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The City Industrial Council has written its by-laws and started to work under the auspices of the Boone Parks & Recreation Commission. Pictured (from left, standing) are John Barr of Vermont-American; Richard Price, representing IRC; Russell

Winebarger of Blue Ridge Shoe Company; and Hubert Matheson of Shadowline, Inc. Seated (left) is Mrs. Betty Austin, with Miller Industries, and Miss Gertrude Perry of Northstate Canning Company. (Staff photo)

City Industrial League Adopts By-Laws For New 5-Point Program

Members of the City Industrial League, selected by their employers and the sponsoring Boone Parks & Recreation Commission, have adopted by-laws to govern their five-point program.

Commission Director Jim Hastings says bowling is already set up with six teams competing each Wednesday night. This week or next, the basketball program is to start and other sports will be skiing, golf and softball.

"In essence, we're trying to promote good, clean competition between industries in the city limits," Hastings says. Referring to the Council: "These people are sincere, glad to be involved, and there is more interest being stirred up by having them as the Council, rather than having members of the Commission exclusively."

Dennis Greene serves on the Council as the Recreation Commission's representative.

Hastings adds that other businesses are welcome to join the city league.

Articles of the by-laws specify that "Members eligible for participating on teams shall be left to the discretion of sponsoring concerns with the understanding that professional athletes will be excluded from participating teams."

"Anyone participating or associated with team or teams must be 18 years of age. High school and college students are ineligible for competition. . . . It is desirable and strongly recommended that all participating members of team activities wear uniform and shirt that identify him with the sponsor by name, numeral, etc. "Any ruling set forth by the Council may be appealed by sponsoring firms."

Additionally, by-laws may be amended by a majority vote of the Industrial Council.

Meetings shall be called as the need arises and three-

fourths of the Council will constitute a quorum. Regular meeting dates are to be set later. Bowling, the first activity organized by the Council, is the Wednesday night men's league. Each sponsor pays \$25 to cover team expenses for handicaps, schedules, averages and trophies.

WAMY Program Is Making Area Opportunity Loans

WAMY Community Action announces that its Business Economic Assistance Program, formerly the Small Business Development Center in Spruce Pine, continues to help Watauga, Avery Mitchell and Yancey counties; businessmen apply for economic opportunity loans. WAMY says businessmen have received \$196,900 to start new businesses and expand existing businesses. Eighty-

seven per cent of all applications have been approved since January, 1967. Very few inquiries have come from Watauga and Yancey counties, the release states.

Interest rates are 4 and 3/4 per cent for Avery and Yancey; and 5 and 1/2 per cent for Watauga and Mitchell. Fifteen years is the maximum maturity for loans under the Small Business Administration.

Program Director Vann Wilson says he will welcome inquiries. He is available all day Wednesdays at the WAMY office in Boone; from 9:30 to 11 a. m. Tuesdays at the Newland office; Mondays at 102 School St. in Spruce Pine; and from 9:30 to 11 a. m. Thursdays in the Burnsville WAMY office.

Catholics in U. S. hear canon in English.

Local Scouters Will Attend Annual Appreciation Banquet

The Rev. Ed Smith, Watauga District Chairman, will head a delegation of local Scouters to attend the annual appreciation

Goodwill Clothing Collection Is Held

Much appreciation is extended to the superintendents, Principals, teachers, students, parents and citizens who helped in the recent school discard collection.

The discards make possible vocational training and employment for many handicapped people of North Carolina. Goodwill Industries Rehabilitation Center is located in Winston-Salem. The Watauga County School System participated in the collection.

Air Mailing To Vietnam Must Be Before Monday

Postmaster Ralph Beshears this week re-emphasizes that airmail packages bound for Vietnam may be sent prior to Monday, Dec. 11, in time for Christmas receipt at destination.

The surface mail deadline was Friday. The Postal Service urges early shopping and mailing stateside and use of zip codes on all packages and envelopes.

banquet of the Old Hickory Council, Boy Scouts of America. Scouters' wives also are invited to the Thursday, Dec. 12, event in Winston-Salem.

Expected to attend are Stanley A. Harris Sr., past District Chairman; Dr. Lawrence Heavrin, District Commissioner; and Paul N. Campbell, secretary of the District Committee. Reservations must be made in advance by other Scouters planning to go.

A feature of the banquet will be the annual Silver Beaver Award for distinguished service to boyhood. This is the highest award in the Council and is held by Harris, B. W. Stallings and Mayor Clyde Greene of the Watauga District. Col. Hugh Turner Jr., director of military science at Wake Forest, will be principal speaker.

The Thursday night meeting of the District Committee dealt with reorganization of Explorer Post 111 of Boone and Cub Pack 100 and Troop 110 of Blowing Rock. There are now seven active units with 160 Scouts with 85 men are registered as leaders.

Dr. N. H. Shope was introduced as the new vice-chairman of the District. He will assume office the first of the year, continuing as chairman of advancement. Other District officers were re-elected at the November meeting.

Rotary Club Ladies Night Is Planned

The annual Christmas Ladies' Night Party for the Boone Rotary Club will be held Thursday night, December 14, at the Holiday Inn at 6:30 p. m.

More than 75 Rotarians and their wives and guests are expected to attend.

L. E. Tuckwiller is chairman of the arrangements committee which includes also Eric DeGroat, Harold Rice and Dr. "Nick" Erneston.

Jack Groce, former Rotarian and member of the ASU coaching staff, showed pictures of the Guilford football game and commented on the team at the meeting of the club last week.

Council Of Garden Clubs

Christmas Decorations Contest Stirs Interest

24 Categories Will Be Judged Starting Dec. 17

Twelve outdoor and 12 indoor categories will be judged in the annual home Christmas decoration contest sponsored by the local Council of Garden Clubs.

Judges from the six garden clubs of Boone will begin work at dusk Sunday, Dec. 17.

They will attempt to judge all outdoor displays, homeowners are advised to call in advance and enter the contest. If notified of unusual or interesting displays outside the city limits, the judges will consider them too.

Those having interesting and unusual indoor decorations are urged to contact the judges so that these may be judged. Awards will be ribbons for first, second and third place in each category and winners will be announced in the Dec. 20 issue of the Watauga Democrat.

Deadline for entering will be 6 p. m. Saturday, Dec. 16, and numbers to call are 264-8274 and 264-8430.

The purpose of the contest is to provide personal pleasure from and appreciation of seasonal decorations done by the individual and to promote dressing Boone in the holiday mood. Decorations need not be elaborate nor expensive to be appealing and appropriate to the season. Simplicity could make an entry a winner and no set rules are required for decorations entered.

Categories in the outdoor decorations division are:

Growing lighted trees—large, small; front doors—traditional door, religious, secular; modern door—religious, secular; garage doors; entrances; roof and/or chimney displays; lawn displays—religious, secular; lamp posts; overhanging eaves; stained glass and other religious windows; secular windows; and outdoor decoration done by children under 12 years of age (this will require a phone call to enter); and best overall door.

Categories in the indoor decorations division are:

Inside front door, entrance halls, Nativity scenes, stairways, mantels, fireplace walls; Christmas trees—natural flocked and permanent trees, large and small; dining room tables, breakfast, room tables, mirrors, decorations by children under age 12; and other indoor decorations.



WHS IS GIVEN FLOOR COVER—The Boone Optimist Club last week made a formal presentation to Watauga High School of a gym floor cover. Principal N. A. Miller said the school has borrowed a cover from the university in the past. Optimist President Glenn Patterson (left) said the Club purchased the cover for nearly \$275. Pictured with him are Sandra Cook, president of the student body; Gene Wilson, Optimist vice-president and Bob Poe, WHS coach. (Staff photo)

Furniture Plant For Boone May Be Sought

The industrial committee of the Boone Chamber of Commerce will study the prospect of bringing a furniture

manufacturing plant here. Chamber President Stan Harris Jr. told the board of directors Tuesday that he had

been asked by a representative of WAMY Community Action to sponsor the request. Discussing the matter prior to action upon it, A. T. Adams commented on the tight money situation, which has retarded construction of homes, and added that "New furniture goes with new homes, paradoxical as this may seem."

The topic came up, Harris Jr. explained, because a WAMY employee had found that several Wataugas travel each day to jobs in Caldwell County furniture factories and many spend as much as three hours en route to and from work.

Adams and Andrews said they had been in contact with two

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Nearly 3 1/2 Million Trees Are Planted

Roy W. Isley, ASCS office manager, says this is the time of year for landowners to be thinking about the tree planting season ahead.

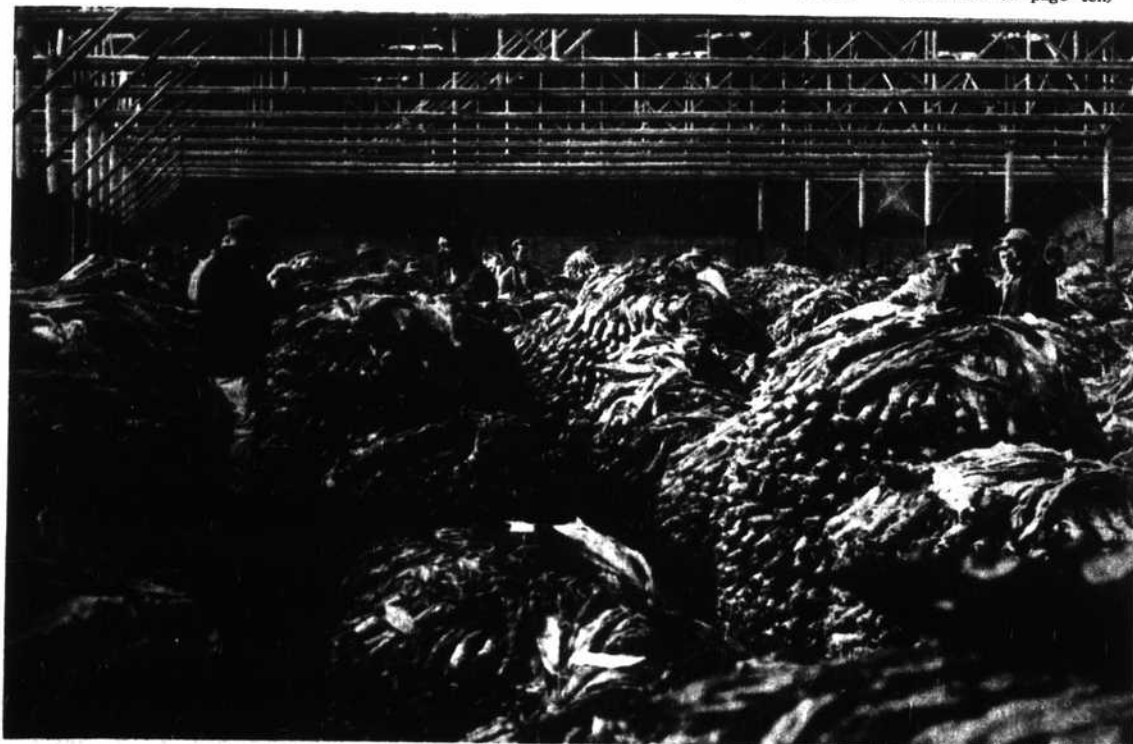
Tree planting progress in Watauga County has been encouraging; nearly three and one-half million seedlings have been planted. In spite of this, an estimated 12,000 acres of idle, nonproductive land is still in need of planting.

If trees were planted on these idle acres, the landowner would begin to gain financial returns in 15 to 20 years. Foresters estimate that the average long-time yield of a pine plantation is about \$15 per acre per year. Isley added that landowners in Watauga County now have a

good opportunity to plant non-productive acres to seedlings at no expense or very low expense to themselves. ACP cost-sharing for tree planting will provide assistance at the rate of \$14 per acre. The cost of white pine seedlings is \$8.50 per thousand plus delivery charges. With the ACP payment of \$14 per acre, there is approximately \$5 per acre remaining which can be pocketed by the landowner for his time and labor or applied to the cost of hiring someone else to do the planting.

In addition to the ACP payment, Watauga County landowners can receive labor for planting seedlings. A planting crew will plant tree seedlings without any charge to the land-

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MOUNTAIN BURLEY WAREHOUSE announced Tuesday they have sold more than a million pounds of burley at an average of \$71.65. Mrs. Harriett Sikes says there is still plenty of floor

room and farmers can bring in their tobacco and sell it the same day. (Flowers photo)

Dr. Lawrence Is Given Honor By Optometrists

Dr. C. Ray Lawrence, of Boone, North Carolina has been chosen as a co-ordinator for the 45th Annual Southeastern Education Congress of Optometry, February 10-13, 1968, in Atlanta.

The Appointment, announced by the Congress General Chairman, Dr. Gerald M. Thomas, of Athens, carries with it responsibility for serving as local advisor for the Congress and liaison representative with optometrists in the area.

One of the largest optometric educational meetings in the world, the Congress has attracted registrants from several hundred counties in the 12-state area covered by the Southern Council of Optometrists, its sponsor, in recent years.

Dr. Lawrence has been in practice here since 1948. He took pre-Optometry at Mars Hill College and later received the Doctor of Optometry degree from Southern College of Optometry.

Active in his profession, he has held the offices of President of the North Carolina State Optometric Society, President of the North Carolina State Board of Examiners in Optometry.

In community affairs, he has served as President of the Boone Rotary Club and Executive Vice-President of the Appalachian Historical Association, and on the Board of Trustees of Mars Hill College.