. W. Randall Fills Bond in Shooting of Son-in-Law; Injury Not Critical

Perry Watson, resident of the Triplett neighborhood is a patient at Watauga hospital, suffering from a gunshot wound in the hip, said to have been inflicted by his father-in-law, W. W. Randall, at the Randall home Sunday evening. Watson's condition isn't said to be critical and his recovery is anticipated. Randall, who gave bond in the sum of \$1,000 for his appearance at the spring term of court to answer charges of assault with a deadly weapon, is quoted by Sheriff C. M. Watson, as saying that the load from the shotgun was fired in self defense, when the injured man advanced upon him with an axe and knife. Randall said the sheriff, further stated that there had been trouble between the two earlier in the day, and that Watson had threatened the life of Randall. The sheriff said the injured man was under the influence of liquor when the trouble occurred.

Top Tobacco Grader To Help Farmers

Mr. John Van Arsdall, Federal tobacco grader, will assist with two tobacco stripping, sorting and grading meetings on Thursday, November 17. While we realize that quite a lot of tobacco will be graded before that time, it is felt that most tobacco farmers will be benefited by the meetings. The schedule is as follows: 10:00 a. m., November 17 at Ivan Farthing's near Bethel School; 2:00 p. m., November 17, at Charles Lewis at Sherwood. Mr. Van Arsdall has graded tobacco on the Boone market and is a tobacco farmer himself, therefore, he knows both sides of the problem. Bring your grading questions to him, also a sample of your tobacco if you like. Can you sort your tobacco so that it will bring top price? Are you always satisfied with the price your tobacco brings? Does your tobacco look better on the floor than the average? If you can answer all of these questions, then you do not need to attend a tobacco grading meeting.

Commissioner Goforth To Hold Meeting Here

Highway commissioner Mark Goforth of Lenoir, will be at the courthouse in Boone at 10 o'clock Thursday November 10, for the purpose of discussing road problems with interested citizens.

FARM INCOME
Gross farm income is expected to total about \$30,000,000,000 this year, with actual cash income from marketings of about \$18,000,000,000.

Hospital Board Cites Progress

Following the receipt of a ten thousand dollar check from the Duke Foundation, the board of trustees announced that the equipment for the new hospital kitchen has been bought and will be on hand ready for installation by the time the new addition is completed. Work has been in progress on the additional structure, until the steel shortage developed. However, there is assurance that the work will be resumed soon. The hospital board passed a resolution expressing thanks to the 677 individuals and firms who made contributions to the expansion program at the local hospital. Special thanks were tendered the members of the advance gifts committee, the teams which solicited in Boone, and those who carried out the work in the rural areas, as well as to Dr. H. B. Perry and Dr. R. H. Harmon, who contributed equipment valued at more than \$500. A special vote of appreciation was given to the members of the \$250 Club which included Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Broyhill of Lenoir, I. S. Ayers, Boone, Dr. Lawrence Owsley, Dr. Len Hagaman, members of the Boone Rotary Club, James H. Councill, Boone Drug Co., New River Light and Power Company, Frank Payne, Trailway Laundry, George Greene, Guy Hunt, Dr. William Matheson, Grady Farthing, Carolina Pharmacy, W. W. and Howard Mast and family, Hospital employees, Ralph Winkler, Farmers Hardware and Supply Company, Stanley A. Harris and wife, Watauga Building and Loan, Watauga Centennial, Inc., and Mrs. Joseph Cannon of Blowing Rock. Three of these took two units and one took four units making a total of twenty-seven gifts of \$250 each, in addition to the amounts they had given earlier in the year. A total of \$32,000 has been subscribed and \$30,000 already paid in, in addition to the \$10,000 from Duke which, when the other subscriptions are paid, "should give us a first class hospital, adequate for our needs for the time being." The Board called attention to the fact that already \$7,000 of charity work has been done since the first of February and while the hospital has been able so far this year to pay expenses of operation, "no County Hospital doing this amount of charity can hope to operate without subsidy from the county or city."

Christmas Edition Plans Proceeding

The Democrat is going forward with its plans for the publication of its annual Christmas opening edition which will be issued on Thanksgiving day, November 24. Advertisers are again requested to consider their needs, as solicitation gets under way today. The usual fine help of the merchants is again anticipated in the making of the edition.

DAIRY FIELD SHORT COURSE TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY

Outstanding Dairymen of the State Will Gather To Aid Local Farmers in Improving Their Status; List of the Prominent Speakers Given.

The first Dairy Field Short Course to be held in Watauga County will be held at the Courthouse in Boone on Wednesday, November 16. This program will bring to Boone some of the most outstanding dairymen of the state, to discuss dairy subjects of interest to all farmers who want to make money from dairying. The program is as follows:
10-10:30 a. m.—Herd Health; Dr. C. D. Grinnell, Prof. of Veterinary Science, N. C. State College.
10:30-11 a. m.—Raising Dairy Calves; Dr. R. K. Waugh, Prof. Dairy Husbandry, N. C. State College.
11-11:30 a. m.—What Is New in Fly Control; Dr. G. D. Jones, Extension Entomologist, N. C. State College.
11:30-12 noon—How To Keep the Bacteria Count Low; Mr. J. F. Brown, Extension Dairyman, N. C. State College.
1-1:30 p. m.—Care of the Milking Machine; Mr. N. S. Carlson, representative DeLaval Separator Company, Charlotte.
1:30-2 p. m.—High Quality-Low Cost Forage; Mr. S. H. Dobson, Extension Agronomist, N. C. State College.
2-2:30 p. m.—Why Level Out Seasonal Milk Production; Mr. J. A. Arey, Extension Dairyman, N. C. State College.
County agent L. E. Tuckwiler said he hoped that all dairy farmers of Watauga County will be able to attend this meeting.

Harvest Sale Next Saturday

4-H club members eagerly talk of plans and items to be sold in the Harvest Festival sale on Saturday morning, November 12, at 10:00 o'clock in front of Todd's Ezzo Station near the Boone postoffice. Farm men and women are assisting wholeheartedly with the sale, the proceeds going to build a 4-H camp for Western North Carolina. The sale will give the people of Boone an opportunity to buy county produce direct from the farm. Items offered for sale will include articles from white rats to horses. Also cakes, pies, canned vegetables, fruits, jellies, jams, handiwork, fresh vegetables, nuts, chickens, eggs, or any other miscellaneous articles available. Plans are under way for surprise packages and cake walks. Plan now to meet at the Harvest Festival sale to sell or buy!

COUNTY OFFICES CLOSE

The county offices will be closed Friday in observance of Armistice Day. U. S. lines carried 13,295 on student voyages abroad.

JUNIORS PRESENT BIBLE, FLAG



Members of the Junior Order are shown presenting a flag and Bible to the Todd High School. Left to right: W. H. Gregg, I. S. Ayers, James Miller, school principal Glenn Howell, Clyde R. Greene, Ralph G. Greene and Ned Norris.

On Wednesday morning of last week officials and members of the local Junior Order United American Mechanics, Daniel Boone No. 129, made a public presentation of a flag and Bible to the Todd High school at Todd. I. S. Ayers, Councilor of Third District, and Ned Norris, Councilor of Daniel Boone Council, were in charge of the program. The Bible was presented by W. H. Gregg who reviewed the principles of the order and emphasized the reading and use of the Bible in public schools. Clyde R. Greene, a national official of the order, next presented a large U. S. flag. He explained the use of the flag in public

Burley Acreage Cut or Loss Subsidies Looms

Gala Dance Ends Hi School Fete

The first homecoming of Appalchian High school was acclaimed a big success by all who attended the events. On Thursday night, November 3, over 300 parents, alumni, and students attended the play, "The Love Pirate," and the reception held in study hall afterwards. At the play the guests were welcomed by Bobby McConnell, president of the student body. Five members of the high school's first graduating class of 1929 were present and were recognized by Mr. Wey. These five members were Mrs. Gordon Winkler, Mrs. Dempsey Wilcox, Mr. Edgar Brown, Mr. Coaker Triplett and Mr. Albert Farthing. The annual open house was held on Thursday night, and all homerooms were open for visitors to see the attractive and ingenious displays arranged by the students in the homeroom contest. In the contest Mr. Hollis' senior homeroom won first place; Mr. Nolan's tenth grade won second, and Mr. Petrey's seventh grade won third. At the reception guests were welcomed by Bobby McConnell and Barbara Bingham, president and vice-president of the Student Council. Refreshments were served by Mrs. A. E. Hamby, Miss Kathleen McDonald, Jane Keplar, Betty Raye Greene, Mildred Dean and Joanne Aldridge. On Friday afternoon the high school band appeared in a parade with floats that were decorated by various clubs of the school. In the float contest first place was awarded to the Astronomy Club, sponsored by Mr. Randall. Second place was given to the boys senior 4-H club, sponsored by Mr. Bingham; and third place was awarded the Visual Aids Club, sponsored by Mr. Wey. The Homecoming king and queen were recognized on the football field on Friday night. Orlando Brown, selected queen by popular vote of the student body, was crowned by Barbara Bingham, chief cheerleader. The two ladies-in-waiting for the queen were Betty Jean Barnes (continued on page three)

Army Postal Unit Holds Monthly Meet

The 3558th Army Postal Unit held its regular meeting Monday night, November 7, in their hall. Sgt. Mack gave a lecture on Physical Training and its importance to service personnel. A motion picture, "The Survival of the Fittest," was shown. Eleven men have recently joined the Organized Reserve Corp. They include Melvin L. Shepard, McDonald Cook, Arlis Townsend, Lewis D. Hodges, Rudolph Greene, Willard B. Layell, James L. Penley, Charles T. Weber, William L. Eury, Paul Phillips. Christmas Seals have been sold annually in the United States since 1907.

Homecoming Set At Cove Creek

Cove Creek Homecoming will be observed Friday, November 18 when the final game of the year will be played with Crossmore. Parents and friends are invited to visit the class rooms, attend chapel at 11:15 and be present for a tea served by the Home Economics classes after the football game at 3:00 o'clock. Tickets for the game will be on sale at the registration booth all during the morning. Americans Education week will be observed at a special chapel program on Thursday morning at 8:45 when Dr. John G. Barden of Appalachian State Teachers College will speak. School will be dismissed on Wednesday, November 23 for the Thanksgiving holidays and will open again on Monday, November 28. Appalchian High School defeated Cove Creek on Friday night with a score of 13-7. Cove Creek scored early in the first quarter when David Horton went around right end for a touchdown and then made the extra point. In the second quarter Appalchian came back to tie the score 7-7. The third quarter neither side scored but in the last few minutes of play Appalchian advanced down the field with passes that finally resulted in the winning touchdown. Miss Jennie Love has been home with her mother for several days during Mrs. Love's illness. Mrs. Love died Tuesday morning. Mrs. James B. Mast is teaching for Miss Love. Lowell Smith and Carleen Perry have been out of school for several days because of sickness.

Football Saturday

The Atlantic Christian grid-ders will meet the Mountaineers on college field in Boone next Saturday afternoon, leaving only one more encounter on the local grid card. The locals will meet Morris Harvey at Charleston, W. Va., on the afternoon of November 19. Caller bids armed forces give work to small businesses.

15 Per Cent Cut in Plantings Of Weed Next Year May Prevent Loss Supports

Washington, Nov. 3. — Major growers of burley (cigarette-type) tobacco were ordered today to choose between a 15 per cent cut in plantings under rigid government controls next year or loss all government price supports. To hold down surpluses, Secretary of Agriculture Charles F. Brannan proposed that production continue under marketing quota controls. He set the national planting allotment for 1950 at 421,000 acres, 10 per cent below this year's allotment of 468,000 acres. But major growers generally would be cut about 15 per cent because no grower can have his allotment cut below nine-tenths of one acre. That means thousands of growers would not be affected by the reduction program. Because of the drastic penalties for non-compliance with the quota controls, they cannot go into force unless approved by two-thirds of all growers voting by secret ballot in a referendum. Brannan has scheduled this referendum for Saturday, November 26. If quotas are voted down, all government price props will be stripped from the 1950 crop. That means growers would be free to produce as much as they wish, but none would receive price supports. On the other hand, if the growers approve the control program, they may get a higher price support next year. For example, if the new farm law just signed by President Truman were in effect on this year's crop, burley supports would have been set 10 per cent higher. Officials here believe the growers will approve the quotas. In the last referendum in 1946 they voted 95.9 per cent for quotas for the years 1947, 1948 and 1949. Two-thirds of the crop is grown in Kentucky. Other major producing areas are southern Indiana, southern Ohio, West Virginia, Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee and Missouri. Eighty per cent of the crop goes into cigarettes. Burley farms generally are small. The average allotment per farm this year was said to be 1.6 acres. The department said the 1950 planting allotment would produce 496,000,000 pounds, if yields equal the five-year (1944-48) average. This year's allotment produced 545,000,000 pounds. Despite use of quotas, production has been running ahead of consumption for four of the last five years, officials said the national planting allotment for 1950 is 30 per cent less than the 1944 allotment. But yields have (continued on page eight)