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Hugh Morton captures wide autumn vistas in shot from Tater Hill.

## Flow Of Tobacco Starts To Local Sales Floors

### Weed Quality This Season Called High

Farmers are already placing tobacco on the local warehouse floors in anticipation of the Burley tobacco opening on Monday, November 23. Favorable grading weather has given growers a "head-start" on getting their crop ready for sale, and according to an official of the Boone market, tobacco on the floor now appears to be of extra good quality.

The opening date was set recently by the burley committee in a meeting at Lexington, Ky., and all hours and days of sales, and holidays were set by that committee. After opening November 23, sales will be suspended for one day only for Thanksgiving, then run through the first period through December 18, when sales will close for the Christmas holidays.

Officials of the Boone market state that tobacco for the first sale is now being placed in Mountain Burley Warehouse No. 1, and that all three houses in Boone will be available for use during the season. The first sale begins at No. 1 at 9 a. m., opening day.

Full representation of all buying companies will be on hand to bid for the burley, it was announced, and farmers may expect lively bidding for their crop.

Last year over three million pounds of burley was sold on the Boone market, a warehouse spokesman said. No prediction was made concerning amount of this year's crop, but indications point to a good year for the growers. According to the spokesman, farmers who have already placed tobacco on the floor have apparently done a good job of sorting and grading and their baskets should attract a good price.

### Luther Hayes Dies In Mich.

Luther Grady Hayes, 60, native Watauga, who resided in Troy, Mich., died October 26 in a Flint, Michigan, hospital.

Funeral services were conducted at 1 o'clock October 30 at Price Funeral Home, Troy, Mich., by Rev. Harold Maran of the Troy Baptist Church and interment was in that community.

Mr. Hayes was a son of the late George E. Hayes and Mrs. Minnie E. Hayes, and was born in the Sands neighborhood of Watauga county. He had been in Ohio and Michigan since 1917 and in Troy for the past 23 years. Until three years ago he had been employed by the Chrysler Vernon plant, Detroit, Mich.

He is survived by his widow, the former Creta P. Bishop to whom he married March 1, 1928 in Cleveland, Ohio; One daughter, Mrs. James Tidwell of Flint, Mich.; Three sons, Luther G. Hayes, Jr., of Birmingham, Mich., George O. Hayes, Flint Mich., and Lawrence F. Hayes, Royal Oak, Mich. Also eight grandchildren and two brothers, Thomas B. Hayes and Oscar W. Hayes of Boone.



BURLEY GRADING.—Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Earp, of Vilas, strip and grade tobacco in preparation for opening of Burley market Monday, November 23.—Staff photo Joe Minor.

## More Than 350 Expected At Annual City, County Event

By JOE MINOR

### Yule Seal Sale Starts

"Protect the family circle" is the aim of the Allegheny-Ashe-Watauga Tuberculosis Association as it opens the 1959 Christmas Seal campaign.

The traditional annual fundraising campaign will open November 16, with the mailing of Christmas Seals to Watauga residents.

"Over eight million lives have been saved since the first Christmas Seal was sold, but the saving of lives is not enough," declared Dr. H. M. Cooke, Seal Sale Chairman of the Watauga TB Association. "We must see to it that every family is spared the suffering and tragedy of this long-term, chronic illness."

"Proceeds" from this year's Christmas Seal campaign must do more than maintain our present TB control activities. We must expand our efforts to find all the unknown cases of TB in this community. We must increase our efforts to help ex-TB patients get back on their feet and stay there. We must extend our educational program so that people of all ages learn how to protect themselves from TB. We must put more into medical research to find better ways of fighting TB," concluded Dr. Cooke.

### DIPLOMACY CITED

President Eisenhower suggested that the best answer to the Soviet leaders' arguments about the superiority of the Communist system was a smile.

The President said at his latest news conference that he used this technique when Premier Khrushchev insisted during their talks that the Soviet incentive system among workers was superior to the American.



**EYE BANK OFFICIAL**—Major J. H. Thomas of Boone, who has been appointed a member of the State Council of the Eye Bank for Restoring Sight, Inc. of North Carolina. Major Thomas reports that more than twenty persons in Boone have pledged their eyes to the Eye Bank.

### Weed Cards Are Ready

Burley tobacco marketing cards will be ready for delivery at the ASC office to farmers on November 16. No cards will be mailed except on the written request of the producer.

Cards will be delivered only to the person issued, except upon a written request from the farmer, they may be delivered to someone else.

The regulations require that in event of a lost, destroyed or stolen card a three-day waiting period is required before a replacement card may be issued.

Bankers warned on surge in consumer credit.

## Council Southern Appalachians To Hold Meeting Here Saturday

The second North Carolina regional meeting of the Council of Southern Appalachians will be held on Saturday, November 14, at the Methodist Church in Boone.

Mr. Richard Chase will be in charge of the following program and activities:

10:00—Registration, devotions, and announcements.  
10:30—Guest speaker, Dr. W. D. Weatherford, vice president of Berea College and chairman of the Appalachian Studies, a Ford Foundation project, will report to

the group on the results of an extensive study of the literature, religion, education, and health of the Appalachians; South.

11:30—Guest speaker, Rev. Donald L. Benedict, Inner-City Protestant Parish, Cleveland, Ohio, will speak on the migrant problems of Southern Mountain people in northern cities.

12:30—Luncheon, (\$1.25)—Dining Hall of the Methodist Church. Those wanting luncheon tickets should call AM 4-8191.  
1:00—Committee Reports, Loy

Jones, assistant executive secretary of the Council of the Southern Mountains.

2:00—County Court House—An exhibit of crafts from the Guild, Beech Creek Toys Home Industry, and other organizations and individuals will be held at the courthouse. Bernice Stevens, advisor from the Southern Highland Handicraft Guild, will discuss ways of improving the pattern and design of the folk toys and will give help in making hook rugs and other crafts.

## Many Tennessee, Carolina Officials To Attend Ribbon Cutting On 603

### Martha Fox Dies Sunday

Martha Carol Fox, 6 years old, of Boone, died Sunday at Watauga Hospital after an illness of 30 hours with what was said to have been meningitis.

Word was that the malady wasn't of a contagious variety, and that there have been no other cases of the disease in Watauga county this year.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday at 2 o'clock at the Boone Baptist Church by Rev. John Gibson and Rev. E. F. Troutman. Burial was in Mount Lawn Memorial Park.

Surviving are her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Fox of Boone, a brother, E. B. Fox III, of the home, grandparents, Mrs. E. B. Fox Sr., of Boone, Rt. 3, and Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Coffey of Blowing Rock, Rt. 1

### Noah Wheeler Rites Are Held

Noah Grant Wheeler, 86, resident of Triplett, died last Wednesday.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday at 1 o'clock at the Mount Ephraim Baptist Church by Rev. Roscoe Greene and Rev. Ben Triplett. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Surviving are two sons, Grant Wheeler of Bristol, Tenn., and Charlie Wheeler of Triplett; eight daughters, Mrs. J. D. Phillips of Boone, Mrs. Millard Watson of Blowing Rock, Mrs. James Watson of Deep Gap, Mrs. Cecil Farthing of Pineola, Mrs. Richard Higgins of Akron, O., Mrs. Chester Rogers of Bristol, Va., and Mrs. Odell Stout and Mrs. H. M. Strouth, (Continued on page two)



Miss Lawrence in "A Little To The Left."

## Mary Lawrence Stars In Playmakers Comedy

Chapel Hill—Mary Lawrence, daughter of Dr. C. Ray Lawrence of 418 Grand Boulevard, Boone, has been cast as Helene Muggins in the Carolina Playmakers production of "A Little to the Left," which is scheduled for November 18-22.

The play, a new comedy by former playwright Brock Brower, is about a Central American revolution. Helene Muggins is a woman correspondent for the New York Tribune-Star and parachutes into the rebels' headquarters to get a scoop for her newspaper.

Miss Lawrence is a junior in the Department of Dramatic Art and is a transfer student from Mars Hill College where she was active in drama and class activities. She received the Best Actress Award for 1957-58 and 1958-59 for her role of Catherine Winslow in "The Winslow Boy" and the role of Cleopatra in "Caesar and Cleopatra."

She has appeared in the outdoor drama "Horn in the West" at Boone since the summer of 1956 and has played the roles of Nancy Ward, Mary and Martha Stuart.

Miss Lawrence made her first appearance on the Playmakers stage as a member of the chorus for "Carousel."

Her plans for the future are "to get my A. B. at UNC and then to do graduate work at Northwestern University, after which I hope to teach."

## Five Cars Involved In Freak Accident

Five cars were involved in a wreck Saturday afternoon, about 12 miles east of Boone on U. S. 421, when the "lead" car had engine trouble and stopped in line of traffic. The four cars following were banged up somewhat because of the accident.

Here is the sequence, as reported by investigating patrolman George E. Baker:

Dover Jerland England, Route 2, Burnsville, was traveling up the mountain (west) when his car developed motor trouble. The four cars following also had trouble, when a station wagon, operated by Bobby James Watkins, 413 Grand Blvd., Boone, failed to get stopped. The Watkins' car hit the rear of

a car operated by Homer F. Brown, 221 Orchard St., Boone, knocking Brown's car into the rear of a car operated by Richard Mack Greer, 414 Howard St., Boone, knocking the Greer car into the rear of a car operated by Phillip Allen Day, Wilkesboro, knocking the Day car into the rear of England's car, which was having the motor trouble.

Estimated damage to the cars, according to the report were: Watkins' car, approximately \$400; Brown's car, approximately \$500; Greer's car, approximately \$200; England's and Day's car appeared to have suffered only slight damage.

Many highway officials, state and local government officials, from both Tennessee and North Carolina are expected to be in Watauga county next Thursday (Nov. 19), when the dedication and official opening of Highway 603 will be held. Actual ribbon-cutting and dedication will be at 3:00 p. m. that day, with a banquet, sponsored by the Chambers of Commerce of Johnson City and Elizabethton, Tenn., and Boone at 7:00 p. m. in the Boone Elementary School cafeteria.

Invitations to take part in the dedication have been issued to Governor Buford Ellington of Tennessee and Governor Luther H. Hodges of North Carolina. State and highway officials for the two states will be special guests at the banquet.

Herman Wilcox, president of Boone Chamber of Commerce, and long-time backer of the 603 route, says that a motorcade will begin at Johnson City and proceed toward the North Carolina state line, picking up many leaders and other interested persons on the way. A delegation from Watauga county and state officials will meet them at the state line for the ribbon cutting.

Completion of the 603 route gives Boone three good highway outlets, Mr. Wilcox said. U. S. 421 gives the town good access to the east and west, 221-321 north and south respectively, and 603 to the west.

Efforts are being made to have the route designated by a federal route number, and the continuation of 321 into Johnson City has been suggested. An inspection team is expected to investigate the suggestion, Mr. Wilcox stated, and the feeling is that it will soon carry that U. S. marking.

U. S. 321 begins (or ends, depending on how you look at it) in Boone, according to Mr. Wilcox, and goes south into Savannah, Ga. U. S. 421 is called the Great Lakes to the Coast highway, and 221 leads into Boone from both north and south. If the 321 designation is given, it would merge nearly by as some civic-minded local leader once described: "The Hub of the World."

For the time-being, however, the route will be known on both sides of the state line as 603.

Most immediate effect of the route will be the opening for western North Carolina a shorter route to Johnson City, Elizabethton and other points. For Wataugas it will make easy access to those points and to Watauga Lake and dam where fishing and boating and other water sports are indulged in. The route cuts off 11 miles of driving between Boone and Johnson City, and gives travelers the only "water level" route between these two points. Almost all the route is considered level.

North Carolina finished work on the route several years ago. (Continued on page two)