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## HOLIDAY LIGHTS TO BE TURNED ON SATURDAY NITE

Opening of Christmas Shopping Season in Connection With Tobacco Celebration! Santa Claus to Distribute Gifts as Streets Are Illuminated With Yuletide Lights and Decorations

The Christmas shopping season will get under way in Boone next Saturday evening when the Christmas lights to be installed by the Retail Merchants Association are to be turned on, when Santa Claus himself will be present to distribute gifts to the children of the county, and when the stores of the city will be resplendent with the widest variety of gift items displayed in the city in many years.

The town is co-operating with the business interests of the city in stringing huge ropes of evergreen on either side of the street in the business districts, and the Merchants Association, through the co-operation of the New River Light & Power Company will have the various colored lights in place in ample time for the opening.

The lights are to be turned on promptly at 5:30 and all the people of the surrounding territory are invited to be present and bring the kiddies to see Santa and to receive gifts.

Officials of the Merchants Association state that never have so many inducements been held out to the buying public of the Northwest section as at this time. The stores are literally jammed with gift items of every kind and price and description, and a record-breaking Christmas trade is in prospect.

## RED CROSS ADDS MANY MEMBERS

Roll Call Campaign Well Ahead of That of Last Year; a List of Those Joining

The Red Cross Roll Call campaign comes to an end today, and reports coming from Mrs. James H. Council, county chairman, and Mrs. H. B. Eggers, roll call chairman, indicate that this year the people have responded much more enthusiastically to the appeal of the organization than last. Following is a list of those joining, who have not hitherto been reported:

Boone: Starr Stacy, J. C. Roberts, Leonard Eury, Miss Jennie Todd, Ralph G. Greene, Mrs. Ralph G. Greene, Dr. J. B. Hagaman, Kelly Miles, Dr. Robert Busted, Ruby Wilson, Book Store, D. J. Cottrell, Mr. and Mrs. Flueie Stewart, R. W. Watkins, Rex Hagaman, Gordon and Mrs. Nash, Mrs. Raleigh Cottrell, Rev. J. C. Canipe, Mrs. C. W. Williams, Mrs. D. E. Benfield, L. L. Critcher, B. H. Watson, Mrs. J. E. Holscher, W. M. Grubbs, Mrs. John Howell, Mrs. D. D. Dougherty, Ed Culler, Ed G. Farthing, Mrs. Amos Abrams, Rev. Paul Townsend, Mrs. Carrie Smith, Mrs. J. D. Rankin, Mrs. E. N. Hahn, Mrs. Chappel Wilson, Mrs. Van G. Hinson, Reams-Sturdivant, Mayflower Beauty Shop, Mrs. W. F. Miller, C. M. Stiles, Mrs. Jennie Critcher, Mrs. Annie Coffey, C. H. Trotter, E. N. Hahn, T. M. Greer, Mrs. T. M. Greer, Harley Dotson, Smithy's Store, C. A. Price, Wiley Smith, J. W. Beach, M. Hostetler, Mrs. B. F. Williams, Appalachian Soda Shop, Mrs. Wiley Smith, Dr. E. T. Glenn, Mrs. E. T. Glenn, Miss Jennie Coffey, Dr. J. C. Farthing, Mrs. J. M. Moretz, Moretz Brothers Electric Co., Idecill Cooke, Linney Walker, Ideal Barber Shop, W. G. Hartzog, E. L. Teague.

Robert C. Rivers, Jim Rivers, Mrs. Cora L. Council, C. C. Wilcox, Thos. Miller, S. T. Moser, High Land Furniture Co., M. W. Beach, J. G. Huckins, Miss Mildred Elkins, Mrs. George Sawyer, W. H. Gragg, Mrs. R. L. Clay, C. M. Jones, W. E. Rush, J. F. Sherrill.

Contributors: Henry Baggett, Howard Cottrell, Ralph Estes, Roy Thompson, Wesley Honeycutt, J. O. Cook, T. H. Shull, Mrs. Frank Greene, Mrs. Herman Wilcox, Mrs. Bryant, Billy Stallings, Anna Kenner.

M. C. Miller, H. R. McGuire, J. R. Brendall, Mrs. Bowers, Tom Beach, D. P. Wyke.

Cove Creek: D. J. Brown, Ernest Hillard, Rev. J. W. Parker, Mrs. J. W. Parker, Miss Annie Smith, Jennie Love, Mrs. Roby Greer, Roy Ellison, Paul Bingham, Mrs. Dora Mast, T. J. Moody, Mrs. Maude Spainhour, Ophelia Bingham, Mrs. Ruth Mast, Vanda Whicker, Constance Shoun, Gladys Bingham, Blanche Stokes, Mrs. Odes Wilson, Mrs. Will Payne, Odes Wilson, B. W. Stallings.

United States families were divided among home owners and tenants in the ratio of 14 to 15 in the 1930 census.

## Justice Butler Dies



Washington, D. C.—Pierce Butler, associate justice of the United States supreme court, who died during his 73rd year.

## SHIPS CARRYING LOCAL GOODS SUNK

War Has Direct Effect on Mountain Root and Herb Business; Germany Not Buying

The war in Europe is having a direct effect on one Boone business firm, the root and herb house conducted by Mr. C. A. Wilcox, who tells the Democrat that already two ships carrying botanicals from the local warehouse have fallen prey to marine warfare.

The Dutch steamer Binnendijk, carrying in her hold considerable stores of herbs from the hill country of Watauga, went down in the English channel from the explosion of a mine, while the S. S. Matra, also carrying a quantity of the local product was sunk by a torpedo from a German submarine.

Mr. Wilcox states that he is still shipping botanicals to England, France, Holland and Belgium, but that the good trade he enjoyed with Germany has been wiped out by hostilities. Goods are being exported by the local firm to Canada and Cuba, and trade negotiations are now under way with China, Japan, South America, Mexico, Australia and several other countries.

## HUNTING SEASON IS OPEN TODAY

Holiday Groups to Take to Field and Forest as State Lifts Ban on Gunning

Today, Thanksgiving, marks the end of the closed season on upland game and many local nimrods will observe the holiday by trips into the fields and forests. The hunting season on quail, turkey, grouse and rabbit will find an abundance of the upland game, according to local wardens and hunters.

Quail may be taken every day except Sunday until February 15, the bag limit being ten a day or 150 for the season. The possession limit is 70, meaning that this many birds may be kept in refrigeration for personal use until 10 days after the close of the season.

The grouse or pheasant season ends January 15. The bag limit is two a day and 10 for the season, and the possession limit is two.

The rabbit season continues until February 15. The sky's the limit on the cotton-tail—no bag, season or possession restrictions have been made and they are the only game that may be sold during the open season. The game division says hunters will find a plentiful supply in most sections of the state.

## County Residents Receive \$1,872.50 In Aid Payments

Watauga county received a total of \$1,872.50 public assistance payments from combined federal, state and county funds to be distributed to 294 county residents drawing old age assistance and aid to dependent children, Miss Ada McRakan, field representative of the state board of charities and public welfare, has been advised by Nathan H. Yelton, director of the public assistance of the state welfare department.

A total of \$1,261 went to the county's needy aged numbering 168, and another \$100 was given to four widows of Confederate veterans who had been transferred from the state pension rolls to the public assistance lists under the act of the last legislature.

Dependent children in the county numbering 126 were given total grants of \$611.50.

State-wide average payments to needy old people was \$9.63, to dependent children \$6, and to pensioners \$25.27.

Arkansas produces the bulk of the country's aluminum ore.

## MANY EXPECTED TO ATTEND TOBACCO FETE ON SATURDAY

Plans Proceed for Celebration Mountain Burley Warehouse and Opening Christmas Season; Mile Long Parade, Addresses and Grand Tobacco Ball to Feature Event

Plans are rapidly taking shape for the big celebration Saturday marking the completion of the burley tobacco warehouse, and word coming to W. H. Gragg, chairman of the committee on arrangements, is to the effect that thousands of people from Carolina and surrounding states are to take part in the event, which starts with a colorful parade through the streets of the city, progresses through the opening of the Christmas shopping season—Santa Claus and all—and winds up a day of merriment in the first annual tobacco ball.

At 10 o'clock sharp, states Mr. Gragg, the crowds are asked to gather at the warehouse, where the mile long parade will be formed, and where those who have never had an opportunity to see a warehouse, may observe their first floor of tobacco. The parade will pass through the city from King and North Water streets to the Baptist church, then to the high school building, where prominent local people and distinguished visitors will speak to the assemblage. In the parade will be the Boone high school band, the high school bands from Mountain City, Cove Creek, Blowing Rock and Spruce Pine, together with the troupe of fiddlers and tamblers from Appalachian State College, who will appear in a series of tumbling acts during the course of the parade.

Business men of the town and adjoining towns, notably Mountain City, will appear in the parade, while leading farmers will also join in the line of march. A mounted contingent will add color to the parade. One float will feature a tobacco auctioneer conducting a sale.

At the high school Mr. Gragg will be master of ceremonies, and will present Mayor W. R. Lovill, who will briefly address the crowd. Congressman R. L. Doughton, who unflinchingly lent his influence and effort to the establishment of the market, will speak, as will Kerr Scott, commissioner of agriculture, and Mr. Hedrick, state extension service tobacco specialist. County agents from Ashe, Alleghany, Watauga, Johnson, Yancey and Madison, together with representatives of the farm security administration, will be recognized.

All tobacco growers in Carolina, Virginia and Tennessee are being urged to come to Boone Saturday, December 2, and take part in the festivities. A number of newspapermen and high officials have already indicated their intention of being present.

At 5:30 the Christmas shopping season will be opened, the holiday lights turned on and Santa Claus will mingle with the crowds during the evening hours.

In the evening the celebration will reach its climax with the first annual tobacco ball, sponsored by one of the women's clubs and supported generously by business and civic leaders. Funds raised from this source will be used for Christmas charities. Stubby Taylor's famed Green Park hotel orchestra will provide the syncopation, and due to the cold weather the ball will be held in the burley warehouse addition near the depot. The building will be warm and indications are that a large crowd will attend from throughout the region.

Tickets are now on sale at local drug stores.

## Legion To Be Host To Officials Today

The Watauga post American Legion will act as host to county and city officials, business and civic leaders at a dinner given at the Legion hut this (Thursday) evening at 7 o'clock.

R. D. Hall of Belmont, director of the Legion Americanism department, will be present and talk on the Legion program. Other distinguished guests from throughout the area are expected to be present for the meeting.

## ALLIED PLANES SHELL NAZI AIR AND SEA BASE

Berlin, Nov. 28.—British war planes today machine-gunned the German air base at Borkum, 26 miles northwest of Emden at the mouth of the Ems River, but dropped no bombs.

The British air ministry announced that "British planes machine-gunned three German seaplanes at Borkum this afternoon." The British planes, seeking Nazi planes which have been laying mines along the English coasts were fired on by anti-aircraft batteries but returned to their home base without damage, the British announcement said.

## Burley Opening Is Postponed To December 12; Receipts Large

### SANTA COMING SATURDAY



Santa Claus is on his way to Boone and will be host to the children of the county during the evening. Be present when the Christmas season starts promptly at 5:30 p. m.

## SHORTAGE BUYERS BLAMED FOR DELAY IN STARTING SALES

Local Market to Open With All Others, Except Lexington, Which is One Day Earlier; Vast Quantities of Tobacco Being Delivered on Local Warehouse Floor

The Mountain Burley Warehouse will conduct its first sales Tuesday, December 12th, rather than on the 6th, as had been previously announced, it was learned Tuesday, due to the fact that buyers from the bright leaf

## Warehouse Floor Full To Capacity

At noon Wednesday Mr. Paul Hardy of the Mountain Burley Warehouse, stated that the local warehouse floor had been filled to capacity, and that it would be impossible to receive more of the weed until the opening of sales on December 12th.

Mr. Hardy explains that when the sales are opened, space will be continually provided and there will be no further congestion at the warehouse.

belt are not yet available for duty in the burley districts. All the burley markets in the country, it is pointed out, will open at the same time as the Boone market, with the exception of Lexington, Ky., world's largest, which, in line with old custom, always opens one day earlier.

Reports that there had been a postponement in the date for starting the dark leaf sales were confirmed in a telephone conversation between Mayor W. R. Lovill and S. Clay Williams, chairman of the board of the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company. Mr. Williams stated that the 12th had been officially fixed as the opening date due to the fact that some manufacturers would be unable to get their buyers and other help from the bright leaf markets in time for the December 6th date. The moratorium in the blue-curd belt brought about the delay in the closing of the southern markets.

The Lexington tobacco board of trade issued the following statement in connection with the date change: "Due to an unforeseen emergency and inability of some buying interests to get buyers and other help from southern markets, the opening date has been postponed to December 11. But this change in the opening is in no way to establish a precedent to affect or change the future opening date as set forth in the by-laws of the Tobacco Board of Trade, namely, the first Monday in December."

**Tobacco Arriving**  
Throughout the day Tuesday and on into the night an incessant stream of trucks was bringing burley to the local warehouse. Farmers were seen from different sections of Tennessee and from practically all of the burley districts in this state placing their tobacco on the floor and conversing with their neighbors in optimistic vein as to the future of the local market.

Hardy Brothers, who have leased the warehouse, have their full staff of helpers on the ground, and are much pleased with the present outlook. Tobacco is being received day and night and there is no let-up in activities at the warehouse.

## Broken Toy Matinee For Children Monday

Through co-operation of the Watauga Democrat, the Boone Fire Department, the Watauga County Welfare Department, and other organizations, the Appalachian Theatre is giving a special children's matinee next Monday morning for the purpose of collecting and repairing broken or discarded toys which will be repaired and distributed to the needy children of the town and county.

The only requirement for admission to this special matinee will be one (or more) broken toys. These will be repaired by the local firemen and distributed at a Christmas party to be given later. (If anyone wishes to contribute toys for this purpose and is unable to attend the broken toy matinee, they may be left at the Appalachian Theatre or Watauga Democrat office at any time.)

The program, William Boyd, known to movie goers as Hopalong Cassidy, in "Trail Dust" and Popeye, the Sailor, in "Bulldozing the Bull," is one that will appeal to children. All children are urged to attend and bring their broken or discarded toys.

## No Parking In Business Area Next Saturday

In an effort to provide ample room for the enjoyment of the celebration next Saturday, the committee on arrangements and the police department are co-operating in restricting parking in the business district next Saturday.

No parking will be allowed along Main street between the old postoffice building and Smithy's store, until after the parade has passed at 10:30. Full co-operation of the people in this matter will be appreciated. Business men of the town are asked to leave their cars in their garages until after the parade and save inconvenience.

The short no parking regulation is made solely in the interest of the public, in order that full opportunity of seeing all the features of the spectacular parade will be afforded.

## STORES TO CLOSE ON THANKSGIVING

Merchants of City Observe Day Set Aside by Governor for Day of Thanksgiving

Today (Thursday) the stores of the city will be closed so that the proprietors and managers may have opportunity to observe a day of Thanksgiving, in accordance with the proclamation issued by Governor Clyde R. Hoey. The local post-office observed last Thursday as Thanksgiving, according to the date fixed by the President.

The drug stores and cafes of the city are expected to remain open as usual on Thursday, being the only exception to the general closing.

People of the town and county are asked to do their shopping on Wednesday so that there may be no inconvenience caused by the holiday.

## Union Service To Be Held Tonight

A union Thanksgiving service will be held in the Methodist church Wednesday night at 7:30. The message of the evening will be delivered by Rev. J. C. Canipe.

Special music will be in charge of Miss Wary and Mr. Roberts, and members of all denominations are cordially invited to attend.

## DR. JAMES VANCE DIES ON FRIDAY

Eminent Presbyterian Churchman Succumbs at Blowing Rock Home; Rites Monday

Dr. James Isaac Vance, eminent Presbyterian churchman and scholar, died at Blowing Rock Friday morning after a lengthy illness. He was 78 years old.

The body was taken to Nashville Saturday where funeral services were held Monday afternoon.

Dr. Vance, who was the former moderator of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, had spent his summers in Blowing Rock for the past many years.

Dr. Vance was pastor of the First Presbyterian church in Nashville for 32 years, having resigned the pastorate in 1936. He had been pastor emeritus since that time. Once voted by his fellow ministers as one of the 25 most influential ministers in the nation, Dr. Vance gave up a layhood ambition to study medicine and turned to the healing of the spiritual lives of men.

Born in Arcadia, Tenn., September 25, 1862, Dr. Vance was educated at King College, Bristol, Tenn., and Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va. He was ordained a minister in 1886 and accepted the pastorate of the Wytheville, Va., Presbyterian church. He filled pastorates at Alexandria and Norfolk, Va., before going to Nashville in 1894. After six years he accepted a call to Newark, N. J., where he served for ten years, returning to the Nashville church in 1910.

In the year of his ordination Dr. Vance married Miss Mamie Stiles Currell of York, S. C. They were the parents of six children.

## Watauga Industries Board Holds Meeting

The anniversary meeting of Watauga Industries was held Tuesday in the craft house. The meeting was especially favored with the presence of Mr. Howard Ford, state supervisor of handicrafts and former director of Watauga Industries.

The financial report of the year was made. It is hoped that the enterprise may grow in volume of income turned back to handicraft producers in this community. Demand exceeds the local supply, it is stated.

It was voted to enlist sustaining members as a good means of inviting and recognizing contributions to the support of the work. Plans were made for the branch crafts center on Clark's Creek. In connection with this, provision will be made for a home demonstration kitchen with its activities.