



BRIGHT LIGHTS DECORATE BOONE BUSINESS DISTRICT FOR CHRISTMAS SEASON

Staff Photo By Joe Minor

Burley Brings Top Prices At Opening Day Auctions

Average May Hit \$60, Says Mr. Coleman

"The best opening day in the history of the market" was held Tuesday as the Boone Burley Tobacco Market opened the 1956-57 selling season.

Official figures for the day were not available at press time, but R. C. Coleman, operator of the market, said about 150,000 pounds of burley were sold for an estimated average of \$60.00 per hundred.

Demand by buyers representing cigarette and export companies was very strong, said Mr. Coleman, with a very small percentage going to the Stabilization Corporation for the support price. All grades were selling good, it was reported, and prices are expected to remain high for good leaf for the remainder of the week.

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

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

Each grower should use special care in handling his tobacco on the farm, in grading and packing, and while delivery is being made to the market, said Mr. Coleman. He should make certain that his tobacco is in condition to be marketed, thus resulting in a much higher average for his crop.

Tobacco should not be brought to market when it is wet or in too high case, as this will result in the tobacco being graded wet or damaged and not eligible for support price.

When such care is exercised in handling and marketing, local warehousemen predict that Boone prices will remain at a high level throughout the season.

COLD CASH

Orange, Va.—A local food-locker company was recently robbed of \$180 in "cold" cash. The cash was taken from a spare freezing drawer.



APPALACHIAN STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE CHOIR

Singing Of Handel's Messiah Is Traditional Rite In Boone

Passes Given Driver Of Week

Jay Beach, manager of the Appalachian Theatre, has announced that the theatre will award two complimentary passes to the person selected by the Boone Police Department as "Courteous Driver of the Week."

The citation, originally suggested by the Business and Professional Women's Club, is being made each week by Chief Glenn Richardson from the observations of the Police Department throughout the week.

The name of the person so designated will be on file at the ticket office of the theatre each week, and two passes will be issued upon presentation of the recipient's driver's license for identification.

Mrs. Lawrence Dies Thursday

Mrs. Jennie Eggers Lawrence, 70, widow of George M. Lawrence, died at her home at Beech Creek on Thursday morning, November 22.

Funeral services were held Saturday morning at 10:30 at Mt. Gilead Baptist Church, where she was a faithful member. The Rev. E. J. Farthing assisted the pastor, the Rev. Arnt Greer, in conducting the services.

The survivors are two sons, Robert Brotherton of Mamden, Ohio, and George Lawrence, Jr., of Beech Creek; four daughters, Mrs. Spencer Warren, Mrs. Acie McGuire, Mrs. Philip Farthing, Sugar Grove, and Mrs. Louis Gammeter, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Also, Lee Lawrence, Cincinnati, Ohio; Dr. Ray Lawrence, Dr. Jack Lawrence, Mrs. E. T. Glenn, Mrs. George Judy, Mrs. Louis Farthing, all of Boone, and Mrs. J. H. Sowder of North Wilkesboro.

Twenty-three grandchildren survive.

Mrs. Combs, 94, Taken By Death

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Caroline Combs, age 94, were held at the Henson Chapel Methodist Church Sunday afternoon at two o'clock. Services were conducted by Reverend Ted E. White, pastor of the church, and Rev. E. M. Blankenship, pastor of Cove Creek Baptist Church. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Combs is survived by four daughters: Mrs. Rhetta Rogers, Tallon, Nevada; Mrs. Ruth Dugger, Miss Blanche Combs and Mrs. Dallas Hodges, all of Vilas. She is also survived by twelve grandchildren and seventeen great grandchildren.

U. S. track squad nears peak form for Olympics.

Boys' Choir To Appear In Boone

The Columbus Boychoir, America's singing boys of radio, TV, movie, and record fame, will present Appalachian State Teachers College's third lyceum program of the year in the college auditorium on Thursday evening, December 6. The choir, currently under the direction of Donald Bryant, will be stopping in Boone on its tour of the United States and Canada.

The choir of twenty-six boys, ages nine to fourteen, originated

in Columbus, Ohio, under the direction of Herbert Huffman, but later moved to Princeton, New Jersey. The boys are trained in the Columbus Boychoir School in Princeton. The choir has given performances in Carnegie Hall, Town Hall, and Madison Square Garden in New York, in Jordan Hall in Boston, and before the Academy of Music in Philadelphia. Columbus Boychoir has appeared over major radio and television

networks. It appeared in the RKO film "America's Singing Boys" and was featured in a State Department news film that was distributed all over the world in thirty languages and 30 dialects. The choir records for RCA Victor and for Decca records.

The operatic composer, Gian-Carlo Menotti, who selected members of the choir to appear in "Amahl," pronounced the choir "equally as good, if not better

than" such famous groups as Vienna Boys Choir and the Petits Chanteurs of France.

Even while on concert tour, the twenty-six selected singers, accompanied by their teachers, have a nearly normal school routine. Their specially outfitted bus, "Schoolhouse on Wheels," besides a five-octave piano and a kitchenette, contains desks at each seat and a public address system so that regular classes can be conducted while under way. The bus, when parked at hotels and motels, serves as a class room annex.

The choir has been acclaimed by such national publications as Life, Time, and Newsweek. The music critic for the New York Times said of the extraordinary group, "Better part singing, finer dynamic shadings, clearer phrasing, or nicer feeling will seldom be found anywhere."

Admission to the performance is extended to students of the college and holders of season tickets to the lyceum series. A limited number of season tickets, available at a reduction of 20 per cent, will be on sale at the door of the auditorium on the night of the performance. No tickets for single programs are available.

Other numbers to appear in the college programs series are McNamara and Carroll of the Dublin (Ireland) Theatre, who will give dramatic selections from contemporary Irish playwrights; the North Carolina Little Symphony; Players, Inc., of Washington, D. C., who will present Shakespeare's "King Henry IV, Part I."

A nationally known artist will be selected for the bonus program in April.

Joe Miller, High School Senior, Is Making Career Of Taxidermy

By JOE C. MINOR
"Taxidermy—a profitable hobby."

Anyone who reads sports magazines has seen advertising worded similarly. Joe Miller, a senior at Appalachian High School, saw it, sent in his name and address, took a 10-months correspondence course, and is now well on his way to making a career in taxidermy.

In a way, it was natural for the lad to consider being a taxidermist. Joe hunts and fishes every chance he gets, and like all good sportsmen, enjoys showing his trophies to friends. He decided he would stuff and mount some of the things he caught and shot.

This was not as easy as it appeared. There was more to fixing a squirrel or a deer than just skinning and stuffing it. Joe found that the skin had to be tanned to preserve it and keep the hair from shedding. He discovered that a fish loses its color after skinning and needs to be painted to give it a permanent natural look.

All of this did not discourage Joe. Instead it made him eager to learn how to perfect a trophy would be proud to display.

He took the course by mail, and after displaying some of his work his services for mounting birds, animals and fish were beginning to be in demand.

Among the things Joe has stuffed and mounted are snakes, birds, squirrels, possums, coons, deer, fish and foxes. To stuff a snake, Joe used paper mache stuffing and wire after skinning to give it a life-like appearance. For animals he uses excelsior and wire. He saves the legbones of animals, and in the case of deer its antlers.

He says he has to be careful to keep from over-stuffing his work. So that this doesn't happen he makes diagrams to help him when he gets ready to mount the animals.

Joe sends the hides off to get them tanned. He says tanning is an art in itself, a job which takes a lot of time and skill. In fact, it takes him from nine months to a year to get them back from the tanners sometimes.

Hunting and fishing being a seasonal sport, and in order to keep from having to do all the work at this time, Joe had to find some way he could save some of the work when he had more leisure. For the larger animals this is no problem as he just "skins them out" and salts the hides for shipping. For the smaller animals and birds he freezes them to do when he gets the time.



JOE MILLER touches up deer head he has been working on. He makes the mounting boards as well as the doing the other operations necessary for preserving the animal.

Joe is planning to enroll in the University of Iowa, majoring in Museum Taxidermy this fall. He says this is the only college in the United States offering this four-year course.

There's a shortage of help in the taxidermy field, Joe says. He visited a taxidermist this summer who told him if he stopped taking in new business now it would take

five years, working full time, to finish the work he has on hand.

Joe has several deer head already promised him this season, not counting the one he bagged last week, and he feels confident of getting to do them all, if the season is as good as it has started out to be.

Joe's hobby is a "profitable" one.

Soil Supervisor To Be Elected December 3

The annual election for naming a Soil Conservation District Supervisor for Watauga County will be held the week of December 3rd through the 8th.

Tom R. Jackson, who is presently a supervisor, has been renominated by the endorsement of 25 eligible farmers. If re-elected, he will serve another three year term.

The Soil Conservation District is governed by three supervisors, who give their time, in an effort to bring about better land use and

treatment of Watauga's soil and water resources. The other two Supervisors are D. F. Greene of Sugar Grove, and Henry Taylor of Valle Crucis. The terms of the Supervisors are staggered to keep two experienced members on the board at all times.

Ballot boxes are to be located throughout the week at the following places: Howard Mast's Store, Clyde Perry's Store, Roy Jones' Store, Deep Gap Post Office, Owen Little's Store, Glenn and Sherwood's Store, and the A. S. C. office.

Lions Club Takes Note Twentieth Anniversary

The Boone Lions Club held its 20th Anniversary celebration Tuesday evening, November 20, in the dining room of the Daniel Boone Hotel. President Ira S. Ayers presided.

An inspiring message on Lionism was brought by Dudley L. Simms of Charleston, W. Va., second vice president of Lions International. He told the Ladies' Night audience of about 150 what Lions are doing all over the world.

"The Lions are one of the greatest forces for peace, second only, perhaps, to the United Nations," the speaker said. "Lions International is one of the world's greatest good will builders between the free nations. Peace comes from understanding each other."

He reminded the assembled Lions and Lionesses that Lions International is the world's largest civic organization, numbering 545,000 members throughout 76 countries.

Speaking of Thanksgiving, Mr. Simms stated that "this nation has more to be thankful for than any other on earth." He said Thanksgiving "was originated by Moses and the Hebrew children when God instructed Moses to command the Children of Israel to give thanks to Him for the harvest of the land."

Toastmaster Wade E. Brown introduced the visitors, which included District Governor and Mrs. Fred Barkley, International Counselor and Mrs. James C. Farthing

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of Lenoir, International Counselor and Mrs. A. V. Goldiere of Davidson, Deputy District Governor and Mrs. Bob Lee of West Jefferson, Mrs. Dudley L. Simms, State Secretary Norman Trueblood of Raleigh, and Superior Court Judge Moore of Shelby.

In reviewing the 20-year history of the club, it was stated that the Boone club was organized November 20, 1936, with about 30 members and the following officers: President, Charles T. Zimmerman; 1st vice president, Dr. W. M. Matheson; 2nd vice president, Dr. J. C. Canipe; 3rd vice president, Herman Wilcox; secretary-treasurer, Wade E. Brown; lion tamer, Barnard Dougherty; tall twister, R. W. Watkins; and directors, A. D. Harris, M. I. Clark, Dr. R. H. Harmon, and D. L. Wilcox.

Dr. Lawrence Forum Speaker

Charlotte—Dr. Ray Lawrence of Boone was among more than 500 vision specialists from seven states who participated in an optometric forum here today.

The professional conclave is known as the "Four Star Forum" because it covers four major fields of optometric activity. Discussions in which Dr. Lawrence took part included Public Relations, Legal Affairs, Practice Management and Social and Health Care Trends.