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KING STREET

BY ROB RIVERS

AND IT CAME TO PASS in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.

(And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)

And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

And Joseph also went out from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, unto Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)

To be taxed with Mary, his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was, that while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flocks by night.

And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.

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.—St. Luke's Gospel, chapter two, verses one to fourteen.)

ST. LUKE'S CLASSIC STORY of the birth of the Christ child... the simple direct lines which tell of the event of old... of the occurrence which brought light and hope into the world, and changed the whole system of human behavior throughout the ages, is published in this newspaper each Christmas time... it is told and retold throughout the Christian world... a story which, though told long ago, does not grow old... the bright lights, the myriads of gifts, the excitement of the children, and the frenzied efforts of the adults to get all in readiness for the festive season... have failed to entirely obscure the meaning of the day... nineteen hundred and forty-eight years ago there came into being a new concept of conduct... a new theology, a new doctrine of the brotherhood of man, and the fatherhood of a merciful God... a plan of proper living and sane conduct, lavishly seasoned with the milk of human kindness... the greatest lesson in straight-shooting, square-thinking, and proper treatment of one's fellow man ever to be promulgated... a preaching of service to one's neighbor... to the hungry, to the lame and to the blind... a doctrine of compassion and of mercy toward the poor... a defense of God's "little people"... those whom He must have loved so well, 'cause there are so many of them... The Gospel of the Nazarene is often obscured in this topsy-turvy world... we drift far from the charmed course... but at Christmas time, we get sort of like we should be all the year round... generous, kind and thoughtful... we wonder if the widow across the hill or dale has a bare cupboard... we try to ascertain whether the destitute kiddies around the corner are going to be happy this one day... we try to do a lot of little things to lighten the load of a

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ON BOARD



William Winebarger and Charles A. Clay, two of the members of the new board of county commissioners, who took office this month. A picture of Chairman Harry Hamilton is not available at this time. (Photo of Winebarger by Palmer Blair; Clay by Stanley South.)

Rites Held For Casualty Of War

Funeral services were conducted December 15, from the Hope-well Methodist church, Boone, R. F. D. 2, for Benjamin Franklin Lookabill, 23, who was killed in Germany March 21, 1945, while serving as a private, first class, with the 12th armored division.

Rev. Ernest Stephens and Rev. Ed Blackburn of Todd were in charge of the rites, while the graveside services were by members of Watauga Post, American Legion.

The parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Lookabill, survive, with the following brothers and sisters: John, Don, Paul Lookabill, Miss Mary Lookabill, Mrs. George Winebarger.

Dr. Nourse says President Truman plans balanced budget.

German industrial production is at 73 per cent of 1936 level.

Russian workers resist campaign for higher output.

SURVEYOR



Charles F. Thompson, new county surveyor, who was sworn in the first Monday. Mr. Thompson's picture was taken in military uniform following the first war.

BURLEY SALES TO END TODAY; FOUR MILLION POUNDS SOLD

Tonnage This Year Shows Gain of Over Half Million Pounds Since Same Period Of Last Year; Coleman Warns Against Wet Tobacco

The last sales of the pre-Christmas burley tobacco season are being held on the Boone market today, and Warehouseman Roscoe Coleman states that final tabulations will show the sale of more than four million pounds since the opening, or a gain of about 600,000 pounds over the 1947 sales at this time.

The market will be closed until January 10, but meantime the houses are open for the receipt of tobacco right on through the holidays, and the same strong price trends which have been evidenced in the last few weeks are expected to prevail during the January sales.

Mr. Coleman is urging growers to keep their tobacco on the farm until it is in sound keeping order, and emphasized that wet leaf cannot be sold at a decent price. Mr. Coleman adds:

"The grower who waits until his tobacco dries out will realize the best price for his crop," Coleman added. "Unusually warm and humid weather during the stripping and marketing season has brought about the dangerous condition, that exists today. Excessive moisture is costing growers millions of dollars."

National Exams Will Be In City

The American Council on Education has announced the tenth annual administration of its National Teacher Examinations in Boone on Saturday, February 19 and Saturday, February 26, 1949.

The common examination battery, consisting of general education and professional information tests, will be given on February 19. Special examinations covering the subject matter to be taught will be administered on February 26.

The teacher examinations are conducted for the American council on education by the educational testing service. They are administered in Boone at Appalachian State Teachers College. H. R. Eggers, registrar of Appalachian State, will serve as local examiner.

Applicants for the teacher examinations should apply to Mr. Eggers in person or by mail during the month of December if possible. No applications may be received after January 20.

Seniors who plan to teach next year, especially in states other than North Carolina or students in the Department of Education will be examined at this center. Other candidates in this area may also take the examinations by applying to Mr. Eggers.

The teacher examinations are administered in a number of school systems and colleges throughout the United States on the announced dates. The results may be submitted to any co-operating school district or institution.

P.-T.A. SPONSORS PROGRAM

The P.-T.A. sponsored a program by the High School Choral Ensemble, directed by Mr. Hartwell, on Nov. 14, and on Dec. 17 they sponsored a Christmas program by the Band, directed by Mr. Blanton, the Glee Club, directed by Mrs. Nicholas Erneston, and the Dramatic Club, directed by Mary Edith Turner.

The Rev. Troutman, president of P.-T.A. reported that the organization had been asked to assist in the program to raise \$20,000 for the hospital project.

The next meeting will be held January 24th and all parents, teachers and interested persons are cordially invited to attend.



To its large family of readers, to its advertisers, printing patrons, and other friends and acquaintances, the Democrat extends the greetings of the season. Your cooperation, patronage, and friendship are gratefully acknowledged. Please accept our sincere good wishes for a Merry Christmas season, and a New Year filled with happiness, prosperity and contentment.

Holiday Trade Volume Heavy

Rites Are Held For Mrs. Canipe

Mrs. Elizabeth Hahn Canipe, 35, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin N. Hahn of Boone, died in a Hickory hospital Friday morning.

Funeral services were conducted at the Tabernacle Baptist church in West Hickory at three o'clock Sunday afternoon, by Rev. E. Hamlet and the Rev. S. B. Moss of Boone, and burial was in Oakwood cemetery.

Mrs. Canipe, who was reared in Boone, received her education at Appalachian High School and attended Appalachian College. She had made her home in Hickory for several years.

The husband, one daughter, and the parents survive. There are two sisters: Mrs. Mary Edith Wellborn of Boone, and Mrs. Margaret Brown of Winston-Salem.

What is not good for the swarm is not good for the bee.—Marcus Aurelius.

How blessings brighten as they take their flight.—Edward Young

\$2,100,000 Chicago holdup laid to man held in \$23 theft.

Christmas shopping got under way in dead earnest over the week-end, and retailers are heartened by the increased buying which was evidenced all along the street.

Despite the efforts to promote early shopping, buyers have been rather slow to respond, but the activity of the past few days leads merchants to believe that a record Christmas season will have been chalked up by the time Santa makes his final plans next Friday.

The stores have unusually large lines of gifts items this year, and the late shopper will be able to fill his lists quickly and economically.

Offices, Stores To Be Closed

All county offices will be closed at noon Friday and remain closed until Tuesday morning, in observance of Christmas, it is learned. Town offices will likewise be closed, and all stores of the city will be closed Christmas day and Monday.

Vermont Governor asks colleges to lift summer baseball ban.

IN CHRISTMAS PROGRAM



Some of the members of the choir of the Boone Baptist Church, who will appear in the annual Christmas program of music in the church auditorium Wednesday evening, December 22, at 7:30. Pictured are Dr. J. T. C. Wright, Sony Williams, Teddy Barnett, Misses Irma Norris, Rachel Ann Vance and Doris Fowler. (Photo by Palmer Blair.)

CIVIC LEADERS MAP PLANS TO RAISE FUNDS FOR HOSPITAL

Representatives of Various Organizations Get Together In Enthusiastic Endorsement of Hospital Expansion; Large Sum Already Pledged

Representatives of various organizations in the town and county met at the Skyland Restaurant last Friday noon to complete plans for an intensive fundraising campaign for the purchase of equipment for the expansion program being instituted at Watauga Hospital.

Enthusiastic approval of the plan to supply the county with standard hospital facilities was expressed by the gathering and Clyde R. Greene, chairman of the campaign, announced that \$4,500 had already been pledged, by four or five individuals. R. E. Agle presented a check from his company, being the first to make a contribution to the fund.

A communication from Dr. J. B. Whittington, who is assisting in purchasing the equipment, states that progress is being made, and he will be prepared to make his recommendations to the trustees in about a week, and soon thereafter it is hoped to place the order for the remaining equipment. The most of the equipment can be delivered in two or three weeks, it is said.

Masons Install New Officers

Snow Lodge no. 363, A. F. & A. M. installed new officers at the meeting held Friday evening. Dr. J. T. C. Wright acted as master of ceremonies, and the following were installed: R. E. Kelley, Worshipful Master; B. W. Stallings, Senior Warden; Martin L. Herman, Junior Warden; R. D. Hodges, Jr., Treasurer; J. E. Clay, Secretary; J. D. Cook, Senior Deacon; Jack Hodges, Junior Deacon; Russell D. Hodges, Marshal; T. M. Greet, Chaplain and W. S. Christian, Tyler.

FOREST FIRES

A decrease of 28 per cent in fires this year in national forests, as compared with 1947, has been reported by the Agriculture Department. A total of 7,821 fires occurred in national forests during the season just ended, or 2,963 fewer than in the corresponding period of last year. The burned-over area dropped from 245,692 acres last year to 160,807 this year, a decrease of 35 per cent.

DEMOCRAT ISSUES EARLY EDITION

The Democrat goes to its readers one day early this week in order that the publisher and others workers may enjoy the holidays. The office will be closed the remainder of the week—the only time in the year the Democrat takes a vacation. Business will be carried on as usual next Monday.

A large number of merchants have used this edition for Christmas greeting purposes, but a number have deferred their messages to friends and customers until New Year. These New Year greeting ads are available, and those wishing to greet their customers at year's end, may call 154 at any time during the holidays. Copy and illustrations are gladly supplied without extra cost.

INJURED IN WRECK

Miss Helen Hardin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar B. Hardin of Laxon received a broken thigh in an auto accident near Wilson, N. C. last Friday and is a patient in a hospital in that city. The other occupants of the car, including her parents, were not seriously injured.

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