

BOONE'S NEW BURLEY MARKET READY

World's Leading Consumers of Tobacco Send Buyers

WAREHOUSE BUILT AT COST OF MORE THAN \$25,000.00

39,000 Square Feet of Floor Space, Exclusive of Drive-ways; Buyers Say Prize Rooms and Facilities Most Complete in Area; Well Lighted and Heated

When the chant of the tobacco auctioneer officially opens Boone's new Mountain Burley Warehouse on December 6th, visiting growers from the dark leaf belt will be given opportunity to inspect a building the modern convenience of which is said to be second to none in this or surrounding states.

Constructed by Ervin and West, Statesville contractors, at a total cost of more than \$25,000, the Mountain warehouse is of frame and sheet

Typical Warehouse Scene in the Western Burley Region



Great piles of rich, red gold . . . eager buyers for domestic and foreign consumers . . . an auctioneer chanting his throatiest notes . . . growers reaping the material bounty of a hard year's work. This is the drama of tobacco as it will be enacted on the local warehouse floor, beginning December 6th. U. S. Department of Agriculture Photograph

BIG THREE AND INDEPENDENTS HERE AT OPENING

R. J. Reynolds, Liggett & Myers and American Tobacco Company to Be Represented at Boone Market; Lovill Given Major Credit

A full set of buyers, representing leading tobacco manufacturers and independent brokers, will be present on Wednesday, December 6th, when Mountain Burley Market opens its first season in Boone.

Promoters of the local market, who predict the sale of three to five million pounds of tobacco during the opening season in Boone, already have assurances that buyers for the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, Liggett & Myers Tobacco

TOBACCO BOARD OF TRADE FORMED HERE

A Tobacco Board of Trade, composed of Paul Hardy, Herman Wilcox and Walter E. Wadley, was incorporated Saturday for the purpose of governing the opening and closing hours for the Boone burley market.

This board, which held its first meeting yesterday, will also regulate buyers and speculators who attend sales here during the coming season. Determination of hours which will be required of speculators has not as yet been made public.

Company, the American Tobacco Company, Austin Tobacco Company and the Jenkins Tobacco Company will be on hand when the first pile of leaf is put to the block two weeks from yesterday.

President H. Grady Farthing, of the warehouse corporation, states that this buying unit is similar in scope to those attending larger markets in the Tennessee-Kentucky area. He points out that the buyers coming to Boone will devote five days a week during the season to sales on the one warehouse floor, and that farmers can be assured that their product will be handled more rapidly than on markets where bidders divide time between several houses. He also contends, as do others who have investigated marketing procedure, that lower commissions on the Boone warehouse floor makes this an ideal selling point for growers in adjoining tobacco states.

Lovill Given Major Credit

Mayor William R. Lovill of Boone, a friend of many years of W. N. Reynolds, senior member of the Reynolds Company's board of directors, is given large credit for procuring this set of buyers.

Backed by Boone's aggressive civic leaders, Mayor Lovill visited the Winston-Salem magnate after (Continued on page four.)

BURLEY GROWERS VOTE FOR CONTROL

Wataugans Join With Farmers in Other Sections in Favor of 1940 Quotas

Watauga county farmers joined with those of other burley producing sections Tuesday in casting their vote in favor of the AAA 1940 marketing quotas. However, the vote was light, 179 casting their ballots in favor of restricted marketing, and 25 against. The vote by townships was:

	For	Against
Beaver Dam	52	—
Cove Creek	43	10
North Folk	11	—
Watauga	19	2
Laurel Creek	33	7
Boone	21	6
Totals	179	25

The vote in Watauga last year was overwhelming against the quota system, only 87 voting for the proposal and 547 against.

With about 20 per cent of the ballots tabulated throughout the county the vote was 34,083 for quotas and 7,388 against, representing a favorable majority of 82 per cent. The affirmative vote of two-thirds of the farmers is necessary to invoke quotas. In North Carolina the vote was 2,460 for quotas and 743 against. A year ago the same farmers rejected quotas by a vote of 2,660 to 5,792.

TENN. TRUCKERS DO NOT NEED N. C. TAGS

Tobacco growers in Tennessee and Virginia, it is understood locally, have been told that when they bring their tobacco to Boone with burley, North Carolina authorities will tax them with additional motor licenses.

This is absolutely untrue, local authorities point out. The controversy over the interstate motor traffic was settled, it is understood, several months ago. Any truck license good in the states of Tennessee or Virginia, it is said, will be good in Boone when the tobacco is being transported to the local market.

metal design, is well-lighted by 2,436 square feet of roof glass, and the basement of the building with dimensions of more than 9,000 square feet, has been divided into two immense prize rooms. These rooms are equipped with modern scales, presses and pumps, and will greatly facilitate the clearance of tobacco from the main warehouse floors.

Clyde R. Greene, chairman of the building committee which is composed of himself, William R. Lovill, H. Grady Farthing and W. H. Gragg, states that more than fifty carpenters and helpers worked thirty days on the warehouse, and that every (Continued on page four.)

GEO. W. ROBBINS DIES ON SUNDAY

Pioneer Merchant of Shulls Mills Section Succumbs Suddenly; Rites Tuesday

George Wyatt Robbins, aged 78 years, pioneer merchant of Shulls Mills and for many years prominently identified with the religious and political life of the county, died at the home Sunday evening from a sudden illness. A heart attack was thought to have been responsible for his death.

Funeral services were conducted from the Shulls Mills Baptist church Tuesday afternoon, Rev. Vilas Minton being in charge, and interment was in the neighborhood cemetery.

Mr. Robbins is survived by the widow, Mrs. Luna Robbins, and a daughter, Mrs. Edward Luttrell of Shulls Mills.

Mr. Robbins, who was a native of the Buffalo section of Caldwell county, had resided here the most of his life where he had engaged in the mercantile business for more than 40 years, and was still operating his general store at the time of his death. He was prominent in the political and religious activities of the county, and for several years served most capably as a member of the board of county commissioners. He was a member of the board of deacons of Shulls Mills Baptist church, of which he had been a faithful member for more than half a century. He was one of the county's best and most popular citizens.

ATTEND FOOTBALL GAME

Among those attending the Duke-Carolina football game in Durham Saturday were: W. H. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Huckins, Len Wilson, Ernest Sims, Joe Todd, Wendell Wilson, Miss Geneva Cooke, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Joines, Mr. and Mrs. Milt Young, Miss Marguerite Miller, Melvin Burgess and Vernon Robbins.

ARTIST TO SUBMIT NEW MURAL DESIGN FOR BOONE OFFICE

Alan Tompkins Consults Local Critics on Theme of Painting; New Design Expected to Portray Pioneer Tradition

The mural design for Boone's new postoffice, which caused widespread criticism when called to public attention by a Democrat editorial, is to be discarded in favor of a painting based on pioneer traditions.

Alan Tompkins, author of the tobacco sketch which aroused public ire, spent Friday and Saturday in Boone, consulted local critics, and



ALAN THOMPSON

before his departure assured interested persons that a new design will be completed within the next few weeks for submission to Washington authorities. The canvas, he stated, is to have as a central theme the historical legend of Daniel Boone, and the finished work will blend the frontier with the modern community of today.

In company with Postmaster W. G. Hartzog, Artist Tompkins saw much of the surrounding country, and carried away with him mental pictures of its mountain vistas and its typical people. Good-naturedly (Continued on page eight.)

Huge Celebration Marks Opening Burley Season

Spectacular Parade to Precede Speeches by Doughton, Lovill and Others; Christmas Opening to Feature Evening; Grand Tobacco Ball Climax; Four Bands Are to Be Featured in Parade; Mountain City Folks to Co-operate

Saturday, December 2, will constitute a red-letter day for Boone and this entire region, when some several thousands of persons are expected to gather in a gigantic tri-state celebration of the opening of the burley tobacco market, witness the starting of the Christmas shopping season, and participate in the first grand annual tobacco ball, which will climax the day's festivities.

Mr. W. H. Gragg, chairman of the committee on arrangements, states that while some of the program is yet more or less tentative, a general draft of the schedule of activities indicates the biggest day for Boone in many years.

At 10 o'clock, says Mr. Gragg, a mile-long parade will form at the burley warehouse, work its way through the city from the North Water street intersection to the Baptist church and on to the high school building, where the platform entertainment will start at 11 o'clock. The parade will be featured by the Boone high school band, high school bands from Mountain City and Spruce Pine, while merriment will be added by Appalachian College's troupe of tunny clowns, in a series of tumbling acts on a specially constructed float.

On another float a genuine tobacco auctioneer will conduct his sales, while various automobiles carrying business men and farmers of the area will be included in the spectacle. A number of horses are needed for the occasion, and it is the purpose of the committee to have a mounted contingent along the line of march.

Mr. Gragg will be master of ceremonies at the high school and will present Mayor W. R. Lovill, dean of the local bar, who will deliver a brief address of welcome. Congressman Robert L. Doughton, Mr. Hedrick, tobacco specialist from Raleigh, Paul Hardy, lessee of the warehouse, and various others will speak briefly. County agents from Ashe, Alleghany, Watauga, Johnson, (Continued on page eight.)

FOUNDER OF LOCAL NEWSPAPER DIES FRIDAY AT AGE 89

J. F. Spainhour Succumbs After Period of Declining Health; Established Law Office in Boone in 1887 and Founded Watauga Democrat

J. F. Spainhour, aged 89 years, dean of the Morganton bar, former solicitor of the district and founder of the Watauga Democrat, died at his home Friday morning, following a long period of declining health. Pneumonia, contracted on Wednes-



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day, was the immediate cause of his death.

Funeral services were conducted from the First Baptist church in Morganton Saturday morning and interment was in that city.

Native of Burke County Joseph Felix Spainhour was born in Burke county June 7, 1850, a son of Michael and Lettie Estes Spainhour. Educated at Table Rock Academy, the University of Illinois and Wake Forest College, he taught (Continued on page four.)

FIRST LOAD BURLEY BROUGHT TO BOONE

Mr. J. S. Johnson, who resides on Mountain City Route 1, brought the first load of tobacco to the local burley market, arriving here Tuesday night about 9 o'clock.

Mr. Johnson secured temporary accommodation for his weed at city hall pending the opening of the warehouse next day.

The Tennessean has other burley he proposes to bring over at a later date.

STORES AND SHOPS OF CITY SUPERIOR

Shopping Center of Mountain Region Make Ready For Burley Visitors

Boone, the undisputed shopping center of the mountain counties of the northwest, is all ready for the hundreds of visitors who will come here during the tobacco season, and on December 2, the Christmas shopping season will be officially started with the most extensive lines of merchandise ever to be assembled in the city.

In every line of business activity, Boone retailers have outdone themselves in amassing large lines of merchandise for the fall and winter trade, and despite the war in Europe, prices have not been seriously affected in this area. Most of the stores were fortunate in securing large quantities of merchandise before advances were reflected on the market, and the savings are gladly being passed on.

Visitors to the Mountain warehouse are urged by the business men of the town to visit their stores, meet the proprietors and the courteous business leaders in the most progressive city in the state.