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HOLIDAY STREET LIGHTING UNDER BAN THIS YEAR

Merchants Association Follows State and Federal Suggestions and Dispenses With Outdoor Lighting; No Formal Christmas Opening Planned

The streets of Boone will not be resplendent with bright colored decorations and lights this holiday season, according to word coming the first of the week from Mr. John Conway, president of the Boone Merchants Association, who states that in dispensing with the outdoor lighting the retailers are following the suggestion of the state and federal governments to conserve electricity, as a means of furthering the war effort.

The New River Light & Power Company, through whose generosity the shopping district has been made resplendent during the past several Christmas seasons, finds itself without surplus transformers this year. The War Production Board would not issue permits for the purchase of additional transformers for other than essential purposes, it is said. While electric energy is not used for war purposes here, at the same time the savings to the power company will be reflected in lower consumption of coal during the holidays, and the war effort will correspondingly be aided.

Much Holiday Merchandise
While there will be no outdoor lighting, and no formal Christmas opening is planned, Boone merchants have unusually large stocks of holiday merchandise. Mindful of impending shortages, local retailers bought early and heavily, and stocks in most instances are quite as complete as a year ago, with little or no price advances. Boone is again the Christmas shopping center of this entire region, and the merchants have their Christmas merchandise ready for your inspection. Early shopping is being urged, as this year there will be little replenishing of depleted stocks, due to the drain of the war on manufacturing enterprises.

URGES QUICK SALE NATIVE PIPEWOOD

Local Pipe Manufacturer Sees Danger to Local Market in Turn of War

The D & P Pipe Works is today urging the farmers of this area to sell their ivy and laurel burl now, while the product is bringing real cash. They state that just as soon as the first shipload of imported briar lands in this country, at one-half the cost of the domestic product, the local market will be gone. So, farmers are being asked to market every burl possible this winter.

With the turn of the war, Algeria is now free, and Italy may be next. Both are centers of production for pipe wood, which, due to cheap foreign labor can be sold way down under domestic levels. The U. S. Tobacco Journal reports that quantities of briarwood at North African ports is awaiting the arrival of steamers, and that the last foot of cargo space will be used on ships returning from the war zone. "Local briarwood may be turned into cash now," says Mr. Lavietes.

Mrs. Janette Bryant Succumbs Wednesday

Mrs. Janette Henton Bryant of Wilkes Barre, Pa., died at Watauga hospital early Wednesday morning from a brief illness. Mrs. Bryant had made her home at the Faculty Apartments for the past several months, with a daughter, Miss Catherine Janette Smith, a teacher at Appalachian College.

Funeral plans are incomplete, but it is stated that the remains will be taken to Luzerne county, Pa., for interment, and that Rev. Joseph L. Wiseley will be in charge of the rites.

There are no immediate survivors other than Miss Catherine Janette Smith of Boone.

KILLS BIG BUCK
Mr. W. W. Bolick of Blowing Rock, killed a 148-pound eight-point buck while deer hunting in the Mt. Mitchell area last Friday. Mr. Bolick was accompanied on the hunt by Mr. Howard P. Holshouser.

Link of North African Supply Line



Since General Eisenhower's zero hour struck in North Africa, many splendid victories, the aftermath of that historic landing, have taken place. Nearly all of North Africa is now in allied hands. In this photo British and American soldiers form a chain from landing barge to dry land, and pass containers of fuel from hand to hand during landing operations on the shores of North Africa.

BURLEY PROSPECTS ARE BRIGHT ON EVE OF MARKETING SEASON

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Owners of Stray Dogs Are Warned

Mayor W. H. Gragg on Tuesday warned dog-owners of the community to keep their dogs tied, or suffer their destruction. A number of rabid dogs and cats have been reported in the county, and Mr. Gragg states that unless something is done about the stray dog situation, the animals will be killed, in the interest of the public safety.

DR. ALLEN TO BE FORUM SPEAKER

Winston-Salem Professor of Genetics to Appear Here Tuesday Evening

Dr. William Allen, professor of medical genetics at Bowman Gray Medical school, Winston-Salem, will appear before the Boone public forum in the college auditorium Tuesday evening at 7:30. The subject for Dr. Allen's lecture will be, "Cutting Down the Supply of Hereditarily Defective in North Carolina."

Dr. Allen, who for years has been making a study of hereditarily defective diseases, is now making a pattern of the pedigrees of all the families in Watauga county. His work on tracing the pedigrees of families with crippling diseases is being financed by the Carnegie Foundation of New York.

Mrs. W. H. Shull Is Taken By Death Sat.

Mrs. W. H. Shull, aged 75 years, prominent resident of Sugar Grove, died at the home last Saturday following a long illness.

Funeral services were conducted Monday by the Rev. W. C. Payne, assisted by Rev. M. A. Osborne, and interment was in the Shull family cemetery.

Surviving are the husband, one son and three daughters: James Howard Shull, Detroit, Mich.; Nelia Louise Shull, Sugar Grove; Mrs. O. J. Harmon, Sherwood, N. C., and Mrs. Willie Farthing, Chuckey, Tenn.

Further details as to the life of Mrs. Shull will appear in The Democrat next week.

AMOS WARD DIES WHILE VISITING IN STATE OF OHIO

Amos Ward, 84, years old, resident of the Beech Creek section, died in Wilmington, Ohio, on November 26, where he had been for about two months, visiting at the home of a daughter. Mr. Ward had been a patient at the Banner Elk hospital for some time before going to Ohio.

The body was returned to Watauga and was interred in the family cemetery at Beech Creek, Rev. Mr. Stines being in charge of the rites.

Upward trend in the manufacture of cigarettes will strengthen demand for burley tobacco and the eve of another marketing season finds the situation bright for growers.

The latest tobacco situation report of the United States department of agriculture predicts that prices received for the 1942 crop will be above last season's average of 29.3 cents per pound.

The USDA report says further: "A 1943 burley crop larger than that of 1942 probably could be produced and sold at profitable prices. In fact, unless production is increased, stocks within the next year or two will be reduced to the point where the maintenance of a reasonable uniformity of blends of tobacco products will be extremely difficult."

"But the production of burley tobacco next year will be conditioned by the pressing need for agricultural land and labor in the production of wartime food and fiber," the report continues. "Specifically, the war effort requires an increased production of hemp, for which some burley-producing areas of Kentucky are especially well adapted."

Disappearance of burley tobacco during the 12 months just past was approximately 370 million pounds, according to the tobacco situation report. This is about 30 million pounds in excess of the estimated 1942 burley crop in the nation of 339,817,000 pounds. The USDA says: "If consumption continues to rise, stocks at the beginning of the 1943-44 season will be the smallest in several years, and will be below average in relation to consumption."

Continuing their discussion of the burley situation, the federal economists and tobacco specialists said: "Although the proportion of total burley disappearance accounted for by cigarettes is somewhat smaller than with respect to that part of the flue-cured crop which is consumed domestically, very little burley is exported and cigarettes provide an outlet for more than 60 per cent of the entire burley production."

"The upward trend in the manufacture of cigarettes, therefore, will strengthen the demand for burley leaf this season. The demand for leaf to be used in plug chewing tobacco also is expected to rise moderately."

VAUGHN-LOYD TO ADDRESS ANNUAL SCOUT MEETING

The annual district meeting for Watauga county of the Boy Scouts will be held at the Appalachian high school Monday night, December 7th, at 7:30. Clyde R. Greepe, vice-chairman of the Parkway district, Old Hickory council, urges all Scouts, parents of Scouts, Scouters and their wives and all others interested in Scouting to be present.

Scout Executive W. E. Vaughn-Lloyd of Winston-Salem, will be present. Also reports will be heard from the financial campaign which will be put on in Watauga county for the Scouts on Monday, December 7. Forty or more men who are interested in Scouting have been selected to conduct this campaign and it is hoped that he reports Monday night will indicate that the people are awake to the opportunities in Scouting for the youth of the nation.

Sale Of Burley Tobacco Starts Next Wednesday

MANY BITTEN BY RABID CAT IN CITY; KING IN WARNING

Feline Belonging to Member Dr. Wright's Family Killed After Biting Number of Persons; Health Department Issues Warning

A house cat, belonging to the family of Dr. and Mrs. J. T. C. Wright, was killed Friday after having attacked a number of persons, and the head was sent to Raleigh, where it was determined that the feline definitely was afflicted with hydrophobia.

According to Dr. Robert R. King of the district health department, the cat might have been afflicted for about nine days. It was killed last Friday at the Winkler filling station in the eastern limits of the city, after having bitten and scratched young Robert Winkler. On Thanksgiving the feline bit Ray Farthing when he attempted to stroke the animal while milking. Among those who are taking treatment for rabies are Ray Farthing, Robert Winkler, the Dr. Wright family, Mrs. Wood, Mrs. Wiley Smith and daughter, Ruth Davis. From 14 to 21 treatments of the serum are required, says Dr. King, depending upon the location and severity of the wounds.

Dr. King asks that children and others desist from petting cats and dogs, and says that suspected animals should promptly be confined. If they are rabid they should show symptoms within 10 to 14 days. Stray dogs and cats should be killed, particularly about schools, and teachers are asked to co-operate with the health authorities in bringing the danger to the attention of the children.

SEAL SALE MAKES SPLENDID START

Hundreds Join in Support of Sale of Christmas Stickers in County

The campaign being conducted for the sale of the anti-tuberculosis Christmas Seals, designed to raise \$1,000 in Watauga county, is off to a good start, and citizens are rallying splendidly behind the drive, according to Mrs. J. E. Holshouser, general chairman.

It is requested that those who have not bought seals do so at once through community leaders, and make prompt remittance in case stamps were received by mail.

Following is a list of contributors, which are unless otherwise indicated:

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Backs Up Marines



Striding through the sands of Guadalcanal, one of the first U. S. soldiers to land on the strategic islands totes his equipment to new quarters. How many dough-boys are fighting in the Solomons alongside the marines who made the first landings is a military secret.

VOTE DECISION EXPECTED SOON

State Elections Board Completes Investigation of Watauga Irregularities

Raymond C. Maxwell, secretary of the state board of elections, stated Tuesday that the board had completed its investigation of alleged election irregularities in Watauga county and that a report of its findings may be made shortly. As is well known locally, the dispute involves 312 county ballots found in the constitutional amendment box in Boone precinct, 274 of which were Democratic.

If the disputed ballots are thrown out—and there were said to be some indications this would be done, the Republicans would elect three county commissioners and the surveyor in addition to the sheriff. Throwing out of the questioned ballots would involve a request by the state elections board to the Watauga county elections board to rescind its action in ordering the disputed ballots counted.

The meeting of the state board scheduled for Wednesday has been postponed and probably will be held in Stokes county early next week, where there is a dispute regarding the administration of the absentee ballot law.

DISCARDED TOYS SOUGHT FOR NEEDY

Theatre, Newspaper and Fire Department Join to Collect Toys for Christmas Giving

The annual toy matinee, given by the Appalachian Theatre, will be held Saturday morning, December 5, at 9 o'clock, the admission being one broken or discarded or a new one as for that matter, proceeds from the famous picture "Wizard of Oz" to be used for the benefit of the needy children of the area. Those not having toys to offer for special matinee are asked to bring a silver offering to supplement empty stocking fund.

For many years the local theatre, in the co-operation of the Watauga Democrat and the local fire department, has collected large numbers of toys and has been able to glad the hearts of many of the children of the section. It is that there will be a large attendance at the matinee, and children as well as grown-ups are urged to bring in discarded or new toys to the city hall at any time, where firemen will repair and re-learn.

The county welfare department is supplying the information on which the toys will be distributed. Any kind of toy at all, new, used or broken, will be gratefully received.

Pepper is the most widely used of vegetable spices.

TOBACCO IS NOW BEING RECEIVED

Greater Poundage and Higher Prices is Predicted by Coleman; Two Big Warehouses Well Equipped to Care For Needs of Farmer; Full Set of Buyers; Competent Staff of Warehousemen

The Mountain Burley Tobacco warehouses will hold their first auction sales of the season on Wednesday morning, December 9th, and farmers of the belt are already delivering considerable tobacco on the local floors. Tuesday morning about 75,000 pounds of choice burley was awaiting the opening chant of the auctioneer next week.

Mr. R. C. Coleman of Tabor City, warehouseman, together with the officials of the warehouse corporation, believe that this is to be the banner year for the local market, and predict a considerably greater volume of the weed than was the case last year when about 2,000,000 pounds went under the hammer.

Likewise prices are expected to be enhanced considerably this season, the United States department of agriculture being the authority for this prediction. Last year the burley average was 29.3 cents per pound. Producers sales on the Boone market brought an average of 31.24.

Mr. Coleman and his associates have been touring the burley belt constantly for the past several days, radio and newspaper advertising is being used, and they believe that more farmers will be seen on the local warehouse floor than during any previous season. The crop is reported as being generally good, in most instances superior to last year's crop. Weather has been favorable for grading and it is believed that the floors will be loaded for the initial sales.

The local houses contain about 70,000 feet of floor space and are so constructed that the sales forces continue from one floor to another without interruption in the sales. Prize rooms are conveniently located, and the floors are kept cleared for other arrivals. The situation has been worked out to the point that farmers never have to wait for any appreciable length of time to get their weed sold, and Mr. Coleman prides his house on "a first sale every day."

Mr. Coleman is a farmer himself and has been in the tobacco business for 23 years. He is one of the best known tobaccoists of the south, and is immensely interested in the grower receiving the high dollar for his product. He has a staff of thoroughly trained men with him, and as usual buyers will be on hand from the big tobacco manufacturers as well as from independent buying syndicates.

FOOD SITUATION GROWS WORSE IN VICHY FRANCE

Bern, Switzerland, Nov. 28.—Reflecting a worsening food situation in France, dispatches from Vichy today said the December fat ration would be cut from 450 to 310 grams (from about one pound to about 11 ounces).

Some classifications of children no longer will be allowed chocolate.

Christmas Edition to Appear Next Week

Next week's issue of The Democrat will carry the principal amount of Christmas advertising, and merchants are asked to co-operate with the publisher in his efforts to get as much of this material in type as is possible during the present week.

Plenty of holiday illustrations are available without cost to the advertiser, and "copy" will be prepared without cost if the advertiser so desires. Incidentally, the circulation of the local newspaper is increasing rapidly, and now numbers more than 500 more than the number of readers upon which its advertising rates were established.