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Date	High	Low	6 p.m.	Prev.
Nov. 27	60	44	47	06
Nov. 28	55	40	43	06
Nov. 29	56	33	40	06
Nov. 30	47	18	22	06
Dec. 1	44	06	40	06
Dec. 2	50	34	41	06
Dec. 3	48	28	36	06

1/4 inch snow and sleet.

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SIXTEEN PAGES—TWO SECTIONS

40 Wataugans To Attend Area Meet At Elkin Tonight

Registrants Are Sought By Service Board

Some difficulty is being experienced by the Watauga County Selective Service Board in contacting the registrants. The law requires that every registrant inform his Local Board of any change in his address, or any fact that might bear upon his classification. Local Board No. 96, Watauga County, requests all men who are registrants of the board to inform the board of their proper address and any information which should be considered by the board.

3,953 People Given X-Rays By T. B. Assn.

Each year the chest x-ray survey visits the county through the efforts of your tuberculosis association and health department, with the association paying all the expenses. Three thousand, nine hundred and fifty-three people were x-rayed last year, with the following results:

Number people required to have large x-rays—57.

Findings as follows:

Negative—24; suspected tuberculosis—4; pulmonary scar—7; healed primary tb—5; minimal tb—1; mod. advanced tb—2; far advanced tb—3; other pulmonary—1; cardiac—3; pleural changes—5; other pathology—4.

Tobacco Mart Has Biggest Day Monday

The Boone burley tobacco market had its biggest day of the season Monday, both in poundage and price, when 317,040 pounds of tobacco were sold for \$184,294.71, for an average price for the day of \$61.28.

In its first five selling days through Monday of this week, the market passed the million pound

Toys Sought For Needy

The Blowing Rock American Legion Post and Auxiliary are seeking used toys and toys that may be reconditioned to give to the underprivileged children at Christmas time.

Those having these toys which are no longer used or needed, are asked to bring them to the Blowing Rock fire station at once, in order that they may be reconditioned in time for Christmas delivery.



READY TO GO.—Hogheads of Burley have been loaded at Mountain Burley Warehouse, to be shipped out of Boone by the buyers. The tobacco was bought from farmers at the local auction, reworked and placed in the barrels ready for storage when it reaches its destination. Standing near the load are Sammy and Floyd Ray Garland, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Garland, Bakersville, Route 1, and Charles Cooper, son of Mrs. Nola Cooper of Bakersville. Mr. Garland says he has sold 12 crops on the local market and has been pleased each time. ("If I hadn't, I wouldn't keep coming back.") His 1957 crop was on the warehouse floor ready to be sold, he said, and he expected to get the "top dollar" because he had the "best crop" he had had in several years.—Staff photo by Joe Minor.

Chamber To Install Officers At Annual Banquet Session

Seal Sales In County Reach Total of \$467.

Total Christmas Seal Sales to date in Watauga county are \$467, according to Mr. Lyle B. Cook, local seal sale chairman.

In thanking all those who have helped in this work, Mr. Cook states that the campaign will continue through December. He reminds all who have not done so, that they should make remittance for the seals promptly.

G. M. Hartley Dies Tuesday

Granville M. Hartley, 84, resident of Boone, Route 3, died at Blowing Rock Hospital Tuesday evening of last week after a long illness.

Funeral services were held Thursday at 2 o'clock at the John's River Baptist Church in the Globe neighborhood and interment was in the Tolbert cemetery. The Rev. H. C. Crisp, the Rev. R. C. Cook, the Rev. Rex West and the Rev. Carlton Cox took part in the rites.

Mr. Hartley, a retired carpenter, is survived by four sons and six daughters: Frank Hartley, Linville; Donald Hartley, Blowing Rock; Ralph Hartley, Boone; Fred Hartley, Lenoir; Mrs. William Thompson, Mrs. Howard Coffey, Mrs. William Ford, Lenoir; Mrs. Claud Greene, Mrs. L. O. Tolbert, Mrs. John Broyhill, Blowing Rock; four brothers and one sister: J. L. Jake, Jeff and A. A. Hartley, Linville; Mrs. James Lyon, Boone. There are 50 grandchildren and 45 great grandchildren.

Mr. Tully Blair, president of Security Life & Trust Company of Winston-Salem, will address the Boone Chamber of Commerce at its annual Ladies Night and installation of officers meeting scheduled to be held Thursday, December 12, at 6:30 p. m. in the Elementary School cafeteria.

The following officers for the coming year, elected by the board of directors at a previous meeting, will be installed with appropriate ceremonies:

John B. Robinson, president, succeeding Glenn R. Andrews; O. K. Richardson, first vice-president; R. D. Hodges, Jr., second vice-president; and Alfred T. Adams, treasurer.

New directors to be installed include, Hugh Hagaman, Herman Anderson, Hal Johnson, Jack Williams, and Phil Vance.

The board of directors also named Herman W. Wilcox as President Emeritus, and designated the following honorary vice-presidents: Dr. W. H. Plemmons, W. R. Winkler, Clyde R. Greene, and Stanley A. Harris.

Mr. Blair, who has announced that his topic will be "The Second Mile," was first elected president of Security Life in 1949, served as chairman of the board and treasurer from January 1953 to February 1955, when he was again elected president. He began his life insurance career with the Pilot Life Insurance Company at Greensboro in 1913.

Decorations Contest Is Sponsored Again

The Boone Junior Womans Club, with the cooperation of the Home and Garden Department of the Worthwhile Club, the Blue Ridge Garden Club, the Gardenerettes and the Appalachian Garden Club, will sponsor the annual Christmas Decorations contest.

This year decoration entries must be registered by December 17. Judging will take place on the night of December 21.

In order to register an entry clip the entry blank found in this issue of the Watauga Democrat and return to Mrs. Gene Reece, Box 271, Boone, N. C., or call Mrs. Reese at AMherst 4-8208 on or before December 17.

Cash prizes will be awarded for best mantle, lawn, window, door and decorations done by children. Business organizations will be eligible for honorable mention.

Motor Deaths

Raleigh.—The Motor Vehicles Department's summary of traffic deaths through 10 a. m. December 2, shows:

Killed this year . . . 973

Killed to date last year . . . 1001

CONTEST BLANK FOR CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS CONTEST (Fill out, clip and paste to postcard and mail to Mrs. Gene Reece, Box 271, Boone, N. C.)

Name _____

Address _____

Check the following in which you wish to compete:

1—MANTLE () 4—DOOR ()

2—LAWN () 5—CHILDREN'S ()

3—WINDOW () 6—BUSINESS ()

Four Choral Groups Render Yule Music

Four different choral groups will present a program of Christmas music for the December meeting of the Boone Parent Teacher Association on Monday evening, December 9, at 7 o'clock, in the elementary school auditorium.

The four groups performing will be the Children's Choir and the Elementary Chorus, directed by Mrs. Gaynelle Wilson; and the Junior High Girls' Glee Club and the High School Mixed Chorus, directed by Miss Felicia Cash.

Student accompanists are Ruth Anne Williams, Carolyn Coffey, and Jackie Boswell.

All members of the PTA are urged to attend as well as friends of the schools.

Christmas Music

The Elementary Chorus will sing another program of Christmas music Tuesday morning at the regular college assembly in the Administration Building on the college campus.

Mrs. Tate's Room Gives Program

The students of Mrs. Tate's fourth grade will present a program for the lower grades' regular assembly Friday morning in the school auditorium. The program will be at 9 o'clock.

Parents and other interested persons are invited.

Santa Claus Will Arrive Saturday

Goodies To Be Distributed From Big Pack

Boone will be honored by a pre-Yule visit from Santa Claus on Saturday of this week, it has been announced by Leo Derrick, executive secretary of the Chamber of Commerce.

The jolly old gent with the white whiskers, red suit, and hearty laugh will be met at an undisclosed spot east of Boone and conveyed to the center of town on the fire truck. He is due to arrive at 11 a. m.

A police escort will be furnished by Chief Glenn Richardson, and the town fire siren will herald his arrival.

Christmas carols will be played over a loud speaker at the King and Depot Streets square, beginning at 10:30 a. m., and will continue until Santa makes his appearance.

Saint Nick will be armed with a bag of gifts and goodies for the children, and it is hoped that he will prolong his visit throughout most of the day.

Santa's visit is a part of the Christmas promotion planned by the Merchants Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, headed by R. D. Hodges, Jr.

Boone merchants have caught the Christmas spirit and have decorated their stores gaily as the heart of the Yule shopping season approaches.

A wide and wonderful collection of gift items in all categories has been assembled, and with stocks now at their peak, the Merchants Association urges shoppers to make their gift selections at the earliest possible moment, while a wider choice in all gift lines is available.

It is also believed by the merchants that this year, more than ever before, gift givers will be able to find everything they need for Christmas right here at home. They urge shoppers to "try your home stores first and we sincerely believe that you will not have to look any further for what you need and want."

Wm. C. Coffey Rites Are Held

William Carlton Coffey, 76, resident of Blowing Rock, Route 1, died Saturday at Watauga Hospital.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 10 o'clock at the Boone Fork Baptist Church. Rev. Robert Shore and Rev. Paul Pitts conducted the rites and burial was in White Springs cemetery.

Surviving are five sons and four daughters: Thomas, Joe, John, Albert, Jack Coffey, Blowing Rock; Mrs. Hub Church, Hickory; Mrs. Dillard Coffey, Mrs. Roby Coffey, Mrs. Coy Gragg, of Blowing Rock. There is one brother, James Coffey of Rutherfordton.



CHRISTMAS GREENERY.—Dillard Coffey unloads a truck of white pine wreaths at Wilcox Drug Co., which will be shipped out of Boone to distant towns to brighten the coming holiday season. Preparation of wreaths, roping and decorations is a principal industry in Watauga at this time of the year, and furnishes home employment for many residents. A steady stream of vehicles, bringing the greenery in and carrying it out can be noted any time of the day on W. Howard street.

Postmaster Advises Early Mailing Here

Acting Postmaster Lyle B. Cook today reemphasized to the citizens of Boone the need to shop and mail early this Christmas season, to speed the processing of Christmas mail.

Mr. Cook cautioned that putting off mailing Christmas cards and parcels until the last moment results in an extremely heavy burden being placed on the postal employees and postal facilities of the Boone post office and slows up the processing of mail.

Every facility of the local post office, he added, will be pressed into maximum service again this year so that the post office will be cleared of all Christmas mail that has been deposited in time for delivery by December 25.

"There are still some people who retain the mistaken idea that a gift or card arriving on Christmas Eve has a special significance," the postmaster noted. "It is the thought behind the gift or card, not the time of arrival which is the important consideration."

In an appeal to all citizens of the community, the postmaster praised the fine cooperation that has been extended by many local groups in the past years when record mail loads were processed and delivered and he asked that this same cooperation again be extended this year.

"By following such simple suggestions as mailing early, wrapping carefully using enough twine, tape, paper, etc., plainly printing the addresses and return addresses and using zone numbers, the citizens of Boone will be assured of the safe and timely arrival of their Christmas mail," Mr. Cook added.

For patrons' convenience the following hours will be observed at the parcel post and stamp windows in Boone during the period of December 12 through December 23: 8:00 a. m. to 6:00 p. m., including all days except Sundays.

Five billion a year is urged in U. S. school aid.

To Present Bach Christmas Oratorio



The Bach Christmas Oratorio will be given by the Appalachian State Teachers College Choir Sunday night at 8 o'clock, at the Boone Baptist Church, under the direction of Mrs. Virginia Wary Linney. The symphony orchestra, under

the direction of Nicholas Erneston, will assist with the performance. James Rooker, organist, and Sandy Bean, pianist, will accompany.

Soloists featured with the performance will be Peggy Carter,

Florence Payne, Ann Moon, sopranos; Susan Ford, alto; J. C. Boone and Everett Elledge, tenor; Daune Best, Larry Dove and Robert Dorton, basses.

All members of the PTA are urged to attend as well as friends of the schools.



BURLEY WAS SELLING GOOD and bringing a good price when this picture was taken. Tobacco is coming in strong for the Boone sales and most farmers seemed pleased with prices they are getting for their crop. Averages have been above \$60.00 since the season opened last month. Crowds of farmers and others who like to hear the auctioneer's chant are one hand at all the sales, and tobacco growers and their families may be seen on the streets and in the stores of Boone all during the week.