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WATAUGA DEMOCRAT

# Weed Sells For \$63.07 Average



The Boone burley tobacco mar-ket registered its highest average of the season Monday when 207,-332 pounds were sold for an aver-age price of \$63.07 per hundred

Damp weather last week end provided better grading and hand-ling conditions for the growers, and as a result there was more to bacco on the floor the first of this week than had been seen since

week than had been and opening day. Through Monday, December 10, the market had sold 964,630 pounds of burley and paid out \$596,752.42 to growers, for a season's average per hundred of \$61.86.

Figures were not available or Tuesday's sale, but poundage was estimated by a spokesman for the warehouse at about 150,000

REGISTER OF DEEDS .-- Miss pounds which would place the to-Helen Underdown, who was re-turned to her job as Watauga tal volume for the season thus far

county's Register of Deeds by the at well over the million mark. voters in the November 6 election The market will recess for the sworn into office again last Christmas holidays after sales of by Clerk of Court A. E. South. She has now entered on Friday, December 21, and resum

on January 2. her 29th year at this, work.

PAVED PLAYGROUND .-- School children play on the newly paved playground between the Boone Elementary school and Appalachian High school. The paving was recently completed by the Appalachian State Teachers College at a cost of approximately \$12,000. John H. Howell, principal of the Elementary school, says the paving has eliminated the mud which was always evident after rains, and the dust in school building, particularly the cafeteria. This allows children to be out playing more days of the year. The paved area covers approximately an acre and has three inches of mill chat (asphalt base) over 4 inches of gravel base. It drains quickly and can be used almost immediately after the rain stops falling. The Boone PTA is considering placing a wire fence on the upper and lower sides of the play area, Mr Howell said, making it safer and better for the children's use.—Staff photo by Joe Minor.

## Winners Of Speech Tourney Are **Marsh Is Named Announced; 8 Colleges Take Part Horn Executive**

By EARLEEN G. PRITCHETT

Winners of the Sixteenth An-nual Appalachian Mountain Forensic Tournament have been announced by Leo K. Pritchett, coach of debating at Appalachian and sponsor of Pi Kappa Delta. The tournament, which was sponsored by Chapter 218, North Carolina Epsilon, Pi Kappa Delta, was held December 6, 7, and 8 at Ap-palachian State Teachers College

Eight colleges including Mars Hill, Carson-Newman, Lensir Rhyne, Maryville, East Tennessee, Gardner-Webb, the University of South Carolina, and Appalachian participated in the tournament, which consisted of six rounds of debate, radio newscasting at WA-TA, extemporaneous speaking, after dinner speaking, poetry read-ing, oratory and problem solving. The national debate question this year is, "Resolved: That the United States Should Discontinue Dir-

ect Economic Aid to Foreign Countries". The standard procedure, ten minutes for constructive speeches and five minutes for rebuttal, was followed. From the colleges entering, there were eight men's teams and five women's teams, making a total of thirteen

teams participating. Winners in the various divisions are as follows:

The Boone Lions Club is spon Best individual debaters in the men's division, Michael Osborn of the University of South Carolina, first place; Ian Southerland, Carson-Newman, second; and Miss Judith Ford of Lenoir Rhyne, who

Head of the chemistry depart-tieing for third with Ross McGill of Marvville Colle Best individual debaters in the women's division were Ann Wil-fong of Lenoir Rhyne, first; Joy Neville, Carson-Newman, second; and Jessie Tench of Carson-Newman, third.

**By Boone Lions** 

Hotel whom he will purchase an inex- Treasurer James P. Marsh said pensive gift. These will be ex- he had received assurances from changed at the meeting.

member to be present with his minimizing the urge to visit the Lioness, promising that this will mountains; the condition of roads be one of the year's most interesting programs

B. M. Curtis

Bertram Curtis, 58, of Carlisle, Pa., a brother-in-law of Mrs. Jack Gragg and a former Boone busi-nessman, died of a heart condition November 29 in a Carlisle hospital. Funces a services were held at Bertram Curtis, 58, of Carlisle



THREE SECTIONS-EIGHTEEN PAGE

NEW COMMISSIONERS .- These three Republican con took over the duties of running Watauga county's government for the next two years, look over some of their work shortly after being sworn into office last week. They are, left to right, Fred Hatley, Bynum Greene, chairman, and Clint Lewis.

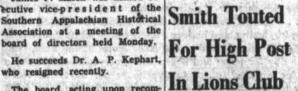


APPOINTED COUNTY OFFICIALS.-Looking records of Watauga county are (left to right) Clint Cannon, auditor; Orville Foster, tax collector; and Ivy Wilson, tax supervisor. They were appointed by the new board of Watauga county commissioners shortly after that board was sworn in last week.



sparta, will be guest speaker at the Boone Chamber of Commerce's Chamber of Commerce, Visitors annual ladies night dinner meet-ing, to be held at 7 o'clock Friday evening, December 14, in the Ele-office on South Depot Street not

The Hon. J. K. Doughton, of Notification of the meeting h been mailed to all members of the



A. R. SMITH

The board, acting upon recommendations of the nominating committee, also chose Hugh Haga-man as first vice-president, succeeding Marsh, and Mrs. L. H. Owsley was re-elected secretary. G. C. Greene, Jr., was elected treasurer, also succeeding Marsh, at an earlier meeting.

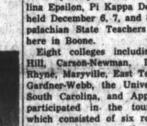
who resigned recently.

Mr. Marsh, upon being named to his new post, resigned as treasur-er and chairman of the finance committee. The latter office will be filled in the near future.

It was announced at Monday's meeting that a new director and a w publicity man must be retained shortly for next year's presen tation of Horn in the West. The board is considering a suggestion that the director be employed on a year 'round basis to serve the drama, the Chamber of Commerce and the Merchants Association with his salary to be paid jointly by the three organizations.

oring one of its most outstanding members, A. R. Smith, as a candi-date for District Governor of Dis-Other plans call for increasing the efficiency of the cumbersome trict 31-B, Lions International, for 30-member board by appointing a 9-member Executive Council which the year 1957-58.

will be empowered to act for the board in all matters without calling a meeting of the entire board. not meet regularly, only when a ers College, Lion Smith has been Under this setup, the b a member of the Boone Lions Other committees to be appoint- Club since February, 1944. He was meeting is called. ed are production, finance, adver-tising, and a new group to be call-in 1946 and president in 1947. Important zone and district posts he has held in Lions Intered the Planning Committee. . In other action it was voted unnational include cabinet secretaryanimously to give all bondholders and signers of notes an equal voice treasurer District 31-B, 1952; in the association with members. Zone Chairman, 1953; Deputy Dia-Only members have been entitled trict Governor, 1954; and chairto a vote in the past. Membership man of the district bulletin com (continued on page four) fee is \$10 per year.



**REPRESENTATIVE.-S. C. Eggers** will be sworn in for his fourth term from Watauga county to the

State Legislature when the As-sembly meets in Raleigh next

## Hardy Greene **Funeral Tuesday**

Hardy Hill Greene, aged 70, o Blowing Rock, Route 1, died Mon day, December 10, at his home. Funeral services were conducted at 2 p. m. Tuesday, December 11, at the Laurel Fork Baptist Church by the Rev. William Brackett, the Rev. Howard Hodges, and the Rev. Rob Shore. Burial was in the Ford Cemetery.

## Ladies Night **Plans Are Made**

The Boone Lions Club will hold be met by the individual signers its annual Christmas Party and up to the full amount of their Ladies Night meeting next Tues-day evening, December 18, in the Las dining room of the Daniel Boone Following the usual custom, each member will draw the name of a had been secured Lioness other than his wife, for of North Carolina.

President Ira S. Ayers has an ounced the following committees aid is needed "as long as the peo for this meeting: Program, Rev. ple of the community will back it." J. K. Parker, Jr.; decoration, W. R. Winkler, Neil Farris, Dr. H. pointed out strength affected at-M. Cooke, and James B. Winkler; tors which materially affected atarrangements, Paul A. Cofefy, Phil tendance during the past season.

Smith, and Bob Congleton. President Ayers urges every



**United Fund Meets** Local Hungary Quota

The American Red Cross and the Red Cross, said the \$216 quota third pla nounced this week that its appeal for Watauga county was this for \$216 from Watauga County county's fair share of the \$5 mil-division. to aid in the care of Hungarian refugees has been met by the Wa-tauga United Fund. In the women's division, Car-son-Newman tallied the best re-cord to win first place, while Len-

The best alfirmative team in the men's division was Carson-Newman, with six wins and no losses, while the winning negative leam of the men's division was the University of South Carolina, with five wins and one loss.

The college teams winning more debates than any other in the men's division were Carson-Newman and the University of South Carolina, both having a record of nine wins and three losses. Tieing for second place honors were Lenoir Rhyne and East Tennessee, and

third place went to East Tennes-see, who had two teams in this

In the women's division, Car-

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Victoria Ford Greene; four sons, Russell, Stacey, Hill, and Germia Home in Boone, conducted by the Greene, all of Blowing Rock, Route Greene, all of Blowing Rock; And 15 Rev. C. O. Vance, and the said, "but that success in the Gragg Cemetery. He is survived by a son, Bert-ram J. Curtis, of RFD No. 1, the said, "but that success upon the continued cool everyone."



whose whole-hearted cooperation 11 a. m., Wednesday, December 5, the money could have not been at the Reins-Sturdivant Funeral raised.

to keep the play going.

Two emergency meetings were called, where it was announced

that "Horn" was free of debt for past operations but there was no

money to continue. As a result, some 83 persons and business firms signed notes total-

ling \$21,675, upon which the bank

cash to the producers. A majority

of the notes are for \$300 each, with a few for lesser amounts.

If Horn in the West is able to

meet the notes from its operation

next year, it will not be necessary

for the signers to pay. Otherwise, any deficit incurred will have to

Last year 50 signers of similar

notes of \$300 were called upon to

pay \$75 each to clear up a deficit of \$13,000, after a \$10,000 grant had been secured from the State

state officials that the state will

continue to back the drama when

At the special meetings, Marsh

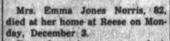
Among these were an unusually

cool summer in other section

advance the same amount of

"We feel that we are on the threshhold of a successful season," he said, "but that success depends upon the continued cooperation of

### Mrs. Norris **Dies At Reese**



Funeral services were conducted at 2 p. m. Wednesday, Decem-ber 5, at the Mabel Baptist Church by the Rev. Dayton Jones and the Rev. Carl Wilson. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Surviving are three sons, W. H.

mentary School cafeteria. Mr. Doughton, son of former lieutenant-governor, R. A. Doughton, is a member of the state legislature from Alleghany County.

later than Thursday afternoon of plans to attend, and how many will be in the party.

### WORLD ILLITERACY

Installation ceremonies will be held for the following officers who The United Nations Educational have been named for the coming Scientific and Gultural Organizayear; Glenn R. Andrews, presi- tion reports that more than forty dent, succeeding G. C. Greene, Jr.; per cent of the adult population J. V. Caudill, first vice-president; of the world cannot read and O. K. Richardson, second vicewrite. The rate of illiteracy is president; and James P. Marsh, treasurer. 77 and 81 per cent of the inhabit-

To be installed as new directors ants are unable to read and write. are Richard Morhauser, Harold Rice, and Grant Greene.

Dinner will be served by the Rev. E. A. Dillard of Hebron Col-ohy at Shulls Mills, and any profit and bridges sunk in the Suez Canrealized will go to that organiza- al. The cost of the operations has

been estimated at \$40,000,000

Norris of Brunswick, Ga., Barney Norris of Lengir, and Dennis Nor-ris of Glade Springs, Va.; four daughters, Mrs. Grace Shook, Mrs.