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FARMERS FAVOR 3-YEAR QUOTA IN BURLEY VOTE

More Than Three Hundred Take Part in Balloting on Control of Production of Weed for Next Three Years; the Vote by Townships

Although only a little more than three hundred took part in the balloting, tobacco farmers of Watauga county last Saturday voted overwhelmingly in favor of strict control of production of burley tobacco for the next three years, to conform to a narrowed market, brought about by the European war and its curtailment of exports.

The proposal, which was submitted under the terms of the Agricultural Adjustment act, provided for a vote for one-year control, three-year control or against all quotas. The vote by townships in the county is as follows:

	3-yr.	1-yr.	No
Boone	54	1	6
Beaver Dam	56	1	4
Cove Creek	70	1	19
Laurel Creek	53	0	2
Meat Camp	8	1	1
North Fork	12	0	9
Watauga	15	0	0
Total	268	4	38

N. C. GROWERS FAVOR BURLEY CROP CONTROL

Washington, Nov. 26—Seventy per cent of North Carolina's burley tobacco growers voted for the three-year marketing quotas in the Saturday referendum which also resulted in approval of three-year quotas for fire cured and two dark air-cured types of tobacco.

According to a preliminary tabulation released yesterday by the agricultural department, 4,057 Tar Heel voters cast votes in the burley referendum. Of these 2,838 favored three-year quotas, 102 endorsed quotas for one-year and 1,117 wanted no quotas at all.

This tabulation showed North Carolina burley growers less enthusiastic about quotas than those of other states as 76.4 per cent of the 97,435 votes cast favored the three-year quotas.

RED CROSS DRIVE IS SUCCESSFUL

Reports Indicate that Half of County Quota Already is Accounted For

With more than half of the canvassers in the Red Cross Roll Call not having yet submitted their reports, more than \$250 of the \$500 quota assigned Watauga county has already been accounted for, and Mrs. Wm. M. Matheson, roll call chairman, believes that complete returns will round out the quota.

Following are the names of those who have joined and who have not been hitherto published:

Mrs. E. E. Garbee, Mrs. S. M. Ayers, Mrs. Herman Eggers, R. W. Watkins, Mrs. R. W. Watkins, Mrs. D. D. Dougherty, Miss Anna Hayes, Mrs. Bertha Moody, Miss Myrtle Poette, Miss Nell Welborn, Mrs. John T. Howell, Mrs. W. M. Grubbs, A. R. Smith, Mrs. D. J. Whitener, Miss Elizabeth Lord, Mrs. H. S. Webster, I. T. Barnett, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Norris, Troy Sims, Mrs. Mae Miller, Mrs. R. K. Bingham, Mrs. Floyd Hagaman, Harvey S. Webster, J. E. Holshouser, Mrs. J. E. Holshouser, Mrs. L. T. Tatum, Mrs. E. Ford King, Jr., Mrs. L. B. Tyson, Miss Cora Pearl Jeffcoat, Gordon Nash, Mrs. Gordon Nash, Mrs. Willard Beach, Mrs. Jerry Wilson, Mrs. Alice C. Robbins.

James B. Winkler, Milton Winkler, Mrs. Ray Estes, Ed G. Farthing, Dr. Robert Busted, Mrs. Robert (Continued on page eight)

NAVY RECRUITS TO BE ACCEPTED

Arrangements Made for Enlistments in Boone First Three Days of Next Week

Postmaster W. G. Hartzog has received information that a traveling navy recruiter will be at the post-office here on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, December 2, 3 and 4, for the purpose of receiving recruits into the United States navy.

The recruiting will take place daily on the dates mentioned from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m., and all those in this territory desiring to enlist in the naval branch of the armed forces should appear in Boone on one of these days.

Aged Citizen Dies



Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Hodges, well-known resident of the Adams neighborhood, who died last Tuesday. Obituary on page five.

SANTA CLAUS TO COME WEDNESDAY

Christmas Lights to Be Turned On and Shops to Open Christmas Merchandise

The opening of Boone's Christmas shopping season is expected to take place next Wednesday, simultaneously with the opening of the burley tobacco warehouse, according to John Conway, chairman of the trade promotion committee of the Boone Merchants Association, and Santa Claus with his big bundle of gifts is expected to be present and distribute goodies to the children at this time.

The Christmas decorations are to be installed along the streets and the holiday lights turned on Wednesday, at which time the stores and shops will be resplendent with the most imposing array of gift merchandise in their history.

Retail business over the country is expected to be the best during the coming holidays since 1929 and local merchants have lost no time in preparing for the upswing. People of the surrounding territory are cordially invited to attend the opening day entertainment.

Burgess Officials Hold Meeting Here

Superintendents of the Melvin F. Burgess Construction Co., and others prominent in the organization in Lexington, Marshall, Clyde and Norfolk, Va., where the local concern is engaged in the construction of REA lines, met in business session at the home offices here Saturday morning and afternoon.

In the evening Mr. Burgess entertained the members of his organization at a turkey dinner at the Gateway Cafe. Mr. Burgess had previously held his business sessions in Charlotte, Norfolk and others of the larger cities, but this year made a rule to entertain his men in Boone.

Among those present for the banquet were the following superintendents and clerks: Albert P. Sims, Hubert Taylor, Glenn Dill, Robert McGill, Frank Davis, Clay Pennell and J. C. Moore. W. D. Farthing and W. R. Winkler also attended the banquet.

Pastors and Deacons Will Meet Monday

Preachers and deacons of Watauga county will meet at the First Baptist church here Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. J. C. Canipe, who releases the program for the conference, invites all pastors and deacons to attend and take part.

Subject for the conference: Needs of the Modern World.

Devotional—W. C. Payne.

The World Needs Jesus—W. D. Ashley.

World Needs Bible Knowledge—R. C. Eggers.

World Needs the Church of Christ—Grady A. Hamby.

World Needs the Baptist Message—D. M. Edmisten.

Discussion time for all.

BULGARIA WILL NOT JOIN AXIS AT THIS TIME

Berlin, Nov. 26—Bulgaria, long viewed as a likely convert to the axis line-up, is staying out, for the present at least, informed Nazi sources indicated yesterday.

This disclosure came with the surprise statement by these informants that the signatures of Hungary, Rumania and Slovakia to the Rome-Berlin-Tokyo pact ended the present series of additions.

SEEK TO CHANGE RESULTS OF VOTE IN THIS COUNTY

Charges Made By Republican of Election Irregularities: Seek to Have Boone Township Thrown Out: Would Result in Republican Officials

Charging various irregularities and illegalities, members of the Republican party in the county have petitioned the state board of elections to throw out the vote of Boone township as cast in the general election of November 5, rather than to certify the returns, but County Board Chairman Roby T. Greer is in receipt of information from the state board to the effect that since the irregularities charged are in one township of the county, the petition should be referred to the county board for hearing rather than to the state group.

Should the returns from Boone township have been thrown out Tuesday when the state board canvassed the returns, those assuming office in the county next Monday would be Republican rather than Democratic.

The petition which was signed by Clyde R. Greene, McCoy Bingham and G. P. Miller, all voters in Boone township, alleges that the voting setup in Boone township was strictly contrary to the election laws, that no guard rails were set up, and that voters crowded around the ballot boxes; that the Republican judge was not permitted to observe the activities at the boxes; that the registrar failed to check voters against the books, and that large numbers of ballots which should have been placed in the county box were in the receptacle provided for township votes, and vice versa; that election officials examined tickets before depositing them in the box, and that officials became intoxicated during the day, and that returns were not signed that night because of this allegation.

The petition also alleges that 25 students from Appalachian College voted after their right to the franchise had been challenged.

"On account of the various irregularities and violations of the law on the part of the election officials," the complaint says, "and the manner in which the voting was done, and it being impossible to ascertain which were legal ballots, if any, these petitioners aver that the alleged vote in Boone township would be discarded and thrown out and not counted in the tabulation of the results of said election, and that an investigation should be had by the state board of elections and these matters inquired into, and that the said board of elections should take such action as it deems necessary under the existing conditions."

Mr. Greer received a copy of the complaint Monday on the eve of the canvassing meeting of the state board, and Democrats subsequently made detailed answers to the complaint as outlined. It is contended by the Democrats that the election was conducted in a regular and lawful manner and that the voting took place within sight of Republican markers and other G. O. P. partisans, who had ample opportunity to observe the voting throughout the day.

Joseph James, 81, Succumbs Sunday

Joseph James, 81, of Watauga Falls, died at his home Sunday morning following an illness of several days. Funeral services were held at the Piney Grove Methodist church Monday afternoon. The services were conducted by Rev. John L. Rhea of Boone. Interment was in the Mast cemetery.

Mr. James is survived by his widow and six sons: Roby James of Elizabethton, Tenn.; W. H. James of Plumtree; Willard James of Lenoir; Smith James of Vilas; Dewey and Dave James of Watauga Falls. Five daughters also survive, Mrs. Mary Moody of Nebraska; Mrs. John Cornett of Sutherland; Mrs. Raymond Cornett of Shulls Mills; Mrs. Sallie Presnell of Madison county, and Mrs. Bessie Harmon of Sugar Grove, F. D.

License Tags On Sale Next Saturday

Automobile license places for 1941 will go on sale at the recently arranged bureau at the Cook-Nichols Motor Co. on Depot street next Saturday.

Tags may be placed on autos at once, it is said, they being good for the remaining days of 1940.

Mountain Burley Warehouse To Open Sales On Wednesday

NEW TOBACCO WAREHOUSE LESSEES



Pictured above are, left to right: Roscoe Coleman, Posey Jones, Frank Jones and Tom Jones, who have leased the Mountain Burley Tobacco warehouses for the current season. Mr. Coleman is from Tabor City, while the Jones Brothers live in Mount Airy. They are thoroughly experienced in the tobacco business, and will be on hand when the sale opens next Wednesday.

THREE MILLION POUNDS BURLEY TO BE AUCTIONED

Prospects Bright for Sale of Weed; Two Houses Relieve Congestion: Full Set of Buyers On Every Sale: Jones Brothers and Coleman New Operators of Warehouse

The Mountain Burley Tobacco Market will open its second season in Boone next Wednesday, December 4, with buyers present from all the leading manufacturers as well as independent brokers, and indications point to a fifty per cent increase in sales over last year when two million pounds of burley were auctioned in the local house.

This year the floor space of the warehouse corporation has been doubled, and approximately two acres of land are now included in the structure. The second house was finished just a few weeks ago, and the inconvenience experienced by farmers last year in waiting for space on the floor has been largely eliminated.

R. C. Coleman of Tabor City; Posey Jones, Tom Jones and Frank Jones of Mount Airy, who leased the house this year are highly pleased with the physical properties of the warehouse corporation and believe that Boone is destined to become one of the best market towns in the immediate burley region. The officers and directors of the corporation feel most fortunate in having Messrs. Coleman and the Jones Brothers on the local market this year. They have had long and varied experience in the tobacco business, and are known throughout the various belts for their fair and square dealings with the farmers.

Some tobacco began to arrive on the local floors the last of the week and before opening day it is expected that both floors will be loaded to capacity with weed from Watauga and adjoining counties. Sales will start Wednesday and continue each day except Saturday with a full set of buyers on each sale. The very highest prices are assured the grower.

Leading citizens of the community and the Appalachian band have toured the burley country in North Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia for the past few days, conducting meetings among burley growers, giving band concerts and awarding free prizes. These meetings are being held in Mitchell and Avery counties today, and yesterday the group toured Johnson. At Mountain City, Tenn., the courthouse was filled with farmers, many of whom spoke briefly, telling of the fine treatment they received when they sold their tobacco in Boone last year, and urging their neighbors to bring their weed to the new market this season. Everywhere the response on the part of the farmers has been enthusiastic and a banner season for the market is confidently expected.

Next Wednesday the business people of the town will be hosts to the farmers, and invite all the people of the region to visit Boone at that time. The lath string hangs on the outside and a cordial welcome is in store for the neighboring farmers.

THANKSGIVING IS BEING OBSERVED

Most of Stores of City Close to Celebrate Holiday; Drug Stores, Cafes Open

Practically all of the stores and shops of the city are closed today for Thanksgiving, and the managers and employees are enjoying a one-day respite from their labors.

Offices at the courthouse and city hall are likewise closed and no business will be transacted at the bank.

Cafes, drug stores and most of the filling stations, however, will remain open as usual.

AIRCRAFT STRIKE ENDS

Downey, Calif.—A 12-day strike at Vultee Aircraft Corporation which tied up work on military contracts totaling \$84,000,000, ended yesterday with ratification by the workers of new contract which will increase the wages of 5,200 employees by \$1,400,000 annually.

Christmas Edition Will Be Published

Next week the Watauga Democrat proposes to issue its annual Christmas shopping edition, and indications are that the issue will be the most comprehensive gift number thus far to come from the local presses.

Advertisers are advised that it will be necessary for a great number of the advertisements to be in type before the end of the present week, in order that there may be no delay in producing the enlarged edition. Advertising cuts and copy, if desired, are gladly furnished without cost, and the complete co-operation of the merchants in getting their copy in shape this week will be appreciated.

RAILWAY HEARING SET FOR FRIDAY

Local People to Resist Scraping of Narrow Gauge Line at Johnson City Hearing

The interstate commerce commission will take action on the petition of the Linville River railroad to abandon its lines from Cranberry to Boone at a hearing to be conducted at the John Sevier hotel, Johnson City, Friday, November 29, at 10 o'clock, standard time, in a hearing to be conducted by Examiner Schuttrumpf.

The railway, which was seriously damaged by the floods of August 13, and which has not given service into this city since that time, avers that it is unable to rebuild the lines, that the railway has been operating at a loss, and asks that they be allowed to scrap the narrow gauge.

Business and civic leaders of the town will appear before the examiner and file protests against discontinuance of service, with an imposing collection of tonnage data, etc. Everyone interested in the railway is asked to attend the hearing.

ASKS AIRLINES HELP

Washington—President Roosevelt proposed yesterday that commercial airlines withhold plans of expansion so that increased production efforts might be devoted entirely to the building of military planes.

TOBACCO BALL NEXT SATURDAY

Annual Dance Will Be Feature of Tobacco Opening; Proceeds to Charity

The second annual tobacco ball, under the sponsorship of the Tuesday Night Club, is to be held here Saturday evening from 8 to 12 o'clock, with Stubby Taylor of Lenoir and his orchestra, supplying the rhythm for the dancing.

Present plans are for holding the ball in the tobacco storage room near the railway depot, although the event will be moved if more suitable space can be secured.

The entire proceeds from the ball will go toward supplying an empty stocking fund, to buy gifts for destitute children of the community at Christmas time.

Horace O. Dowling Succumbs on Friday

Horace O'Neal Dowling, aged 68 years, a former resident of Boone, died suddenly at the home in Winston-Salem last Friday, after a long period of declining health. However, he appeared to be in his usual health just prior to the fatal attack.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon from Vogler's chapel in Winston-Salem by Rev. W. A. Stanbury and Rev. J. H. Brendall, Jr., and interment was in Forsyth Memorial Park.

Mr. Dowling came to Winston-Salem from Ozark, Ala., 10 years ago and was salesman in the Piedmont district for the Thomas D. Murphy Co. of Red Oak, Iowa. He was well-known in Boone, where Mrs. Dowling formerly conducted the Caro-Jean Inn.

He was a member of Centenary Methodist church. He was also a member of all Masonic bodies, including the Alcazar Temple of Shrine.

Surviving besides his wife, who prior to her marriage in 1919 was Miss Jinny Lind Nickells, are four daughters, Mrs. Judson E. McClesney and Mrs. Gertrude Kelley, both of Washington, D. C., and Misses Carolyn and Jeannette Dowling, both of Winston-Salem; two sons, A. G. Dowling of Washington, D. C., and H. O. Dowling, Jr., of Boone; one sister, Mrs. J. D. Holman of Ozark, Ala.; one brother, James R. Dowling of Washington, D. C.; and six grandchildren.