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Veteran College Workers Praised By Plemmons



(Photo by J. A. "Rabbit" Moretz)

THREE HUNDRED AND NINETY YEARS OF SERVICE—These non-teaching employees of Appalachian State Teachers College have each put in twenty or more years of service, at that institution. They are, left to right: Dr. William H. Plemmons, president; Will S. Houck, 23 years; Crater L. Marsh, 21 years; Dr. J. D. Rankin, 35;

The president of Appalachian State Teachers College praised the non-teaching personnel of the school Friday night in the college cafeteria, when the employees and their families were feted at their eighteenth annual Christmas party.

Dr. William H. Plemmons, who was attending his first Christmas (Continued on page two)

Boone Stores, Offices Will Close Monday

Most Boone stores will observe Monday, December 26, as a holiday by remaining closed all day, due to the fact that Christmas Day is on Sunday this year, the Merchants Association has announced.

The stores will be open the balance of the week, including all day Wednesday.

The Northwestern Bank and the Town Hall will also be closed Monday.

County offices in the courthouse and rock building will be closed from Friday noon, December 23, until Tuesday morning, December 27.

The board of county commissioners, which usually meets the first Monday of each month, will hold its January meeting on January 9 instead of January 2.

The post office will observe its usual holiday schedule Monday, December 26. One window will remain open Saturday afternoon, December 24, for the delivery of parcel post packages, said Acting Postmaster Lyle Cook.

FFA, 4-H Club Boys Get Top Price For Tobacco

The end of a tobacco season's average of \$61.61 per hundred work for 18 Future Farmers of America and 4-H Club members of Watauga and Avery counties ended Friday when they sold 12,012 pounds of burley tobacco on the Boone market for \$7,400.64, at an

424 Are Jailed In Past Year

A total of 424 lawbreakers have been lodged in the Watauga County jail during the first year of Sheriff Ernest Hodges' term, according to a report submitted by Deputy George Smitherman, jail custodian.

Of these, 124 were jailed for public drunkenness, 47 for driving drunk, 39 for breaking, entering, and larceny, 15 for nonsupport and 9 for being absent without leave from the armed forces.

The remainder included a large number of worthless check cases, speeding, reckless driving, driving without a license, larceny, possession of non-taxpaid liquor, hit and run driving, peeping Tom, adultery, and rape.

Two murder cases are scheduled for trial early in 1956, said Deputy Smitherman.

Edward Mast Suffers Fatal Attack In N. Y.

Dr. Plemmons Will Address C. Of C. Meeting

The annual meeting of the Chamber of Commerce which was originally scheduled to be held December 8 has now been set for January 5.

Arrangements have been made to hold it at the Demonstration School.

Dr. William Plemmons, President of the Appalachian State Teachers College, is to be the speaker.

It is ladies night and all members are not only urged to be present themselves but to bring their ladies.

The office of the Chamber of Commerce will be closed from the afternoon of December 23 until the afternoon of the 27th. This is to enable Mrs. Wood and Mr. Harris to spend Christmas Eve and Christmas Day with their families.

Health Office Closes For Yule

The District Health Department office in Boone will observe State holidays during the Christmas season.

Their office will be closed Friday, December 23, Monday, December 26, and Monday, January 2.

Edward Bingham Mast, 42, prominent Boone merchant, died suddenly in Pawling, New York, from a heart attack Thursday morning.

Mr. Mast had arrived in Pawling with a load of furniture and was unloading his truck when he suffered the fatal tattack at 10 o'clock. He was to have brought a load of furniture back to Boone. He was traveling alone.

A son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Mast of Sugar Grove, he was reared in Watauga county. He had formerly been chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee of Watauga County; police chief of the town of Boone and operated a furniture store in Elk Park for a number of years. He established the Mast Furniture Co. in Boone eight years ago.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Henson's Chapel Methodist Church in Cove Creek township, and interment was in the Mast cemetery in that neighborhood. The Rev. L. H. Hollingsworth, Rev. Dwight Long, and Rev. C. O. Vance conducted the rites.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Leola Mast; four daughters, Miss Arlene Mast, of Kannapolis; Mrs. Shirley Dody of Camp LeJeune; Misses Jennie Bell and Alice Mast of the home, and one son, Joe Mast of the home. The parents survive, with four sisters: Mrs. Hugh Reese, Mrs. Tom Greer, Mrs. Jay Edmisten, Kingsport; Mrs. Ray Farthing, Sugar Grove. There is one grandchild.

Burley Growers To Vote On Market Quotas 29th

Burley tobacco growers will vote December 29 on marketing quotas for the next three crops, B. W. Farthing, Chairman of the Watauga County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee, reminds farmers. All growers who produced burley tobacco in 1955 are eligible to vote in the referendum.

For the 1956 burley crop, the Department of Agriculture has announced a marketing quota of 385 millions pounds which, converted to acres, results in 283,350 acres for allotment in 1956. The 1956 national allotment was determined on the basis of average yields during the 5 years 1950-54.

"The decision to be made in the quota referendum can be simply stated," Chairman Farthing declared. "If quotas are approved by at least two-thirds of the growers voting, marketing quotas—with penalties on 'excess' tobacco, acreage allotments, and price supports averaging 90 percent of parity will continue in effect for the 1956 burley crop."

"On the other hand, if more than one-third of the voters disapprove quotas, there will be no marketing quotas, no penalties on 'excess' tobacco, no acreage allotments, and no price supports for the 1956 burley crop. In that event, 3-years marketing quotas would be proclaimed again next year and another referendum held."

Marketing quotas have been in (continued on page two)

Miss Townsend Given Award



MISS LINDA TOWNSEND

Miss Linda Townsend of Boone, a Library Science major at Appalachian, has been awarded a fifty dollar scholarship by the Appalachian Education Foundation. The award was presented by Dr. Lawrence Owsley, president of the Foundation, at the college assembly program on Friday, December 9.



—Staff Photo by Joe Minor

SANTA'S HELPERS.—The Democrat camera registers a segment of the throng of Christmas shoppers which crowded Boone streets and stores last Saturday. The volume and tempo is expected to increase each day this week, reaching its height on Saturday, Christmas Eve, as late shoppers scurry storeward for last minute Yule gifts.—Staff photo by Joe Minor.

Burley Market Exceeds Two Million; Average Is \$57.74

Finley Penick Dies From Crash Injuries

Peyton Finley Penick, 28, of Johnson City, Tenn., former Boone resident, was fatally injured in an automobile accident which occurred on the Johnson City-Jonesboro highway Saturday. He suffered multiple head and chest injuries and died without having regained consciousness at 9:30 Saturday evening.

Mr. Penick was educated at Appalachian High School and prior to his entry into the Navy during the last world war, was employed by the State of Virginia forest service. He had resided in Johnson City for eight years, where he was salesman for Noland & Co.

Survivors include the widow, Mrs. Agnes Ratcliff Penick, two children, Donna and Eddie. The mother, Mrs. Edna Penick of Boone survives, the maternal grandmother, Mrs. John Sherrill,

one brother and two sisters: William E. Penick, Boone; Mrs. Lena Lewis, Asheville; Miss Sallie Penick of Jonesville.

Funeral services were held Monday at the Unaka Avenue Baptist Church in Johnson City and burial was in Montview cemetery in that city. Officiating at the services were Rev. George Arthur of Boone; Dr. Nicely of Parrottsville, Tenn., and Dr. Rich, pastor of the church.

Pallbearers were employees of Noland & Co., and flower bearers were members of the Sunday School class of deceased.

Democrat To Close For Holidays Today

The Watauga Democrat will be closed for the remainder of the week, but will be open Monday.

With Wednesday's sale, the last before the Christmas holidays, the Boone burley tobacco market passed the two million mark in pounds sold, and has paid more than a million dollars to farmers for their leaf.

Total poundage through Tuesday was just short of two million, for a season average price of \$57.74 per hundred pounds.

Damp weather during the last few days has been more favorable for grading and handling the weed, and the burley was coming into Boone warehouses at a brisk pace Tuesday afternoon for Wednesday's sale, which was expected to be one of the heaviest of the season.

R. C. Coleman, operator of the local market, has announced that all Boone warehouses will remain open throughout the holidays to receive tobacco, with the leaf fully covered by insurance from the moment it is placed on the floor.

The market will resume sales on Tuesday, January 3, 1956, with prices expected to maintain their present high level throughout the remainder of the season.



JUNIOR TOBACCO SHOW AND SALE.—First picture shows Ned Perry, left, who took second place in the 4-H Club and Future Farmers of America Tobacco Show, held in Boone last week. Len Warren stands to the right of his pile which was judged as the best

at the show. Second photo shows boys who had tobacco entered and their leaders. They are left to right from row: Ronald Swift, R. C. Reese, Eugene Moody, Joe Perry, Ned Perry, Loyd Martin, Larry Mays, Austin Norris, Franklin Cole; back row: Johnny Hayes,

R. C. Moretz, R. G. Shipley, Cove Creek vocational agricultural teacher, Russell Swift, Len Warren, Carl Colvard, James Hayes, Jim Henson, Bobby Yates, Dean Moody, and Assistant County Agent Woodrow Richardson. In the third picture are three of the judges

for the show, left to right: J. P. Satterwhite, Joe L. Coleman, and T. D. Jones, Jr. Morris Mancum, the fourth judge was not available at the time the picture was taken. Twelve thousand, one hundred and twelve pounds of tobacco was displayed.—Staff photo Joe Minor.