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Personal Property To Be Listed In Co. New Way

Watauga County is in the process of converting to the percentage method for listing personal property taxes.

The new plan will go into effect with the listing of personal property during the January listing period.

Tax Supervisor J. C. Lyons said abstracts will be mailed to taxpayers the last week in December.

He said the forms will give taxpayers the choice between the "percentage" method of list-

ing or a full itemization of personal property.

Lyons said the system is the "trend" among Tar Heel counties and already is in use in 40 per cent of the counties. The system has been used for three years in Caldwell County, he said.

Lyons explained that the system makes it easier for taxpayers to list their property since they will not have to appear before a lister. Instead of the traditional listers, the county

will employ "helpers" in the various townships for a one-week period in January.

Lyons said the helpers' job will be to assist any taxpayer who may have trouble with the new forms. Names, addresses and dates the helpers will be in service will be published later, he said.

Each tax listing form will be accompanied by a pre-addressed envelope and should be mailed back to the county no later than Jan. 31, 1970, Lyons

said.

If individual property owners should choose to use the simplified percentage plan, they would simply accept as the value of their personal household property a figure equal to 10 per cent of the assessed value of their house.

Or, where they rent their living quarters, the percentage method would be figured on personal property value of ten times their monthly rent.

Where a taxpayer chooses not

to use either of the percentage methods, he may list his property and its value on the back side of the form. At the same time, he agrees that his listing is subject to a check by the county tax supervisor's office.

Lyons said the county will mail some 17,500 forms out in December. He said his office will furnish additional forms where they are needed.

Lyons said the basic purpose of the new plan is that it "equalizes personal property taxes

according to what a person's got. It's been a haphazard system in the past. This way, it's the fairest to everybody."

Until listings are tabulated after the listing period, it will not be known how much effect the system will have on revenue from individual property taxes.

Lyons said, "some taxpayers will pay more and some will pay less than before."

Lyons said the new system is not expected to cost the county any more than the old

list taker system which employed a lister for each township during the month of January.

Forms also will be sent for listing of business properties.

Where individual property taxpayers select the "percentage" method, the self-listing involves only six steps. In event a taxpayer should choose to list household and other personal property, a worksheet is provided on the reverse side.

It lists 80 specific items,

from furniture, clothing, hobby and yard equipment to wigs. In addition, there is provision to lump all other personal property into an additional line. There are spaces for listing livestock, farm machinery, sawmill equipment and motor vehicles separately.

The form explains the percentage method thusly:

"If the appraised value of your house is \$10,000, the tax

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Buick Agency Purchased By Bryce Durham

Bryce Durham, a Wilkes County native and graduate of Appalachian State University, has acquired the local Buick-Pontiac agency and will operate it under the firm name of Modern Buick-Pontiac Company.

For the last six years, Durham has operated the Mt. Airy Auto Loan and Sales Finance Company. Prior to that he was associated with Home Finance Company for 13 years.

The new dealership became effective November 18. The local franchise was formerly held by G. C. Greene Jr. and operated as the Greene Buick-Pontiac Company.

A native of Wilkes County, Durham is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Coy Durham. He was graduated from Appalachian State University in 1941 with a degree in history and physical education. He taught one year at Mount Pleasant School in Wilkes County after World War II.

Mrs. Durham is the former Virginia Church of Wilkes County. They have two children, Jimmy, a senior at Mt. Airy High School, and Bobby, 16, a defensive guard on the Mt. Airy varsity.

Sales manager for Modern Buick-Pontiac will be Kelly Surratt, a Mt. Airy native who will join the staff on December 1.

Roy Marion of Mt. Airy will be parts manager.

Boone's Buick dealership was granted 31 years ago when Ralph Winkler opened the Watauga Sales and Service Company. Along with it went the GMC franchise. He later added Ford to the operation in partnership with his brother, Stewart Winkler.

They later separated the two franchises, with Stewart Winkler taking the Buick dealer-

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BOUND FOR TARRYTOWN—Another huge Watauga County balsam is being loaded for shipment to the bustling Tarrytown Mall at Rocky Mount. This is the third successive year that the Eastern North Carolina shopping center has come to the county to select a Yule tree for the mall. Tarrytown manager George W. Braswell made several trips about the Watauga countryside before he picked this year's tree—and from the yard of Dr. L. D. Hagaman's home on Cherry Drive. The boom of a truck belonging to Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corp. supplied the leverage to place the tree on a truck for shipment. Local help in the rigging operation came from Franklin Norris, Maynard Goss, Gales Scroggs and Dennis Hicks. The next picture of the Hagaman balsam hopefully will be after it is decorated in Christmas finery, the focal point of Christmas shopping in Tarrytown. (Staff photo)

340,868 Pounds Sold Monday Burley Tobacco Market Reports \$73.54 Average

Quality Of Weed Expected To Improve Later

The Boone Burley Tobacco Market opened Monday with sales averaging \$73.54 per hundred pounds.

Total sales for the opening day was 340,868 pounds for a total of \$247,254.02.

The opening day average was just two cents less than the season average for the 1968-69 season.

The Boone burley market includes three warehouses—Mountain Burley, Big Burley and Farmers Burley, the latter was the scene of the opening sale. All of the warehouses were operated by a partnership of R. C. Coleman, Joe Coleman and Mrs. Harriet Sikes.

Joe Coleman, floor manager, said this year's early offerings are off a bit in quality.

"It's hard to tell how quality will run as the season advances. We think it will improve, and prices with it."

The Boone market sales were for tobacco that began piling into the warehouse at 12:01 a. m. Friday, Nov. 14. The Boone market serves farmers in Watauga and surrounding counties of North Carolina and Tennessee.

Both the Wednesday and Friday sales this week will be at the Big Burley Warehouse, Coleman said. The market will be closed for Thanksgiving.

Frank Coffey Will Appear In Opera In Boston

Frank L. Coffey, son of Mrs. Paul A. Coffey of Boone, and the late Mr. Coffey, will appear for four days next month in Boston on the educational TV Contemporary Opera, "My Heart's in the Highlands," by Beeson Saroyan.

The opera will be performed.

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FRANK L. COFFEY



THE FIRST THANKSGIVING, celebrated at Plymouth in 1621 was a harvest festival, a gathering of family, friends and neighbors and a time of games and feasting. About half of the 102 Pilgrims had survived the first winter, they had labored hard to build the village and plant crops. When their harvest was gathered they celebrated.

City Board Postpones Action On Zoning Law

The Boone Town Board postponed action on the proposed outside zoning ordinance until a special meeting Thursday, Dec. 4, at 7:30 p. m. in town hall.

The board's decision to delay again its action came last Thursday night at the regular November meeting.

The board held a public hearing on the question on Thursday, Nov. 13. At that time, the board postponed further consideration until after it heard from an attorney representing a group of citizens who oppose the ordinance.

The attorney, Stacy Eggers, appeared last week and argued that the town should annex the areas in which they wanted to have zoning jurisdiction. It would give the necessary protection and give the people the right to have a voice in the city government, he said.

Several people expressed their disapproval and approval to the board. Mayor Gordon Winkler stated that the town officials were attempting to have an orderly growth in case in the

near future they wanted to extend the city limits. A 168-name petition was given Mayor Winkler asking that the board vote against the change.

Requests for water rate adjustments were made by local managers of two industries, Jack Cronland of Vermont-American and Lee Proset of IRC. Both men explained that

their plants were having to turn to town water supply for much of their water.

The board voted to give town employees a \$25 Christmas bonus. It will be included in the December 15 check.

In preparation for snow removal, the board called for no parking on King Street between 11 p. m. and 7 a. m.

Moore Named To Supreme Court

Former Governor Dan Moore, a brother to Mrs. James H. Council of Boone, was appointed to the North Carolina Supreme Court last Thursday.

Moore "is eminently qualified to assume the bench of North Carolina's highest court," Gov. Bob Scott said in announcing the appointment.

Scott pointed out that Moore, 63, had served 10 years as a Superior Court judge and also as a member of the General Assembly before becoming governor.

Moore will fill the associate justice's seat left vacant by the promotion of William H. Bobbitt to chief justice. Bobbitt replaced R. Hunt Parker, who died last week of a heart attack.

Moore's middle-of-the-road philosophy that marked his term as governor will replace Parker's staunch conservatism.

The former chief executive, whom Scott succeeded last January, will join a court to which he appointed half the current

membership.

During his term of office Moore named to the seven-member court I. Beverly Lake, Joseph Branch and Frank Huskins.

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DAN K. MOORE

New Teaching Degree At ASU Proposed At Atlanta Gathering

The nation's fastest growing state colleges and regional universities must make radical changes in the preparation of college teachers if they are to meet public expectations for mass higher education, leaders of these institutions were told last week. And those radical changes could possibly include such innovations as a unique doctoral program at Appalachian State University.

A report urging changes in college teacher preparation was released in Atlanta, Ga., to 200 presidents of state colleges and regional universities attending the annual meeting of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities. President Herbert Wey and president-emeritus W. H. Flemmons represented Appalachian State University at the conference.

Alden Dunham, executive associate of the Carnegie Corporation and author of the report, said the huge expansion now underway in these schools—with average enrollment expected to double in the next decade—has tempted them to engage in the "emulation of Harvard and Berkeley," with emphasis on graduate studies and research leading to the Ph.D.

"They won't make it, their facilities will be frustrated, and their students will suffer if they go the Ph.D. route," he warned.

Dunham proposed instead a major innovation in the preparation of college teachers that would lead to a new teaching degree, in contrast to the research Ph.D.

The new degree, called the "Doctor of Arts" (D. A.), would be aimed at the preparation of undergraduate teachers for both junior colleges and four-year colleges.

"There is a growing gap between what the students and their parents want from higher education—primarily undergraduate education—and the perspective of the professionals who are mostly interested in the advancement of knowledge," Dunham explained. "Clearly this

calls for development of a new kind of professional devoted to what the public thinks it's paying for."

The new D. A. degree proposed by Dunham would emphasize teaching rather than research and cut across all fields in the arts and sciences. It

would contain both broad academic training and supervised teaching plus related seminar work in education. It would represent three years of graduate work, and would be intended to carry the same status and prestige in the academic com-

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Will Close For Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving closings have been announced by local governmental agencies and businesses in Boone.

All courthouse offices, except the magistrate's office, will be closed Thanksgiving Day.

All city offices will be closed. No garbage will be picked up Thursday.

Offices at Appalachian State University will be closed. Most business establishments in Boone will be closed for the holiday.

Appalachian Ski Mountain "New Outlook" Spreading

Appalachian Ski Mountain's "New Outlook" has spread even to the food services division of the growing ski area between Blowing Rock and Boone.

Chester Jandrick, a veteran chef at Blowing Rock's Green Park Hotel, has joined the Ski Mountain staff as head chef and manager of the lodge's restaurant and Saturday night Steak House. The announce-

ment was made Monday by Grady Moritz Jr., general manager.

Other contributions to the "New Outlook" include a new double chair lift, a new snow conditioning machine which assures perfect skiing surfaces, new rental skis and boots, and a redesigned Alpine Ski Shop. The Alpine Shop, located in the main lodge, opens on Saturday, Nov. 29, with new lines

of the latest ski fashions and equipment, custom ski jewelry, skiing cosmetics, and everything else to satisfy the skier's slightest whim.

Advance season tickets, with savings up to \$25 if purchased before Christmas, go on sale at the Ski Mountain lodge, open Mondays through Fridays, 9 a. m. till 4 p. m., beginning on Thanksgiving Day.