

KING STREET

BY ROB RIVERS

IT IS A GOOD THING to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name.

THANKSGIVING, partially overclouded by the start of the Christmas activities... largely obscured by football and other un-related activities...

WHETHER we "thank with brief thanksgiving" or are merely glad we have inherited these untold bounties, we wouldn't know...

Most of the Democrat staff at the Burley Bowl today, giving sideline support for Appalachian...

EARLY SEED CATALOG comes our way, and a glance through its pages brings a breath of summer time...

WOMAN OF THE YEAR



Seventy-year-old Dr. Lillian M. Gilbreth was honored as America's most outstanding woman recently at the annual dinner of the American Woman's Association in New York.

Brother Boone Man Is Slain In Charlotte

Beaver Dam Pioneer Dies

James Elbert Farthing, 94, retired farmer of the Bethel community, died at his home Nov. 16th, following a long illness.

Voting Places For AAA Given

On December 2 farmers of Watauga county will have an opportunity to elect committeemen to administer the 1949 Agricultural Conservation Program.

Rites Held For J. M. Edmisten

Last rites were held for John M. Edmisten, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Edmisten of Beaver Dam township, Saturday at 2 o'clock.

Joe Minor Is With Democrat

Mr. Joe Minor, recently of Kernersville, has accepted a position with the Democrat and assumed his new duties Monday.

MARCH DIMES EFFORT TO BE AMBITIOUS ONE

Prevalence of Polio Causes Organization to Set Carolina Goal at One Million Dollars; Bob Agle Heads Local Campaign.

The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, Inc. has announced the most ambitious "March Of Dimes" campaign thus far.

In view of the prevalence and severity of this disease in North Carolina recently, our state organization has set as its goal for the coming March Of Dimes campaign the sum of one million dollars.

The 1948 campaign in Watauga was the most successful one ever promoted in this county. A sum totaling more than \$2100 was raised.

The next campaign begins January 14, 1949 and continues through January 31. The local chairman of the "March Of Dimes" Mr. R. E. Agle and the committee working with him expect the people of this county to far exceed the contributions of other years.

Sheriff's Men Get Liquor Plant

Sheriff's officers destroyed a 110 gallon still, manufactured from two steel drums, and storage vats of 4,000 gallons capacity in a raid made in the Sampson area Saturday.

Local Herefords Given Prizes At Asheville Show

The 13th Annual North Carolina Fat Stock Show and Sale was held in Asheville on last Wednesday and Thursday.

Virginia Woman Is Killed Near Sparta

Galax, Va.—Miss Frances Bryant of Galax was killed and two other persons were injured, one seriously, when the car in which they were riding left the road and crashed into a tree near Sparta early Saturday morning.

Stores Close For Holiday

Practically all the stores, and other places of business will be closed for Thanksgiving day, so that the employees may enjoy the holiday.

Christmas Opening, Burley Event Feature Big Parade



Max Sockwell, 16, a 4-H Club member of McLeansville, N. C., is shown here with his twin heifers born on election day and named for the winning presidential candidates.

Million Pounds Leaf On Warehouse Floor

College Has Five Days Off

The end of the fall quarter at Appalachian State Teachers college comes simultaneously with the Thanksgiving season this year, and the students and faculty will have a holiday of five and one-half days.

Same Number Burley Inspectors Assigned

The Agriculture Department says it will assign the same number of inspectors as last year to burley tobacco auction markets for the 1948-49 season.

Auction sales of tobacco will start Monday at 9 o'clock on the floors of the Mountain Burley Warehouse no. 1 where a million pounds of choice weed is now on the baskets, and warehousemen report excellent prospects for favorable sales prices.

Mr. Roscoe Coleman, who has operated the local warehouses for the past nine years, says that the present receipts of tobacco are of the highest quality he has experienced on the local market.

Mr. Coleman again brings to Boone a complete staff of well trained men and women. Miss Harriett Sikes is the assistant manager, while R. C. Coleman, Jr., and Joe Coleman are likewise assistants in conducting the sales in the three big houses which constitute the local market.

The auctioneers are Herbert Brown of Damascus, Va., and Joe Coleman.

All major tobacco companies, as well as independent manufacturers are represented in the buying force, and for the first time in the history of the market the sales will be broadcast by radio direct from the market floors.

Farmers are reminded that due to the vast floor space afforded on the local market, there can be no delay in unloading, and that a quick sale, and courteous and helpful treatment is accorded at all times.

Gala Festival Set For Saturday

Colorful Floats, Band to Appear in Gay Pageant; Santa To Distribute Gifts; Xmas Lights to Be Turned On.

The annual Christmas opening and Burley Tobacco celebration will be held here next Saturday, marking the start of the holiday buying period, and the beginning of the sales on the local burley market next Monday.

Elaborate plans are being made for the large crowds which are expected to gather here for the twin attraction, and merchants and warehousemen alike predict a near-record volume of business during the remainder of the year.

Saturday's event will start with a radio broadcast from the square over the facilities of station WJHL, Johnson City, and the "man on the street" feature will be conducted by Happy Sam Fowler, publicist for the warehouses. A feature of the broadcast will be programs by the Boone High School band.

The colorful parade will start from the Gospel Tabernacle in East Boone immediately following the broadcast and will progress along King Street to the Highlander Motor Co., and back to the square where Santa Claus will take over and provide gifts for the children out of his huge pack.

More than 25 floats will take part in the parade which will be the most colorful in the history of these local merchandising events.

Workmen have completed the job of stringing the huge evergreen ropes, dotted with colored lights, down both sides of the street through the business district, and the decorations will be illuminated at dusk Saturday.

Merchants and tobacco men have cooperated in putting on the celebration, and most cordial welcome is extended to the people of Watauga and adjoining areas to be in Boone Saturday, and enjoy the occasion.

Talent Show Is Set For Friday

The pupils of the Boone Demonstration school will give a talent show on Friday, December third at the evening performance of the Appalachian Theatre. Each grade under the direction of the teacher will contribute a number on the program.

Jr. Red Cross Effort Meets With Success

Mrs. Joe Crawford who was in charge of the Jr. Red Cross drive in Watauga county reports that the drive has been most successful.

Each school in the county was contacted and a teacher-sponsor chosen. The following schools have returned a very satisfactory report:

- Cove Creek high, \$14.78; Cove Creek elementary, 10.03; Appalachian high, 16.18; Boone demonstration, 14.23; Deep Gap, 6.52; green Valley, 3.36; Upper Elk, 1.97; Lower Elk, 1.10; Bethel school, 5.31; Howard's Creek, 1.00; Cool Spring, 2.53; Wine-barger, 1.66; Rich Mt., 1.50; Bamboe, 1.50; Rutherford, 3.12; Presnell, 1.00; Blowing Rock school, 17.59; Rominger school, 1.00; Valle Crucis, 6.77.