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OFFICIALS TAKE **OATH OF OFFICE** HERE MONDAY

Members of County Government, Chosen in November Election, Enter Upon Their Terms; Paul Coffey Renamed by Board as County Accountant

Watauga county officials who were chosen in the election of November fifth, took the oaths of office Monday and entered upon

their respective duties.

Fred M. Gragg was first sworn in as Clerk of the Superior Court by Austin E. South, who retired from the post after twenty years of service, and Mr. Gragg in turn tendered the oath of office to the other successful candidates in the

Sheriff C. M. Watson, incument

for the past four years entered upon a new four year term.

Jack Storie was sworn in as County Surveyor, and Richard Kelley as Coroner, the latter being the only Democrat elected, his name appearing on both the his name appearing on both the Republican and Democratic bal-lots. H. O. Aldridge, A. G. Mil-ler and R. M. Ward were sworn in as county commissioners. Mr. in as county commissioners. Mr. Aldridge who was named chairman of the board, succeeding W. M. Winkler, has served for four years; Mr. Miller has served for two years, while Mr. Ward is entering upon his first term.

Miss Helen Underdown, Register of Deeds, is the only Demograt official remaining and her

crat official remaining, and her term doesn't expire until 1948, when she will have served twenty

Aside from routine business matters, the only action taken by the commissioners, was the renaming of Paul A. Coffey as county tax supervisor and county accountant, a position which he has held for four years. No action was taken on the appointment of

At a call meeting of the Watauga County Public Library Board, which was held Nevember

Mrs. Nora D. Warman, chairsent the "Haunted Tea Room," a geography at the local institution, man; W. H. Walker, vice-chairman; W. H. Walker, vice-chairman; Alma G. Hodges, secretary; Paul A. Coffey, treasurer.

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pose is to get more people interested in reading books and other literature. There is no charge for these books and everyone who likes to read is invited to come by the library and borrow books

Training School for girls, Konnarock, Va. He is a native of Rowan county, N. C. and widely

.Christmas School Program



THE BIG MOMENT ARRIVES . . . The annual school Christmas program has become an American institution. For months the teacher and students piso, organize and memorize their parts.

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was taken on the appointment of a tax collector, but it was understood that there were a number of applicants for the position.

Wiley Day, for four years chief deputy sheriff resigned this position to return to his place at Laxon, and Sheriff Watson named Carson B. Smith, Matney veteran, to succeed Mr. Day, it was learned.

A baby show with be held in Postmaster John E. Brown, Jr., The Tri-County Alumni As

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XMAS SHOPPING SEASON STARTS

Retailers See Huge Turnover of Gift Merchandise, Which is More Plentiful Than Before War; Lack of Transformers Forbids Street Lighting

The Christmas shopping sea-on is off to a good start in Boone, and stores and shops have the largest lines of holiday merchandise seen here since before the war, leading retailers to believe that all records of the past will be broken in total sales volume durng the pre-Christmas season.

Large numbers of items which were unavailable last year are back on the market. Metal wheel toys, certain electrical appliances, and large numbers of days and large numbers o ances, and large numbers of dry goods items which had been gone to war are back, and the people who have made of Boone the shopping center for the northwest are asked to do their shopping early to avoid disappointment, in the face of the heavy demand for gift goods.

The Democrat today is devoted to Christmas, and the advertisements of various business people, and shoppers will find it worth-

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No Cut Rates



Austin E. South, who on Mon-Austin E. South, who on Mon-day retired as clerk of the Superior Court, after a tenure of 20 years, as Fred M. Gragg took over the duties of the office, has transformers, was unable to furnish the current for the pre-war street lighting system, owned by the merchants. Aside from the lack of this added touch, the Christmas season seems to be distinction of having served as clerk of the court longer than any man in the 97-year history of Watauga county. Captain Todd, the Court records show, served lack of this added touch, the Court records show, served lack of this added touch, the 12 years, the longest term held until Mr. South was elected in fairly well-back to normal.

Cornzapoppin" Title of Local Talen Benefit Show By Quarterback · Club

Rehearsals are under way for PROF. WILLIAMS 'Cornzappopin," the local talent show being sponsored by the The play is under the personal direction of Miss Ruth M. Sim-

Paul A. Coffey, treasurer.
The following members were appointed to serve as follows:
Mrs. Nora D. Warman, for easy. W. H. Walker, for 6 years; W. H. Walker, for 6 years; Mrs. Alma G. Hodges, for 1 years; Mrs. R. H. Harmon, for 4 years; Mrs. Boggs, Martha Qualls. Snoopy Elsie Hagaman, for 2 years; Mrs. D. P. Mast, for 2 years; Mrs. Edhalor of the science of the proposed of the science of the proposed and possible solutions to find the science of the discussed.

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for the value of the suit which
went to have his left leg put in
was never returned.

Ends Record Term

DECEMBER 5, 1946



of the Appalachian Theatre, is sponsoring a toy matinee at the local playhouse Monday December 9th, at which time the price of admission will be one usable toy. The toys thus collected will be distributed to

Clubwomen Act to

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Christmas Morning

Club, through the cooperation of the Appalachian Theatre, is sponsoring a toy matinee at the local playhouse Monday

Worthwhile Women's

one usable toy. The toys thus collected will be distributed to the needy children of the vicinity for Christmas.

Children are asked to bring only serviceable toys, and grown ups are requested to make cash contributions to buy other toys and goodies, so the spirit of Christmas may pervade homes of those least fortunate in material things. Those who wish to aid in this work should leave their contributions with Rob Rivers at the Democrat office at once.

Despite the unprecdented prosperty of the nation, it is found that there are yet many destitute families in this area, whose children are faced with an empty Christmas. The local clubwomen are anxious that this Christmas be a merry one for these people, and asks for the complete cooperation of our more fortunate folks.

Tuesday Afternoon

served

Four Hundred and Eightynine Thousand Pounds of Tobacco Auctioned Here in First Two Days of Current Season; Best Smoking Grades Command High

Half Million Pounds At

End Of First Two Sales

Prices in Initial Sales The current tobacco season got nder way here Monday, when the three big warehouses of the local market carried the heaviest load of burley since sales were instituted here several years ago, and the first two days of the season brought sales of 489,118

pounds. The season opened Monday with sales at the No. 2 warehouse of the Mountain Burley Corpora-tion where 220,218 pounds was sold by R. C. Coleman, who states that the better grades of leaf that the better grades of leaf brought prices ranging in the high fifties, while low grade leaf was in less demand, and a con-siderable portion of the offerings in this category brought less than the floor price, and was taken over by the Commodity Credit Corporation.

The sales today shift to Mountain Burley House No. 1, where a full floor of weed awaits the auctioneer, and Mr. Coleman states that there is now plenty of room to unload tobacco on his floors. He expresses himself as highly pleased with the co-opera-tion of the farmers and the steady growth of the local

On Tuesday the first sales were held at the new Farmers ware-house. There 268,900 pounds was sold, according to Mr. Steve Tay-lor, who was highly pleased with the prices brought by high quali-ty smoking leaf. This tobacco ran from 50 to 58 cents, Mr. Tay-

C. G. Hodges, for 2 years; Mrs. Crane. Teddy Barnett, Gerald Jesse Harry Webster, for 2 years; Mrs. Tenwick, Bill Winkler, D. P. Mast, for 2 years. Mrs. Edise Hagaman, for 2 years; Mrs. Tenwick, Bill Winkler, D. P. Mast, for 2 years. The Seript holder is being set up at Children at Banner interested only in catching a husbir of the coming year: The Watauga county public library is located in the rock of-library is located in the rock of-library is located in the rock of-library a great asset to the county and the pursues to the company to the consider the following officers elected and Miss Twitty.

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and the committeemen will have heavy responsibilities. By cast-Rowan county, N. C. and widely known throughout the state.

Army and Navy budget requests facing possible Congress facing