

NED GLENN HEADS AAA ORGANIZATION FOR COMING YEAR

Farmers Ballot Last Friday on Agricultural Organization; List of Other Members of County Committee and Township Leaders Given

Ned Glenn of Sugar Grove, was elected chairman of the Watauga county agricultural conservation association, when the farmers who are participating in AAA benefits, gathered at the various polling places to elect a new organization to administer the affairs of the agency.

H. Neal Blair of Boone, was named vice-chairman; Stewart J. Barnes, Boone, regular member; Henry Taylor, Valle Crucis, first alternate, and H. E. Greene, Deep Gap, second alternate. Thomas L. Wilson of Zionville, was named secretary and Forrest Smith of Vilas, treasurer.

Community Committees

Below are given the names of the men composing the various community committees, who were also elected Friday, the first named in each instance being the chairman, the second, the vice-chairman, third and fourth, first and second alternates, respectively:

Bald Mountain: Leslie Norris, Glenn Howell, J. R. Holman, W. S. Miller, W. F. Norris.

Beaver Dam No. 1: Sanford Creed, Joe Wilson, George Robinson, Clyde Robinson, Ray Stout.

Beaver Dam No. 2: D. F. Greene, Conley Norris, T. C. Vines, Wade Greene, Clyde Perry.

Blowing Rock: Sanford Edmisten, L. M. Frye, Horace Cook, S. C. Greene.

Blue Ridge: F. L. Hampton, M. O. Coffey, Paul Critcher, C. C. Bowles, G. C. Critcher.

Boone No. 1: Joe McNeil, C. A. Clay, Tom Lawrence, Martin Herman, W. R. Anderson.

Boone No. 2: Stewart J. Barnes, Rom L. Maltba, Frank Austin, C. C. Farthing, Murray Greene.

Boone No. 3: Walter Edmisten, Alfonso Elrod, Greene Smith, Frank Bolick, Lloyd Moretz.

Cove Creek No. 1: J. M. Burkett, D. E. Church, E. G. Greer, M. L. Warren, Jr., John Hagaman.

Cove Creek No. 2: John K. Perry, Allen Adams, Jack Harmon, Herman Greene, Willard Eller.

Elk: Noah C. Wheeler, H. C. Hodges, Albert Greer, Olin Miller, Allie Church.

Laurel Creek No. 1: Howard Edmisten, Dwight Cable, R. H. Ward, Tom Glenn, Tom Ward.

Laurel Creek No. 2: Miles A. Ward, Vance C. Harmon, B. D. Cannon, Clay Presnell, Stacy Moody.

Meat Camp No. 1: M. H. Norris, R. H. Clawson, D. C. Coffey, Hubert Norris, Paul Moretz.

Meat Camp No. 2: O. G. Winebarger, Ernest Moretz, Henry Beach, C. H. Proffit, Frank Proffit.

North Fork: W. C. South, Robert Thomas, Jim Wilson, Sam S. South, Willie Laing.

Shawneehaw: J. L. Triplett, Marshall Farthing, Ira Townsend, W. B. Eggers, W. C. Smith.

Stony Fork: H. E. Greene, Edgar Hardin, Clyde Moretz, Thos. Fairchild, M. D. Brown.

Watauga No. 1: Bun A. Hodges, Henry Taylor, Earl Earp, Frank Taylor, Frank Baird.

Watauga No. 2: L. L. Moody, N. F. Church, Stanford Coffey, Joe Fox.

MERCHANTS SET HOLIDAY HOURS

Members of Merchants Association Announce Lengthened Holiday Hours

The Boone Merchant Association on Tuesday announced a schedule of longer store hours as a special service to Christmas shoppers.

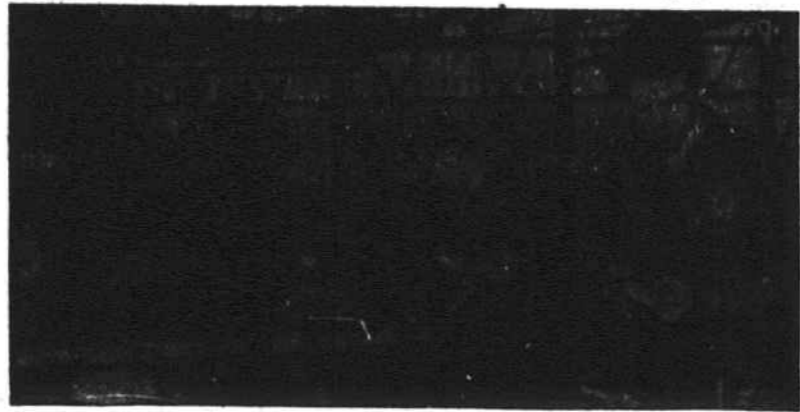
Under the arrangement the stores will remain open until 7 o'clock p. m., beginning Saturday, December 15, through Thursday, December 20. Beginning on Friday, December 21, and through Monday, December 24, the stores will remain open until 8 o'clock in the evenings.

It is also announced that members of the association will be closed December 25 and 26, in observance of Christmas.

CHICKEN PIE SUPPER SPONSORED BY P.-T. A.

The Boone P.-T.A. will sponsor a chicken pie supper tonight, Dec. 6, at the high school. Tickets have been on sale all week and a large crowd is expected to attend. Supper will be served at 6 p. m. and at 7 p. m. Proceeds of the supper will go toward the improvement of the high school lunch room. The price of a ticket is 75 cents which includes a 50-cent charge for the supper and 25 cents admission to the faculty-presented play, "The Villain's Last Stand."

Working Toward Stability



ARE THESE VETERANS—Disabled veterans, mere youth, who were wounded are shown being given shop training so that they may make their own way in civilian life. Training is paid for by the Veterans' Administration through Federal funds such as Victory Loan Bond dollars. Every Victory Loan Bond helps some disabled vet! Veterans' Administration photo.

Christmas Shopping Gets Off To Good Start in City

Chamber of Commerce Meeting Is Cancelled

H. W. Wilcox, president of the Boone Chamber of Commerce, announces this morning that due to the bad weather, the meeting of the organization which was to have been held Thursday night, has been postponed to an undetermined date.

COLEMAN NAMED BY BURLEY GROUP

Boone Tobaccoist Named Vice-President of State Burley Organization

Roscoe C. Coleman, operator of the Mountain Burley Tobacco Warehouses in Boone, has been named to the vice-presidency of the North Carolina Mountain Burley Tobacco Warehousemen's Association, a recently organized group, it was announced Monday, following a meeting of warehousemen held in Asheville.

Other officers elected were Harry W. Love of Asheville, president, and R. S. Witherington, also of Asheville, secretary-treasurer.

The association was organized in order that the burley warehouses may act in unison on matters pertaining to sales and also that they may have representation on state and national association committees and boards.

A great many problems arise constantly in connection with the operation of warehouses and the organization has discussed many of these. The association and mutual agreement of warehousemen is expected to result in better operated floors to the advantage of both growers and buyers, it was stated.

The burley tobacco industry in North Carolina has been growing fast in the past few years and warehousemen had heretofore had no organization among themselves.

Organization of the association was completed as the market opened for the 1945-46 sales season on North Carolina and other burley markets.

COUNTY TEACHERS MEET SATURDAY

Watauga Unit of Education Association to Meet at Local High School

The Watauga unit of the North Carolina Education Association will meet in the auditorium of Appalachian high school Saturday afternoon, December 8, according to an announcement made today by Cratis D. Williams, president.

The committees of the organization will gather at their usual meeting places at 2 o'clock, and the general session will be held at 2:30. G. E. Tester, program chairman, has arranged for a representative of the classroom teacher organization of the state to speak on the advantages of strong classroom teacher units.

WATCH the LABEL

On your paper as it shows the date your subscription will expire unless the date your paper will be stopped unless sooner removed. The Democrat is operating strictly on a cash in advance basis. There are no exceptions to this rule.

MANY ARE ADDED TO POSTAL STAFF FOR XMAS PERIOD

Postmaster Brown Secures Adequate Help to Take Care of Christmas Business; Co-operation of Patrons is Sought in Interest of Good Service

John E. Brown, Jr., postmaster, states that ten extra clerks have been procured at the local postal establishment, to assist the permanent force during the rush season from now until Christmas, and states that with continued co-operation of the patrons of the office in the matter of early mailing, December service will be unimpaired, despite his prediction of a record number of pieces of holiday mail.

Mr. Brown selected the extra workers with the idea of competence, giving preferred attention to all combat veterans of the recent war.

Since more than 60,000 Christmas cards were mailed from the local office last year, to say nothing of the thousands of parcel post packages, Mr. Brown stresses the importance of early mailing this year, in order that the huge mailings may be taken care of without any slow-down in normal service. In an effort to give patrons the very best possible service, it is announced that the postoffice will remain open Saturday night before Christmas, and the night before Christmas to 9 o'clock, both for the delivery and dispatch of mail.

The postmaster recommends that Christmas cards be sent by first class mail, so that in the case of changed addresses, they may be forwarded rather than winding up in the dead letter office. Due to the large number of people in this locality with the same surname, it would be appreciated by the postoffice if local street addresses are included. Mail addressed to patrons on rural routes should carry the route and box number.

EIGHT-INCH SNOW BLANKETS CITY

Largest Snowfall of Season Brings Halt to Traffic Through Mountains

Residents of Boone and environs awoke this (Wednesday) morning to discover that they were virtually shut-ins, as the biggest snow of the season blanketed the earth to a depth of more than eight inches and traffic was practically non-existent. However, by mid-morning state highway machines had sufficiently cleared the roadways, so that the most necessary traffic could move.

However, bus schedules to Johnson City were cancelled Tuesday night, and information from the bus terminal is that one bus has arrived from Winston-Salem, but that prospects are for delayed service throughout the day. Postoffice officials expected some of the incoming mail schedules to arrive, but perhaps late, while Postmaster Brown states there will be only one delivery of mail in the city.

Temperatures stood in the mid-twenties during the snowfall, which continued most of the day Tuesday, but largely melted as it fell.

GETS GOOD PRICE

Mr. Ivan Farthing of Beaver Dam township, is highly pleased with his receipts from tobacco sold on the opening day at the Mountain Burley Warehouses. His crop weighed 942 pounds and averaged a little better than 51 cents a pound. The highest weed brought 57 cents and the lowest 23 cents. The tobacco was grown on four-tenths of an acre.

Watauga Red Cross Chapter Will Be Saluted For War Work on Station WSJS

The Watauga county chapter, American Red Cross, will be saluted today (Thursday) at 1:15 p. m., in the fourth of a series of five broadcasts on the role played by North Carolina chapters in the Red Cross program at home and overseas. The broadcast will come from Station WSJS at Winston-Salem.

This hour will be rendered to the Watauga county chapter in recognition of its outstanding work in production. The salute to the Watauga chapter will come at the end of an interview on Red Cross work of relief to civilians in war-shattered countries. Five other chapters also will be cited.

In referring to the broadcast, Rev. Edwin F. Troutman pointed out the greater opportunities for Red Cross service to civilians overseas now that peace has come.

"We must remember," he said, "that Red Cross is not a war organization, in spite of its many war services. Whatever the course of the world's history, this organization

Half Million Pounds Tobacco Sold Here; Average is Over \$46

Taken By Death



J. M. SHULL

LAST RITES HELD FOR JAMES SHULL

Aged Valle Crucis Citizen Succumbs at Mountain City, to Long Illness

Funeral services were conducted from the Methodist Church at Valle Crucis last Thursday for James Milton Shull, 87-year-old resident of that neighborhood, who died at the home of a daughter, Mrs. R. O. Glenn, in Mountain City, Tenn., on Nov. 26, after an illness of more than a year.

The obsequies were in charge of Rev. R. J. Starling and Rev. W. B. Robbins, and interment was in the family cemetery at Valle Crucis.

A large number of friends of the deceased gathered for the county for the rites, and many floral pieces were placed at the bier of Mr. Shull, who was one of the county's finest citizens, and who contributed a large share to the religious and cultural life of his neighborhood and county.

The active pallbearers were: R. A. Olsen, Howard Mast, Frank Baird, Frank Taylor, Tom Taylor, Henry Taylor, Charles Menzies, David Mast and Ray Farthing. Honorary: W. W. Mast, J. B. Horton, T. C. Baird, D. C. Mast, W. J. Farthing, G. W. Rowe, John Hartley, Charles Clay, W. B. Farthing, R. A. Farthing, J. C. Mast, A. A. Mast. The flower girls were relatives and close friends of the family.

The widow survives, together with one son and six daughters: Ira Donald Shull, Valle Crucis; Mrs. D. S. Moore, White Hall, Md.; Mrs. F. C. Knoblauch, Charleston, S. C.; Mrs. R. O. Glenn, Mrs. B. G. Leake, Mountain City, Tenn.; Mrs. Ira T. Johnston, Jefferson, and Miss Wilhelmina Shull, Gastonia. There are 13 grandchildren and one brother, J. T. Shull, Dighton, Kansas.

Relatives from a distance attending the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Shull and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Shull, Dighton, Kansas, and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Horton, Riva, Md.

ROBBERS PILLAGE HI SCHOOL OFFICE

One Hundred and Thirty Dollars Taken From Appalachian High School Office

Vandals entered the office of the Appalachian high school during Sunday night, wrecked the locked filing cabinets with a crowbar, and made away with about \$130 of miscellaneous funds, representing money collected by the children for Red Cross activities, and nickels and dimes paid into the lunch room fund.

Principal Herbert Wey states that in his opinion the robbery was executed by adults, since jewelry, checks and other valuable items were left untouched. Entrance to the office was gained by cutting the glass from a door, and Mr. Wey states that the damage to office files, school records, etc., is perhaps in excess of \$75.00.

Local officers investigated the crime and made fingerprints, while SBI agents will continue the investigation.

Tobacco Market Perhaps Sets Record on Opening Day, When Quarter Million Pounds Are Sold for Average of \$46.13; Tuesday's Price Goes Higher; No Sales Saturday

The first auction of the 1945-46 burley tobacco season was held on the floors of the local warehouses Monday, and Warehouseman R. C. Coleman states that the initial sales probably set a record for any first day's business in the history of the Boone market.

On Monday 253,624 pounds of tobacco brought \$117,000.05, for an average of \$46.13 per hundred-weight and farmers expressed general pleasure at the amount of their first checks of the season.

Tuesday, when auctions were hindered to some extent by darkness when snow covered the skylights of the houses, 235,778 pounds were sold for \$109,283.59, indicating an upward trend with an average of \$46.35.

Early Tuesday evening some quarter of a million pounds of tobacco was on the floors and in process of being unloaded for Wednesday's sale, but with the prospect that later in the night receipts would be hindered by the snow and resultant slippery highways. Large numbers of those who have sold tobacco have brought only a part of their total poundage, and with improved weather for grading, the caravans of burley trucks will be lengthening from day to day.

Sales for the week will end on Friday, but there will be no interruption in the receipt of tobacco, the weighing crews being operated on a 24-hour basis.

SWOFFORD TALKS TO LIONS CLUB

Beliefs and Ambitions of Veterans Outlined by Local Business Man

Mr. Lloyd Swofford, of the Swofford Tire Shop, a lieutenant in a rifle division in the invasion of Europe's westwall, spoke to the Lions Club at its dinner meeting Tuesday evening.

Mr. Swofford's topic was "Soldiers of Yesterday, Veterans of Today." He explained something of the hardships suffered by the soldiers as they adjusted themselves to military routine. His interesting stories held the close attention of the Lions, with their color of heroism. The veteran, said Mr. Swofford, want only the kindness and consideration shown others, and decidedly believe more in democracy than he did before the war. He is happy when he sees civic affairs conducted smoothly and civic organizations carrying on their good work, Mr. Swofford explained.

Guests of the club were: H. Q. Everts, Traer, Iowa; John M. Thomas, Ardmore, Pa.; David Rollins, local high school teacher.

Ladies' night will be observed at the next club meeting. Lion President Busted appointed the following committee to arrange for the event: Howard Cottrell, chairman, Herbert Wey and Guy Hunt.

OVERALL BOND SALES GAINING

Watauga Still Far Behind, However, in Sales of Bonds to Individuals

The returns from the Victory Loan campaign in Watauga county, indicate the local overall quota has been greatly exceeded, the sales now standing at \$225,000, as against the goal of \$138,000.

However, sales of the E bonds to individuals is far behind in this section, and only 32 percent of the quota in this category has been disposed of, says Alfred Adams, chairman of the local bond staff. Every effort is being made to sell more bonds to individual investors, and it is suggested that Christmas shoppers avail themselves of the opportunity of providing war bond gifts for members of the family, in amounts as low as \$18.75.