

KING STREET

BY ROB RIVERS

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS take their place along the streets of the town, and the Merchants Association has done the best job in history in making ready for the coming of Santa Claus.

THERE ARE THE RED WAGONS, the gay dolls, the toys of all kinds, the many items of clothing, the jingle bells, the big Santas, the confections and the fruits and the goodies in prodigious quantities.

HOG-KILLING TIME and farmers tell us that the old fashioned days of pork-making are in the pages of memory.

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New River Power Company Is Establishing New Set Of Rates

Noted Organist Coming



When the newly rebuilt organ at the Methodist Church is offered in concert to the Boone community on Thursday night at 7:30, the experienced and distinguished organist from Dilworth Methodist Church, Charlotte, John J. Morton, Jr. will be at the console.

Nativity Scene Is Added Holiday Feature In City

Many people have long dreamed of a Christmas scene for Boone and their dream is becoming a reality this holiday season with the nativity scene being staged on the Dougherty lot between the Methodist and Baptist Churches.

Thomas Gives Further Points On Tax Appeals

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Health Conference

The regular staff conference of the North Carolina Public Health Educators is in session this week in Raleigh. To be able to have Miss Helen Martikainen, former state director of health education and now director of the Division of Health Education in the World Health Organization, and located in Geneva, Switzerland, attend this session, the dates were shifted up a few weeks.

New Electric Charges To Go Into Effect In January.

The New River Light & Power Company which serves the town of Boone and surrounding community has announced that they plan to put new rates into effect for all customers effective with the billing of January first.

The new rates divide all customers into two classes: residential and commercial. All commercial property will be served at the commercial rate and all residences will be served at the residential rate.

Correction The section of the Democrat containing a page ad for the Power Company telling of the new rates, had already come from the press, when it was decided to change the effective date of the rates from the December 1 to the January 1 billing.

Reese Resident Termed Suicide

The body of Spencer Blackburn Pope, 40, resident of Reese township, was found hanging from a tree in the woods near his home Thanksgiving day, and Richard E. Kelley, who termed the tragedy "a plain case of suicide," did not hold an inquest.

Pope, a disabled veteran of the second World War, had told his family, Mr. Kelley learned, that he was going to "end his troubles," before going into the woods. He had stood on a fallen bough, and tied the slender cotton rope to a limb of the tree, then stepped off the bough. His neck was broken.

The widow, six sons and three daughters, survive: Earl, Dean, Ronnie, Blaine, Franklin, Junior, Louise, Bernice, Ella Mae Pope. There are two brothers and three sisters. The mother, Mrs. Amanda Pope, resides in Mountain City, Tenn.

New Lutheran Pastor Called

The Rev. Hubert C. Linn has accepted a call to serve the Watauga Lutheran Parish composed of the following churches: Mt. Zion, Old Mt. Pleasant, Mt. Pleasant and Holy Trinity.

Tommy Owsley Shows First Money For Assn.

Tommy Owsley, son of Dr. and Mrs. L. H. Owsley, has the distinction of being the first to buy bonds in the Southern Appalachian Historical Association, which is promoting the production of an outdoor drama. While large sums of money have been pledged Tommy was the first to lay the coin on the line, presenting a crisp one hundred dollar bill, as the first down payment on the gigantic civic enterprise.

Nash Is Named Music Chairman



Gordon A. Nash, member of the music faculty of Appalachian State Teachers college, has just been named by the administration of the college to be chairman of the music department, it has been announced here.

E. Ford King, 71 Dies On Monday; Rites Wednesday

Elisha Ford King, 71 years old, retired State highway official and local church leader, died Monday afternoon at Watauga Hospital. Mr. King had been ill for about four years, and his condition had grown worse for the past several months.

The widow survives, with one son, E. Ford King, Jr., and one daughter, Mrs. Coaker Triplett, both of Boone. There are three grandchildren.

College Winter Term Begins

The winter quarter of work began at Appalachian State Teachers college on Tuesday, November 27, with registration of students held that day. Classes were scheduled to begin on Wednesday, the 28th.

The college activities calendar shows that a number of events are scheduled for the winter quarter. There is a full calendar of basketball games and wrestling matches with outstanding teams; several lyceum numbers of widespread interest have been obtained; and a number of celebrations of various kinds are to be noted.

Initial Burley Auctions May Break All Records

Gay Christmas Lights Shine Here Tonight

The work of installing the Christmas lights and decorations along the streets of the town is in its final stages and Merchants' Association officials confidently expect that the switch will be turned and the business district turned into a blaze of light tonight, thus officially inaugurating the Christmas shopping season in the retail center of the Northwestern Carolina mountain region.

\$20,000 Contributed To Production Local Drama

Twenty thousand dollars was subscribed at a meeting of the Southern Appalachian Historical Association held at the Skyline Restaurant last Friday evening. The money will be used to present an outdoor drama, centered around the life of Daniel Boone, here next summer.

Soil Supervisor To Be Elected

The annual election for supervisor of the Watauga Soil Conservation District will be held the week of December 3-8. D. F. Greene, present member of the board of supervisors has been re-nominated for election to serve a period of three years.

Troutman Picked For Bowl Game

Jerry Troutman, senior, has been selected to play in the Optimist Bowl football game on November 30th. Jerry was selected by the Optimist Bowl Committee as a player on the East squad. Jerry will be a guest of the Optimist Club at the Vanderbilt Hotel while in Asheville. The game will be played at Memorial Stadium.

Violations

A total of 13,363 investigations into alleged violations of OPS price regulations were begun in October. There were 14,463 investigations pending on October 1st and during October, 6,483 investigations were completed. Of the 36,248 establishments investigated in October, 7,102 were found to be in violation of price regulations.

First Day Sales Set at Quarter Million Pounds.

More than a quarter of a million pounds of tobacco is being sold on the floors of the Mountain Burley Warehouse in Boone at the opening sales, and advices Tuesday afternoon indicate that when the tallies are completed the sale will be the highest in the history of the local market.

Gifts Are Sought For Stocking Fund

The Empty Stocking Fund will again this year be raised and administered by the Worthwhile Woman's Club, to the end that the destitute children of the vicinity may have their share of Christmas goodies, and gifts.

Diener Will Speak at Sparta

Russell E. Diener, professor of psychology and education at Appalachian State Teachers college, will be the guest speaker at a county-wide meeting of the teachers of Alleghany County to be held in Sparta at three o'clock the afternoon of December 4.

Dodge Agency Changes Hands

Messrs. Bill Graham, Mack Brown, and J. C. Greene recently purchased the local Dodge automobile dealership from Mr. D. W. Graham, and are now operating the business under the name of the Brown and Graham Motor Company.

Shopping Weeks Left

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