



SALES OF BURLEY ON LOCAL MART START DEC. 9TH

Prospects for Sale of Weed Described as Exceedingly Good With High Prices Certain; Crop of Weed Very Good

Sales of burley tobacco will start on the floors of the Mountain Burley warehouses here on December 9th, according to R. C. Coleman of Tabor City, warehouse operator, who has been here for several days making ready for what he believes will be the biggest season in the history of the local market.

Mr. Coleman says the crop of burley is good throughout the three-state area, and he and his assistants for many days have been traveling the area, contacting farmers and securing poundage for the market. The Johnson City radio is being used extensively in publicizing the market, which has been noted for its uniformly high prices. This year, however, the prices received by the farmer will be much higher than heretofore, it is said.

Tobacco is now being received at the local warehouses and a full scale sale is expected for the opening day. Two big floors, however, make it possible for the operators to take care of the farmers' speedily, and there is never any considerable delay in selling.

Since burley prices are up, farm leaders and others are warning against selling tobacco to speculators. Farmers should receive full advantage of the rising market, and pocket the money, which would otherwise go to the "middle man."

Appalachian High Sells \$229 Worth of Stamps and Bonds in 15 Minutes

During a stamp rally sponsored by the band, the senior girls of Appalachian high school sold \$229 worth of stamps and bonds to the faculty and students Friday morning.

The sales took place during the intermission of a patriotic band concert given by Mr. Nash and his band for that purpose. The band itself bought \$38.80, averaging more than \$1.00 per member which was the goal set by Mr. Nash.

This brings the total stamp and bond sales to \$938.40 since October 15. The sales were made by the senior girls to students, faculty and people of the town.

The goal set by Appalachian high school for the year is \$5,000 and the sales on Friday morning raised the total to \$2,852.20.

The aim of the school is to have every student buy stamps. It is not enough for them to buy with money which they do not need but to buy stamps with every dime they can get.

One Deer Falls to Gun of Local Nimrod

W. H. Smith, Jr., killed a 135-pound eight-point buck in a hunt on the Mount Mitchell preserve last Friday, he being the only member of the local hunting parties this season to "bring home the bacon."

Among those who have taken part in the Mt. Mitchell hunts this season are: Paul Coffey, B. W. Stallings, Grady Farthing, W. H. Smith, Jr., Rob Rivers, Ralph Winkler, Gordon Winkler, Kenneth Linney, Bill Rush, Frank Triplett, Walter Edmisten, Dr. R. C. Busted and Dr. J. T. C. Wright.

Small Pieces of Metal Are Sought For Victory

The Ladies' Auxiliary of St. Luke's Episcopal church is seeking discarded keys and other small pieces of metal, which were not sought in previous scrap metal drives, to augment the flow of scrap to the steel mills.

Boxes are being provided in the Boone Drug Store and Belk's, and it is hoped to secure a barrel-full of these odds and ends of scrap, which it is understood, will be sufficient to construct an anti-aircraft field gun.

Printing of the country's new all-purpose ration books will take 87,000 pounds of ink, 7,500 pounds of paste, half a million pounds of boxing.

There are 176,000 physicians in the United States, of whom about 25,000 are with the armed forces.

'Major Victory'



Vice Admiral William F. Halsey, commander of the U. S. naval force which dealt the Jap armada a smashing blow in showdown battle in the Solomon Islands area is shown above. This was an all-out effort on the part of the Japs to recapture Guadalcanal and New Guinea. Admiral Mimitz, commander-in-chief of the Pacific fleet, claimed a "major victory for our gallant forces."

Baptists Elect Ike Greer Head of Convention

S. C. Eggers of Boone, is Named on General Board of Convention at Its 112th Annual Session in High Point Last Week

The Baptist state convention at its 112th annual session in High Point, last Thursday elected I. G. Greer president for the next year, and left the selection of next year's meeting place to the convention's general board.

Mr. Greer, who is superintendent of the Thomasville orphanage, succeeds Dr. Rorrest C. Freezer, pastor of Tabernacle Baptist church in Raleigh. He was elected on the third ballot and a motion from the floor made his election unanimous.

Opponents of Mr. Greer on the first ballot were Richard Redwine of Hickory, Perry Morgan of Ridgecrest, and E. Norfleet Gardner of Henderson.

The following vice-presidents were elected by acclamation: J. B. Grice of Asheville, Leslie Campbell, president of Campbell College, and J. W. Tuttle of Shelby.

The convention approved the following appointments:

Convention board of trustees, terms expiring 1943: R. L. McMillan, Raleigh and F. H. Brooks, of Smithfield.

General board of the convention, terms expiring in 1945: Claude F. Gaddy, Raleigh; S. C. Eggers, Boone; T. W. Ryer, New Bern; M. L. Bannister, Oxford; Hubert M. Craig, Stanley; J. D. McCready, Morganton; W. W. Jones, Kannapolis; J. J. Smith, Greensboro; A. J. Whitley, Jr., Smithfield; H. M. Hocutt, Biltmore; D. G. Myers, Mt. Olive; E. N. Gardner, Henderson; A. B. Wood, Charlotte; Mrs. R. K. Redwine, Hickory; J. R. Link, Apex, and J. R. Morgan, Waynesville.

Boone Public Forum Opens Current Season

On Friday, November 13, at 8:00 o'clock, the Boone Public Forum opened its 1942-43 season. The forum leader was Mr. Paul O. Nafe, editor of the McDowell News. Mr. Nafe led a very stimulating discussion on the topic, "The Press and War Propaganda."

The local forum is sponsored by the Lions Club, the Chamber of Commerce, the Woman's Club, and the Merchants Association. Its purpose is to give enlightenment on current topics of local, state, national and international interest.

The finance committee, composed of Prof. W. M. Grubbs, Dr. W. M. Matheson, Mrs. Mae Miller, Mrs. Wiley Smith, Mr. W. H. Walker and Dr. W. Amos Abrams, is at present sponsoring a drive for funds. The following is a list of contributors: Dr. D. J. Whitener \$1.00, Dr. Orby Southard 1.00, Frank Payne 1.00, W. G. Hartzog 1.00, Dr. A. P. Kephart 1.00, M. R. Maddux 1.00, Dr. Robert R. King 1.00, Dr. W. Amos Abrams 1.00.

Any citizen of Boone who wishes to support this program is urged to see any member of the finance committee.

FARMERS ASKED TO INTENSIFY SCRAP EFFORT

Nelson Calls Upon Farmers in Telegram to Democrat to Renew Efforts to Gather Scrap During Rest of 1942; Steel Mills Need Junk

Donald M. Nelson, chairman of the war production board, is calling upon the American farmers to renew their efforts in collecting scrap from their plantations during the remaining weeks of 1942, and in a telegram received today by the Watauga Democrat, says the farm is the best source of the type of metal now needed so badly by the steel mills.

The text of the telegram follows: "The government is asking the American farmer to dedicate the remaining weeks of 1942 to an intensified scrap hunt. Steel mills need more heavy scrap and the farms are one of the best sources of this type of metal. We need your further help in this farm drive and in aiding our salvage committees to continue this effort throughout the next few weeks. . . . All salvage committees are being instructed to continue to make available to the farmer all their transportation facilities and manpower, and to co-operate with you in every possible way. The nation is looking to the farmer. I am sure . . . he will come through."

CHURCH SERVICES FOR THANKSGIVING

Business Houses Close For Observance of Holiday; Special Sermons

Different churches of the city have arranged special Thanksgiving services for today, and business houses of the city, with few exceptions, will be closed for the day.

A schedule of the special church services, to which all the people of the community are invited, follows:

FIRST BAPTIST
Thanksgiving service will be held at the First Baptist church Wednesday night at 7:30. Everybody welcome.
Bring your offering for the orphanage. The pastor will preach and the service will be in the church auditorium. There will be special music.

AT DEMONSTRATION SCHOOL
Thanksgiving services will be conducted in the demonstration elementary school at 11 a. m. by Rev. Marion Currie, and in the high school at 9:45 a. m. by Rev. Edwin F. Troutman.

BOONE METHODIST
A Thanksgiving service will be held in the Boone Methodist church at 8 a. m. on Thursday morning. The public is cordially invited to join with us in this early morning service. A liberal offering will be expected for the Children's Home in Winston-Salem.

JAMES I. VANCE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN
Special Thanksgiving service at 10 o'clock Thursday morning. Other churches are invited to take part.

Mrs. Simpson Promoted in N.Y.A. Organization

Mrs. Clara P. Simpson has recently been promoted to youth personnel field representative with the National Youth Administration.

The principal work is to select youths from eight counties to take training which will prepare them to take skilled work in war industries. The age limit is 16 to 25 years for both girls and boys.

The major objective with the war manpower commission is to prepare youths quickly and efficiently for war industries. Approximately 100 youths from each NYA vocational center are placed every six weeks in defense plants. Work clothing, board, room and small salary furnished. Those interested should see Mrs. Simpson at their earliest convenience.

BANDAGE ROOM CLOSED TODAY
The Red Cross room for the making of surgical dressings will be closed for Thanksgiving, it was announced Wednesday.

'Teen Age Boys Take Oath of Allegiance



Youths between the ages of 18 and 19, who have enlisted in the United States army, are shown taking the oath of allegiance which is being administered by Lieut. John T. Cummisskey, U.S.A., at the army induction center in Grand Central Palace, New York. Many youths such as these have volunteered their services to America since the 'teen age draft bill became law.

Parity Payments Again Guaranteed to Western North Carolina Burley Growers

A bulletin just received from the crop marketing service of the U. S. department of agriculture co-operating with the North Carolina department of agriculture indicates that the mountain crop of burley tobacco will average about 1,200 pounds to the acre. In 1941 western North Carolina raised 6,200 acres of burley tobacco, and this year about 6,800 acres. This means that the total production will be in the neighborhood of 8,160,000 pounds of golden weed.

This is good news, but the farmers will be very much interested in the indicated average price for this year's crop. This average will be at least \$40 per hundred pounds. Therefore, every leaf of tobacco is valuable and every effort should be put forth to properly handle, grade and deliver all tobacco to the warehouse in the best possible condition.

Then more good news is that the Farmers Federation will again serve as agent for Commodity Credit Corporation in Washington which guarantees a parity price to all growers for their tobacco. The guaranteed price last year was 85% of parity and this year the guarantee is 90% of parity. The federation has already completed arrangements with the Columbia bank for co-operatives and a sufficient fund, running into hundreds of thousands of dollars, will be available to pay for all tobacco acquired by the Farmers Federation for the Commodity Credit Corporation and on behalf of the growers in western North Carolina.

The plan of operation is very simple: You take your tobacco to the warehouse and have it weighed and placed in baskets in the usual way. A warehouse ticket will be placed on your basket, and then the federal graders will grade the tobacco, placing certain symbols and letters

on the ticket. You will be given a parity price card showing the parity prices on all grades and you can readily pick out the grade as indicated on your basket. When the big auction starts and you know your tobacco is guaranteed, let us say at 35 cents a pound, and it is bid up to only 30 cents, the markers or checkers for Commodity Credit will place a big red letter "C55 on your basket ticket. You will then go to the office at the warehouse and the warehouse operator will pay you at the 35-cent rate. The warehouseman in turn bills the Farmers Federation for your tobacco, and we pay this warehouseman. Then your tobacco thus acquired, together with any other tobacco secured in the same way, is removed to a big reprocessing plant, and after it is dried and regraded, it is placed in large hogsheads and retained for Commodity Credit Corporation until sold.

If this tobacco is finally sold for a price higher than the amount paid by the Farmers Federation, you will receive your proportionate share of this overage. Perhaps all of the readers know that on July 9 of this year the corporation mailed these overage checks for an average of \$2.50 per hundred pounds to 258 western North Carolina farmers.

The federation will operate this plant at all tobacco warehouses in Boone, Asheville and all warehouse operators will gladly co-operate even though it means some additional work in their offices. On account of gasoline and tire shortages, it is expected that a much larger percentage of tobacco grown in western North Carolina will be marketed this year in Boone and Asheville.

A telegram has just been received stating that the Boone and Asheville markets will open Tuesday, December 8th.

SEALS ARE MAILED LOCAL RESIDENTS

Annual Sale of Christmas Seals Gets Under Way With Good Response

Christmas Seals, the proceeds of which are used to fight tuberculosis, were mailed to individuals and business firms in this section Monday, and the response to the annual campaign seems to be enthusiastic. Many of those receiving the sheets of stamps, placed the one dollar bill in the return envelope and mailed it before leaving the postoffice lobby.

Mrs. J. E. Holshouser, chairman of the seal campaign, has the county well organized and her helpers join her in the desire to sell the full quota of one thousand dollars worth of the health stickers this year.

The demand is reported as being quite lively for the stamps which in many families' holiday mail, have become such a tradition that no package is mailed without the seals. The complete co-operation of the public is sought and reports on the progress of the campaign will be carried in this newspaper from week to week.

Early firearms were named after birds; the word "musket" signifies a sparrowhawk.

POTATO PRICES MAY GO HIGHER

County Agent Says December 1 Should See Rise in Price of Spuds

County Agent Harry M. Hamilton states that indications point to a price-rise in potatoes about the first of the month, and suggests that it would pay the farmers to hold their product for a week or so. Mr. Hamilton says:

"All indications point to an increase in potato prices after the first of December, therefore I believe it would pay the farmers to hold their potatoes for a week or so before offering them on the market."

"The chances are that other products besides potatoes may advance after the first of the month. It will also pay the farmers to have a high quality product to offer on the market. In the case of potatoes, a good strict grade will pay better than a loose grade because there is a big demand for higher quality products."

If each of the 31 million U. S. families bought one less can of canned goods per week, the steel saved would meet steel requirements of \$5,000 medium tanks, there would be tin for 360,000 75mm. howitzers, rubber for 2,000 jeeps.

BALLOT PROBE TO BE CONTINUED TO NEXT WEDNESDAY

State Board Elections Continues Watauga County Voting Dispute Case, Pending Further Investigation; Other Disputes

The state board of elections, in session in Raleigh Tuesday, decided that the Watauga county election dispute, involving the validity of 312 county ballots found in the wrong box, should be investigated further before the board makes a decision at a meeting to be held next Wednesday. Chairman W. A. Lucas did not indicate the place of the meeting.

The ballots, over which a heated dispute has raged since election day, will decide the results of the election in Watauga county. The county elections board voted to count the ballots, and if its decision is sustained, the Democrats will remain in charge of the county government, with the exception of the office of sheriff. If the decision of the local board is reversed, the Republicans win the county offices.

Ask Changes in Law
At Tuesday's meeting the state board heard widespread complaints of misuse of the absentee ballot law, and voted to recommend to the governor and to the next general assembly that the law "be so amended that only the voter himself can apply for an absentee ballot, which must be applied for in person or by mail and that the ballot so applied for be delivered to the voter only in person or by mail. Under the present law it has been interpreted that members of the immediate family of the voters can apply for and receive absentee ballots.

The board was told that in some cases absentee ballots were distributed to party workers so that they could secure the country-side for absentee votes. "An absentee ballot law cannot exist in North Carolina without producing fraud," commented W. A. Lucas of Wilson, chairman of the elections board.

The board also voted to recommend the passage of a "penal statute" making it "unlawful for any person other than legal custodians of ballots or voters actually in the process of voting within voting enclosures or voters exercising the right of the absentee ballots, to have in his possession any official ballots."

An appeal from Graham county was dismissed by the board. The dispute was over counting of about 300 Democrat and 250 Republican absentee ballots. The only way the Democrats could win in Graham, the board was told, was for the Democrat absentees to be counted and the Republican ballots to be thrown out. The county elections board voted not to count either and the state board upheld that action.

An appeal from Brunswick county was dismissed. The dispute was over the race for county judge which John B. Ward, Democrat, won over D. R. Johnson, Republican, by one vote.

Winkler Child Dies; Funeral Held Monday

Linda Gordon Winkler, two years old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Winkler, died at the home in Boone last Saturday evening. Although the child had been in delicate health, she died from a rather sudden illness.

Funeral services were conducted Monday morning at 11 o'clock from the Boone Baptist church, the pastor, Rev. J. C. Canipe, officiating. Interment was in the city cemetery.

Surviving are the bereaved parents and two sisters, Barbara Dean and Anna Boyce Winkler.

HUNTING SEASON OPENS THURSDAY

Many Plan to Go to Fields and Forests for Initial Hunt Today

The hunting season for rabbits, quail, grouse and other upland game opens in Watauga county today, and many will observe Thanksgiving with gun and dog. County Game Warden Walter Edmisten believes that there is an unusual number of rabbits, as well as game birds this year, and believes that hunters will enjoy splendid sport.

The squirrel season which opened on September 15th, will close on December 15th.