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WATAUGA COUNTY
Leading agricultural and tourist area. Livestock raising and fruit growing of paramount importance. Blue Ridge Parkway traverses county, and tourist highway connects Boone, one of the principal tourist resorts of Eastern America.

BOONE
The educational center of Western North Carolina. Home of Appalachian State Teachers College, which attracts hundreds of students annually from all parts of the nation. Modern business district. A good place to live.

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KING STREET

BY
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Throng Gathers To Greet St. Nick And Share In His Bounty

VIRGINIA WARY LINNEY and her college choir get down to the serious business of putting the finishing touches on their forthcoming rendition of the Christmas section of Handel's Messiah, which is traditionally performed throughout the Christian world, as a part of the observance of the religious holiday, and which has been produced, for the love of the glorious production, for the past nine years by Mrs. Linney and her group of chorists. . . . Folks around Boone, at least those who have a love for the finer things, would feel lost without this presentation. . . . This corner would like to voice a sincere appreciation to Mrs. Linney and her vocalists for bringing us this superb presentation.

MR. WILFONG, of radio station WATA, likewise, deserves felicitations for having arranged for the broadcasting of the "Messiah", through the local radio facility, on a coast to coast basis over the Mutual system. . . . The definite date for this transcribed broadcast hadn't been arranged as this is written.

WE GATHER from Mrs. Linney, that no single work is so bound up with the musical life of English speaking people as George Frederick Handel's "The Messiah", which had its origin in the darkest moment of the celebrated composer's life. . . . Bankrupt, alone, beset by serious illness, Handel remained in his house for 24 days, during which time he conceived and wrote what is unquestionably one of the most inspiring works of his kind ever produced by the mind of man. . . . The Christmas section of the immortal oratorio, Mrs. Linney's program states, opens with an overture, gloomy and despairing as a sinful world. Then, like a ray of sunshine, comes the "comfort ye, comfort ye, my people" and the glad promise of a Messiah. . . . The Pastoral Symphony goes to the plains of Bethlehem, and is said to have been inspired by memories of Handel's youth, when he had heard the shepherds of Abuzz playing their quaint bagpipe tunes in the streets of Rome at Christmas time. . . . The angelic voices announcing the birth of the Prince of Peace. . . . The mighty Hallelujah Chorus, proclaiming the triumph over sin and death. . . . The Messiah, it is explained, is a song, rather than a sermon. . . . but it is music through which the listener may know a profound religious experience.

HAD IT PLEASED Providence to make the weather unchangeable, we wonder what us folks along King Street and along thousands of other main streets throughout the land would do for a topic of gossamer conversation. . . . When we fire of settling the international situation, when the arguments between the followers of the donkey and those who go along with the elephant, have grown stale, and when there is no good gossip going the rounds—when no husband has been accused of doing the madam wrong, when most of the folks have stayed sober, and there is a general dearth of conversational material, we can always turn to the weather. . . . and kindred subjects, such as the supply of fuel oil in the tank, the quality of the coal we have, the high cost of both, and the way the plumbing is standing the strain of sustained freezing. . . . And, nine times out of ten we wind up with the observation, "I never saw anything like it. . . . so help me!"

THIS LATTER STATEMENT has become a sort of echo around the town for the past few days. . . . folks are dead certain we never had December weather the like of this. . . . "In all my 57 years I never knew severe winter so early," says one. . . . As a matter of fact just exactly five short years ago the folks hereabout were saying just the same sort of thing and having, if anything, a worse stretch of weather than this. . . . On December 5, 1945, the elements plunked down a good liberal eight inches of snow on Boone and environs, and (Continued on page four)

Christmas Opening Event Held Last Saturday

Grownups and children alike gathered on the square in large numbers last Saturday when Santa Claus opened his big pack, and distributed gifts to the throngs. There was band music and speech-making, and later in the day the Christmas lights were turned on for the first time, as gift shopping got under way in earnest in the stores and shops along the street. . . . D. M. Edmisten, chairman of the special Christmas opening committee, introduced Mayor Gordon H. Winkler, who extended a welcome to the throng. Mr. R. C. Coleman, local tobacco warehouseman, greeted the crowd on behalf of the burley market, and music for the occasion was supplied by the Appalachian High School band.

Santa Claus gave candies and other confections to the Kiddies, while Secretary Harris of the Merchants Association distributed gifts on behalf of local retailers.

Mrs. Agle Wins \$1,000 Purse

Mrs. Margaret E. Agle, has been awarded a one thousand dollar cash prize, as the winner of the Stoppette Spray Deodorant contest, given in connection with Stoppette's CBS television show, "What's My Line?". Mrs. Agle was given the choice of a Schiaparelli suit and a trip to New York for fitting the garment, or a check for one thousand dollars. She chose the money. She is the seventh winner in the eight week contest. Mrs. Agle explains that she and her brother, Mr. Leonard Eury, collaborated in the entry, and regularly participate in the radio contests as a hobby. She has won half a dozen awards, while Mr. Eury has won minor awards with regularity. Neither, however, had received one of the larger awards until now, she added.

Tobacco Ball Plans Are Made

The annual tobacco ball sponsored by the Assembly Club will be held in the high school gym, Thursday night, December 14, from 8:30 until 12:00. The dance will feature music by the Swingsters. Tickets can be secured from Joe's Barber Shop and members of the Assembly Club.

Merry Christmas Edition Next Week

The next edition of the Democrat, while being particularly valuable as a medium for last-minute shopping suggestions, will also be featured by Christmas greeting advertisements, which may be had in a wide variety of styles and sizes, complete with art work and copy, if desired. Work on the edition will start as soon as this edition of the Democrat is mailed, and full cooperation of the patrons is asked by the publisher. If preferred orders for these ads will be taken by telephone.

Old Fashioned School

An old fashioned school will be staged at the Cove Creek auditorium Thursday evening December 14th at 7 o'clock by the Boy Scouts. The cast will be made up of the older people of the neighborhood and the small admission will be used for Scout activities. An evening of fun for everyone is promised.

FORGETFUL TEACHER

Oklahoma City—Mrs. Louise S. Johnson, school teacher from Tonkawa, visiting in this city for a convention, parked her car and promptly forgot where she parked it. Police, helping her, found it parked in a school zone, no-parking area.

JENKINS WESTERN DISTRICT AGENT



BEN P. JENKINS, JR.

Ben P. Jenkins, Jr., above, is the new western district agent for the State College Extension Service. His appointment to the post became effective December 1. Jenkins, a graduate of State College, has been farm agent in Cleveland County for the past five years. In his new capacity he will supervise the work of farm agents in the 15 counties of Watauga, Buncombe, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Madison, Mitchell, Swain, Transylvania, and Yancey. Jenkins succeeds Robert W. Shoffner, who on October 1 was promoted to assistant director of extension.

Stocking Fund Gifts Are Sought

The Worthwhile Club is insisting that those who have not contributed to the Empty Stocking Fund, do so immediately, in order that final plans may be made for bringing cheer to the underprivileged children at Christmas time. Contributions should be left with Mrs. Homer Brown at the Building and Loan office. Toys, likewise, which are contributed, should be turned in to Mrs. Brown.

Soil Conservation Supervisors Meet

The Watauga Soil Conservation District supervisors held their quarterly meeting on Monday of this week. The ballots were counted for the election of a supervisor and Henry Taylor was declared re-elected to serve on the committee for a three-year term. The organization of the committee for the following year is as follows: Chairman, D. F. Greene; vice chairman, Will Wellborn, and secretary, Henry Taylor.

The group discussed the work accomplished since the District was formed and made plans for the coming year. In preparing their goals for next year the supervisors expressed their desire that more farmers become aware of the needs of soil conservation on their farms, and that they apply necessary practices to better conserve their soil and water resources.

G. W. Rowe Stricken At Valle Crucis Home

George Washington Rowe, 90 years old, a resident of Valle Crucis, died at the home December 10th, following a long illness.

Funeral services were conducted at Oak Grove Baptist Church December 12, at 2 o'clock, and burial was in the Hine cemetery, near the church. Rev. Mr. Vance, the pastor of the church, conducted the rites.

Surviving are two sons and five daughters: Charles Rowe, Lenoir; Fred Rowe, Spokane, Wash.; Mrs. Mack Norris, Granite Falls; Mrs. John K. Perry, Sherwood; Miss Lola Rowe, Valle Crucis; Mrs. Harston Coffey, Banner Elk; Mrs. John W. Greene, Valle Crucis.

Drower, named manager of Dodgers at \$40,000 for one year.

WEST LIBERTY HAS EDGE ON APPS IN LAST BOWL TUSSLE

Mountaineers Shaded 26-28 In Salisbury Tilt Saturday

Shuford Field, Salisbury—Spotting a 13-point lead in the early minutes, West Liberty Teachers of West Virginia struck back on a solid single-wing attack to shade the Appalachian State Mountaineers last Saturday 28-26, in the second annual Pythian Bowl game.

A sparse crowd of 3,000 sat like icicles between touchdowns as the two high-g geared offense stormed for scores in ever quarter except the second.

The victory kept West Liberty's victory string running at nine straight for the season. For Appalachian, unbeaten but tied during the regular campaign, it was the second bowl loss in a row. They were downed in the Burley bowl on Thanksgiving Day, 26-6, by Emory and Henry. The extra-point toe of Bill Cross, which had given the Mountaineers two close wins and a tie during their run to the North State conference crown, failed them Saturday.

Cross kicked wide for the point after the Apps' second and fourth touchdowns, while the Hilltoppers' James Bartell was booting his four attempts high up the middle.

Jack Groce, Appalachian's swift halfback and state scoring leader bore the brunt of the Mountaineers' attack. The stubby little scooter scored two of the host team's tallies, one on a 25-yard squirt off left tackle, and passed to End Don Felton for a third.

Steve Gabriel capped a 90-yard drive with a one-yard sneak for Appalachian's other touchdown.

Pete Tuccio, long-legged tailback in the Hilltoppers' potent single wing, was a one-man offensive show as he ran for three West Liberty touchdowns and flipped the pass that accounted for the other.

Appalachian received the opening kickoff and after three scrimmage plays enjoyed a 6-0 lead. From their own 33 the Apps moved fast, Groce got eight on his pet off tackle play, was held to no gain off the left side, and then jump-passed complete to Felton. The big end, running like a scat-back, played tag with the left sideline and made it all the way—59 yards—to score.

Just 1:30 had been ticked off when Cross booted the point.

The Hilltoppers showed power after receiving the kickoff, but Claude Eldridge intercepted Tuccio's pass on the App 10 temporarily stymie the visitors. From their 10 the Mountaineers made it 13-0 in nine plays. Line cracks yielded a first down and then Jimmy Moore fired on to Felton and the swift flanker made it 65 yards to the Hilltopper 10 before being snagged from behind. Three plays produced the marker, Steve Gabriel speaking across from the one. Cross' kick was wide to the right.

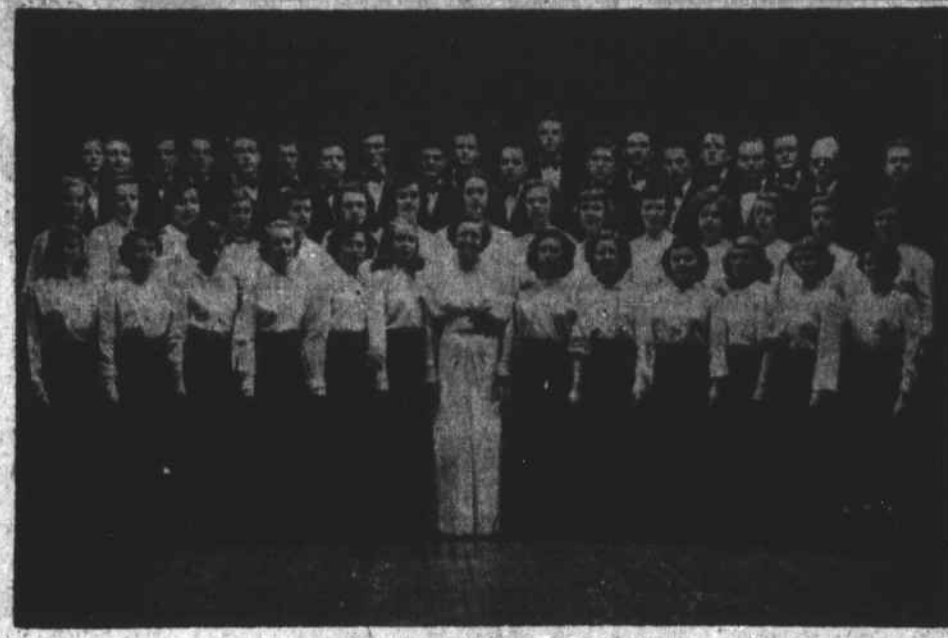
West Liberty cut the margin to 13-7 with 10 seconds left in the first quarter when a fourth-down pass in the end zone was ruled complete on interference. Claude Eldridge, who intercepted two Tuccio passes during the afternoon, was charged with pushing Staley and the touchdown was allowed. Bartell kicked true and the 13-7 score held up through a rugged but non-productive second quarter.

Free Movie Is Set For Sunday

The Worthwhile Club, in cooperation with the Appalachian Theatre, is giving a free movie for all children next Sunday afternoon at 2:30. Adults bringing children to the show will likewise be admitted free. People with cars are urged to bring the children in their neighborhood. All High School students are especially invited.

BIRD BATH KILLS CHILD
Griffin, Ga. — Sandra Dianne Payne, 3, was fatally injured while playing in the family yard when she swung on a bird bath and it toppled over on her.

College Choir's "The Messiah" Highlights Yule Observance



APPALACHIAN COLLEGE CHOIR

Oratorio To Be Presented Here Sunday Night

Appalachian College choir, under the direction of Mrs. Virginia Wary Linney is busily engaged in final preparations for their ninth annual presentation of the Christmas section of Handel's Messiah, which will be staged Sunday evening, December 17 at 7 o'clock in the college auditorium.

Through the efforts of radio station WATA the local rendition of the immortal oratorio will be broadcast coast to coast by Mutual during the Christmas season, the definite date to be announced later.

The choruses will be sung by a 60 voice choir with solo parts by vocalists from the College music department.

The soprano solos will be sung by Miss Ann Elizabeth Biggs and Miss De Etta Lippincott. Ted Barnett and Jimmy Blanton will render the tenor solos, Alice Paige will sing the contralto solos and Hoyt Safrit the baritone.

The piano and organ accompanying parts will be played by Reba Smith and Wofford Huskey who are also members of the choir.

For the most part, the recitatives will be sung with the piano accompaniments, to represent the harpsichord, which was originally used by Handel. The areas will be sung with organ accompaniments, which is traditional with the orchestra.

Stage decorations will be under the direction of Miss Clyde Goodman, with the lighting effects being taken care of by Robert Yoder and Eugene Nelson.

Mrs. Linney, commenting on the oratorio, says: "This great oratorio has increased its influence throughout the years, and its message will still bring comfort to the world long after the present turmoil has spent itself."

Honor Roll Names Are Released Here

The first quarter honor roll, just released by Registrar H. R. Eggers of Appalachian State Teachers college, includes a number of Watauga county students. Those who attained this academic distinction include the following:

- William Alexander, Martha Austin; Mary Jane Austin, Guy Lail, all of Shulls Mills;
 - Barbara Bingham, Peggy Anne Farthing, of Sugar Grove;
 - C. H. Blackburn, Homer Brown, Annie Mae Carroll, Betty Lou Clawson, Curtis Davidson, Isabel Eggers, Doris Sparks Harmon, Charles Hyder, Barbara Jones, John Marsh, Nell Norris, Grace Owsley, Lawrence Phillips, Martha Qualls, Regina Tait, all of Boone;
 - Gneva Coffey, Blowing Rock; Lovell South, Tamarack; Welch Tester, Valle Crucis.
- The honor roll contained 48 per cent of the senior class, 17.2 per cent of the junior class, 17.6 per cent of the sophomore class, 14 per cent of the freshman class, and 3.2 per cent of the special students.

Driver's License

Those who have had drivers license renewed since July 1, 1947, must not their expiration date, and renew promptly, according to W. R. Stanberry, local examiner.

To renew, eye, road sign and road rules tests are required, if renewals are made before expiration date. After that date a road test is also required.

A licensing station is open at the courthouse in Boone, Thursday and Friday of each week, 8 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Peace Prayers To Be Offered Here

An hour of prayer dedicated to world peace will be held at Perkinsville Baptist Church Friday night December 15th at 7:30 p. m.

Churches of all faiths are urged to attend this service to join in prayer in this hour of world crisis.

Million And Half Pounds Of Burley Sold in Boone

Taylor Heads Polio Drive



JIM TAYLOR

Jim Taylor, has again been named to head the campaign for funds for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, it is revealed by H. J. Cottrell, chairman of the Watauga county chapter of the organization.

The annual campaign for funds to continue the fight against polio will be conducted from January 15 to 30, and details of the local phases of the campaign will be released when formulated.

Mrs. Mary Bradshaw Is Taken by Death

Lenoir, N. C., Dec. 11.—Mrs. Mary Vandyke Bradshaw, 87, died at her home on Lenoir, Route eight—the Bailey's Camp community—on Sunday morning at 11:30 o'clock following an extended illness.

Funeral services were conducted at St. Marks Lutheran church Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock, with the Rev. E. N. Troutman and the Rev. R. H. Shores officiating. Burial was in the Mulberry Springs cemetery.

Mrs. Bradshaw was the widow of the late Rev. James Bradshaw, a Baptist minister who died on March 9, 1931. She was a member of Middle Fork Baptist church. She was born in Watauga county, on May 26, 1863, the daughter of the late Manual and Martha Harrison Vandyke.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Henry G. Ford of Lenoir, Route Eight, and Miss Maude Bradshaw of the home; eight sons, Jones of Westmoreland, Kas. Arthur of Manhattan, Kas., Milton of Bellevue, Kas., Thomas of Granite Falls, Robert of Blowing Rock, Fred of Boone, Ed of Lenoir, Route Eight, and Frank Bradshaw of the home; 31 grandchildren, 43 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

Big increase in paper production in U. S. is reported.

Tuesday's Average Is \$53.95 Per Cwt.

Two hundred and fifty-three thousand pounds of burley tobacco sold on the floors of Mountain Burley Warehouse No. 1 Tuesday for an average price of \$53.95 per hundred, bringing the season's total sales for the Boone market to a little more than a million and a half pounds.

Warehousemen say that receipts of tobacco are picking up as the holidays draw nearer, and insist that farmers make every effort to bring their tobacco for sale before Christmas, as it will likely command better prices now than at the end of the season.

Sales are being held today (Wednesday) on the floor of warehouse number two, where a large amount of prime weed is bringing the usual high prices. The last sales of the pre-Christmas market will be held on Thursday December 21. The date for the resumption of sales after the holidays hasn't been set.

Fatally Hurt In Mine Machinery

Stanford A. Greer, formerly of Brownwood, but recently a resident of Slemp, Ky., was fatally injured December 4th, while working in the coal mines near that place. Brief information is that Mr. Greer's coat was caught in a conveyor belt, and that he was carried into a machine. He suffered a broken neck.

Funeral services were held at the Laurel Springs Baptist Church Lenoir, N. C., December 7th, and burial was in the church cemetery. Rev. Ernest Stevens of Todd and Rev. Victor Trivett of Trade, Tenn., conducted the rites.

The widow survives, with one son, Lonnie C. Greer, Slemp, Ky. There is a stepson, Cecil E. Sparkman, Fayetteville, Ark., and a stepdaughter, Mrs. Clara Carter, Gate City, Va. The parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Greer of Brownwood, also survive.

Christmas Holidays Set at Appalachian

Christmas holidays will begin at Appalachian State Teachers college at noon Wednesday, December 20. According to the college administration, all dormitories will close on Wednesday afternoon, and will not open again until Monday afternoon, January 1.

Classes, following the holidays, will begin again at 9:20 the morning of January 2. Mid-term examinations are scheduled for January 15 through 20th.

Flood Waters Yield To Snow

The incessant rains of last Thursday evening and Friday morning brought near flood conditions to Watauga county, and the schools were closed on Friday due to washouts on school bus routes, and damage to some small bridges.

The downpour sent mountain streams from their banks, and in the river bottoms, cattle and sheep were reported marooned on high spots until the high waters receded. In town, there was general complaints of water in basements, leaky roofs, and other inconveniences caused by the rains, which are believed to have been the heaviest since 1940 in this locality.

Lower temperatures the end of the week brought two inches of snow, and slippery streets and roadways, but traffic has not been hampered to any serious degree.

Zimmerman Is On Faculty

William H. Zimmerman, Jr., of Asheville, has been added to the music faculty of Appalachian State Teachers college, and has already arrived in Boone to take up his duties.

Mr. Zimmerman is a graduate of the Converse College School of Music, from which he holds the bachelor of music degree, and has completed his academic work for the master of music degree at Syracuse University.

Mr. Zimmerman's musical experience has been wide and varied. For a number of years he was a private piano teacher in Asheville, and was musical director of Radio Station WWNC. For several summers he was assistant to the famous piano teacher, Guy Maier, in summer master classes. He has been soloist with the New York Philharmonic Orchestra, the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra, and the North Carolina Symphony Orchestra. He has been accompanist for many fine artists, and last summer did studio accompanying work for Leon Garson, chairman of the American Academy of Teachers of Singing.

Mr. Zimmerman is a member of Pi Kappa Lambda, of the North Carolina Federation of Music Clubs, and has been an honorary delegate to two biennial conventions of the National Federation of Music Clubs. He has also been field judge for the National Guild of Piano Teachers for the states of Alabama, Kentucky, and Tennessee.

Des Moines, Ia.—Joy Leaming, 22, was granted a divorce from his bride of four weeks. His complaint: She "wouldn't kiss" him.