

FACILITIES AT BURLEY MART TO BE EXPANDED

New Building Program Will Add 14,000 Feet of Floor Space to Local Tobacco House; Coleman Gives Advice to Tobacco Planters

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Mountain Burley Warehouses, Inc., last Friday evening it was voted to enlarge the present houses so as to add about 14,000 square feet of floor space to the present houses and make the market absolutely modern in every respect.

The new building will be added to the west side of the present structure, and will be two stories high, the ground floor to provide additional space for the prize rooms of the tobacco manufacturers, and the second story to provide additional room on the main auction floor. The new expansion program is aimed to relieve congesting during the sales, and to round out what Mr. Coleman, the operator, says, "will be one of the most modern plants on any tobacco market."

Application is being made for a government permit, and when granted, the building program will be pushed to completion as rapidly as possible.

Advices Growers

Mr. Coleman, in closing the most successful season in the history of the market, advises burley planters to prepare seed beds well so as to assure an adequate supply of plants. He recommends that the beds be sown a second time in two or three weeks, in case the first plants are killed. To wait until the first come up to plant again makes the plants too late, he says, and results in green leaf and low prices at market time, as frost catches the crop.

Mr. Coleman thanks the farmers for their help in the selling of 2,573,468 pounds this season, for an all-time record, and will be back again next year better prepared to serve them.

News From Save the Children Foundation

Mrs. Clara P. Simpson, district director for S.C.F., states that since her appointment Nov. 1, 1943, the organization has furnished about \$5,000 in library books, clothing, Christmas toys, layettes, cash, etc. The library books are being used in rural schools, circulating from school to school. Cash is being used to assist in hot school lunches, clothing sold at non-profit in schools, and S.C.F. sales room in Boone is used in vital child welfare work.

The executive committee in the county, composed of S. F. Horton, Dave P. Mast, Paul Coffey, A. E. South, Dr. King, Rev. J. C. Canipe, Mrs. Mae Miller, Misses Elizabeth Bridge, Thelma Perry, Elizabeth Lord and Mrs. W. A. Smith, makes all decisions in regard to whether so and so may be done.

Many dollars of practical garden seed will be received soon for the purpose of assisting in food for victory. The home demonstration agent, welfare superintendent, and schools will assist in the supervision of seed distribution.

College Forum Club To Meet On Monday

The Appalachian College Forum Club will meet in the college auditorium on Monday evening at 7:30, at which time "The Use of Subsidies in the Price Stabilization Program" will be the topic for discussion.

The general public is invited to attend and take part in the discussions.

Red Cross Moves Into New Quarters

The Watauga Chapter American Red Cross has moved to permanent quarters in the old Democrat building. Hours will be from 1 to 5 p. m. daily, and at other hours those finding it necessary may call 113-R.

A surgical dressing department will be opened as soon as material is received.

Sheriff Moves Office Into the Courthouse

Sheriff C. M. Watson will establish his offices in the grand jury room of the courthouse this week, and painters are finishing the work of refurnishing the quarters. This will be the first time the sheriff has had offices in the courthouse since the original quarters were given the tax collector, when that office was created a number of years ago.

Two Billion Tokens Out February 27



For several months workers of a Cincinnati, Ohio, manufacturing company have kept the plant operating 24 hours a day 7 days a week turning out the new red and blue ration tokens which go into use on February 27. George J. Nealans (left), OPA token distribution manager, and President M. P. Pfeil of the company, look over a bag of the new disks.

MAYOR ASKS FATS BE SAVED FOR WAR

Governor Asks Local Official to Bring Situation to Minds of Citizens

Mayor Gordon H. Winkler has received a letter from Governor Broughton calling attention to the fact that it is essential that every available ounce of waste fat be diverted immediately into channels of war industry, so that there may be no shortage in the amount of high explosives, the manufacture of which depends in such large measure on fats.

Mayor Winkler asks that all meat dealers in the city receive the fats, as a public service, and at the same time respectfully asks that each housewife carry to her butcher every ounce of waste kitchen fat it is possible to salvage.

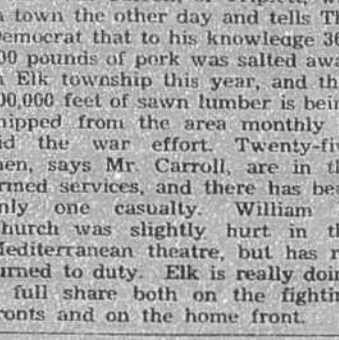
The mayor points out that each housewife is paid four cents per pound in cash and is given two meat ration points free for each pound of fat she disposes of. The four cents is paid by industry, while the two meat points are given her by our government.

The importance of the fat salvage campaign is brought out by the fact that each pound of the essential material wasted will deprive a soldier on the battlefield of 150 machine gun bullets; five pounds of fat wasted will deprive a submarine chaser of a 100-pound depth bomb charge. Fats are vital materials of war and the mayor appeals to the people of this area to respond patriotically in this connection.

Much Pork Packed In Elk Township

Mr. Will Carroll, of Triplett, was in town the other day and tells the Democrat that to his knowledge 36,000 pounds of pork was salted away in Elk township this year, and that 300,000 feet of sawn lumber is being shipped from the area monthly to aid the war effort. Twenty-five men, says Mr. Carroll, are in the armed services, and there has been only one casualty. William L. Church was slightly hurt in the Mediterranean theatre, but has returned to duty. Elk is really doing a full share both on the fighting fronts and on the home front.

In England



Pvt. Walter J. Ragan, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Ragan, of Boone, has notified his parents that he has arrived safely in England. He entered the army June 30, 1943, and received his basic training at Camp Barkley, Texas. He was 19 years old December 22, 1943. He wants to hear from his friends. His address: Pvt. Walter J. Ragan, ASN 34776853, 326 A-B Med. Co., APO 473, care Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

LAST WEEK TO GET AUTO TAGS

State License Tags Must Be Displayed by First of February, Says Local Bureau

This is the last week to buy state automobile license tags, says Mr. W. R. Winkler, manager of the local state auto license sales bureau, as all automobiles are supposed to display the 1944 tags the first of the month.

Mr. Winkler states that sales continue at a lively pace at the local bureau and that more than 1,500 tags have been sold since the establishment of the office a few weeks ago.

Number Of Farm Meetings Are Arranged

The county agent's office has scheduled a series of farm meetings and hope that the farmers and their wives will attend the meeting nearest to them.

These meetings are being held to discuss ways and means of securing maximum production during 1944. There are certain facts which the people should be informed about that will help out greatly in the war effort and these meetings are the only means of passing this information on, so it is urged that all who possibly can to attend one of the following meetings:

Thursday, Jan. 27
Deep Gap School, 10 a. m.
Todd School, 1:30 p. m.
Green Valley School, 3:30 p. m.

Friday, Jan. 28
Bamboo School, 10 a. m.
Valle Crucis School, 1:30 p. m.
Matney Methodist Church, 3:30 p. m.

Monday, Jan. 31
Mabel School, 10 a. m.
Cove Creek School, 1:30 p. m.
J. Y. Walker's, 3:30 p. m.

Tuesday, Feb. 1
Reese, at the old schoolhouse, 10 a. m.
Bethel School, 1:30 p. m.

Jackson Day Dinner To Be Held Monday

Raleigh, Jan. 24—Interest stimulated in the national political situation by events at Washington last Saturday, and the probability that both the retiring and the new national chairmen will speak at the North Carolina Jackson Day Dinner has increased demand for reservations so much that those expecting to attend should lose no more time, according to Senator Joe Blythe, director of the dinner campaign.

Arrangements are being made to seat the guests in the main dining room and the ball room at the Sir Walter Hotel, with tables for overflow diners in smaller rooms around the lobby and mezzanine.

Frank C. Walker, postmaster general and just retired as national Democratic chairman, is the principal speaker for the dinner next Monday night, Jan. 31. Senator Blythe has been advised that Robt. E. Hannegan, newly-elected national chairman, also expects to attend and say a few words. Walker will be introduced by Senator Bailey. Governor Broughton and other state party leaders will be at the speaker's table, and a flock of candidates will take pot luck with the other diners around the room.

LAMBS

Co-operative lamb sales are one of the most important factors in the sheep improvement program in North Carolina, says Farm Agent H. H. Harris, of Columbus County, in a report to the State College extension service.

RED CROSS COURSE OPENS ON MONDAY

Representative of American Red Cross to Be Instructor at College Gym

A Red Cross course in accident prevention will be conducted at the college gym beginning Monday evening at 7 o'clock, and will be in charge of Charles Mix of the national A. R. C., says R. W. Watkins, vice-chairman of the local Red Cross chapter.

The courses will be along all lines where accidents occur and as an instance the constant danger to children in the kitchen where boiling fluids are prevalent, will be stressed.

Curious child plus negligent or busy mother equals one perfect combination for tragedy. It is a combination which should not be allowed in the kitchen.

Human errors, not machines, are responsible for accidents in the kitchens. Burns from pots and pans pulled from the table, from splashing hot grease, from loose matches, often prove fatal and at other times leave lifetime scars. Hot coffee, applied externally and accidentally, takes a heavy toll.

Pots and pans should be so turned so that the handles are toward the rear, away from the reach of children. Should splashing grease catch fire, let it die—don't throw water on it. A handful of salt will help curb a small blaze. Matches should be kept in a small metal box, and safety matches are just that—safer. Keep matches away from where rats can get at them.

The American Red Cross, in its fall series of accident prevention classes, will not overlook kids in the kitchen.

Andrew J. Ward Dies at Age of 95

Andrew Jackson Ward, aged 95 years, died at the home of a son, Mr. Lionel Ward, near Boone, Wednesday of last week, after a long illness. Mr. Ward had been an invalid for more than a year.

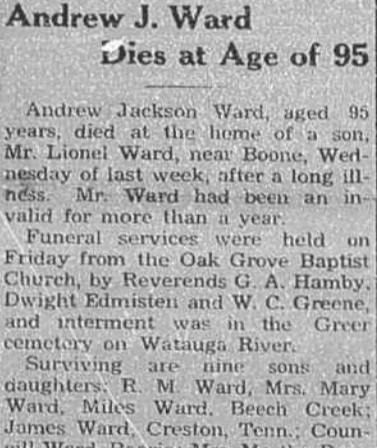
Funeral services were held on Friday from the Oak Grove Baptist Church, by Reverends G. A. Hamby, Dwight Edmisten and W. C. Greene, and interment was in the Greer cemetery on Watauga River.

Surviving are nine sons and daughters, R. M. Ward, Mrs. Mary Ward, Miles Ward, Beech Creek; James Ward, Creston, Tenn.; Council Ward, Peoria; Mrs. Martha Pressnell, Rominger; Donald and Lionel Ward, of Boone. There are 68 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. There are nine grandsons in the armed forces, seven of them being in overseas service.

Mr. Ward was born in Watauga County, a son of the late Calvin and Clarissa Ward. He was a farmer until ill health forced his retirement. He had been a member of the Baptist church for 78 years, and had been a member at Antioch, Zion and Oak Grove. For 42 years he was a deacon in his church. Mr. Ward was a fine citizen and held in the highest regard by all who knew him.

Sofia, Bulgaria, almost was chosen the seat of the eastern Roman Empire by the Roman emperor, Constantine, who finally decided on the Byzantium and renamed Constantinople after himself.

Visits Homefolks



Cpl. Milton Moretz was home recently on a 12-day furlough, visiting his wife and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Moretz, as well as other friends and relatives. He is in an armored division in the postal service. He speaks well of his unit and division. His address: Cpl. Milton Moretz, Co. B, 119th Armd. Engr. Bn., APO 262, Camp Berkeley, Texas.

American Legion Parade To Feature Fourth War Loan Drive Saturday, As Local Campaign Gains in Intensity

Ground Force Chief



Lieut. Gen. Omar N. Bradley, who has been selected to lead the rapidly growing American ground forces in the British Isles. As such he becomes one of the team of European invasion leaders.

John T. Howell Makes Poll of Public Opinion; Results Over Radio

Mr. John T. Howell, of the Boone Demonstration School, who for two years, has reported opinion for the Research Corporation, Princeton, N. J., for this section, has been informed that results of some surveys made will be reported in radio broadcasts.

The most recent surveys have been done for meat packers, automobile manufacturers, steel corporations, rural electrification, railroad strikes, etc.

History teachers and others interested in current events may get results of surveys made over most of the Blue Network stations Monday nights at 10:30, eastern war time, for the next five weeks. There is one exception, WJZ, New York City, where the broadcast will occur Tuesday nights at 10:30. The name of the program is "America Looks Ahead."

On the Battle Fronts

ITALY

Berlin reports 100,000 Nazis, holding Gunstav line 80 miles from Rome, threaten as Allied landing forces smash Apennian way and take Velletri, 24 miles southeast of Eternal City.

PACIFIC

Allies downed 48 Jap planes over Rabaul in New Britain Sunday. 50 tons of bombs dropped by 7th air force on Watji atoll Sunday. No opposition—no losses. Heaviest attack since mid-November.

RUSSIA

Reds fight way into Krasnogvardeisk, rail junction 30 miles southwest of Leningrad. Also sweep in from east to last 50 mile stretch of Leningrad-Moscow trunk line held by Nazis.

ASIA

American bombers circled 2,000 miles from India base to strike at Mergui on Malay peninsula.

SOUTH AMERICA

Argentina expected to sever diplomatic relations with Axis "at any minute."

Fund For Infantile Paralysis Makes Good Start; \$50 Collected

The fund for the National Infantile Paralysis Foundation, which in pre-war years was raised largely through the medium of President's Birthday Ball, is off to a good start in Watauga County. Postmaster John E. Brown, Jr., who is chairman of the campaign here, stated Monday that already \$50 of the quota had been subscribed, and he respectfully insists that all those willing to contribute to this worthy cause see him at once.

The local quota is \$290, and Mr. Brown is anxious that the county raise the amount of money sought. The continued co-operation of the people will be appreciated.

The crate for one airplane requires about 5,000 board feet of lumber. We're shipping thousands of planes.

Visits Parents



Pfc. Russell Greene, who was a recent visitor at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Greene, of Laxon, His address: 252 PAAA, S-L Bn., Btry C, Long Island, Flushing, N. Y. A brother, Cadef Calvin C. Greene, AST 1147 Co. C, Metzger Hall, U. of N. H., Durham, N. H., was also a visitor recently at the parental home.

Auction Bond Sale to Be Held Following Parade; Officials Well Pleased With Initial Response to War-Financing Campaign

The Watauga Post American Legion is arranging a colorful parade for next Saturday at 1:30 p. m., followed by an auction sale, to aid the Fourth War Loan drive, and indications are that this even will be one of the high-spots in the local war-financing campaign.

The parade will feature members of the present war at home on furlough or discharged, the Boone High School Band, Boy Scout Troops of Boone and Blowing Rock, Minute Maids and Girl Scouts, and representatives from every school in the county.

Immediately following the parade an auction bond sale will be held in front of the postoffice, or in case of bad weather, in the courthouse. At this time, a large number of articles of merchandise will be auctioned off, in terms of bond purchases, the bidder offering to buy the larger bond, receiving the merchandise in each instance. An impressive list of gifts have been donated for this purpose, and will include articles fresh from the battle fronts in the present war.

The Legion extends a special invitation to all men now in service who may be in the county to join in the parade.

\$35,000 E Bonds Sold

Chairman W. D. Farthing states that about \$70,000 in bonds have been sold but that of this amount only \$35,000 are of the E series. The quota for the county requires \$102,000 sales of the E securities and the balance of the \$122,000 in bonds of other denominations. Mr. Farthing is highly pleased with the initial returns from the local sales, but insists that the people buy E bonds in order that the quotas may be reached. The quota has already been passed for bonds of other series.

J. T. Elrod Claimed By Death at Hudson

Funeral rites for Joseph T. Elrod, 77 who died last Wednesday morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. E. M. Bradshaw, at Hudson, following an illness of several years, were conducted last Thursday afternoon at the Sardis Baptist Church in Hudson.

Rev. H. S. Benfield, pastor of the South Lenoir Baptist Church, and Rev. J. W. Burnett, pastor of Sardis Church, officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Mr. Elrod was born in Watauga County, April 3, 1866, son of the late Alexander and Polly Shearer Elrod. He was a member of the South Lenoir Baptist Church.

Surviving in addition to his wife are two daughters, Mrs. E. M. Bradshaw, of Hudson, and Mrs. W. E. Craig, of Hickory; two sons, J. E. Elrod, of Charlotte, and L. A. Elrod, of Chadbourne; two brothers, James Elrod, of Hudson, and Jones Elrod, of Boone, 19 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren.

The PT boat requires about 28,000 board feet of lumber. We're building hundreds of these craft.