

# Hunt Appoints Agriculture Board Members

RALEIGH — Three new members and one reappointee to the North Carolina Board of Agriculture have been named by Governor James B. Hunt, Jr. and confirmed by the state Senate here Wednesday.

The new appointments include Wiley Shore of Yadkinville, John L. Parker, Jr. of Colerain and state Senator Vernon E. White of Winterville. James L. Sutherland of Laurinburg was reappointed.

Terms are for six years. Commenting on the appointments, state Agriculture Commissioner Jim Graham, who serves as ex officio chairman of the board said: "I am most impressed with the governor's

choices. These gentlemen are highly skilled farmers and are most knowledgeable in overall agribusiness and agriculture. They will be true assets to the board, the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and the people of the state. I look forward to working with them."

Shore, age 42, is a dairyman and operates a beef cattle feedlot. He has also been a tobacco farmer. Active in agricultural, civic and political organizations, he is internal vice president of the Booneville Jaycees. He was named North Carolina Outstanding Young Farmer in 1974. Shore is married and has three children.

Parker, age 64, operates a 300 acre diversified farm producing peanuts, tobacco, corn and beans. Active in Democratic politics, attended N.C. State University and he served as mayor of Colerain from 1957 through 1968. During World War II held the ranks of master sergeant and sergeant major.

White has served in the state Senate since 1969 representing the Sixth Senatorial District including Edgecombe, Halifax, Martin and Pitt counties. He was chairman of the Pitt County Board of Commissioners in 1966. A veteran of World War II, the 75 year old farmer holds B.S. and B.A. degrees from Wake Forest University. His occupations are farmer, school superintendent and teacher. White is active on numerous boards and commissions and is a member of Ruritan Club and Kiwanis International.

Sutherland, a farmer and seedsman, is a consultant with Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. He is active in numerous professional and civic organizations holding such offices as director of the N.C. Agribusiness Council and director of First Southern Savings and Loan Association. He is also a member of the Chamber of Commerce.

## Park Visits Up For June

Great Smoky Mountains National Park had 1,079,200 visits in June and there have been 3,087,800 visits so far this year, according to Merrill D. Beal, superintendent. He said this represents a two percent decrease for June and a two percent increase for the year thus far compared to last year's data. Rainy weather is a contributing factor to the decrease for the month of June, Beal said.

Camping in developed campgrounds declined four percent with 137,100 campers for the year-to-date. Backcountry camping decreased two percent with 39,500 for the year to date.

Visit increases and decreases by entrances were as follows for June — Gatlinburg, +13,325; Townsend, 12,989; Cherokee, +4,613; outlying, 31,618.



THIS PHOTOGRAPH by Romeo Romanes of a southern Appalachian farmer taking a break from his work cutting hay is one of many to be displayed through Sept. 26 in Western Carolina University's Mountain Heritage Center. The collection by Romanes, of Alto, Ga., depicts life in the mountains of northern Georgia and southwestern North Carolina from 1920 until 1975.

## Mountain Photos On Exhibit At WCU

CULLOWHEE — An exhibition of some 30 black and white photographs by the late Romeo Romanes, a German-born Englishman who spent 59 years photographing rural life in the mountains of southern Appalachia, will open July 6 at the Mountain Heritage Center at Western Carolina University.

The exhibit includes photographs of small-town scenes, country stores, train trestles, local architecture, farm operations and life in general as it existed in the mountains of northern Georgia and southwestern North Carolina from 1920 until 1975.

Accompanying the exhibit will be personal effects of Romanes, memorabilia depicted in the photographer's work and photo-mural enlargements of some photographic equipment used by Romanes.

Romanes was born in Berlin, Germany, in 1896, the

son of a German mother and Scottish father. At the outbreak of World War I, he and his father fled to Edinburgh, Scotland, where he joined the Scottish Fusiliers. In 1919, he traveled to the United States and settled in Alto, Ga., where he lived until his death on Aug. 14, 1978.

In the late 20's, Romanes took up photography as a hobby. Soon his work appeared in numerous newspapers and magazines and later placed well in several national photography contests. Despite these successes, most of his photographs have never been on display.

The Romanes collection to open at the Mountain Heritage Center is on loan from William Shore, safety director of WCU's physical plant department. The exhibit is supported in part by the Alcoa Foundation and WCU Fine Arts Fund. It will remain on display through WCU's 1981 Mountain Heritage Day set for Sept. 26.

## WSDA Proposes Grading And Price Supports On Untied Burley

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has proposed that growers of burley tobacco be eligible for government grading and price supports on unlimited marketings of untied, baled tobacco.

"This represents a major preliminary victory for Farm Bureau," according to John Sledge, president of the North

Carolina Farm Bureau Federation. "If USDA follows through with the proposal, it will be a major accomplishment for Farm Bureau after five years of effort," Sledge said.

Limited amounts of baled burley have been eligible for government grading and price supports since the 1978-79

season. The latest proposal would mean all quantities of untied burley packed in bales would be eligible for price supports and for official grading by USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service, beginning with the 1981-82 season. Producers will not be required to file an application to market baled burley, as was required in the past.

The proposed price support and grading changes were published in the June 24 Federal Register.

"We have only one more hurdle," Sledge said, "and that is to get as many favorable comments to USDA as soon as possible, and not later than July 24."

Growers are urged to direct their comments in duplicate to: Director, Tobacco Division, AMS-USDA, Room 502 Annex Building, Washington, D.C. 20250 and to Director, Price Support and Loan Division, ASCS-USDA, P.O. Box 2415, Washington, D.C. 20013.

## Burley Growers' Comments Wanted

RALEIGH — The U.S. Department of Agriculture is proposing to make price supports available on unlimited marketings of untied, baled tobacco from the 1981 burley crop.

Growers and others have until July 24 to submit written comments concerning this change, said Dr. Charles R. Pugh, extension tobacco economist at North Carolina State University here.

Limited amounts of baled burley have been eligible for government grading and price supports since the 1978-79 season. Under the proposed change, all quantities for untied burley packed in bales would be eligible for price supports and for official grading by USDA tobacco inspectors.

On last year's burley markets, Pugh said, there was

no differential in prices paid to untied, baled tobacco and tobacco sold tied in hands.

The action proposed by USDA is intended to help reduce marketing costs for burley growers.

Pugh said burley producers in Western North Carolina are attempting to rebuild their production after two short crops.

In 1979, when blue mold fungus disease caused widespread losses in burley fields, only 7,800 acres were harvested. Last year, blue mold generally was held in check but losses occurred because of severe drought, and 8,800 acres were harvested.

The planted crop this year is indicated at 9,800 acres, up 11 percent from last year's harvested acreage.

## Register Boats Locally

Boat owners receiving renewal notices can save themselves some time as well as the price of a stamp. They may now renew their boat number at a local approved agent, as well as by mail, according to officials of the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission.

The agent will renew the certificate, issue a validation decal, and collect the registration fee. However, transfers of boat ownership, registration of commercial fishing vessels at no charge, and registration of boats owned by public agencies must be processed by the Commission's Motorboat Registration Section in Raleigh.

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