

KING STREET BY ROB RIVERS

MIGHT BE WHITE

Continued cold weather, and recurring snow flurries give rise to the hope among the youngsters that Christmas may be white . . . There are always grave fears that the twenty-fifth will be bright and sunny, which somehow don't fit in too well with Christmas trees and sleigh bells, and Santa Claus and holiday feasting . . . And too, the weather this December has been cold, some days, notably Monday, bringing that unrelenting frigid-ity which the old folks are wont to think came only in the old days . . . And there is complain- ing, and declarations on every side that the folks never saw anything like it . . . And the comments are entertaining, such as the one by the lad to the effect that "it must have snowed all night," even though there was but a trace of the white next morning, and the simile always comes in with comments on the temperatures, one of which may be mighty handy but leaves the situation slightly in the dark . . . The man said, "It's cold as dam- mit!"

THE DAY DRAWS NIGH

Week-end trade at the local stores brought bustling, confused evidence that the reindeer and the sleigh and the man with the snowy whiskers are just around the traditional corner . . . The stores were packed and jammed with shoppers as the cash registers jangled, and the holly paper enveloped the gifts and as mamas and papas laid away toys and gadgets and clothing and bought bushels and tons of candies and nuts and food for the festive days ahead . . . And we enjoy seeing the evidences of good living, and of prosperity, as opposed to the skimpy holiday purchases of a few years ago.

IT'S GOOD!

We like the ruddy faced smile of the youngster as he leaves his Christmas tree on his sled and starts gaily along the way . . . We love the bright Christmas lights along the street, the gay decorations in the homes and the candles in the windows . . . We love the bounty of provident parents and the Christmas music, and the songs of rejoicing . . . We look forward to a crackling fire, tinsel-littered floors, happy children, and a spell in the old chair with the folks, and we figure there's something the matter with the souls of men who can't take on some sort of added happiness come Christmas time.

THE NOTE OF SADNESS

But personal happiness should not blind one to the darker side of the season, and to the things which normal folks don't like . . . We are saddened by the pinched face of the tattered child who carries along some cast away greenery which the forlorn hope that Kris Kringle will be around—He's been a good lad! . . . And there's the youngster who spent his penny for the sucker and whose nose is pressed flat against the pane where the toys are, and there's the glint of a tear on the weathered little cheek . . . And we go along with the calloused belief that all's well . . . that provident government has taken care of the needs of the people. This isn't true! . . . So let's contribute now to the Woman's Club empty stocking fund, in addition to making individual efforts to relieve the misery . . . There's no way to glorify quite so adequately the name of the baby who was born in the stable in Bethlehem, as to have a care for the youngsters who can't quite get along . . . In this regard we think of these lines, whose author we do not know:

Hospital Names New Trustees On Friday

Three new trustees were elected to the Watauga Hospital Board at the monthly meeting held last Friday.

Those elected, who will serve three-year terms are: George C. Greene, local automobile dealer; Willys Chester, Boone merchant; and Dr. Lee Reynolds, of the faculty of Appalachian State Teachers College. They replace Stanley Harris, Dewitt Barnett and Herman Eggers, whose terms expire January 1.

In making the new selections, the board expressed appreciation to the retiring members for their services to the hospital during the last three years.

Stanley Harris, chairman of the building committee for the Nurses Home, made a report which showed that more than



WHO'S WHO AT APPALACHIAN—Students pictured above will be listed in the 1952-53 edition of WHO'S WHO IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES. They are, reading from left to right, top row: Bill Whitesides, Billie Ladd, Shirley Gabriel, Sara Harri- son, Jack Groce, Bill Morgan; middle row: James Snider, Arville Stanley, Doris Rucker, Richard Zuber, Jean Raney, Lester Hardin; bottom row: James Moody, Mary Ruth Yow, Ray Shrum, Peggy Teague, Reba Smith, and Colen Hodgson. Story page 1, section 2.

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Christmas Concert Is Feature Of Evening

The Appalachian High School Band, Choral Ensemble, Boys Glee Club, Girls Glee Club, Dramatics group, and second and third grades from the elementary school will combine to present a

Mrs. Randolph Funeral Is Held

Mrs. Ina Robbins Randolph died December 9 in a hospital in Portsmouth, Va., from injuries received when she was struck by an automobile on December 7.

Mrs. Randolph was a native of Watauga county, a daughter of John and Bettie Robbins. She had lived in various sections of North Carolina, and at the time of her death was a resident of Portsmouth, where she had lived for two years.

She is survived by her husband, M. E. Randolph, one son, Robert Randolph, a daughter, Mrs. J. B. Sneed, and six grand-daughters; also a sister, Mrs. Bessie French, three brothers, Grady, Jake, and David, of Portsmouth, Ohio, Julian of Toronto, Ohio, Council of Portsmouth, Va., and Donald of Dorchester, Va.

The deceased had been a member of the Baptist church since early childhood.

Funeral services were conducted on December 12 at the First Baptist Church in Boone, by the Revs. Hendrix, Parker, Holyfield and Shackford. Burial was in the Rey cemetery.

Cantata Slated At Oak Grove

"They Found The Child," a Christmas Cantata-drama, will be presented at the Oak Grove Baptist Church, Sunday night, December 21 at 7:30 p. m. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Democrat Will Publish Early Xmas Edition

In order that the personnel at the Democrat office may enjoy a holiday vacation, the newspaper will be printed next Tuesday morning, rather than on Wednesday, as is usual.

Likely most of the advertising will feature Christmas greetings, and copy and art will be supplied when wanted, for these special messages. All advertising copy must be in the hands of the printers by the end of the current week. Likewise correspondence, and routine reports of organization meetings, etc., should be supplied the newspaper by Saturday. The usual fine cooperation of the advertisers and contributors is requested.

Present plans call for the closing of the Democrat office Tuesday evening, for the remainder of the week.

Boone Students Fare Well In Area Forensic Tournament

The Twelfth Annual Appalachian Mountain Forensic Tournament was held in Boone on Friday and Saturday, December 5 and 6. Elon College, Milligan, Carson-Newman, Wake Forest, Mars Hill, East Tennessee State Teachers College, Lenoir Rhyne, and Appalachian State Teachers College participated. Over 70 people entered the various contests. Included in the tournament were five rounds of debating, after-dinner speaking, radio announcing, poetry reading, oratory, impromptu speaking, and extemporaneous speaking. The tournament was sponsored by Chapter 219, North Carolina Epsilon, Phi Kappa Delta, of Appalachian State Teachers College.

First place honors in debating went to Jo Ann Aldridge of Appalachian, and David Wright of Lenoir Rhyne; second place went to Barbara Saunders of Mars Hill, Joe Huff of Wake Forest, and Dudley Smith of Mars Hill; and third place went to Jo Ann Hardin of Appalachian, Lloyd Arrawood of East Tennessee, and A. L. Addington of East Tennessee.

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More than two and a half million pounds of burley tobacco had been sold on the Boone market at the close of the auctions on Monday, for an average price of a little better than 52 cents, making a larger turnover and a better average price than in 1951, despite the fact that the summer's drought and the early fall freeze damaged a large part of the crop in the burley area.

By the close of the pre-Christmas auctions on Friday, it is said that no less than 2,500,000 pounds will have been sold, and the sales for the entire season are expected to be in the neighborhood of 4,500,000 pounds. Receipts are continuing heavy today, and warehousemen insist that there is still time to place your burley on the baskets, get a sale and your check in time to do your Christmas shopping.

The market has enjoyed a full sale of 302,000 pounds each day of the auctions, and it is expected that when the market reopens on January 5, that all floors will be filled. Personnel will be on hand all through Christmas to weigh and receive tobacco, and the continued cooperation of the farmers is asked.

Warehousemen are especially pleased with the buyers who are on the market this year. They are eminently fair to the farmers, it is said, and there is general satisfaction at the prices paid.

Collegians To Be Honored At Holiday Party

A homecoming Christmas party, sponsored by the Ministerial Association and participated in by all the churches, will be held for college students returning home for the holidays, next Monday evening at 7:30 at the Boone Methodist Church.

All students from every church, are asked to gather for this annual Christmas program. Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the service.

County Offices Will Be Closed

All county offices in the courthouse will be closed December 25, 26, and 27 in observance of Christmas.

Empty Stocking Fund County-Wide Project

The empty stocking project, sponsored by the Worthwhile Woman's Club is a county-wide project, it is pointed out, and 20 to 45 children from each school district are made happy at Christmas time from this fund.

For several years, say the sponsors, most of the money, toys, clothing and candy was donated by individuals, business firms, clubs and other organizations of Boone. Last year many donations

Christmas Sales To Reach Record Here

Dean Cox Addresses Graduates Of Duke

Alumni of Duke University from Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, and Watauga counties assembled Tuesday evening, December 9th in Boone to reactivate the Duke Alumni Chapter. Sixteen alumni and their wives enjoyed a fine turkey dinner, and then heard an informative and challenging talk

County Schools Close For Xmas Holidays Friday

All the schools of Watauga county will close for the Christmas holidays next Friday, December 19, it was announced from the office of County Superintendent of Schools, W. H. Walker.

The elementary and high schools will reopen December 29th, it was said.

Appalachian College recesses for Christmas December 18. Students will return to their class-work on December 30, it was stated by Dean J. D. Rankin.

Warren Cutts Speaks To Tutors Of Yancey County

"Our primary consideration in non-promotion must be: What effect is this going to have on the child," Warren Cutts, assistant professor of education at Appalachian State Teachers College, told Yancey County teachers at their monthly meeting in Burnsville Friday afternoon. Introduced by Superintendent Bruce Hunter, Mr. Cutts spoke on the subject "Grading and Promotion in Modern Education."

Mr. Cutts referred to recent educational research which shows that school failure does not have the stimulating effect and does not provide the motivation for learning that we often suppose. He emphasized that there are many learnings in school which are more important than the academic offering. It was brought out that the emotional effect of intellectual failure can be far more damaging to a child than failure to master some pre-requisite before advancing to the next grade level.

He spoke of the need for closer cooperation between parents and teachers, especially in the matter of grading. The information conveyed to the parent must be understandable and meaningful if the parent is to assist in his child's adjustment to the school.

Mr. Cutts believes that group action in which parents and teachers play the dominant role is necessary if satisfactory changes are to be made in the school curriculum. It must be a joint effort and not simply administrative decision and mandate, he said.

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Visit Of Santa Is Slated

Some Stores Open To 7 For Convenience Of Shoppers; Santa To Distribute Goodies; Prizes Are To Be Given Away.

As Christmas shopping enters its final week, Boone merchants report increased buying tempo in all gift lines. Sales will probably surpass previous records in dollar volume by the time the stores close on Christmas Eve, it has been said.

For the added convenience of their patrons, the following clothing stores have announced that they will remain open until 7:00 p. m. on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 23 and 24, in order to give late shoppers a better opportunity for last minute gift buying: Belk's Department Store, Hunt's Department Store, Bare's Department Store, Newton's Department Store, The Children's Shop, and Boone Fabric Shop.

Confirmation has been received from Santa Claus that he will make his appearance here on Christmas Eve, Wednesday, December 24, after having been forced to cancel a proposed earlier visit to Boone due to previous commitments. The busy old fellow has assured Merchants Association President J. V. Caudill that he will bring along a bag of goodies and distribute them to the good little boys and girls along the street on that day.

Registrations are continuing brisk for the three big prizes to be given away by the Merchants Association, all participating merchants report. First prize drawing for a 1952 Chevrolet automobile from Andrews Chevrolet, Inc., will be held January 16, and the other two prizes, an RCA-Victor television set from Swofford's and a Norge refrigerator from Farmers Hardware will be given away at 3 p. m. Christmas Eve. It is not necessary for the winners to be present at the drawings. Attention is called to the list of stores at which free registrations may be made. The list is again published in a Merchants Association advertisement in this issue.

An announcement will be made in next week's Democrat, which is expected to be published a day earlier than customary, in regard to the closing of Boone stores for Christmas holidays.

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