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READY FOR FIRST SALE.—Joe Coleman, second from left, talks Burley with farmers as the local market readies for the big opening Monday. Although the weather for the past few days has not been good for grading and tying, Mr. Coleman expects about 400,000

pounds to be on the floors of the Mountain Burley Warehouses when the auctioneer starts his chant on opening day. More than a quarter million pounds were on the floors when this picture was taken, according to Mr. Coleman.—Staff photo.

WEED QUALITY IS BETTER

Burley Tobacco Sales To Open Here Next Monday

Blue Devils Meet Hanes Tonight For Western 2-A Football Title

The Blue Devils of Appalachian High School travel to Winston-Salem on Thanksgiving Day to play Hanes High School for the Western 2-A football title. The game will be played in Bowman Gray Memorial Stadium at 8:00 p. m.

This is the second straight year the two teams have met for the same title. Last year, Boone edged the strong team of Coach Wilson Alexander's by a score of 7-6, when the players met on College Field in Boone. The game location last year was decided by a coin-flip, with Coach Jack Groce's squad getting the opportunity of naming the site. This year, Superintendent of City Schools in Winston-Salem, Dr. Craig Phillips, tossed the coin, and Hanes named the playing field.

Winner of this game will go to the State finals, likely to be played with Edenton at Edenton. That team has only to play Wallace-Rose Hill, and indications are that, barring an upset, Edenton should win. Last year, following the defeat of Hanes, Boone went into the State finals with Smithfield, with the eastern team winning the State crown.

Boone goes into the semi-finals with a 10-0-0 record. Last week, in what might appear a "return engagement," Boone gained a 13-7 victory over the boys from Murphy. Last year the two teams played a close game, 7-6, with Boone getting the edge. Last Friday night at Clinton, Boone came from behind a 7-0 score at the midpoint of the fourth quarter and scored two touchdowns and an extra point to keep them in the play-offs.

Hanes boasts a strong team again this year, with a record of 10-1-0. Their lone loss was to Gray High, a 3-A team, in the early days of the season. Admission at the gate will be \$1.00 for all spectators. Advance sale to students is 50 cents. The play-off games have been well-attended, and Dr. Roy R. Blanton, principal of Appalachian, expects the school to be largely represented in Winston-Salem by both students and Blue Devil Fans.

Recommends County Officials

The Democratic Executive Committee of Watauga County met at the courthouse Tuesday evening and recommended the appointment of Tom Lawrence of Cove Creek township for Tax Collector, when the new Board of Commissioners takes office next month. Mr. J. D. Winebarger was recommended by the Committee for Tax Supervisor.

Dr. Plemmons Presides As Chairman Of State Teacher Education Meeting

Raleigh.—More emphasis on liberal education emerged as a major point last week in recommendations from the second annual statewide conference on teacher education. More than 250 delegates to the two-day meeting shaped a stream of recommendations for improving teacher training programs in North Carolina colleges. Dr. William H. Plemmons, president Appalachian State Teachers College, was chairman of the conference. He and eight faculty members of Appalachian took active part in discussions during the meeting. Mrs. Grace Council was in the group that discussed professional education for the elementary teachers. Dr. John G. Barden was a



MRS. DIXIE MYERS BROOME

Blowing Rock Woman, 100, Dies On Tuesday

Mrs. Dixie Myers Broome, who celebrated her one hundredth birthday October 2, died Tuesday at 2 o'clock at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Thomas L. Clear of Blowing Rock.

A private Roman Catholic mass was said at the Clear home Wednesday morning, and the body was taken to Vicksburg, Miss. for burial.

Mrs. Broome was what might be termed a war baby. She was born in Vicksburg, Mississippi on October 2, 1866, where she lived most of her life, until at the age of 93, she moved to Blowing Rock.

Mrs. Broome was married twice. Her first husband, Sam Moore of Vicksburg, died. She later married William V. Broome of Charleston, Mississippi.

As a young girl before her marriage, Mrs. Broome taught in the Vicksburg Public Schools for a number of years. Her family was identified with the past history of Vicksburg. Her father, Henry

"Hank" Myers organized and was captain of the Vicksburg Sharpshooters, with whom he fought four years in Virginia in the War between the States. Her mother, Catherine Voinkie Myers was active during this time in running through the blockades of the siege of Vicksburg to carry medicine into the stricken city.

Mrs. Broome had three sons, Henry S. Moore of Clarksdale, Mississippi; William G. Moore who lives in Baltimore, Maryland; Alfred J. Moore of Blowing Rock, and one daughter, Mrs. Thomas L. Clear of Blowing Rock.

Mrs. Broome had two foster children, a niece and nephew, whom she raised from infancy. They are Mrs. Nathan W. McKie, Sr., of New Orleans, Louisiana and Mr. Harry F. Pierce, Sr., of Vicksburg. There are two great grandchildren and one sister, Mrs. Charles O. Shepherd of Mount Vernon, New York.

Auctioneer's Chant Is Being Awaited In City

Outlook for Boone's Burley market is bright this year, according to Joe Coleman, warehouseman of the Mountain Burley Warehouse company. "Quality of leaf is better than last year's crop," he said.

"However, most crops will run a little lighter in weight this year, due mostly to late spring planting," Mr. Coleman said. All indications point to a price level equal to last year, he said, but he warns that early selling is likely to be the best market.

Greater emphasis than ever should be placed on good grading and in good appearance, the warehouseman emphasized. "Appearance sells," he said, "whether it be Burley leaves, ladies' clothes or automobiles."

Mr. Coleman said his firm expects to have a well-filled floor for the opening sale Monday. "There is already more than a quarter million pounds on the floor," he reported, "and although grading is halted due to weather, we will still continue to receive loads that have already been graded and made into baskets."

"The Boone market will conduct sales daily Monday through Friday, from opening day until December 21, and will sell on the schedule previously established for the market, 302,000 pounds per day.

Mr. Coleman said his firm led all North Carolina Burley markets in average price last season, and he anticipates an equally successful season again this year.

Tobacco Brings Million Dollars To Watauga Co.

From zero to approximately a million dollars income per year is the significant story of the increase in production and sale of Burley tobacco in Watauga county since 1928.

According to reports from the county agricultural agents' office, prospects are good for the 1966 Burley crop to sell for a million dollars. Most of the 737.3 acres produced this year grew off well in the field and went into the barns in good condition. It is expected to yield approximately 1,650,000 pounds, and sell for an average of better than 60 cents per pound.

A tobacco report published by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture this year, shows that Burley tobacco was first produced as a market crop in Watauga in 1929, when five acres produced 4,000 pounds that sold at 21.2 cents, bringing \$850.00. By 1939, this crop had increased to 400 acres. The yield per acre was 1,208 pounds, giving a total of 483,000 pounds that sold for 16.6 cents to bring \$80,000.00.

The war brought a tremendous increase in demand for tobacco and by 1944, acres went to 850 and the yield jumped to 1,572 pounds per acre. The 1,305,000 pounds produced that year sold for 47.1 cents to return \$614,310.00. In 1945 farmers set 1,150 acres (the most ever set in any one year) and reaped a harvest of 1,794,300 pounds. The price dropped to 35.9 cents so the crop brought only \$643,500.00.

A severe cut in allotments reduced the acreage in 1946 to 650, but by 1954 this had climbed back to 1,000, and the yield per acre rose from 1,590 pounds in 1945 to 1,854 pounds in 1954. This crop of 1,854,000 pounds still stands as the most pounds marketed in one year, and at 48.8 cents the crop brought \$905,100, to fall below the total sales in 1953, 1957, 1958, and 1959.

A cut in allotments in 1955 dropped acres of tobacco under 900. (Continued on page two)

Labor Survey To Begin Soon

Watauga county will have a labor survey at once, it was announced this week.

Plans for carrying out the survey were presented by Troy L. Perry, manager of the local office of the Employment Security Commission, North Wilkesboro, during recent meetings of the Chamber of Commerce and the Rural Development Industrial Committee. Representatives of the press, radio, and school groups will assist in the actual survey, sponsors stated.

The labor survey is to be carried out in cooperation with the Bureau of Research & Statistics of the Employment Security Commission of North Carolina. The State organization will condense the findings of the survey into a brochure adequate for presentation to new industrial prospects, to firms planning expansion, and to others in need of this information.

Arrangements were made for a copy of the labor survey form to appear in the Watauga Democrat November 30 and December 7.

"This contribution by the newspaper," John Collins of the Rural Development Industrial committee said, "evidences its support of the industrial development program."

Other forms will be distributed through the county schools. Final date for acceptance of filled in forms was set for December 16.

"This is one of the very important informational brochures that is needed in our industrial development program," Mr. Collins said. "Its success will depend on the response given by the local people."

I. E. Townsend Funeral Held

Isaacs Enzer Townsend 74, former resident and farmer of Watauga county, died Saturday at Blowing Rock Hospital, after a long illness.

Funeral services were held November 21 at 2 p. m. at the Clark's Creek Baptist Church by Rev. Glenn South and Rev. Raymond Hendrix. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Surviving are the widow and twelve sons and daughters: Melvin Townsend, Farmville, Va.; Fred, Floyd and Bill Townsend, of Valle Crucis; Vance Townsend, Mountain City, Tenn.; Robert, Ray Townsend, Vilas; Mack Townsend, Banner Elk; Glenn Townsend, Marina, Calif.; John Townsend, Army; Mrs. Beulah Gregory, Angier, N. C.; Mrs. Ada Schreffler, Gaithersburg, Md.

There are three sisters and two brothers: Mrs. Sally Andrews, Mrs. Rhoda Byrd, Mrs. Zettie Clark, Roby Townsend and Emory Townsend. Twenty-six grandchildren also survive.

next week's Watauga Democrat. Also, Mr. Collins said, there will be full explanations over Radio station WATA.

The survey will concern every available person in the county 17 years of age and up who is interested in employment. The survey is broken down into five age groups to clarify the labor situation for employers who might be interested in a particular age group or type of worker.

In addition to carrying the survey forms in the newspaper, they will be distributed through the schools of the county and through the Chamber of Commerce.

The survey forms will contain space for name and address, section of county, schooling, age in general, marital status, sex, color, work status, family responsibilities, and work experience.

Burley Cards Being Issued

Burley marketing cards are now being issued to the operators of burley tobacco farms in Watauga county. These cards are used to identify the tobacco that is sold from the farm on which it is grown, and, of course, whether or not the seller is eligible for price support. Also, sales tickets taken from the marketing cards are tabulated at the end of the year to give a record of the production from the farm.

It is important that these cards not be left in the possession of anyone other than the farm operator, since he is responsible for the disposition of all tobacco produced on his farm. The use of the marketing card provides for fair treatment to all farmers in the marketing of their tobacco under the acreage allotment program.

Finally, it is as fully important that operators return their cards to the county ASC office as soon as possible after the last sale is made. If all memorandums are used before all tobacco is sold from the farm the used card should be returned to the county office where an additional card will be issued to complete the sale of all tobacco produced on the farm. It is required that all cards be returned to the county office within thirty days after the local market closes. Failure to do so may result in the next allotment established for the farm being reduced.

Generally, the number of farmers who do not comply with all provisions of the marketing quota program is less than one percent. However, the figure in Watauga county is less than one-fifth of one percent. This speaks highly favorably for our local growers who cooperate wholeheartedly in their efforts toward keeping supply in line with demand.



ANDY STALLINGS



MARCUS COOK

Two Scouts To Get Eagle Awards At Annual Supper

Plans were completed this week for the annual Scout supper, and B. W. Stallings, Watauga district chairman, urged that all persons in contact with Boy Scouting in any way attend the covered dish

affair in the Methodist Church Fellowship Hall Tuesday night (Nov. 29), at 6:30 o'clock.

Those invited include the Scouts themselves, their parents and friends, and all adult Scouters.

Two boys will receive their Eagle Scout awards during the evening. They are Andy Stallings and Marcus Cook, both of the Baptist Church troop. This is the first time two Scouts have received this high award at the same time, Mr. Stallings said.

Andy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Stallings, and Marcus the son of Dr. and Mrs. H. M. Cook. Also to be part of the program will be installation of new officers of the district. This includes: David Spainhour, district chairman.

W. S. (Bill) Bingham, assistant chairman.

Gene Arndt, district commissioner.

Marvin Deal, assistant district commissioner.

Troop 109 will have charge of the opening exercises, and troop 131 has charge of the closing. The supper will celebrate the Golden Jubilee of Scouting in America.

Bank Host To Mother Mrs. Inman Dies

Officers of the Northwestern Bank entertained a number of the business and professional men of the Boone-Watauga area at supper Monday evening at the Appalachian Elementary School cafeteria.

Besides fellowship, the gathering was called for the purpose of discussing, in a general way, more complete cooperation between the city and the college, to the end that both may be developed to their fullest potential.

Rev. J. Boyce Brooks, Pastor of the Boone Baptist Church, spoke of the community and the college. Dr. W. H. Plemmons, President of Appalachian State Teachers College, told of plans for the expansion of the college facilities, and of the possibilities for the accelerated growth of the institution.

Mrs. Dena Bowles, 74, mother of Mrs. Hubert Inman of Boone, died at Watauga Hospital Tuesday at 3 a. m., a few hours after having suffered what was believed to have been a heart attack.

Funeral services will be held in Greensboro, probably Wednesday. Pending completion of arrangements the body will be at Lambert-Troxler Funeral Home in Greensboro.

A native of Albany, Ga., Mrs. Bowles had lived in Greensboro for many years. She had been spending about half her time with the Inmans in Boone.

Immediate survivors are two daughters: Mrs. Hubert Inman, Boone and Mrs. R. C. Hoover, Greensboro. There are three grandchildren and one great grandchild.