



TRUCKLOADS of Burley tobacco arrive in Boone for sale in the Mountain Burley Warehouse. Pre-sale indications are that the local market will handle a greater part of the crop raised in Watauga

County, and Joe Coleman and his staff of Mountain Burley Warehousemen, have been in the county for several weeks, making preparations for sale of the Burley crop.

## Holiday Shopping Season Gets Underway In City

### Bright Lights Hail Opening Of Santa's Pack

By V. G. ROLLINS

Christmastime is drawing near, and Boone stores are officially launching the shopping season this week by offering the most varied and brilliant collection of gift items ever assembled here.

The theme is "shop early, trade in your home town and county, and you and your home town and county will prosper."

This issue of the Democrat presents a preview of what is in store for gift shoppers, so that they may get a head start on the joyous task ahead. Advertisers say there are many, many more gift items, in addition to those listed, for the discriminating Christmas shopper to inspect in all of the stores.

The Merchants Association, headed by R. D. Hodges, Jr., as president, and Stanley A. Harris as manager, urges 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. Especial emphasis is being placed on "shopping at home."

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

A myriad of varicolored Christmas lights, more than ever before, have already been installed along and over the streets, and the switch will be thrown Thanksgiving evening transforming the business district, with the aid of individual store lights and decorations, into a veritable Santa Claus land.

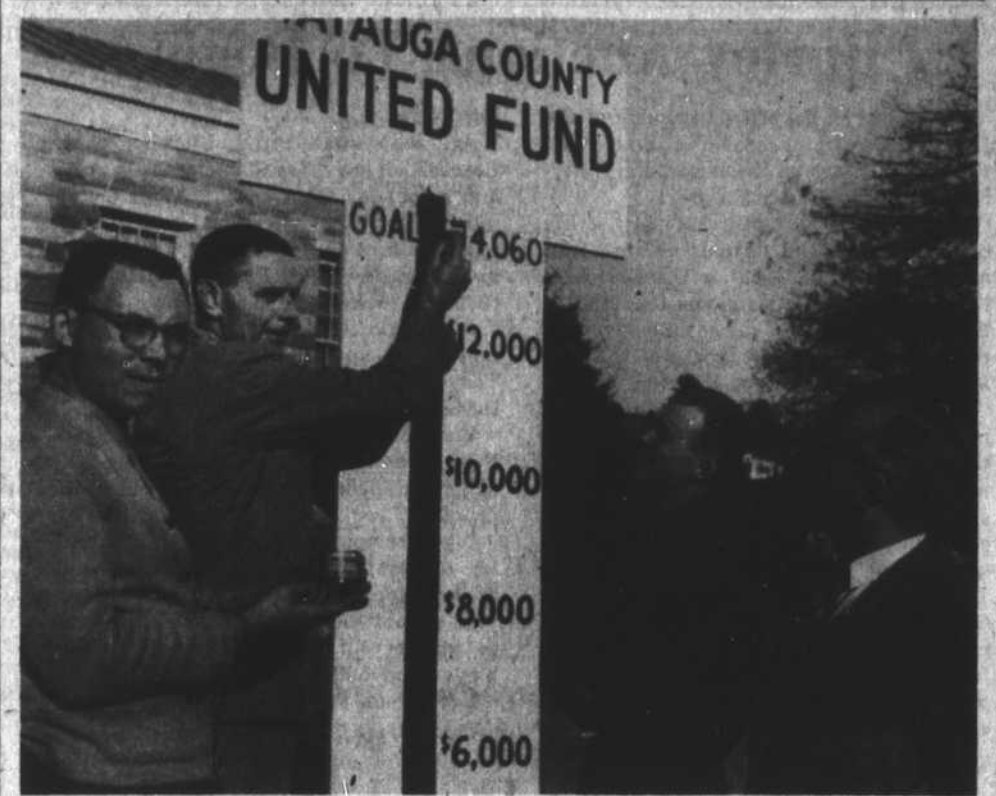
Business and civic leaders have combined their efforts to build a shopping district in Boone which is far superior to those found in cities of comparable size, and residents of the county are urged to "trade in your home stores, with people you know and who know you, thereby facilitating many adjustments, exchange, and credit problems."

### Public Roads Given Approval

The Board of County Commissioners has been advised that the State Highway and Public Works Commission at its meeting November 2, approved the addition of the following roads to the County highway system:

Rainbow Trail, Locust Gap, Mast Gap Road, Norris Fork Road, Jason Sherrill Road.

Lopez signs to manage White Sox in 1957.



OVER THE TOP—Hugh Hagaman, United Fund campaign chairman for the first campaign, obliges R. E. Agle, United Fund president, by holding the paint can as Mr. Agle paints the thermometer indicating the drive went over the top. R. D. Hodges, right, next to thermometer, an area chairman and Dr. Francis Cook, publicity chairman, watch the proceedings. Final figures released last week showed \$14,075.38 raised.

## First Burley Auctions To Be Held In Boone On Tuesday

First burley auctions of the 1956-57 selling season will be held in Boone Tuesday, November 27. Buyers, bookkeepers, weighmen, ticket markers, graders, and other workers are converging, and all 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, Monday through Friday after the opening on Tuesday. The Christmas recess will begin at the close of sales on December 21, and sales will be resumed on January 2, 1957.

Tobacco is coming in at a fairly brisk pace, said Mrs. Harriet L. Sikes of the R. C. Coleman firm, operator of the local market, and the quality of the leaf received thus far is good. There is still plenty of room on the floor for the opening sale, she stressed.

A complete set of buyers, re-

presenting all cigarette and expert companies, will be on the Boone market this season, assuring growers of plenty of competition, resulting in the highest prices obtainable for their tobacco.

Joe L. Coleman, manager of the market, reports that Watauga County burley on the whole is good, but smaller than last year, with only a relatively small amount graded thus far.

"Boone is the oldest market in this section," he said. "Help us to keep it the best one. Why haul your tobacco to distant markets and add to your expense when you will get fully as much, and possibly more, on the Boone market. 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."

Daily market reports will be heard over radio stations WATA in Boone and WCYB in Bristol.

## Flucie Stewart, Former App Grid Coach, Dies

Greenville, S. C., November 18—Alfred Lloyd (Flucie) Stewart, 50, one of Furman University's all-time great athletes, died yesterday morning following an 18-month illness.

The unforgettable personality, who returned to Greenville as a businessman in 1951, served about 20 years in the coaching profession and during World War II as a naval officer who saw action around Tarawa, Saipan and other battle areas in the South Pacific. He died in a local hospital.

Never Lost Interest Although tired by the long struggle against the illness, he never lost his interest in life and in people until the last.

Mr. Stewart, a native of Strawn, Tex., came to Greenville to play football in 1928 during the tenure of T. B. (Dad) Amis, Furman football coach. He was a great pass receiver as an end and a sure and quick defensive lineman. Before getting his B. S. degree in 1931, he made the mythical all-state team twice and was mentioned for All-American honors.

At Furman he was a member of South Carolina Phi Chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, the Quaternary Club, and received a law degree in 1932. He was also a member of the undefeated Paladin basketball team of 1930, playing with such greats as Bill Wells, Ernie Souther, Red Watson, Sam Ranich and Truett Wakefield. He was a southpaw first baseman and pitcher who played under Coach A. P. (Dixie) McLeod.

After concluding his college career at Furman, he served as a member of Coach McLeod's staff for two years and then went to Appalachian State Teachers College at Boone, N. C., where he eventually became head coach and athletic director.

From there he went to the University of Delaware to become associated with Bill Murray in coaching. From Delaware, he went to the University of Tampa as head coach and athletic director.

When World War II began, Mr. Stewart entered the U. S. Navy, saw action in the South Pacific, and when he retired from active duty he was a lieutenant commander. After the war, he helped with coaching for a year at Clemson College, coached at Appalachian State and served as basketball coach and football end coach at the University of Maryland.

Returns In 1951 In 1951 he came to Greenville and was first connected with the Pilot Freight Carrier lines and then joined the National Container Corp. as a salesman. Here Mr. Stewart was a member of the Greenville Kiwanis Club, the Touchdown Club and the Poinsett Club. He played in the Little Theatre production of "The Moon Is Blue." A member of the First Presbyterian Church, he resided at 28 Lullwater Rd.

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RECEIVES PLAQUE — Barnard Dougherty, vice president of Appalachian State Teachers College, last week accepted on behalf of the college a plaque from the N. C. Holstein-Friesian Dairy Association in recognition of the work of the college in improving the breed. The award was made at the state meeting of the association in Winston-Salem. Mr. Dougherty is a member of the board of directors, and has been appointed chairman of this year's nominating committee.

### Health Dept. To Close Today

The local offices of the district health department will be closed Thursday and Friday, in observance of Thanksgiving.



CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS are already crowding the Boone stores in hopes of avoiding the last-minute rush which usually precedes the coming of St. Nicholas. Merchants are displaying some of the best gift selections ever shown, and buyers are assured of filling their Christmas lists without leaving the county.

## Nash Attending Music Gathering In Ohio

Gordon A. Nash, head of the music department at Appalachian State Teachers College, will attend the thirty-second annual meeting of the National Association of Schools of Music at the Statler Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio, on Friday and Saturday, November 23 and 24.

Appalachian College has been an associate member of the NASM since 1953.

The National Association of Schools of Music was founded in 1924 by a small group of schools for the purpose of establishing educational objectives in music and has grown until it now includes 225 of the leading universities, colleges, and conservatories in the land. The association has been designated as the body responsible for educational music standards in this country by the National Commission on Accrediting.

The two-day session will open on Friday with the business reports, followed by a presentation led by Howard Hanson, director of the Eastman School of Music, on ways and means of improving efficiency in teaching through audio-visual aids, use of radio-TV, and techniques for reaching the talented student. Regional group meetings and a discussion of the Doctorate in Music will be scheduled for the evening of the first day.

The education of music conductors will be discussed on Saturday by two or three well-known conductors who have been invited to

speaking, and a revision of musician-ship requirements in the schools will be considered under the direction of Dean Thomas Gorton of the University of Kansas.

William K. Selden, secretary of the National Commission on Ac-



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crediting, together with representatives of the regional associations will present a Saturday afternoon panel on the relationship of the Regional Associations, the National Commission on Accrediting, and the National Association of Schools of Music.

The delegates will be guests of the Cleveland Orchestra on Thursday and Saturday evenings.

Educators who are associated with non-member schools are cordially invited to attend all the general sessions as guests.

Officers of the NASM are: President, William E. Doty, University of Texas, Austin; vice president, Roy Underwood, Michigan State University, Lansing; Burnett C. Tutill, Memphis College of Music, Memphis; treasurer, Frank B. Jordan, Drake University, Des Moines.

Campaign costs may exceed the \$14 million of 1952.

## Ways, Means Of Financing Horn Are To Be Discussed

A special public meeting has been called by the Southern Appalachian Historical Association for Tuesday, November 27, at 7 p. m. in the dining room of the Boone Trail Restaurant to discuss ways and means of keeping outdoor drama in Boone.

All persons interested in Horn in the West are urgently requested to attend.

The finance committee of the association, in an effort to bring home to everyone concerned the financial difficulties confronting the continuation of the drama, has released the following statement:

"The purpose of this meeting will be to find if enough interested citizens of our community want the 'Horn'.

"At the present time the 'Horn' is closed, and plans to reopen for 1957 can not be completed until sufficient interest is shown to warrant a show for next year. Even at this time plans must be completed in order to get the show under way. Advertising must be contracted the staff for operation must be secured, and the large cast of actors, singers and dancers must be assembled. This requires a great deal of time and expense. Therefore it is the feel-

ing of the finance committee of Horn in the West that there is no use in making these commitments unless the people are behind this production.

"At this meeting a decision will be reached as to the future of this production, not by a few people but by the community as a whole.

"Many men and women in Boone have devoted unselfishly of their time and money to keep the drama

open. It is the feeling of these people that the drama means much to all people in this community and therefore an expression must come from a much larger group of our citizens.

"We could not stay how many dollars have come directly from the 'Horn' but it could be said that Boone has been a much more prosperous community since more

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## Brown Named Trustee Wake Forest College

Wade E. Brown, prominent Boone attorney, is one of nine men recently selected to fill vacancies on the Board of Trustees of Wake Forest College, and is the first

man in this section ever to serve as trustee for the Baptist institution.

Mr. Brown, a graduate of Wake Forest, states that since the College has been moved to Winston-Salem, it is much more important to this area. He said there are now nine Watauga students enrolled there.

Mr. Brown, one of the civic, religious and business leaders of

## Thanksgiving Services Today

The Boone Union Thanksgiving Service, held each year by the various churches in town, will be held this year at the Boone Methodist Church on Wednesday, November 21, at 7:30 p. m. it was announced by the Rev. E. H. Lowman, host pastor.

The Rev. L. H. Hollingsworth, pastor of First Baptist Church in Boone, will be the preacher.

All residents of the community are invited to this service.

A similar service is being planned in Blowing Rock and many individual churches will have a Thanksgiving Service, according to the announcement.

## Three Named To Hospital Board

Stanley Harris, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Watauga Hospital, Incorporated, Boone, has announced that at their November meeting of the Board of Trustees the following three new members have been elected to the board: E. F. Coe, Paul Coffey, and Georgia White.

These new members will serve on the board for a period of three years.



WADE E. BROWN

Boone, served eight years as a trustee of Appalachian State Teachers College. He served in the State Senate from the 29th district in 1947, and in 1951 was a member of the House of Representatives from Watauga.

Rev. L. H. Hollingsworth, Boone Baptist Church pastor, was appointed by the State Convention to study the overall educational system of the Convention and report his findings at the next session.

## Stores Close For Thanksgiving

A majority of Boone business places and public offices will remain closed all day Thursday, November 22, in observance of Thanksgiving Day.

Business will be resumed as usual Friday morning, November 23.