



REPORT OF COUNTY AGENT IS STORY OF FARM PROGRESS

Striking Progress is Made in County Along All Agricultural Lines During Year 1942. Harry Hamilton's Detailed Summary Indicates.

Harry M. Hamilton, county agent, has completed his annual report of the accomplishments of Watauga county farmers, which indicates that long strides along the road of progress are being made by the farm people of this area, both in the production of food crops and of purebred livestock.

The condensed summary of Mr. Hamilton's report is as follows:

1. Twelve farmers bought purebred Hereford bulls.
2. Sixteen farmers bought purebred Hampshire rams.
3. Nine farmers bought purebred dairy-type bulls.
4. Sixty farmers bought 326 yearling western ewes.
5. Eight purebred Hereford breeders bought twenty Registered Hereford cows and heifers.
6. Five hundred and twenty-six farmers sold \$95,844.58 worth of milk to the Coble receiving station at Sugar Grove, N. C.
7. Twenty-two farmers sold \$2,322.00 worth of cabbage to the Agricultural Marketing Administration.
8. Three hundred seventy-two farmers sold 35,178 pounds of wool through the Watauga wool pool at \$2 cents per pound.
9. Three hundred and eleven farmers sold 2,413 lambs through the Watauga lamb pool.
10. The agents assisted 74 farmers in buying \$23,347 worth of beef cattle, dairy cattle, sheep and workstock.
11. The agents assisted fifty farmers individually in selling \$21,440.50 worth of cattle and sheep.
12. Six baby beavers were exhibited at the western Carolina fat stock show at Asheville, by seven 4-H club members. Tom Vannoy, Watauga county 4-H club boy exhibited the grand champion baby beaver.
13. Watauga county 4-H club members have exhibited the grand champion baby beaver at the Western Carolina Fat Stock Show for six years in succession. Tom Vannoy's grand champion baby beaver weighed 660 pounds and was sold to the Dixie Home Stores for 30 1/2 cents per pound.
14. Thirteen 4-H club members carried the dairy production project this year.
15. Max Clawson, 4-H club member of Green Valley, sold \$135.40 of milk from his shorthorn cow in 7 1/2 months time.
16. One hundred and seventeen boys were enrolled in 4-H club work during 1942 and one hundred and four of these boys completed their project.
17. Farmers and business men of this county aided the war effort (Continued on page eight)

Mrs. Conley Isaacs Is Taken By Death

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon from the Bethel Baptist Church for Mrs. Conley Isaacs of Sugar Grove, Route 1. Rev. W. D. Ashley, assisted by Rev. E. J. Farthing, was in charge of the services. Burial was in the nearby cemetery. Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home directed the funeral arrangements.

Mrs. Isaacs had been in poor health for several months, but her condition had been considered critical for only about a week. Death came Sunday afternoon. She was 55 years old.

Mrs. Isaacs was born in Johnson County, Tenn. After marriage, she and Mr. Isaacs settled in Beaver Dam township, where they made their permanent home. She was a loyal member of the Bethel Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband and nine children: Mrs. Demon Halbrook, New Hall, W. Va.; Pvt. Rhod Isaacs, Fort Andrews, Mass.; Pvt. Walter R. Isaacs, in service abroad; and Lloyd Isaacs, Mrs. Carl Matheson, Mrs. Mack Brown, Bertha and Marlene Isaacs of Sugar Grove. The mother, Mrs. Cordelia Proffit, also survives.

Pallbearers were: Carl Farthing, Lee Stanberry, Jim Farthing, Marshall Edmisten, Dile Norris, and Perry Farthing. The flower girls were Misses Kathryn Sherwood, Madeline Edmisten, Vera Hicks, Frances Norris, Sammie Dugger, Loy Isaacs, Retha Harmon, Cleia Ward, Ruth Ward, Maude Johnson, Mabel Moody, Virginia Stansberry, Grace Sherwood, and Mary Nell Farthing.

Sole Owner



GUY H. HUNT

HUNT BUYS BARE'S FAIR STORE HERE

Interest of G. T. Bare in Local Department Store Bought By Business Partner.

Mr. Guy H. Hunt, popular manager of Bare's Fair Store in this city became the sole owner of the business establishment last week, when he acquired the one-half interest in the large stock of merchandise owned by Mr. G. T. Bare.

Mr. Hunt, who is well known in Watauga, is a native of Ashe county, being a son of Mr. Lee Hunt. During the five years he has managed Bare's Fair Store, business has developed so rapidly that the quarters have been almost doubled five different times, and the store now occupies two large floors in the Colvard building here.

Mr. Hunt in making former announcement of the acquisition of the property, states that the name of the business has been changed to Hunt's Department Store.

Mr. Hunt, his wife, the former Miss Fern Pyles of Ashe county, and two small sons, Guy, Jr., and Richard, are permanently established in their home in Daniel Boone Park.

Mr. Hunt is a deacon in the local Presbyterian church, and Secretary of the Sunday School. He is a member of the Retail Merchants Association and the Chamber of Commerce, and a prominent figure in the business and civic life of the community.

Other members of the staff at Hunt's department store, include: Mrs. J. L. Reese, manager of the ladies department on the second floor; B. M. Grogan, manager men's wear; Mrs. Hunt, bookkeeper, Mrs. Dallas Hodges and Mrs. Gene Reese.

WAR BOND JUBILEE A DECIDED SUCCESS

\$2,500 In Bonds and Stamps Subscribed at Gala Event Held Saturday Evening.

The war savings stamp jubilee, held Saturday evening in the High School auditorium, planned and directed by Mrs. M. R. Maddux, was a decided success in many ways. A larger crowd was expected, but those who did attend expressed themselves as being highly pleased with the event.

The music was furnished by Mr. Elwood Roberts, Miss Virginia Wary and Palmer Blair's Band, composed of young musically talented people of the town.

The first thing on the program was a community sing, under the leadership of Miss Wary, with Mr. Roberts at the piano. Everyone, both young and old, enjoyed this treat. Mayor Gragg, made an address of welcome, after which he and Mr. M. R. Maddux sold and subscribed bonds in the amount of \$2,500.44 and stamps in the amount of \$50.00.

The committee wishes to thank everyone who so graciously helped to make this affair the success it was.

U. S. EMPLOYMENT SERVICE LISTS JOBS NOW OPEN

The following are some of the job openings listed with the United States Employment Service. For further information call at the courthouse in Boone on Friday between the hours of 10 a. m. and 1 p. m.

Stenographer, typist, weaver, machinist, boiler maker, arc welder, blacksmith, bus driver, lineman, automobile mechanics, automobile parts clerk, electrician, painter, plumber, guard, laborer.

TRIAL OF PLEASURE DRIVERS IS SET FOR NEXT MONDAY

Motorists Accused Of Violating Ban On Driving For Pleasure May Lose Ration Cards; 108 Persons Listed as Suspects; Other News From Ration Body

Officials of the Watauga Rationing Board this week worked out details for trial of persons suspected of violating the ban against pleasure driving and set the first trial for next Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock, in the local ration board office.

The office has already begun the task of sending out notices to some 108 persons whose names have been turned in as possible violators of the rule against the use of cars for pleasure. The motorist will be notified when to appear before the trial board show, if possible, why his gasoline ration book should not be revoked.

Retail Prices
In the judgment of the Price Administrator retail prices of farm equipment have risen and are threatening to rise further to an extent and in a manner inconsistent with the purposes of the Emergency Price Control Act of 1942.

Ceiling Prices
The ceiling prices for the following are now effective:
White potatoes, dry onions, poultry, fresh citrus fruits, cheese, bananas, butter, breakfast cereals, rice, canned vegetables, dried fruit, lard, dry edible beans, coffee, canned fish, corn meal, canned citrus fruit, evaporated and condensed milk, maple and cane syrup, flour and flour mixes. Also farm machinery, equipment and repairs are now all under ceiling prices.

Merchants, be sure to contact the local ration board office, so that you may be advised of the standard prices of the above items, so that they may be filed at once.

The ration board will be glad to hear from customers by mail, if they believe that prices on these items are exceedingly high in their community.

VICTORY BOOK CAMPAIGN STARTS

Mayor W. H. Gragg appointed Mrs. J. A. W. Davis, chairman of the Victory Book Campaign for this community, and the following persons as a committee to work with her: Mrs. Ruby Ellis, Rev. Martin Currie, Rob Rivers and S. C. Eggers.

The campaign is a part of a drive that is being conducted through out the nation to gather books, that will provide exciting and interesting reading material for men in army camps, in hospitals and on board ship throughout the world.

The City Hall will be the local book depot, and volumes will be collected at the schools throughout the county and brought to the city hall in Boone, or brought directly there by the donors. Each community will solve its own transportation problem in getting the books to the city hall.

Watauga Livestock Mart Closes Prosperous Year

The Watauga Livestock market on January 1, paid another 15 per cent dividend on its outstanding stock, making a total of 65% of their investment which has been returned to shareholders.

Officials state that the market had one of its best years in history in 1942, and that prospects are bright for the continued success of the local venture.

VICTORY PIG CLUB

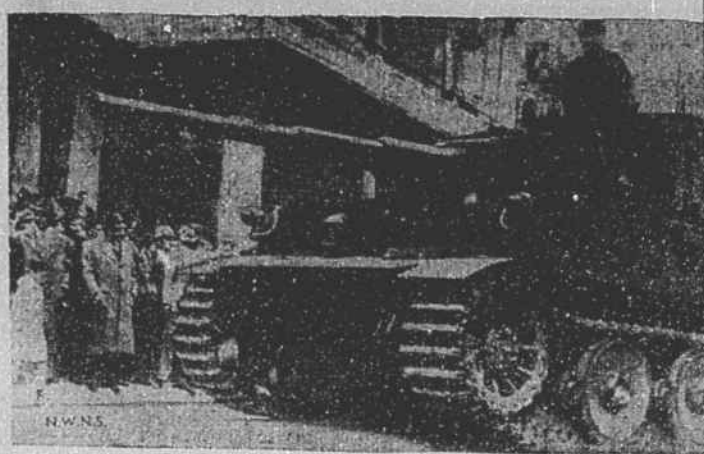
Definite plans have been made to start a Victory Pig Club in Cumberland county, proceeds from the sale of the animals to be used for buying war bonds.

Many Delay Return Draft Questionnaires

The local Selective Service Board states that many registrants in the 45-65 age group, are delaying the execution of their occupational questionnaires.

The board insists that these documents be returned at once, and it is stated that although these registrants are not within the present draft age, it is nevertheless compulsory that these papers be returned promptly.

Enemy Tank Facing Allies in Tunisia



A heavy German tank rolls through the streets of Tunis, according to caption which accompanied this picture, received through neutral Portugal. This monster with its long-snouted gun, is part of the Axis force facing American, British and Free French in the North African war theatre.

Reservists to Receive No Notice From Local Draft Board

The local selective service board calls the attention of reservists, (those recently inducted into the army) to the fact that no notice is given them regarding their return to the reception center.

The date these men are to return will be found on the Special Order given them at the Induction Station and it is their own responsibility to contact the local board for the hour the bus leaves Boone.

DRY FORCES MEET; SAYS CRIME RISES DURING WET ERA

Court Records Given As Basis For Dry Law Stand of Organization; Say Court Costs Far Greater Than Money Collected From Liquor Traffic.

J. C. CANIPE
County Dry Forces Reporter.

The Dry Forces of Watauga county met at the First Baptist church on Monday January 18, and resolutions were presented to back up the county and town officers of the law in their work, and at the same time to put on a campaign of education in the churches on the evils of drink.

Rev. J. C. Canipe, reporter for the dry organization, states that Mrs. Mollie Adams, the president, has been making a study of the court records of Watauga county, as they relate to the liquor matter, for a number of years, and that she has discovered from these records the following facts:

In three dry years 40 per cent of the court cases involved liquor, with all other criminal cases amounting to 60 per cent.

In three wet years 63 per cent of all court cases, involved the liquor traffic with all other cases, amounting to 37 per cent.

Drunk driving cases were eleven times more than in dry years.

Increase in drunken driving was 1,000 per cent.
In dry years there were no outlets for liquor, wine and beer. Now there are eleven. There is no way of knowing how much wine, liquor and beer is sold. The beer trucks back up to these places twice each week.

As to revenue derived from the sale of wine and beer, here are the facts:

Revenue for three wet years, \$1,100; Cost in the courts for these three wet years, \$4,410.00. In other words it costs the taxpayers of Watauga four times as much as it received in revenues from the sale of beer and wine. Any man with half sense knows that it is not good business to say nothing of the debauchery, crime and sorrow that comes with the rotten stuff.

Petitions are being put out over the county by the preachers and the churches and other workers for the citizens to sign, to put wine and beer out of the county. Only citizens of voting age will be asked to sign the petitions.

Let the good citizens of Watauga rise up now, and smite the liquor business, hip and thigh, as God's people of old smote the Philistines. Let us also pray for God to give us victory.

The armed forces will enroll 70,000 young men a month out of about 1,200,000 who reach the age of 18 next year, according to estimates.

Burley Market Ends Best Year in History Wednesday Morning

The Mountain Burley Tobacco warehouses in Boone closed their sales this (Wednesday) morning, for the 1942-43 season, after having disposed of 1,910,380 pounds of tobacco, to set a new record for the local houses.

This amount even eclipses the sales of 1939, which started off this city as a burley center, and when 1,826,704 pounds were auctioned.

At noon it was estimated that the total receipts from this year's sales would be slightly more than \$780,000, although bookkeepers hadn't quite finished their accounting. The number of pounds reported, is, however, actual, and it is fairly certain that the average price paid, throughout the season will average better than \$41.00 per hundred when the figures are tabulated.

Mr. R. C. Coleman, of Tabor City, the warehouseman, is highly pleased with the record established here this season, and thanks all the farmers for their fine cooperation. He and Mrs. Coleman will remain here for a day or so, until his business is completed. Buyers and other members of the warehouse force, are leaving today, almost without exception.

BASKETBALL GAME TO AID POLIO FUND

No President's Ball To Be Held This Year Due to Travel Restrictions, Other Causes

Through an arrangement between R. W. McGuire, general chairman of the committee for the celebration of the President's birthday, and R. W. Watkins, director of the athletic department at Appalachian College, the entire proceeds of the basketball game between Appalachian and Catawba on January 30, will go to the fund for the relief of infantile paralysis. The game, which is expected to be the highlight of this year's sports events, will be played in Appalachian gym, and the committee will offer tickets for sale throughout the town and county well in advance of the event.

Due to the fact that travel is restricted at this time, even to functions such as the usual President's Ball, no dance will be held this year.

The decision to forego this annual event, which has been so successful in Boone in past years, was also based somewhat on the fact that a very large percentage of the people who have patronized these functions are away. OPA regulations make it impossible for the large numbers of people from Ashe and other adjacent areas to attend this year, even if the ball was held.

So chairman McGuire, and others (Continued on page eight)

Sheriff Watson Aids In Sale of War Bonds

Sheriff C. M. Watson is being commended by the ladies of the war bond and stamp campaign for his outstanding contribution to their work.

On last Wednesday, they report, the Sheriff laid aside official duties for a while and before noon had sold \$1,500 worth of war bonds.

COLLEGE STUDENTS RETURN TO WORK AS STRIKE ENDS

About 200 Students Join Walkout At Appalachian College, And Desert Classrooms for a Day; Solution of Differences To Be Found Through Negotiation.

Seeking certain changes in regulations and in service, striking students of Appalachian State Teachers College here, Tuesday night voted unanimously to return to classes on Wednesday morning, after having spent Tuesday in absence from the classrooms.

Spokesmen for the striking students said after the meeting Tuesday night that the students decided they could obtain results by calling off the strike.

The one-day strike began at 6 a. m. Dr. B. B. Dougherty, president of the college, said that about 200 of the 640 students joined the walkout. Student leaders said the strike came as a direct result of the failure of negotiations between a student committee and the president and executive committee of the institution.

They said they had asked the college administration for changes in dormitory regulations, better cafeteria service, and changes in present social activity conditions. A stipulation, they said, was that dancing be allowed. However they said the most important objective, is a strong student government.

Monday night students met and selected a committee of influential students to carry these problems to President Dougherty, Dean J. D. Rankin, and the executive committee of the college. This student committee, it was reported, failed to reach a satisfactory agreement with the administration and the students decided to go on strike at 6 a. m. Tuesday.

During the day lines of students carrying placards paraded on the campus. Some of the placards read: "... complete student government, better cafeteria service, better dormitory regulations." A group of students also paraded in the business district of Boone. No violence was reported and those students who wished to attend classes were not molested.

Tuesday afternoon a conference was held between a student committee and officials of the college. The student committee, reporting at the mass meeting Tuesday night recommended that the strike be called off and that solution of the differences be sought through negotiation. The striking students agreed to this and the strike was called off. Dr. Dougherty, although not disclosing details of the afternoon conference, said the student conferees "seemed well pleased."

At a meeting held Tuesday afternoon, the student body elected Miss Alice Anthony of Raleigh, a member of the senior class, as president of the student body to succeed Miss Mary Black of Milton, Del., who resigned. A new student council was elected Tuesday night.

High School Band to Give Concert at P.-T. A. Gathering

The regular monthly meeting of the Boone Parent-Teacher Association will be held next Tuesday night January 26, at 8 o'clock at the high school.

The high school band, under the direction of Mr. Elwood Roberts, will present several selections. Miss Brock, with some of her students from the Home Economics department of the college, will conduct a forum on "nutrition."

It is the hope of the organization that a large number of parents will attend this meeting, and those who have not contributed their dollar toward lunch room supplies are asked to bring it to this meeting.

An old-fashioned pounding of canned vegetables, fruits, potatoes, or cabbage will be accepted instead of cash, if more convenient.

This contribution includes membership fee, so anyone giving to this fund is also a paid member for the year.

Since last week one dollar was received from S. C. Eggers, and one bushel of potatoes from Mrs. J. T. C. Wright.

RECORD CROP YIELDS

Farmers hung up new records in crop yields last year, the most striking being in corn, wheat and cotton, according to year-end summaries of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.