

**LOCAL AFFAIRS**

Miss Callie Greer and Mr. Rube Robinson of Lenoir spent the week-end with Miss Grace Gragg in Boone.

Miss Martha Hardin is spending a few days visiting with friends in Winston-Salem.

Mrs. Guy Foster of Linville is visiting for a few days with Mrs. Velma McGhee.

Mrs. Cora L. Council is considerably improved after having been right seriously ill for the past several days.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Hamby were business visitors to Charlotte on last Monday.

Mr. George Trippany and friends, Mr. and Mrs. Kirkey, of Massena, N. Y., visited last week with Mr. Trippany's son, Carl Trippany, at A. S. T. C., after having spent some time in Florida during which time they attended the A. S. T. C.-Southern football game at Lakeland.

Mrs. Asa Wilson has returned to her home at Silverstone after having spent two weeks in Hickory and Granite Falls with friends and relatives. Mrs. Wilson reports a very enjoyable visit.

Mr. J. M. Campbell of Vilas, who was a visitor in Boone Saturday, is able to walk by the aid of crutches after having had his leg broken a few weeks ago. He is expecting to regain the full use of the limb within a short time.

Mrs. John F. Hardin, who has been a patient at the Banner Elk hospital for the past two weeks, is reported as considerably improved. The news is welcomed by the many friends of the well-known lady.

Dr. B. E. Reeves of West Jefferson, accompanied by a daughter, Miss Nancy Ruth Reeves, editor of The Skyland Post, Mrs. C. M. Timmons and Master Edwin Duncan visited briefly with friends in the city Monday.

Mr. Bart R. Bryan, popular employee of the Boone Drug Company, has been confined to his home for several days with an attack of influenza or similar ailment. His physician says it will be several days before he is able to return to his work.

Rev. W. C. Payne, the pastor, and Rev. W. C. Sexton, evangelist, recently closed an unusually successful revival meeting at the Meat Camp Baptist Church. There were 38 additions to the church and Rev. Sexton states that he had the best attention that he had ever had at any church.

Readers of The Democrat are asked to peruse carefully the Christmas advertisements appearing this week. Due to heavy trade the first of the week, and resultant delay in securing much of the ad copy, the printing of extra pages was precluded and a crowded condition exists in these columns today. However, readers will be benefitted by the business messages, and it is hoped that they will recall the dozens of issues devoted overwhelmingly to reading matter, and forbear criticism for the omission of some of The Democrat's regular features.

**NEWS FROM VALLE CRUCIS**  
Dr. and Mrs. Robert O. Glenn of Mountain City had as dinner guests on Sunday Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Shull, Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Mast, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Mast, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Baird and Mr. C. D. Taylor of Valle Crucis; Mrs. Ira T. Johnston and son of West Jefferson.

Miss Nancy Taylor is visiting with friends in Charlotte and Winston-Salem.

Members of the Episcopal Church had their annual roll call and church dinner on Sunday. The new minister, Rev. Mr. Butt, failed to come. He is expected to arrive this week.

Mrs. R. A. Farthing and Mrs. C. D. Clark entertained the Missionary Society on Saturday afternoon. Several members were present. Refreshments were served.

Miss Sue Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Taylor, who has been county supervisor of Galatan, Tenn., was recently elected head of Woman's Work in the State of Tennessee.

Mrs. Joe C. Mast returned home Saturday after spending several days with her sister, Mrs. John Abernethy of Lincoln.

**MISSIONARY SOCIETY MEETS**  
The Woman's Missionary Society of the Lutheran Church met last Monday night with Mrs. J. A. Yount at the Caro-Jean Inn. The program topic was "Foreign Students in America," led by Mrs. Grady Moretz. Discussion revealed that there are thousands of students from foreign countries who attend school in America.

At the close of the meeting Mrs. Dowling, hostess of Caro-Jean Inn, served delicious refreshments.

**NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING**  
Notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the stockholders of the Watauga County Bank has been duly called and will be held at the Courthouse in the City of Boone, N. C., on the 27th day of December, 1934, at 1:30 p. m., for the purpose of electing directors, electing a trustee for the fractional shares of stock, and for the transaction of any other business which may legally be done by it at said meeting.

You are earnestly requested to be present in person. In the event of your inability to be present in person, please execute a proxy and return the same.

This 11th day of December, 1934.  
**WATAUGA COUNTY BANK**  
By G. P. Hagaman, Cashier.

**Boone High School News**

Contributed by the Boone High School Journalism Club.

**LET'S REMEMBER**

Crack! Bang! We have been hearing all over the campus since Thanksgiving the noisy reports of little firecrackers. They have been shot boldly in the halls and sometimes in the classrooms, but woe unto the pupil caught in the act for he is in danger of having to go home and be a student no more! Co-operate, students, and let's keep fireworks where they belong!

**WONDER WHY . . .**

The members of the Civic Sociology class are getting so social minded?

Frank Williams prefers a "Silly Soph"?

Mr. Crook doesn't trim his fingernails?

Esther Handy (a girl from the West) got acquainted so quickly, especially with Earnest Houck?

Mr. Pyattle reads so many of other people's letters (the French ones)?

And can you imagine . . .

A student body with all honest students?

A book being in the library when you want it?

Earl Greer and Olen Cooke fighting?

**EARLY LETTER TO SANTA**

Dear Santa Claus:

Times are getting worse and worse. I really don't know what this world is coming to. My chances of graduation have gone glimmering, as my teachers just don't understand me. My new pants got dirty this morning and I'm out of shoe polish; my girl is giving me the cold shoulder and me being only a country ham, I have to take it. Tom Moore and Raymond Hayes have taken Ada Grace Redmond away from me and nobody loves me any more. And on top of it all, the depression has hit me, because I have to "roll my own" as I can't afford anything but the makin's. They told me if I voted for Roosevelt I'd have an easy time, so on election day I voted three times before dinner for him and four times afterwards, and look where I am now. There just ain't no justice.

So I ask you only to bring me some sex appeal or something to ease my pain.

Despondently,

—EDWARD LOVILL.

P. S. Don't grin when you read this, Santa. There are plenty of Seniors in the same fix.

**RAMBLIN' AROUND**

Well, before Thanksgiving most everybody went around with a long face, undoubtedly wondering what they had to be thankful for, and now they're all wondering if there has been anything for which they should not be thankful; for didn't we get three days off for Thanksgiving, and haven't we got the promise of ten off for Christmas? Everything's rosy, eh? Well, I should say yes! . . . Listen, boys, if you want to know whether or not you are in the good graces of the fair sex, why just think back to see if they have ever told you that you or your actions were "cute" or not. If they have, then you're okay! . . . Ya know I read an interesting little poem the other day. It is: "A freshman stood on a burning deck. He knew not where to turn. 'Aw, what's the use?' he said, 'By heck, I'm too darn green to burn!'" Epitaph on the tombstone of an atheist: "All Dressed Up and No Place to Go." . . . In case you haven't heard, the latest bright sayings at B. H. S. are "The worst I ever heard!" and "Such crust!" . . . Oh, lady, you should have been at the seniors' party . . . a very, very sweet event! . . . I was very much amused the first day of the snow to see a small boy sliding down a slippery incline in a tin wash pan. . . . Oh, tee, hee! It's the funniest thing! You know the French students are corresponding with boys in France and then can hardly make out a word in the letters they receive. Therefore, their teacher has to interpret the missives for them, and their parents need have no fear of a romance resulting between "our" girls

and "their" boys. . . . Robert Quillen says that if a college professor gets to harpin' about sportsmanship, it means that the home team has lost the last several games. Ditto! . . . I guess I'd better run along. Did someone breathe a sigh of relief? Why you ungrateful wretch! Toodle-oo!—The Rambler.

**Home Loan Mortgages Prove Good Investment**

Wadesboro, N. C.—The home mortgage loan, after the severe test of the depression, has proven to be a superlatively safe investment, declares P. J. Kiker, Wadesboro, president of the North Carolina Building and Loan League. He points out that building and loan associations in this state which invest almost exclusively in home mortgages, have established a record for safety even better than the national average. While several small associations in the state have gone into voluntary liquidation during the lean years of the depression, most of these will pay their shareholders without any appreciable losses, he says.

Referring to recent statements issued by the Director of Education and Research for the American Savings, Building and Loan Institute, he says, "This reveals that there are three national institutions with seventy-nine million investors holding the majority of the twenty-one billion dollars of home mortgages in the United States. These are the Building and Loan Associations, the Life Insurance Companies and the Mutual Savings Banks."

"Of the total assets of building and loan associations at the beginning of

1930, representing investments of eleven million people, 98.727 per cent survived the four years of the depression intact," he said. "Similar investments by life insurance companies and mutual savings banks proved equally as safe."

**WELLBORN TRIPLET**

Of interest to friends here and throughout Northwest Carolina is the marriage of Miss Mabel Violet Triplett and Mr. Russell D. Wellborn of Deep Gap, which was solemnized at the home of the bride on Saturday afternoon, Dec. 8th, 4:30 o'clock, with Rev. W. C. Payne officiating.

Mrs. Wellborn is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Triplett and received her education at Boone High School. She is a young woman of attractive personality, and is popular with a wide circle of friends.

Mr. Wellborn is a son of Mrs. Sherman Wellborn, a graduate of Boone High School, and is one of the community's most enterprising young men.

A delightful wedding supper was served at the home of the bridegroom's mother, Mr. and Mrs. Wellborn will reside at Deep Gap.—Reported.

**SPECIAL NOTICES**

**LOST**—Between Foscoe and Valle Crucis on Saturday night, December 8, one truck tire and rim. Finder please notify E. B. Fox, Foscoe, N. C. Liberal reward.

**USED FURNITURE**—One iron bed, \$3.00; 1 heavy spring, \$4.00; 1 walnut dressing table, \$4.00; 1 5-burner oil stove with built-in oven, \$15.00; 1 oak cupboard, \$14.50; 2 kitchen tables, 24x36, \$2.00; 4 oak dining chairs, \$1.50 each; 1 sewing machine, \$8.00; 1 6-drawer sewing machine, drop-head type, \$15.00; radio cabinets, \$7.00 and up; 1 spring seat mahogany rocker, \$2.50. All the above furniture in good condition. Easy terms to responsible parties. High Land Furniture Co., "Everything for the Home," Depot St., Boone, N. C.

**MONEY TO LOAN**—On good security. See or write S. C. Eggers, Watauga Bank Building, Boone. 1tp

**LOST**—December 2nd, between Matney and Valle Crucis, one truck sheet. Finder please leave at Tester's Store, Matney. Reward. Clyde Tester. 1tp

**LOST**—On 8th, between Creston and Amantha, large new horse collar. Finder notify H. G. Perry, Amantha. Reward. 1tp

**MAN WANTED**—For Raleigh route of 800 families. Write today, Raleigh, Dept. NCL-56-SA, Richmond, Va.

**PASTIME THEATRE**  
BOONE, N. C.  
"PLACE OF GOOD SHOWS"

**Program for Week Of December 17th:**

**MONDAY, DEC. 17**  
"What Every Woman Knows"  
with HELEN HAYES

**TUESDAY, DEC. 18**  
"The Girl of the Limberlost"  
with MARIAN MARSH & RALPH MORGAN

**WEDNESDAY, DEC. 19**  
FUGITIVE LADY  
with FLORENCE RICE AND NEIL HAMILTON

**THURSDAY, DEC. 20**  
GAY DIVORCEE  
with GINGER ROBERTS AND FRED ASTAIRE

**FRIDAY, DEC. 21**  
"I AM A THIEF"  
with RICARDO CORTEZ AND MARY ASTOR

**SATURDAY, DEC. 22**  
Tombstone Canyon  
BOB STEELE

**Special Bargain Matinee, 10c, 15c**  
Night Shows, 10c and 25c.  
EVENINGS, 7:15 and 8:45  
MATINEE AT 3:00

**The LILLIAN MAE BEAUTY SHOPPE**

Opposite Critcher Hotel  
BOONE, NORTH CAROLINA



**CHRISTMAS SPECIAL UNTIL 24th:**

CROQUIGNOLE PERMANENT WAVES, with ringlet ends, only	\$1.50, \$3.00, \$5.00
OTHER WAVES	\$6.00, \$7.50, \$8.00
SHAMPOO, FINGER WAVE and Electric Manicure	\$1.00
SHAMPOO, FINGER WAVE and HAIR CUT	\$1.00
FACIALS, reduced to only	75c

Miss Lillian Mae Reichert, Manager

*For the Holidays*

**Gift Suggestions**

Fill your gift list this year from the drug store, economically and with the assurance that the recipients will be delighted with one of the handsome gifts we are displaying. For your convenience we make a few suggestions:

<b>FOR MEN:</b>	<b>FOR LADIES:</b>
Smoking Tobacco	Cutex Zipper Sets
Cigarettes	Toilet Sets
Cigars	Perfumes
Gift Pipes	Powders
Shaving Sets	Manicure Sets
Shaving Cream	Bath Powders
Safety Razors	Candy - Stationery

**Fountain Pens**

From now until Christmas we are offering a very liberal discount on Fountain Pens priced from \$5 up. A rare opportunity is presented to buy a Shaeffer Life-time pen at a low price.

**CHRISTMAS BOXES, WRAPPING PAPER, ETC.**

**Watauga Drug Store**  
C. L. RHYNE, Proprietor

**NOTICE--190 SHARES MATURED!**

WATAUGA BUILDING AND LOAN ASSOCIATION has just matured its fourteenth series, 190 shares of stock. This represents \$19,000.00 of cash and cancelled mortgages on homes of men, women and children of this county. It means that this number has by sacrifice and thrift earned profits of \$3,040.00; it means that 93 men, women and children can boast of a home free and clear of mortgages. We are very pleased to say that it is the intention of most of these shareholders, and probably all of them, to subscribe for shares in our January 1st series.

Why not think seriously at this Christmas time of opening a savings account in our association for some member of your family, or for yourself?

Won't you allow us the privilege and the pleasure of explaining the Building and Loan Plan to you at any time it is convenient?

**Watauga Building & Loan Association**  
W. H. GRAGG, Secretary  
Watauga Bank Building Boone, North Carolina