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## SEAL SALES REACH TOTAL OF \$167.71

Officials Highly Pleased With Initial Reports on Sale of Tuberculosis Stickers

The Christmas Seal sales reached the total of \$167.71 the first week of the campaign and officials are highly pleased with the results of the initial effort. It is stated that this amount is in excess of the amount collected during the entire campaigns of previous years.

Leonard Eury, Mrs. B. R. Page, Dr. R. H. Harmon, Bob Agle, C. L. Keerans, C. F. McCollum, John Conway, E. M. Cook, Miss Elizabeth Bridge, Miss Clyde Mae Goodman, Miss Glada B. Walker, O. N. Hartzell, Miss Ella Austin, Bernard Dougherty, Miss Dorothy C. Gray, W. H. Gragg, Miss Helen Foster, Dr. E. T. Glenn, T. B. Moore, Sr., Dr. H. B. Perry, Mrs. John Hardin, Mrs. J. C. McConnell, C. C. Wilcox, Wade E. Brown, Dr. W. M. Matheson, Mrs. W. M. Matheson, Miss Susan Barksdale, J. C. Clime, Mrs. J. W. Jones, Miss Mattie B. Reed, James H. Council, Mrs. M. P. Critcher, E. S. Christenbury, Frank Payne, Mrs. Douglas Redmond, C. H. Trotter, Gordon Nash, R. A. Manship, Jr., W. D. Farthing, J. O. Cannon, L. T. Tatum, Miss Lucy Brock, Miss Nancy Eliason, A. E. South, Mrs. Mae Miller, Dr. E. K. McLarty, Eugene Garbee, Craig Hollars, Mrs. Ronda Hardin, Mrs. J. D. Rankin, Mrs. Grady Farthing, James Winkler, Mrs. Viola Odell, Will Moretz, Dr. J. B. Hagaman, J. L. Harrison, Rev. John I. Rhea, J. E. Holsinger, Mrs. J. E. Holsinger, Coker Triplett, Miss Virginia Wary, Dr. Robert R. King, Julian Yoder, Herbert Wey, R. L. Bingham, Miss Doris Penix, D. L. Wilcox, Miss Sara Peol, Dr. Orby Southard, B. K. Osborne, H. W. Wilcox, J. B. Taylor, Miss Louise Moore, Ira S. Ayers, P. O. Brewer. Total \$72.70.

**Blowing Rock**  
Mrs. H. C. Hayes, Fred Hatley, Mrs. E. B. Walsh, Dr. Mary Warfield, Paul Gragg, Mrs. J. H. Winkler, Mrs. Bob Hardin, Paul Coffey, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Hart, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Beck, Mrs. Rose A. Nichols, Mrs. Ben Greene, Mrs. T. H. Coffey, Sr., Mrs. Lyles Harris, Mrs. J. D. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Kent Brown, S. T. Icenhour, Clarence Greene, L. D. Tester, Mrs. I. E. Story, Mrs. Lloyd Robbins, H. F. Custer, Mrs. Moses H. Cone, Mrs. Joseph Cannon, Mrs. C. S. Prevette, Mrs. Julie Tate, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Holsinger, D. T. Coffey, F. W. Rainey, Mrs. T. J. Benfield, G. M. Sudderth, Mrs. Tom Coffey, Jr., Mrs. C. C. Winkler, Mrs. Walter Keys, E. G. Pitts. Total \$41.01.

**Cove Creek**  
Orville Hagaman, Mrs. N. L. Mast, Mrs. P. G. Spainhour, James B. Mast, Mrs. Stanley Harris, O. J. Harmon, Tom Moody, Blanche Stokes, Charles Clay, Dale C. Norris, Mrs. Mattie H. Wilson, Mrs. Anna Belle Norris, W. T. Payne, S. F. Horton, Maude Williams, Mrs. J. D. Horton, Mabel Norris, Ivey Wilson, Owen Little, Odes Wilson, C. F. Thompson, M. L. Warren, Will Miller, T. L. Mast, Anna Mae Sherwood, Mrs. Don J. Henson, Tom Banner, Mrs. Ralph Church, Mrs. Ernest Hillard, Herman Heafner, Miss Mildred Thomas, Mrs. Jake Mast, Clyde Mast, Mrs. Ophelia Bingham. Total, \$35.00.

**Valle Crucis**  
Miss Virginia Bouldin, Miss Dottie Burnett, Charlie Clay, Mrs. Howard Edmisten, Mrs. Maxie Edmisten, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Farthing, Clyde Tester, Miss Winnie Thornburg, Mrs. W. H. Wagner, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Olsen, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Mast, Mr. and Mrs. Mont Glover. Total, \$12.00.

**Deep Gap**  
Olin G. Winebarger, Miss Maggie E. Moretz, Eiler McNeil, G. O. Triplett, W. C. Greene, W. G. Brown, J. E. Luther, Sr. Total, \$7.00.  
Grand total to date, \$167.71.

## Ten Youths Complete Defense Training Course

Ten local young men will be awarded certificates for the completion of an eight-week defense training course in metal work at Appalachian high school on Friday, December 5. The class which meets at night has had instruction in arc welding, sheet metal work, pipe fitting, forging and machinery repair.

Another such course will be organized Monday night, December 8. Any young man between the ages of 17 and 25, wishing to enroll in this course for an eight-week period should be at the Appalachian high school building Monday evening, at 7 o'clock.

These courses are being sponsored by the local department of vocational agriculture as part of a nationwide pre-employment training program.

## RECENT RED CROSS MEMBERS GIVEN

Number of Communities Have Not Yet Made Their Reports, Says Mrs. Matheson

A total of 622 people have thus far joined the Red Cross during the current roll call campaign, according to Mrs. W. M. Matheson, chairman of the drive, the total receipts, including special gifts being at this time \$907.10.

Mrs. Matheson states that the reports from a number of communities haven't as yet been received, and would like for the solicitors to give her the information on their canvasses as quickly as possible.

Following is a list of the recent enrollees:

Mrs. Alice Hardin, Miss Metta McRary, Mrs. A. E. South, Mrs. Gordon Nash, Gurney Brinkley, Mrs. Duke Hollars.

**Mrs. Mae Miller, Solicitor**  
Rev. Edwin Troutman, C. M. Critcher, Wilcox Drug Co., Mrs. R. L. Clay, R. M. Owens, Faye Brown.

**Mrs. Frank Payne, Solicitor**  
Mrs. Frank Payne, Mrs. A. L. Cooke, Gulf Cafe, Barnett's Grocery, Mrs. A. E. Hamby, Mrs. M. P. Critcher, Jack Ragan, Carl W. Arnold, J. V. Caudill.

**Mrs. D. J. Whitener, Solicitor**  
Mrs. D. J. Whitener, D. J. Cottrell, Mrs. Floy Mast, Miss Milton Mast, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Critcher, Mrs. W. C. Greer, Mrs. Lillian Hopkins, Mrs. D. E. Benfield, Mrs. Jack Harrison, Mrs. Carl Hayes, Mrs. Albert Watson, Mrs. I. T. Barnett, Dr. D. J. Whitener.

**Mrs. W. B. Collins, Solicitor**  
Mrs. W. B. Collins, W. B. Collins, Mrs. Fred Mast, Mrs. L. V. Elliott, Mrs. H. B. Perry, Mrs. J. F. Hardin, Mrs. Council Cooke, Mrs. L. B. Tyson, Mrs. George A. Wilson, Mrs. James H. Council, James H. Council, Mrs. W. F. Miller, Jr., Mrs. B. J. Council, Mrs. Mollie L. King.

**Mrs. E. T. Glenn, Solicitor**  
Mrs. E. T. Glenn, Dr. E. T. Glenn, J. B. Taylor, Mrs. J. B. Hagaman, Mrs. W. H. Gragg, Mrs. J. F. Robbins, W. M. Cook, Mrs. W. M. Burwell, H. M. Hamilton, Jr., J. P. Greene, W. F. Bowles, W. H. Walker, Mrs. W. R. Lovell, Mrs. Cora L. Council, Miss Grace Pennell, Miss Virginia Jones, Mrs. Coker Triplett, Mrs. Craig Hollars, Mrs. Bill Casey, Miss Forrest Smith, Martha Miller, Mrs. G. D. Barnett, Mrs. Claude Todd.

**Cove Creek, Mrs. Mary S. Harris, Solicitor**  
Otis Wilson, Mrs. Otis Wilson, Mrs. Dare Strother, Jim Phillips, Clyde Mast, Herman H. Heafner, Mrs. Ruby Moody, Miss Ruth Sherwood, Miss Sue Wilson, Miss Mabel Norris, Miss Maude Williams, Mrs. Thelma Horton, Mrs. Bert Mast, Miss Annabel Bingham, Don J. Horton, Mrs. Don J. Horton, John R. Horton, James B. Mast, Mrs. James B. Mast, Mrs. N. L. Mast, Mrs. Maud Spainhour, W. E. Shipley, Cecil Glenn, Ed Sherwood, L. A. Henson, T. L. Mast.

**Mrs. James Winkler, Solicitor**  
Mrs. James Winkler, Charles Keerans, Mrs. Charles Keerans, Mrs. (Continued on page four)

## Local Artist Has Painting in Exhibit

The fifth annual exhibition of N. C. artists was held in Person Hall art gallery, Chapel Hill, on November 23rd, and contained 35 paintings from the brushes of prominent state artists. The subjects ranged from realistic portraits and landscapes to abstracts.

The only surrealist painting in the entire show was a canvas entitled "The Seaman's Nightmare," by Miss Glada B. Walker, director of the division of art, Appalachian College. This painting created much comment, it is said, from all who attended the show.

Arrangements are being made by Mr. John Alcott, director of art at the University of North Carolina, to have this exhibition shown in various cities and different colleges throughout the state during the coming year. It is hoped that the show will be in Boone during the spring months.

## "WHERE TWO OR THREE"

On Sunday evening, December 7, the YWCA and the YMCA will present in a joint meeting the play, "Where Two or Three." This play was given recently at the Baptist student convention in Durham by members of the Baptist Student Union of Appalachian College. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Eire has restricted the amount of personal clothing a traveler leaving the country may take with him.

Aberdeen, Scotland, has doubled its shipment of combs to other countries in the last 18 months.

## At Black Mountain

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## COMMERCE BODY MEETS TUESDAY

Special Sound Film on North Carolina to Be Shown; Tobacco Men to Attend

The Chamber of Commerce will meet next Tuesday evening at 7:30 at the Gateway Cafe, and H. W. Wilcox, president of the organization, states that this is one of the most important meetings of the year.

A new motion picture made in Kodachrome, entitled, "North Carolina, Variety Vacationland," will be shown. The film is presented through the courtesy of the state department of conservation and development.

A number of the tobacco men, who are now operating the Mountain Burley warehouses will be present, says Mr. Wilcox, and will give out information concerning this and other markets in the burley belt.

Mr. Harry Hamilton and Mr. Bernard Dougherty will be present and will tell of the progress made by Watauga county this year in breeding superior livestock.

## Farm Bureau Is Organized Here

A group of farmers met at the courthouse some time ago and organized a farm bureau in Watauga county. The group elected the following men to serve for a period of three months: T. C. Baird, Valle Crucis, chairman; D. C. Coffey, Route 1, Boone, vice-chairman, and D. F. Greene, Sugar Grove, secretary and treasurer.

Fifteen men joined the organization the day it was organized and it is said that a large number of new members have been added since that time.

The farm bureau is a national farm organization that is run entirely by farmers. The dues are \$3.00 a year. It is hoped that Watauga county can build a large membership so that the organization can be of great help not only in the county but in the state and nation.

Farmers are the only group in the nation that is poorly organized and if the farmers would organize they could accomplish a lot of things that cannot be obtained without strong organization.

It is hoped that Watauga county can take the lead in showing farmers of North Carolina the value of farm organization. Another meeting will be called in the near future to explain the purposes of the farm bureau and it is hoped that a large number of farmers will attend and find out more about this organization.

## County Teachers To Gather Next Monday

The Watauga county teachers are to meet Monday afternoon, December 8 at 3 o'clock in the auditorium of the Boone high school.

The program will be under the direction of the committee on community education, of which Dr. Orby Southard is chairman. Following the general meeting, the departmental groups will meet for their activities.

## CHRISTMAS ANTHEM AT GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Christmas anthem, "Behold, I Bring You Good Tidings," will be presented by the Grace Lutheran choir next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Mr. Gordon Nash is the director.

## SIGHT CLINIC IS NOW IN PROGRESS

About 75 Watauga Children Are to Be Examined; Clinic Sponsored by Lions Club

In a report to the Boone Lions Club Tuesday night, Dr. R. H. Harmon stated that the annual sight clinic sponsored by the Lions Club in co-operation with the county health service, is now in progress. About 75 Watauga county school children will be examined during the three-day clinic which began Wednesday.

Dr. Lester P. Martin of Oxford, is in charge of the clinic. He is being assisted by members of the staff of the local health department.

The club voted to again assist the management of the local theatre in sponsoring a toy matinee at Appalachian Theatre next Monday. Council Cooke, D. J. Whitener and L. A. Price were named as a special committee to assist with this enterprise. The toys collected at this performance will be given to underprivileged children at Christmas.

Dr. Orby Southard was selected to succeed E. S. Christenbury as representative of the Lions Club on the executive committee of the Boone public forum.

At the conclusion of the business session, Mr. Oscar Sverlien of the history department at Appalachian College, addressed the group on the role Norway is playing in the European war.

## Institutes In Safety Education Announced

A series of institutes for superintendents, principals and high school teachers in safety education and driver training was announced this week by Prof. E. E. Garbee, president of the North Carolina Physical Education Association. Mr. Garbee, who is head of the department of physical education at Appalachian College, stated that the Physical Education Association had the full support of the highway safety division and the state department of public instruction in initiating this program.

The safety institutes will be held at Brevard College, Brevard, Appalachian College, Boone; Gastonia high school, Gastonia; Mars Hill Junior College, Albemarle high school, Guilford College, Oxford high school and Clinton high school.

Discussion leaders for these institutes include Mr. Charles Spencer, state department of public instruction; Dr. Walter Cutter, highway safety division; Herman Schnell, University of North Carolina; Ralph Andrews, W. C. T. C.; Kenneth Iversen, Miss Cleon Hayes and E. E. Garbee, Appalachian; and N. Carl Barefoot, highway safety division.

The institutes will be held on Friday, December 5, from 2 to 5 p. m.

## Last Rites Are Held For Will Bingham, 48

Funeral services for William Bingham, well-known farmer of Vilas, were conducted last Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, from the Henson's Chapel Methodist church. The pastor, Rev. M. A. Osborne, was in charge of the rites, and interment was in the nearby cemetery. Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home had charge of the arrangements.

Mr. Bingham died almost suddenly Wednesday afternoon from a heart attack. He was 48 years of age.

Mr. Bingham, who was a son of the late Thomas Bingham, was reared in Watauga county, where he was a leader in civic and religious activities. He had been a member of the Henson's Chapel Methodist church for many years and was a member of the board of stewards. He also taught in the Sunday school.

The deceased is survived by the widow, the former Miss Bessie Hayes; six children, Sherman, George, Reba, Bill, Horace and Joe; four brothers, James H. Bingham, Elizabeth, Tenn.; Coy Bingham, Vilas; Albert Bingham, Boone, and Elliot, Vilas; four sisters, Mrs. V. M. Presnell, Vilas; Mrs. Joe McNeil, Mrs. Grady Hayes, Vilas, and Mrs. Verta Hayes, Montezuma.

## VISIT COLLEGES IN MID-WEST

Dr. B. B. Dougherty, Dr. J. D. Rankin, Mr. Chappell Wilson and Mr. Edwin Dougherty left Boone Saturday for a week's educational tour of colleges in the mid-west. They will attend an educational conference in session at Ball State Teachers College and visit many institutions along the way, including Indiana State Teachers College and Notre Dame, returning to Boone this week-end.

## Tobacco Brings Average of 32 Cents As Mountain Burley Warehouses Open For Season; Over 150,000 Pounds Sold

Highly Pleased With the First Sales of Season; J. R. Vaught of Shouns, Sells High Basket at 42 Cents Per Pound

Sales of burley tobacco started on the floors of the Mountain Burley Warehouses this (Wednesday) morning at 9 o'clock, and information at noon was to the effect that more than 150,000 pounds had been auctioned at an average price of between 32 and 33 cents per pound.

Mr. Roscoe Coleman, the warehouseman, and the farmers are highly pleased with the results of the first day's sale.

Mr. J. R. Vaught of Shouns, Tenn., sold the highest basket of tobacco this morning, 208 pounds, which brought 42 cents per pound. Mr. Vaught also sold 290 pounds at 35 cents and 262 pounds at 31 cents.

Some of the other offerings and the prices received are as follows: J. M. Keller, Abingdon, Va., sold 1,928 pounds for an average price of \$33.45 per hundred; 280 pounds of his crop brought 41c.

P. A. Presnell, Rominger, 176 lbs. at 40c.

Irene Eldreth and R. A. May, Mountain City, 102 pounds at 40c.

T. C. Hurley, Grassy Creek, 116 pounds at 36c; 150 pounds at 35c; 144 pounds at 33c.

R. L. Trivette, Trade, Tenn., 196 pounds at 36c; 158 pounds at 21c.

N. G. Presnell, Beech Creek, 156 pounds at 38c; 96 pounds at 36c.

W. F. May, Shouns, Tenn., 134 pounds at 38c; 102 pounds at 27c; 146 pounds at 26c.

Mrs. Fay A. Kins, Sugar Grove, 114 pounds at 38c; 120 pounds at 37c; 74 pounds at 34c.

W. A. Ross, Mouth of Wilson, Va., 150 pounds at 36c; 104 pounds at 30c; 106 pounds at 28c.

Roy Stout, Reese, 202 pounds at 38c; 104 pounds at 32c; 78 pounds at 36c.

J. V. and Joe Parsons, Mouth of Wilson, Va., 116 pounds at 41c; 210 pounds at 35c.

J. S. Lindsay, Grassy Creek, 120 pounds at 39c; 44 pounds at 38c; 160 pounds at 36c.

Dowell & Greer, Shouns, Tenn., 46 pounds at 40c; 148 pounds at 39c; 124 pounds at 32c.

B. C. Lippard, Shouns, Tenn., 78 pounds at 40c; 116 pounds at 39c; 64 pounds at 38c; 166 pounds at 35c; 32 pounds at 18c.

E. H. Handy, Crumpler, 1,062 pounds for \$310.30.

J. R. Young, Grassy Creek, 880 pounds for \$277.15.

W. D. Morefield, Neva, Tenn., 144 pounds at 39c; 376 pounds at 37c.

Tom Holden, Mabel, 266 pounds at 40c; 200 pounds at 39c; 294 pounds at 35c; 170 pounds at 29c.

N. V. Presnell, Banner Elk, 108 pounds at 41c; 80 pounds at 36c; 86 pounds at 35c.

Joe McNeil, Vilas, 128 pounds at 41c; 60 pounds at 38c; 98 pounds at 21c.

W. M. Thomas, Mabel, 262 pounds at 38c; 164 pounds at 31c; 334 pounds at 23c.

J. M. Presnell, Rominger, 176 pounds at 40c.

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W. F. May, Shouns, Tenn., 124 pounds at 38c; 102 pounds at 27c; 146 pounds at 26c.

J. M. Keller, Abingdon, Va., 1,928 pounds for \$645.20.

Howard Ward, Sugar Grove, 68 pounds at 42c; 64 pounds at 39c; 138 pounds at 31c.

Andy Stout, Mountain City, Tenn., 302 pounds at 39c; 192 pounds at 33c.

Robert Potter, Trade, Tenn., 664 pounds for \$186.52.

Mrs. Mona Norris, Sugar Grove, 634 pounds for \$187.36.

Margaret Honeycutt, Burnsville, 640 pounds for \$212.38.

Lester Loung, Grassy Creek, 1,072 pounds for \$368.30, and 670 pounds for \$240.12.

Mrs. D. F. Horton, Vilas, 700 pounds for 204.10.

Dr. F. M. Greer, Mabel, 598 pounds for 183.42.

Eugene Waddell, Grassy Creek, 958 pounds for \$337.16.

Gray Potter, Sly, N. C., 524 pounds for 158.78.

T. C. Handy, Grassy Creek, 798 pounds for \$243.90.

L. M. Gouge, Bakersville, 332 pounds for \$112.32.

A. D. McNeil, Bina, 330 pounds for \$112.42.

S. H. Kelley, Glade Springs, Va., 760 pounds for \$232.60.

Rambo McKee, Glade Springs, 1,108 pounds for \$336.75.

Paul Grimes, colored, received \$95 last Wednesday at the Appreciation Day program at city hall, while Miss Rose Greer of Laxon, missed receiving \$57.00 by being absent when her name was called.

The Appreciation Day event comes to a close this (Wednesday) afternoon when \$50 will be given to patrons of the participating merchants. \$365 has been given to shoppers in Boone during the past 13 weeks, and 30 gifts of merchandise have been distributed.

On last Wednesday Mrs. Ronda Williams of Boone, and Mrs. R. L. Maury of Boone, received subscriptions to the Watauga Democrat. Mrs. J. W. Manning of Boone, received a rug presented by the Farmers Hardware & Supply Co.; Mrs. W. M. Winkler received a bedspread from Belk-White, and Mrs. Maude Estes received a bottle of furniture polish from Karl Perkins.

**Miss Moore New Head Of Watauga Hospital**  
Miss Margaret Moore, registered nurse of Asheville, has taken over the superintendency of the Watauga Hospital, succeeding Miss Anna Hayes, who recently resigned.

Mrs. Florence Barbee, also of Asheville, has taken over the duties of operating room nurse.

**ALUMNI OF APPALACHIAN TO MEET DECEMBER 18TH**  
The Watauga County Alumni of Appalachian College will meet Tuesday night, December 16, at the college cafeteria where they will enjoy an oyster supper, after which there will be a short business meeting for the election of officers for the coming year. Mr. Starr N. Stacy, secretary, and Mr. Gene Wike, program chairman, have announced a special program of both local and visiting musical talent to be presented after the business discussion. This meeting, always an informal gathering, will embrace approximately 200 former students.

**JOSEPH TOWNSEND**  
Joseph Townsend was born April 11, 1874, and departed this life November 25, 1941, at the age of 67 years.

Funeral services were conducted last Wednesday from the Methodist church at Matney by Rev. Grady Hamby and interment was in the neighborhood cemetery.

Surviving are six sons. Mr. Townsend had been a consistent member of the church for a number of years, and was a splendid citizen.

**WINS POPULARITY CONTEST**  
Little Miss Shirley Adams was a winner in a recent popularity contest conducted at the Happy Valley school, where she is a student. The little five-year-old child won the title, "Little Miss Happy Valley" and was presented with a silver loving cup. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Adams, former Watauga county residents.

**LOVEN IS APPREHENDED**  
A Loven, representative of the Metro Publicity Service, who is said to have swindled a number of local merchants recently on a give-away advertising plan, has been apprehended, and is now being held in Roxboro for trial there on similar charges.

It is expected that Loven will be returned to Boone for trial in the near future.

**RECORD PORKER**  
Mr. J. C. Brookshire slaughtered a Poland China hog on Monday which tipped the scales at 575 pounds, and is the largest porker to be reported this season.