

MERRY CHRISTMAS

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WATAUGA COUNTY
1950 POPULATION 18,341
Leading agricultural and tourist area. Livestock, dairying and truck farming of paramount importance. Blue Ridge Parkway traverses county, and touches Hawking Rock, one of the principal summer resorts of Eastern America.

BOONE
1950 POPULATION 2,973
The educational center of Western North Carolina. Home of Appalachian State Teachers College, which attracts hundreds of students annually from all parts of the nation. Modern business district. A good place to live.

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The Staff of the Watauga Democrat extends greetings of the season and best wishes for a Merry Christmas.

Dr. Herbert Wey Gets Area Educational Post

Dr. Herbert Wey, former principal of Appalachian High School, who is presently a professor in the school of education at the University of Miami, Miami, Fla., has been named to the executive committee of the committee on research and services of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. The appointment was announced at a recent meeting of the organization in Memphis.

Dr. Wey is one of six Southern educators who will plan and direct the research projects of the Southern Association. At present three projects are underway. One is a study in elementary education, another on evaluation of secondary schools, and the third on records and reports used in elementary and secondary schools, and colleges.

Dr. Wey will be in Atlanta in January to attend meetings of the committee.

The Weys plan to return to their home here next year.



DR. HERBERT WEY

Beaches Take Honors In Decoration Contest

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Beach took top honors in the Home Decorations contest in Boone Sunday night by winning first place in two of the three divisions. They won first place in the outdoor decorations with a winter scene featuring a snowman and his wife. In the door decorations they displayed the word "Noel" with a blue star over it, and blue flood lights shining on the door. First prize in the window decorations went to Mr. and Mrs. Coaker Triplett for their unique display of a snow scene in their window. Jack Mock placed second in this contest, using suspended snow flakes and a reindeer as his main attraction. Honorable mention went to Miss Elizabeth Elizabeth Lord, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Cutts, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Stallings and Dr. and Mrs. Arnold

VanPelt. Miss Lord and Mr. Mock received second and third place in the door decorations. In the lawn decorations Mr. and Mrs. Joe Crawford placed second with a snow man and decorated tree; third place was given to Dr. and Mrs. D. J. Whitener. Special attention was given a tree decorated with suet and popcorn for feeding birds, arranged by Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Watkins. In the door decorations special mention was made of the doors at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mast, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Qualls, Mr. and Mrs. Crawford and Dr. and Mrs. R. H. Harmon. First and second prize awards were cash in the amounts of \$5.00 and \$3.00, given by the various departments of the Worthwhile

Concern For Needy Being Felt

Warmhearted concern for people in need at Christmas, coupled with plans that are intended to leave no one out, characterize the community giving being done over North Carolina, from Manteo to Murphy, in cooperation with the county departments of public welfare.

This is revealed in a survey just completed by the State Board of Public Welfare.

Christmas will be brighter this year for more than 10,000 needy families because of the generosity of clubs and individuals cooperating in this plan.

Well over \$100,000 will be given to bring extra Christmas joy to families whose situation is known to welfare departments. These families either have special needs beyond the help which can be given monthly for essentials under the public assistance program or are ineligible for such help but have no margin beyond bare necessities for extra Christmas cheer.

By using the county welfare department as a clearing house, duplication is avoided. The community is given the satisfaction of knowing that its giving benefits those families and individuals who are neediest.

From Manteo to Murphy, clubs, churches, organizations, and individuals are letting the Christmas spirit help them recapture the spontaneity and neighborliness that makes giving a pleasure. They are making use of the interest and knowledge of community needs which the welfare departments have, to channel their giving to the families in greatest need. Their gifts are either gifts especially selected to fill particular needs of the family or are in the form of checks so the parent may have a share in the gifts to the children.

Schools Close For Holidays

All the schools of the county closed for Christmas Friday afternoon, as did Appalachian State Teachers College.

The schools will reopen Monday morning December 28th, with the exception of Boone, Green Valley, Parkway and Blowing Rock. These schools will begin Tuesday morning December 29th, and will teach Saturday January 2.

The college will reopen December 29.

Business Places Set Closing Dates

Attention is again called to the fact that most businesses of the town of Boone will take a long week end in observance of the Christmas holidays, leaving their places of business at Thursday closing time, and returning Monday morning.

County offices will close Wednesday, and reopen next Monday. City hall will take Christmas day only. The bank will be closed both Friday and Saturday.

The windows at the postoffice will be closed Christmas day only, according to Acting Postmaster Lyle Cook.

Honeycutts Hurt In Auto Crash

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Honeycutt and son, Robert, received injuries in an automobile accident, which occurred near Berea, Ky.

Mr. Honeycutt suffered a fractured wrist and hand. Mrs. Honeycutt has a compound fracture of an ankle and a number of broken ribs. Robert has an injured wrist and broken ribs.

The Honeycutts had been to Chicago on a visit with relatives and were on their way home when the car skidded on the icy pavement and wrecked.

Burley Market Auctions 2,368,278 Pounds Of Leaf



EMPTY STOCKINGS FILLED—Mrs. Mae Miller, general chairman of the Empty Stocking committee of the Worthwhile Woman's Club, and Mrs. R. W. Watkins distribute gifts provided by the fund to a group of children gathered at Mrs. Miller's home on Howard Street.—Staff photo by Joe Minor.

Tom Jackson Is Soil Supervisor

In recent voting, Tom Jackson was elected to serve a three year term as supervisor for the Watauga Soil Conservation District. Mr. Jackson is replacing Henry Taylor, present board member, who has served for the past four years.

The Board is composed of three farmers who administer the farm planning and land use program for the county. Other members serving on the Board during 1954 are D. F. Greene and Hayes Wellborn.

Special Service Set For Collegians

Special attention of college students, home for the holidays, is called to the Student Recognition Service at the Advent Christian Church. All denominations are invited to the service Wednesday (December 23) at 7:30. A reception for the students will follow the program.

The service is sponsored by the Boone and Blowing Rock Ministerial Association.

Rotary Club Ends Contest

The Boone Rotary Club has just concluded an attendance contest and established the outstanding record for November of 94.44% attendance. The Boone club stood fourth among the 37 club of the 28th Rotary District.

The 37 members of the local club were divided into teams for the purpose of the contest, and at the regular meeting last week the losing team was host to the winners and served a steak and bean supper—the winners eating steak and the losers eating only beans.

Kermit Hunter Writes New Play

A new play by Kermit Hunter, author of the highly successful North Carolina outdoor dramas "Unto These Hills" at Cherokee and "Horn in the West" at Boone, will have its world premiere in Tucson, Arizona, April 28, 29, 30 in the University of Arizona auditorium. It is entitled "The Bell and the Plow."

U. S. Savings bond sales outstrip redemptions in 11 months.

Three Hundred Given Treats By Clubwomen

More than three hundred children were treated with candy, nuts, toys, and clothing from Boone's Empty Stocking Fund, the town's most comprehensive Christmas charity.

The needy children came from all sections of the county for the gifts which were distributed from the home of Mrs. Mae Miller, the general chairman of the empty stocking committee of the Worthwhile Woman's Club, which assumed the sponsorship of the

activity about ten years ago.

A large majority of the club women took part in carrying out the program by soliciting, collecting, buying, packaging, assorting items, and distributing packages to the schools and children. The children aided represented nine schools.

The club thanks the merchants and other townspeople for their generous support of the worthwhile Christmas activity.

Merchants To Give \$500 Christmas Eve

Climaxing the series of cash gifts being distributed this year by the Merchants Association of Boone and Watauga County, there will be a big drawing for more than \$500.00 on the main business square of Boone at 2 p. m. on Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24, the association has announced.

The first name drawn will receive \$200, the second, \$100, the third, \$50, and there will be 15 additional drawings for \$20 and \$10 gifts.

Free registrations may be made for these gifts at practically all Boone stores, and all tickets not previously drawn for the weekly

prizes will be eligible for the Christmas Eve drawing also, it was announced. Registrations will be accepted by participating stores until 1:00 p. m., December 24th.

Democrat Will Observe Holidays

The Watauga Democrat will be closed for business for the remainder of the week, following the publication of this early edition, and there will be business as usual next Monday.

Average Of \$53.76 For Year Shown

When the Boone Burley Tobacco Market closed for the Christmas holidays after sales on Friday, December 18, it had sold 2,368,278 pounds of tobacco for an average of \$53.76 per hundred, according to figures released by Stanley A. Harris, supervisor of sales.

Before-Christmas sales on the Mountain City (Tenn.) market, also operated by R. C. Coleman and associates, brought the total poundage sold by the firm to just 150,000 less than 4,000,000, with a total of \$2,069,893.34 paid out to growers.

Prices received this year are far above the average of past years, Mr. Harris added, in spite of the fact that the quality of the crop is considerably below the quality offered in 1952.

The first sale after Christmas will be at Mountain Burley No. 1 in Boone on Monday, January 4th.

Mountain Burley Warehouse at Boone will be open to receive tobacco throughout the holidays, and there is ample room on the floors for one million pounds. "All tobacco is insured for full value as soon as it is placed on the floor, enabling farmers to bring their tobacco in at any time with absolute confidence that it will be taken care of and be much safer on the warehouse floor than in your own barn," Mr. Harris reiterated.

Mr. Coleman says: "The new government estimate indicates the burley crop this year is 78,000,000 pounds under last year's crop, and 44,000,000 pounds under the average of the last ten years. This certainly indicates that the price in the January sales will be as good, or better, than the prices up to the present time. I am confident there will be no reduction in price until the last basket is sold."

It was announced that another \$50 will be distributed at Warehouse No. 1 in Boone by the Merchants Association to farmers bringing their tobacco in during the holidays, and every farmer who brings tobacco to Boone until 9 a. m. Monday, January 4, will be eligible for a share.

Weather

By DR. ARNOLD VAN PELT
The coldest temperature of the season came to Boone on the morning of the 18th when the mercury reached 1 above. Due to cold temperatures in the last part of the week, the trace of snow which fell on the 14th and 16th remained on the ground.

Max.	Min.	6 p. m.	Date
47	36	38	Dec. 13
38	23	25	Dec. 14
25	10	21	Dec. 15
28	13	19	Dec. 16
15	4	10	Dec. 17
18	1	14	Dec. 18
37	10	29	Dec. 19

Precipitation:
Dec. 13—0.23 in.
Dec. 14—0.94 in.
Dec. 15—0.10 in.; trace snow.
Dec. 17—trace snow.
Note—In last week's column, the precipitation for Dec. 10 was omitted by mistake. Rainfall for Dec. 10 was 0.84 inches.

Los Angeles, Calif.—Mrs. Susan H. Bean recently entered the hospital for the first time in 101 years. She celebrated her 101st birthday in the hospital. Mrs. Bean has 12 children, 22 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

KING STREET

BY ROB RIVERS

AND IT CAME TO PASS in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.

(And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)

And all went to be taxed, everyone into his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)

To be taxed with Mary, his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was, that while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her first born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the Inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flocks by night.

And lo, the Angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

—From the Gospel according to St. Luke.

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