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Nov. 22	65	35	56	34
Nov. 23	63	35	52	34
Nov. 24	65	33	54	31
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School Board Makes Tour; Building Progress Listed

Inspection tours of the county schools are currently being made by members of the County Board of Education as a means to better acquaint board members of the needs of the various schools as well as to give them an opportunity to meet and talk with the students, teachers, and principals of the various schools.

The school facilities at Valle Crucis, Cove Creek, Mabel, Bethel and Green Valley have already been inspected by the board and the remainder of the schools are on schedule to be visited prior to the first of the year.

Dr. Charles Davant, Jr., chairman of the board, pointed out that these inspection tours will enable the board to know more about the urgent needs of the schools and serve as a guide in the expenditures for renovations and improvements throughout the current school year. Dr. Davant said: "Every effort will be made to adequately maintain and equip all schools as rapidly as funds become available." Already, paint has been purchased and personnel employed to begin a county-wide painting project. Some of the most urgent needs for paint seem to be in the rest rooms, around windows and doors and in some classrooms that are dark due to inadequate lighting fixtures as well as darkened walls.

Many classrooms throughout the county are in urgent need of new furniture and this condition will be corrected as rapidly as funds become available. Already this year, \$5,567.10 has been expended for new furniture. A large part of this amount was used in the new building at Valle Crucis. Attractive walls, good lights, and good desks are a valuable asset in making the student more comfortable and thus better equipped for a learning situation.

Some of the major projects which have been completed thus far or which are planned for completion in the very near future include the following:

Repairs to the roof at Cove Creek High School.

Repairs to the boiler at Cove Creek Elementary School.

Posts and wire have been purchased for the installation of a fence to separate school property from private property at Bethel and Valle Crucis schools.

Labor has been contracted to fill in a large hole at the Parkway School resulting from erosion on the playground.

The lunchroom at the Cove Creek Elementary School has been enlarged and repainted.

Door locks and door closers have been installed in many classrooms throughout the county system.

The playground area around the colored school has been improved and the classrooms painted prior to the opening of school.

New and used furniture has been placed in the Cove Creek High School, Blowing Rock School, Val-

Sugar Grove Man In Attendance At Geneva Parley



CARLTON H. SWIFT

Carlton H. Swift, of Sugar Grove has the distinction of attending the recent Geneva conference by virtue of his position with the State Department.

In a letter to his mother, Mr. Swift says:

"Arrived in Geneva two days ago and have been busy ever since. It is not an official function then its social and Geneva night life, which is very gay and very much like Paris.

"Last night I attended the Marine Ball and dinner. There are about 30 Marine guards here and in honor of the 160th anniversary of the Marine Corps they had the dance and dinner for the entire U. S. delegation. There must have been about a hundred of us present. Secretary Dulles made a brief speech, also Stassen. Then, with a sword, Dulles cut the big cake.

"My mission here won't keep me but about two more days. Anyway we just got the word that the conference will be ending Wednesday, rain or shine. There hasn't been much accomplished here, I guess, but not too many people really thought there would be."

Mr. Swift, a son of Mrs. R. Dean Swift and the late Mr. Swift attended Cove Creek High School and in June 1955 graduated from the University of North Carolina. He spent two years in the Navy.

Opening Burley Auctions Bring Average Of \$55.00

Two Are Chosen As Boone Rotary Boys Of Month

Roy Minton of Cove Creek High School, and J. W. Wellborn, of Appalachian High School have been selected by their respective student councils as "Rotary Boys" for the month of December. These boys will be dinner guests of the Boone Rotary Club on Thursday, December 1, at their regular supper meeting.

Roy and J. W. were selected for their outstanding work in the fields of scholarship, leadership, character and service in their schools, and are being honored by the Rotary Club of Boone in their program of recognizing outstanding boys each month from the two schools.

Roy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Grady Minton of Vilas, is treasurer of the National Honor Society, member of the Student Council and Annual staff. He also played basketball for two years. He plans to attend college after his graduation from high school. Roy is taking a science curriculum.

J. W., son of Mr. and Mrs. John Wellborn of Boone, is a member of the National Honor Society, Student Council, "A" Club, Band, Glee Club, Social Dance Club and was selected as Mr. Appalachian's senior year. He also played football three years, baseball four years, and was on the wrestling team four years. J. W. was president of his class two years. After his graduation he plans to attend college and study dentistry. His curriculum in high school is college preparatory.

More picnic areas on nation's highways are urged.

Bob Davis Winner Of Sports Car Hill Climb



Bob Davis and his race-winning sports car

Bob Davis, driving his home-made sports car special, won the Class C hillclimbing event at Pilot Mountain Sunday, when he climbed the two and two-eighths mile track in 2:25.2. He won over 35 other sports cars which had entered the race sponsored by the North Carolina region of the Sports Car Club of America.

Bob, who works as a mechanic at Andrews Chevrolet, Inc., in Boone, ran this track last year and placed second in that event. He received a beautiful loving cup trophy for his racing Sunday.

Coming in second was George

Hahn of Hickory, in a Thunderbird, who did the route in two minutes, 32 and 2-5 seconds. Third was Johnny Belk, Greensboro, in a Jaguar who was a second behind Hahn.

Drivers came from North Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia.

One bit of excitement was furnished the crowd which witnessed the race when Tommy Neal of Guilford spun his car out on a turn and slipped into a ditch. Spectators lifted his MG out of the ditch and he went on to win third place in the Class G race with only 15 seconds of time lost.

First Sale Best In History Of Local Market

By V. G. ROLLINS
(Democrat Staff Writer)

The Boone burley tobacco market opened the 1955-56 selling season Tuesday morning with what was described as "the most satisfactory opening sale in the history of the market" by R. C. Coleman, operator of the local burley market.

Total figures for the day were not available at press time, but a check of more than fifty representative baskets sold Tuesday morning showed an average of well above \$55.00 per hundred, with the top basket up to that time going for \$66.00.

Lower grades were also selling very good, Mr. Coleman said, and prices are expected to be as high or higher for the remainder of the week.

There is always plenty of room on the floors of the three Boone warehouses for farmers to unload tobacco any time they care to bring it in, he pointed out, and with a sale every day, Monday through Friday, there will be an absolute minimum of delay in selling the leaf.

A full set of buyers is operating on the Boone market, and sales are on a 3 1/2 hour daily basis. The schedule permits sale of 1260 baskets or 302,400 pounds a day.

Government price support levels will average 46.2 cents per pound this year, down 2 of a cent from last year.

Government observers have forecast a total burley production in the eight-state belt of 519,915,000 pounds, a decrease of 147,250,000 from last year's record crop, due to an acreage cut of 25 per cent.

If the forecast stands up, the crop will be the smallest in the last five years, but R. C. Coleman and associates are confident that the new five-day weekly schedule of sales here will result in the biggest season in several years for the Boone market.

Experts have called the current western North Carolina burley crop tops in quality over the past several years, and the local warehousemen expect Boone prices to maintain a high level throughout the season.

Yoder Attends Indiana Meet

Indianapolis, Ind.—In attendance at the annual meeting of the National Council of Geography Teachers is Dr. J. C. Yoder, Professor of Geography at Appalachian State Teachers College, Boone, N. C.

Almost every state is represented at the convention as well as delegates from Cuba, Canada, and other countries.

The average 1954 income of 50,000,000 men who had some income was \$3,200 and for some 28,000,000 women, the average figure was about \$1,200. This was about the same as in 1953, but was considerably higher than in 1945.

E. T. Downs Apps To Win Annual Burley Classic

Johnson City, Tenn., Nov. 24—East Tennessee State punched across a second-period touchdown following a poor Appalachian punt today to win the 11th annual Burley Bowl football game, 7-0, before about 6,000 fans.

East Tennessee State began the winning drive after Mountaineer halfback Jim Ollis had punted only 19 yards from his own 25. Harold Joe returned the punt 2 yards to put East Tennessee in strong position.

Six plays later quarterback Howard Tippet scored from the one on a quarterback sneak with 4:41 left in the half. Guard Tom Rock placekicked the conversion.

Appalachian's main threat came in the fourth period when it set sail from its own five after fullback Jim Kiser had picked off an East Tennessee pass. The Mountaineers drove to the ETC 34 for its deepest penetration of the day but there quarterback Aubrey Elam had a pass intercepted by Trippett on the ETS five.

Kiser's interception had stalled another ETS threat. Jim Ollis and Elam mixed signals while under an ETS punt on their own 15 and the ball fell free and was recovered by ETS. Four plays later, however, Kiser moved into the breach to take the pass.

The game left Appalachian with a season's mark of 6-5.

Israel has formally asked the United States to sell her arms "under the most lenient conditions."

Vote Planned For Soil Supervisor

D. F. Greene, chairman of the Watauga Soil Conservation District supervisors, announces the election next week, December 5-10, of a supervisor for the county. The supervisor will serve for a three year period.

Henry Taylor of Valle Crucis, present district supervisor whose term expires December 31, has been renominated by a petition containing twenty-five endorsements. Any eligible voter is entitled to vote in this election.

Ballot boxes will be located at the following places: ASC Office, Clyde Perry's store, Owen Little's store, Deep Gap Post Office, Jones' store at Sands, Sherwood and Glenn's store, Valle Crucis Co. store, and Watauga FCX.

The supervisors administer the

Soil Conservation District program for the county. This program is aimed at bringing about the best use of all land within the county, to prevent soil loss from erosion, and to bring about best possible water management. The program is designed to make use of all educational facilities in alerting everyone to the need for soil and water conservation, and to provide technical assistance to farmers in carrying out good land use programs. The program operates under N. C. state laws, enabling local people to carry out their own soil and water conservation measures.

Present supervisors are D. F. Greene of Sugar Grove, Tom Jackson of Meat Camp township, and Henry Taylor of Valle Crucis.

Safe-Driving Day Is Being Observed

The second national observance of Safe-Driving Day, sponsored by the President's Committee for Traffic Safety, is being held Thursday in an attempt to prove that voluntary individual and community action can hold traffic deaths and injuries well below the normal toll.

Safety leaders hoped that the S-D Day record this year would show an improvement over the 15 per cent reduction in deaths

achieved on S-D Day last year.

Here are some potentially dangerous driver actions to watch for:

1. Excessive speed, especially at night, in bad weather, and in heavy traffic.
2. Passing several cars at once, or on hills, curves and intersections where there is not a clear view ahead.
3. Following too closely.
4. Weaving and sudden lane

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Bethel Community Gets Progress Award

Bethel community was selected as the winner in the Community Development Program in Watauga county last week. The community will receive \$50.00.

Some of the things that have been accomplished as a result of community effort are: Erection of community signs, built and painted fence around cemetery at Bethel, cleared and reseeded two other

cemeteries in the community, secured additional land for expansion of school buildings and play ground, erected standard mail box posts, 42 families ordered name plates to be used under mail boxes, and planned for a community recreation program.

The judges, Mrs. B. W. Stallings, Wade Brown, and the Rev. E. H. (continued on page eight)

Farm Group Heads Give Views On Tobacco Law

Heads of the Watauga County Farm Bureau and the Grange have protested warehouse fees on the tobacco markets of the State, and call attention to the intent of a law, since declared unconstitutional.

Mr. I. B. Wilson, Farm Bureau President and W. R. Vines, deputy master of the Watauga County Grange have released the following prepared statement:

"The Burley tobacco farmers applied to the General Assembly of North Carolina in the session of 1955 for the relief of excessive charges on Burley tobacco markets in North Carolina, and the bill limiting the charges was prepared and presented by Representative Bennett of Yancey and Representative Halecombe of Madison. This bill had the active support of both the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation and the North Carolina Grange. This bill was bitterly fought by the burley tobacco marketers of this state but was finally passed and the burley tobacco growers felt that no longer would they be charged a weighing fee and an auction fee, but through a technicality in the wording of this bill, and evidently smart legal minds of the warehousemen have secured from the Attorney General a ruling that the bill in its wording is unconstitutional. However, the warehousemen knew the intent of this act, and have ignored the same and are today charging

Two Watauga Men Enlist In Navy

It was recently announced by Eugene Chapman, navy recruiter from the Lenoir office, that James Bennett Steelman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard S. Steelman of Deep Gap, and James Ernest Vannoy, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. James Ernest Vannoy, Sr., of Route No. 3, Boone, had voluntarily enlisted in the U. S. Navy.

These young men are at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill. Here they will undergo nine weeks of recruit training, including such subjects as small arms, gunnery, seamanship, sea survival, boat handling, and numerous other things that will help them through their naval career.

Recruiter Chapman stated that he has openings for qualified men under various programs in different fields, and would be glad to talk them over with interested men at the post office in Boone on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of each week.

NCEA Group To Gather Friday

The Watauga County Unit of the North Carolina Education Association will hold its next general meeting on Friday, December 2, at 2:00 p. m., at the Appalachian Elementary School.

There will be discussion groups for the different grades.

A quarter of a million foreign plants have been introduced into the United States since the year 1890, when USDA started to keep a record on them.

Land Drainage Program Is Money-Maker For Beaver Dam Farmer

By E. D. GREENE

From almost nothing to twenty tons of silage per acre in one year is one of the benefits tile drainage has been to Edmund Farthing of the Bethel community. In 1954 (a dry season) the only crop one field on his farm would produce was swamp grass hay. Since the corn on his upland was suffering from lack of moisture and the hay in his lowland was suffering from too much moisture, Mr. Farthing decided it was time to take action.

There were two things Mr. Farthing could do. He could buy costly irrigation equipment and put enough water on the hills to grow good crops of corn, or he could drain his swamp land and move his corn off the hills to the level land. He chose the latter. The level land was not subject to severe erosion as was his hills. The soil was more productive both in its present condition was not paying the taxes on the field.

Mr. Farthing contacted the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee to determine if they would help share the cost of draining the field. The Committee told him they would share the cost if he would install the tile according to the specifications of the Soil Conservation Service. The Work Unit Conservationist visited Mr. Farthing's farm to help him determine the kind of drainage needed, the proper amount of

Two Classes Mail May Be Posted Together Under New Regulations

A method of mailing two classes of mail together is provided in a new postal regulation, which is noted by Acting Postmaster Lyle B. Cook, who states that special envelopes or containers are required.

The present method is being retained, but a new alternative, convenient method for mailing mixed classes has been adopted and will be effective November 28, 1955.

1. Enclosures mailed with second-class publications.

a. Letters or other pieces of first or third-class mail may be mailed with second-class publications. They may be:

- (1) Placed in the outside envelope or wrapper with a single copy.
- (2) Secured inside an unwrapped copy, or,

(3) Enclosed in a bundle of copies.

Postage at the appropriate first or single piece, third-class rate must be paid for each separate enclosure.

2. Enclosures mailed with third and fourth-class parcels.

a. Letters may be enclosed in a third or fourth-class parcel. Postage at the first-class rate must be paid for each letter.

b. Third-class mail may be enclosed in a fourth-class parcel. Postage at the single-piece third-class rate must be paid for each enclosure.

The enclosure should be placed on top of other items in the parcel when practical, and postage for the enclosure must be placed on the outside of the parcel. It may be added to the postage for the

parcel and the total amount paid together, or the postage for the enclosure may be affixed separately from the postage for the parcel.

At any rate, the mailer must place the endorsement "First-Class Mail or Third-Class Mail" enclosed on each parcel below the postage and above the address. The endorsement may be handstamped, handwritten, typewritten, printed, or put on by any other method.

If postage is not paid at the appropriate rate in the manner provided for by section 139.31 and 139.32 of the Postal Manual for letters or other pieces of first or third-class mail, the second-class publications or the third or fourth-class parcels in which they are enclosed will be subject to the higher rate applicable to the enclosure.