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The president of the First National Bank of Eastern North Carolina visited the meeting of stockholders of First National Bank of Boone Friday, when in simultaneous meetings, the

merger of the two institutions was being voted. M. F. Allen Jr. of Jacksonville is shown as he addressed stockholders here in mid-afternoon. (Staff photo)

Bank Merger Is Approved

The merger of First National Bank of Boone and the First National Bank of Eastern North Carolina will become effective upon the approval of the Comptroller of Currency.

Gene F. Jewel, acting manager of the local bank, reports that stockholders voted in favor of the merger Friday afternoon. He said 99.3 per cent of the total number of shares were represented, with 84 per cent for, and 15 per cent against. About 40 stockholders attended.

M. F. Allen Jr., president of the First National Bank-ENC in Jacksonville, N. C., was present for the meeting in Boone. Stockholders met simultaneously in Jacksonville, and Jewel said they voted unanimously for the merger.

Stockholders also voted to name the new consolidation the First National Bank of North Carolina. This, too, must be passed upon by the Comptroller of Currency, Mr. Saxon, who will return from South America this week.

Horn Sets '66 Budget

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southern Appalachian Historical Association voted Monday that the "Horn in the West", which they support, will run June 25 through Aug. 27, 1966. A \$76,600 budget was adopted for operations in the coming season.

The drama will play nightly except Mondays. A special performance, however, will be given on Monday, July 4. The directors voted to deposit more than \$1,100 from the general operational funds for 1964 with the membership funds of \$700 plus for 1965.

Boys To Offer Bluebird Houses

A boys' youth club, sponsored by the Boone Methodist Church, will be selling bird houses in downtown Boone Saturday. Profits will benefit the group's local projects.

The hand-made houses are built for blue birds. The government is supporting a program to prevent extinction of blue birds, which are attracted to these houses when they are put about six feet above ground. Houses also may be purchased at Boone Drug Company.

Mary Ann Greer In "Who's Who"

Miss Mary Ann Greer of Boone is one of 31 campus leaders at ASTC chosen for listing in the current edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges, according to an announcement by the publication which has headquarters in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Miss Greer is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Greer and is a senior. While at Appalachian she has been a member of Beta Beta Beta, Vice-President of Alpha Chi, church organist and an honor student.

Jaycees Again To Sell Yule Trees

The Boone Jaycees will begin their annual Christmas tree sale on Saturday, Dec. 4. The tree sale will be held this year in the alley beside the Watauga Savings and Loan Association.

For the first time the Jaycees will offer live trees, both Douglas Fir and Fraser Fir. Cut trees also will be sold, but not on as large a scale as in the past. The live trees will be rated from 3 feet to 7 feet, and the cut trees will be from 4 feet to 10 feet. Chairman Glenn Hodges points out that the reason for the switch to live trees is twofold: The people prefer them; and the price will be little above the price paid in past years for cut trees.

Noted Folk Singer Dies At Vilas Home

An internationally known singer of traditional music died apparently from natural causes at his home in Watauga County on Nov. 24. Frank Noah Proffitt, 52, of Route 2, Vilas, was buried Sunday in Millsaps Cemetery after funeral services were conducted at the Bethel Baptist Church by the Rev. Harold Hayes and the Rev. Clyde Cornett.

he recorded for folk performer and collector Frank Warner of Long Island, N. Y., in 1938. The song was published and in 1959 was popularized by the Kingston Trio.

Mr. Proffitt had begun writing shortly before his death, and had published an article in the November, 1965, issue of "Sing Out", a national magazine for folk singers. He had received excellent reviews for concert appearances in "Time Magazine" as well as several other folk-oriented publications.

His first concert appearance was at the University of Chicago Folk Festival in 1961. He later performed at the Universities of Illinois, Indiana and Florida, and at the renowned Newport Folk Festival. In 1962, he received the Burl Ives Award for Distinctive Banjo-Playing on the program of the National Folk Festival. Last year, he was chosen by the state of North Carolina to join the Governor's party on North Carolina Day at the World's

He was recorded by Folk-Legacy in Huntington, Vt., and by Folkways Records of New York. He was perhaps best known for his version of "Tom Dula" or "Tom Dooley" which

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FRANK PROFFITT

Fred Kirby To Appear Christmas Parade Gay Weekend Event

Burley Brings Average \$69.67 At First Sale

Average price received per hundred pounds of burley tobacco Monday was \$69.67.

Total sales also were noted: \$46,294 pounds, at \$227,046.82.

The Boone market began at 9 a. m. Monday at Warehouse No. 2, Rivers and Depot streets; Tuesday at 9 a. m. at Farmers Burley on Highway 421; and Wednesday at Big Burley on Highway 421 By-Pass west of Boone.

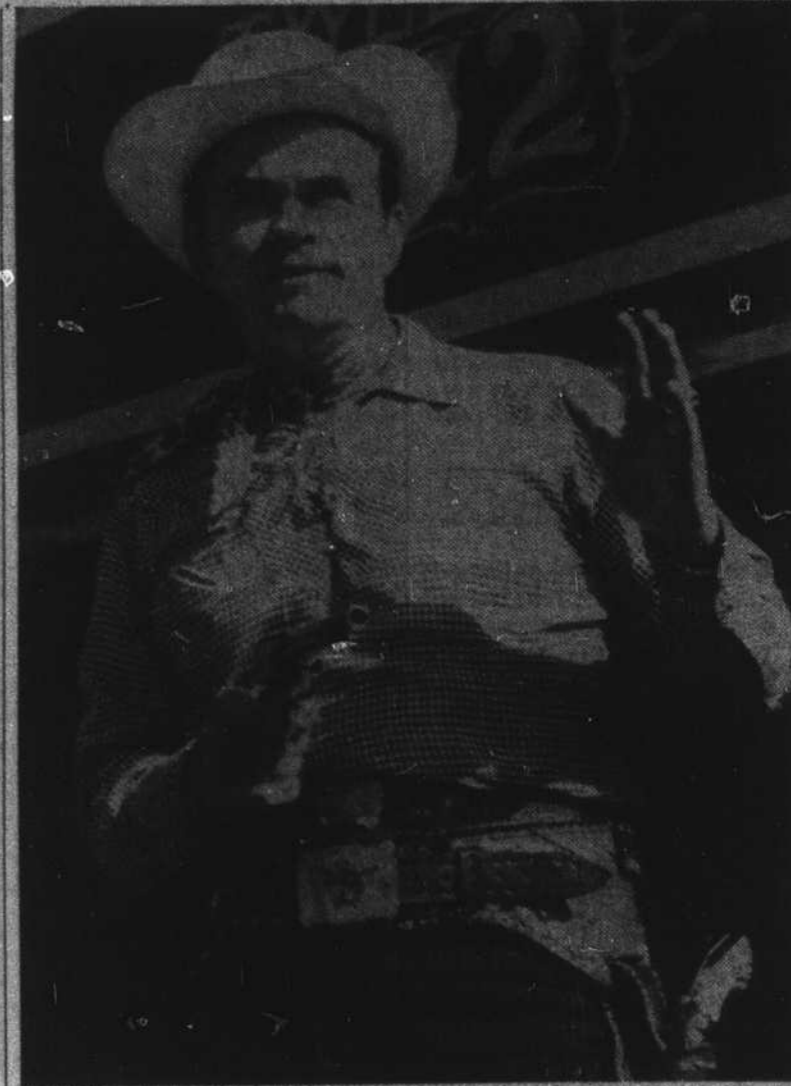
All sales begin at 9 a. m.: Thursday, Dec. 2, starting at Warehouse No. 2; Friday, Dec. 3, Farmers Burley; Monday, Dec. 6, Big Burley; Tuesday, Dec. 7, Warehouse No. 2; and Wednesday, Dec. 8, Farmers Burley.

WAMY Gets \$159,920

Dr. W. H. Plemons, President of W. A. M. Y. Community Action, Inc., has announced the receipt of a \$159,920 grant to conduct an in-school Neighborhood Youth Corps Program in Watauga, Avery, Mitchell and Yancey Counties. Notification of this grant came from Jack Howard, Director of the Neighborhood Youth Corps Program in Washington.

Ernest D. Eppley, Executive Director of W. A. M. Y. Community Action, Inc., said that he received notification of the grant from Senator Ervin's office, and that the projects will be sponsored by his organization and serve approximately 324 young persons between the ages of 16 and 22. All enrollees will be public school students with approximately 122 males and 202 females participating.

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FRED KIRBY . . . PARADE MARSHAL



PATTI JONES . . . MISS WATAUGA

Miss Watauga, Santa Claus To Occupy Floats

About 3:45 p. m. Saturday, Dec. 4, the Optimist Christmas Parade will tour downtown Boone, with parade marshal Fred Kirby in the lead.

Nine floats will be in the procession, according to George Flowers, parade chairman. Miss Watauga County, Miss Patti Jones, is expected to ride on one of the floats, which are being built by Cline Float Enterprises of Newton, N. C.

The Watauga High School Band will march in the parade, as well as a local baton twirling group, Flowers said. Other floats will carry local beauties, Santa Claus and eight reindeer and crippled children from Watauga, Ashe and Avery counties.

The Optimist Club will sell concessions along King Street during the parade and profits will go into the club's Boys' Work Fund to aid construction of a Little League ball field and club house on Deerfield Road.

Members of the Appalachian Shrine Club will sell clown dolls and contribute profits to the Shrine Crippled Children's Hospital in Greenville, S. C.

Dr. Frank Graham, president of the local Shriners, said the crippled children will be accompanied in the parade by their nurses.

The parade will leave the "Horn in the West" parking lot at 3:30 Saturday and move from East to West through Boone. After the parade, Christmas lights will be turned on downtown.

Every day during the Christmas season, Flowers said, the lights will be turned on at dusk and stay on until midnight. However, the week before Christmas, lights will be on during the day also.

Greenery for the decorations is being furnished by Wilcox Drug Company. Gene Wilson and Dalton Greene serve on the parade committee with Flowers.

Blowing Rock Ski Lodge Expected To Open 10th

The Blowing Rock Ski Lodge is expected to open Dec. 10, according to M. E. (Bill) Thalheimer, manager of the Lodge. "The snow-making equipment is in excellent condition, and everything is go. All we need is cold weather," said Bill.

All of the equipment has been tested and is in good working order, however, the ground must be frozen four to five inches deep before the equipment will produce a base of snow sufficient for skiing.

Bill said a new water system has been installed on the slopes that will increase the pressure on the water lines and return unused water to the storage reservoir. The beginning of the ski season will mark the beginning of the fourth season of skiing in Blowing Rock. The area was planned and built under the supervision of Thalheimer in 1960 and was opened for its first season in 1961. Pete Reinecke and Bill Van

Yule Decorations Discussed By Clubs

The upcoming Christmas decoration contest was discussed at a recent meeting of the Watauga Council of Garden Clubs. According to Mrs. Homer Brown, it was again decided to judge only decorations that can be seen from the outside. Trees, lawn displays and doors.

Special emphasis will be placed on trees this year, and the Council put on record its recommendation that every house possible have a lighted tree outside to add to the festivity of the Christmas season in Boone.

Suitable trees such as firs, balsam and white pine may be purchased locally for planting at residences and lights may be added as the trees grow from year to year. Decorations will be judged Sunday evening, Dec. 19.

Miss Watauga Having Busy Round Parades

It has indeed been a parade season for Miss Watauga, Miss Patti Jones. She started her parade season with ASTC's homecoming parade, then was in the Salisbury Christmas Parade on Nov. 24, the West Jefferson Christmas Parade on Nov. 26, and the Winston-Salem Parade on Nov. 27. She will also appear in the Lenoir Christmas Parade on Dec. 2 and in the Boone Christmas Parade on Dec. 4.

Miss Watauga is anxious to make appearances throughout Watauga County, she says, and to meet the people. Anyone wishing to have her make an appearance should contact her business manager, Bill Fowler, or any member of the Boone Jaycees.

Entries In Christmas Show To Be Exhibited

The public is invited to view entries in the Christmas Show, "We Wish You A Merry Christmas", from 3:30 to 8:30 p. m. on Sunday, Dec. 5, at the Highland Hills Motel on Highway 105. The Appalachian Garden Club is sponsoring the show, and judges will begin judging at 1:30 p. m. Entries of several local garden clubs will be in place at 1 p. m.

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