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BOONE, WATAUGA COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1952.

### KING STREET

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 weath er this December has been cold, some days, notably Monday bringing that unrelenting frigidity which the old folks are wont to think came only in the old days . . . And there is complaining, 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-

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 presperity, as opposed to the skimpy holiday purchases of a few years ago.

We like the ruddy faced smile of the youngster as he heaves 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 nched face of the tattered child who carries along some cast away greenery with the forlorn hope that Kriss Kringle will be around-He's been a good ladl . . . And there's the roungster 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 re-gard we think of these lines. whose author we do not know:

"What? Giving again? I asked

in dismay.

And must I keep giving and giving away? Oh no, said the angel, looking

Just give till the Master stops giving to you."

ODDS AND ENDS Mrs. Grady Tugman gives us a fine big potato pumpkin which is to the retiring members for their first of the year. to add seasonal zest to other holiday foods . . . Mrs. Will Byrd of the last three years.

Christmas Sales To



WHO'S WHO AT APPALACHIAN-Students pictured above will be listed in the 1952-53 edition of WHO'S WHO IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES AND COL-LEGES. They are, reading from left to right, top row: Bill Whitesides, Billie Ladd, Shirley Gabriel, Sara Harrison, 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:

# 2,500,000 Pounds Of Burley Sold For Average Of \$52.00

### Christmas Concert Is Feature Of Evening

ers Association and has been en-

dorsed by the Ministerial Associa-

The program will be in two

parts. The first part will consist

of Christmas songs by the second and third grades under the direc-

tion of Miss Mildred Simpson.

The high school choral groups directed by Miss Helen Cole, the

high school band directed by Mr.

Roy Blanton, and the dramatics

group directed by Mr. Bill Ross

The story of the birth of Christ

to the birth and the manger scene

will be shown in tableau form

Everyone is cordially invited to

"They Found The Child,"

plans for the nurses home are

nearing completion and that bids

Other routine business was

Cantata Slated

At Oak Grove

The Appalachian High School Christmas concert Wednesday, Band, Choral Ensemble, Boys December 17, at 7:30 p. m. at the Glee Club, Girls Glee Club, Dra- Music and Art Building auditormatics group, and second and jum. This program is being sponthird grades from the elementary sored by the Boone Parent-Teachschool 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 will give "The Christmas Story" as the second part. had lived in various sections of is presented in song by the band North Carolina, and at the is presented in song by the band time of her death was a resident to the birth and the manger scene of Portsmouth, where she had lived for two years.

She is survived by her hus-by the dramatics group. band, M. E. Randolph, one son, attend. 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, Councill 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 is cordially invited to attend. Baptist Church in Boone, by the Revs. Hendrix, Parker, Holyfield and Shackford. Burial was in the

Those, elected, who will serve

three-year terms are: George C.

Willys Chester, Boone merchant,

faculty of Appalachian State

expire January L.
In making the new selection

Friday.

Hospital Names New

Trustees On Friday

the board expressed appreciation will be requested soon after the

**Democrat Will Publish Early Xmas Edition** 

In order that the personnel at the Democrats 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 re-mainder of the week.

lion 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-Christ 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 weigh and receive tobacco, and child's adjustment to the school. the continued cooperation of the action in which parents and formers is asked.

4 per cent below last year's sup- it is said, and there is general tive decision and mandate, he satisfaction at the prices paid, said

**County Schools** Close For Xmas **Holidays Friday** 

ent 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 classwork on December 30, it was

### Speaks To Tutors Of Yancey County

on-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 mas auctions on Friday, it is said 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

cooperation between parents and teachers, especially in the matter of grading. The information conveyed to the parent must be un-derstandable and meaningful if hand all through Christmas to the parent is to assist in his

The 1952-53 feed supply of all feed concentrates is estimated at least once the market this year. They are eminently fair to the farmers, it is said, and there is general it is said.

### 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 will close for the Christ-mas holidays next Friday, December 19, it was announced from the office of County Superintend-

Dean Cox Addresses

stated by Dean J. D. Rankin.

# Warren Cutts

"Our primary consideration in

next grade level.

He spoke of the need for closer

# **Graduates Of Duke**

Reach Record Here



ROBERT B. COX

by Robert B. Cox, Dean of Men of Duke University.

Dean Cox described the growth of Duke University both materially and academically. He told about the different buildings that have been added from year to year as the services of the university have expanded. Among these are new buildings for engineering, physics, medical research, a new home for nurses, a new graduate center on West Campus, the conversion of Epworth Inn into a graduate center for women, the conversion of the old engineering building into a psychological center, and additions to the library which has become the largest in the South.

Dean Cox then concentrated on a description of the growth that has taken place in the quality of the student body. He pointed out that Duke is trying to instill and develop in every student the qualities of self-control, capacity for hard work, sense of responsibility, ability to thing clearly and coherently, ability to produce and appreciate excellence of ners to be present at the drawwork, and integrity of character. Repeatedly he emphasized that Duke is not interested in increasing the size of its student body. but in the excellency of the graduates it produces.

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## Collegians To Be Honored At

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 an-

### **County Offices** Will Be Closed

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

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

Visit Of

Santa Is

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 op-portunity 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 tellow 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 winings. 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

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.

### **Notes On Judging** Of Decorations

The judges in the Christmas decorations contest are to make an effort to visit every street in town, but sponsors of the contest stress that citizens who want to be sure their displays are judged should call 334-W or 274-M.

The three classifications are to be lawn display, window display and front door. There will be a first and second cash prize in each division and an honorable mention in each. A special mention will be made for the best overall decoration.

Judging will be on originality, suitability to location and overall appearance.

There are 10,000 fewer telephones on North Carolina farms now than there were in 1920.

### Empty Stocking Fund County-Wide Project

The empty stocking project, were received from business ponsored by the Worthwhile Wo-firms and individuals of the sponsored by the Worthwhile Woles Beasley of East Tennessee: man's Club is a county-wide pro-second place to Mary Jane White ject, it is pointed out, and 20 to preciated. of Mars Hill and Joe Haugh of 45 children from each school dis-

man's Club is a county-wide pro- county, which are highly ap-The Worthwhile Club wou

Wake Forest; and third place to trict are made happy at Christ-like for donations from both Mary Ann Wolfe of Lenoir Rhyne mas time from this fund. Rhyne.

In after-dinner speaking, first place went to Barbara Saunders of Mars Hill and Dudley Smith (Continued on page six)

The Itom this land.

For several years, say the sponsors, sort of the money, toys, will be without a Christmas stocking and candy was donated by individuals, business firms, tions to Mrs. Homer Brown, circ bubs and other organizations of Building and Loan Association, Boone. Last year many donations Boone.

#### **Boone Students Fare Well In** Christmas Cantaa-drama, will be presented at the Oak Grove Baptist Church, Sunday night, Dec-Area Forensic Tournament ember 21 at 7:30 p. m. The public In the poetry division, first of Lenoir Rhyne; second place to nual Christmas program. Refresh-

The Twelfth Annual Appala-The total output of crops this year will be only 2 1-2 per cent below the peak reached in 1948. Mars Hill, East Tennessee State Teachers College, Lenoir Rhyne, College participated. Over 70 of East Tennessee. people entered the various coned to the Watauga Hospital Board sponse, it is stated, has been very tests. Included in the tournament at the monthy meeting held last generous, and it is believed that the goal of \$25,000 will be reachter-dimer speaking, radio announcing, poetry reading, oratory, The board expressed thanks to impromptu speaking, and extem-Greene, local automobile dealer; those who have been engaged in Willys Chester, Boone merchant, soliciting funds, and asked that poraneous speaking. The tourna ment was sponsored by Chapter and Dr. Lee Reynolds, of the their reports be turned in at 219, North Carolina Epsilon, Pi Kappa Delta, of Appalachian State Teachers College. Teachers College. They replace Word from Walter Hook As-Stanley Harris, Dewitt Barnett sociates, architects, and the Med-and Herman Eggers, whose terms ical Care Commission is that

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 day foods . . . Mrs. Will Byrd of the last three years.

Dutch Creek brings us a generous poke of delicious apples . . . The kindness of these friends Nurses Home, made a report (Continued on page four) which showed that more than made in the hospital plant.

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chian Mountain Forensic Tourna- place winners were Jo Ann Har- Peggy Teague of Appalachian; ments will be served at the conment was held in Boone on Fridin of Appalachian, and David Jamet Sue Houck of Appalachian; clusion of the service.

Wright of Lenoir Rhyne; second and Joe Haugh of Wake Forest; day and Saturday, December 5 place winners were Jo Ann Ald- third place went to Mary Ann and 6. Elon College, Milligan, ridge of Appalachian and Tom Wolfe of Lenoir Rhyne, and Har-Carson-Newman, Wake Forest, Waller of Mars Hill; and third ry Ball of Easte Tennessee; and place winners were Mary Weddell honorable mention went to David of Carson-Newman, Marion Cox Wright of Lenoir Rhyne. and Appalachian State Teachers of Appalachian, and Harry Ball Tom Waller of Mars Hill won

first place in oratory; Joe Haugh were five rounds of debating, af- of Wake Forest won second; and Curtis Young of Elon won third. In radio announcing, first place awards went to Barbara Saunders to Tommie Mitchell of East Tenof Mars Hill, and Harold Watson

EEK LEFT BUY CHRISTMAS

In extemporaneous speaking, first place awards went to mary Jane White of Mars Hill and Joe Haugh of Wake Forest; second place to Jo Ann Hardin of Appa lachian and Charles Beasley of East Tennessee; and third place

nessee and Glen Garrison of Wake Forest. First place honors in impromptu speaking went to Barbara Saunders of Mars Hill and Char-