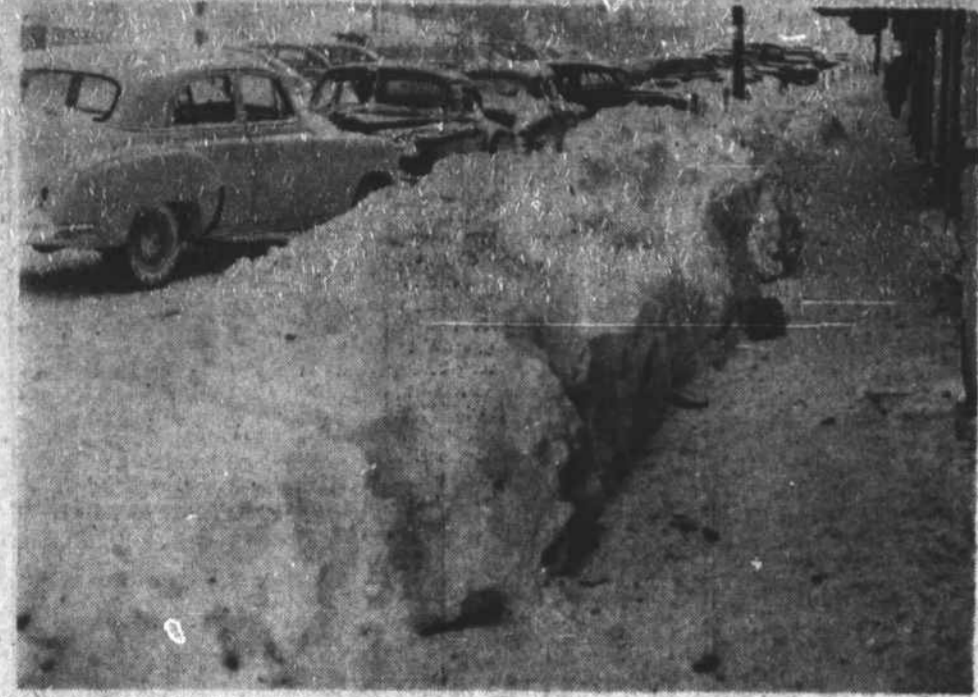


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AS CITY DUG OUT FROM BLIZZARD—Scene looking east along King Street from the Crest Store corner, showing the piles of snow which were moved by the rising temperatures and heavy rains of the week-end. Schools, which were closed during the week on account of the blizzard, reopened Monday, and all usual activities have been restored. — Photo by Palmer Blair.

Santa Claus Will Come To Boone Next Saturday

Eggers Says Land To Be Revalued Here

KING STREET BY ROB RIVERS

HERE AND THERE

Youngsters take to hilly streets with sleds as snow provides perfect slides during its last days. Fred Church, commenting on the weather, says the behavior of the elements is "un-good."

Big van load of burley tobacco being flagged into spot by operator of local service station.

A. J. Edmisten does his final job of reading the electric meters, before being sworn in again as high sheriff, after an absence of eight years from the law enforcement office.

School kids meditate on time lost during the storm... wonder whether it will be "made up" on Saturdays or through an extended period of time in the spring.

Arm chair generals, fireside fighters and synthetic diplomats gather to dope it out... MacArthur comes out no-good, the President ditto, Congress don't know the score, United Nations all out of gear, and our system seems to be doomed... Stalin agrees with all these opinions 100 per cent, so he's trying to destroy our system, our leaders and our men, and is making a fair start it would appear...

While men are dying for our system, and for us, looks like we could at least talk for our side.

Goody... the time-honored black and yellow auto tags which had been standard in Carolina for about ten years, finally give way to a brand new license plate, carrying red letters on a white background... Look plumb nifty for a change.

Retail trade gets back to normal as storm subsides and warmer temperatures come to the rear.

Water pipes burst in number of houses along the street... We have two outside faucets which came through the low temperatures undamaged... Nope, we hadn't cut the water off.

Dr. G. K. Moose gives us some of the low-down on things political and otherwise.

Bill Rush sounds a gloomy note: "You oughta have held up that snow picture another day or so. By that time the automobiles will be covered."

Mrs. Addie Clawson loading her jeep with parcel post, and other mail matter, and starting out on her daily journey to the mail boxes on RFD 1.

Christmas card mailings scheduled to start as sales of two centers takes upsurge at the post-office.

Howard Shore tells of having given nine pints of blood for the

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New Figures To Be Ready For 1951 Taxes

Mr. S. C. Eggers, newly-appointed tax supervisor for Watauga county, states that his office will start to work immediately re-valuing all real estate of Watauga county for taxation purposes, with the hopes that next year's taxes may be based on the new set of figures.

Mr. Eggers states that taxpayers will list their personal property for taxation as usual the first of the year, and that the amount of their realty values will be added later on, when the re-valuation has been completed.

Under state law, it is understood, property is to be revalued each four years. This was to have been done last year, Mr. Eggers says, but was postponed to 1951 by an act of Senator H. B. Perry.

Mr. Eggers asks for the full cooperation of the people in the job of revaluing the property of the county, so that such inequalities as exist may be eliminated.

APPS ARE IN TOP SHAPE FOR PYTHIAN TILT AT SALISBURY

Interest and speculation on Saturday's second annual Pythian Bowl football classic, to be played at Salisbury, began reaching a high pitch as both teams are in top shape for the battle.

The game is staged for benefit of the Clayton Orphans' Home at Clayton, N. C.

Appalachian, as defending champion, is host team. The Mountaineers defeated Catawbas in the first annual battle last year. The Apps return this season, not only as bowl champs, but as North State Conference champs as well. In regular season play they won nine games, tied one and lost none.

The West Liberty Hilltoppers are co-champions of the West Virginia Intercollegiate Conference along with Morris-Harvey, New Year's Day participant in the Tangerine Bowl. They are unbeaten and untied in eight games this season and have lost only one out of 42 games during the last four years. A 20-0 victory over Western Carolina last year in the Smoky Mountain Bowl is indicative of their strength.

It will be the Hilltopper's single wing against Appalachian's T-formation with both teams using the two-plateau system. Both schools boast high-scoring elevens. West Liberty has scored 254.

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Watauga 4-Hers Win National Honors in Chicago

Bob Wilson and Ben Norris, Watauga county 4-H club youths, won the first and second places, respectively in the national sheep shearing contest held in Chicago recently, marking the first time any state has won the top place two years in a row, and the first time in history when a given state has won both the first and second spots. Clint Reese of Watauga was first place winner last year.

Wilson scored 93,600 out of a possible 100, Norris 92,133, while third place went to Hugh Thorne of the State of Michigan, who had a score of 90,183.

Twenty-two boys from 15

CABLE ISSUES FINAL CALL TO FARMERS FOR PMA ELECTIONS

Committeemen To Be Named December Fourteenth

Dwight Cable, chairman of the Watauga county PMA committee, today issued a final call to all farmers of the county who are eligible to vote in the PMA farmer-committee elections.

"A voice in the selection of committeemen to administer the various farm programs under PMA is a vital right under our system of free government. It is a privilege that should not be neglected."

Nominations will begin at 7:00 a. m. on December 14, and polls will be open from 9:00 a. m. to 6:00 p. m. Voting places are as follows:

Bald Mountain, Voting place; Beaver Dam, Vann Farthing's Store; Blowing Rock, At City Hall; Blue Ridge Vance Hartley's home; Brushy Fork, Villas Service Station; New River, Elrod's Store; Cove Creek, J. B. Mast's Store; Elk, Simmon's Store; Laurel Creek, V. D. Ward's Store; Meat Camp, Green Valley School; North Fork, Tamarack Postoffice; Shawneechaw, Matney Store; Stony Fork, Deep Gap Postoffice; Watauga, Howard Mast's Store.

"No Watauga county farmer who is eligible to vote should let that time pass without voting," says the chairman. "The three farmers who will serve on the local community committee and the delegate to the county convention from that community should be the choice of the majority of eligible voters in the community."

Eligible voters are any owners, operators, tenants, or sharecroppers on a farm that is participating this year in any program administered by the county and community PMA committees.

Elections are entirely non-partisan and eligible voters are free to vote for any farmers they choose, providing they are participating in one or more of the PMA programs this year.

Mr. Cable said he is issuing this final call to farmers to vote in the PMA committee elections because he believes that the elected committee system of administering farm programs is vital to the welfare of agriculture in this country and that farmers should not endanger the system by failure to vote.

He explains that in voting a farmers may want to re-elect the same committeemen who are serving now or he may want other farmers to serve on the committee. "Whichever way it is, he should express himself by voting his choice. Only by voting can a democracy be made to work."

Reins of County Government Pass Into New Hands Monday



—Photo Palmer's Studio
SHERIFF—Sheriff A. J. Edmisten, who was sworn in Monday as Sheriff of Watauga county. The Democratic official returns to public life after an absence of eight years, during which time he had been employed by Appalachian College. He had served six years as sheriff prior to 1942, and was a diligent and sincere law enforcement officer.

POSTOFFICE WILL GIVE EXPANDED XMAS SERVICES

Effective as of December 15th the Boone postoffice will be open for mailings and general postal service each evening until 7 o'clock, in an effort to provide patrons with an expanded service during the holiday season.

In announcing the added service, Postmaster Brown urges the people of the community to do their mailing early in order to facilitate delivery. He also calls attention to the fact that bulk mailings will be accepted at both the front and rear of the postoffice to save time of the mailer.

Mr. Brown further states that during the first portion of the holiday period, at least, two or more deliveries per day will be made, collections of mail will be more frequent and adequate facilities will be provided for taking care of the Christmas postal rush.

"And remember," says Mr. Brown, "unsealed Christmas cards cost two cents this year."



—Photo Palmer's Studio
CHAIRMAN—Clyde R. Greene, Boone hardware merchant, and Republican leader, who was made chairman of the board of county commissioners, following the swearing-in ceremonies Monday. Other members of the new board, all Republicans, are R. M. Ward and William Proffitt.

Greene B. Miller, Tax Collector, Eggers, Supervisor

Newly elected county officers took their oaths of office Monday and took over the affairs of the local government, appointive offices were filled, and the routine business of the county went on in an uninterrupted fashion.

Those taking office are:

Fred M. Gragg, Republican, who enters upon his second four-year term as Clerk of the Superior Court.

A. J. Edmisten, Democrat, who was sworn in as Sheriff, succeeding G. M. Watson, Republican, who had been serving as an appointee of the board of commissioners, following the death of C. M. Watson.

Richard E. Kelly, Democrat, nominated on both tickets, as coroner.

Joe J. Miller, Republican, surveyor.

Wade E. Brown, Democrat, who was elected representative over S. C. Eggers, takes his oath of office when the Assembly convenes.

Clyde R. Greene, Rufus Ward and W. A. Proffitt, all Republicans, took over as county commissioners, succeeding H. M. Hamilton, Jr., Wm. Winebarger and C. A. Clay, Democrats. Messrs Greene and Proffitt have not hitherto served on the board. Mr. Ward had served one term.

Greene is Chairman

Mr. Greene was made chairman of the board following the swearing-in ceremonies, and the following appointments were made:

Greene B. Miller, tax collector. S. C. Eggers, tax supervisor. Clerk of Court Fred M. Gragg, county accountant.

No other business but routine matters, came before the new board at its initial meeting.

Mountaineers To Be C. Of C. Guests

The next meeting of the Boone Chamber of Commerce will be held in honor of the Appalachian Mountaineers, the football team which has brought wide publicity and high credit to Appalachian College and to Boone, and each member is asked to have a football player as his guest.

The meeting will be held Monday evening, December 11, rather than on Tuesday, as is customary, and at the Gateway rather than the Skyline Restaurant.

Guests will be assigned to Chamber of Commerce members at the restaurant, beginning at 7 o'clock, says Stanley A. Harris, Chamber of Commerce, secretary, who adds, "We want you to sit by your guest and make him know how proud you are of him and his team."

Dick Pearce, of the sports department Charlotte Observer, a former student of Appalachian, will be the speaker. A full attendance is urged.

Bobby Wayne Cox To Appear In Recital Here

Bobby Wayne Cox, member of the music faculty of Appalachian State Teachers college, will be presented in recital at the college auditorium, December 12, at 8:15 o'clock in the evening.

Mr. Cox's program will include the first performance of Ray Haney's Sonata. Other numbers included are Bach's "Concerto in the Italian Style; Prelude and Fugue in c minor; Prelude and Fugue in f sharp minor; and Prelude and Fugue in B flat major; Mendelssohn's "Consolation, op. 30, No. 3; Spring Song, op. 62, No. 6; and Rondo Capriccioso, op. 14; Beethoven's "32 variations on an original theme in c minor; Copeland's "Cat and the Mouse"; and Kabalevsky's "Sonatina, op. 13, No. 1."

Mr. Cox holds the bachelor of music and the master of music degrees from North Texas State college, where he was an assistant in the music department from 1946 through 1948. He came to Appalachian in the summer of 1949 as visiting professor of music, and has been a member of the music department faculty since.

The public is invited to hear Mr. Cox on the night of December 12.

Burley Sales Half Million

Tobacco sales on the Boone burley market, have reached the half million pound mark, and he average price is quoted as \$32.50 per hundred.

Sales were delayed last week due to the storm, and the first auctions were held Thursday. Receipts have been increasing with the coming of more favorable weather, but warehousemen say there is plenty of room on the floors for all, and that sales can be secured the day the weed is placed on the baskets.

Sheriff Watson Thanks Officials On Retiring

Sheriff G. M. Watson, who had served under appointment of the board of commissioners since the death of C. M. Watson, upon relinquishing his office Monday, expressed his gratitude to the retiring board of commissioners for having appointed him, and for their cooperation with him during his tenure in office.

Mr. Watson added:

"I feel that our work together has been harmonious, and that our future friendship may continue in a greater way. I thank you all, including Messrs Charlie Hodges, Gurney Brinkley and Raleigh Cottrell."

Soil Supervisor To Be Elected

D. P. Greene, chairman of the Watauga Soil Conservation District, announces the election this week, December 4-9, of a Soil Conservation Supervisor for the county. The supervisor will serve for a term of three years in directing the Soil Conservation work in the District.

Henry Taylor, present district supervisor, whose term expires December 31, 1950, has been renominated for election. Ballot boxes are located at Clyde Perry's store, Valle Crucis, Co. store, A. G. Miller store, Owen Little store, and the P. M. A. office.

The ballot boxes will remain at the above listed places through Saturday of this week. Any eligible voter is entitled to vote in this election.

Consumer buying slower with higher taxes and credit curbs.

Xmas Dance Is To Be Staged

The Junior class at Appalachian State Teachers College, sponsors of this year's Christmas dance, has announced that the annual dance will be held on Saturday, night December 16 from 8:30-12:00.

The Duke Ambassadors, a college orchestra from Duke University, will play for the Christmas merry-making gathered in the boys' gym on the college campus. Price of tickets will be \$1.50 per person or \$2.50 per couple.

The class asks that no flowers be given.

Seek Xmas Funds For Orphanage

Guy Hunt and Rob Rivers are making their annual appeal for funds for the benefit of the little children at the Grandfather Home, Banner Elk, and join in the hope that the people of this city and county will contribute liberally this year, so that Christmas time may be as happy an occasion as possible for these orphan children, who, it is explained, come from families in this immediate area.

Those who would like to make contributions to this fund should leave them either with Mr. Hunt or Mr. Rivers as quickly as is convenient.

EMPTY STOCKING FUND SEEKS AID LOCAL PEOPLE

The Worthwhile Woman's Club is making preliminary arrangements for their annual empty stocking fund solicitation, and the people of the town are being asked to contribute liberally to this fund which will bring good cheer, food, confections and playthings to the destitute children of the area.

It is asked that contributions be made as promptly as possible, in order that the job of arranging for the big Christmas party may be started at once. Contributions should be left with Mrs. Homer Brown at the Building and Loan office.

N. C. Norris Is Corn Champion

Mr. N. C. Norris of the Big Hill section has been declared champion corn grower of Watauga County for 1950. Mr. Norris grew 115 bushels of W. Va. 1163 hybrid corn on one acre. The corn was planted 10 inches apart in 34 inch rows.

R. J. Cook of the Bamboo section was runner-up with 105 bushels of W. Va. 1163 per acre.

Ralph J. Norris was third with 91.0 bushels of W. Va. 1163 per acre.

D. C. Coffey had a good yield of U. S.-13 hybrid corn, however, he was not eligible to enter the contest since he had begun harvesting his corn. Estimates indicated a yield of approximately 38 bushels of corn per acre.

Members of the Watauga County USDA Council visited each applicant in the corn growing contest on November 8th and estimated the yields by a formula devised at the N. C. State College of Agriculture.

First, second and third place prizes will be awarded by the Watauga County Farm Bureau.

New Clinics Are Being Arranged

A new clinic for mothers and infants will be held once a month at the Health Department, the second Monday at 1:00 to 3:00 p. m., according to an announcement by local health officials this week.

This clinic is open to those not having a family physician or to anyone referred by a family physician.

Mothers are urged to come for prenatal or postnatal care and to bring babies and small children for examination and advice. Infants under one year of age should be seen by a physician once a month, one to two years of age every three months, two to three years every six months, and then once a year.

The first clinic session will be held Monday, December 11.