

BOONE WEATHER						
1963	Hi	Lo	prec.	'62	Hi	Lo
Nov. 12	46	30			53	27
Nov. 13	37	24			42	30
Nov. 14	28	23	.08		49	28
Nov. 15	43	24	tr.		59	30
Nov. 16	56	23			56	45
Nov. 17	66	35			59	50
Nov. 18	62	37			54	30

Christmas Decorations Are Going Up

The first decorations for the Christmas season began going up along King Street in Boone Monday.

According to Dennis Greene, chairman of the decorations committee of the Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association, the decorations will be completed by the end of this week, and will probably be lit for the first time on the Saturday following Thanksgiving, as has been customary in Boone for a number of years.

Greene, head of a committee which also includes Phil Vance, Ned Trivette, Glenn Andrews, Herman W. Wilcox, Clyde R. Greene, and McKinley Ayers, also said that the Merchants Association had purchased about 250 dollars worth of new decorations to replace those which were damaged last year.

"Our decorations will not be as extensive as in years past, however," Greene pointed out. "But we hope to make them even more beautiful. A minimum of evergreen will be strung across the street this year, since they cause too much pressure on the wires holding the lights, and could become a fire hazard.

"Evergreen wreaths have been hung, however, at intervals alongside the street, and we hope to place Christmas trees beside the street at intervals also."

The decorations, Greene said, will extend along King Street from the general vicinity of Smithey's Store to the First Baptist Church.

Individual merchants, meanwhile, are busy preparing their store displays. Most of them will convey some religious message, it was reported. The Worthwhile Women's Club of (Continued on page 3, Sec. B)

Board To Plan For Future Of Horn In West

The Board of Directors of the Boone outdoor drama Horn in the West will meet Monday, November 25, at 12 noon, at the Daniel Boone Inn, according to Herman W. Wilcox, Executive Vice-President of Horn in the West.

Four major items will be up for discussion by the Board, Wilcox said.

First, the proposed script for next year's presentation of the drama will be introduced and discussed as to changes, modifications, and additions.

Second, several new ideas for the promotion of the drama for next summer will be discussed.

Third, a general drive to secure members for next year in the Southern Appalachian Historical Association, sponsors of the drama, will be initiated.

And fourth, final plans for the building of a fence around the parking lot area at the Daniel Boone Outdoor Theater, for protection during the off-season, will be gone over by Board members. The plans are expected to be approved Monday, so that work can begin immediately on the project.

Staff Changes At WATA Announced

Mrs. Doris B. Potter, president of radio station WATA in Boone, last week announced the following appointments in the staff of the local radio station:

Frank Andrews has been named station manager, and Jane Smith has been made assistant to the president.

Mr. Andrews, a native of Salisbury, has been with the station for the past two years in the capacity of salesman, and has been active in civic and community affairs since moving to Boone. He is a past vice-president of the Optimist Club, a member of the Boone Chamber of Commerce, the Boone Methodist Church, and is a Mason.

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Mayor Buys Christmas Seals

Grady Moretz, Jr. (right), of Boone, 1963 Christmas Seal Chairman for Watauga County, sells the first Christmas Seals of the year to Wade E. Brown, Mayor of Boone. Profits from the Seal sales, which are

sponsored by the Worthwhile Women's Club, will go to the National Tuberculosis Association to help in the fight against TB and other respiratory diseases.

Cheap Food Production Is Cited By Speaker At Farm-City Meeting

By CLARK COX
(Democrat Staff Writer)

Governor Terry Sanford, in declaring the week of November 22-28, 1963, as Farm-City Week in North Carolina, said: "The prosperity and well-being of North Carolina rest equally on the farms and the cities of our State.

"Farm-City Week points up the fact that we are all partners in progress."

Nowhere could Governor Sanford's statement have been proved so well as it was last Thursday night, when the Watauga County Farm-City Meeting was held at Cove Creek High School, sponsored jointly by the Boone Chamber of Commerce and the Watauga County Agricultural Extension Service.

The succulent banquet, composed mainly of foods grown here in the county, was only the dressing for the more serious, albeit entertaining, business at hand.

Dr. J. F. Bozard, Dean of Instruction at Appalachian State (Continued on page 3, Sec. B)



Dr. David S. Weaver speaks at the Farm-City Meeting.

Gray Ladies, Charter Members Are Honored At Red Cross Meet

A meeting of the Watauga County chapter of the American Red Cross was held Friday night at the Boone Baptist Church, honoring the work of the Gray Ladies and of several charter members of the chapter.

Clyde R. Greene spoke on the benefits of the hospital work engaged in by the Gray Ladies, a volunteer Red Cross-affiliated organization. Greene also awarded certificates to the various honorees at the meeting.

Charter members honored included Mrs. Mae Miller, the

Rev. E. F. Troutman, the Rev. J. K. Parker, Jr., and Coach R. W. Watkins.

It was pointed out that Watkins was a field director overseas for American Red Cross operations during the Second World War.

Recognition Awards were also presented Three Blowing Rock citizens for their outstanding work in the recent fund-

raising drive in that town. Receiving these awards were the Rev. George B. Hyler, Mrs. Ann Brown, and Mrs. Genelle Jones.

Mrs. Louise Hagan, who recently resigned from her position as chairman of volunteers for the Red Cross Blood Program—but who will remain active in the organization—was awarded a five-year pin for her services in the Blood Program.

Rev. Mr. Troutman spoke briefly in memoriam of the late Paul Coffey, past treasurer for the Watauga Red Cross chapter. Coffey's son, Armfield, is now treasurer.

Refreshments were served after the meeting by the Gray Ladies and other members.

Mrs. Loretta Littleton has been elected volunteer chairman to succeed Mrs. Hagaman, it was announced; and Janet Sue Auton has been elected assistant chairman. These ladies initiated, Monday night, a new series of classes concerning the work of the Gray Ladies, open to all volunteers.

Anyone who is interested in joining these classes should call Mrs. Littleton at AM 4-2619.

Survivors include the widow, Mrs. Ruby Greene Brown; his mother, Mrs. Ora S. Brown, Route 1, Boone, and a son, Joe Freeling Brown, Jr., of Gainsville, Fla.

Joseph Brown Dies In Georgia

Joseph Freeling Brown, age 40, of Calquitt, Ga. died there November 12th from a sudden illness with what was believed to have been a heart attack.

A son of Mrs. Ora S. Brown of the Laxon neighborhood and the late Dock Brown of Watauga County, Mr. Brown was engaged in the cattle business during his entire career. He had resided in Georgia for many years.

The body was returned to the home neighborhood where funeral services were held at Laurel Springs Baptist Church last Friday at 11 o'clock. Rev. W. C. Greene, Rev. E. O. Gore and Rev. Pete Vannoy conducted the rites and burial was in Mountlawn Memorial Park, Boone.

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Three Chosen For Who's Who

Recently chosen for inclusion in "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities" are three Boone students at Appalachian State Teachers College: John Lett, Jr., Frank Payne, Jr., Charles Sink

Denver Lee Hamby, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. Blain Hamby of Deep Gap, died Thursday at Watauga hospital, where he had been a patient ten days. He had been ill for seven months and had also been a patient at a Charlotte hospital.

He was a member of the Junior class at Appalachian High School.

Funeral services were held Saturday at 2 o'clock at the Stony Fork Baptist Church, with Rev. Vestal Moore, Rev. Raymond Hendrix and Rev. Bynum Trivett officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

The parents survive, with one brother and four sisters: Doyall Hamby, Diane, Bathine, Dona, Debra Hamby, all of the home.

FOUR MAMMOTH HOUSES

Boone Burley Sales Will Begin Monday

Full Floors Are Expected For Initial Auctions

The 1963-64 burley auctions begin in Boone and on other markets Monday, November 25. According to predictions by warehousemen, the season may be down a little from last year's great one, but it still stands a chance of being one of the best for burley growers.

Tobacco has already been placed on the floors of the Mountain Burley Warehouse Co. and the Big Burley Warehouse. Growers—mainly from Watauga but many from neighboring counties as well—began placing their baskets on the floors Friday, the first day allowed by the Burley Sales Committee regulations. The warehouses opened at about 5 a. m. Friday.

Big Burley Warehouse, open for its second season this year after extensive repairs and renovations, is located on the Highway 421 Bypass just west of Boone, and contains about 135,000 square feet of floor space.

Operators of the Big Burley Warehouse are J. M. Smothers, Jr., R. E. Bullock, and King Roberts.

Mountain Burley Warehouse Company has three locations: on Depot Street above Andrews Chevrolet, Inc., at Depot and Faculty Streets near the bus station, and on 421 West, near the edge of Boone. This will be their twenty-third year of operation.

Operators of the Mountain Burley Warehouse Company include R. C. Coleman, Jr., Joe E. Coleman, and Harriet L. Sikes.

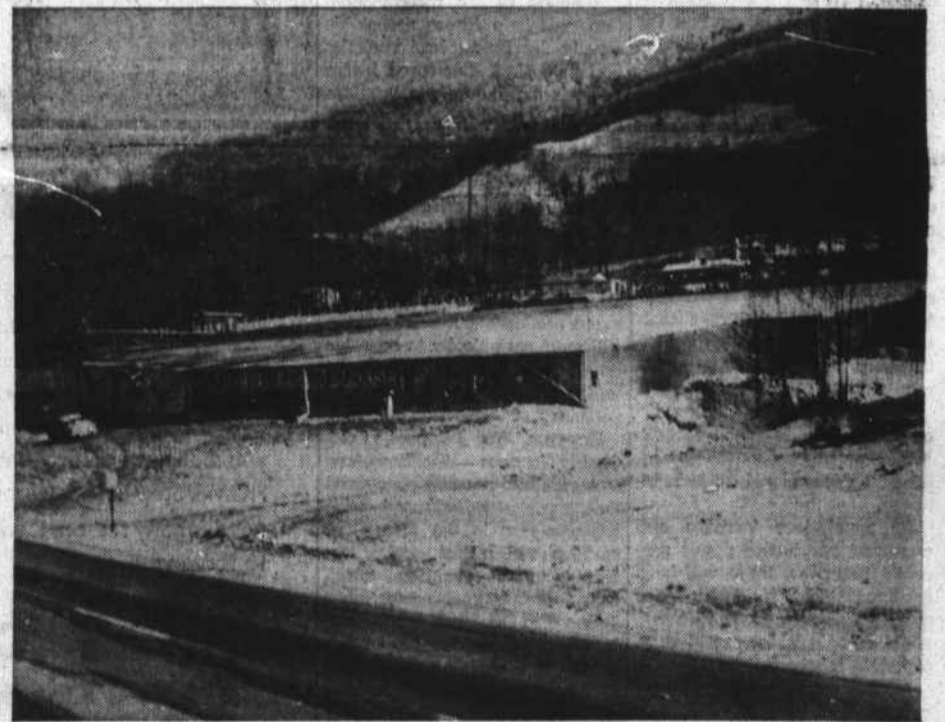
There is a good chance, warehousemen say, that all four warehouses in Boone will be filled to capacity by the time sales start Monday.

Tobacco in Watauga County has proved to be a little light this year when compared with previous years, mainly due to dry weather and a short growing season. County Agricultural Extension Agent L. E. Tuckwiller estimates that tobacco sales in the county this year will amount to about \$1,111,000, as compared to sales of about \$1,250,000 last year, the best in Boone's history.

This decrease is expected despite the fact that no drastic drop from last year's price per pound of the weed is foreseen, and despite a six percent increase in acreage allotments for tobacco to farmers in the county. (Continued on page 3, Sec. B)



Trucks filled with baskets of tobacco were backed up several hundred yards from the Mountain Burley Warehouse location on Depot Street Friday morning.



The Big Burley Warehouse, which begins its second year of burley auctions Monday.

Enough Cars In Watauga For Everyone To Ride At Once

(Special to the Democrat)

New York, Nov. 16—The family car has had a bigger impact than usual, in the past few years, on Watauga County's economy.

Automobile buying has soared in the county, with local residents replacing their older vintage cars with newer models.

Also, in step with the current trend, many families have become two-car owners for the first time.

The number of autos around, as a result, is at a record high. There are enough of them available now for every man,

woman and child in the local area to be car-borne at one time. In fact, the entire local population could be carried in just the front seats alone.

According to a recent broad survey on the distribution of cars throughout the nation, it was found that the ratio, in Watauga County, reached 103 cars per 100 families as of the beginning of this year.

It was a bigger ratio than was reported locally in 1961, 96 cars per 100 families.

The figures are contained in a market study covering every part of the nation, conducted by the Standard Rate and Data Service.

The growth in car ownership reflects the rise in living standards. As families move upward on the income scale, as has been the case locally, their ability to buy cars improves in direct proportion.

The result has been a net increase of 7.2 percent in passenger car registrations in Watauga County between 1961 and 1963, the figures show. This is over and above the number that were retired for old age.

Such progress is important to the local economy as a whole. When car sales are high, other businesses benefit as well. Em-

ployment, pay checks and profits in dozens of allied fields get a lift from it.

Much of the credit for the recent boom in automobiles in (Continued on page 3, Sec. B)

Mrs. Shull, 83, Dies Saturday

Mrs. Callie Nora Shull, 83, of Sugar Grove, widow of Luther Shull, died Saturday morning at Watauga Hospital.

She was born in Watauga County to Daniel and Margaret Warren Matheson.

Surviving are five daughters, Mrs. Mamie Yates of Banner Elk, Mrs. Ethel Yates and Mrs. Lula James of Vilas, Mrs. Mattie Rominger of Sugar Grove, and Mrs. Jesse Mae Cannon of Mountain City, Tenn.; and six sons, Sam Shull of Vilas, Bill, James and Simon Shull and Ross Matheson of Sugar Grove, and Arlis Shull of Winston-Salem.

The funeral was conducted at 2 p. m. Monday at Antioch Baptist Church by the Rev. W. H. Key and the Rev. Carl Wilson.

Burial was in the Shull Cemetery.

Stores Will Close Thanksgiving

Herman W. Wilcox, President of the Boone Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association, reports that practically all stores and other businesses in Boone will be closed Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 28, as is the general custom with Merchants Association members.

Most establishments will, however, be open Wednesday afternoon, the day preceding Thanksgiving, instead of closing as usual at noon.