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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 a government, I should not hesitate a moment to choose the former. But I should mean that every man should receive these papers and be capable of reading them."  
—Thomas Jefferson

THURSDAY, NOV. 9, 1944

For the fourth time The Democrat prepared the story of President Roosevelt's victory in advance of the day of the election, and it turned out to be correct. Which doesn't mean a thing so far as we know, unless it is that one man's guess might be as good as another's.

**A SOLDIER SPEAKS**

A small percentage of the people of the community and county make it a point to grumble about all the comparatively small inconveniences of a war-time economy, and they always fail to mind the infinitely greater vexations being experienced by the men who are carrying the bullets and bayonets right into the lairs of the Nazis and Nips. In this connection, the following anonymous poem, under the title, "A Soldier Speaks," is appropriate, and should tend to minimize complaining on the home front:

So you're sick of the way the country's run,  
And you're sick of the way the rationing's done,  
And you're sick of standing around in a line,  
You're sick, you say—well, that's just fine.  
So I am sick of the sun and the heat,  
And I'm sick of the feel of my aching feet,  
And I'm sick of the mud and the jungle flies,  
And I'm sick of the stench when the night mists rise,  
And I'm sick of the siren's wailing shriek,  
And I'm sick of the groans of the wounded and weak,  
And I'm sick of the sound of the bomber's dive,  
And I'm sick of seeing dead alive,  
I'm sick of the roar and the noise and the din,  
I'm sick of the taste of food from a tin,  
And I'm sick of the slaughter—I'm sick to my soul,  
And I'm sick of blood and of death and the smell,  
And I'm sick of myself as well,  
And I'm sicker still of a tyrant's rule,  
And the conquered lands where the wild beasts drool,  
And I'm cured so quick when I think of the day  
When all of this hell will be out of the way,  
When none of this mess will have been in vain,  
And the lights of the world will blaze again,  
And things will be as they were before,  
And the kids will laugh in the streets once more,  
And the Axis' flag will be dipped and furled,  
And God looks down on a peaceful world.

When feminine adornment was banned. In the year of grace 1700 Parliament enacted the following tasty bit of legislation "That all women of whatever age, rank, profession or degree, whether virgin, maid, or widow, that shall from and after such act impose upon, seduce and betray into maternity any of his majesty's subjects by means of scent, paints, cosmetic washes, artificial teeth, false hair, Spanish wool, iron stays, hoops, high-heeled shoes or bolstered hips, shall incur the penalty of the law now in force against witchcraft and like misdemeanours, and that the marriage upon conviction shall stand null and void."

Spencer Tracy has a friend who has adopted a little British waif. The youngster hadn't had an opportunity to get too familiar with a bathtub at home, and was somewhat taken aback when he was marched to the tub and made to bathe every morning and every night. He was very polite about it, but after a week of this refined torture he appeared before his benefactor. "May I ask a question, sir?" he said. "Why didn't you adopt a bloomin' duck?"

Farmers are warned to keep their cattle out of corn fields where moldy or smutty corn stalks may be present to prevent losses from the corn-stalk disease.

**Burkett Brothers in Service**



Sgt. James M. Burkett, Jr., left, entered the military service December 23, 1942, and is now serving with a tank unit somewhere in Dutch New Guinea. A brother, Lewis W. Burkett, right, entered the military service Sept. 12, 1944. He is now taking his basic training at Bainbridge, Md. Both are sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Burkett of Mabel.

**From Our Early Files**

**ITEMS FROM THE DEMOCRAT OF NOVEMBER 9, 1905**

Mrs. H. J. Hardin has returned from a visit with her mother in Lenoir.

Mrs. Est. Horton has greatly improved her town property by putting a neat and very substantial plank fence around it.

Walter Culler was the first man to take a loaded wagon from Boone up Howard's Knob over the Junaluska turnpike. He took a load of hay up yesterday.

Friend J. B. Greene of Johnson county, is spending some days in Watauga county inspecting the great timber belt on Rich Mountain. The timber is there and we hope Mr. Greene will be able to make a favorable report to the company he is representing.

The school election for the Boone district has again been ordered by the board of county commissioners and posted by Register May. R. M. Greene was appointed registrar and

B. J. Council and M. B. Blackburn judges. The election will be held in Boone on the first Saturday in December.

One of the most horribly tragic affairs ever known in the history of Watauga county took place near Virgil when Joseph Sanders, aged 25, shot and instantly killed his wife, and then shot his own brains out on Friday, Nov. 3rd.

Attend the turnpike meeting at Blowing Rock on the 11th. Mr. Hall, in an article this week, explains the object of the meeting, and the construction of the road would evidently be a lasting benefit to the people of Watauga.

When a man brags on a good deed it is because he knows so few of them.

There will be a public county singing at the courthouse in Boone on Friday, December 8, beginning at 10 a. m. There will be an old and new times singing, and everyone interested in the cause of vocal music is invited to be present.

**Boone Demonstration School News**

The Junior Red Cross drive opened the first. The children have contributed generously, and the amount is expected to grow during the week. The Health Department is offering a classroom picture to the class contributing the largest amount to the drive.

The sixth grade is sponsoring a War Bond drive for the year. The group took the program "Send a Jeep Down the Ramp" and the goal for the school is \$1165. The pupils in this room will devote one day a month to the sale of bonds and stamps to the pupils and teachers.

An eye clinic for school children, under sponsorship of the Boone Lions Club, was held at the county health office, November 2. A number of pupils throughout the county attended, and this school sent six boys and girls. The glasses are furnished at a minimum cost to those needing glasses, and the sincere thanks of the entire school goes to the local organization for its work in this field.

The school lunchroom continues to enlarge, and the reports show that an average of 325 boys and girls are eating daily. The pupils are given a balanced meal each day for ten cents.

The report cards for the students will be issued the latter part of this week. A new type card is being used, which parents are asked to look over carefully. The inside is devoted to the social development and attitude of the child while in school, and the outside of the card covers the school work. If the parents desire to have a conference with any teacher about the work being done, they may do so by calling the school.

Farm flocks of sheep should be given treatment for worms about December 1, say animal industry specialists with the extension service.

**Church News**

**BAPTIST TRAINING UNION OF THREE FORKS ASSOCIATION**  
Director, W. J. Farthing, Valle Crucis; assistant director, H. W. Wilcox, Boone; secretary-treasurer, Katherine Sherwood, Sugar Grove; adult leader, C. J. Farthing, Boone; senior leader, Mrs. Ernest Banner, Blowing Rock; intermediate leader, Mrs. Hale Vance, Boone; junior leader, Mrs. Odies Wilson, Zionville; story hour leader, Mrs. D. L. Wilcox, Boone; group leaders, Mrs. Verna Bail, Sugar Grove; Mrs. Maxie Edmisten, Vilas; Vance Culler, Boone; Allie Watson, Deep Gap.  
Pastor's adviser, Rev. Ben Lee Ray, Blowing Rock.

All the above officers are requested to meet at the Boone Baptist Church, Saturday, Dec. 9th, at 3 o'clock p. m.  
W. J. FARTHING, B.T.U. Director  
MISS KATHERINE FINK, Educational Director.

**Bare's Fair Store In Expansion Move**

Bare's Fair Store, which re-established itself in Boone a few weeks ago, today announces the opening of a second floor department, which will accommodate ladies' and children's wearing apparel. Mrs. J. L. Reese, manager of the local store, makes the following statement in connection with the news of the opening, which is carried in the advertising columns of this newspaper.

"Due to the expanded popular demand for our merchandise, we have been forced to increase our floor space. Our downstairs will include a general line of men's and boys' apparel, and we gratefully acknowledge the patronage our good friends have given us. You have been responsible for the early enlargement of our store, and we welcome the privilege of serving you in the future."

**NEWS AND VIEWS OF THE FARMERS**

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

We are holding five tobacco grading demonstrations on Nov. 13, 14 and 15. We held 13 grading demonstrations the last part of October and they were well attended.

W. L. Bradsher, tobacco marketing specialist of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, will do the grading at these demonstrations. Some of the best tobacco growers in Watauga county have been attending these meetings in the past and they say they are making a good profit by following these tobacco experts' system of grading, therefore, please help us get all the tobacco growers in your community out to one of these demonstrations. Burley tobacco is becoming a major cash crop in Watauga and we want the farmers to get the maximum price for their tobacco.

The demonstrations will be held at the following places:  
D. F. Greene, Nov. 13, 10 a. m., Willard Dishman, Nov. 13, 1:30 p. m.

Lee Swift, Nov. 14, 10 a. m., C. D. Matheson, Nov. 14, 1:30 p. m., Mrs. Mattie Hardin's barn, East Boone, Nov. 15, 10 a. m.

We believe that these grading demonstrations will do more to help farmers realize more profit from their tobacco, so we hope that the farmers will take advantage of this opportunity.

**State REA Plans Post-War Growth**

Plans are under way for a \$28,000,000 post-war expansion program by REA borrowers in North Carolina, says D. S. Weaver, head of the agricultural engineering department at State College.

This post-war program, he says, would bring electricity to 71,200 unserved rural consumers within three years after materials and manpower become available for large-scale rural power line construction.

This state program is to be part of a proposed national REA financing plan totaling \$579,000,000, which, in turn, is part of a projected five-year program of rural electrification by all agencies, REA-financed and others.

REA estimates that the five-year program would bring electric service to 3,655,000 rural establishments and stimulate a total market for goods and services amounting to more than \$5,500,000,000.

**NOTICE**

We appreciate your business, and it is our desire always to get your work out on time. Won't you please help us to do this by bringing your work in to us early in the week?

Work to be delivered on Saturday will have to be in our hands by Saturday noon.

**Hi-Land Dry Cleaners**

**WRITES FOR JUDITH A. LAMKIN**

Funeral services for Judith Allen Lamkin, 16 months old, who died October 30th, from an illness of two months, were held at Lenoir November 1, at 11 o'clock. The rites were conducted by Dr. O. R. Maudgum, pastor of the First Baptist Church and burial was in Bellevue cemetery.

The child was born June 21, 1943, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lamkin. She is survived by the parents, two sisters, Barbara and Charlotte, the maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Gragg of Boone; paternal grandmother, Mrs. E. R. Lamkin of Lenoir. Pallbearers were uncles; Merrill Gragg, Carrol Lamkin, Archie Lamkin, and Howard White.

**A CORRECTION**

The following names were incorrectly given in a recent report of War Fund Contributions from the Mabel neighborhood: Marvitt F. Thomas \$5.00, Mr. and Mrs. Clay Thomas \$4.00.

In selecting turkeys for breeders, the birds should have short shanks, short necks and long keels, as well as being well proportioned, and well set on their legs.

A careful appraisal indicates the definite need for a continued high level of agricultural production in 1945, says J. B. Hutson, president of the CCC and director of production for WFA.

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Millwrights  
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Stenographers  
Typists  
Cooks  
General Office Workers  
Production Workers  
Trainees  
Laborers  
APPLY  
**United States Employment Service Office**  
Boone, Friday, November 10  
for interview with company representative

**ROOFING**  
1-Ply 35-Pound, per roll \$1.35  
2-Ply 45-Pound, per roll \$1.75  
3-Ply 55-Pound, per roll \$2.25  
**Grocery Specials**  
Lard Cans with lids, only 45c  
Matches, 3 5c boxes 10c  
Dairy Feed, 100-lb. bag \$2.90  
Queen of the West Flour, 100 lbs. \$4.50  
Salt, 100-pound bag \$1.35  
Jar Caps, Mason Zinc, dozen 25c  
Sweet Potatoes, bushel \$1.25  
Brown Sugar, per pound 6c  
New Molasses, gallon \$1.25  
Milk, tall cans Pet, Carnation, Borden's or Nestles, can 9c  
Corn Meal, 25-lb. bag \$1.15  
**Smithey's Store**  
The Great Bargain Givers Boone, N. C.

**LOOK WHO'S COMING!**  
**Charlie Monroe and His Kentucky Partners**  
**Courthouse Saturday night, Nov. 11**  
Sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary of Watauga Post No. 130  
Come and Bring the Entire Family!  
**Don't miss it! Music and fun for all!**