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HAPPY NEW YEAR

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NEW YEAR AND CALENDARS As New Year's festivities crowd the Christmas holidays off the wintry scene, we are reminded that in this section the beginning of the year don't cause the commotion it does in some sections of the country, where the big parties are held up until the old year wanes and dies . . . There are expressions of New Year's wishes, and an occasional "watch party", done during Christmas the placing of the new calendar calendar pad became a part of life itself, and we can well remember how we hated to see "Custer's Last Stand" give way to the garden scene, and our affection for the big deer which featured a calendar by "The Alhambra Bar" . . , Down at the Democrat office we recall the big lion with a press roller in his mouth, and the calendar sporting the big printing press, but we think there has never been a calendar in these parts so popular with the folks as the farm or almanac calendar, which became the trade mark for the Ramon's Liver Pills, a faithful reproduction of which is handed out each year by the Democrat . . . And the folks come from far and wide to get their "Ramon", which car-ries all the information about the moon and the signs, and when to set the hen, or wean the calf or plant the peas, as well as a longrange month-by-month weather forecast . . . And we set to wondering about calendars in gener-

al, and the names of the months and the days, and dug up a bit of information which might be of interest . . . and at the same time furnish the fillin' for this first Friday evening, January 8, startpost-Christmas column.

FROM ANCIENT ROME The Gregorian calendar now in general use, goes back to 1582, when Pope Gregory brought about a revision of the Julian calendar which was used to measure time since 46 B. C. ... Without trying to ferret out the intricacies of the methods used in producing the present calendars, we did find interest in recalling the origin of the names of months and days . . . Through the World Almanac.



4-H. YOUTHS WIN COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS-These safety champs are national winners in the as they used to be called, but 4-H Farm and Home Safety Program. Their achievements in promoting safety on the farm and in most of the partying has been the home won them \$300 college scholarships, all-expense round trips to the 32nd National 4-H Club done during Christmas . . . A Congress in Chicago and a chance to talk with leaders of industry. The scholarship awards, spon-long time ago, the start of the sored by General Motors for the ninth consecutive year, were presented in Chicago December 3. New Year was associated with Here GM Vice President Paul Garrett shows the youngsters some of the safety devices used by indus-the placing of the new calendar the placing of the new calendar on the wall, a new picture to take the place of the old . . . In Some cases the picture above the York; Mr. Garrett; Margie Sellers, 17, Whitesboro, Texas; Harriette A. Lee, 15, Montrose, Colorado; imate to hold up business, at least dur-to hold up business, at least dur-to its approximate to the sellers, 17, whitesboro, Texas; Harriette A. Lee, 15, Montrose, Colorado; imate 1953 average. This can some cases, the picture above the and George N. Fleming, 18, Simms, Montana.

Local Burley Market To **Resume Sales Monday**

Tobacco Market will reopen on Monday, of \$54.76 per hundred for 2.368,- holidays, and can accommodate January 4, after being closed for 278 pounds of tobacco is the highthe Christmas holidays since Dec- est in the history of the market," ember 18. The first sale will be said R. C. Coleman, operator of bacco is insured for full value as held at Mountain Burley Ware- the Boone warehouses, "and there soon as it is placed on the floor, house No. 1, beginning at 9 a. m. is ample reason to believe that he added.

Hold Meeting At **Blowing Rock**

The Watauga Unit of the North Carolina Education Association will meet at the auditorium of the Blowing Rock High School ing at 7 o'clock. The announcement of the meet-

ing is made by Mr. James Storie, president of the teachers organ-ization and Blowing Rock School principal. The organization will be entertained by the Blowing Rock School faculty, and members of the PTA. The business meeting will be followed by a social period in the school gymnasium. At the same time it is announced that the Blowing Rock PTA "The before-Christmas average | as they have been throughout the more than a million pounds of tobacco, Mr. Coleman said. All to-

prices will be as high or higher It was announced that another set off a chain reaction, which when sales resume on Monday, \$50 will be distributed at the could send business down 10% to Watauga NCEA To when sales resume on Monday, 550 will be distributed at the depending, of course, upon the warehouse by the Merchants Asquality of the tobacco." sociation to farmers bringing to-The previous high, he said, was bacco in during the holidays.

in 1951, when the entire season's Every farmer who brings tobacco sales averaged \$53.84 per hund- to Boone before 9 a. m. Monday The three Boone warehouses will be eligible to participate in are now open to receive tobacco, the drawing. *

WataugaBankersTo to the attiude of their respective communities. Of these, over 970 have replied as follows: The peo-Aid In \$6,000 State couraged and want to liquidate; here. The younger Olls was quot-and want to buy and invest more; here as saying he must have fallen asleep while driving toward Mor-Prize Essay Contest strong position, but are waiting until they see how 1954 develops. Due to the results of this sur-**Three Trustees** High school students of Watauga County today were invited to participate in a Statewide contest Are Elected For offering more than \$6,000 in pri-Watauga Hospital The invitation was extended by bankers of Watauga County who are promoting "The Big Change," At the December meting of the

Watauga Farm Income Set At \$2,868,000 For 1953

Babson Sees Good Business In 1954; Drop Seen Suggests Paying Of Individual Debt From Peak

By ROGER W. BABSON Special to the Watauga Democrat nation.

I do not now believe in the of most economists theory that business will fall off 10% in 1954, with a greater decline in net earnings. My feeling is that everyone will unite forces

creases.

Killed In Crash

imate 1953 average. This can be done by expanding research, increasing advertising appropriations, extending further credits, and obtaining labor's 'co-opera-But, I say something much

more important than the above; namely, if business should slump **Father Of Former** 10%, the decline would probably not stop at 10%. Too many bus-iness concerns and individuals **Boone Policeman** are working on a very narrow and slim margin. The decline in employment, with resulting business losses which a 10% decline in gross would cause, could result in millions of families being unable to pay their bills and instal'ment obligations. The could here at 2:30 p. m. 30% more, with a corresponding decline in the stock market, commodity prices, and real estate. In said Ollis was a passenger this latter case, the Eisenhower Administration would suffer as

did the Hoover Administration. In view of this possible alternative, I have contacted the leading newspaper publishers as hospital his condition was conto the attiude of their respective sidered "not serious." have replied as follows: The people of 30 communities are dis-643 are now content and in a strong position, but are waiting vey, I believe the chances are ten to one that at least the first half

of 1954 WILL BE FAIRLY GOOD. 1. There will be no World War in the first half of 1954.

June 30, 1954, than on January

3. Taxes will be lowered by ex-

5. The Eisenhower "Honey-

have a hard time controlling Con-

gress during the next six months.

the renewal of low-rate loans.

9. Farm lands, except near

cities, will sell for less during

the first half of 1954, when farm-

4. The price of most comm

2. The Dow-Jones Industrial

1. 1954

piring laws.

new products.

is certain.

good thing for the morale of the nation. 14. The present Administration 16. I am no weather prophet, 14. The present Administration will suffer much opposition to at-

but experts expect a warmer winter for the eastern portion of tempts to reduce tariffs if profits decline or unemployment inthe U. S. and a colder Florida. 17. Canada will continue to

Labor Leaders will try to revamp

15. The Administration and the boom during the first half of 1954 (Continued on page three.) **March Of Dimes To**

Mrs. Ralph Tugman, county ampaign director for the 1954 March of Dimes effort announced this week that the Watauga campaign for funds will be held January 2 through 31. She also listed some of the workers who are

to help her in the work. Morganton - Samuel Ollis, 89. Last year the local campaign over \$3,000, Mrs. Tugman of the Three-Mile Creek section netted stated, and was used in the fight of Avery County, died at 6 p. m. against Polio. This year the need Monday in the Valdese General Hospital of injuries he received is even greater than last for money to carry on the care for in an automobile accident near polio patients and to do the reearch work carried on by the State Highway Patrolmen W.

D. Anderson and R. G. Thompson National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, and others. car driven by his son, Valdese The slogan this year for the Police Officer S. D. (Dock) Ollis,

local campaign will be: "Let's Go 62. The son received a fractured Through the Door in '54," and hip and chest injury and accordpractically everyone in the county ing to attaches at the Valdese will be called on to help. All the schools will carry on a campaign, the Home Demonstration Clubs.

The car left N. C. Highway 181 under the direction of Miss Mary and crashed into a dirt embank- Helen Neill, home agent, and the ment about six miles north of civic clubs of the county will be here. The younger Ollis was quotbacking the drive, and making special efforts to raise the needed

> The 49's Dance Club will sponsor the annual March of Dimes dance, and the annual Quartet singing will be held again, and a Talent Show will be staged by persons at Appalachian State Teachers College. No date or plans for these events have been announced, according to Mrs. Vilas.

died at the home Monday, fol-lowing a long period of failing Names of Mrs. Tugman's staff, cattle farmers purchased 66 reg

ler and released for publication the first of the week. This is \$517,838 less-than the final adjusted farm income rec-ord of \$3,385,838 for 1952, completed last January, after publi-cation of the original estimate of **Start Campaign Here** \$2,576,000 The drop in local farm income s attributed to the lower prices

1952 Level

Watauga's farm income for

1953 is estimated at \$2,868,000 in

the annual farm report compiled

by County Agent L. E. Tuckwil-

BOONE

1950 POPULATION 2.973

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on livestock, aggravated by continued drought conditions. Some loss is seen in the income from milk, while burley tobacco and vegetables seemed to have held their own in the price structure. The breakdown of the 1953 in-

come shows that livestock and livestock products accounted for \$987,000, itemized as follows: poultry and poultry products \$160,000, dairy products \$290,000, livestock and livestock products \$637.500.

Farm crop income totaled \$1,-\$10,500, as follows: tobacco \$865,-500, vegetables \$585,000, potatoes \$200,000, fruit \$80,000, other crop sales \$80,000, farm forest pro ducts sales \$70,000

Some of the major extension activities and accomplishments in 1953 were:

The Blue Ridge Fair had more interest from farm people than in any previous year.

The Watauga Hereford breeders sold 47 lots in the eleventh annual sale for \$9,187.50. The first annual Watauga Here-

ford breeders bull sale was held in April and sold 19 bulls for \$3,123.50.

A pre-sale show was held in connection with the Hereford sale in October. The championship in the bull class went to Finley P. Hodges, Boone, and in the cow class to Shipley Farm,

The 1953 Watauga County beef

without which one couldn't hope to operate for any length time, we gather the facts for the following:

January, was named for Janus, the Roman god, who had two faces: one looking into the past and one gazing into the future.

February comes from the Latin word Februo, to purify. It came He was 20 years of age. at the season of Roman ceremon ies of purification.

March, named for Mars, Roman god of war, used to be the Baptist Church, with the Rev. first month in the year. Then Victor Trivette and the Rev. S. there were only ten. January S. Graybeal officiating at the and February having been added rites.

about 700 years before Christ. He is survived by his parents, Old Saxons knew the month as Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Wellborn of Lenct, meaning spring, and this Deep Gap; six brothers: Allen, is the origin of our word Lent. s the origin of our word Lent. April is from the Latin word operio, to open. It is at this sea-Billy Wellborn of the home; and Aperio, to open. It is at this season that the flowers and leaves Charles Wellborn, with the U.S. begin to open.

May was named for Maia daughter of the Roman diety, Atlas.

June was named for the god

July for a long time was known by its old name of Quinti-lis, from the Latin meaning five, as it was the fifth month in the anicent calendar of Romulus; but

first Tuesday as originally plan-ned due to the teacher's meeting.

board of directors of the Watauga Paul R. Wellborn Hospital, three new trustees were elected to serve a three-year term beginning January 1, 1954. **Taken By Death** They are Stanley A. Harris, D. L. Wilcox, and Richard Morhauser.

Paul Ray Wellborn, of Deep The new trustees succeed Gor-Gap, died of a cerebral hemor R. E. Agle. Under the system of tinued in the future. rhage on Thursday, December 24. rotation provided in the charter

Funeral services were held De-cember 27 at the Laurel Springs of the hospital, no trustee can succeed himself.

The full board membership for nolds, G. C. Green, Willis

Chester, Stanley A. Harris, D. L. Wilcox, and Richard Morhauser. The annual meeting of the board of trustees will be held at the hospital Friday, January 8, at

12:30 p. m.

Pakistan has informed Mos Army in France; three sisters: Mrs. Roy Graybeal, Deep Gap, Mrs. Linney Walker, Boone, and Mrs. Lee Michael, Norfolk, Va. bases.

Federal Bond Sales Exceed Local Quotas

anicent calendar of Romulus; our its name was changed to July in honor of Julius Caesar. August, too, retained its old name of Sextilis (the sixth in Watauga County for the month in Watauga County for the month boro.

oratorical contest sponsored by the North Carolina Bankers Association.

> The contest is designed to call ties will be lower on June 30. attention to North Carolina's progress since the turn of the cen-1954 tury, and to cause high school moon" is fast ending and he will

students to devote some thought don Winkler, Fred Gragg, and to how this progress may be con-

The contest will begin with high school eliminations during the first week of March, 1954. The spending more money on adver-

winners from each high school in 1954 will be: G. K. Moose, J. E. the county will compete on Holshouser, Guy Hunt, Lee Rey- March 10 to determine the county winner.

The county winners, in turn, will compete on March 17 in group eliminations. The State has been divided into ten groups for the contest, roughly ten counties

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o the group. On March 24, the ten division winners will compete in division eliminations. The State has been divided into three divisions for purposes of the contest.

On March 31, the three division winners will compete in the State finals in Raleigh.

There will be prizes on all levels, with the three finalists winning \$1,000, \$500 and \$250 respectively. Each county winner will receive a \$25 Savings Bond; cach group winner will receive a \$100 Savings Bond. The three

Stock Average will be less on reaching a nephew, Rob Rivers of Boone

William R. Jurney, of Elkin,

William R. Jurney

Dies In Elkin

Mr. Jurney, a brother of the late Mrs. R. C. Rivers, Sr., was known to many of the older residents of the county, where he was

once identified with publication

of the Watauga Democrat. His first wife was Miss Lucy Farth-ing, daughter of the late J. Watts Farthing and Mrs. Farthing of Boone.

6. Retail sales can be kept up Funeral details were not comby manufacturers and merchants plete, but services were tentative-ly set for 3 o'clock Tuesday aftising, selling, and developing ternoon. Burial likely took place at Snow Creek Methodist Church, 7. The U. S. population will near the ancestral home in Irecontinue its present growth and dell county. the best prospects for sales in 1954 will be the "teen-agers."

In predicting that the year 1954 8. Interest rates during the first should be "very good" for busi-ness, Lothair Teeton, Assistant six months of 1954 should average about as at present, except on Secretary of Commerce, explained that there would be "adjust-

ments" but that these would not be severe and the "over-all pic-ture will be that of a very gool

Mrs. John G. Martin, secretary, with Mrs. Crayte Teague assist ing; G. C. Greene, Jr., treasurer.

Ralph Tugman and Mrs. Leo K. Pritchett are to handle the radio (Continued on page two.)

Stores To Close

For New Year

According to information re-ceived from Merchants Association sources, all department stores, grocery stores, the North-western Bank, and the Watauga Building & Loan office in Boone will be closed all day Friday,

January 1st, in observance of New Year's Day. The post office will also observe January 1st as a legal holi-

day, with the windows remaining closed all day.



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as she announced them include istered bulls. The Boone Chamber of Commerce sponsored the "Get of Sire' class at the Boone Feeder Calf Sale

> Commercial beef cattle produc ers in Waauga and Avery Counties sold 204 calves in the third annual Boone Feeder Calf Sale. The Watauga Wool Pool sold 36,271 pounds of wool for \$21,-983 80.

The Watauga Lamb Pool sold 2.459 head of lambs and sheep for \$39,725.05.

The Watauga County purebred Hampshire Sheep breeders sold registered sheep in all the sales sponsored by the N. C. Purebred. Sheep Breeders Association.

Wilson, Reece, sold the Joe highest selling ram in the Boone Ram Sale. This ram sold for \$125.00 to Elbert Hunter, Win ston-Salem

Commercial sheep producers purchased 36 registered rams in

Watauga County swine breed ers purchased four registe boars in 1953.

The Watauga County 4-H clubs prepared and exhibited a livestock booth at the 1953 N. C State Fair. The theme of the booth was "Feed Requirement for Each Class of Livestock."

Watauga County 4-H she shearers won first and see

ers' profits will begin to decline. business year." 10. The Central and Southwest

Christmas shopping in Boone merchants he has talked to re-reached an all time high in dol-ported a substantial gain over 12, The U. S. Government will