

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. The evergreen roping, criss crossed over the street through the business district, and bearing thousands of colored lights, is more plentiful by far this year than ever before; more lights are being used, and plastic Santa Claus heads, wreathed in the greenery, smile from every angle at the passersby. . . . The town is really putting on its gayest attire, and merchants, meantime, are busy as bees, getting their windows decorated, and the Christmas gifts on display so that the holiday shopper may get his busy schedule worked out well in advance of the last-minute rush Meantime, fine choice bur-

ley tobacco is pouring onto the floors of the local market, and warehousemen and farmers join in the belief that this year's crop is better than usual, and that higher prices will prevail.

THERE ARE THE RED WA-GONS, the gay dolls, the toys of all kinds, the many items clothing, the jingle bells. the big Santas, the confections and the fruits and the goodies in prodigal quantities. . . . The ty sets, the radios, the comfy chairs, the warm garments The plenty of the world's favored nation on parade. . . . Then there's the gnawing little pang, growing out of the knowledge that in all of the plenty there are those who can't, on their own, share in the good things which have been produced by their glorious land. . . . And the sombre reflection that maybe there could be a day when the babe in the manger might be obscured behind the gay tinsel and bright trimmings of the shopping season. . . . At any rate, we love it . . . every glorious day of it. . . The mad confusion, the laughter, the frivolity, the fun. and the good fellowship which are so much in evidence at this season, and we like to think, as the day draws nearer, that most of us cast an occasional eye at the star, while enjoying the material plenty of the fes-

HOG - KILLING TIME and farmers tell us that the old fashioned days of pork-making are in the pages of memory. . . . Labor situation such, so some say that the swine are brought to the slaughter houses. . . . And one fellow was looking back to the day when the big log heap, filled with stone-any kind 'cept flint-they'd bust, was built in the backlot the day before, generous piles of kindling app

tive period.



JOHN J. MORTON, JR.

When the newly rebuilt organ | years, has a wide background at the Methodist Church is of- and experience.

fered in concert to the Boone Graduating from the Juilliard community on Thursday night School of Music in 1942, he was at 7:30, the experienced and dis- inducted into the armed services tinguished organist from Dil- that same year, serving until worth Methodist Church, Char- 1945. During his period of mililotte, John J. Morton, Jr. will be tary duty, he gave recitals in at the console. Mr. Morton, Oxford, London, Tunis, Naples though comparitively young in (Continued on page eight)

Nativity Scene Is Added

Holiday Feature In City

ed of a Christmas scene for 4:30 p. m. The program will in-

Boone and their dream is be- clude the Christmas Story, pray

Baptist Churches.

staging the scene.

ground, stable, and manger.

tial and commercial. All com mercial property will be served at the commercial rate and all residences will be served at the residential rate. Where a custom-

er has his business in connection with his residence he may if he chooses pay one bill through one meter at the commercial rate; otherwise the commercial ugage will be billed through one meter at the commercial rate and the (Continued on page eight)

In January.

The New River Light & Power

Company which serves the town

of Boone and surrounding com-

munity has announced that they

plan to put new rates into effect

for all customers effective with

the billing of January first.

The new rate schedule is pub-

lished elsewhere in this issue of

The new rates divide all cus-

tomers into two classes: residen-

CORRECTION

The section of the Democra

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. All other information

in the ad is correct.

the Democrat.

Many people have long dream- held on Sunday, December 2, at Reese Resident **Termed Suicide**

coming a reality this holiday sea- er, and "O Little Town of Bethson with the nativity scene be- lehem" and "Away in a Manger" The body of Spencer Blacking staged on the Dougherty lot sung by the children of the Deburn Pope, 40, resident of Reece between the Methodist and monstration School of Boone and township, was found hanging the Elementary schools of Wafrom a tree in the woods near Mr. Charlie Wilcox, who had tauga County. Other Christmas his home Thanksgiving day, and the contract with the Merchants songs will be sung by Watauga Richard E. Kelley, who termed Association, for decorating the Consolidated School pupils and the tragedy "a plain case of town, secured figures for the the Appalachian High School suicide," did not hold an inscene. The Worthwhile Woman's Chorus. The program will close quest.

Club in cooperation with a num- with the entire audience joining Pope, a disabled veteran of the ber of high school students, are in singing "Joy to the World." second World War, had told his The people of Boone and Wafamily, Mr. Kelley learned, that Various groups are working on tauga County are urged to athe was going to "end his troubdifferent phases of the nativity tend this community-wide event les," before going into the woods. scene: The shop boys under the which is an attempt to place our He had stood on a fallen bough, direction of Mr. Tait are cutting Christmas festivities on a spiriand tied the slender cotton rope figures of donkeys and sheep, a tual level and keep alive our to a limb of the tree, then stepgroup is working with painting great heritage of religious free- ped off the bough. His neck was with J. W. Cuddy at the Fluores- dom. In case weather does not broken. cent Sign Company, the Explorer permit an outdoor program, it

Funeral services were held Scouts and Crate Teague are in- will be held in the Methodist Saturday at the Mountain Dale stalling the lighting effects, and Church. All those participating Baptist Church. Rev. Ronda other groups are arranging back- in the program are asked to as-Earp, and Rev. Barney Oliver round, stable, and manger. An unveiling service will be by 4:15 p. m. were in charge of the services and burial was in the church cemetery.

The widow, six sons and three daughters, survive: Earl, Dean, Ronnie, Blaine, Franklin, Junior, Points On Tax Appeals Louise, Bernice, Ella Mae Pope. There are two brothers and three sisters. The mother, Mrs. Amanda

Pope, resides in Mountain City,

Tenn



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

Mr. Nash holds the Bachelor of Science degree from Eastern Kentucky State college, and the Master of Arts degree from the University of Kentucky. He has done additional graduate work at George Peabody College for Teachers in Nashville, Tennessee. In 1937 he was instructor of brass

the Stephen-Foster Music Camp; and for one year was dir-



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 he past several months.

Funeral services are to be conducted this (Wednesday) afternoon at 2 o'clock from the James I Vance Memorial Presbyterian Church. The pastor, Rev. J. K. Parker, Jr., will be in charge of

Rev. Edwin F. Troutman, pastor of Grace Lutheran Church of this city. The body will lie in state in the church auditorium for one hour preceding the services.

Interment will be in Mountlawn Memorial Park. The pallbearers are: Buck

Maddux, Julian Yoder, Starr Stacy, J. E. Holshouser, J. R. Craven, Guy Hunt. The floral offering will be in charge of women of the church congregation. The widow survives, with one tion.

daughter, Mrs. Coaker Triplett, both of Boone. There are three grandchildren.

Perry county, Alabama, had Store, Watauga Co-operative, **Owen Little Store**, Valle Crucis lived in Boone for twenty years

Gay Christmas Lights Shine Here Tonight

The work of installing the in more generous quanti ies than tain Burley Warehouses in Boone Christmas lights and decorations ever before, and the retailers at the opening sales, and advices along the streets of the town is take pride in the belief that Tuesday afternoon indicate that in its final stages and Merchants' Boone is the best decorated small Association officials confidently city in Carolina. except that the switch will be turned and the business district state that Santa Claus will be

urned into a blaze of light to- coming along later with his big night, thus officially inaguratpack of goodies, and that detailing the Christmas shopping sea- ed announcements of the arrival of the jolly old fellow from the son in the retail center of the Northwestern Carolina mountain polar lands, will be forthcoming soon. Meantime all the people

The decorations contract this are invited to come and see the year was let to the Appalachian grand opening of the big stocks Evergreen Company of this city, of Christmas merchandise in the and the evergreens and the plastic figures, etc., have been used various stores of the city.

\$20,000 Contributed To grade than last year, and the opening sale is the earliest on **Production Local Drama**

Twenty thousand dollars was Northwestern Bank during the subscribed at a meeting of the membership drive. The fee is Southern Appalachian Historical \$10.00, which entitles each member to one vote in the associa-Association held at the Skyline tion. Restaurant last Friday evening. Membership cards will be dis-

Wade E. Brown, Dr. D. J. White-

Gifts Are Sought

For Stocking Fund

The Empty Stocking Fund

will again this year be raised

Building and Loan office.

Those who wish to aid with

this worthy activity are asked

to make their contributions at

once. Used toys, which are

automobile dealership from Mr.

Mr. Brown, who has also been

employed at Colvards has been

The money will be used to pretributed this week to Alfred sent an outdoor drama, centered Adams, Stanley A. Harris, Estel around the life of Daniel Boone, Wagner, Charley Wilfong, H. W. here next summer. Wilcox, R. E. Agle, W. R. Winkler, Roland B. Potter of North

Mr. Kermit Hunter of the University of North Carolina, who Wilkesboro, Mr. and Mrs. Leo K. is expected to write the drama, Pritchett, Clyde R. Greene, G. will be in the city today (Wed-C. Robbins of Blowing Rock, O. nesday) to discuss further plans K. Richardson, James Marsh, with the organization.

Mrs. B. W. Stalkings announcner, Russell D. Hodges, Sr., Vance C. Holland, Miss Eliza-beth Lord, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. ed that the charter for the association had been received. Everyone is eligible to become Stallings, Mrs. R. C. Rivers, H. a member and should contact Grady Farthing, D. L. Wilcox and James Marsh, treasurer, at W. W. Chester,

To Be Elected

Soil Supervisor

The annual election for supervisor of the Watauga Soil Con-

and administered by the Worthwhile Woman's Club, servation District will be held the week of December 3-8. D. F. to the end that the destitute Greene, present member of the children of the vicinity may board of supervisors has been have their share of Christmas re-nominated for election to goodies, and gifts. Mrs. Mabel B. Brown, is serve a period of three years. Any eligible voter in the county receiving cash contributions and toys at the Watauga is entitled to vote in this elec-

on, E. Ford King, Jr., and one Ballot boxes will be located at the following places: Ed Harbin Store, Meat Camp Service Station, Greene Smith Store, Deep Mr. King, who was a native of Gap Postoffice, Wilson Feed

still in condition for further use, or which may be easily

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 Monwhen the tallies are completed the sale will be the highest in Merchants Association officials the history of the local market. Tobacco receipts are satisfactory and there is enough on the floors for another sale.

The local market is again in charge of Mr. R. C. Colman, veteran Tabor City warehouseman R. C. Coleman, Jr. is assisting his father as is a brother, Joe Colcman, one of the auctioneers. Miss Harriet Sikes, is again assistant warehouse manager.

Warehousemen state that the weed this year is of a better record. Auctions will be held three and one-half hours daily, or until 1,260 baskets a day have been sold. The first sales are being held in warehouse no. 1, and will rotate from day to day between the three houses of the market.

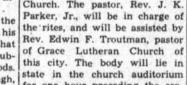
Mr. Coleman , is urging the farmers to take especial pains with the grading of their tobacco, in order that it may command the highest price on the local market. He states that with the floors of three big houses available, there is no waiting to unload, and that farmers will find that they can often get a sale the same day. Mr. Coleman is urging the farmers to sell their tobacco on the opening day if possible. "Don't wait," he says Get your tobacco ready for the opening sales. Be sure to sell your tobacco before Christmas since you know how burley nearly always takes a price drop after the holidays."

Mr. Coleman states that the Boone market again features a complete set of buyers, every leading company being represented.

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.

Mr. Diener will speak on the subject "Bibliotherapy and Remedial Reading." He is well



and the thing lit long before day on a cl ar cold morning. . . . The old barrel, slanted into the ground and filled with water, boiled by shoveling the red hot stones into the barrel . . . the mouth of which was covered with

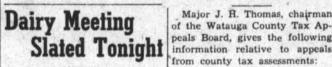
A special dairy meeting will be held at the Cove Creek Elea gunny sack to hold in the steam. . . . The squeals of the mentary school auditorium, Wedporkers who didn't fancy the nesday night, November 28 at transition into sausages, and 7:30 o'clock. This program will streaked meat, and ham gravy include the dairy topics of breedand stuff. . . . The gaiety of the ing, feeding and management. workers and the youngsters, as Mr. F. R. Farnham, Mr. T. C. the hair was scraped from the Blalock, and Mr. John Brown scalded piggles, and certain choice will speak on the program.

giblets were roasted on the hot Mr. Blalock will discuss the rocks. . . . The big iron kettles reports on the breeding and how of fat, the old sausage grinder. breeding is so very important if and the smell of the sage and we want to make a profit in the stuff as the liver mush, the souse dairy business. John Brown will meat and the sausage took form discuss the artificial breeding in the old kitchen. . . The end of program and Mr. Farnham will the day and the big carcasses discuss dairy herd management. hanging high and dry, so's the The speakers will use colored dogs couldn't reach 'em, to "cool slides to illustrate their talks. All out" before being salted down dairy farmers should make a in the big pine box for winter. special effort to attend this meet-. . Then there were the spare

ribs, and the back bones, and the ing.

long wait while the meticulous process of making chitlins, was carried on. . . . Now the porker The regular staff conference of is shuffled off to the slaughter the North Carolina Public Health house, whammed into the freez-Educators is in session this week er locker, and comes out, packin Raleigh. To be able to have ing-house style, good as if it had Miss Helen Martikainen, former been processed in Chicago, . . state director of health education has gone out of the fall of the year, since we used to hear the grack of the used to hear the crack of thestifles about the pig in Geneva, Switzerland, attend

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Thomas Gives Further

information relative to appeals from county tax assessments: "Any taxpayer who has not filed an original complaint on

his 1951 tax valuation, may do so within 60 days after the receipt of the first notice of his or her tax listing for 1951. The date on which the postage stamp was of the following churches: Mt. Zion, Old Mt. Pleasant, Mt. cancelled by the post office is Pleasant and Holy Trinity, the date on which this 60 day

period starts. Section G. S. 105-275 (3) provides that notice serving in the armed forces for must be filed within 60 days after final values are fixed and determined by the board of county ory, for his A.B. degree. Graducommissioners rather than 60 ate work was taken at Lutheran days after adjournment of the Theological Southern Seminary board of county commissioners in Columbia, S. C., where the B. as was previously advertised in D. degree was received. this paper on November 1st. (Continued on page two.)

Health Conference

strumental and choral music. Tommy Owsley, son of Dr. and She was graduated with the A-B. Mrs. L. H. Owsley, has the di- degree and a major in music, folstinction of being the first to buy lowing which she accepted a pobonds in the Southern Appalasition as parish worker and minchian Historical Association, ister of music at Emmanuel Luwhich is promoting the produc- theran Church in High Point. She of widespread interest have tion of an outdoor drama. While served in this capacity for one been obtained; and a number of Health Organization, and located large sums of money have been year.

pledged Tommy was the first to Rev. and Mrs. Linn are making stys of the town, and the neigh-bors gathered to help with the stinky, messy job, and the news fay the coin on the line, present- their residence at 821 Faculty St., this will be one of the busiest or, is attending this meeting. on the gigantic civic enterprise. ga Parish.



The Rev. Hubert C. Linn has accepted a call to serve the Watauga Lutheran Parish composed

Rev. Linn is the son of a former missionary to Japan. After three years, work was completed at Lenoir Rhyne College, Hick-

Rev. Linn was married to the 1951. This information has been former Miss Phyllis Irene Bodconfirmed by the Attorney Gen- diger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. will be held last class meeting Joe Boddiger of Polo, Ill., on Oc- after 12:30 p. m., Wednesday,

Tommy Owsley Shows Cum Laude graduate of Carthage at noon, Friday, February 22. College, Illinois, where she was First Money For Assn. outstanding in her work with in-

quarters of the year, both from cular viewpoint.

Troutman Picked Term Begins For Bowl Game Dodge Agency The winter quarter of work began at Appalachian Stafe Teachers college on Tuesday, November 27, with registration of students held that day. Classes

were scheduled to begin on Wednesday, the 28th. The remainder of the winter

quarter calendar includes the following dates of interest: Registration closes on Friday, Decdium. ember 7: Christmas holidays be-

gin at noon, Thursday, December 20; classes resume, Tuesday, January 1: mid-term examinations will be held January 14 through 19th; final examinations

tober 27, in Polo. Mrs. Linn is a February 20; and the term closes Asheville.

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

celebrations of various kinds are to be noted. It is expected that

an academic and an extracurri-

Jerry Troutman, senion, 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

Company, Clyde Perry Store,

and A. C. Mast and Co. Store.

D. W. Graham, and are now opwill be a guest of the Optimist Club at the Vanderbilt Hotel while in Asheville. The game Motor Company. will be played at Memorial Sta-

This is quite an honor since the teams are made up only of outby the agency. standing senior players which

Mr. Graham has been in the compose the East and West automobile business for 12 years, teams. The East team is made up the last seven being with the only of players from east of Colvard Chevrolet Co. He for-Asheville,, and the West team is merly sold Dodge and Plymouth made up of players from west of cars.

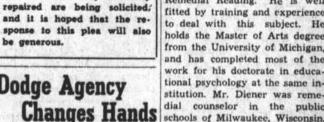
VIOLATIONS

A total of 13,363 investigations in the automobile business all his adult life, while Mr. J. C. into alleged violations of OPS Greene has been managing a loprice regulations were begun in cal wholesale oil plant. October. There were 14,463 investigations pending on October THANK OFFERING 1st and during October, 6,483 in-The Women's Missionary Soc vestigations were completed. Of iety of Mt. Pleasant Lutheran the 36,248 establishments investi-Church will hold their public

gated in October, 7,102 were thanks offering program Tues found to be in violation of price day December 4th at 7:30 p. m regulations. The program will feature film

Nation-wide drive is set to strips concerning foreign mis spur study of science.

and the state of the



holds the Master of Arts degree from the University of Michigan, and has completed most of the work for his doctorate in educational psychology at the same institution. Mr. Diener was remedial counselor in the public schools of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, for some time. During World Messrs, Bill Graham, Mack War II he was instructor of illi-Brown, and J. C. Greene recent- terates for the United States Air ly purchased the local Dodge Force.

Mr. Diener was research assi tant for the Bureau of Psycholoerating the business under the gical Service at the University name of the Brown and Graham of Michigan in 1949-50. He has been a member of the faculty at Messrs Waldo Tugman and Hu- Appalachian State Teachers colbert Norris remain in charge of lege, teaching in the graduate the repair department operated and undergraduate departments, since 1950.

> The parasitic Lydella fly in helping U. S. Department Agriculture and State agricultur al scientists in their fight against the European corn borer.

Christi