

# Thousands Of Acres Good Land In Watauga In Need Of Drainage

Thousands of acres of good farm land in the Watauga Soil Conservation District is in need of drainage, according to Edgar Greene, soil conservation aide for the district.

Most of this land has very little or no problem with soil erosion but cannot produce a good crop because of excess water. Many farmers are not harvesting maximum yields of crops because excess water in the fields has reduced yields far below the potential for the fields.

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A survey of the field in most cases will be necessary to locate the drainage lines in the proper places. This survey will indicate the right depth and grade or slope



**DRAINAGE**—Edgar Greene, soil conservation aide, observes water on edge of field, in preparation to planning a drainage system. By ridding the field of this water, the land may all be utilized.

to install the system. Billy Foutz, work unit conservationist, said that he and Mr. Greene are available to assist farmers in the district with their drainage problems, and will be glad to advise them on what might be the best method of drainage. Agricultural Conservation Program will make payment to farmers for an approved drainage system, Mr. Foutz pointed out.

Some of the farmers in Watauga county who were listed by Mr. Greene who have installed good drainage systems that are functioning well are D. E. Church of Mabel; Dean Swift, Lower Cove Creek; Dean Wilson, Beaver Dam; Ray Clark, Shulls Mills; A. S. Cooper & Sons, Brownwood. There are scores of other farmers who have been successful in ridding their fields of excess water with some type of drainage system, according to Mr. Greene.

# 4,431 Citizens Are Given Free Chest X-Rays

Watauga county people should have a greater feeling of health security because the chest x-ray mobile unit has completed another successful visit in this county. While the mobile unit was serving here 4,431 citizens received advantage of the free chest x-ray service.

This x-ray service is provided to the people by the combined efforts of the State Health Department, Watauga Health Department, and the local TB Association.

"Every x-ray will be studied by qualified experts in their fields and a report will be mailed to each person x-rayed," according to Ruth T. Draughon, executive secretary of the local TB Association.

Many people contributed to the success of the chest x-ray survey. Mrs. Draughon said. These included the Watauga Democrat, chiefs of police in Boone and Blowing Rock; Mrs. Herman Eggers and her various church groups who served so efficiently as hostesses and assisted the clerks; clerks, officials of IRC, Shadowline, Prison Camp, Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corp.; and New River Light and Power Company.

Mrs. Draughon said, "The Health Departments and TB Association express thanks and appreciation to all of those for their cooperation in making Watauga county a healthier and safer place to work and play.

# Community ASC Elections Will Be Held Throughout County Sept. 11

The method of holding community ASC farmer-committee elections was announced this week by Vaughn Tugman, chairman of the Watauga County ASC committee. Community elections will be held in the county's ten designated agricultural communities on September 11. Polls will remain open from 8:00 a. m. to 6:00 p. m.

The polling places and farmers nominated for election as community committeemen and alternates, and delegates and alternate delegates to the county convention are as follows:

Beaver Dam—Donny Hagaman's Store, Howard Cable, Clyde Cornett, Buster Dishman, Jake Eggers, Dixon Farthing, Carl M. Johnson, G. D. Matheson, Lynn B. Norris, Paul Tester, and Joe Wilson.

Brushy Fork—Vilas Service Station—S. E. Anderson, G. I. Billings, Fred Blair, Don Elliott, Clay Greene, A. Y. Howell, Joe McNeil, Clifford Norris, Jeff Stanberry and Don Thompson.

Cove Creek—James B. Mast's Store — R. L. Banner, Danna Greene, Jack Heison, Dean Isaacs, Lynn Isaacs, Clay Thomas, Mont Thomas, Otto Thomas, Audie Presnell and M. L. Warren, Jr. Laurel Creek — V. D. Ward's Store—Frank Cable, Ned Glenn, Graden Hagaman, Edgar Harmon, Ollis A. Mast, Henry Oaks, Chas. E. Trivett, Arnold Presnell, R. V. Presnell, James Shull, and Ben L. Ward.

his Greene, Stacy Greene, G. J. Keller, Vance Keller, James F. Michael, and R. M. Shore. North Fork—Eller's Store—Earl Ellison, Fred Johnson, Claude May, Loyd Miller, J. M. South, Grant Thomas, Argus Wallace, Jack Wallace, Archie Wilson, C. R. Wilson. Shawneehaw—Yates Grocery—Lester Baird, Howell Cook, Russell Farthing, Iris Harmon, Frederick Michael, Henry Michael, Don Oliver, Willie Rupard, Hade Smith, W. C. Smith, Alvin Storie, Amos L. Ward and Arlen Yates.

Stony Fork—Deep Gap Postoffice—Joe L. Coffey, Sr., Doc Cox, Wiley Day, Thomas Fairchild, Lawrence Greene, Charlie Simmons, Hal Stanberry, Joe Wellborn, and Arthur Wheeler.

Meat Camp—Meat Camp Filling Station—Clyde Greene, Glenn Howell, Tom R. Jackson, Alfred McNeil, Ernest Moretz, Willard Norris, James Penley, Kermit Proffitt, Woodrow Starnes and J. C. Stanberry.

New River—Basil Smith's Store —H. E. Brookshire, M. O. Coffey, John Cook, Shuford Edmisten, Col-

# Hoxie Circus Is Sponsored

Hoxie Brothers three-ring circus is being billed to appear in Boone at the Horn in the West grounds Friday September 15, under the sponsorship of the Watauga County Rescue Squad.

The three-ring circus is the first one to appear in Boone in several years, and more details of the tented extravaganza of merriment will be given in subsequent editions of the Democrat.

# N. C. Farm Income Is Increasing

Cash receipts from farm marketings in North Carolina for the first five months of 1961 were 10 per cent higher than the same period in 1960.

"This year's figure is estimated at \$193,794,000, compared to \$175,181,000 for the first five months of 1960," says Dr. Charles Pugh, specialist in agricultural policy for the State College Agricultural Extension Service.

Pugh believes that the combination of the Feed Grain Program and higher support prices on several commodities this year should boost farm income further in the latter half of the year.

# NAVY EXTENDS DUTY

The Navy says it will freeze on active duty 26,000 officers and enlisted men who would have been leaving the service.

The men, the Navy announced, will be kept on duty from six months to a year.

The extension of active duty applies to both regular and reserve personnel and will involve 24,000 men and 2,000 officers.

Mikoyan offers Japan Soviet economic benefits.

# Blue Ridge Membership Corp. Issues Report; Meeting Sept. 9

The 1960 annual report of Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation was mailed last week to the 18,700 consumer-members of the corporation according to C. E. Viverette, General Manager.

Included with the mailing was the official notice of the twenty-fifth annual membership meeting which will be held this year at the Hudson High School on Saturday, September 9.

Viverette stated that operating revenues for 1960 amounted to \$1,995,934, up \$46,565 over 1959 even though a 10% rate reduction was effected January 1, 1960. This saved the members approximately \$200,000 in 1960. Assets of the corporation increased nearly half million dollars during 1960 to \$11,919,154. The members' equity-ownership increased \$130,000 for the year and amounted to \$1,533,975 at the close of 1960. "This was very gratifying," said Viverette, "considering the substantial rate reduction."

Corporation has a unique rate structure in that all users with power requirements of 50 KW or 63 horse power and less are on the same rate whether houses, farms, stores, or other types of users. As a result the commercial users have one of the lowest rates in the state by a substantial amount. The house rate is also below those in the area for users above 500 kwh per month.

Viverette stated power sales were up 11% over 1959 with the large industrial accounts using 45

million of the 110 million KWH sold. Industrial development has continued at a steady pace for the past several years in the cooperative's service area, according to Viverette. Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation operates 3,600 miles of line in Caldwell, Alexander, Avery, Watauga, Ashe, Alleghany, Surry, and Wilkes Counties. A. B. Hurt of Jefferson is President of the Corporation; W. B. Austin of Jefferson, vice president; and D. R. Moore of Granite Falls, secretary-treasurer.

# Mrs. Hartley Funeral Held

Mrs. Bina Kerley Hartley, 54, Route 4, Boone, died Sunday at Watauga Hospital.

Funeral rites were held Wednesday at 2 o'clock at the Mount Vernon Baptist Church by Rev. Wendel Critcher, Rev. Barney Oliver, and Rev. R. C. Eggers and burial was in the church cemetery.

Surviving are the husband, Vance Hartley, and the following sons and daughters: Larry Kerley, Boone; Gwyn Kerley, Detroit; Ed Kerley, North Wilkesboro; Jack Kerley, Boone; Kyle Kerley, Cleveland, Ohio; Tommy Kerley, Boone; Stuart Kerley, Indianapolis, Ind.; Steve Hartley, Boone; Mrs. Norma Baldwin, Detroit. Also surviving are a brother, James Watson, Deep Gap; three sisters, Mrs. Opa Clark, Maryland; Mrs. Arthur Huffman, Lenoir; Mrs. Sessie Hayes, Triplett.

# U. S. Farmers Reach Records

American farmers reached new high marks in efficiency of labor and total production last year, turning out 3 per cent more products with 3 per cent less labor than the year before.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture reported this in its annual revision of the publication "Changes in Farm Production and Efficiency."

One farm worker provided food, fiber and smoking for more than 26 persons (including himself) at home and abroad last year—two more than he was able to supply in 1959 and a dozen more than in 1946.

The annual report provides statistical comparisons of 1960 with earlier years in production of crops and livestock, man hours of labor, use of fertilizer and machinery, and output per man hour in major types of farming.

# Dr. Googe To Be Honored

Dr. James T. Googe of Boone, who received his Doctor of Medicine degree in 1911, is one of 49 physicians who will be honored by the University of Tennessee Medical Units at 3:30 Sunday afternoon, Sept. 24, at the Municipal Auditorium in Memphis.

The University is recognizing the services which Dr. Googe has rendered to his community during the half-century since his graduation. The physician will be presented with a Golden "T" certificate at commencement exercises. A bus tour of downtown Memphis, with emphasis on the Medical Center, and a luncheon honoring the group will precede the ceremony.

Dr. Googe received his Doctor of Medicine degree from the old Memphis Hospital Medical College, which was consolidated with the University of Tennessee College of Medicine in 1913.

# Capt. Horton Visitor Here

Captain David F. Horton, serving with the American forces in Frankfurt, Germany, has joined his wife and child visiting with Mrs. Mattie L. Walsh and Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Horton for several weeks.

Capt. Horton is a graduate of West Point Military Academy, and has been in command of Headquarters Company in Frankfurt, for several months.

# Grady Moody Dies In Florida

Grady L. Moody, 61, Homestead, Florida, died August 16 at his home after a long illness.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Maxine Moody, Homestead; his mother, Mrs. Laura Moody, Sugar Grove; and one sister, Mrs. D. T. Brown, Sr., Zionville.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. August 19, at Branams Chapel, Homestead. The services were conducted by the Rev. Milton J. Scripture, which were followed by Masonic services. Burial was in Palms Memorial Park.

# 35 Take Part In Lamb Pool

Thirty-five farmers sold 269 lambs and sheep in the second 1961 Watauga County Lamb Pool held at Boone Livestock Market on Wednesday, August 23. Eighty lambs graded prime and sold for \$18.50 cwt.; 67 graded choice and sold for \$16.00 cwt.; and 62 graded good and sold for \$13.00. All other lambs fell in the lower grades.

Lambs were sold to United Dressed Beef Company, Brooklyn, N. Y.

# Former Highway Commission Members Meet Blowing Rock

Former members of the State Highway Commission, including some of those who served from 1945 to 1949 and from 1953 to 1957, held a meeting at Green Park Hotel, Blowing Rock, Friday night, Saturday and Sunday.

Among those present were the two chairmen who had served during that period, Dr. Henry Jordan of Saxapaw and A. H. Graham of Hillsboro and the following: Everette Winslow, Nag's Head; Forest Lockey, Aberdeen; Emmet Robinson, Goldsboro; J. F. Snipes, Marion; D. A. Sorrell, Durham; Harry Buchanan, Hendersonville; June Scarborough, Statesville; W. R. Winkler, Boone; C. A. Hasty, Maxton and Blowing Rock; W. H. Rogers, Jr., Raleigh;

Miles Smith, Salisbury, and their wives. Mrs. Hasty and Mrs. Winkler were hostesses at a luncheon given the group at the Hasty home in Blowing Rock Saturday. Saturday night a banquet was served at the Green Park.

While here the group had occasion to visit the Rock, Tweetsie Railroad, Grandfather Mountain, and other points on the Parkway.

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