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PIGEON ROOST NEWS

Selling Of Burley Tobacco Is Main Topic Of Talk In Hills

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Selling of Burley Tobacco appears to be the most important conversation among the local people in this hilly country at this writing.

There is so many different views involved in going to the tobacco market and making the sale and to quote the words from the many farmers that we have recently talked to would make to long of a story for my column at this time. But we are going to tell a few of the facts and figures on the tobacco selling business for the farmers but probably the best thing that could be said about a tobacco crop I am about sure is how much money that it brought. At this time it seems that

the majority of the folks mind is on tobacco and Christmas time. It seems these two events go hand in hand. For the tobacco grower and seller take some of their money derived from the sale of tobacco and buy their Christmas gifts to be presented to their folks and friends.

For the first time in 10 years we helped to tend a tobacco crop and we sold it last Tuesday Dec. 5, and some of the things that we say from now on in this article is our own version at a tobacco warehouse and of course seeing and hearing the tobacco auctioneers selling tobacco.

Our health has not been too good for several years and when our children got big enough to work we growed another good tobacco crop again.

We sold our tobacco crop in Boone and the day that we there we seen several was other farmers at the tobacco warehouse from this immediate section that we was acquainted with who was there on the same business as we were to sell their tobacco crop and it was the first time that ever took our tobacco to the market and sold it the same day. That was certainly fine for our tobacco crop not have to stay at the warehouse for several days before the chant of the auctioneer" is heard at the tobacco baskets." We certainly liked the way Mr. Coleman and his co-workers handled the transactionall the way in the selling of our tobacco crop and it was a speedy way in selling it and we didn't have to remain there very long until we had sold our tobacco and was on our way back home with the money for it. We seen several baskets of tobacco that sold for 77 cents which was the higest that we had ever seen any tobacco sold for.

It was also our first trip to Boone and found it to be a beautiful town. But we was told that it was a very old town and is a college town. We had been all around Boone but had not been directly in Boone before.

We rode down King Street and had dinner at a resturant I believe on that same street, We made the trip without having a pencil or pen with us and I didn't even jot down any notes on our trip and we are writing this almost a week later and our memory is not

he was a cook for a long time meat as right fresh meat. Mr. Hill is a real mountaineer and in a logging camp in Kentucky and that he could take as can certainly tell a lot of strong old homemade meat mountain tales, that could be found and soak We sure did like our trip it overnight in buttermilk and and think the tobacco place

We want to thank our many readers of this paper for writ-ing us the interesting letter's ghout the year of 1967. thr As Christmas is approaching and another year will soon

during this year has proved interesting reading to you I will as usual tell in my column how many Christmas Cards that I received. So I will say here that I want to wish the

the readers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. So let your Christmas cards and letters fly this way. I will try to answer as many as I can. My correct address

Cranberries Are American Treat

Cranberries are as tradition-al as apple pie. Known to the Indians as 1-bimi, or "bitter berry", cranberries were pounded into a paste called pemmican, which was used as poultices on wounds. Cranes, of course, are un-welcome in cranberry bogs — but other birds are encouraged. Bogs are often lined with bird-houses — homes for swallows, which eat destructive insects.

Noting the berries to be the favorite food of cranes, the Pil-grims called them craneberries. In true American tradition, this

Along with the birds, the bees play a welcome role in cranberry production. The pol-len is too heavy to be carried by the wind so bees are neces-sary to pollinate the flowers.



good as it ise to be. I don't remember the name of the resturant where we had our dinner but they certainly give good service.

We met an old friend in the tobacco warehouse that we had not seen before within 10 years who was Joe Hill.

Mr. Hill said he had been helping Mr. Garland at Beans Creek near here in his tobacco crop while he was at-tending to business in Mitchell County. Mr. Garland sold his tobacco before we did.

Mr. Hill said he had a good job in West Virginia working in the coal mines. I remember one time what he told me that

ADEN INDEPENDENT

Aden-Southern Arabia has become independent South Yemen Peoples Republic. This ends 128 years of British rule in Aden. The republic will be ruled by the National Liber-ation front (NFL) headed by 47-year-old Qahtan Al Shaabi,

IKE DONATES HOME

Washington-Former President Dwight Eisenhower and his wife have donated their Gettysburg, Pennsylvania home to the U.S. as a national his-toric site. The Elsenhowers will continue to occupy the home dur-ing the former President's life-