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## 292,792 Pounds Of Burley Sold On Opening Day

Tobacco sales opened Monday as the first snow of the season blanketed the county.

Eight buyers shifted between the Big Burley Warehouse on the Highway 421 bypass and Mountain Burley Warehouse No. 2 at Faculty and Depot Streets. They represented Liggett & Myers, Reynolds, American, Piedmont, Brown & Williamson, Austin and Greenville (Tenn.) tobacco companies, and the Burley Stabilization Company, which is a branch of the government.

Sales reports received Tuesday morning from Big Burley Warehouse showed first day sales of 292,792 pounds at an average of \$61.96 per hundred pounds.

Mountain Burley Warehouse Company reported 214,000 pounds sold at a hundred pound rate of \$61.59, Joe Coleman said.

Miss Donna Jean Finley, the new Miss Watauga, officially opened the sales season Monday morning at Mountain Burley Warehouse. North Carolina's burley market is conducted in Boone, West Jefferson and Asheville. The flue-cured tobacco market in the Piedmont and Coastal regions

has already been conducted. Stanley Harris, sales supervisor, told the Democrat that sales are slated at 9:30 a.m., Monday, Wednesday and Friday of this week at Big Burley. When sales are completed, buyers will move to Mountain Burley Warehouse.

The first Tuesday, Thursday and Monday in December, sales will start at 9:30 a. m. at Mountain Burley and move to Big Burley.

## Mrs. Isaacs Is Taken By Death

Mrs. Mary Jane Fletcher Isaacs, 79, of Sugar Grove, widow of Arthur Isaacs, died late Tuesday at Watauga Hospital after a long illness.

Mrs. Isaacs was born in Watauga County to Jake and Mary Jane Greer Fletcher.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Emma Isaacs of Boone and Mrs. Ora Payne of Sugar Grove; six grandchildren, fourteen great-grandchildren; a brother, William Fletcher of Sugar Grove; and three sisters, Mrs. Nellie Lewis of Dillinger, Pa., Mrs. Birdie Gragg of Kingsport, Tenn., and Miss Sophia Fletcher of Villas.

The funeral was conducted at 2 p. m. Thursday at Cove Creek Baptist Church by the Rev. W. H. Key and the Rev. L. A. Talbert. Burial was in Cove Creek Cemetery.

## Christmas Fair To Be Held Sunday

Christmas decorations, trees, wreaths, candles, and what-have-you will be on display at the Daniel Boone Hotel Sunday, Dec. 6 from 3 to 5 p. m.

Everything shown will be hand made or hand decorated.

This Christmas Fair, which is the December program of the Blue Ridge Garden Club, is open to everyone. Those wishing to place articles on display are asked to bring them to the hotel between 9 a. m. and 5 p. m. on Saturday, Dec. 5.

There is no admission charge or silver offering, and the public is invited to come and view the displays.

## Christmas Cantata Being Planned At Blowing Rock

Mrs. Charles F. Brown's Studio Choral Group will present a Christmas Cantata Dec. 13 at 4 p. m. in the Chapel of Rumble Memorial Presbyterian Church, Blowing Rock.

The group will be joined in the presentation by a group of children from Crossnore School who will be accompanied to Blowing Rock by the Rev. Earl Miller, pastor of Crossnore Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Miller will conduct the choral groups and will play several selections on his violin.

The cantata, entitled, "Child



WATAUGA'S OLDEST CITIZEN, Mrs. Rhoda Teague Greer, relaxed at home on the occasion of her one-hundred-first birthday Monday. Standing beside here is Mrs. Margie Michael, her daughter. (Rivers photo.)

## Watauga's Oldest Citizen Celebrates 101st Birthday

BY RACHEL RIVERS

Happy birthday, Mrs. Greer, and have a healthy and happy New Year!

Mrs. Rhoda Teague Greer celebrated her one hundred and first birthday Monday. An amazing fact about her life, said her daughter, Mrs. Margie Michael who is 68, is that "She's never been a patient in a hospital in her life."

"Her health has been so good and she's been a wonderful mother. I'm very proud of her; she's been with me 25 years."

Mrs. Greer lives with her daughter at 1601 Daniel Boone Drive, in Perkinville. Both are charter members of the Rutherford Baptist Church.

Mrs. Greer received more than 75 letters and telegrams last year, as a result of a story and picture in the Democrat, Mrs. Michael said.

Among those was a letter from Congressman James T. Broyhill, recently re-elected by the Ninth District.

This year, she received a letter from Sen. Sam J. Ervin, in which the Senator wrote: "Our mutual friend, Rufus Edmisten, has told me about your love for life and your keen interest in making our world a better place in which to live. I am sure that your life has been an inspiration to the many peo-

ple with whom you come into daily contact."

Last year, Dr. Charles Davant of Blowing Rock, offered Watauga County's oldest citizen her first airplane ride for her hundredth birthday. Mrs. Greer wasn't taking any chances, though, and kindly declined the offer: "I'm better off on the ground," she said.

Mrs. Greer was married Sept. 25, 1892, to Larkin Greer and came with him to Watauga County in 1896. Mr. Greer died in 1940. "I have to sort of feel my way around," she said. This (Continued on page six)

## Blowing Rock Chamber Names Bd. Directors

As a result of the recent balloting, which was possibly the heaviest in the history of the Blowing Rock Chamber of Commerce the following named were elected to serve on the Board of Directors for the year 1965:

**RESIDENT DIRECTORS:** W. H. Barnwell, John O. Goodwin, R. B. Hardin, Mrs. H. P. Holshouser, J. D. Jones, C. S. Kipp, and Louis H. Smith.

**ASSOCIATE DIRECTORS:** William Abernethy, Mrs. S. C. Crater, L. E. Dimmette, Mrs. T. L. Dysard, Mrs. W. S. (Joe) Greene, Mrs. Leon Ivey, Mrs. Thomas V. Snively, Mrs. Larry Walker and L. L. Whitaker.

These two classes of directors are elected annually from the membership by secret ballot. The Resident Directors shall be full time residents of the Town of Blowing Rock. The Associate Directors shall be selected from the summer resident members of the Blowing Rock Chamber of Commerce, Incorporated.

The first meeting of the new directors will be held Friday, Dec. 11, at 7:30 p. m. in the Chamber building, at which time the Board will elect a president, a vice president, a secretary and a treasurer to serve for the year 1965.

## "Keep Christ In Christmas" Contest Open

The Fine Arts Department of the Boone Woman's Club is again sponsoring the "Keep Christ in Christmas" contest.

For the past few years, merchants of Boone have been asked by the Fine Arts Department of the Woman's Club to arrange window displays of a religious nature to emphasize the true Christian meaning of Christmas—the birth of Christ.

Winners will be awarded first, second and third place ribbons. The religious scenes will be judged by ministers of Boone, assisted by a member of the Woman's Club. The displays will be judged on Thursday, Dec. 10, and awards made to the winners on that date.

Mrs. E. S. Qualls, chairman of the Fine Arts division, named a committee consisting of Mrs. Bert Ellis, chairman; Mrs. Roy Ruffy and Mrs. Dean Merideth, committee members, to arrange details of the contest.

All business establishments wishing to enter the contest are invited to do so.

## Holshouser May Become Minority Chief

Representative James E. Holshouser, Jr., of Watauga County, is considered the most likely prospect to be chosen minority leader in the 1965 General Assembly, in the opinion of Joe Doster, Charlotte Observer political writer.

It is pointed out that William Osteen of Guilford County, minority leader in 1961 and 1963, did not run again and party Chairman J. Herman Saxon of Mecklenburg and joint caucus chairman Dan Simpson of Burke county were defeated. (The Republicans' seats in the House were reduced by 7 to a total of 14 in the last election, and they lost one of their two Senate seats.)

New leadership will be necessary and Mr. Doster points out that Representative Holshouser has one year of experience. Thomas Bannett of Carteret, another member of the 1963 sessions, is also a prospect for minority leader.

## Dr. Lawrence Given Service Plaque By Optometric Society

Winston-Salem — Dr. C. Ray Lawrence of Boone was presented a bronze Distinguished Service Plaque by the North Carolina Optometric Society at its annual Fall Educational Congress here last week.

A past president of the society, Dr. Lawrence was cited for outstanding and devoted service to the society and the profession of optometry, and for his continued leadership in

optometric affairs. The award was presented by Dr. S. H. Templeman of Lenoir, president of the society, at a special dinner attended by more than 250 optometrists and their wives at the Jack Tar-Winston Hotel.

In making the presentation, Dr. Templeman said: "Dr. Lawrence's contributions to optometry can never be measured fully. The vitality and

wisdom of his leadership have earned him the respect of the public as well as his own profession. This plaque is their manner of expressing grateful appreciation."

The Boone optometrist currently is a member of the Committee on Vocational Guidance of the North Carolina Optometric Society and member of the North Carolina State Board of Examiners in Optometry.

## Accepts Jaycees' Invitation

# Santa Claus Is Coming; Yule Parade Is Planned

## Optimists To Have All Ready For Decorating

Santa Claus has accepted an invitation from the Boone Jaycees, and will make his annual trip from the North Pole to Boone on Saturday, December 12.

According to Paul Smith, publicity director of the Boone Jaycees, who will sponsor the event this year, arrangements are now being made for the annual parade, which will usher in the Christmas season in Watauga County, to make its annual trek down Main Street on December 12.

Invitations have been extended to various organizations, businesses and schools to participate in the parade. Appalachian High School marching band and Friedman High School Band from Lenoir have been asked to be in the parade, along with the Boone Fire Department and the Boone Rescue Squad. The Jaycees are asking new car dealerships to participate as well as any other business or organizations in town who wish to enter a float or display.

Miss Watauga County and Mayor Wade E. Brown and other dignitaries will participate. There will be an antique car display and many others.

Santa Claus will, of course, be on hand distributing goodies to the children along the parade route.

The Boone Optimist Club has completed getting the decorations for the town ready and they will be put up this week by the Town of Boone and the New River Light and Power Company.

Many businesses have already decorated their show windows in the Christmas theme, and the outlook is for another prosperous season.

"It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas."

## Mrs. Timmons Rites In Hudson

Mrs. Laura Brown Timmons, 70, of Boone, died of a heart attack Thursday night at her home.

She was born in Wilkes County to George and Martha Hendrix Brown and had lived in Boone 37 years.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Jessie Norris of Boone; a son, George Timmons of Elkton, Md.; three grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. K. P. Throneburg of Hudson; and two brothers, Ben L. Brown of Spencer and Charles Brown of Gastonia.

The funeral was conducted at 2 p. m. Saturday at Hudson Methodist Church by the Rev. C. W. Avet, the Rev. Clem Goforth and the Rev. Floyd Boston. Burial was in Sardis Cemetery.

## ACP Reports Are Needed

Approximately 300 farmers need to make their reports of completed agricultural conservation program practices to the Watauga ASCS office.

These reports should be made as soon as possible since the report date was Nov. 30 except in cases where farmers have requested extension of time to complete work on their ACP practices.

A total of 1478 farmers have requested assistance under the 1964 Agricultural Conservation Program, according to Vaughn Tugman, Chairman of Watauga ASCS County Committee.



THE FORD STATION WAGON WAS UNABLE TO STOP and the Dodge truck was unable to stop. Bad road conditions caused many a minor bang-up as winter bowed in Monday. This accident occurred on rural

road 1109 off Highway 421 Bypass. The unidentified Ford at the left was typical of dozens of minor accidents caused by hard-packed ice.

## Three Accidents Are Reported Monday Due To Snowy Roads

Patrolman G. L. Morgan reported three accidents on Monday, which were attributed to hazardous driving conditions.

A 1958 Ford station wagon driven by Fred Robert Greene of Sherwood collided Monday morning with a 1964 Dodge truck driven by Fred Arnett of Villas on rural road 1109 off Highway 421 bypass.

The steep grade at the intersection of the bypass and 1109 was coated with ice. The truck, coming up the hill to the bypass, slid into the left lane and couldn't move on the ice. The station wagon turned off the bypass and was unable to stop.

Slight damages were recorded for both vehicles. No charges were made.

Charlie W. Smith of Martinsville, Va., driving a 1960 Chevrolet, lost control of his car Monday afternoon on Highway 421 on Brushy Fork.

The car went off the highway and landed on its top.

Smith and his passenger, John Baldwin of Collinsville, Va., were en route to Mountain (Continued on page six)



However, not all cars with their wheels off the road were perched as precariously as this one. It hangs about 20 feet above a creek. (Rivers photos.)

## Last Census Showed 1,940 Farms Listed In Watauga

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The 1964 Census of Agriculture, now being conducted by the Bureau of the Census, U. S. Department of Commerce, in Watauga County, will bring up to date farm statistics last collected in 1959.

Here are a few of the many facts recorded in the 1959 farm census for this county:

There were 1,940 farms in 1959, compared with 2,427 in 1954. The average size of farm was 63.4 acres in 1959, compared with 58.6 acres in 1954. The value of products sold

by the county's farmers in 1959 was \$3,309,397. The value of all crops sold was \$1,508,367. The value of all livestock and livestock products sold was \$1,801,030.

The 1964 national Census of Agriculture is the 18th in a series which began in 1940. Because of the rapid changes American agriculture has been

undergoing in recent years, Census Bureau officials regard the current census as one of the most significant ever taken. They ask every farmer to cooperate in compiling an accurate record of these changes by filling out the census form he receives in the mail and holding the completed questionnaire until a census taker calls for it.

## Wagon Train Scout Seen On TV Show

North Wilkesboro, Nov. 30—Ivey Moore of North Wilkesboro, chief scout of the Daniel Boone Wagon Train from North Wilkesboro to Boone since the Wagon Train began in 1963, was a participant on a network television show this afternoon.

Mr. Moore returned last week from New York City, where the "To Tell The Truth" show was taped in CBS studios. The show was scheduled for showing on CBS stations this afternoon at

three o'clock. He was on the show with Leland K. Shaffer, a former fullback of the New York Giants, and Harold Galloway, a Ford dealer of Newburgh, N. Y., each claiming before the panel of four to be the chief scout of the Daniel Boone Wagon Train.

Members of the panel trying to determine which of the three was the "real Ivey Moore, chief scout of the Wagon Train," (Continued on page six)

## Schools Will Close Dec. 18

Mr. Guy W. Angell, Superintendent of Watauga County Schools, announces that all county schools will close for the Christmas holidays, Friday, Dec. 18 and resume regular classroom work Monday, Dec. 28.

New Year's Day, January 1, will be observed as a holiday by all county schools.