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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.

WATAUGA COUNTY

Leading agricultural and tourist area. Livestock, dairying and truck farming of paramount importance. Five Ridge Parkway traverses county, and famous Blowing Rock, one of the principal summer resorts of Eastern America.

KING STREET

BY

ROB RIVERS

AND IT CAME TO PASS in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.

(And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)

And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)

To be taxed with Mary, his espoused wife, being great with child.

And, so it was, that while they were there, the days were accomplished, that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her first born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flocks by night.

And lo, the Angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

—From the Gospel according to St. Luke.

THE HUSTLE AND THE BUSTLE of those last days before Christmas . . . The eager faces of the children, the hurried expressions on the faces of their elders, and the mad rush in quest of material values, celebrating the birthday of Him, who taught that mere "things" do not matter . . . Christmas tree vendors along the streets, purveying shapely cedars, imported from neighboring Virginia, which seem to have definitely supplanted the local hemlock and white pine in the Santa Claus market . . . School girl, from down on the south side of the mountain, offering bunches of holly boughs with generous spots of bright red berries . . . and the bright-eyed child, face and hands blued by the piercing cold, gazing longingly at the bright toys and other Christmas trappings, which it cannot have except through the generous impulses of the folks round about . . . The long lines at the post-office as the two cent stamps are passed out by the thousands and the parcel post packages heaved into the receiving windows in a steady stream . . . Recent railway strike had local office filled with mail, which was promptly moved when the emergency was over . . . Orange tree growing in window of Edminster Furniture Store, close by Crayte Teague's expansive toy train layout . . . The plant, given Mr. Edminster by Dr. Herman Eggers, is four feet tall and has four oranges on its branches, each about one inch in diameter—the first time we have seen oranges growing in Boone.

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THE WATAUGA DEMOCRAT—its publisher and each member of the staff—join in extending to its readers and other patrons Greetings of the season. We are deeply appreciative of the friendship and goodwill of the people of Boone and Watauga county, and of their continuing patronage and wish for each of you a Very Merry Christmas.

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GIVEN TV SET—Emma Lou Dollar, 9 year old Deep Gap resident, a victim of polio, is shown beside the television set which her neighbors and friends gave her for Christmas. John Hampton promoted the purchase of the set and contributed \$50; perhaps 75 others contributed lesser amounts, and Craven Furniture Store of Boone sold the set for less than cost, or a reduction of \$84.50. Emma Lou is pictured with the set at Craven's store. She was stricken with polio in September of 1949, two weeks after she started her second year at school, and has been treated at the Asheville Orthopedic Hospital. A bright, attractive child, Emma Lou talks pleasantly with her friends, and expects to recover from the severe attack of polio.

DWIGHT CABLE AGAIN NAMED TO FILL WATAUGA PMA POSITION

Dwight Cable of Sugar Grove was re-elected chairman of the Watauga county Production and Marketing Administration committee at the county convention held in Boone December 15.

Re-elected as vice-chairman of the county committee was O. G. Wineberger, and elected as regular member was Sanford Creed. The two alternates are J. M. Burkett and Vaughn Tugman.

All these committeemen are farmers. They are paid for only the few days they actually serve.

Owight Cable, the chairman of the Watauga county PMA committee for 1951, owns a 32-acre farm in Laurel Creek community. On this farm he produces tobacco, grain and hay crops,

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Coaker Triplett Signs With Bisons

St. Petersburg, Fla., Dec. 8.—George Toporcer consummated his first official act as manager of the Bisons for the 1951 season by huddling with Coaker Triplett here this morning and emerging with the announcement that he is retaining the slugging outfielder as his chief aide de camp.

Business Manager Leo T. Miller immediately settled contract negotiations with Triplett and the latter then departed for his home in Boone, N. C., highly elated that he is returning to Buffalo.

Triplett's injured knee probably will prevent him from playing, except against lefthanded pitchers and appearing in pinchhitting roles, but he will continue to combine these duties with coaching.

Another Service Is Set At Perkinsville

The second service, arranged for the purpose of offering prayer for World Peace, will be held at the Perkinsville Baptist Church Friday evening, with Dr. W. G. Bond in charge. All the ministers of the town are expected to be present, and the public is invited.

At the first meeting last Friday, about seventy-five gathered.

"Why Christmas?"

"Why Christmas", a pageant by Elinor Brown, will be presented by the Sunday School of Willowdale Baptist Church of Vilas, Sunday, December 24th at 7:30 p. m. This program stresses the influence our actions may have on the lives of others. It presents an aged man, who is puzzled about Christianity and the purpose of Christmas, and sets out to learn the true meaning of both. We invite you to accompany him.

Burley Sales To Reach Two And Half Million Here Today

FARMERS ARE ELECTED TO FILL PMA POSITIONS FOR YEAR 1951

Returns from the fourteen community committee elections were announced today by Dwight Cable, chairman of the Watauga county PMA committee.

By communities the following farmers were elected to administer PMA farm programs in 1951, chairman, vice-chairman, regular member, first and second alternates in the order named:

Bald Mountain, W. F. Norris, J. E. Lewis, George Miller, George Trivett, and J. B. Ragan.

Beaver Dam, Clyde Robinson, W. R. Vines, G. F. Smitherman, Gardner Matheson, and Cecil Swift.

Blowing Rock, Shuford Edminster, Mrs. Nora Brodyhill, W. Leon Coffey, Berlin Greene and Charlie Spann.

Blue Ridge, M. O. Coffey, Vance C. Hartley, Joe Hayes, Stacy Ford and G. E. Miller.

Brushy Fork, Joe McNeil, Jeff Stanberry, C. C. Edminster, C. A. Clay and Grady Bradley.

Cove Creek, Lewis Burket, J. M. Burkett, M. L. Warren, Jr., Russell Thomas and June Profit.

Elk, J. D. Hampton, Doc Cox, Bob Hodges, Arthur Wheeler and Russell Triplett.

Laurel Creek, Charlie W. Mast, Ed Fannon, Stacy Moody, Robert Hagaman and Tom Mast.

Meat Camp, W. W. Wineberger, Vaughn Tugman, Erald D. Moretz, Alfred McNeil and Paul Moretz.

New River, Avery L. Jackson, Wilson Brown, Harold Henlon,

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Carol Service At Baptist Church

The members and friends of the First Baptist Church of Boone will gather Sunday evening at 5:00 o'clock for a half hour of music.

Several carols will be sung by the congregation from hymnals. This music of the Christmas season will be sung again a fine way by people who love the music of the carols.

Solos and choir numbers will be interspersed with the carols to make the service even more attractive. The public is invited to join in this service.

Health Staff Meeting

The annual staff conference of health educators in North Carolina was held in the laboratory of hygiene at the State Board of Health, Raleigh, December 14 and 15th. The conference this year was attended by approximately 50 health educators from all parts of the state. High-lighting the meeting were reports of work in nutrition, mental health, alcoholic assistance, school health and the undergraduate program in health education from the colleges of the state. Attending the meeting from Boone was Miss Madeleine McCain, local health educator.



AT CHRISTMAS PARTY—A small section of the large crowd which gathered to share in the distribution of gifts, as one of the highspots of the Christmas shopping season.

Highest Average Of Season Hit Tuesday

Sales of burley tobacco on the Boone market reached the two and a quarter million pound mark Tuesday, when the average price received was \$54.92, to make perhaps the best sale of the season. Warehousemen state that with Thursday's sale the total will doubtless reach two and a half million pounds.

Hollis Honeycutt of Burnsville, N. C., sold a record crop on the Tuesday sale, receiving an average price of 62 cents per pound for his entire crop. Farmers generally expressed themselves as being highly pleased with their checks.

Sales will end with the Thursday auctions, and will be resumed early in January, but the exact date has not been set. Meantime all warehouses on the local market will remain open and receive tobacco right on through the holidays. Receipts are continuing strong during these last sale days.

Stores Close For Christmas

The Department stores and perhaps most other business houses in the community will be closed on Tuesday as well as on Christmas day, but this is not a recommendation of the Merchants Association, which calls for closing only on Christmas day.

However, the Merchants Association recommends a holiday on New Year's. Patrons of local business establishments are asked to anticipate their needs and do all their shopping, so that no inconvenience may result from the Merchants taking a well-earned rest from their labors.

"Messiah" To Be Broadcast Sat.

The choir of Appalachian State Teachers college, under the direction of Mrs. Virginia Wary Linney, will present "The Messiah" by Handel to a nationwide radio audience on Saturday, December 23, from 1:30 to 2:00 p. m. This broadcast, which will originate through Radio Station WATA in Boone, will be carried coast-to-coast by the Mutual Broadcasting System.

The college extends an invitation to all its alumni and friends to be a part of its nation-wide radio audience for this presentation of "The Messiah" by the sixty voices of the Appalachian choir.

The following students from Watauga county are members of the choir:

Sopranos: Isabelle Eggers, Pat Ellis, Barbara Jones, Arlene Mast, Margaret Ray, and Elizabeth Williams, all of Boone; Peggy Farthing, Sugar Grove; Eugenia Luttrell, Shulls Mills.

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