



GOVERNOR'S HIGHWAY STUDY COMMITTEE.—Front row, left to right: W. R. Winkler, D. C. Delvin, Harold Makepeace, John G. Clark; back row: James Stikeleather, Claude Currie, Kemp Doughton, Clarence Stone, James Council, B. T. Falls.—(Staff photo by Joe C. Minor.)

## State Committee Visits Boone On Survey Area Highway Needs

By JOE MINOR  
Staff Writer

The North Carolina Legislative Study Committee, appointed this summer by Governor Luther Hodges to study the long range program of the state's road building, maintenance, its cost, etc., was in Boone last Tuesday and Wednesday, going over the work being carried on in the Eleventh Division of the Highway Commission.

W. R. Winkler, commissioner for this division, said they will visit all 14 divisions in the state to discuss the highway situation and future plans and program to see if the long range program set up in 1953 is being carried out.

Tuesday night the group were guests of Mr. Winkler at the Lions Club meeting at Daniel Boone Hotel Dining room.

Wednesday they met with Mr. Winkler and his personnel at the district office on Faculty Street Extension. Attending this meeting were the following members of the study group: State Senator Claude Currie, chairman, of Durham; Representative Harold Makepeace, mayor of Sanford; John G. Clark, former Highway Commissioner of Pitt County; Senator Clarence Stone, Rockingham County; James Stikeleather, Buncombe; B. T. Falls, Jr., Cleveland; D. C. Delvin, State Budget Bureau, Raleigh; and a visitor with the group, Rep. Kemp Doughton, of Sparta.

Meeting with them from the 11th Division to explain the work of this section were James Council, division engineer, of Boone; C. A. Hayworth, district engineer, Lenoir; E. Ford King, resident engineer, Boone; C. G. Ashby, district engineer from Elkin; W. J. Brookshire, office engineer with the North Wilkesboro office; and Clyde Orr, landscape engineer of Elkin.

The need for greater appropriations in maintenance funds was explained to the group. An example of the high cost of maintenance was cited when the highway commissioner told of the money spent to put the roads back in good shape after last winter's extreme cold and freezing.

It was explained to the committee that more money is needed in the western counties to maintain roads due to the low temperature which prevail in the winter, than is needed in other counties not bothered by the temperatures as much. Cost of construction of roads through mountains and over hills were also cited as a reason for high cost of building roads in this section.

The committee also heard of how the cost of obtaining right-of-ways for new roads has jumped in recent years. They expressed alarm at this factor which has made the cost of building highways over the state extremely high. This practice, according to Mr. Winkler, is depriving counties of connecting roads which are needed badly.

Another problem in maintenance and construction which is plaguing the highway work is the way funds are having to be divided to get work done. Mr. Winkler gave as an example Alleghany county which is in his division. He said that of all the funds for maintenance allotted the county 47% was used to pay prison labor, 42% was used to pay rent on equipment, leaving only 11% to buy gas and oil and to pay commission personnel. This is the rule, rather than the exception for the whole division.

On the brighter side of the highway program, Mr. Winkler and his

## Rites For Dr. Perry Are Conducted Sunday

Dr. Henry Baker Perry, member of the State Senate, and Watauga county's oldest physician and surgeon, died in a Greensboro hospital Saturday at the age of 76.

Dr. Perry had been ill for many months, but was able to attend the sessions of the 1955 General Assembly in a wheel chair. He remained active and took care of his office practice until his physical condition brought about retirement last July.

A native of Beaver Dam township, Dr. Perry had practiced medicine in Boone and in rural Watauga county for more than fifty years. One of the last of the old time physicians, Dr. Perry traveled on horseback for almost twenty years on his visits to the sick, and was one of the first surgeons in this area. Emergency operations had often been performed by him in the home, by the light of oil lamps. Last April the State Medical Society presented him with an award for 50 years of service.

He established and operated a hospital in Boone for several years.

He had twice served this district in the State Senate, and last session as chairman of the Senate Health and Welfare Committee, he introduced legislation setting up the State's first eye bank.

He served for a number of years as alderman for the town of Boone and engaged in dairy farm and purebred beef cattle operations.

Dr. Perry received his early education at Watauga Academy. He later attended the University of North Carolina, and received his MD degree at North Carolina Medical College in Charlotte in

1905. He first practiced at Valle Crucis, moving to Boone more than thirty years ago.

Funeral services were held at the Boone Methodist Church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The pastor, Rev. E. H. Lowman was assisted in the service by Rev. O. L. Brown. Burial was at Valle Crucis.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Church was in charge of the flowers.

Surviving are a son, Dr. Henry B. Perry, Jr., and a daughter, Miss Gertrude Vance Perry, both of Greensboro; a brother, Clyde Perry of Sugar Grove; two sisters, Mrs. Naomi Farthing and Mrs. Marshall Edmisten of Sugar Grove. His wife, the former Miss Doris Taylor of Valle Crucis, died here last year.



DR. H. B. PERRY

## Safe Driving Day To Be Observed In City

The first day of December will be observed throughout the nation as S-D Day. That's the "Safe-Driving" day when every community in the United States, including Boone will do its best to go 24 hours without a traffic death.

When asked what each driver could do to help keep S-D accident free, Chief G. D. Richardson said, "A safe driver drives defensively. Now, the average car owner may never have heard of defensive driving, but it's a well-known term to those professional drivers who rack up thousands of miles of accident free driving each year.

"The defensive driver acts as though he is always under attack. His 'enemies' are careless motorists, careless pedestrians and unsafe traffic conditions. The defensive driver makes allowance for those highway culprits. He avoids accidents by anticipating and allowing for the hazards created by the unsafe acts of others and by adverse traffic and weather conditions."

Chief Richardson asked every driver in Boone to check himself to see whether he is driving defensively. The defensive driver can answer "yes" to all the following questions:

- Do you drive so that you are

never surprised by the actions of other motorists or pedestrians?

- At intersections do you make sure no one is approaching from your right or left even though you may have the right-of-way?
- Do you constantly check your rear-view mirror to see what's happening behind you?
- Do you watch out for pedestrians even though they may be crossing against the light?
- Do you keep a sharp eye out for oncoming cars that might suddenly make left turns in front of you?
- On slippery pavement do you check your braking to see how much traction you have in case you must make an emergency stop?
- In short, you are a defensive driver when you drive for the other fellow as well as for yourself. On S-D Day and every other day of the year be your brother's keeper by driving safely and doing your part to stop accidents, Chief Richardson said.

Mr. Carlton Swift, son of Mrs. Crete Swift of Sugar Grove, attended the Geneva Conference held in Switzerland recently. Mr. Swift, who is with the State Department, is stationed in Berlin, Germany.

## Burley Group In Plea Against Cut Of Weed Quotas

Lexington, Ky., Nov. 16—The Burley Tobacco Growers Cooperative Assn., which represents 300,000 growers in five states, asked Secretary of Agriculture Benson today not to cut 1956 burley acreage allotments.

Other burley interests previously spoke out against further reduction. Quotas have been cut the last three seasons.

Co-op President John W. Jones said farmers are losing on hogs, cattle and sheep and that tobacco, their only money crop at this time, is in serious danger.

Jones, who urged growers to protest acreage cuts, gave these reasons:

1. Government is basing its formula on 1955 estimated production of 1,500 pounds per acre against the all-time high last year of 1,585 pounds. The current crop is 20 per cent lighter than the 1954 crop.
2. The secretary is considering the cut on the crop recording board's report of 325,840 acres of burley produced. Another government agency says it has measured the tobacco and fixed the total at 290,000 acres.
3. Credit was given previously for smoking trends. The trend was down in 1954; now it is on the rise and should continue.

Some directors expressed view that immediate poundage controls plus the present allotments rather than an acreage reduction should be imposed.



This picture was taken during a Burley sale in Boone. The market opens Tuesday.

## Weed Receipts Heavy On Eve Of Season's Start

By V. G. ROLLINS  
Democrat Staff Writer

The Boone burley tobacco market will open its seventeenth selling season next Tuesday, November 29, with all signs pointing to one of the most successful seasons since the market began operations in 1939.

Buyers, bookkeepers, weighmen, ticket markers, graders, and other workers are assembling, and everything will be in readiness when the rhythmic chant of the auctioneer signals the start of bidding on the first basket at Mountain Burley Warehouse No. 1.

Sales will operate on a 3½ hour daily schedule through December 21, and will be resumed January 3 after the Christmas holidays.

Tobacco is continuing to come in, said R. C. Coleman, operator of the Boone market, but there is still plenty of room on the floor for the opening sale.

A complete set of buyers, representing all cigarette and export companies, will be on the Boone market this season, Mr. Coleman said, assuring growers of plenty of competition resulting in the highest prices obtainable for their tobacco.

"It is also your nearest market," he added, "so why haul your tobacco to distant markets and add to your expense?"

(An extra incentive and gesture of appreciation, the Mountain Burley Warehouse Company will award a 1956 GMC truck absolutely free to some lucky tobacco farmer who sells on the Boone market this season.

A numbered ticket will be given for every basket of tobacco sold on Boone warehouse floors, each entitling the holder to a free chance on the new truck.

A drawing will be held at the close of the season, and the holder of the lucky ticket will be awarded the truck.

"Boone is the oldest market in this immediate section," said Mr. Coleman. "Help us to keep it the best one. We grow tobacco, know tobacco, and know how to sell it. Grade your tobacco carefully, keep it dry, and bring it to Boone, your home market."

## Yule Shopping Season Started With Gay Array Gift Offerings

## Lester Carroll Dies From Heart Attack

By V. G. ROLLINS  
The time for Christmas giving is near, and Boone stores are officially launching the happiest season of the year with the most comprehensive, the most varied, and the most brilliant collection of gifts ever assembled here.

This issue of the Democrat heralds the opening of the burley tobacco market, and presents a preview of what is in store for gift shoppers, so that they may actually get a head start on the joyous task ahead.

Though there are literally hundreds of gift-giving ideas listed, the picture cannot be complete for simple lack of space. There are many more gifts for the discriminating Christmas shopper to inspect in all of the stores.

And it is important to the happiness of the selective shopper that no delay be permitted in viewing the fresh and complete displays, because before very long, assortments, sizes, and wanted colors and designs may be depleted.

Chief characteristic of gifts being featured for this Christmas is their beauty and festive appearance, no matter what their category. This is as true of the prosaic and practical things as it is of the excitingly glamorous, thus vastly broadening the opportunities for giving useful as well as just gay gifts.

The Merchants Association, headed by Glenn R. Andrews as president and Stanley A. Harris as manager, urges particular emphasis this year on "shopping at home."

"At least, try your Boone and Watauga County stores first, and in all probability you will find everything here that you need or want, thereby saving yourself expensive trips to distant places," said Mr. Harris. "Make every effort to keep your money at home where it will continue to work for you and your community."

Christmas Lights Go Up  
A lavish display of varicolored Christmas lights and decorations is now in the process of being installed along King Street, and it is hoped that they can be turned on immediately after Thanksgiving. Plans are being made to extend the lights considerably both on East and West King Street. The

Lester E. Carroll, 52 years old, prominent Boone business man, died of a heart attack at his home last Wednesday at 2 a. m.

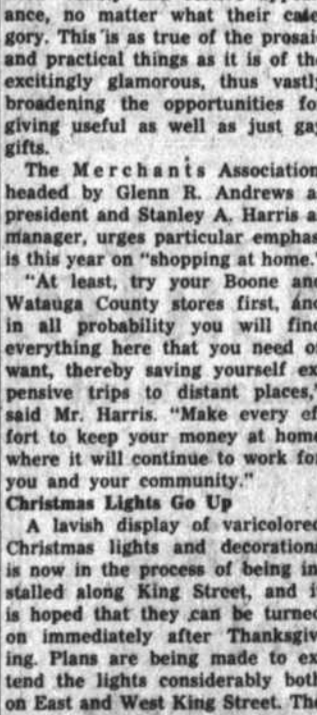
Funeral services were conducted at the Boone Baptist Church Friday afternoon by the pastor, Rev. L. H. Hollingsworth. Interment was in Mount Lawn Memorial Park.

Surviving are the widow, the former Miss Lucy Baker; one daughter, Mrs. C. H. Blackburn, Jr., of Boone and two grandchildren; a brother, Dean B. Carroll, Rapidan, Va.; a sister, Mrs. C. F. Womble, Greensboro.

Mr. Carroll began his career in the lumber business, with which he was connected most of his life. He organized the Watauga Livestock Company in 1939, which later became the Boone Livestock Market. He operated this business for sixteen years.

He was engaged as a partner in the Barnett Motor Co., local Pontiac agency from 1945 to 1953.

During his active business career, Mr. Carroll also dealt in



LESTER E. CARROLL

## Funds Are Sought For Orphans Home

Friends of Grandfather Orphans Home, Banner Elk, are again making up a fund for use as a Christmas gift for the mountain children being reared there.

Since practically all the children at Grandfather come from Watauga and adjoining counties, people of Boone have always given to this cause without regard to denominational lines.

Those who would like to contribute should leave their donations with either Guy Hunt, Rob Rivers, Watt Gragg or Willys Chester.

## Holiday Schedule Of County Schools Set

In a recent meeting of the Watauga County Board of Education, the following holidays were approved for teachers, office personnel, maintenance personnel and garage personnel:

1. All schools will close at noon Wednesday, November 23, in observance of Thanksgiving holidays. Schools will re-open Monday, November 28 on a normal schedule.
2. The office of the County Board of Education will be closed Thursday and Friday as well as the County School Bus Garage.
3. All schools will close at noon Wednesday, December 21 in observance of Christmas holidays. Schools will remain closed through Monday, January 2 since this will be the regular holiday for New Year's day. Schools will re-open after the Christmas holidays on Tuesday, January 3 on a regular schedule.
4. The Board of Education granted all monthly employees one week of vacation during the week of Christmas beginning Monday, December 26 through Friday, December 30. The office of the County Board of Education and the County Garage will resume work Monday, January 2.
5. All monthly employees connected with the Board of Education are

## Wm. Stanberry Taken By Death

William Amos Stanberry, 17, died at the home, Boone Route 1, Sunday, following a long illness.

Funeral services were conducted at the Laurel Springs Baptist Church Monday. Rev. Raymond Hendrix, Rev. C. O. Vance and Rev. Homer Greene took part in the rites. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Survivors include the parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Stanberry, and two sisters: Mrs. Brook Ford, and Betty Stanberry, Route 1.

## Burley Cards Now Available

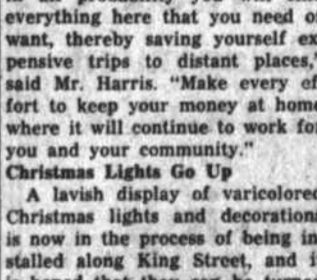
Burley tobacco marketing cards are now available at the ASC office. Cards may be obtained by mail or by another person upon written request of the farm operator.

## Greene Speaks At Farm Meeting

Clyde R. Greene of Boone, chairman of the State Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee, spoke at the State Farm Bureau convention in Raleigh Tuesday.

Mr. Greene's committee heads up the ASC program in North Carolina, which administers the production and price supports, both of which are the keystone in whatever plan may be adopted nationally in the future.

HUMOROUS THIEF  
El Paso, Texas.—The thief who entered the chicken-house of a Juarez, Mexico, chicken-raiser, evidently had a sense of humor. After taking all twenty hens, he left the rooster with a black mourning ribbon draped around his neck.



CLYDE R. GREENE

## Thanksgiving Service Slated

The Union Thanksgiving service, conducted annually by the Boone Ministerial Association, will be held Wednesday evening, November 23rd at 7:30 p. m. in the Advent Christian Church.

Rev. Jack McDuffie, rector of St. Luke's Episcopal Church will be the principal speaker. Special music will be provided by the Rev. Hal Vannoy of Fergusson, formerly of Boone.

Other local pastors will participate.