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Burley Referendum Committee

Members at the Wednesday afternoon meeting (l-r): Chairman L. E. Tuckwiller, Alfred Adams, Clyde Greene, Ned Glenn, Jack Henson, Clyde Miller, A. C. Moretz and Roy

Isley, Clint Eggers and Rachel Rivers, who attended the meeting, are not pictured. (Rivers photo.)

Committee Gives Information Burley Allotments To Be Decided In Election

Participation Of Farmers Is Being Stressed

BY RACHEL RIVERS

The United States Congress has proposed a 10 per cent reduction in tobacco acreage allotments.

Burley growers in Watauga will help decide by voting in the referendum on Thursday, Feb. 25, whether marketing quotas and price supports will be approved on the next three crops—1965, 1966 and 1967.

If two-thirds of the votes cast are no-votes, anyone may plant and market burley tobacco without limit or penalty, but no price support loans will be available.

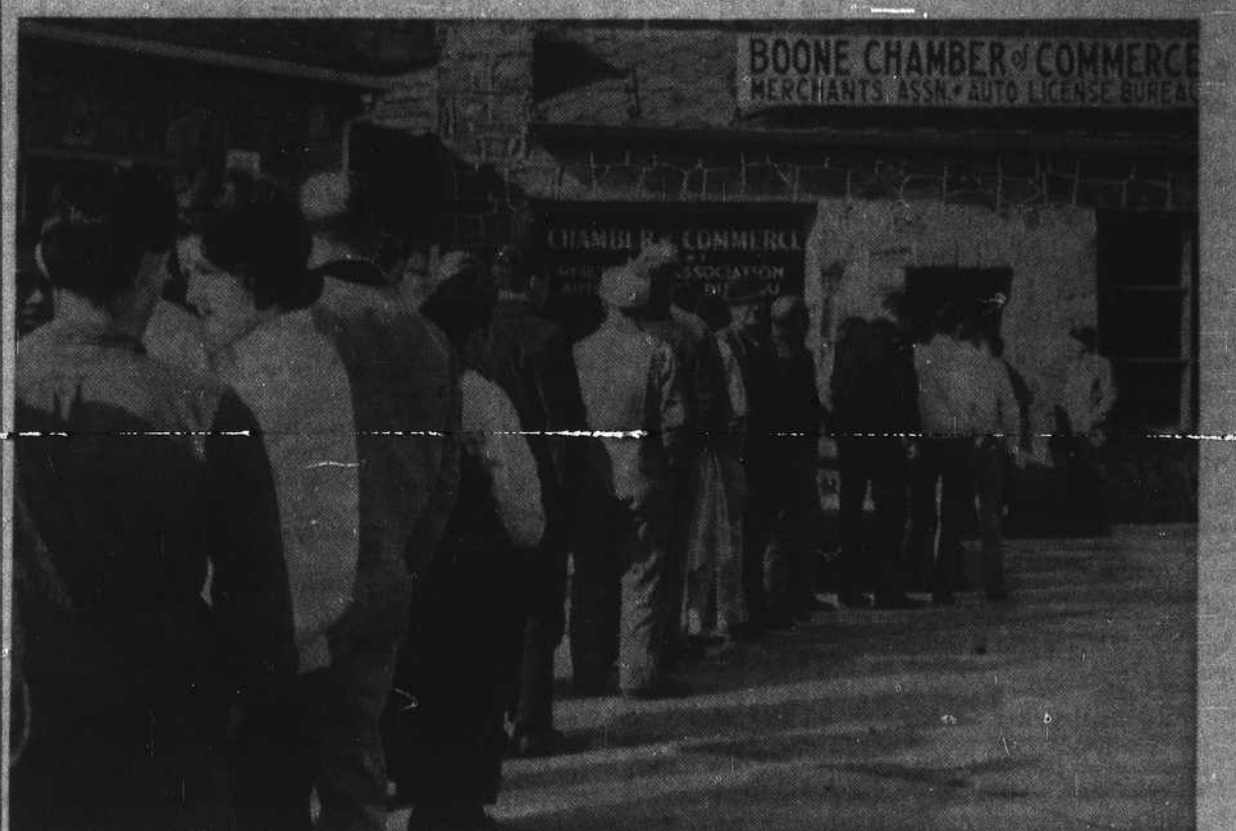
If two-thirds are yes-votes, marketing quotas will apply and price support loans will be available to all the burley tobacco growers who are within their farm's allotted acreage.

Hence the Watauga County Burley Referendum Committee, whose purpose is to distribute information to the voters and get them to the polls.

As Clyde Greene says, "The bigger the vote, the more weight we will carry in Congress." Any member of a tobacco farmer's family who shares in the proceeds of the crop is entitled to vote in the referendum. So a man who supports a family of seven can bring eight votes to the polls: minor children may vote.

At a meeting of the Watauga Burley Referendum Committee on Wednesday at the ASCS office, Chairman L. E. Tuckwiller told the group the national reduction of allotments is proposed because there is a 3.6 year surplus, whereas a 2.8 year surplus is desirable.

"From 1954-58," Tuckwiller said, "we grew only 1,579 pounds of burley per acre. But in 1963 and 1964, we grossed almost 2,500 pounds. That's our trouble. This referendum has no designs on poundage control, (Continued on page 4, Sec. C)



BOONE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MERCHANTS ASSN. AUTO LICENSE BUREAU

LAST MINUTE auto license buyers lined up in front of the Boone Chamber of Commerce offices at the intersection of King Street and the Blowing Rock Road Saturday to purchase their license tags. According to Mr. Fred McNeal, local Chamber manager, at the close of sales on Monday a total of 7,320 license tags had been sold since January 2. On Saturday and Monday,

when the highest daily sales were recorded, a total of 459 had been sold on Saturday and 615 on Monday. Sales on Tuesday were expected to be high as the Chamber offices closed at 4 p. m., and many were not able to get there before the deadline. Sales for the year are expected to far exceed those of previous years. (Rivers photo.)

Blowing Rock Horse Show Names Directors, Officers

The Blowing Rock Horse Show Association, which elected officers at its Jan. 29 meeting at the Vance Hotel in Statesville, also named panels of directors and honorary directors.

The matter of having two shows on different weekends was discussed at length, the decision being to have one show on Aug. 5, 6, 7 and 8 of this year.

Officers of the Association

are: President, J. T. Comer of Gastonia; vice-president, Russell F. Hall, Jr., of Greensboro; secretary, Richard J. Bryant of Gastonia; treasurer and chairman of finance committee, Clyde H. Harriss of Salisbury; secretary of the show, Mrs. S. C. Gilbert of Charlotte; and treasurer of the show, Mrs. Jean Cathcart.

Directors are the Rev. Charles R. Allen of Gastonia, George Blanton Jr. of Shelby; Richard

J. Bryant of Gastonia, W. C. Boren of Greensboro, J. T. Comer of Gastonia, Lucius G. Gage Jr. of Charlotte, Mrs. William K. Garde of Pinehurst, Russell Hall Jr. of Greensboro, Bob Hardin of Blowing Rock, Clyde Harriss of Salisbury, C. V. Henkel Jr. of Statesville, David R. Johnson of Charlotte, Mrs. R. C. Rivers of Boone, John A. Snively Jr. of Winter Haven, Fla., and Rex Watts of Hudson.

Associate directors are Mrs. G. T. Baker of Miami, V. H. Blackwelder of Lenoir, Milton M. Chapman of Miami, Mrs. S. C. Gilbert of Charlotte, G. S. Pickard of Blowing Rock, Mrs. T. B. Shelley of Miami, Fla., George Suddreth Jr. of Blowing Rock, L. P. Tate of Pinehurst, William M. Tate of Cockeysville, Md., and Norman Block of Greensboro.

Honorary directors are J. E. Broyhill of Lenoir and Mrs. T. E. Henby of Matthews.

Miss Austin Visits Parents Miss Glenda Austin, a student at King's College in Charlotte, spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Austin.

Rotary Honors Boy Scouts On 55th Anniversary

A program in honor of the 55th anniversary of Boy Scouts of America was a feature of the meeting Thursday, Feb. 11, of the Boone Rotary Club.

Rotarians Jack Groce, Paul Campbell and Stanley Harris participated. Included in the program was a scouting movie, "Explorer Scouting," and a brief talk by District Executive Barry Collins. Cub Scout John Vance, son of Rotarian and Mrs. Phil H. Vance, gave the Cub Scout promise. Scout David Richardson, son of Dr. and Mrs. Wayne R. Richardson, gave the Scout Oath and the 12 parts of the Scout Law and led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Rotarian Groce was complimented by the Rotary Club on being elected "Young Man of the Year" by the Boone Jaycees.

Family Night For Cub Scouts

Cub Scout Pack 109 of Boone met for its monthly family night at Boone Methodist Church on Tuesday, Feb. 9. Den 4 had the opening exercises.

The cubs of Den 5, under the direction of Mrs. Ruth Coe and Mrs. Carl Meeks, gave an interesting program to the 150 persons present.

After the program, 19 awards were presented to 18 cub scouts for their achievements during January.

The next monthly meeting will be a covered dish supper for the cubs and their families, at which time the boys will have on display the various items of handicrafts they have made.

Balloon Day To Aid Hearts

The fight against heart and blood vessel disease, number one killer of our time, will be continued during the February campaign with a red balloon sale this Saturday, Feb. 20. At least 20 boys from this area have volunteered to help in this effort to augment collections for the Heart Fund.

Mrs. Fernyough and Mr. Paul Price, co-chairmen of the Balloon Day Sale, said they did not know how much a human heart is worth, but they are "sure it's worth an investment in the Heart Fund." So, buy your red balloon!

LBJ Reference To Acreage Law No Vote Effect

President Johnson's references to acreage-poundage legislation in his farm message to the Congress on Feb. 4 has no bearing on the burley tobacco referendum coming up on Thursday, Feb. 25. This statement was made today by A. F. Hassell Jr., Executive Director of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service.

Heart Sunday Drive Will Be Led By Nine Captains

The month-long 1965 Heart Fund Drive will reach a high point on the weekend of Heart Sunday, Feb. 21, when nine district captains will head an army of local volunteers in a house-to-house canvass of Boone, according to Mrs. Cecil Greene, Heart Sunday Chairman for the Watauga County Heart Association's annual campaign.

The list of captains recruited thus far includes June Houser, Maude Kelly, Precious Smith, Lucille Wagener, Becky Council, Virginia Holbouser, Wade

Foscoe, Sugar Grove Areas To Have \$36,000 Phone Exchanges

Bids were opened February 9 for construction of a building in Foscoe to house a new telephone exchange there and for the expansion of the Sugar Grove Exchange building to provide space for new exchange equipment, Mr. G. W. Edwards, president of Skyline Telephone Membership Corporation, said.

The successful bidder was Linville Lumber Company, Linville. Contracts are expected to be executed immediately. The low bid on the Foscoe building was \$12,960, and the Sugar Grove addition was \$24,100. Construction on the Sugar Grove building will start soon, since the new exchange equipment is scheduled to start arriving about April 15. All equipment for Sugar Grove should be received and installed about July or August. The equipment for the Foscoe Exchange will be installed in late 1965.

Mr. Edwards pointed out that the new Sugar Grove Exchange would have eight times the capacity in lines of the original exchange. The needs for such an increase have been occasioned by the unusual growth in the rural area of Watauga County and exceptional demand for telephone service in these areas. At present the Sugar Grove Exchange is working at maximum capacity. In only a few areas can additional subscribers be served before the new equip-

ment is installed. The installation of new exchanges in Watauga County is part of the plans of Skyline Telephone Membership Corporation toward providing only 1, 2, and 4-party service throughout the system, which provides service in four counties in North Carolina and one in Tennessee. Installation of part of

the outside plant necessary for the improved service was made by contract in 1964. A new contract for additional lines and cable will be awarded this spring.

Skyline began operations in 1957 with 650 phones connected. There are now approximately 5,500 phones in service in the system.

Feed Grain Signup Is Now Underway

The signup for the 1965 feed grain program now is under way in all ASCS county offices, Vaughn Tugman, of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation County Committee has announced. The signup period began Feb. 8 and will continue through March 26.

The program for 1965 is basically the same as in 1964 and is voluntary. Participating farmers will qualify for diverted-acre and price support payments, and they will be eligible for price-support loans.

Farmers who take part in the program may divert for payment as small an acreage as 20 per cent of the farm's feed grain base or as large an acreage as 50 per cent of the base—or 25 acres, if this is larger. Two rates of diversion pay-

ment are offered. The lower rate applies to the first 20 per cent of the feed grain base actually diverted. The higher rate applies to diverted acreage in excess of the minimum. If both the intended diversion and (Continued on page 4, Sec. C)

Girl Scouts To Offer Cookies

Chairman of the Girl Scout cookie sale in this area, Feb. 22-March 8, is Mrs. Jim Winkler, Jr.

Over the years, improvements in camping equipment and facilities made possible through cookie sales have resulted in the acquisition of a 320-acre established camp site and three troop camp sites within the area of the Catawba Valley Council. In addition, 12 Day Camps throughout the council's jurisdiction use equipment acquired from the profits of this project.

Dr. W. T. Nau, president of the council, asked continued support from the community to help them achieve their goal of 94,000 boxes.

The cookie sale provides an opportunity for each girl to be of service to her Girl Scout Council and to her sister Girl Scouts, for although the United Fund provides supporting services to the council, the profits from the cookie sale are the only means the council has of financing capital improvements and extending present camping facilities to more girls.

Watauga Would Receive \$917,500 Of Roads Money

Watauga County would get \$917,500 from the \$300-million dollar road bond issue which was proposed in a bill introduced in the General Assembly last week.

Boone would get \$144,500 under the terms of the bill.

The amount Blowing Rock would receive was inadvertently omitted from the press re-

lease, and this information could not be obtained by the Democrat at presstime.

Banner Elk would get \$22,100 and Newland \$22,100. Avery county would get \$469,500.

The 11th division, with headquarters at North Wilkesboro, would receive \$10,251,600. The division includes Avery, Watauga, Ashe, Alleghany, Wilkes, Surry and Yadkin counties.



CONTESTANTS in the recent oratorical contest sponsored by the local Optimist Club pictured l-r: Tony Triplett, Mark Wilson, Daniel Watkins, Johnny Tester, Gary Shore, and the winner, Keith Greer. (Flowers photo.)

Keith Greer Wins Over Five In Optimist Speech Contest

The Boone Optimist Club held its annual oratorical contest at Cove Creek High School Feb. 6.

Keith Greer of Appalachian High was the winner over five other contestants. The subject was "Optimism, Spirit of Youth."

Keith is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Greer of 107 Crest Drive, Boone. He is a tenth grader at Appalachian and was coached for the contest by Mrs. Betty Jean Hughes.

Other contestants were Gary Shore and Johnny Tester of Cove Creek school, Mark Wilson and Tony Triplett of Parkway School, and Daniel B. Watkins of Appalachian.

Judges were Bill Stallard, President of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, James W. Ouzts, and Ellis G. Boatman of Appalachian State Teachers College. Timekeeper was William E. Wilson.

Second place was won by Daniel Watkins and he received

a \$10 cash prize. John Tester captured third place and won a \$5 cash prize. The first place winner received a check for a \$25 Savings Bond and the opportunity to compete in the Zone contest which will be held at North Wilkesboro, Feb. 25. Winners of the zone will complete on the district level and then on a national level.

The local Optimist Club sponsors the oratorical contest under the rules sanctioned by Optimist International.