

Evergreen Business Is Vital Watauga County Industry

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that cutting the "tips" does not damage a tree, rather that it acts pretty much the same way that pruning does on shrubbery, giving a new thick, healthy growth in the spring. An outcropping of vandals who go out and leave wanton waste and destruction in their wake, with little regard for the other man's property, has in some measure put a blot on an otherwise legitimate and useful industry.

Roping makers are supplied with a gadget by the evergreen dealer which turns out the finished product almost as fast as the operator can turn a hand crank. A cotton cord runs through the center of the roping and a spool of wire unwinds as the crank is turned to tie the tips securely to the foundation cord. The pungent aroma of the fresh evergreens gives added zest to the task of ropemaking.

Because of their hardness in withstanding cold weather the majority of evergreen products are shipped North. Very few go to Southern climes, where they are more apt to turn yellow and shed quickly. The evergreens will stay fresh and crisp for weeks in a cold damp place.

The evergreen market is naturally seasonal, starting in early November and lasting until the week before Christmas. Many city dwellers might never know the haunting fragrance of mountain woods except for the evergreen

Stadium Drive

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lastically joining with the people of this area in giving the campaign a good send-off, and thus renewing the local challenge to the other friends of the institution to join them in assuring the Mountaineer football team of having a home next season.

Since construction began on the new science building, located on the old football field, the Mountaineers have been a team without a home and all of the 1961 football contests were played on foreign soil.

In the meantime, work is progressing on the natural horseshoe-type field which lies behind Newland and Justice Halls in a setting of large oaks and mountain laurel.

Grass which was sown on the playing field over two months ago (a special mixture prepared for ASTC by the N. C. State College and sowed and covered with straw under the supervision of the State Highway Commission) is coming along nicely.

The stadium banks have been graded for the seats and the track is now under construction. The contract for the erecting of the field house is scheduled to be let in late January or early February. Some fencing has been installed and the grading of the main parking area which will accommodate upward of 1,000 cars is more than two-thirds complete.

Ultimate plans call for 5,000 permanent concrete seats on each side of the lighted field surrounded by an official quarter-mile track and finished with all the other equipment of a first-class outdoor athletic arena.

Five home games have been scheduled for the new football stadium next fall and tentative plans call for special dedication ceremonies and a mammoth celebration for alumni and friends on the annual Homecoming Day.

Awards Given

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composed of eleven equities, and members of the association are dedicated to improving the entire area. Counties included are Watauga, Wilkes, Ashe, Caldwell, Alexander, Surry, Yadkin, Davie, Stokes, and Forsyth.



Jerry Coe

about this question:
"Stolen Christmas presents, someone injured on our icy sidewalk, water damage from a frozen plumbing or heating system, ice or snow damage—are all such losses covered by a Homeowner Policy, but not by regular fire insurance? Can I switch to the Homeowner policy now?"

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Record Of Visitors To Parkway Cited

Visitor report for the month of November of the Blue Ridge Parkway is as follows:

James River (Va.) (Mile 0 to 115)—Visitors this month 64,226; Visitors same month last year, 61,859.

Rocky Knob (Va.) (Mile 115 to 217)—Visitors this month, 90,009; Visitors same month last year, 113,196.

Bluffs (N. C.) (Mile 217 to 305)—Visitors this month, 69,297; Visitors same month last year, 71,809.

Asheville (N. C.) (Mile 305 to 469)—Visitors this month, 108,242; Visitors same month last year, 125,326.

Total visitors this month, 332,374; Total visitors same month last year, 372,179.

Calendar year 1961—5,855,590 visitors to date.

Calendar year 1960—5,333,992 visitors to date.

Calendar year 1961 compared with calendar year 1960, increase 10%. This month compared with same month last year, decrease 12%.

Total number of visitors is figured on basis of 3.3 persons per vehicle.

Know The Weather

By E. H. SIMS
Why should farmers be careful when they choose the side of a hill for their barns?

There are several considerations about the weather which are advisable for a farmer before he decides upon the site for a barn.

To the west, from the barn, should be clear of trees. This prevents west winds from blowing dripping moisture on the barn after a rain. A barn also does better on the windward side of prevailing winds, or on the western slopes, usually.

On the eastern slopes, usually, the air is more stagnant, and insects become more of a problem. These little considerations before building can make a difference, and save trees, quite often, that otherwise would be felled after wards, when the barn could not be moved.

In Fashion Now

Pants are being shown in some of the shops for the resort minded with the Bikini type bodice. For the warmer climates this creation may be of yellow linen and have bell bottomed pants with the bodice featuring three quarter length sleeves. It may also have a tailored sash.

Other Bikini tops are sleeveless and are worn with pants cut low around the waist but tapered to the ankle.

Stripes are good for shirts but pants are definitely not as tight as was formerly correct.

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