

Value Civil Defense To Be Aired At Big Meeting

Urges Support Tuberculosis Seal Campaign

Fully one fourth of the American people have been infected with the germs that cause tuberculosis, Doctor Mary Michal, health officer of Alleghany, Ashe, and Watauga counties said today.

She urged every person to buy Christmas Seals generously to support the Alleghany, Ashe, Watauga Tuberculosis Association's efforts to check the spread of the disease. The Christmas Seal sale which opened Nov. 22 will continue through December.

"Most of the people who have TB germs in their systems will never break down with the disease," Dr. Michal said, "if there is no sharp decline in the standard of living and if the present level of the TB control program by both official and voluntary agencies is maintained."

She pointed out that TB will be a major public health problem until this reservoir of infection is eliminated.

"Great progress has been made in the years since the voluntary tuberculosis associations such as our own Tuberculosis Association began their fight against the disease," she said. "Deaths from the disease have been cut drastically to about 20,000 a year. But there will be about 110,000 new cases of TB this year."

To check the spread of TB, the association spends Christmas Seal funds for chest X-ray surveys, health education and rehabilitation program, and pays for chest x-rays for those who cannot afford them.

Mrs. Wilson Goes To Detroit Meeting

Mrs. Myrtle B. Wilson of the education faculty at Appalachian State Teachers college attended the National Convention of the National Council of Teachers of English in Detroit, Michigan, last week. She was accompanied by Mrs. Grace Council of the demonstration school faculty.

Mrs. Wilson appeared on the program in a discussion of "Mastery Of The Fundamentals." Her particular topic was "writing."

Blowing Rock Makes Plans For Yule Contests, Gay Displays

Blowing Rock is going to become a "city" during the Christmas holidays this year with a "home decorations" contest, a lighted display on the town playground, and a living pageant to be presented three days before Christmas.

About \$200.00 worth of beautiful and useful prizes will be given for the most attractive and appropriate home decorations for the Yuletide season in the community. Four contests will be featured: large homes, seven rooms or over, both inside and outside; small

homes, six rooms and under, both inside and outside. Grand prizes will be given for best combination in both classes. Prizes for these contests are on display at the Community Library on Main Street.

Two large balsam trees at the center front of the Park will be lighted between which will be shown a Nativity scene with life-size figures. Nearer the Town Hall building there will be a lighted miniature church with loud speaker for playing songs and carols. Lighted carol singers will be seen around the church. At the

south end of the Park Santa Claus and his sleigh will be featured as he approaches a large chimney. All will be shown under flood lights and the street lights will be decorated in this section.

Plans are going forward now for the presentation of the Living Pageant on the evening of December 22. Time will be announced. Lights on the outdoor display will be turned on at 6 p. m. December 1.

Everyone is most cordially invited to see this Christmas display. Further information regarding the pageant will be announced.

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Mountaineers Win In Burley Bowl Grid Tilt

Johnson City, Tenn., Nov. 25—Powerful Appalachian State of Boone, N. C., thundered from behind today to whip East Tennessee State, 28-13, in the 10th annual Burley Bowl football game here.

About 6,000 shivering fans watched as Jim Ollis, 180-pound halfback, sparked the Mountaineers to the first Burley Bowl victory in three attempts.

ETSC moved ahead early in the first period when Pete Wilson threw a pass to Ed Foster who raced 53 yards to score. The conversion attempt failed.

Appalachian bounced back and drove to the ETSC 10 where quarterback Ned Pennell hit Aubrey Elam in the end zone. Ollis kicked the extra point, and the Mountaineers led, 7-6, a margin that held for the first half.

ETSC swept to an early third quarter lead when Pete Wilson rifled a pass to Jack Boone from the 50. Boone took it on the Appalachian 25 and scurried across. Tom Rock kicked the point, and the Buccaneers led, 13-7.

But then the Mountaineers went to work and tore the game apart with two touchdowns. After a long ground drive, Ollis scampered across, then kicked the point that put Appalachian ahead to stay.

A few minutes later, Joe Garwood plunged six yards for a Mountaineer touchdown, climaxing three plays that started in mid-field. In the final quarter, ETSC lost the ball on downs on their own 36. Three plays later, Ollis went over from the five, and kicked his fourth extra point.

Ollis gained 108 yards on the ground in 18 carries, Appalachian outgained ETSC 213 to 62 yards, and made 15 first downs to nine for ETSC.

Faced with the overpowering attack of the Mountaineers, ETSC changed from its split-T to a single wing in an effort to stay in the game.

The victory gave Appalachian eight wins against two losses for the season. Appalachian meets Newberry Dec. 11 in the Elks Bowl at Raleigh, N. C. ETSC wound up the season with five wins, four losses and a tie.

The growing population needs 1,000,000 new jobs a year for the next twenty years, backed by \$13,300,000,000 of investment in factories and equipment, according to the U. S. Chamber of Commerce. Additional billions will be needed to make jobs for workers in industries that are declining.

Ballot boxes will be located at the following places: Valle Crucis Post Office, Sands Service Station, Wilson and Sherwood Store, Deep Gap Post Office, Fred Brown's Store, ASC Office, FCX Store, Owen Little's Store, and Clyde Perry's Store.

Farming Specialists Will Attend Outlook Meeting



TENNESSEE GAME.—The picture above was taken during the tenth annual Burley Bowl game held in Johnson City, Tenn., November 25. The Mountaineers of Appalachian State won the game 28 to 13 over East Tennessee State College, who were the defending champions of the bowl. Fullback Jim Kiser (52) is the ball carrier for the Mountaineers. Quarterback Ned Pennell (23) is still faking after the handoff to Kiser. Halfback Jim Ollis (49) is the Mountaineer who has just thrown a block. The East Tennessee player is not known.—Photo by J. A. Moretz.

Coleman Burley Group Prexy; 750,000 Pounds Weed On Floor

R. C. Coleman, operator of the Mountain Burley warehouses in Boone, has been elected president of the North Carolina Burley Tobacco Warehouse Association, according to an announcement by Stanley A. Harris, sales supervisor of the Boone market.

"This is not only a splendid compliment to Mr. Coleman," Mr. Harris said, "but is a recognition of his sterling qualities as a warehouse operator, and is definitely a compliment to Boone and the Boone market."

There were more than three-quarters of a million pounds of tobacco on the warehouse floors in Boone before the burley market opened on Tuesday, said Mr. Harris, adding that it looks as if there might be "close to a million" on the floors before the week end.

"Generally, the tobacco appears to be in good shape," he said, "with not too much wet in it even in spite of all the rain we have had recently. The tobacco appears to be of better than usual quality, and every indication is that it will demand a good price. Despite the tremendous amount of tobacco on the floor at the present time, there is plenty of additional room, so bring your tobacco on in to Boone as soon as you can."

The initial auction over the eight burley sales began on Tuesday, and the sale usually starts about 9 o'clock and last for four hours. "We have a complete set of buyers on the Boone and Mountain City markets," said Mr. Coleman, "and we are expecting an extra good year. The amount of tobacco on our floors at the present time indicates that the farmers are bringing their tobacco to the Boone market."

Burley is underwritten at \$46.40 a hundred support price, based on some one hundred different grades, said Mr. Harris. Tobacco which fails to bring the minimum price by grades may be consigned for loans. The advance rates on individual grades range from \$68 for choice buff lugs downward to \$10 for the best crude nondescript. A few grades carry no price advance, and wet tobacco is not eligible for government support, he added.

The Boone market will sell on a poundage basis, and is allowed to sell 345,600 pounds a day, provided not more than 1800 baskets are sold. The 1954 yield is estimated at 582 million pounds by the Department of Agriculture. This is about 12 million pounds more than the 1953 crop.

Sales will continue through December 21, and then there will be a recess until January 4, when sales will be resumed.

"Your tobacco is insured as soon as it is put on the floor, so bring your tobacco in for early sales and the high dollar," concluded Mr. Harris.

Elections Group To Probe Local Voting

The House Committee on Campaign Investigations will hold hearings in Boone December 8, on charges of irregularities growing out of the general election in the ninth Congressional district.

Stanley P. Kimmel, head of the committee staff, said other meetings will be held in Statesville December 7 and in Taylorsville December 9.

Kimmel said other hearings may be scheduled after committee investigator Samuel H. Sill completes his report of recent findings to the committee.

Rep. Bishop (R-III.) will preside over the hearings which will be attended by Kimmel and Still, both of whom have been in the state to look further into charges filed with the committee and the FBI.

In the Nov. 2 election Rep. Hugh Alexander (D-NC) defeated William E. Stevens Jr., Lenoir

Republican, by less than 5,000 votes.

State Republican Chairman Ray Jennings, of Taylorsville, testified that the challenged votes possibly could make a difference in the election count.

Ivan Harrah, of Winston-Salem, who managed Stevens' campaign, charged Democrats of the district with vote buying, double registration, coercion, misuse of the absentee ballot, and negligence on the part of election officials.

He filed charges both with the committee and with the FBI which is reported to have studied the voting situation in each of the nine counties of the district.

J. E. Holshouser of Boone, member of the State Board of Elections has the absentee ballot applications from the different counties in the district, it was learned.

Annual Spelling Bee To Be Held Tonight

The annual Spelling Bee will be held Thursday night (Dec. 2) at 7:30 o'clock in the Demonstration school auditorium, it has been announced by Major J. H. Thomas, president of the High School Band Association, which sponsors the event.

More than a hundred spellers are expected to be on hand at the beginning of the bee, and compete for prizes donated by Boone merchants. All the contestants will gather at the school cafeteria at 6:30 and receive the rules and regulations of the contest so that it may begin promptly at 7:30, Mr. Thomas said.

The High School band is expected to play several numbers during the evening.

Mrs. Campbell Taken By Death

Mrs. Mary Callie Campbell, 77, died Saturday, November 27, at her home on Route 1, Vilas.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Monday, November 29, at the Union Baptist Church, conducted by the Rev. R. C. Eggers, C. O. Vance, and E. O. Gore, and burial was in the Union cemetery. She is survived by her husband, William W. Campbell, Vilas, Route 1; five sons, Graydon, Zionville; Clayton, Condon, Ore.; Ronda, Lenoir; Raymond, Vilas; and Brady, Vilas; two daughters, Mrs. Richard Greene, Vilas; and Mrs. Grady Perry, Vilas; two brothers, Conley Thomas, Trade, Tenn.; and Asa Thomas, Zionville; and two sisters, Mrs. Maude Warren, Zionville, and Mrs. Bertie Davis, Condon, Ore.

Billboards are called aid to highway safety.

Farm Price Trends To Be Discussed By Extension Men

The Third Annual Outlook Conference, where latest information on next year's prices for farming and family living will be given, will be held at 9:30 a. m., Friday, December 10, at the county courthouse, announces County Agent L. E. Tuckwiller.

Attending the meeting will be representatives of local farm and home organizations, businessmen and agricultural workers and farm people interested in a "look into the future." "We believe this conference will be of benefit to all Watauga county people," says County Agent Tuckwiller, "and anyone interested is cordially invited to meet with us."

N. C. State College agricultural specialists and home economists will be on hand to present the most up-to-date information available on the factors expected to affect prices and outlook for the year ahead. A discussion of the general economic outlook for 1955 will be followed by more specific information relating to Watauga county farm product prices and anticipated prices for family living items.

One of the features of the Outlook Conference will be an opportunity for those in attendance to make their best guess of price trends expected for each farm commodity next year.

The material available at the meeting will be helpful in allowing more intelligent planning of individual farm or business activities for the coming year. Price expectations are important to farmers in deciding what to produce, and how much to produce. Businessmen supplying farmers and their families are also vitally interested in this information.

State Director Of FHA Visitor To Co. Friday

Horace P. Isenhower, State Director of the Farmers Home Administration visited the County FHA office in Boone, briefly last Friday. Mr. Isenhower expressed confidence in the future of agriculture in Watauga and the other mountain counties, especially in livestock production. He emphasized the fact that farmers must get their operations on an efficient basis if they expect to be successful.

Mr. Isenhower stated that at the present time there are ample funds available for all types of Farmers Home Administration loans and that the FHA stands ready to assist any farmer who is eligible for this type of credit. He urged that farmers make their applications for loans as early as possible, since the heavy flow of applications usually come in the late winter and early spring months. This heavy concentration of applications make it hard for County Supervisors to process all applications as rapidly as they would like.

ACE To Hold Supper Friday

The Association for Childhood Education will have a covered dish supper Friday December 3, at 6:30 in the basement of the Boone Presbyterian Church.

Special guests will be new members of the organization. Old members are asked to bring a dish of food and a guest.

U. S. farm flocks laid almost five billion eggs in October, a record high production for the month.

Help Fight TB
Buy Christmas Seals

KING STREET BY ROB RIVERS

SHOULD COME HOME

Boone's Tweetsie train was put out of business when the waters washed away her tracks, but we didn't know until Miriam Rabb told us that hurricane Hazel had done away with Tweetsie's last stand up at Harrisonburg, Va. . . . It will be recalled that engine ten and a coach or two had been operated up there recently, and since the big blow, the owners of the train are going to get rid of her . . . We quite agree with Miriam's observation that "this is something that belongs to Boone." Anyway the travel section of the New York Times carries the following, which gives the low-down on the present status of Boone's train:

"The Shenandoah Central Railroad is going out of business because of Hurricane Hazel, and no more will 'Tweetsie,' the galloping little fifty-ton 4-6-0 steam locomotive whistle around the narrow gauge museum line at Penn Laird, near Harrisonburg, Va. The line of railroad fans was able to combat operating deficits but not the washouts of track and landslides burying track. The line carried 9,183 passengers on its mile of right of way last year and this year the traffic dropped to 6,079. C. Grattan Price Jr., vice president and general manager of this railroad and tourist attraction, said the line's treasury could not cope with the \$3,000 of damage.

"If sell they must, the road's owners are determined to protect the equipment from scrap dealers and let it go only to bona fide rail enthusiasts who will promise to provide a good home for 'Tweetsie' and the three passenger cars. The road has operated on a Sunday and holiday basis, attracting tourists and railroad enthusiasts."

SIGNS OF SUCCESS

Used to be that golf clubs were sure signs that the owner had reached the point of financial independence . . . Of late years, however, many working folks join in the pastime which was once considered exclusive . . . Cadillac automobiles, likewise, were once regarded as emblems of the very wealthy . . . Nowadays they are commonplace in all walks of life . . . But we submit that when a man can dash down a couple of crooked marks and have it pass for a signature he has definitely arrived, economically.

SWEET WELLS

Mr. E. C. Coker, retired University of South Carolina professor, who is wintering for his first time in Boone, writes the State magazine about the "sweet" wells, which were formerly popular down the country. Mr. Coker's observations are interesting:

"Speaking of well sweeps for drawing water, what about the nice slick pole with only a short length of rope or chain at each end of pole to attach the bucket and end of sweep arm? The best bucket was a cypress knee, the water from which was sweeter and more refreshing than that now drawn from the pipe in the yard or the kitchen faucet.

"By the way, the drip from the pole of not very clean water from soiled hands pulling the pole up and down to draw up the cypress knee bucket seemed not to affect the fine taste of the water. Maybe it improved its nourishing quality!"

NOT IN USE HERE

We don't recall the use of the sweep well in this section, since the windless seemed to have been the popular way to bring the water from the wells which ran deeper than in the lowlands . . . We well remember the dozens of fine wells which were in use along the street, particularly the one at the Rivers house, and the nearby public well which stood out in the street . . . We likewise remember the oak-buckets of the windlass wells, (continued on page two)