



BEST WISHES
FOR THIS
HAPPY TIME

—AND THE BEST OF
LUCK DURING 1941!

Our Christmas wouldn't be complete unless we'd availed ourselves of this opportunity to extend to you our sincere wishes for a truly Merry Christmas and for a Healthy, Happy, Prosperous New Year!

Parkway Company



IN THIS HAPPY MONTH AND
DURING THE COMING YEAR

May all the joy you could wish for yourself be yours during this happy season and during the New Year ahead. We hope we may be privileged to serve you throughout the coming year of 1941.

MORETZ BROS. ELECTRICAL CO.
All Kinds of Electrical Appliances



In grateful appreciation, we take this opportunity of telling you at this time how much we enjoy your friendship and resultant patronage, and to sincerely wish for you and every member of the family

A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A
HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS
NEW YEAR

PREVETTE'S MEN'S SHOP

R. F. McDADE, Manager

Business comes where it is invited and stays where it is well treated.

**Christmas Season
Celebrated Before
Christ Was Born**

Strange as it seems, the Christmas season was celebrated long before Christ was born. Of course, it wasn't called Christmas then, but many religious and pagan ceremonies were held during the Christmas period.

This period is celebrated by the Jews as the Festival of Lights or Dedication. According to Jewish history, a large force of Maccabees defeated an army of Syrians in 185 B. C. The victors began the work of purifying the desolate Jerusalem, completing their task on December 25. The Jews have celebrated the eight days previous to December 25 ever since that time.

The proximity of Christmas to the winter solstice caused many pagan ceremonies to be held during that period. In Scandinavian countries, great fires were kindled in the middle of December to defy the Frost King.

Centuries before this, the ancient Druids of England observed this season in their roofless temples. Torches blazed as strange ceremonies were performed, dealing with the cutting of the mistletoe.

Several accepted Christmas customs of today originated with the old Roman celebration of Saturnalia. The higher class of free Romans exchanged presents with their friends. Inside houses, candles were lit and the rooms and hall adorned with laurel and green trees.

These festivals in honor of the god Saturnus were started before the earliest recorded history of that great empire. The pagans celebrated from December 17 to 24 in honor of their sun god. Among the slaves and lower classes, the celebration was transformed into unrestrained orgies.

Even the ancient Egyptians celebrated the Midwinter festival. Near the end of December they rejoiced over the birth of Horus, son of the god Isis.

The last religious celebration to be held on Christmas day appeared in the middle of the Fourth century, A. D. At this time various dates assigned to the birth of Christ were examined; and the Catholic church in Rome proclaimed December 25 to be Christmas.

**It's Easy to Select
A Christmas Tree
That Holds Needles**

IF YOUR Christmas tree shed its needles early last winter, you probably had the wrong kind of tree.

All trees will drop their leaves after they are cut and stored in a warm room, but some kinds hold their leaves far longer than others. Trees used most commonly on Christmas are the spruces, fir, hemlock, pine and redcedars.

Spruces are the least desirable of all evergreens because they are the first to shed their needles. A spruce can be identified by grasping a branch tightly, as its sharp pointed needles will prick your hand.

The ideal Christmas tree is the fir. It resembles the spruce except that its needles are not sharp. The needles stay on the tree for a long time, and become a golden brown before they finally drop. Needles of a Douglas fir are flat and soft to the touch. This popular tree can be recognized by examining the cones which have small appendages on each side.

Hemlocks tend to shed their foliage early when kept indoors at a warm temperature. The distinguishing feature of this tree is the two white lines on the lower side of each of its needle-like narrow leaves.

Pines have never been very popular as Christmas trees, in spite of the fact they do not shed their needles early. This is probably due to their unsymmetrical appearance, which does not closely resemble the conventional Christmas tree. Their longer needles are associated in clusters of three or five.

Redcedars are occasionally used as Christmas trees in neighborhoods where they grow wild. The foliage is tiny and scalelike, and is prickly to the touch. It grows berries instead of cones.

No matter what kind of Christmas tree you select, it will hold its needles longer if it is standing in water. Place a little water in the base of your Christmas tree stand, and you will be bothered less with falling needles than you were last year.

**Basket of Preserves
Makes Welcome Gift**

A gift that anyone will appreciate is a basket of your own preserves. Take a half dozen or so of your prettiest and most delicious ones, tie gay bows of red ribbon around the tops, and put them in a wicker container. Then tie another bow on the handle and insert a card.

Good Present
Every Iclander is certain of one Christmas gift, a candle.

NOTICE OF SALE OF NOTES

Pursuant to an order made by the State Banking Department, Raleigh, N. C., and an order of the trustees of the Rich Mountain Mortgages, we will on January 11, 1941, at 1 p. m. at the courthouse door of Watauga county, sell to the highest bidder for cash notes on the following persons and the amounts indicated:

N. C. Brown, Mrs. N. C.	\$110.00
Brown	77.85
N. C. Brown, Mrs. N. C.	265.00
Brown	130.00
N. C. Brown, Mrs. N. C.	450.00
Ellen P. Coffey, T. H. Coffey	297.16
T. H. Coffey	344.21
T. H. Coffey	48.00
T. H. Coffey	48.00
T. H. Coffey	241.00
T. H. Coffey	584.56
T. H. Coffey, D. T. lot in Blowing Rock	3,200.00
John Johnson, Jas. Watson, D. E. Hartley	61.00
J. F. Moore, 60 shares Boone Hlave Co.	2,028.10
R. W. Ashley, J. T. Ashley	30.00
Harrison Baker, W. W. Miller	580.00
W. S. Houck	245.00
Joe M. Clarke, Louise C. Marley	506.55
Blaine Coffey, Judgment O. J. Coffey	172.82
R. C. Greene, chattle mortgage 2 steers and farm tools	27.00
John A. Johnson, Ella W. Johnson, M. A. Ward	27.00

The right is reserved to reject any and all bids.
RICH MOUNTAIN MORTGAGES
W. M. Thomas, Manager.
T. E. Bingham, Atty. 12-12-40

Miller's Floral Shoppe
Cut Flowers, Potted Plants, Funeral designs. Telegraph delivery service
Phone 20 Boone, N. C.

Don't COUGH YOUR HEAD OFF

ask for **MENTHO-MULSION**
IF IT FAILS TO STOP YOUR
COUGH DUE TO COLDS, ASK FOR
YOUR MONEY BACK, only 75¢

BOONE DRUG CO.
The Retail Store



**Many Happy Returns
Of The Day**

Christmas would not be complete for us if we failed to extend our sincerest best wishes to our many friends and customers.

Hollar's Grocery

Headquarters for Holiday Foods

WANTED!

**RHODODENDRON, IVEY AND
LAUREL STOOLS OR GRUBS**

Must Be Green

Cash paid at mill or at pickup.
Get in touch with

D. & P. Pipe Works

TELEPHONE 194

BOONE, N. C.

Tax Listing

IN THE VARIOUS TOWNSHIPS IN WATAUGA COUNTY

Begins on January 1

The Machinery Act of 1939, Section 302, requires that all property, real and personal, shall be listed, or listed and assessed, as the case may be, in accordance with ownership and value, as of the first day of January each year.

All City and County Taxes Must

Be Listed in January

It is urged that all taxpayers list their property during specified period and avoid the penalty of the law!

C. D. McNeil

TAX SUPERVISOR, WATAUGA COUNTY

WATAUGA INSURANCE AGENCY

All Kinds of Insurance

We Are Glad to Serve You

E. A. GAULTNEY

GORDON H. WINKLER

Northwestern Bank Building

BOONE, N. C.