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BURLEY MARKET OPENING.—When the auctions begin on the Boone market November 27, scenes like this will be repeated daily. Warehousemen, buyers, farmers, and others line up and pass between the rows of baskets as the auction-

eer's chants ring out through the warehouse for all to hear. Officials of both warehouse companies here say they are ready for the opening and predict good prices and offer what they describe as the best market in the area for farmers

GOOD PRICES EXPECTED

Burley Auctions Begin In Boone Next Tuesday

Allotment Increases Swell Crop

The 1962-63 burley auctions begin in Boone and on other markets Tuesday, November 27. According to predictions by warehousemen, the season will be one of the best.

Tobacco has already been placed on the floors of the Mountain Burley Warehouse Co. and the Big Burley Warehouse. Growers began placing their crops on the floors Saturday, the first day allowed by the Burley Sales Committee regulations. Officials of both companies see good prices for the leaf, and say that tobacco on their floors looks good.

One operator, however, said he had noted "green" in some baskets and urged growers to keep this out of their prime grades. Farmers were being urged to bring their marketing cards with them when weighing in the tobacco. The cards are necessary before the leaf can be weighed.

Big Burley Warehouse, open for the first time this year, is located on 421 Bypass, and contains 140,000 square feet of floor space, according to the owners.

Mountain Burley Warehouse Company has three locations; on Depot street above Andrews Chevrolet, Inc., at Depot and Faculty streets near the Bus Station, and on 421 west, near the edge of Boone. This is their twenty-second year of operation here.

Operators of the Mountain Burley Warehouse Company include R. C. Coleman, Jr., Joe E. Coleman, and Harriet L. Sikes.

Owners of the Big Burley Warehouse are J. M. Smothers, Jr., R. E. Bullock, and King Roberts.

In Watauga county, a 6% increase in tobacco allotments, amounting to about fifty acres, (Continued on page three)

The Boone Merchants Association will stage their annual Christmas Parade Saturday afternoon, December 1, beginning at 3 o'clock, according to George A. Flowers, Jr., parade chairman.

Fred Kirby, television star and "Tweetsie" personality, will again head the parade as marshal. With Kim this year will be his sidekick, "Poncho," who appears with him on his weekday tv program over station WBTV.

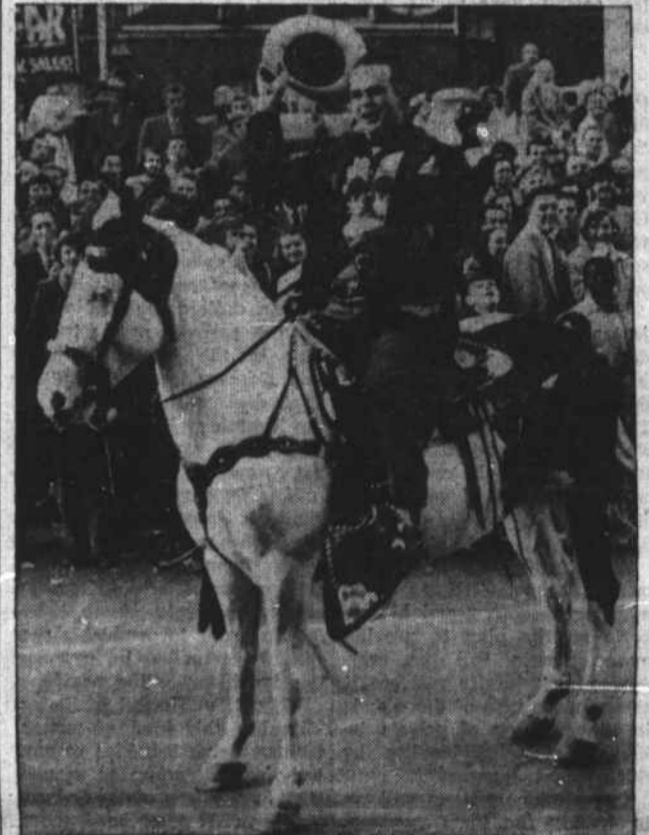
According to Mr. Flowers, the parade will consist of some 25 units. It will form on the Horn in the West parking lot, and will travel west on King Street from Horn in the West Drive, on through town to Water Street. The paraders will turn left at Water Street, travel to Rivers Street at the FCX, and then left, going to Faculty Street near the Bus Station, where the group will disband.

Also appearing in the parade will be Miss Pat Pittman, "Miss Watauga County," Miss Sharron Mathis, "Miss North Carolina Press Photographer," and Miss Betty Rae Lawhon, "Miss Rhododendron."

The Appalachian High School Band, Appalachian State Teachers College Band, and the Olive Hill High School Band from Morganton will perform in the parade. A fourth band, not yet named, is expected to participate.

Santa Claus will bring the Christmas Season in, Mr. Flowers said, as he appears in the last float in the parade.

At the conclusion of the parade, the Christmas lights about the town will be turned on, officially welcoming the season to Boone and area.



PARADE MARSHAL.—Fred Kirby will be riding at the head of the Christmas parade in Boone on his horse, Calico, Saturday, December 1. Kirby, of WBTV and "Tweetsie" fame, will also bring along Poncho, his old sidekick of Mexico, to add color to the annual event which ushers in the Christmas shopping season for Boone and Watauga county.

AHS Meets Murphy For Grid Crown

Appalachian High School, winner of the 7-AA crown, will meet Murphy High School, 6-AA champion, to determine the Western Regional football championship on Thursday night, November 22, at 8:00, at Canton.

Murphy defeated Sylva-Webster and Buncombe-Reynolds teams to gain the finals, while Appalachian defeated Hildebran High. Murphy has an 11-0 record for the current season, and the only games which they have lost in the past four years have been to the Blue Devils.

Coach Jack Groce and the members of the Blue Devil squad express the desire that as many students, faculty members, and fans as possible make the trip to Canton to support them in their efforts to "bring home the bacon."

United Fund Short Of Goal

The Watauga County United Fund now shows a total of \$13,340.04 which is still a little short of the total budget. Anyone who has not already contributed is urged to send in their contributions that we may have the budget of \$13,870.00 complete.

Mr. Stanley Harris, campaign director, expresses his thanks to the nearly 1200 people who contributed and especially to thank all those who helped solicit.

Matheson Selected To Play In Annual Shrine Bowl Game

Robert Matheson has been selected to play in the annual Shrine Bowl game which will be held in Charlotte on Saturday afternoon, December 1.

This game is sponsored by the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas, Inc., and the proceeds go to the Crippled Children's Hospital at Greenville, South Carolina.

Thirty-three high school boys are selected from North Carolina and thirty-three from South Carolina to compete in this inter-state rivalry. Head Coach of the North Carolina team will be Boyd Allen from Canton.

Matheson is the second Appalachian player to be chosen for this honor. King Triplett was also a participant in the bowl game.

Matheson will report for practice on Saturday, November 24, at 11:00 a. m. A week's practice will culminate in the game on Saturday, December 1,

at 2:00 p. m. in the Charlotte Memorial Stadium.



ROBERT MATHESON

WAIVES EXTRADITION

College Employee Gives Self Up, Admits Embezzlement

William R. (Bob) Rogers, who had been sought in connection with "possible discrepancies" in the handling of some Appalachian State Teachers College funds, gave himself up Sunday to Norfolk, Va., city police. According to detectives there, Rogers walked into the police station and said he was wanted in Boone for embezzling \$6,000.

The North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation had been seeking Rogers since college officials reported certain books and records missing in the accounting department, in which Rogers had been employed.

Dr. William H. Plemons, college president, had made known the discrepancies in a prepared statement Thursday. The statement had failed to name the person suspected, only saying "a preliminary check revealed possible discrepancies in the handling of funds" by an employee missing from his job for a week.

It was not until the announcement of Rogers' surrender that his connection with the case was known publicly.

Rogers waived extradition Monday in Norfolk's Municipal Court, and began the trip back to North Carolina and Boone to face charges of embezzling at

least \$6,800 in student loans money at the college.

He had not arrived in Boone Tuesday at noon, but it was understood he was carried first to Raleigh, and then was to be brought back to Boone where he will probably be tried in the January term of Watauga Superior Court.

According to news reports Rogers was carrying \$853 when he surrendered, saying he wanted to "take whatever punishment I have coming."

Rogers had left Boone about November 9, after telling authorities there he wanted to check on his Army status at

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Home Credit Company Opens Boone Branch

Home Credit Company opened its thirty-sixth North Carolina company in Boone on Monday, November 19th. The office is located at 212 West King Street and Lester M. Bottoms, Jr. will be its manager.

J. E. Burnside, Jr., President of Home Finance Group, the parent company said, "We are very happy to add Boone to our growing operation in North Carolina, and to offer to the people of Boone and Watauga County a modern personalized loan service. We look forward to a most successful operation in this area which has long shown continuous growth and strong economic balance."

Continuing, Mr. Burnside said, "As proof that the people of North Carolina need and use a good loan service is the fact that our thirty-five Home Credit Companies in North Carolina have 41,800 customers with loan balances in excess of seventeen million dollars. It is our aim to give to the people of Boone the finest consumer

loan service available in North Carolina; to make loans of sufficient size to be of a real financial assistance to the borrower; and further stimulate the economy of this area."

Home Credit Company began operations on December 6, 1954, and today has 78 companies in Georgia, Tennessee, Virginia and the two Carolinas, with 84,939 customers and outstanding loan balances in excess of thirty-three million dollars.

Mr. Bottoms is a native of Martinsville, Virginia. He and Mrs. Bottoms have two children, Terry, age 5 and David, age 1.

College Choir To Present Yule Music

The College Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Virginia Wary Linney, will present the annual Christmas music, The Messiah, by George Frederic Handel December 9 at 4 p. m., at the First Baptist Church in Boone.

A chorus of 50 voices will be heard with the College Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Dr. Nicholas Erneston.

Assisting at the organ will be Ernie Hotard, of the music faculty, and Miss Faye Davis will be at the piano.

Soloists will be announced at a later date, Mrs. Linney said.

This performance will be the twenty-second presentation of this great Oratorio by the College Choir, according to Mrs. Linney. In addition to the full Christmas portion will be additional choruses and solos that are closely related to the Prophecy and Nativity portions.

Automobile Dealership Changes Are Announced

Joe Williams, owner of Highlander Motor Co., and dealer for the Chrysler-Plymouth, Imperial and Valiant lines, announced this week, that effective November 15, he had sold his franchise to Mack D. Brown, owner of Brown and Graham Motor Co.

The franchise was originally owned by the late Dr. J. B. Hagaman, Sr., prior to World War II. Mr. Williams obtained the dealer franchise from Dr. Hagaman in 1946.

With the purchase of the franchise from Mr. Williams, the Brown and Graham Company now carries the complete line of cars manufactured by Chrysler Motors Corporation. Mr. Brown's company has been selling Dodge, Dart, Dodge trucks and farm equipment, and will continue to do so.

Mr. Brown has been an auto-

mobile salesman since he was 17 years old, and was in the used car business before buying.

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Edmisten Attends Student Legislature



RUFUS EDMISTEN

Rufus Edmisten, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Edmisten of Perkinsville and a student at the University of North Carolina will again attend the Student Legislature to be held in the new State house in Raleigh November 28, 29, 30.

Rufus will be one of UNC's two Senators, and the Carolina delegation will be the largest. He was on a special student committee last week which met with the University Board of Trustees, in a discussion of student problems.

Garden Clubs Will Co-Sponsor Contest

The Gardenettes Garden Club with other local garden clubs and women's clubs will co-sponsor the Christmas Decoration Contest. The Gardenettes Club will judge indoor Christmas trees.

Judging will take place Wednesday night, December 19. To enter an indoor tree contact one of the following people by Tuesday, December 18. Mrs. Lois Isley AM 4-8550; Mrs. Max Fox 267-2536; Mrs. Robert Snead AM 4-8719; and Mrs. Billy Fouts AM 4-3508.

Blowing Rock Ski Lodge Installs Modern T-Bar Lift

The South's first T-bar ski lift will be ready to go into operation at Blowing Rock Ski Lodge this week.

Construction crews are putting finishing touches on the 2,000-foot lift which can deliver 800 skiers an hour to the top of the main slope at Blowing Rock's pioneer southern ski resort.

M. E. (Bill) Thalheimer, president of the lodge, said the lift is the first of its kind to be installed in the South. The lift uses a series of "T-bars" suspended from an endless cable to pull skiers to the top of the 2,000-foot main slope.

Two skiers can use each bar, one on each side of the inverted "T." A device similar to a door closer enables skiers to adjust the height of the bar to suit their own height and the existing snow depth.

Skiers assume a semi-sitting position and are pulled along on their skis. They can step off at any point along the slope.

Designed by Hill Ski Lift Co. of Syracuse, N. Y., the lift

cost \$30,000, Mr. Thalheimer said. It is equipped with all approved safety devices as set out by the Ski Area Managers Association.

The lodge opens formally December 15, though the lift will be in operation and the slopes open sooner, weather permitting. The slopes will be covered with snow created by special equipment designed by Larchmont Engineering Co. of Lexington, Mass.

Besides the main slope, the lodge has an 800-foot intermediate slope and a 250-foot beginner slope, both equipped with powered rope tows to pull skiers uphill.

YDC To Meet Tuesday Night

The Watauga County YDC will meet at the county courthouse on Tuesday night, November 27, at 8:00. All members are urged to attend and make plans for the coming year.

Most Business Places To Observe Holiday

Most of the stores, businesses and public offices in Boone will take the day off Thursday for Thanksgiving, according to information gathered from various sources.

Watauga county schools will be closed both Thursday and Friday, according to W. Guy Angeil, superintendent. Classes will be resumed Monday morning.

The college will close at 12:30 p. m. Wednesday, Nov. 21, and will remain closed for students until registration for the winter quarter begins at 8:30 a. m. Tuesday, November 27.

County and town offices will be closed Thursday only, but

a Health Department announcement last week stated the department would also observe Friday as a holiday. The department worked Monday, November 12, for Veterans' Day which was on Sunday, the day before. Ordinarily they would have observed this as a holiday but employees worked because of a scheduled clinic that day. So are taking their time Friday. One or two other offices are understood to be doing the same, but this was not verified. H. W. Wilcox, president of the Chamber of Commerce, stated that most stores and businesses would be closed Thanksgiving, but would resume operations Friday morning.