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BOONE WEATHER			
1961	High	Low	6 pm. prec.
Dec. 5	52	37	.15
Dec. 6	54	36	.41
Dec. 7	42	30	.32
Dec. 8	34	49	.28
Dec. 9	31	23	.31
Dec. 10	51	30	4.60*
Dec. 11	49	30	.43
Total precipitation			1.87 inch. *Sleet, rain.

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WAITING.—Tobacco farmers line up their loaded trucks to wait their turn at "weighing-in," and head for the warehouse, swapping jokes, greeting old friends and reminiscing of yesteryears. . . . Inside the warehouse one wonders how any more of the pungent golden leaf can be crammed onto an already overflowing floor. But, as Edgar Edmisten, weigher-in, says, "It comes and it goes. There's always room for one more load."

Boone Burley Sales Break Record

The Mountain Burley Warehouse has set a new record in tobacco sales, with approximately three and a half million pounds being sold to date as against 4,038,000 pounds for the entire season last year, according to Mrs. Harriet Sikes. Despite the rain the first of the week, Mrs. Sikes reports that sales have been going extremely well and excellent prices are holding.

Boone Men In Washington To Tell Of Local Developments

Alfred T. Adams, cashier of The Northwestern Bank, and Wade E. Brown, mayor of Boone, are in Washington today (Thursday) where they will appear at 8 p. m. before the National Advisory Committee on Rural Development of the Department of Agriculture, to tell the story of the development of Boone and Watauga county, and the opportunities it holds out for industrial, recreational and travel expansion.

Mr. Adams is chairman of the Watauga County Rural Development Committee, and the success of this program in this area prompted the invitation from Mr. A. T. Mace, director of the Federal office,

who extended the invitation to him and Mayor Brown. The Mayor has consistently worked in civic affairs.

Aside from appearing before the Advisory Committee, Mr. Mace asks Messrs Adams and Brown to appear again either Friday afternoon or evening to prepare a radio or television tape.

The Boone men say they expect to present a complete picture of the growth of Boone and the county, including the College, industrial plants, business district, agricultural development, at the same time pointing out the opportunities which exist here for continued development as a recreational

and tourist center. The favorable climate which exists here for industrial development will also be outlined by Messrs Adams and Brown.

United Fund Has Luncheon

Officials of the United Fund Drive celebrated a successful campaign with a luncheon at Daniel Boone Hotel on Tuesday. Stanley Harris, president of the organization, says all figures are not in but he is reasonably certain that the drive exceeded all expectations and went far above the quota. Mr. Harris says that a complete breakdown will be given as soon as all figures are in.



COACH JIM DUNCAN AND ATHLETIC BUSINESS MANAGER JIM JONES

Stadium Drive Moves Forward; Boone And Watauga Lead Way

By LARRY PENLEY
Appalachian Alumni, from all over the South, are getting on the wagon as the ASTC Fund gains momentum every day. With the Boone and Watauga steadily moving toward its goal of \$20,000, the campaign to raise funds for seats for Appalachian's new outdoor stadium will move to a broader front in the coming year. Friends and business organizations outside the home of the college. Starting on January 1, a concentrated campaign will be conducted both by mail and personal contacts in an effort to give friends of the college everywhere the opportunity of joining Appalachian's students, faculty and friends in this local area in contributing to the completion of this important project.

The local campaign which opened on October 1 in Watauga County under the direction of co-chairmen Alfred Adams and James Marsh has reached more than three-fourths of its quota, and there is every indication that the goal will be reached by the end of the year. The students, faculty and employees of the college are enthusiastic about the project. Continued on page 2, Section C

ELEVEN COUNTIES COMPETED

Three Watauga Communities Given Awards At Elkin Meeting

Yule Closing Hours Are Set

Herman W. Wilcox, President of the Merchants Association, recommends the following hours for the Christmas holidays. Beginning December 15th, stores would stay open to 9 o'clock until Christmas eve, closing at the regular hours on Saturday December 16 and Saturday December 23. It is recommended that stores remain closed one day, December 25, for the Christmas observance.

200 Students To Give Program Of Yule Music

Approximately two-hundred elementary and high school students will participate in a program of Christmas music to be given Monday evening, December 18th, at 7:30 p. m. in the Appalachian Elementary School Auditorium.

Presenting the program for the Boone Parent-Teacher Association will be the Appalachian High School Choir, directed by J. E. Wilson, Jr., and three Elementary School Mixed Chorus, directed by Mrs. Wilson.

A varied selection of both sacred and secular numbers will be performed in concert style. PTA members and the general public are invited to attend. There will be no admission charge.

Hamilton Has Excellent Sale

A good crowd attended H. M. Hamilton's annual Hereford Sale, and despite the fact that many calves were included, the cattle brought good average prices. The 47 head sold for an average of \$146; the top ten averaged \$227.50; the top 25 averaged \$192.00. The top bull brought \$265 and the top cow \$260. Both were consigned by the B & M Land & Cattle Co. of Valle Crucis. The bull was bought by Jack Edmisten and the cow by the Diamond S Ranch. The cattle were sold in North Carolina, Virginia and Tennessee. Mr. Hamilton managed the sale and sold the cattle.



DECORATIONS.—Mr. and Mrs. Levi Watson of Deep Gap leave the market where their evergreens were sold, while their eager-eyed children wait in the truck at the right in delightful anticipation of "Shopping for Santa Claus" with the money received. Mrs. Watson says, "We make a right smart of roping every year and it sure helps out." The large truck at the left stands loaded, ready for shipment to various points.

Christmas Evergreen Business Vital Watauga County Industry

By DOTT W. GRYDER
The evergreen business has become an important industry in Watauga County, bringing a tidy sum to many farm families, whose prosperity in turn contributes to the economic growth of the entire area by putting more money into circulation.

Many families have come to depend on this sizeable supplement to their income, not only for the essentials, but for many of the "extras" which make for happier living. Many homes boast of new television set or new furniture and clothing for the whole family which were brought from the proceeds of evergreen sales. The extra revenue is, indeed, a boon at Christmas time, helping to stuff stockings which might otherwise be meagrely filled.

Several years ago galax and ferns were the big sellers in evergreens but today the demand for roping is paramount. Balsam Christmas trees, balsam and pine sprays, and roping made from balsam, white pine, hemlock, princess pine and laurel are among the most marketable products, according to evergreen dealer, Kenneth Wilcox of the Appalachian Evergreen Co. It is not unusual for whole families, right down to the smallest toddler, to go out, or for neighbors to join forces and go to the woods in a body to gather evergreens, thus making the work seem a pleasurable outing. When the weather is brisk and cold the brittle twigs and limbs snap easily but in warmer weather it is necessary to cut them. Many farmers who have timberland lying dormant, with trees which need to be thinned or culled are glad to give someone the felled trees just to have them removed. In some cases permission is granted to cut allotted trees on government land, which helps everyone concerned. It is claimed

Boone Methodist Minister Goes To White House To Aid Sobell

The Rev. David Andrews, Wesley Foundation director at Appalachian State Teachers College for the Methodist Church, was in Washington Tuesday to "undertake a non-violent, direct action of civil disobedience to appeal for the immediate release of Morton Sobell by Presidential clemency." The "appeal" was scheduled to take place at 12:30 p. m. According to Andrews, who made a public statement concerning his actions, he intended to kneel at the fence near a White House gate "in a spirit of prayerful entreaty—to symbolize the wide-spread concern that the many injustices against Morton Sobell be righted by his immediate release." Sobell has been in prison for more than eleven years, having been charged with "conspiracy to commit espionage," according to Andrews' statement. Andrews contends that Sobell's case was wrongfully prejudiced from the start.



JUNIOR TOBACCO SHOW.—These boys entered tobacco in the Junior Tobacco Show and Sale last week at Mountain Burley Warehouse. Left to right, Joe Coleman, warehouse official, Tommy Wilson, J. P. Oliver, Jr., Lewis Castle, Joe Sherwood, George Younce, J. B. Dancy, Terry Hagaman, Jimmy Moretz, Glenn Hicks.

County Also Is Cited For Tour Program

Three Watauga communities and one special county program received honors Thursday night when thirty-three communities and five counties were recognized for achievements at the annual Northwest North Carolina Development Association banquet in Elkin.

The money awards were accepted by the community and special project chairmen. Timbered Ridge placed second in achievements made in the farming communities division, and Fred Tested accepted the \$150.00 award. Matney placed fourth in the new community division, and Hade Smith was presented the \$100.00 check for the community.

Cove Creek was one of the five fifth place winners in the rural non-farm division. Jerry Adams was presented the \$75.00. Cove Creek was top winner in its division for Watauga county.

In the special projects division, Watauga county received a \$100.00 award for its expansion of travel and recreational facilities. Herman W. Wilcox accepted the award for this special committee.

The prize money is expected to be used for further achievements by the groups.

The main speaker for the occasion was Harilee Branch, Jr., of Atlanta, a top businessman of the nation. Mr. Branch spoke on the subject of "Who'll take care of America while America takes care of the world?"

The speaker lashed out at communism and at the apathy with which Americans are facing the subject. He said:

"America can't win the battle with communism if we end up with a system identical to the one we pretend to abhor. . . . We shall never persuade uncommitted people of the world to adopt American institutions for which we ourselves display little enthusiasm or devotion.

"Nor shall we influence others to reject socialism if we appear willing to foster and finance socialist institutions not only abroad but in our own land."

Branch opened his talk by saying, "Only the people can build a community—people with conviction and pride. This is a message badly needed in this great country of ours—that government can destroy but it cannot create."

He also pointed the need for leaders who are conscious of our nation's history, origin and traditions. "It is shocking," he said, "that political choices are being made, and that laws are being drafted and executed in this country by vast numbers of men who have only the most superficial acquaintance with American history—with the English, Roman, Greek and Judeo-Christian precedents which led our forefathers to create here a government pledged, under God, to foster freedom, dignity and responsibility of the individual."

A delegation of about 35 persons from Watauga county were among the more than 800 attending the awards banquet. They also saw Dr. William H. Plemons, president of Appalachian State Teachers College, elected second vice president of the organization.

Hugh A. Crigler, Jr., of West Jefferson was elected president, succeeding John A. Forlines, Jr., of Caldwell county.

Directors from Watauga county are James Marsh, W. C. Richardson, and Clyde R. Greene. Stanley A. Harris' term of three years expired this year.

Mrs. Ed M. Anderson, of West Jefferson, gave out the community awards, and Neil Bolton, association secretary, assisted in the county awards presentation.

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Jaycees Offer Yule Trees In Annual Sale

The Boone Junior Chamber of Commerce will sponsor its annual Christmas tree sale Thursday evening, December 14, it was announced by Charles Taylor, chairman of the local project. Thursday evening Jaycees will be knocking on your door asking you to purchase one of the beautiful scotch pines which will be available again this year. The money derived from this sale will be used for the annual Christmas shopping tour for thirty-six underprivileged children from all sections of the county.

Burley Show, Sale Is Held

Seventeen 4-H and FFA members, ten from Watauga and seven from Mitchell counties, exhibited tobacco in the seventh annual Junior Show and Sale held in Boone Wednesday, December 6.

The event is sponsored by the 4-H County Councils in Watauga and Mitchell counties and Joe Coleman and associates.

The winner of the show was the club member who received the largest number of points, based on the following: Record Book, 15 points; practice sheets, 20 points; sorting and handling, 15 points; yield 20 points; and price 30 points.

This year's winner was Ronnie Tipton, a 4-H member from Mitchell county. Second place was won by Roger Jenkins, also from Mitchell.

The seventeen members sold 17,346 pounds of tobacco for \$11,715.10, or an average of \$67.53 per hundred. The floor average Wednesday was \$65.45.

Club members from Watauga participating were Terry Hagaman, J. P. Oliver, Jr., Allen Ward, Jimmy Moretz, George Younce, Tommy Wilson, Lewis Castle, Glen Hicks, J. B. Dancy and Joe Sherwood.

Judges for the show were Dr. D. M. Gossett, extension agronomy specialist; Rossie Lenier, from the local warehouse; and Vance Corey, U. S. Government grader.