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TODAY'S SMILE

Arthur: "So your new job makes you independent?"
Albert: "Absolutely. I get here any time I want before eight, and leave just when I please after five."

Festival Is Success; Burley Averages \$52

Long Terms Given 2 Men For Robbery

Judge H. Hoyle Sink handed two brothers long penitentiary terms here Monday morning for robbery with firearms. Both men entered a plea of guilty for robbing a Canton man several months ago.

Solicitor Thad Bryson read the criminal record of both men which dated back 12 to 15 years, and covered crimes in many states, from public drunkenness to attempted rape.

Both men had escaped from jail or prison on one or two occasions, and asked Judge Sink to send them back to "make-up" their time.

Judge Sink said: "By the time you serve the sentences I am going to give you, both of you will be so old that these past sentences will be forgotten."

John Langford was sentenced 20 to 25 years at hard labor in the state prison, and Jack Langford from 25 to 30 years. Judge Sink added in both sentences for the record and commitment papers to the state prison officials, "These are dangerous and professional criminals, and should be subject to careful watching at all times."

When Judge Sink finished dictating the sentences, one of the men rose and made a sarcastic remark, but four officers closed in and took the two mumbling men back to the jail.

Two Men Arrested Here For Car Theft From Los Angeles

Frank Walker, formerly of Waynesville and Arnold Edward Syntinger, Seattle, Wash., were arrested here last week by local officers for the theft of a 1937 Plymouth sedan from a parking lot in Los Angeles, Calif.

The two men were given a hearing before W. H. Noland and were bound over to federal court on \$2,000 bond.

Jerry Rogers and Hub Ruff were the local officers making the arrest.

Annual AAA Elections Set In County December 2, 3

The annual election of the committeemen of the agricultural conservation program will be held in Haywood county, Thursday, December 2.

A nominating meeting has been held in every community for the purpose of nominating men to serve in the following committee offices: chairman, vice-chairman, regular member, first alternate, second alternate and a delegate. Following is a list of polls:

Movie Stars Visit Here



Mr. and Mrs. Frederick March were Waynesville visitors last week, having stayed several days at The Lodge, resting after finishing a picture "Christopher Columbus" in England. Mr. March won the Academy Award in 1947, and Mrs. March is known as Florence Eldridge. Both have roles in the new picture, "The Best Years of Our Lives," which won 7 awards last year. This is a Mountaineer photo by Ingram's Studio.

Frederic March, Noted Movie Actor, Spends 3 Days In Waynesville

By W. CURTIS RUSS

Shortly before noon Saturday a friend called to say that Frederic March, the famous movie actor was in town with his charming wife, an actress, Florence Eldridge.

"You mean Frederic March who (See Movie Star—Page 2)

Police Trap Three Men With Dope And Accessories

Two suspicious men going from drug store to drug store here attracted the eye of Policeman Jerry Rogers. He watched them carefully, and followed them down a crowded street, and when they saw they were being followed, ran to a waiting car and drove off, but not before their license number was taken by Mr. Rogers.

He called the Canton police by radio and they were on the lookout for the car and three men. In due time the trio arrived, were stopped and searched and a quantity of dope and needles were found as were a number of pass keys. Officers feel the men were getting the lay-out of the drug stores with the prospect of looting them for dope later.

The trio will be tried in Canton police court.

Corpening Commends All Workers

Wayne Corpening, county agent and general chairman of the second annual Tobacco Harvest Festival, which ended Saturday night after four successful days, commended every one that assisted in the festival.

He said that the very good success of the event was due to the untiring work and cooperation that was extended by all participants.

The stores, civic organizations and companies are to be especially congratulated for the wonderful floats which they entered in the gigantic parade. Mr. Corpening commented.

In spite of the adverse weather conditions Friday afternoon, the parade was one of the best events ever to be staged in Western North Carolina, the general chairman proudly asserted.

The Tobacco Harvest Festival presented the Haywood County Singing Convention with 100 books in recognition of the fine way they handled the singing program during the festival Friday night.

The Merchants Association, with Dave Felmet at the helm, is undertaking early plans for next year's third annual Tobacco Harvest Festival in an attempt to make it bigger and better than the one just completed.

Ballentine Urges Better Agriculture

"We must build our agriculture and gear it to industry for a better state," Lt. Gov. L. Y. Ballentine told an audience that filled the court room to overflowing here Friday afternoon.

"Here in Haywood county you should grow more grasses, improve pastures and increase livestock production, instead of increasing your row crops," Mr. Ballentine said, as he praised the county for having such a diversified agricultural program.

Agriculture Head Mr. Ballentine will become Commissioner of Agriculture on January first, and pledged that he plans to extend the program of (See Ballentine—Page 6)

Big Rainfall Floods Several County Creeks

A rainfall of 3.64 inches on Saturday night and Sunday sent Haywood creeks and rivers to flood stage, with many low places resembling lakes.

As far as could be learned, the greatest damage was to the water system at Clyde. The system was flooded and left the town without drinking water for 18 hours. The Clyde school was closed all day Monday, although the water system was in operation again about 9:30 Monday morning.

The official weather observer (See Rainfall—Page 2)

Bank To Remain Open For County Burley Growers

As an accommodation to burley growers, the First National Bank will keep a special tellers window open until three o'clock daily to cash tobacco checks.

This is the first time this service has been inaugurated here. Officials felt that it is too dangerous for growers to carry large sums of cash, and are offering this service as a matter of convenience and safety for farmers.

The service will continue until Christmas.



21 SHOPPING DAYS TILL CHRISTMAS

Tobacco Queen Bonnie



MISS BONNIE TRANTHAM, of Fines Creek, is shown just after being crowned tobacco festival queen for 1948 here Saturday night. Miss Peggy Noland, queen for 1947 placed the crown on Queen Bonnie's head. Miss Trantham represented the Fines Creek school. This is a Mountaineer photo by Ingram's Studio.

Bonnie Trantham Crowned Queen Of Tobacco Festival

By CARROLL POPLIN

Highway Post Office Makes Initial Run

The highway post office made the first regular run Monday morning, arriving here right on the dot of 7:06 with mail from Asheville.

A special run of the bus was made Saturday, with but a few people taking advantage of it, inspecting it at 7:15 Saturday morning.

Glamorous Bonnie Trantham of Fines Creek was crowned queen of the 1948 Tobacco Harvest Festival during ceremonies before 2,500 satisfied persons at the farmory Saturday night as the concluding feature of the four-day festivities.

Miss Trantham, wearing a lovely dress and a charming smile, was the popular choice of the crowded (See Tobacco Queen—Page 2)

Top Quality Burley Hits Around \$64

The burley tobacco markets opened in Asheville Monday morning with an early average price of \$52.84 per 100 pounds, with the top quality grades reaching a high of \$64, it was reported yesterday by market officials.

A large portion of Haywood county's two million pound crop was in the market on opening day. Wayne Corpening, county agent, who attended the sales, revealed. He said growers were optimistic the leaf will bring record prices this year. Buyers seemed to be well satisfied by the quality of the burley crop.

Mr. Corpening stated that the early sales was a good example where tobacco was properly graded and Haywood farmers were receiving more money for that reason.

The government under the support price program was getting better tobacco, whereas if the support was not in effect and the government grader had not graded the tobacco in a grade where it would receive over \$60, much of the burley tobacco would be selling at a lower price. Mr. Corpening revealed.

A large representation of Haywood county burley growers attended the 19th annual burley tobacco sales season which was marked with optimism.

The early average was based on a sampling of 13,006 pounds of tobacco which sold for a total of \$6,971.85. Buyers, who expected to claim about 250,000 pounds of leaf during the day, said the price would be above last year's opening record of \$50.

Hutson Says Farm Prices Are Higher

A nearly packed crowd heard an inspiring address by J. B. Hutson, former Assistant Secretary of Agriculture and now president of Tobacco Associates, Inc., of Washington, D. C., as a highlight of the closing day's session of the second annual Tobacco Harvest Festival at the courthouse Saturday morning.

Mr. Hutson stressed that farm prices had advanced more during the past ten years than costs in general, saying that at the peak farm prices were nearly three times that of the pre-war level.

Farm Prices He said that although most people agree that farm prices have passed their peak, chances appear favorable during the next two or (See Hutson—Page 3)

Mrs. McKee's Funeral Held On Monday

By ELEANOR B. SLOAN

On rare occasions we are privileged to know a person whose personality is so radiant with a keen interest in every good cause and a consuming desire to better conditions that need it, it is almost impossible to grasp the fact that such a life could end.

Such a person was Mrs. E. L. McKee of Sylva.

At lunch with her on Saturday at the Towne House I found her gracious and charming as always, her wit as keen as when I first knew (See Mrs McKee—Page 6)

Highway Record For 1948 (To Date)

In Haywood Killed 7 Injured . . . 41

(This information compiled from Records of State Highway Patrol.)



Pvt. Williams Rites Held Monday

Funeral rites were conducted yesterday afternoon at Allens Creek Baptist church for Pvt. Edward Williams, son of Alfred Williams and the late Mrs. Delia Page Williams, who was killed in action in Italy on October 18, 1943.



Last Rites For Pvt. H. M. Smith Held Sunday

Funeral services were held Monday at 2:30 p.m. in Barbersville Baptist Church for Pvt. Haywood M. Smith, 37, son of Tom Smith and the late Mrs. Smith of Waynesville, R.F.D. No. 2, who was killed in action November 5, 1944, in Italy.



Pfc. Glenn Price Rites Are Set Today At 2 P. M.

Funeral services for Pfc. Glenn Price, 20, son of Hayden Price and the late Mrs. Price of the Turkey Creek section of Haywood county, killed in action in Italy January 1, 1945, will be held Tuesday at 2 p. m. at Hiram Rogers Baptist church.

Min.	Rain
45	.32
43	.12
42	.05
40	.09
38	.08
32	.09
42	.44
40	3.20

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