

## KING STREET BY ROB RIVERS

**WOMAN'S CLUB** is seeking aid with which to take care of some of the needs of the indigent children of the area at Christmas time, and response seems to be fairly slow. . . The women have been doing a mighty fine job of spreading Christmas cheer for several years and it is to be hoped that this year will be no exception. . . But aid is needed now, so that the program may be mapped at once, and plans made for doing another bang-up good job of taking care of the little younguns, who somehow, didn't get quite an even economic divvy. . . Mrs. Mabel B. Brown is asking that those who are willing to toss some coin into a worthy cause, leave the money with her at the Building and Loan office, as well as any amount of usable or fixable toys. . . Let us join in asking that the response to this plea be immediate and generous, if the most urgent needs in this respect are to be met. . . We are fully aware of the tremendous demands being made upon the people almost daily, but we must not falter or fail in providing Christmas cheer, and warmth and food for the little children, who so desperately need our help at this time. . . Let something else wait a bit, while you do your share toward the empty stocking fund. . . won't you?

**HIGHWAY PATROLMAN** Roger Parker went down in the Daniel Boone game preserve the other day and bagged himself a fine buck. . . Congratulations to the genial officer on bringing home the buckskin on his first hunt, and thanks to him also for a generous portion of the succulent venison—the first we've had in a long, long time.

**MARRIED COLLEGIAN** knocks at locked door of Democrat the other night while the publisher was trying to get in a few extra licks, and wondered, if by chance, we could find him a newspaper a year old. . . We did, and the embattled lad traveled on to other assignments. . . 'Twas A Club initiation, and the fellow carried his long handled paddle on a string around his neck, to be handy for those who might wish to warm his breeches. . . Peck Holshouser, passing a remark on income taxes, speaks out in favor of a national manufacturers sales tax, so that the burden of the Federal governmental structure might fall more evenly on the folks, and that each citizen might retire nightly with his taxes paid—that is, if his current bills have been met. . . We can agree with Peck easily on this subject. . . Too many groups are virtually without representation on the 1040 forms; there's no way to get a fairly complete collection of income levies, it seems, and the fellow who can find the most holes in the tax laws is in the best shape. . . Only a national sales tax would spread the burden to all.

**LARGE ATTENDANCE** the other evening at turkey dinner given at High School by the Booster Club, and the usual good fellowship prevailed. . . The Club is designed, among other things, to promote a good athletic program at Appalachian, to foster good sportsmanship, and to provide an annual sports banquet. . . Judging from the large number who attended the dinner, it would appear that the people are interested in cooperating in the Club's worthy program.

**ONE OF THE MOST** cumbersome hill billy expressions is "cavorting and carrying on" . . . which seems to mean raising the devil. . . Our favorite authority on etiquette, brings the soothing information that girls can smoke on the streets of rural communities with utter abandon, but that the feminine fag-burning just won't do on the city thoroughfares. . . Christmas shopping season hits its stride in the community, as red wagons, dolls, and knick-knacks begin to take an increasingly larger part of the budget money.

Bureau of Labor Statistics puts steel pay at \$1.79 hourly.

## Burley Brings Top Prices In History Of Boone Leaf Market

Tobacco is commanding the highest prices in history on the floors of the Mountain Burley Warehouses in Boone, where full sales are being held with a turnover of about 259,000 pounds each sales day for an average of about 55 cents.

By the end of the week, it is expected that the sales will have reached a total of two and a half million pounds, and the farmers are expressing general pleasure at the size of the checks they are receiving. Growers have used special pains in the handling of their weed this year and there is practically no wet tobacco. The government is buying a very small percentage of the tobacco, indicating that most

## Boone Unit Of CAP Organized On Friday

An organizational meeting of the Boone unit of the Civil Air Patrol was held last Friday night at the WATA transmitter building with 28 persons present.

Plans are underway for the local unit to be fully recognized by the Charlotte wing and National Civil Air Patrol Headquarters at Bolling Field, in Washington, D. C. Applications are now being readied for mailing to the Nation's Capitol.

Colonel H. H. Baxter, commanding officer, Wing Headquarters in Charlotte, recently came to Boone with other officers in assisting local persons in forming the organization.

At a recent meeting the following officers were elected to serve in the Boone CAP:

Ralph Dougherty, captain, commanding officer;  
Bill Garvey, lieutenant, operations officer;  
Dean Hodges, lieutenant, communications officer;  
Bill Phillips, lieutenant, supply and engineering officer;  
Ed Chipman, lieutenant, adjutant;  
Crayte P. Teague, lieutenant, training officer.

In the near future transmitters and receiver sets will be installed in several localities plus automobiles to provide this area with a county-wide communication system. The Boone CAP meets each Friday evening at 7 o'clock in the Science building at the college. Interested persons are invited to attend.

## Should Apply Now For Burley Cards

Applications for 1952 new grower Burley tobacco allotments are now being accepted by the Watauga County PMA Committee, it was announced by Dwight Cable, county PMA chairman.

In order to qualify for a new grower allotment the applicant must meet all of the following requirements: (1) Must have had experience in the production of Burley tobacco two years out of the past five as owner, operator, tenant or sharecropper; in the case of a veteran one year's experience before entering the service or after discharge. (2) Must be in charge of the supervision and conduct of the farming operations on the entire farm. (3) Must live on the farm. (4) Must derive 50 per cent or more of his income from the farm. (5) Must not own or operate any other farm for which a Burley allotment is established for 1952. (6) Must have sufficient curing space for his crop.

The closing date for filing these applications is Feb. 1, 1952.

## D. A. Tuckwiler Succumbs In W. Va.

Mr. D. A. Tuckwiler, 76, father of Mr. L. E. Tuckwiler of Boone, died at the home in Clintonville, W. Va., Saturday, following a two years' period of declining health.

Funeral services were held Monday at James Chapel Methodist Church by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Martin, and Rev. Mr. Geiger. Burial was in the End of the Trail cemetery.

Surviving are three sons and four daughters: Guy Tuckwiler, Richmond, Va.; Ray Tuckwiler, Smoot, W. Va.; L. E. Tuckwiler, Boone; Mrs. T. C. Robinson, Crawley, W. Va.; Mrs. L. L. Bryant, Hughtert, W. Va.; Mrs. J. C. Pitsenbarger, Crawley, W. Va.; Mrs. C. F. Legg, Clintonville, W. Va.

World apple production, including cider apples, is expected to total 474 million bushels in 1951-52. This compares with 475 million bushels produced in 1950-51 and a 1935-39 average of 498 million bushels.

## Double Octet To Give Christmas Program Monday

Ministerial Association Sponsors Appearance of College Group; Local Pastors To Sponsor Other Holiday Events.

Singing under the sponsorship of the Boone Ministerial Association, the ASTS College Double Octet will present a program of Christmas selections at the Boone Methodist Church on Monday night, Dec. 17th at 8:00. A wide variety of numbers is included in the program which will appeal to the interests of children and adults, the musical layman and the musical student.

Appearing before the Lions club last week for a portion of the program, the Octet received the highest praise and commendation for one of the finest presentations to be offered in the community in a long while. A very warm reception was accorded them in their recent program given at First Baptist Church, Shelby, N. C. and an exceptionally large congregation attended their concert at First Baptist Church in North Wilkesboro last Sunday night.

The Octet is working under the direction of Mr. Hoyt Safritt of the College Music Department.

Other programs which will be sponsored by the Ministerial Association during the Christmas season will be the Christmas Musicale at the Presbyterian Church on Wednesday night at 8:00. This will be presented under the direction of Mrs. Nicholas Erneston and is offered for the benefit of the community.

There will be a Union Carole Service at the Methodist Church on Sunday night, December 23rd, at 7:30. Special numbers will be provided by the Baptist Youth Choir. A film strip, "Christmas Around the World" with accompanying music of other lands will be shown at the Carole Service. All churches will join in this service.

Attention is called by the Association to the special program of Christmas music which will be presented over WATA each day, except Sunday at 9:45-10:00 a. m., December 19th through Christmas day. These special programs are prepared by the Upper Room Radio Parish for national distribution as a community service at Christmas time. They will be among the loveliest Christmas services on the air during the season. You are invited to listen each day.

## Atlanta Speaker At Scout Meeting

Mr. Alphonse Daye, program chairman for the Old Hickory Council's annual meeting, announced today that Dr. Herman L. Turner, Pastor, Covenant Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, Georgia, would be the speaker for the meeting to be held at the Ardmore Moravian Church in Winston-Salem, Friday, December 14.

The Old Hickory Council administrators Scouting for the boys of Ashe, Alleghany, Watauga, Wilkes, Yadkin, Surry, and Forsyth Counties. Representatives on the council from Watauga are Clyde R. Greene, O. K. Richardson, Grady Farthing, Dwight Edmiston, C. B. Cook, Hale Vance, Wade E. Brown, Stanley A. Harris.

## Christmas Mailing Hours Announced

The Boone postoffice will remain open Saturdays on December 15th and 22nd to care for Christmas mailings, and will also be open from 4 to 5 p. m. Sunday, December 16, it is announced by Postmaster John E. Brown, Jr.

Mr. Brown asks that patrons wrap parcels securely and address plainly. Complete address should be on Christmas cards and letters.

All mail for offices other than Boone should be mailed by Saturday the 15th and in Boone by the 19th to insure delivery prior to Christmas day.

U. S. farm population, which started decreasing in 1910, was about 5 million lower in 1950 than in 1940. The total shown by the 1950 census is about 23 1/2 million, the same as that of 50 years ago.

## Health Council Advises On Christmas Safety

This is the time of year when all warm up to the prospect of buying toys for our youngsters and in order to help parents select safe toys the Watauga County Health Council would like to tell a bit about what to look for and what to avoid.

According to the National Safety Council, there are two points to remember when choosing toys:

(1) That a little bit of common sense goes a long way toward safety; and

(2) That toys given at Christmas will be used the year round and must be able to take it. That means toys may be hazardous at any time of the year. If they get broken or the child doesn't know how to use them properly, accidents can happen. For a toddler who's at the hand-to-mouth stage select smooth toys with nothing to pull off—that is with arms, legs, and faces all in one piece. A smooth cover on a toy is more easily kept clean and more fire resistant than any fluffy toy. The eyes should be painted or stitched on, instead of buttons that might be pulled off and swallowed. A button eye could be a serious hazard if swallowed or lodged in the nose or ear.

Children a little older love to cut and paint. It's very creative and should be a form of harmless fun. But sharp pointed scissors, or a paint brush with a sharp pointed handle can cause serious eye injuries or other serious wounds.

Little children would much rather work with finger paints than to use a brush of any kind. Children love to mess up their fingers in the paints, but be sure the paints are non-poisonous. Mobile toys such as a tricycle are wonderful for developing strong, healthy bodies, but be sure they are sturdy. A heavy frame and wide space between the back wheels of a tricycle will help to keep it in balance and junior will be less likely to kick around corners on one wheel. Parents who get things like bows and arrows for their children should never allow them to use these toys without adult supervision or until they are sure that the children will use them safely.

Older children will find endless amusement in the many fine electrical toys on the market, but be sure that the toy itself as well as the cord is safe. Children should be sure their hands and clothing are dry when they play with electrical toys. Parents should inspect toys regularly to see that they are in good condition. It's the duty of parents not only to provide our children with some of the things that are fun, but also to keep them safe. Buy safe toys for Christmas this year.

A little common sense in purchasing for this Christmas may prevent serious injuries all through the year.

# Daniel Boone Drama To Be Staged Here Next July

## Nancy G. Miller Funeral Is Held



Funeral services were held Sunday at the Brushy Fork Baptist Church for Pvt. Richard M. Minton, son of Rev. and Mrs. Grady Minton of Vilas, who was killed in the war in Korea on September 1, Dr. J. C. Canipe of Hendersonville, was in charge of the rites, and was assisted by Rev. Victor Trivette and Rev. A. C. Moody. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Pfc. Minton was reared in Watauga county and was graduated from Cove Creek High School.

He took a particularly keen interest in athletics and was an outstanding basketball player. He entered the army December 18, 1950 and was killed in Korea by Communist machine gun fire on September 1. He was a member of the 101st Airborne Division, and was trained at Fort Breckenridge, Ky.

The parents survive. There are two brothers and one sister: Ray and Roy Minton, Avon Minton of the home.

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## Kermit Hunter To Write Local Script

An outdoor drama, featuring Daniel Boone and the history of the people of the Appalachian country, will be presented in an amphitheatre in Boone, starting the first week in July, it was revealed Monday evening at a general meeting of the Southern Appalachian Historical Association.

Designed to rival, or even surpass the "Lost Colony" and "Unto These Hills" dramatizations, the local drama will be written by Kermit Hunter, English professor and Chapel Hill playwright, and will be produced by Sam Selden and his Carolina Playmakers. Messrs. Hunter and Selden were present at the meeting and spoke enthusiastically of the project and gave the Association valuable information relative to its production.

A site for the amphitheatre will be secured soon, looking to the start of construction when weather conditions permit.

It was emphasized by Mr. Hunter that the drama cannot be successful without the complete backing of the community. Mr. Hunter stated that one of the most successful dramas that could be produced would be a true reflection of the character of the people of the area.

The board of directors elected Dr. I. G. Greer of Chapel Hill president of the Historical Association; Dr. D. J. Whitener, vice-president; Mrs. Leo K. Pritchett, Secretary; Mrs. B. W. Stallings, corresponding secretary; and James Marsh, Treasurer.

The board of directors, elected on motion of Wade E. Brown, is composed of: Mrs. B. W. Stallings, W. R. Winkler, Stanley A. Harris, R. E. Agle, Herman Wilcox, Clyde R. Greene, and G. C. Robbins, of Blowing Rock.

Mr. Stanley A. Harris, chairman of the finance committee, made a report indicating that some thirty thousand dollars had been subscribed toward the dramatic venture.

## Jack Idol Is New Head March Of Dimes Effort

Jim Taylor, Watauga County chairman of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, announced today that Jack Idol of Deep Gap, has accepted the chairmanship of the 1952 March of Dimes Drive for Watauga County.

Mr. Taylor, in making the announcement, said, "We consider ourselves very fortunate indeed to have obtained the services of Mr. Idol as chairman of the 1952 drive. He has served with distinction as a leader in many public endeavors."

## App Grapplers To Open Season Here

Appalachian wrestlers will open the season here Saturday at 7:30 with Knoxville YMCA wrestlers. The Knoxville wrestlers are coached by Wayne York last year's 167 lb. Appalachian A. A. U. champion. Coach York has one of the strongest teams in the Southeastern states this year at Knoxville and hopes to upset the Appalachian matmen. If Coach York can win from Coach Watkins men it will be the first time any of his former wrestlers have beaten Appalachian in the history of wrestling. Coach Watkins has met and defeated all of his old wrestlers such as Al Crawford of N. C. State, Obie Day of Washington & Lee, Johnny Miller, of Emory University, and Milton Gaskill of Winston YMCA.

The Appalachian starters will be as follows:  
115, Lawrence Oldaker  
123, Bobby Baird  
130, Frank Wynick  
137, Glenn Hudson  
147, Steve Gabriel  
157, Michael Finger  
167, Glenn Hudson  
177, Jim Everidge  
Hwt. Joe Hartley

## Choral Ensemble In PTA Program

The Choral Ensemble of Appalachian High School, under the direction of Mrs. Elsie Erneston, will present the annual Christmas program for the December meeting of the local P. T. A. The theme for the program will be "The Christmas Story in Scripture and Song."

Mr. William Ross will be the narrator for the event. Featured on the program will be solos by Beth Eggers, Betty Sue Norris, Guy Hunt, Jr., and Glen Miller.

For the most part, the program will consist of the well-known, well-loved carols, with a few extra numbers.

The personnel of the Choral Ensemble includes Beth Eggers, Sarah Miller, Jim Graham, Carolyn Wood, Betty Jo Miller, Betty Hagaman, Margaret Phillips, Betty Sue Norris, Jane Keplar, Ala Hodges, Connie Casey, Carmen Guy, Glen Miller, Donald Lyons, Jimmy Idol, Carlton Lyons, Jimmy Holshouser, Bob Gilley and Guy Hunt, Jr.

The program will be held at 7 p. m. on Monday, December 17. The meeting was moved up one week to prevent conflicting with other programs planned in the community.

## Money Sought For Stocking Fund

The Woman's Club is again asking that contributions be made at once to the Empty Stocking Fund, in order that the big job of taking care of the destitute children at Christmas may be carried out.

The need is urgent, and those willing to help are asked to make their contributions to Mrs. Mabel B. Brown at the Watauga Building and Loan Office at once.

Those having usable toys in any quantity are asked to bring them to Mrs. Brown without delay. These are also badly needed.

## Lions Club Gives Blankets To Blind

The Lions Club is sending out nice warm blankets to the blind in the county for Christmas. Also letters good for purchases of five dollars at Hunt's Department Store are being sent to all county children who are attending the blind school in Raleigh.

## Christmas Music Features Service

A program of special Christmas anthems will be included in the worship service at the Methodist Church on next Sunday morning. Daquin's, "Shepherds, Hark the Song!", Dickinson's "The Shepherd's Story, and Gevaert's, "Joyous Christmas Song", will be among the special Christmas numbers. The Christmas offering for World Service will also be received at this service.

In the evening, the children of the church will present a Christmas Carol service and Nativity Pageant at 5:00. The Wesley Fellowship student group will present a Christmas Pageant at 6:00. Everyone will be welcome at these services.

100 big plants get 5.1 per cent of U. S. defense contracts.

## Valle Crucis PTA To Meet On Friday

The Valle Crucis Parent-Teacher Association will have its December meeting Friday night, December 14, at 7:00. The program will feature an address by Rev. Edwin Troutman and the singing of Christmas carols. Rev. Ralph Miller will conduct the devotional.

All fathers as well as mothers are urged to be present at this meeting. The room having the most fathers or grandfathers will win the picture.