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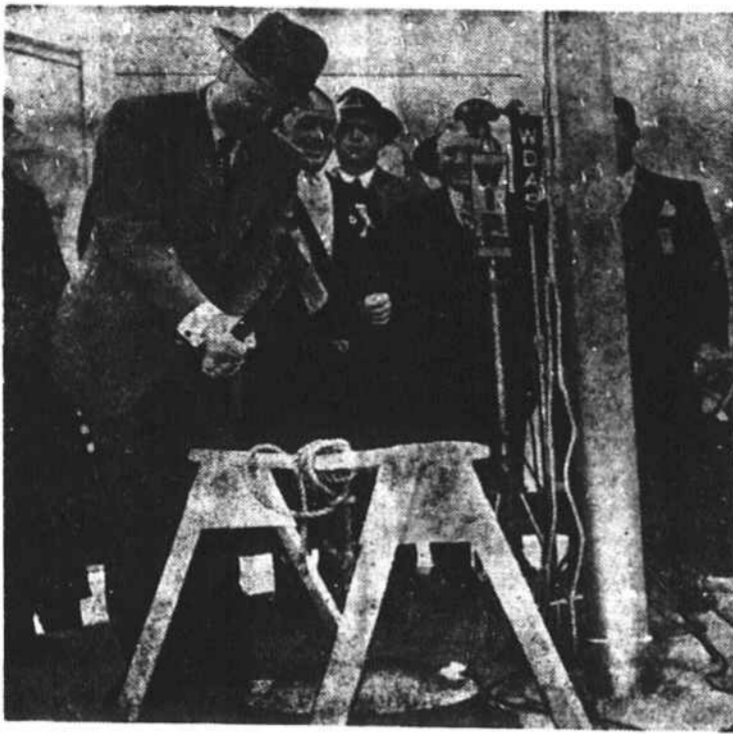
WOMAN'S CLUB accepting contributions to the empty stocking fund, with which it is expected Christmas cheer in generous proportions will be provided for more than a hundred children...

OUR SHARE of the parking meter problem, was we thought, solved. No more pennies and nickels needed, no more tickets in the office...

ALONG THE WAY: Dink Berry visits along the street after his serious illness. Lawrence Payne substitutes for him down at the grist mill...

BY SPECIAL arrangement with Santa Claus, the Democrat year after year, publishes a lot of letters the kiddies in this community dispatch to the arctic habitat of the kindly old gentlemen with the twinkling eyes...

MESSAGE FOR THE FUTURE



The documents that received awards from the Freedom Foundation were deposited in a "freedom capsule" to be buried at Valley Forge, Pa. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower is about to cut the rope with an ax, releasing the capsule.

Hospital is Approved By College Surgeons

Stocking Fund Leaders Named

The following committees have been appointed for the Empty Stocking project of the Worthwhile Club, the first mentioned being the chairman...

Mrs. Edwards Speaks To ACE

Mrs. Elia Edwards, state president of the Association for Childhood Education, was guest speaker at a dinner meeting of the Watauga Branch of A. C. E. at the Daniel Boone Hotel...

Enrollment At College Now 1289

Enrollment for the winter term at Appalachian college has reached 1289, according to H. R. Eggers, registrar, making the largest regular-term enrollment ever reached by the college...

Local Institution Meets Rigid Requirements of National Medical Group

The Watauga Hospital has been approved by the American College of Surgeons, as fulfilling their standards for hospital care, it was announced Tuesday...

Reese Man Is Corn Champion

Lewis Norris, Reese, won the county one-acre corn growing contest with 131.1 bushels per acre. The contest is sponsored by the County Farm Bureau and the USDA county council...

Schools Close for Christmas 21st

All the schools of the county, both elementary and high, will close for the Christmas holidays, Wednesday, December 21, and return to work on Monday, January 2...

CITY STORES BUSY PLACES AS YULETIDE DRAWS NIGH

Shopping Activity on Increase as Festive Season Draws Near; Retailers See Good Business During Remaining Ten Days; Gift Stocks Are Large.

With Christmas only ten days away, the business district of the city is taking on new activity, as an increased number of shoppers are daily making the rounds of the stores and shops...

Farm Bureau Groups Named

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Watauga Farm Bureau held last week, a number of committees were appointed, and a set of resolutions passed, outlining the proposed activity of the organization in the future...

Next Edition of Democrat To Go To Press Early

Next week's edition of the Watauga Democrat will be printed on Tuesday morning, rather than on Wednesday, so that the staff may get all in readiness for their Christmas vacation...

SHEEP SHEARING CHAMPIONS



Clint Reese, 18, right, of Reese, Watauga County, who took the national 4-H sheep-shearing crown at the International Livestock Exposition in Chicago recently, by out-shearing 26 competitors. Left is Elmer Latt, 49, Rockford, Ill., who won the international open title as he outsheared 29 professional shearers...

Rains Bring Receipts Tobacco To Normal

Clint Reese Is Guest C. Of C.

Clint Reese, who won the 4-H club national sheep shearing championship at the International Livestock Exposition in Chicago recently, along with five other Watauga boys, who competed in various phases of the big agricultural event...

Farm Loan Assn. Pays Dividend

Mr. S. C. Eggers, president of the Sugar Grove National Farm Loan Association, has received a check of \$1,614.50, to be distributed as a 5 per cent dividend to the members-borrowers of the association...

Farmers, Long Hindered by Dry Weather, Deliver Weeds; Prices Good

Warm week-end rains, which extended through Mon., brought delayed conditioning to the crops of local burley growers, and farmers worked frantically getting their leaf ready for the market...

Returns From Tour Of No. 421

Mr. S. C. Eggers, who was named the North Carolina member of the Lakes to Ocean Highway Association, organized to promote the improvement and nationalization of highway 421 from Fort Fisher, N. C. to Michigan City, Ind., has returned from a tour of the North Carolina portion of the highway...

Soil Conservation Supervisors Named

The results of the election held in Watauga county during the week of December 5th to 10th for the purpose of electing supervisors for the Watauga Soil Conservation district is reported as follows:

Gifts Still Sought For Orphans' Home

Those who haven't contributed to the Christmas fund for the children at the Grandfather Home, Banner Elk, are asked to leave their contributions with either Guy Hunt or Rob Rivers at the earliest possible time...

CHRISTMAS TO BE USHERED IN WITH SERIES BY VOCALISTS

Mrs. Linney Will Again Direct "Messiah" To Highlight Musical Observance; Choral Ensemble, Church Groups In Varied Programs.

College musical groups and church choirs are now busily engaged in their preparations for presenting programs of Christmas music and details for a number of these special entertainments have been released.

Choral Ensemble In Yule Program

The Choral Ensemble class of Appalachian High School, under the direction of Elsie H. R. Erneston, will present a Christmas program December 19th, at eight o'clock in the college auditorium.

Lutheran Choir To Use "Messiah" Theme

The Choir of Grace Lutheran Church will present a candle-light service on Tuesday evening, December 20, at 7:30. Solo selections from "The Messiah," by Handel and the Christmas Cantata, "The Shepherds Christmas," by Marten J. Luvaas will be given under the direction of Hoyt Safrif of Appalachian State Teachers College.

Baptist Choir in Program of Nativity

The annual Christmas music of the choir of the First Baptist Church will be given Wednesday December 21st at 7:30 p. m. The choir under the direction of Mrs. Graydon Eggers will have the assistance of the junior choir under the direction of Miss Martha Qualls. The public is cordially invited to hear this program.