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"The basis of our government being the opinion of the people, the very first object should be to keep that right, and were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers or newspapers without government, I should not hesitate a moment to choose the latter. But I should mean that every man should receive these papers and be capable of reading them." —Thomas Jefferson.

THURSDAY, DEC. 5, 1940

SHOPPING EDITION

Today's issue of The Democrat comprises the first holiday shopping edition to come from the local presses, and goes to its readers simultaneously with the lighting of the municipal Yuletide decorations, and the official opening of the Christmas shopping season.

Herewith is to be found a comprehensive gift directory, embracing every line of trade, and enabling readers of the county newspaper to sit by their own firesides and complete extended gift lists, in advance of their visit to the local stores and shops. An effort has been made to inject the spirit of Christmas into the issue and special holiday features enliven the news columns.

Boone is proud of its good stores and shops, which are without doubt the finest to be found in the northwestern tier of mountain counties, and which are likely without peers in any city of similar size in the state. This year, with the country experiencing a business upswing, local business men have gone the limit in providing the most spectacular array of gift merchandise ever to be shown in this city. Every imaginable kind of gift, from a few cents value to several hundred dollars can be found here, and the prices are uniformly lower than can be found in the larger cities of the country. You can make money by carefully preserving this issue of your county newspaper and checking the various shopping lists from time to time as the holiday season progresses.

Your local merchant pays a large share of the taxes necessary for the maintenance of the county and city governmental units, he upholds the churches, the civic organizations, and puts his shoulder to the wheel of every public advancement. When hardship and disaster come to our people, it is his finances which largely carry the load of alleviation. He is the mainstay of our community life and of our material progress, and deserves the full and unstinted support of the city and county. The city will prosper and progress in proportion to the patronage accorded its merchants.

Valle Crucis News

The Cut-Up Club of Valle Crucis enjoyed a Thanksgiving dinner at the home of Miss Gladys Taylor, among those present being: Mrs. Mast, Miss Winnie Thornburg, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Olsen, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Taylor, Messrs. Cal Wentz and Paul Wentz, Misses Nancy Taylor and Gladys Taylor and Mr. Frank Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Farthing entertained as dinner guests Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Mast and daughter, Jo Ann, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Farthing.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Shull had as dinner guests Sunday Rev. Mr. Osborne Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Baird and Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Mast.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Mast had as guests Sunday Messrs. Calvin Wentz and Paul Robertson.

A number of friends of Miss Winnie Thornburg called during Tuesday afternoon and evening to honor her on her natal day.

Entertained by Miss Carolyn Mast at dinner Sunday were friends from Chicago, Misses Nancy and Carolyn Phillips.

\$75,000,000 ALLOTTED FOR NEW AIR BASES

Washington, Dec. 4.—A total of \$75,000,000 has been allotted, it was disclosed yesterday, to start developing sites being acquired from Great Britain for naval and air bases guarding the Atlantic approaches to America.

NEWS AND VIEWS OF THE FARMERS

By H. M. HAMILTON, Jr. County Farm Agent.

TO TOBACCO GROWERS

Every farmer who sells tobacco this year will have to call at the county agent's office and sign for his tobacco marketing card. Our office will be open from 8 o'clock in the morning until 5 in the afternoon and you can call at our office for your card any day from now until the tobacco marketing season is over.

Unless you are sick you will have to sign for your card in person. If you are sick, please send a written statement to that effect and give the name of the person to whom your card should be issued.

We hope that every tobacco grower in Watauga county will sell his tobacco on the Boone market. The Boone tobacco market is worth thousands of dollars to the tobacco growers of this county.

Don't sell your tobacco to pinhookers because the pinhookers are counting on making a nice profit on all tobacco that they buy, and you farmers should get all the profit from your tobacco after you have worked hard to grow it.

CO-OPERATE WITH AAA

Around 260 farmers in Watauga county co-operated with the AAA program in 1940 for the first time, while the total number of farmers who co-operated with the program this year was 2,170 as compared with 1,710 in 1939, and 1,040 in 1938. Therefore, there is 106 per cent more farmers in Watauga co-operating with the agricultural conservation program now than was the case in 1938.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

REV. SMITH TO PREACH

Evangelist J. Harold Smith of Greenville, S. C., will preach at the courthouse in Boone Thursday, December 12, at 7:30 p. m.

THREE FORKS BAPTIST

Rev. Vilas Minton, Pastor
 Services first Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock and first Sunday in the month at 11 o'clock. Sunday school each Sunday at 10 a. m., Mr. W. G. Todd, superintendent. Come and let us worship together.

LAUREL FORK BAPTIST

Revival meeting will begin next Sunday night, December 8, and will continue for two weeks. The pastor, Rev. Vilas Minton, will be assisted in the meeting by Rev. N. M. Greene. The public is cordially invited.

JAMES I. VANCE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (High School Library)

Rev. John I. Rhea, Minister
 Sunday school 9:45 a. m., Starr Stacy, superintendent.
 Morning worship service 10:50. Sermon by the pastor.
 Mid-week worship service each Wednesday in the county building at 7:45.

FIRST BAPTIST

Each Sunday 9:45—Sunday school, Bernard Dougherty, general superintendent. Classes for all ages.
 10:50—Worship and sermon by the pastor.

6:00 p. m.—Training Union, James Storie, director.

7:00 p. m.—Worship and sermon by the pastor.

Wednesday 7:00 p. m.—Prayer and praise service. Choir practice at 8 p. m.

EVANGELISTIC CLUB

The Boone Evangelistic Club is holding its meeting each Saturday night at the Boone Baptist church. Rev. J. Harold Smith of Greenville, S. C., will preach at the courthouse December 12 at 7:30 p. m., and the public is invited.

WEATHER HALTS GERMAN RAIDS OVER ENGLAND

London, Dec. 4.—The German Luftwaffe broke off its attacks on London and a western midland town shortly before midnight last night in the thick of dirty flying conditions.

The midlands town apparently was the main objective, although the raiders flew over Wales and other provincial areas and paid London fleeting "nuisance" visits, dropping some bombs in the face of heavy anti-aircraft fire.

The midlands raid, of comparatively short duration, was the first on that town in several days. Principal damage reported was to shops and homes.

A dozen incendiary bombs fell on a London movie theatre. They showered the audience with sparks and plaster, but the auditorium was cleared without incident and firemen quickly extinguished the fire.

In 1919 a jet of flaming gas rose more than 500,000 miles from the sun's surface.

Republican Named to Wilkes County Board When Democrat Quits

North Wilkesboro, Dec. 3.—Another one of those political situations for which Wilkes has become famous developed Monday when two Republicans and one Democrat, instead of two Democrats and one Republican as were elected November 5, were sworn in before Clerk of Court C. C. Hayes.

In the election C. E. Lenderman, Democratic candidate in district No. 1 was elected over Dave Mink, Republican, and V. T. Walsh, Democrat, was elected over Grover Hamby, Republican candidate for that subdivision of the county established by the legislature at its last session for the nomination and election of commissioners.

Monday Clerk Hayes said he had received the resignation of Lenderman, elected in district one. The resignation expressed appreciation for the support of the people in the election but said he could not serve in the office of commissioner because of his health.

Taking the position that a vacancy existed, the clerk of court appointed Max Foster of North Wilkesboro, a Republican, to fill the unexpired term of Lenderman and Foster was sworn in along with M. F. Absher and V. T. Walsh.

Attorney W. H. McElwee said the legal status of Foster's appointment would be determined and added that his position was that there was no vacancy on the board since Lenderman had never been sworn in and could not resign without first taking the oath of office.

GREEKS NEAR IMPORTANT ITALIAN SUPPLY BASE

Athens, Dec. 4.—Greek troops advancing through a heavy snowstorm were reported last night driving upon Port Edda, vital Albanian port for Italian military reinforcements and supplies, after seizing control of the highway northward to Argirocastro.

The Associated Press in a dispatch from Athens early Wednesday morning said the Greeks had advanced to within a mile and a quarter of Port Edda.

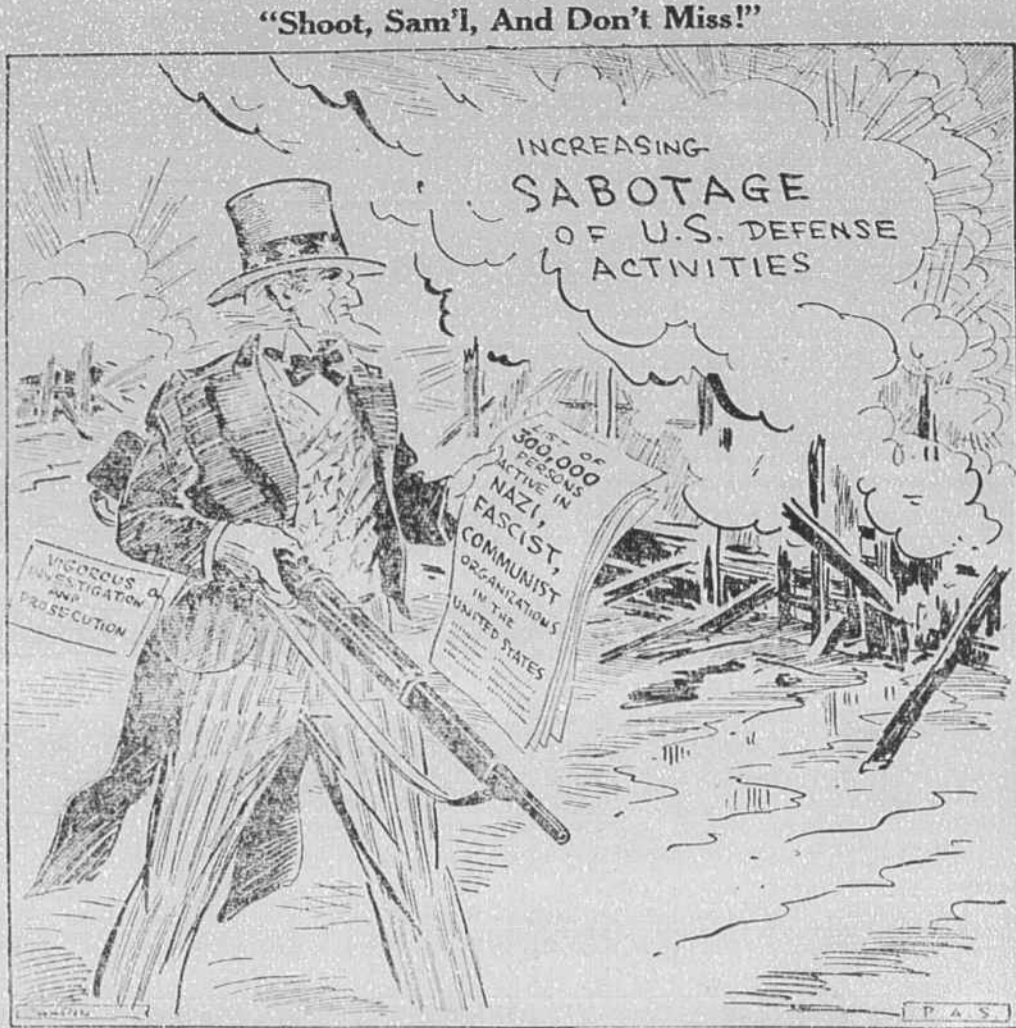
Reports from the Epirus front said hard-driving Greek forces had captured a walled town between Port Edda and Argirocastro dominating the entire coastal sector of southern Albania and keystone of Fascist defense there.

Great numbers of Italians were killed or wounded, it was reported, when the Italian Ferrara division holding a valley below an unnamed town was cut off and shelled by Greek guns until 60 per cent of its men fell. The survivors finally charged up a mountain pass, only to be hurled back by the bayonets of the Greeks, reports said.

TREES ARE ALLOTTED FOR WATERSHED IN WESTERN CAROLINA

The Tennessee Valley Authority has allotted 2,300,000 forest tree seedlings to the TVA watershed counties of western North Carolina for the 1941 planting season, R. W. Graeber, extension forester at N. C. State College, announces.

The trees will be given free to farmers who agree to set them out as erosion control projects. The 15 TVA counties are Avery, Buncombe, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Madison, Mitchell, Transylvania, Swain, Watauga and Yancey.



County Officers

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McNeil and Mr. Billings, the retiring members:

"That whereas, Eller McNeil is the retiring chairman of said board of county commissioners and Coy I. Billings is a retiring member of said board of county commissioners;

"And whereas, the said retiring chairman and member has individually and officially served the people of Watauga county for several terms as county commissioners and have always given of their time and best efforts in an untiring, unselfish and faithful manner, and in such a manner as to bring credit to themselves and honor to Watauga county for their outstanding public service to the welfare and betterment of our county, and all the people;

"And whereas, the financial and other affairs of the county have been handled with such wisdom and business-like efficiency as shown by the audits and records of said county, and the good management of said county has been due in a large measure to the wise discretion and faithful performance of their every official duty, so that fairness and justice has been done to all whether great or small;

"Now, therefore, be it resolved that we as the incoming board of county commissioners, as representatives of the people of Watauga county, offer our sincere thanks and appreciation for the outstanding public service rendered by the said Eller McNeil and Coy I. Billings, retiring members, and wish for them success and happiness in their every undertaking.

Duly adopted, this December 2, 1940."

Read the Advertisements

Hearing Held

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lots of freight from the rails and placing it on the trucks, because more profit would result from the highway form of transportation.

The company's agents contended that while incoming freight into Boone was of satisfactory volume, there was little possibility of an increase in outgoing revenues, since timber and other resources had been moved from the region.

Figures introduced by Clyde K. Greene indicated that during the past year, the following tonnage had moved from Watauga county, it being implied that it was the job of the railroad to secure the freight: 150 standard cars of livestock; 500 tons apples, 4,000 tons cabbage, 3,000 tons potatoes, 900 tons tobacco (actual figures), 600 tons kraut and 1,500 carloads of timber. Incoming freight included approximately 7,477 tons of coal, 3,800 tons of fertilizer, 75 cars of autos, 450 tons of cement, 510 tons brick and tile, 200 tons roofing, 550 tons feed and seed, 180 tons plaster, 200 tons gas, and a huge amount of highway surfacing stone and asphalt.

Mr. Hackett spoke of the value of the railroad to the highway depart-

ment in the movement of surfacing materials.

Dr. Dougherty reviewed the negotiations leading to the building of the railway, including the voting of \$27,000 of Boone township bonds to aid in the project and stated that there was a contract, both actual and implied to provide permanent railway service into Boone. Mr. Fisher stated that his company still held the \$7,000 in unpaid bonds and that these would be returned to Boone township; \$20,000 in principal and \$25,000 in interest has been paid on the railway bonds.

Attorney Lovill handled the evidence for the Boone people. The examiner will turn the evidence over to the commission for a decision at some unannounced date.

Current estimates of the earth's age made by scientists run at least 1,000,000,000 or 4,000,000,000 years.

CARD OF THANKS

The children of Mrs. Mary E. Hodges wish to express our appreciation and deepest gratitude for the sympathy and kindness of our friends and neighbors during her sickness and death.

Read the Advertisements

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 High Grade Eating Apples, up to \$1.50

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