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

THURSDAY, DEC. 13, 1946

SHOPPING TIME

The Christmas spirit is beginning to pervade the stores of Boone, and here and there on the streets the subject of the Christian holiday is increasingly evidenced in hurried conversation of neighbors and friends.

There is a lot of merchandise to be procured here, but the buying is heavier than usual, and merchants continue to advise the folks to lay in their Christmas purchases and recurrent complaints from the women folks about their aching feet indicate that they are doing just that.

The Democrat has always contended that Boone folks have finer shopping privileges than are afforded in other towns of comparable size, and while gift items, and other wares too, are still below demand, our merchants have done a mighty fine job in getting together a creditable showing of all those odds and ends which combine to make of Christmas a happy day for young and old alike. The home town merchants deserve the support of the people of the county, not only because they operate locally, but because they have the values, because their profits contribute increasingly to the common welfare, and because they are just about the best bunch of fellows you know. Drop in and see them. Shop early . . . and at home.

ACTING IN TIME

There are many evils in the world which are seemingly unavoidable. There are others which, too late, we realize could have been prevented if only we had known "how" in time.

Some diseases fall into this latter classification. We give no thought to them until some one dear to us falls ill. Then, asking "Why?" we learn that needless suffering could have been prevented if a few simple precautions had been taken.

Tuberculosis is such a disease. Nearly 57,000 Americans die of tuberculosis each year, more than were killed in World War I. Yet, tuberculosis can be prevented and there is no excuse for us to say we do not know how.

The Watauga Tuberculosis Association, organized to fight tuberculosis in our community, has a program for the control of this disease. Through the printed and spoken word it is constantly placing before us facts about tuberculosis and its control. It is up to us, the men and women of the community, to heed those facts and to act on the basis of knowledge learned from them. Health education is predicated on the theory of preventing disease—of preventing suffering and economic waste.

The health education program of the tuberculosis association is financed by the sale of Christmas Seals. When we buy these seals we are directly aiding a campaign to prevent the spread of a deadly disease. Only once a year, at Christmas time, are we asked to contribute financially to this campaign. In doing so, by purchasing Christmas Seals, we are protecting ourselves.

Letter to Santa Claus

Dear Santa: As I am a little girl six years old, will you please bring me a pair of riding pants and a doll. I have a little brother 13, will you please bring him a cap and a pair of jeans. I will be looking for you. Don't forget us—Irene and Paul Jones, Shulls Mills, N. C.

Dear Santa: Will you please bring me a pair of riding pants and a pair of jeans as I am a little girl 9 years old. I will have you a good fire to warm by and some candy for I know you will be real cold when you get away out here. Please, Santa, remember what I told you—Louise Jones, Shulls Mills, N. C.

THE EVERYDAY COUASELLOR

Rev. HERBERT SPAUGH, D. D.

All who drink alcoholic beverages, whiskey, wine, champagne, brandy, beer, ale, or anything which contains alcohol should read this. It is the result of scientific investigation and is an accepted principle of the Alcoholic Anonymous, the most successful organization in the country, which deals with alcoholics:

Continued use of alcoholic beverages during the course of the years generally develops in the drinker an allergy to alcohol. This is not true with all drinkers, but it is true with those who become habitual drinkers and those who become victims of the habit.

He who is allergic to alcohol is in the same situation as the diabetic who is allergic to sugar or the hay-fever sufferer who is allergic to flower pollens, house dust, feathers, etc. The man or woman who is allergic to alcohol must therefore, realize that one drink sets in process all of the craving for more alcohol, the endeavor to satisfy, which brings on drunkenness.

My association with the group which promoted an Alcoholic Anonymous chapter in Charlotte continues to bring alcoholic problem cases to my desk. They all follow a similar pattern, and it is the same old story. The victim may go for weeks, months, even a year or two without taking a drink. Then he feels that he is perhaps strong enough to take one cocktail at some social affair. Presto! The sleeping demon of habit is aroused. That first drink calls for another, and another, and soon the victim is on an alcoholic spree. Then comes that awful struggle of trying to sober up. Even if the victim has tremendous will power, he has a hard time of it.

There are three things I want to say to those of you who partake of alcoholic beverages:

1. Your use of alcohol in any form exposes you to the increasing danger of becoming an alcoholic—one who is allergic to alcohol. When you reach this point, you will be allergic to alcohol the rest of your life. Every case I have examined has commenced with social drinking. Others who deal with alcoholics will tell you the same thing. This is a cold scientific fact.

2. If you are allergic to alcohol, recognize the fact that you are an alcoholic, and leave that first drink alone.

3. Willpower alone will not break the chains of habit. Those who have never suffered from alcoholism don't know what they are talking about when they say it is a matter of willpower. It takes more than that. It takes what the Alcoholic Anonymous call Wise Power—the Power of God. If you are an alcoholic you will never win complete victory by yourself—you will have to lay hold on the Power of God.

At the Churches

BOONE METHODIST

The Methodist Church choir will present its Christmas music at the 11 o'clock hour Sunday morning, Dec. 16, when it will render selections from the Christmas section of Handel's Messiah.

FIRST BAPTIST

Rev. J. C. Canipe, Pastor
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all members of the faculties of the grammar school, high school and college, and to all students who will begin going home next week. We assure you of our deepest love and best wishes in this happy Yule season.

JAMES I. VANCE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN

Our Christmas music will be given Sunday morning, Dec. 16, at 11 o'clock. This will be a service of music, Scripture and prayer. All our friends are most cordially invited to enjoy this Christmas service with us.

GRACE LUTHERAN

On Sunday morning, Dec. 16, at 11 a. m., the choir of Grace Lutheran Church will present the cantata, "The Music of Christmas," by Ira B. Wilson. The numbers are based on the well-loved Christmas carols in soprano, alto and baritone arrangements. The program is directed by Garnett Felts.

NOTICE

I have sold my business in Boone, known as the Gateway Cafe, to Jack A. Gragg and L. G. Mack. I am not responsible for any obligations of the cafe after December 3, 1945. This December 10, 1945. 12-13-4p GEORGE C. GREENE.

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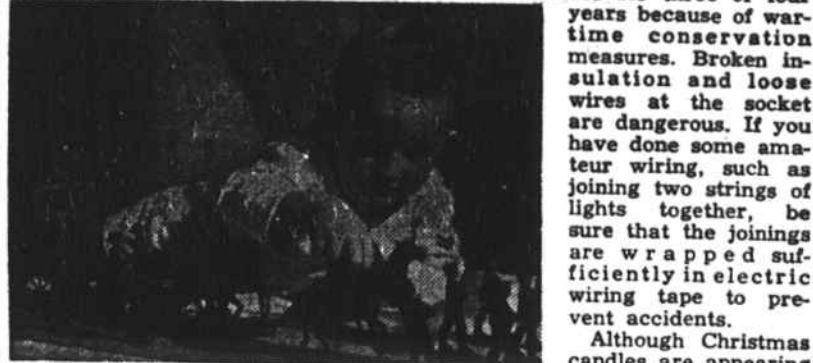
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Follow These Simple Precautions To Avoid Accidents at Christmas

THE traditionally joyous Christmas holidays are marred for many families by tragic accidents resulting directly from holiday festivities. By following these simple, logical precautions, you can make sure that none of these mishaps occur in your home.

Many of the Christmas accidents center around the Christmas tree. Most of the strings of lights decorating this season's trees have been in use for three or four years because of wartime conservation measures. Broken insulation and loose wires at the socket are dangerous. If you have done some amateur wiring, such as joining two strings of lights together, be sure that the joinings are wrapped sufficiently in electric wiring tape to prevent accidents.



Although Christmas candles are appearing more and more rarely on trees, they are still taking a yearly toll of lives and accidents. Open flame lighting is dangerous at its best and must be accompanied by numerous and constant precautions if disaster is to be avoided. It is better to have no lights at all, than to risk costly fires from candles.

Toys, intended to enchant the youngsters at Christmas, can be another potential source of accidents. It is therefore wise to look over your children's toys and see that they are safe to play with. The best-meaning uncle or aunt could have picked out a toy with a rough edge, a sharp corner or a splintery handle.

It is also wise to look over your youngster's toys and pick out the ones that are not suitable for his age. A two-year-old with a tool chest, for instance, can do damage to both himself and his baby brother, if given a free hand with a hammer and saw.

While the litter from Christmas packages is still about, be particularly careful of your smoking. Some hot ashes dropped on thin tissue paper or a carelessly tossed match could result in serious damage. Unless your Christmas tree decorations are guaranteed fireproof, they, too, can be a source of danger.

Kitchen Fats Still Are Greatly Needed

The end of rationing of meats and fats and oils has in no way lessened the need for the salvage of used kitchen fats, Hillman Moody, assistant state director of the U. S. department of agriculture's production and marketing administration, declared this week.

Quoting Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson, Mr. Moody asserted that "even though rationing is ended there still remains the need for preventing waste of any fats, and for salvaging all used fats which are needed for the manufacture of soap and for other industries."

Meat dealers, Mr. Moody pointed out, will continue to pay housewives four cents a pound for used kitchen fats. He urged housewives not to let up on this essential and patriotic "reconversion activity," inasmuch as supplies of industrial fats,

which go into the making of soap and other civilian goods are still very short. This supply situation, he said, will continue serious until war-halted imports again reach peacetime proportions.

OPA BOOSTS CEILING PRICE ON NEWSPRINT

The OPA has announced an increase of \$6 a ton in newsprint ceiling prices. The increase is effective on and after Dec. 11.

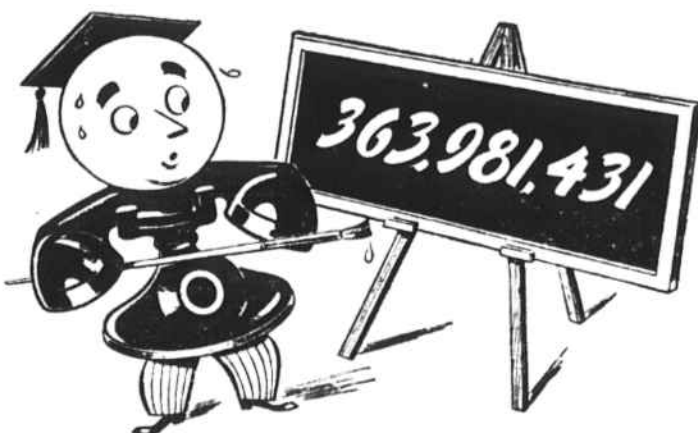
Turkey production in the U. S. is at an all-time high, and chicken production is up about 5 percent over last year.

The USDA has reduced the average selling price of wool owned by the CCC about 7 cents a pound to encourage greater use of wool by U. S. manufacturers.

John Quincy Adams was the only former president to return to public life as a member of the house of representatives.

LOOK

HOW MANY CALLS NORTH CAROLINA MADE THIS YEAR



As Telephone Tommy points out, North Carolinians did a "whale of a lot of talking from January through November of this year. Fact is, more local and long distance calls were made than in any other similar period in the entire history of the telephone in North Carolina.

We wish you could have seen the rush of these calls through our telephone exchanges. They made the signal lights dance across our switchboards with such speed and sparkle as to turn the lights on Broadway green with envy.

You might have felt that with so many calls being handled, the telephone folks were making money because of the war. The best way for Telephone Tommy to prove the company did not profit by the war is to tell you this startling fact. And that is "telephone earnings in 1945 will be the lowest in the company's history, except for the worst of the depression years."

This is because our expenses—wages, taxes, cost of materials, cost of services—increased at a greater rate than our revenues.

Telephone people, however, were glad to be busy handling North Carolina's calls. They were not concerned primarily with figures. Instead these 3,712 busy North Carolinians were concerned with service—getting your calls through and seeing that lines were kept in order. They knew their job was to serve you well and with a pleasant "thank you".

E. H. WASSON, Carolinas Manager

SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY
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News and Views Of the Farmers

By H. M. HAMILTON, County Agent

Former State Senator H. Grady Farthing, unit test demonstration farmer and purebred Hereford breeder, has attracted a number of cattle breeders' attention with a creep he built in his pasture to feed his purebred calves in. Mr. Farthing built a small pen in the pasture and left openings in the fence large enough to admit the calves but too small for the cows to pass through. He placed a few boards over part of the enclosure and placed roofing on top of these boards. He then placed the feed trough under the roof. Grain was placed in the trough and kept there at all times so that calves could go in and eat at all times. The calves responded well to the feed, and Mr. Farthing says that every farmer who has seen this creep says he is going to build one in his pasture.

The Grand Coulee dam in the state of Washington contains more cubic feet of dam than any other structure in the world.

Paul Tulane, for whom Tulane university was named, contributed more than \$1,000,000 for education of New Orleanians.

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- POT ROAST BEEF, lb. 30c
- SELECT OYSTERS, pint 90c
- ORANGES, bag \$1.35

SERVE FRESH VEGETABLES
Fresh Foods add color and variety to Holiday Meals

- FIRM, RED TOMATOES, lb. 30c
- SOLID HEAD LETTUCE, head 14c
- SWEET POTATOES, 3 lbs. 25c
- CRANBERRIES, large 35c
- Grapes, lb. 18c
- Pears, lb. 18c
- Apples, lb. 15c
- Texas Sweet and Juicy Grapefruit, lb 8 1/2c
- Comet Rice, lb 31c



BUCKWHEAT FLOUR
10 lbs. 70c; 5 lbs. 35c

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