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## KING STREET

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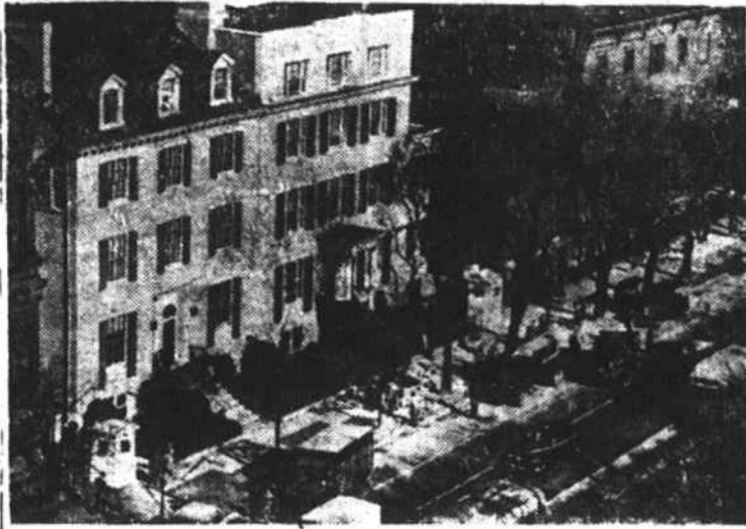
CHRISTMAS opening and burley tobacco jubilee Saturday brought a host of folks to Boone. Several thousands lined the streets for the big parade, featuring gaily decorated floats, the high school band, and various other attractions. Merchants believe the event was by far the most largely attended of any such occasion in the history of the town. Fog and rain Saturday morning brought a feeling of depression to local merchants, who could envision their handsome floats, with all the crepe paper trimmings, caught in a downpour. Clearing skies by noon, however, made the day ideal for the big parade. Santa Claus drew the attention of the youngsters as he tossed handfuls of striped stick candy into the crowds of juveniles who gathered for the occasion.

STORES OF THE CITY are all set for Santa Claus. The Christmas trees, with the colorful balls and tinsel are being seen in the shop windows along with baby dolls, toy railway trains, airplanes, tricycles, and guns. Items of clothing without end for all the folks, all fixed up with the gift trimmings, while household appliances world without end, radios, etc., abound in this fairland of the Yule season. There are so many of these carols for the home that are always given to "Mom", "she's so sweet" and then "we can all enjoy them so much!" and the electric locomotive with the string of cars, that is laid out under the tree for Junior, while pop plays with the thing all day long, come Christmas. It's all a part of the joyous period in human history, when we can all un-lumber just a bit, and relax and come back to work with an improved set of human values... regardless of whether they last!

KIDS down at the demonstration school are having a talent show at the Theatre Friday evening at 8:45. The proceeds to be used for buying equipment for certain activities sponsored by the teachers, for which insufficient funds are provided. These youngsters are sure to have the support of the community in their efforts, and besides giving us an opportunity to aid in a worthy cause, they will provide the highest type of entertainment. Tobacco market opens with two houses full of choice weed, and with the third largely filled. Never in the history of the market has the quality of the offerings been so uniformly high, say the "men who know tobacco best." Tommy Roark goes his placid undisturbed way around town, with a friendly "good morning" to acquaintances. Clyde R. Greene speaking of his recent defeat in the congressional race, says he's been a sick man, but is "now taking on some solid food." John W. Hodges, who was first elected sheriff of Watauga county forty-four years ago, reminisces about the old days in Boone, and recalls few of the adults of that era who still reside here. Guy Hunt, who opened a tiny store in Boone several years ago, which has expanded into one of the town's largest department stores, takes a bit of time out to agree with us that Boone's the best little town there is, and predicts a big year-end business along the street. Gifts lists being made out as baffled papa reflects on the possible fate of Santa Claus.

ELMER MILLER, one of our good friends from out in Blue Ridge township, brings us in a hunk of venison from a successful deer hunt in the Pisgah Forest. Elmer in company with five other men from Blowing Rock, killed three deer on the trip. His an 8 point buck, weighed 180 pounds. Marion Ford killed a 6 point white tail that weighed 115, while Wiley Greene and Ben Church, both shot at the same animal... and one or both killed the 170 pound buck. To top the stack, Elmer's father, J. C. Miller, fetched home a spike buck the other day from down on the south side of the Grandfather. We're glad the boys had good hunting, and greatly (Continued on page 4)

## BLAIR HOUSE



The Blair house, home for the Trumans while repairs are made to the White House, was the scene of much activity as it was being prepared for the first family's return from Florida. Repairs to the White House are expected to take at least a year to complete. The Blair house has been the official government guest house.

## Thousands Attend Christmas Opening

### Co. Basketball League Formed

A basketball league of six teams was formed last Friday when representatives met at Appalachian High school to draw up the playing regulations. The teams represented were: Todd, Blowing Rock, Cove Creek, Bethel and two from Boone. Games will be played at the various high school gymnasiums on Monday and Saturday night throughout the season. First round play will start Saturday, December 4th at 7:30 p. m. At that time Boone (Miller's team) will meet Blowing Rock at Blowing Rock. Cove Creek will tangle with Bethel at Bethel and Boone (Wilson's team) will be pitted against Todd at Todd. The following Monday will see, Todd at Bethel, Blowing Rock at Boone playing Miller's team and Boone (Wilson's) at Cove Creek.

Suitable trophies will be awarded to the winning team according to the executive committee. This committee is made up of one representative from each team. The committee and players appreciate the help of the several schools and communities in cooperating with the League by permitting the games to be held in their gymnasiums.

### Empty Stocking Fund To Aid 100

The Empty Stocking Fund, under the direction of Mrs. John Perry, chairman, plans to fill the stockings of about one hundred children this Christmas that Santa Clause would be forced to overlook without the help of the fund. Candy, nuts, toys and clothing will be provided for the stockings. Donations to the Empty Stocking should be sent to Mrs. Eric Adams at Northwestern Bank. The money received will be spent on clothing. A toy matinee will be held to secure toys and the Jacees will furnish toys, also.

### Safety Council Meets Thursday

The quarterly meeting of the Western Piedmont Safety Council will be held in the auditorium of the Hickory High school, Hickory, on the night of Thursday, December 2nd, at 7:30 o'clock.

An interesting and entertaining program is being arranged, the main features of which will be musical selections by the Lenoir-Rhyne College Choir, under the direction of Prof. Kenneth Lee, a talk on school safety program by Mr. H. Leslie Moody and a sound slide film entitled "A couple of Guys named Joe."

The Western Piedmont Safety Council comprises the counties of Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Caldwell, Catawba, Watauga and Wilkes. Representatives from every industry are cordially invited and it is hoped we will have a large delegation present, stated J. Roy Moore, secretary.

## AAA ELECTION TO BE HELD IN COUNTY TODAY

A final appeal was made today by Ned Glenn, chairman of the Watauga County Agricultural Conservation Program, urging all farmers to attend the Community Committee election in their respective communities on Thursday, December 2. Notices of polling places have been mailed to all farmers in the county.

North Carolina has been among the leading states in the percentage of eligible voters who cast their ballots in community committee elections. It is important that we continue this good record. The farmers who are benefiting in so many ways from programs administered by committeemen should not fail to participate in the elections and select the best qualified men to serve. The calibre of the committeemen elected this fall will have a lot to do with the future of the farm program. Conservation of our soil and water resources is vital to the well-being of the nation; our price support and other programs affecting our main commodities like tobacco and others must be properly administered, and that calls for selecting the right men on December 2.

## Dr. Abrams Will Address Teachers

Dr. W. Amos Abrams, editor of the North Carolina Education Association Journal, will speak to the Watauga county teachers on Tuesday, December 7. The meeting will be held in the Appalachian State Teachers College Auditorium and will get underway at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Teachers from surrounding counties have been invited to attend this meeting.

Dr. Abrams will come directly from Raleigh where the NCEA group is now working on the legislative program for the coming legislature. In his speech, Dr. Abrams will discuss the Educational Commission's report and the effect that this report will have on the legislative program for this year. All county schools will dismiss at 12 o'clock on Tuesday in order that all teachers may have an opportunity to attend this meeting.

## Thanksgiving Service Is Held

A large number of pupils and visitors were present at the annual Thanksgiving service held at ten o'clock on Thanksgiving morning in the Methodist church. Following the singing by the various groups of children, Rev. J. K. Parker, pastor of the Presbyterian church spoke to the children. Dr. W. G. Bond, pastor of the Baptist church, led in prayer. The offering of \$26.00 which was taken, will go to aid polio victims.

## Miss Anne C. Reynolds Bride of Lloyd P. Tate

Bennettsville, S. C., Nov. 29—Young Anne Cannon Reynolds, II, heiress to North Carolina tobacco and textile millions, was married here this morning to Lloyd Patrick (Junebug) Tate, widely-known horseman of Pinehurst, N. C., and Blowing Rock, N. C.

The surprise ceremony was performed this morning at 9:35 o'clock by Probate Judge John F. Kinney in his office here.

The 18-year-old bride is the only daughter of the late Smith Reynolds, one of the heirs of the Reynolds tobacco fortune, and Anne Cannon Reynolds Plumly, now living in Roanoke, Va., member of the Cannon textile family of Concord, N. C. Her maternal grandparents were the late Joe Cannon, son of the founders of the Cannon mills, and Mrs. Annie Ludlow Cannon of Concord and Blowing Rock. Young Anne, who was often referred to as "the richest baby in the world," was reared from infancy by her grandmother. Her time was divided between the Cannon home in Concord and their summer residence at Blowing Rock. She was graduated last

## Local Hospital Service Is To Be Greatly Expanded

### ROYAL SALUTE



Against a background of the venerable battlements of London tower, a unit of the royal artillery fires the 41-gun salute marking the birth of a future king of England. The salute was fired far enough from Buckingham Palace not to wake the baby.

## Burley Prices Here Reach New Record

The first auctions of the season were held Monday on the floors of Mountain Burley Warehouse no. 1, where 350,000 pounds of tobacco brought the highest prices in the history of the local market. Nearly two million pounds of weed was on the floors of the three houses of the local market when sales began.

The tobacco on the floors at this time is said to be of the highest quality in the history of the market, and farmers are expressing general satisfaction with the amount of the checks received. Many baskets brought from 60 to 63 cents, and only a negligible quantity was taken by the Commodity Credit Corporation.

Floors were being cleared at warehouse no. 1, all through the sales and there is plenty of room, so that farmers never have to wait to unload their crops. Farmers Warehouse is full and sales were in progress there yesterday afternoon. Mountain Burley no. 2 is practically full as receipts again shift to no. 1.

Buyers from all the major tobacco companies are on the market and L. B. Jenkins & Co., returns a buyer to Boone after three years absence.

W. P. Hedrick of Raleigh, State tobacco market specialist, was present for the opening sale on the Boone market.

### HOUSING

This year's housing construction will hit an all-time high, according to the Commerce Department, which estimates that 1,250,000 housing units will be started this year. That figure includes farm houses, trailers and reconversions.

### C. of C. Official



STANLEY HARRIS

## Harris Is Given C. of C. Position

Stanley A. Harris, retired national Boy Scout executive has been named secretary of the Boone Chamber of Commerce, and has established his office in the Wade E. Brown Building. The office will be open every week day, and when Secretary Harris is absent, someone will be on duty to take care of any business arising.

Mr. Harris, who until recently was national director of interracial activities, Boy Scouts of America, is president of the recently-formed Boone Rotary Club.

## Price Of Democrat Advanced Today

Due to the continued advances in paper, and all other materials which go into the production of a newspaper, the Democrat reluctantly announces an advanced scale of subscription prices, effective immediately.

Most newspapers have raised their prices a number of times during the last few years, and the Democrat made every effort to retain the pre-war rate, but it just can't be done any longer. The publisher points out that this is the only newspaper to his knowledge which has maintained the old rate, despite soaring costs, and regrets his financial inability to keep going so far in the red on the circulation side of the business.

The new rates which represent a slight increase, are as follows: In Watauga county: One year \$2.00, six months \$1.50, four months \$1.00; Outside Watauga county: one year \$2.50, six months \$1.75; four months \$1.25.

Army reports new balloon altitude record of 26 1-2 miles.

At a recent meeting of the board of Trustees of Watauga Hospital, three new members were elected to take office January 1, and information was released to the effect that a resident surgeon has been employed, and that additional equipment will be installed, to the end that the local institution will meet the highest standards of modern hospitals.

The new trustees are Wade E. Brown, Earl D. Cook, and A. E. South. They are named to replace Smith Hagaman, T. C. Baird, and I. G. Greer, whose terms expire the first of the year. Other members of the board are W. R. Winkler, Clyde R. Greene, John Howell, G. K. Moose, Dave Mast and J. H. Winkler.

Dr. Lawrence H. Owsley of Opelika, Ala., has been elected as surgeon and medical director of the local hospital.

Dr. Owsley received his BS degree from Alabama Polytechnic Institute and was graduated in medicine and surgery at Emory University in Atlanta in 1940. He served one year rotating internship at the West Baltimore General hospital, preceding a three year residency in surgery at the same institution, which is a fully accredited hospital for graduate training in surgery. During the illness of the chief resident surgeon, and the inability of the hospital to replace him during the war period, Dr. Owsley was made chief resident surgeon during the last two years of his three years residency. He entered the army medical corps in January 1944 and spent eighteen months in orthopedics and general surgery. He did orthopedic surgery at Hammond general hospital, Modesto, Calif., and general surgery at the 62nd general hospital in France. On his return from overseas he did surgery at Edgewood Arsenal Station Hospital, and recently has been engaged in surgery at Opelika, Alabama. He is married and has a seven year old son.

"It seems," says a statement prepared by the trustees, "that a great many people think that the hospital belongs to Appalachian College. Probably the reason for this is, that several years ago, in order to keep the hospital open, the college gave generous assistance, for which the people owe a debt of gratitude. However, we are anxious for the people to know that the hospital belongs to them and that it is to be operated, as stated in the charter, for the use and benefit of all the people of Watauga county."

"The trustees wish to publicly express sincere appreciation to Dr. J. B. Hagaman for his faithful services to the hospital, given many times no doubt, at a personal loss, and to all the members of the medical profession for their pledge of cooperation in the further development of the hospital that it may render a fuller and more complete service to all our people."

Dr. Owsley has supplied the trustees with a list of equipment that it will be necessary to obtain, and quotations are being asked from a number of concerns. It is said that a considerable amount of money will be required to fully equip and staff the hospital, but the trustees express confidence that with the full cooperation of everyone the task can be accomplished.

As has been the case in the past, the hospital will be operated on the "open staff" plan, that is, all members of the profession here may take their patients there and carry on their practice. A business manager is to be employed and a full staff of registered nurses, it was said.

No definite date has been set for Dr. Owsley to assume his duties, but it will likely be after the first of the year before the new equipment can be secured and other arrangements made.



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