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The Week in Washington A RESUME OF GOVERNMEN-MENTAL HAPPENINGS IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

Washington, Dec. 13 .- Overshadow ing every other subject of discussion in the national capital is that of American preparedness for war. The program of national defense, which some refer to as the "fourth new deal," seems to be growing both in size and scope.

congress will give to the far-reaching and elaborate plans of the adminis- of the agricultural adjustment act fration. So far as those have been disclosed, they include not only a great enlargement of the nilitary and program. If all burley tobacco farmgreat enlargement of the unitary and maval armaments of the United States, but the inclusion of all Latin-America in any program which may be adopted.

The objective which President Roosevelt envisions is that of an American League of Nations, bound stated in the agricultural adjustment together by the common tie of democ-racy, united in the resistance to po-required to announce a marketing litical penetration and colonization quota for the next year. by the dictatorships of Europe and

Washington for the session which in this country and for export. The will begin January 3rd, questions as burley supply is now above that to how necessary the proposals for point. such an increase in the naion's fightsuch an increase in the naion's fight-ing strength really are, and how much it is all going to cost are at the tip of their tongues.

It is easier to answer the question It is easier to answer the question of cost than that of necessity. The tentative estimates for additional ex-penditures for army, navy and air forces run to about two bialon dol-lars. That is in addition to similar expenditures already authorized, smounting to nearly two billons, which is now being spent on building battleabips, destroyers, submarines and equipment for the army and the air force. The burley supply is above the quota level by more than it was when the 1933 was announced. The refer-endum which approved 1938 quotas was held last April 9, and of the 7,-isis growers who voted in the 16 coantien in this state 5,262 or them, or 73.5 per cent, approved the quota-plan. The vote in Watauga was 139 for and 282 against control. The was papears that the 1958 crop-will be about 50,000,000 pounds above the consumption level. This is refely

oceans with the most powerful navy the market. in the world, and provide adequate defense of both coasts against air raids by an enemy power. There is noticeable among the

being branded as unpatriotic and denounced as Fascists or Communists, there are several senators and many members of the house, not all of them opposed to the new deal for partisan or other reasons, and some of them men of considerable influence, who say that they will get out in front in opposition to the gigantic defense ogram, unless somebody shows

BURLEY GROWERS WILL DECIDE ON **MARKET QUOTAS**

Tobacco Farmers of County to Vote Saturday Whether They Will Market Their 1939 Crop With or Without Use of Marketing Quotas

Growers of burley tobacco have a choice to make on Saturday. They will decide whether to market their It is still too early to estimate the extent of the support which the new will decide whether to market their 1939 crop with or without the use of marketing quotes marketing quotas.

The marketing quota plan is a part whenever excess plantings or heavy vields cause the supply of burley to bacco to reach a certain high level

by the dictatorships of Europe and the Orient, and all relying upon the United States for leadership and for their first line of defense in case re-sort to arrus becomes necessary. Estimated at Two Billion As the senators and representa- buriey tobacco is above the level detives, new and old, begin to arrive in fined as the amount needed for use

ive in 1939.

The burley supply is above the

all force. Ey spending another two billions in the course of the next two or three years, army and navy men figure that America would be able on a few hours' notice to mobilize an the consumption level. This is they acre in 1938 If there had been no marketing quota this year, the total supply would be materially larger than at the present time. Without the consumption level. This is urgely effective, well-equipped army, to put marketing quotas, non-co-operators more than ten thousand fighting with the acreage allotment system planes into the air, to patrol both would be planted heavily and flood

Polling places for the December 17 referendum in the county are as follows

Courthouse Boone; Victor members of congress who will have this defense program laid in their laps, a disposition to question the at need of such extensive preparations W. W. Mast's store in Watauga. The for war at this time. At the risk of polls will be open from 9 a. m until sundown.

Any farmer in the county who has grown burley tobacco in 1938 may vote.

Funeral is Held

Funeral services were conducted at some hapless youngsters who, through

WHEN SANTA CLAUS VISITED THE CITY



Pictured here is Santa Claus and a few of the hundreds of children who thronged the streets of Boone to share his benevolences Saturday evening. Something more than five hundred packages were distributed by Santa Claus to the youngsters as the Christmas shopping season was ushered in. (Photo courtesy of Paul Weston, Boone Photo Shop.)

RITES FOR JOHN

Stores To Remain **Open in Evenings**

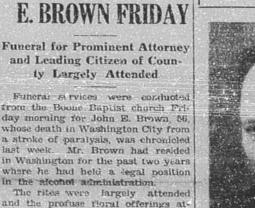
Beginning Monday evening stores of the city are to remain open each night until 9 o'clock, so to give shoppers the opportunity of inking care of their holiday buying even after closing hours Many county people will find it conventent to drive into town aftsuppor and make a tour of the stores, purchasing their gift items while the stocks are still complete and ample.

EMPTY STOCKING FUND IS SMALL

Little Interest Is Shown in Effort to Provide Cheer for **Destitute Children**

Four readers of The Democrat, out of a likely ninety-five hundred, have responded to the appeal made by The Democrat last week, for contributions with which to fill stockings in this immediate vicinity, which except for the thoughtfulness of we more fortunates, will hang empty by a chilled hearthstone on Christmas morn-

ing In former years, this appeal has met with a ready response from the people, and it is hoped that yet suf-For A. G. Story ficient contributions will be made to insure a glad Christmas morning for



Deceased Attorney

John E. Brown, Boone attorney

and former member of the state

senate, who died in Washington

City last week from a paralytic

The Democrat will go to press next

stroke.

tested the esteem in which the for-mer state senator and Boone post-master, was held in this locality. Many from a distance attended the services which were conducted by Rev. J. C. Canipe, Baptist pustor, who was assisted by Rev. Paul Town-send of the Methodist church. The body was taken to Mountain City,

COLLEGE CLOSES NEXT WEDNESDAY

Students to Return From Christ- Paper to Be Issued mas Holidays Jan. 3, County

Students at Appalachian College

SANTA CLAUS GETS **BIG HAND ON TRIP HERE SATUR DAY**

Holiday Shopping Season is Officially Opened Saturday **Evening; Santa Distributes** Gifts to Hundreds of Children Along Gaily Decorated Streets

A huge crowd gathered Saturday evening to greet Santa Claus on his trip to the city, to wait for the lighting of the Christmas decorations along the street, to enjoy the music and to inspect the elegant array of Christmas merchandise in the various stores and shops of the city. Santa Claus, rotund and genial, came to town in an ancient T model packed high with cartons of Ford. Yu'etide goodies, and children from the town and county pressed good-natured St. Nick to the point of suffocation as he handed out gift pack-ages galore. No less than five hundred children had candles, nuts and the ilke when Santa's ride through the city was concluded.

The streets contain more than twice the decorative materials used a year ago, and the holiday lights are generously employed, making the shopping district comparable to the best to be found in any of the smaller cities. The merchants report quite a orisk sale of gift items for the past few days, and prediction among most of the business men is that from now until Christmas the volume will increase, with the final analysis showing a decidedly larger turnover of Christmas merchandise than in

BURLEY BRINGS GOOD RETURNS

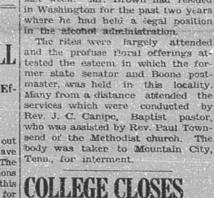
Grady Bradley Makes First Report on Weed Sale; Heavily **Favors Federal Control**

Mr. Grady Bradley of Vilas, comes forward with the first report on burley tobacco sales for the season in this county, having disposed of 1,192 pounds on last Monday for an average of 25% cents a pound or a lotal of \$302.85.

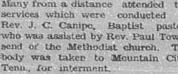
Mr. Bradicy tells The Democrat that he is heartily in favor of the present program of government control of the production of tobacco, but doubts the passage of the proposal when the matter is submitted to a vote of the farmers next Saturday.

The well-known and prosperous farmer says that for the three years previous to the federal tobacco quota program, his farm records indicate that the proceeds from 2.7 acres brought him an average of exactly 9 2.3 cents a pound, or a total of \$236. For the past three crops, un-der the "quota system," Mr. Bradley sold from 2.6 acres \$1,528.75 worth of the weed for an average of 37 Tuesday Next Week cents a pound.

Mr. Bradley, who states that he has made more money in the past Students at Appalachian College week Tuesday evening, rather than on four years from his farming activi-well be dismissed at 12 o'olock next Wednesday, in order that the force







Schools Close 22nd

