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LIST TAKERS FOR COUNTY NAMED; TO START WORK 1ST

New Law Requires Listing of Property as of the First Day of January of Each Year; Those Who Have Been Given Appointments

The county commissioners have released the names of those who will list the taxes for the year 1941, in the various townships of the county as follows:

- Bald Mountain—Marie Vannoy.
- Beaver Dam—Grover Johnson.
- Blue Ridge—Marion Coffey.
- Boone—W. L. Trivette.
- Cove Creek—Allen Adams.
- Elk—P. G. Carroll.
- Laurel Creek—E. B. Hagaman.
- Meat Camp—Bynum Clawson.
- North Fork—Walter South.
- Shayneclaw—Howard Edmisten.
- Stony Fork—James Hardin.
- Watauga—Paul Fox.

C. D. McNeill, county tax supervisor, points out that under the machinery act of 1939, all property, real and personal, shall be listed in accordance with ownership and value as of the first day of January each year.

Mr. McNeill urges all taxpayers to list their property during January as required by law and avoid the penalties prescribed.

DOUGHTON TO BE HONORED

Friends and supporters of Congressman R. L. Doughton throughout the ninth North Carolina district will honor the veteran representative Monday, December 30, at the Rowan county courthouse in Salisbury.

Highlight of the evening's program will be the biennial presentation of the "Doughton banner" to the county in the district giving Mr. Doughton the largest majority. The banner, which is now in the possession of Cabarrus county, goes to Rowan county for the next two years.

V. D. Guire of Lenoir, long personal friend of the congressman, will speak briefly in a tribute to Mr. Doughton.

Arrangements for the meeting are being directed by ninth congressional district committeemen composed of W. D. Kiziah of Rowan, chairman, E. F. Allen of Caldwell, Sloan Paine of Alexander, Edwin Duncan of Alleghany, J. B. Hash of Ashe, W. A. Brown of Cabarrus, J. C. Lewis of Iredell, S. F. Horton of Watauga, and S. P. Williams of Stanley.

The public is invited to attend the biennial meeting.

LEES-McRAE COLLEGE CHOIR GIVES CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Banner Elk, Dec. 20.—The Lees-McRae College choir ended its pre-holiday activities on Sunday night with the presentation of a pageant and Christmas concert in the Banner Elk Presbyterian church. A capacity audience filled the church, which was beautifully decorated with native evergreens, candles and the manger scene.

The program, which was under the direction of Mr. Kenneth L. MacSweeney, head of the college's music department, presented the Christmas story in reading and song, in a most impressive way.

NAZIS CLAIM LIVERPOOL 'WORSE THAN COVENTRY'

Berlin, Dec. 23.—"Worse than Coventry" was the phrase used last night by several Bomber and observation fliers in describing the damage inflicted on Liverpool last night by the Luftwaffe in a concentrated attack by "several hundred planes."

One aviator said the glow of eight great fires could be seen about 150 miles south of the city—almost from Britain's south coast.

TOBACCO SALES TO START ON MONDAY

The Mountain Burley Tobacco warehouses closed their pre-Christmas selling season last Friday and will not hold any sales this week.

The next sales will be conducted on Monday, December 30; however, farmers are advised that their tobacco will be accepted at the warehouse all this week as usual.

SEED LOAN OFFICE TO HELP FARMERS

Emergency Growing Out of August Flood, Causes Additional Farmers to Seek Loans

An official of the Emergency Crop and Feed Loan organization in Raleigh, was in Boone yesterday in conference with J. E. Joines, field supervisor, reviewing the work of the past year and making plans for 1941 operations. Arrangements are being made for an early launching of loans in 1941 since the funds used in making emergency crop loans are from a revolving fund.

Approximately 12,500 farmers in North Carolina received \$1,110,000 in 1940 and more than 88 per cent of that amount has been paid to date. However, many loans were made to farmers in western North Carolina, and at this time tobacco is being offered for sale which will substantially increase the percentage of collections.

First loans in North Carolina were made in 1929, and since that time through 1940, 253,456 Carolina farmers have received loans through the Emergency Crop and Feed Loan agency totaling \$23,456,000. Repayment to date on all loans made is approximately 93 per cent.

North Carolina leads the United States in the percentage of loan collections, Mr. Joines said. "Because of conditions in this territory brought about by the August flood, we realize that more farmers will need assistance in their farming activities next year," Mr. Joines says. "To meet their needs the Emergency Crop and Feed Loan office will launch the loaning season much earlier than heretofore and will make this loan available to all farmers who will need assistance and who are eligible for this kind of loan."

Three New Members Put Red Cross Over

Mrs. W. M. Matheson, chairman of the Red Cross Roll Call campaign, announces that Watauga has reached its full quota of five hundred one dollar memberships, after all.

Four hundred and ninety-seven had previously been reported and the three who came in late to finish out the quota are: Paul Tugman and Rev. H. K. Middleton of the Cove Creek community, and the Appalachian Forensic Club.

Theatre Party Is Decided Success

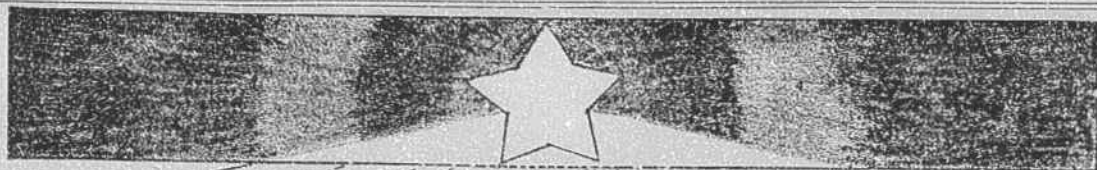
The theatre party, arranged by the management of Appalachian Theatre, with the co-operation of the women's Club and the Lions Club organization, and held Sunday afternoon, was a decided success, with Santa Claus distributing toys and confections to three hundred of the poorer children of the community and county.

An entertaining Christmas program had been arranged for the theatre gift party, and the kiddies assembled started off their holidays with a genuine good time.

EARLY EDITION

The Democrat is being sent out on Monday this week so that the publisher and others connected with the newspaper may observe the Christmas holidays on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the only time in the year that the usual duties are not carried on at the local newspaper office.

The shop will be opened for business as usual Friday morning.



And the angel said unto them,
 Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.
 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.
 And this shall be a sign unto you: ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.
 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,
 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.
 Luke 2:10-14



STORES TO CLOSE FOR CHRISTMAS

Two-Day Holiday Will Be Observed by Retail Establishments and Offices

A large majority of the stores and other business establishments of the city will observe a two-day Christmas holiday this year, Christmas day and Thursday, in accordance with a proclamation of the governor setting aside Thursday as a holiday also.

The county and city offices as well as the Northwestern Bank will also observe the two-day closing rule. All the places will open as usual Friday morning.

Northwestern Bank Employees Get Bonus

North Wilkesboro, Dec. 20.—The Northwestern Bank, which has its home office here and branches in eight other northwestern North Carolina towns, has paid a Christmas bonus to all its 45 employees. It was learned here today from an official of the bank.

The bonus payment, which equaled five per cent of the 1940 salaries, was paid to all employees of the home office here and branches at Sparta, Jefferson, Boone, Blowing Rock, Bakersville, Burnsville, Valdeese and Taylorsville.

BIG NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

The Appalachian Theatre is holding its second annual New Year's eve party next Tuesday night, starting at 11:30. This year's event is expected to exceed last year's in attendance, fun and hilarity. The doors will open at 11 o'clock and a large quantity of confetti, serpentine, hats and fun-makers will be distributed to those attending. At exactly 12 o'clock, there will be a pause in the program for the purpose of greeting the New Year.

The feature attraction on the screen will be the new laugh-provoking comedy hit, "Bank Dick," starring W. C. Fields at his comical best. Be sure to be on hand for the fun!

Submarines sank 11,153,000 tons of Allied and neutral shipping during the World War. Germany lost 17% of the 320 submarines she sent to sea.

Keeping Christmas

By HENRY VAN DYKE
 It is a good thing to observe Christmas Day. The mere marking of times and seasons, when men agree to stop work and make merry together, is a wise and wholesome custom. It helps one to feel the supremacy of the common life over the individual life. It reminds a man to set his own little watch, now and then, by the great clock of humanity which runs on sun time.

But there is a better thing than the observance of Christmas Day, and that is, keeping Christmas.

Are you willing to forget what you have done for other people, and remember what other people have done for you; to ignore what the world owes you, and to think what you owe the world; to put your rights in the background, and your duties in the middle distance, and your chances to do a little more than your duty in the foreground; to see that your fellowmen are just as real as you are, and try to look behind their faces to their hearts, hungry for joy; to own that probably the only good reason for your existences is not what you are going to get out of life, but what you are going to give to life; to close your book of complaints against the management of the universe, and look around you for a place where you can sow a few seeds of happiness—are you willing to do these things even for a day? Then you can keep Christmas.

Are you willing to stoop down and consider the needs and the desires of little children; to remember the weakness and loneliness of people who are growing old; to stop asking how much your friends love you, and ask yourself whether you love them enough; to bear in mind the things that other people have to bear in their hearts; to try to understand what those who live in the same house with you really want, without waiting for them to tell you; to trim your lamp so that it will give more light and less smoke, and to carry it in front so that your shadow will fall behind you; to make a grave for your ugly thoughts and a garden for your kindly feelings, with the gate open—are you willing to do these things even for a day? Then you can keep Christmas.

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VILAS GIRL MEETS DEATH IN CONTACT WITH LIVE WIRE

Eva Gladys Yates, 16, in Quest of Christmas Greens, Takes Hold of Electric Wire to Prevent Falling; Rev. John Rhea Conducts Funeral Sunday

Eva Gladys Yates, 16 years old, a resident of Vilas and member of the junior class at the Cove Creek high school, met instant death by electrocution last Friday afternoon, when she clutched a low hanging electric transmission line, in an effort to prevent falling.

The girl and an aunt, Mrs. Sam Shull, had gone into the woods in quest of a Christmas tree and other holiday greenery to be used at a party for Eva to be held that evening, celebrating her 16th birthday, which had occurred a few days ago.

They had secured the tree and were returning home when the fatal accident occurred. Mrs. Shull crawled under the wire and cautioned the girl against touching it, but the latter's foot slipped on the rough terrain and she clutched the wire to prevent falling. Mrs. Shull caught the girl's coat sleeve to release her, but death ensued within the space of moments.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday at 2 o'clock at Matney, Rev. John Rhea of the Boone Presbyterian church, being in charge of the rites, and interment was in that neighborhood.

Surviving are the mother, Mrs. Anne Yates; two brothers, Bennie and Richard Yates; three sisters, Ruth and Lois Yates of Vilas, and Mrs. Frank Keller, Newport News, Va.

McGuire is Chairman of Birthday Ball

Chapel Hill, Dec. 22.—Dr. Julian Miller of Charlotte, who is serving as state chairman of the President's birthday parties on January 30 for the benefit of the infantile paralysis fund, announced today that 55 county chairmen had been appointed and that others would be named in the next few days.

He said that North Carolina is expected to raise about \$35,000 this year and that one-half of all raised will be retained in North Carolina for infantile paralysis cases.

R. W. McGuire has again been named chairman of the birthday ball for Watauga county, but definite plans for the annual event have not yet been formulated. Some definite announcement in this regard will be made after the holidays.

The earth travels approximately 18 miles a second in its journey around the sun.



What does BABSON think about 1941?

Roger W. Babson

Babson's uncanny record of accuracy—over 85% through the years—always makes his forecast one of the big business stories of the year.

With spreading war and defense measures clouding the outlook for 1941, Babson's forecast is bigger news than ever this year.

Read his clear-cut, definite analysis of 1941 in the next issue of the

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and plan your course for the months ahead.

NO AUTO FATALITY IN FOUR COUNTIES

Watauga Has Seven Auto Traffic Fatalities During 1940; One in 1939

Only four of the 100 counties in North Carolina had not had a single traffic fatality charged against them when the highway safety division released its eleven-months summary last week, and 40 counties showed increases.

Ronald Hocutt, director of the division, stated that 103 fatalities in November brought to 851 the total for the first eleven months of 1940. This represented a two per cent increase over the 834 persons killed on State highways and streets the first eleven months of last year.

The four counties with clean records at the close of November were Clay, Gates, Mitchell and Tyrrell—all small counties. Two of these, Tyrrell and Gates, were among the six counties without a traffic fatality in 1939.

Watauga county had seven persons killed in traffic accidents through November of this year, and one killed in the county the first 11 months of 1939.

The largest increase was in Robeson county, where 38 were killed through November of this year, against 17 for the same period last year. Mecklenburg's 43 fatalities topped the state, followed in order by Robeson's 38, Guilford's 37, Forsyth's 34, Buncombe's 30, Cumberland's 28, Wake's 25, Gaston's 22, Harnett's 21 and Rowan's and Alamance's 19 each. These 11 counties accounted for 321 fatalities, or 40 per cent of the total.

For the state as a whole, fatalities by months were as follows: January, 69; February, 68; March, 55; April, 49; May, 63; June, 63; July, 66; August, 81; September, 111; October, 113, and November, 108.

Appalachian Trims Lincoln Memorial

Appalachian State won its fourth straight basketball game of the season here Thursday night by walloping Lincoln Memorial from Tennessee, 48 to 40.

The Mountaineers got off to an early lead and were ahead by a few points throughout the game, increasing it in the closing minutes.