

# Merry Christmas to All

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### LOCAL MAN HELD IN CIGARETTE BLACK MARKET

Doughton Greene is Held for Federal District Court on Charges Brought By Charlotte OPA Office; Bond is Set by Eggers at \$1,000

The Charlotte district OPA headquarters, in launching a movement to help control the cigarette black market which has begun to develop in Western North Carolina, has announced that the first step was the arrest of Doughton Greene of Boone, who has been ordered held for Federal district court in connection with alleged black market operations.

The case was handled by Arentie Qualls, formerly of Boone, enforcement attorney on the district staff, who reported that the arrest of Greene was made by Ira Irwin, United States marshal. The defendant was taken before U. S. Commissioner S. C. Eggers in Boone, where he waived preliminary hearing. His appearance bond was set at \$1,000.

The investigation work in the case was handled by the district OPA investigation department. The charges were that Greene sold cigarettes in packages and cartons at prices which exceeded the maximum ceiling prices allowed under the OPA regulations.

In commenting on the case, the attorney called attention to the fact, under the law, persons who buy cigarettes and pay more than the ceiling for them knowingly, then become guilty under the regulations along with the person who sells the cigarettes at the illegal price.

Plans of the department call for the investigation representatives to continue their careful investigation of every report which may be likely to reveal a cigarette black market. Mr. Qualls said. He said the OPA means business and will use the law to impress on buyers and sellers alike the importance of maintaining the ceiling prices on cigarettes.

### SEAL SALE DRIVE MARKED SUCCESS

Importance of Making Remittances is Stressed by Chairman Caudill

The sale of tuberculosis Christmas seals in Watauga county is going well, says Chairman J. V. Caudill, who states that remittances amounting to \$850 have already been received, against the county quota of \$1,025. Mr. Caudill thinks there have likely been sales enough made to complete the quota, and urges all community chairmen to make prompt remittances.

The chairman expresses thanks to all the people for their fine co-operation thus far, and particularly thanks the Campfire Girls and Girl Scouts under Miss Gail Clay for their splendid work in the bangle sale.

### STORES TO STAY OPEN IN EVENING

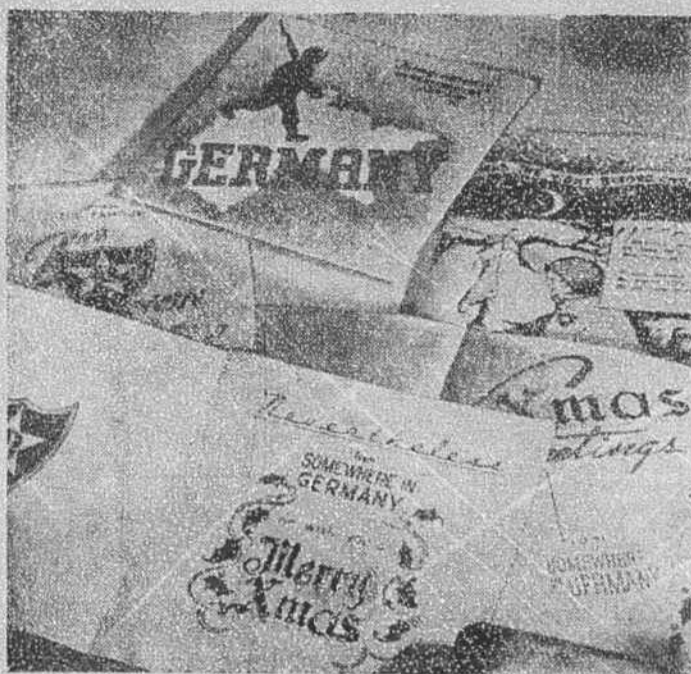
Rush of Last Minute Shoppers Causes Stores of Town to Lengthen Hours

The stores of the city will observe lengthening hours throughout this week, in order to aid the Christmas shoppers, it was announced Monday from the office of the Retail Merchants Association.

The stores, beginning as of Monday of this week are open until 7 p. m., and until 9 p. m. Friday and Saturday, the 22nd and 23rd.

Due to the extreme winter weather of the past few days, the people of the trade area have been so hindered in making their Christmas purchases that the shopping season is just now reaching its height. The merchants in announcing the new closing hours, are making every effort to serve the people in the last remaining days before Christmas, so that none may be disappointed.

### Christmas Cards From Germany



Special cards containing Christmas greetings, as shown above, are beginning to arrive in the United States, from troops stationed at the German front.

### FIFTEEN REPORT FOR ARMY DUTY

Current Local Quota of Selectees Sent to Induction Center; Those Going

Sixteen Watauga county men, registered under the Selective Service law, have been sent to an induction center of the army recently, as the current local quota of men for armed duty. The list of those reporting for induction is as follows:

Buster Ernest McGuire  
Howard Milt Harmon  
Frank John Phillips  
James Carl Greene  
Smith Adam Harmon  
Bynum William Winkler  
Don Carlton Hatten  
Johnnie Elie Weaver  
Perry Bryce Norris  
William Eugene Blewins  
Roy F. Ashley  
Glenn Henry Proffitt  
Grady William Yates  
Howard Cecil Greer

### Windows Open at P. O. On Saturday Evening

In an effort to render the very best service possible to the patrons of the postoffice on the eve of Christmas, Postmaster John E. Brown, Jr., announces that the delivery windows will be open at the local office on Saturday evening until 9 o'clock. This is done in order that all may have an opportunity to get Christmas packages and other important mail before Christmas.

### Stores to Remain Closed Next Monday

Stores of the city will be closed next Monday for Christmas, it is revealed by the office of the Merchants Association.

There had been considerable sentiment among the retailers for a two-day observance of the holiday; however, a canvass of the merchants revealed that a majority favored the usual one day closing.

### RATION GUIDE

Meats, Fats  
Red stamps A8 through Z8 and A5 through S5, good indefinitely. No new stamps until Dec. 31.

Processed Foods  
Blue stamps A8 through Z8; A5 through Z5; A2 and B2 remain valid indefinitely. No new blue stamps will be validated until the first of next month.

Sugar  
Sugar stamps 30, 31, 32, 33 and 34 each good for five pounds indefinitely.

Gasoline  
A-13 coupons in new ration book good for four gallons through Dec. 21. A-14 coupons good for four gallons beginning Dec. 22.

Fuel Oil  
2 and 3 coupons good for ten gallons per unit.

Shoes  
Airplane stamps 1, 2 and 3 in Book 3, good indefinitely.

### CHILDREN'S PARTY ON NEXT SUNDAY

Annual Event for Needy Children of County at Theatre; Little Interest in Raising Funds

The annual party for the needy children of the county will be held at Appalachian Theatre Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, at which time toys, fruits, etc., will be given to the destitute kiddies and a program of good entertainment added.

The teachers of the county have been asked by the Woman's Club to assist in getting the needy children to Boone on this occasion, and the co-operation of all is sought, so that as many as possible may be present.

Empty Stocking Fund  
The program has been changed this year, in that appropriate Christmas reels will be shown the kiddies rather than the usual Christmas carols. A feature movie film will be shown too.

Empty Stocking Fund  
Contributions to the empty stocking fund, which is being used to buy toys and confections for the children, are still slow, and those in charge of the purchasing are anxious that there be other contributions made immediately. The toys have been largely purchased, but funds are lacking with which to buy the goodies. All those who are interested in the welfare of the needy children at Christmas, should make a contribution today at The Democrat office.

The present status of the fund is:  
Previously reported \$35.36  
Women's Society of Christian Service, M. E. Ch. Circle 1... 5.00  
"Children's Friend"..... 5.00  
Mrs. Jim Winkler's M. E. S. S. Class..... 10.00  
A Friend..... 1.00  
Carl Teague..... 1.00  
Total..... \$57.36

### ERRORS NOTED IN MERCHANTS AD

The advertisement of the Boone Merchants Association, published last week, was incorrect, in that there were some omissions from the list of the members of the organization, due to the use of a list which undoubtedly was not current.

The names of those firms which are members of the organization, and which, of course, share in the sentiments expressed, are: A & P. Tea Company, Bare's Fair Store, Gateway Cafe, Mast Floral Shop, Craven Furniture Co. (listed as Qualls Furniture Store), H. W. Wilcox. The name of one non-member, the Boone Oil Co. was used.

The error was, of course, unintentional, both on the part of the retailers' organization and the newspaper, and is regretted.

BUY A WAR BOND TODAY

### OVERALL SALE OF BONDS MOUNTS AS E SECURITIES LAG

Total of \$449,744.25 is Credited to Watauga County's Overall Quota; E Bond Quota About 60 Per Cent Subscribed, Says Chairman

Watauga county's overall bond quota has been oversubscribed by a huge sum, mounting returns indicate, the latest figures from the Federal Reserve Bank showing the status of the campaign as of December 16, giving total sales for the county of \$449,744.25. The overall quota for the county is \$117,000, but included is an "E" bond quota of \$34,000, which must be met before the complete quota can be said to have been reached.

Clyde R. Greene, chairman of the bond sale, says that bank clearances Saturday indicated the sale of \$51,365.25, or about 60 per cent of the quota of the "E" series securities, and since credit is given for all sales against the quota up to and including December 30, Mr. Greene again insists that there may be renewed purchases of bonds by individuals in order that the quota may be subscribed in both divisions.

Last minute gift shoppers are expected to buy a number of bonds with which to fill their family's gift lists, which will swell the total, and citizens of the county are reminded that the war in Europe is in a critical stage. Watauga men need all the backing they can get from the home front, and the purchase of bonds is essential to the successful prosecution of the war.

Mr. Greene calls attention to the fact that the contests for the sale of bonds in the schools of the county closed Saturday, and asks that the principals of all schools have their reports in to Dr. Whitener at once, in order that the figures may be tabulated and the prizes awarded.

### Mrs. Vesta Downs Dies in Minnesota

Meagre information gathered by The Democrat tells of the death of Mrs. Vesta Kerley Downs at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., where she had been taking treatment for some time.

Mrs. Downs, who is remembered here as the former Miss Vesta Kerley, native of the Blowing Rock section, had made her home in Douglas, Wyo., for the past 30 years.

### Democrat to Enjoy A Holiday Vacation

The members of the county newspaper organization plan to enjoy a three-day Christmas respite from their labors, this being the only time in the year a holiday is observed. Plans are to close shop Friday morning, and not return to work until Tuesday.

### Pvt. Woodard Given Purple Heart Award

Pvt. Roy D. Woodard, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Woodard of Boone, has been awarded the purple heart for wounds received in action in France on Nov. 26. He is now in a hospital recuperating from machine gun wounds in the chest.

### SHERWOOD MAN IS MISSING IN ACTION

Staff Sgt. Albert Reed Harmon, Air Corps, Missing in Pacific Area

Mrs. Elizabeth B. Harmon, of Sherwood, has received official information from the War Department concerning her husband, Staff Sgt. Albert Reed Harmon, air corps, who has been missing in action since December 4th in the Southwest Pacific.

All information concerning his case has been reviewed, and he is continued in the status of missing in action.

### Sales to Reach Million And Halt on Tobacco Mart Today; Price High

### Morris Eggers May Have Landed In Russian Territory

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Eggers of Boone, and their friends are heartened over indirect information that their son, Lieut. Morris Eggers, who has been reported as missing in action over Japan, might have landed in Russian territory, with the possibility that he is safe and well.

The information came originally from Capt. Marion of Bloomington, Ill., who had been in the flight of B-29s from India, and who wrote a letter to the husband of one of Lieut. Eggers' crewmates, who lives in Oakdale, Tenn. This lady in turn gave the information to the Eggers family. At any rate, Capt. Marion saw the plane which Lieut. Eggers occupied as navigator, when it developed engine trouble. Four of the 10 members of the crew were seen to bale out of the plane, while the others stayed in the big bomber which was heading in the direction of Amur bay, in Russian territory when last seen. The officer stated that those who stayed with the ship had quite as good a chance of survival, presuming the craft went into the water, as those using the parachutes, and there is much hope that Lieut. Eggers is safe on Russian soil.

### BOWIE SPEAKS AT COLLEGE FINALS

Fifteen Receive Degrees at Mid-term Examinations at Appalachian Tuesday

Hon. T. C. Bowie, of West Jefferson, delivered the commencement address at the mid-term graduation exercises held at Appalachian College Tuesday evening, at which time degrees were presented to 15 women graduates of the institution.

Mr. Bowie, a former superior court judge, has been a member of the board of trustees of the college since its establishment in 1903.

Among those who graduated are four Watauga county women: Dorothy Farthing Greene, Boone; Royster Barnett, Boone; Mabel Farthing and Mildred Perry Turbyfill, of Sugar Grove.

### King Winter Still Hovers Over Region

Unusually cold weather still prevails in Boone and the region round about, there having been only two days recently when mercury went high enough to permit light thaws, and big snowdrifts still remain about the countryside from the heavy fall last week. There have been intermittent snow flurries different times recently, to add to the fall of the first of last week.

The temperatures have remained consistently low this week, usually ranging in the low twenties, while the coldest recent weather was last Friday night when the mercury plummeted to six above.

Coal supplies in the city are reported as low with householders dividing the limited supplies of fuel with neighbors. Highway travel is now proceeding without interruption.

### L. S. SPURLING HAS OPERATION

Hon. L. S. Spurling of Lenoir, solicitor of the 16th Judicial District, is a patient at Charlotte Memorial Hospital where he recently underwent an operation. His condition is favorable, and he is expected to return home in about two weeks.

Average Prices for Week Range in High Forties; Monday Sales 362,000, as Town is Congested With Trucks; Sales Close for Holidays With Sales of Thursday; Best Year in History of Market

Sales of tobacco at the Mountain Burley Warehouses in Boone are expected to reach the million and a half pound mark for the season with the sales today (Wednesday), and the prices are continuing with averages in the high forties, to make this the best season so far since the establishment of the local warehouses.

The big rush of the present season came Monday, when farmers, who had been hindered in their hauling during the severe weather of last week, came to town in caravans of burley-laden trucks, filled the warehouse floors, and caused congestion on the streets of the city throughout the day. At one time 160 trucks were known to have been lined up, the string filling Linney street by the west side of the post-office, overflowing into Queen street to the rear, and extending on King street from Depot to the Rivers residence. However, the line gradually moved into the big warehouses, and by Tuesday the congestion had been almost relieved.

On Monday 362,400 pounds of weed was auctioned for the market's banner day. The sale brought \$172,510.79, for an average of \$47.60% per hundred. The high crop sold for an average of \$54.20, while the highest basket was knocked down at 60 cents.

Tuesday sales reached 254,958 pounds. The money involved was \$119,974.80, or an average of 47.06%. The high crop brought \$55.12 and the high basket \$60.00. This sale brought the season's poundage up to 1,327,682.

This (Wednesday) morning about 300,000 pounds were on the floor for the start of the auction with indication that receipts will continue to be large during the day.

To Close Thursday  
Sales for the pre-Christmas season will close with the auction on Thursday, and will be resumed on January 2, it was announced Tuesday.

Warehousemen state that the farmers appear to be well satisfied with the market this year, and that scarcely a complaint has been heard so far this season. Every effort is being made to handle the tobacco quickly and with the minimum of time on the part of the farmer.

### PVT. JAS. MOODY DIES IN FRANCE

Beaver Dam Resident Succumbs From Illness With Pneumonia in War Zone

Pvt. James R. Moody, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stacy Moody of Beaver Dam township, died in France on Nov. 21st, on his 24th birthday, from an illness with pneumonia. Information reaching his parents from the office of the Adjutant General was that detailed information concerning his death would be forthcoming in due time.

Pvt. Moody had been in the service for two years, and had been in the European theatre for only about six weeks when he suffered the fatal illness. He was educated at the Bethel High School in his home neighborhood, and had been a member of the Beaver Dam Baptist Church for seven years, and was known as one of his neighborhood's most worthy young men.

He is survived by his parents, two brothers, Pvt. Carl Moody, who is in the European area; Clay Moody of Reese; three sisters, Mrs. Bess Wilson, Misses Margaret and Helen Moody of the home.

Argentina is to create a register of approved bee raisers.