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LOCAL FARMERS BENEFIT FROM AAA DURING YEAR

Two Thousand Tons of Phosphate Used on Pastures and Cover Crops This Year, in Triple-A Farm Improvement Program; Government Shares in Costs

Watauga county farmers participating in the agricultural conservation program put approximately 2,000 tons of phosphate on pasture, and cover crops in 1946, thereby conserving and improving the nutritional value of their crops, according to Ned Glenn, chairman of the county agricultural conservation committee.

The amount of phosphate this year is about 400 tons more than last year, an amount 50 per cent larger than anticipated when it was apparent earlier in the season that it would be impossible to supply all the needs of the participating farmers.

Experts now agree that there must be certain quantities of minerals in the soil if life is to continue," Mr. Glenn explained. "These minerals are numerous and some are needed in small amounts, but phosphorus—along with nitrogen, potassium and calcium, is needed in large quantities."

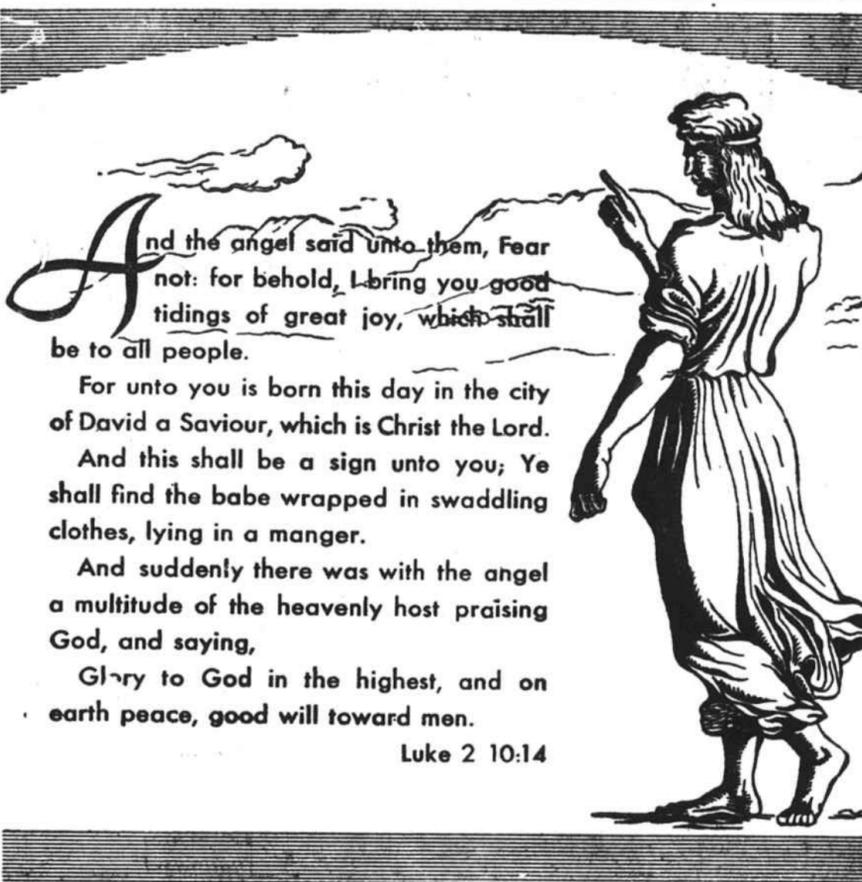
Mr. Glenn said that application of phosphate is only one of the several important soil-building practices carried out in Watauga county under the agricultural conservation program. ACP aims at more and better feed for all consumers, as well as land, higher yields, and profits for farmers.

A little later farmers will be getting together with their farmer committees to figure out their conservation needs for the coming year. Farmers are expected to use more phosphate next year. Other major soil-building practices that will be encouraged during the new year are: lime, potash, winter cover crops, crimson clover, ryegrass, Austrian winter peas, and hairy vetch, plowing under small grain, seeding and re-seeding pastures, turning under red clover, mowing pastures, and seeding or improving meadows.

Under ACP, the government shares with the farmer the cost of carrying out soil-building practices and water conservation measures. Additional information conservation practices to be encouraged in Watauga county during 1947 may be obtained from the county office in Boone.

FURNITURE FIRM OPENS BUILDING
Edmisten Furniture Company to Open Modern Building on King Street

The Edmisten Furniture Company celebrates its second anniversary with the formal opening of its elegant new building on the principal street of the town, just opposite the courthouse Saturday, December 28th, and details of the opening are carried on page eight of this newspaper today.



And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

Luke 2 10:14

GRADUATES HEAR NOTED MINISTER

Dr. Luther Little of Charlotte, Delivers Address at College Finals

Taking for his subject, "The Crowned Life," Dr. Luther Little of Charlotte, delivered the graduating address at the winter commencement exercises held at Appalachian State Teachers College Wednesday evening.

The topic was discussed in the light of the choice of a right vocation, an attractive personality, the best equipment, continued mental growth, and the use of one's talents in building a right Southland and a right world, dedicated to the Creator.

Those receiving B. S. Degrees were: Gloria Grill, Valdese; Lilly Campbell Garvey, Cum Laude, Knoxville, Tenn.; Silver Miller, Cum Laude, West Jefferson; Betty Cline, Newton; Lewis Hill Jenkins, Cum Laude, N. Wilkesboro; William B. Rankin, Salisbury; Tillie Eaker, Crouse; Bettye Ellis, Boone; Rosena Burton, Winston-Salem; Una Lee Richardson, Cum Laude, Sparta; Ruth Bailey, Toecane; Wayne J. Caudill, N. Wilkesboro; Reeves Edens, Rowland; Madge C. Maxfield, Honaker, Virginia; Walter B. Miller, Clifton.

Earthquake in Japan Takes Many Lives

Tokyo, Dec. 21—A deadly earthquake, ranked as possibly the heaviest in world history and followed by at least six tremendous sea waves, wrought havoc in more than 60,000 square miles of southern Japan today, taking a high but still undetermined total of lives.

Fragmentary reports assembled by the United States army and Japanese agencies through ravaged communications listed at least 500 Japanese known dead, 43 missing and 612 injured, with many districts not yet heard from at all.

No American personnel of any sort, military or civilian, were among the casualties reported. One British soldier was reported missing.

Striking in the predawn darkness of 4:20 a. m. Friday, the gigantic earth tremor shook an area of Japan stretching southwest from about 90 miles below Tokyo into the island of Kyushu, a distance of 450 miles.

A joint program has been undertaken by the United States, Great Britain, Australia and Siam to speed the output of tin in Siam. The United States is expected to get substantially larger tin supplies in 1947 under the arrangement, according to the State Department.

'God Bless You All'

Another year of Life's little uncertainties and worries has all but passed, and the traditional season of Good Cheer is upon us. Somehow the Christmas season erases from memory so many of the past year's irritants that we wonder why we ever worried at all! It will be good to gather around the hearth again with family and friends.

The cracking of nuts, the popping of corn, the banter of adults, the laughter of children, the opening of presents—well, it all adds up to another glad Christmas. We know again that Life has been good, that every day has been worth living, and that many more happy holiday seasons are coming. It's time for good wishes and good cheer, and for the warmest, finest greeting of all:



We who publish your newspaper wish you and yours A MERRY CHRISTMAS!

State Teachers Favor S. Piedmont Plan For Higher Pay

Raleigh, Dec. 21—Enthusiastic support of the so-called South Piedmont plan for teacher salary increases in the state was voted unanimously here today by over 150 classroom teachers.

The meeting, called by Margery Alexander, a teacher in the Charlotte primary system, was held despite the lack of official stamp of the executive council of the classroom teachers' department of the North Carolina Education Association.

Mrs. Nancy L. Jones Dies at Advanced Age

Mrs. Nancy Louise Stanbury Jones, 82 years of age, died on Wednesday at the residence Boone, R. F. D. 2, following a lingering illness.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday afternoon at 2:30 from the Meat Camp Baptist Church by Rev. R. C. Eggers and Rev. W. D. Ashley. Interment was in the church cemetery, with Reins-Sturdivant Funeral home taking care of the details.

Eugene Talmadge, Governor-Elect of Georgia, Is Dead

Atlanta, Dec. 21—Eugene Talmadge, one of Georgia's most colorful public figures, died today, scarcely three weeks before he would have been inaugurated for a fourth time as governor.

The red-gallus advocate of white supremacy, who made 272 speeches against doctor's orders in a bitter Democratic primary last summer, succumbed at 7 a. m. An attending physician said Talmadge was aware since Tuesday that he was dying, and voiced anxiety concerning the political future of Georgia after his death.

Governor Ellis Arnell ordered the state capitol closed today and Monday, and said Talmadge's body would lie in state from 2 to 5 p. m. Sunday in the capitol rotunda. As an expression of official respect, Arnell said he and elected state house officers would attend the funeral at 2 p. m. Monday at Talmadge's farm home on Sugar Creek, near McRae, Ga.

Dry Goods Stores Decide to Open Jan. 1

At press time today six of the city's dry goods establishments decided to remain open on January 1.

TOBACCO SALES OVER 3 MILLION ON LOCAL MART

Last Auction Sales of Pre-Christmas Season Held Last Friday; Receipts to Continue Through Holidays; Sales May Start Dec. 30

Sales of tobacco on the Boone Burley market reached the total of 3,007,858 pounds at the close of the pre-holiday auctions last Friday, and the market is expected to open for the remainder of the current selling season on December 30th, unless some change is made in present plans.

Warehousemen report that at floors of the market are clear of the weed for the first time in the history of the market, and state that heavy receipts are expected before the re-opening of sales, due to improved grading weather. They again state that farmer may always unload in Boone, and urge planters to continue their marketing here.

The Farmers Burley Warehouse was first to close for the holidays having conducted their last sale on Thursday, when, Mr. C. C. Taylor reports, 259,778 pound was sold for \$104,143.40, for an average of \$40.88 per hundred. Mr. Taylor states that his average for the last two and a half sales is better than 40 cents, and that his season's poundage is 1,126,000. He asks that farmers bring their weed when convenient right on through the holidays, and it will be promptly taken care of.

Mr. R. C. Coleman got the last sale of the pre-Christmas season at the No. 1 Mountain Burley warehouse last Friday, and reports that 1,881,858 pounds have been disposed of on his floors during the season. He states that there is plenty of room for tobacco on his floors and asks the farmers to continue to bring their tobacco during the recess of sales, and that there will be men on hand to take care of the weed at all times, except Christmas day.

XMAS CLOSING DATES GIVEN

Stores of Town and Public Offices to Close Both Wednesday and Thursday

The stores of the town, practically without exception, together with the county and city offices will close both Christmas day and Thursday, as a holiday vacation period.

The bank will likewise be closed two days, while the post-office will only close the delivery and stamp windows Christmas day, it is said.

It is announced by the Merchants Association that a majority of the stores of the city will be closed on New Year's Day.

AAA Farmers Must Report Practices by End of December

Watauga county farmers participating in the 1946 agricultural conservation program, who have carried out soil building practices during the year, are again urged by AAA chairman Ned Glenn to report their practices and file their application for payment by December 31. "In the past, many farmers have lost a cash payment by failing to file their application before the closing date," said Mr. Glenn.

A number of farmers indicated on their farm plan last spring that they would purchase materials such as lime, phosphate and seeds and have not reported carrying out practices with these materials. It is important that this be done before the closing date.

Practices carried out in 1946 on which participating farmers are eligible for payment are: Lime, phosphate, seeding winter cover crops in the fall of 1946 such as crimson clover, ryegrass, Austrian winter peas, and hairy vetch, turning under small grain in the spring of 1946, and seeding and re-seeding pastures.

SERVICE PRISONERS

The Army and Navy will free 1,170 prisoners for Christmas. All those to be freed have records of good conduct as prisoners and their sentences would have expired early next year. The Army is releasing 1,345 general prisoners and the Navy, 425.

Pastor and Wife



Dr. W. G. Bond, new pastor of the Boone Baptist Church, and Mrs. Bond.

DR. BOND IS NEW PASTOR LOCAL BAPTIST CHURCH

Kentucky Divine to Hold Special Service January 1; Graduate of Richmond and Baptist Seminary; Miss Boone Quits as Church Secretary

Dr. W. G. Bond, pastor of the Erlanger Baptist Church, Erlanger, Ky., has been called to the pastorate of the Boone Baptist Church, and will be in charge of a special service to be held Wednesday evening January 1 at 7 o'clock in the church auditorium, following which an informal reception will be held. The public is cordially invited to attend this service and it is stated that Dr. Bond will fill the local pulpit at the regular Sunday services beginning the first Sunday in January.

Native Of Carolina
Dr. Bond is a native of Edenton, N. C., a graduate of the University of Richmond and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and received his degree of Doctor of Theology two years ago. He has been the pastor of the Erlanger church four years, the church having made notable progress during the period. A mission chapel was built under his leadership and he was active in civic and educational enterprises. He served two years as chairman of the board of the North Bend Association and is president of the Northern Kentucky Baptist Pastor's Conference. He is a director of the Erlanger Rotary Club.

Mrs. Bond is a native of Richmond, Va., and is a daughter of Rev. R. B. Watkins, pastor of Raleigh Probes Memorial Baptist Church of that city. He attended the University of Louisville and the W. M. U. training school of the Seminary at Louisville, Ky.

The local church feels fortunate in securing Dr. and Mrs. Bond as the leaders of the church, to carry on the work so ably done previously by Rev. J. C. Canipe. Dr. Luther Little, former pastor of the First Baptist Church of Charlotte, has acted as supply pastor for the congregation during December.

Miss Boone Resigns
It is with regret that the church loses the service of Miss Duffie Boone, as church secretary, her resignation being effective as of December 31. Miss Boone, it is stated, has done a remarkable work in setting up the records of the church and otherwise keeping church activities going during the period in which the church had no pastor. She is returning to the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary to complete the work for her degree at that institution.

RULES DURING FIRE ARE CITED

Fire Chief Asks Co-operation of Public When Fire Alarm Sounds

Joe Crawford, chief of the Boone Fire Department, respectfully asks that the people of the town observe the following simple rules, when the fire alarm is sounded, in order to aid in the preservation of property:

1. All members of the fire department please report to the fire station at the city hall for instructions unless you are aware of the location of the fire.
2. The public should not call the telephone exchange under any circumstances. If you must call about the fire, call 85 at city hall, and they will give the information when possible. But it will be much better to delay your call, rather than cause confusion. Every minute counts when we are trying to get information in order to answer an alarm.
3. Those not with the fire department should keep out of the way of the fire engine, and desist at all times from driving over a hose.

Early Edition Local Paper This Week

The Democrat this week is mailed Monday, in order that the publisher and employees may enjoy a Christmas vacation period at their homes. Accordingly this edition is hurriedly prepared, and due to early press-time is not as comprehensive as usual, which is regretted.

The local newspaper closes for no other holiday but Christmas during the year, is published regularly 52 times a year, regardless of holidays, and is proud of its record of uninterrupted service. The newspaper office will be closed Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, and will reopen Saturday morning to remain open every week day until Christmas 1947.

HOUSING

In a wide removal and easing of restrictions, President Truman has opened home building to all citizens. He announced a "vigorous" Federal housing program for 1947, which turns the problem of providing homes over to private enterprise with virtually no restrictions. Rent ceilings are not affected by the action, except in new construction.

FATALLY HURT IN AUTO CRASH

John Andrew Tester of Beech Creek Succumbs in Banner Elk Hospital Thursday

John Andrew Tester, 33, resident of the Beech Creek neighborhood, died at Grace Hospital, Banner Elk, Thursday from injuries received in an automobile accident which occurred twenty-four hours prior to his death.

Information is that the automobile driven by Mr. Tester left the road between Beech Creek and Whaley Postoffice, and that Mr. Tester died from head and chest injuries received in the accident. One of his brothers, a passenger in the car at the time, was said to have been seriously injured and is a patient at Banner Elk.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday at 1 o'clock from the Antioch Baptist Church by Rev. W. C. Payne, and Rev. Raymond Hendrix, and burial was in the Harmon cemetery at Sugar Grove by Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home.

The widow survives together with twin sons, Ned and Ted of the home; the parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Tester, five brothers and one sister: Victor Tester, Rominger; William, Thomas, Herbert, J. B. Tester, Sugar Grove; Miss Marion L. Tester, Sugar Grove.

HILLARD INFANT DIES

An infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hillard of Vilas, died at Banner Elk Hospital Wednesday, and interment was in Cove Creek cemetery Thursday. Rev. Mr. Middleton conducted graveside rites.