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Tree Sale Is Started By Jaycees

The Boone Junior Chamber of Commerce will officially open its 1963 Christmas tree sale Friday, December 13th at the Jaycee booth located next to the Gateway Restaurant.

The sale will continue all day Saturday, December 14 and on Sunday, December 15 from 1 until 5 p. m. The trees will again be the Scotch Pine variety and live evergreen trees. The Jaycees will also have at the booth, Christmas mints and Christmas bows.

Anyone who wishes to purchase a tree earlier or place an order for a special size tree, may do so by contacting any member of the Boone Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The Christmas tree sale is conducted each year to raise funds for the annual shopping tour for needy children of the county. This year around 40 children from the schools of the county will be taken on a shopping tour and will be entertained at a party on Thursday, December 19. This project is one of the most meaningful and worthwhile of all the projects that the Boone Jaycees sponsor each year.



MRS. CORDELIA S. PHILLIPS

Mrs. Phillips Succumbs In Blowing Rock

Mrs. Cordelia Sudderth Phillips, 84, widow of Dr. John Edward Phillips, who was co-founder, with Drs. Bunts, Crile and Lower, of the Cleveland Clinic and Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio, died Wednesday at her home in Blowing Rock.

She was the daughter of James Webb Sudderth, an officer in a Co. of the 22nd North Carolina in Civil War, and Jane Elizabeth Nelson Sudderth. She was descended from William and Margaret Sumter Sudderth who entered a land claim in 1778 in an area 4 miles west of Blowing Rock on the Morganton Road, arriving here from Albemarle County in Virginia in 1779.

She was graduated from the Western Reserve Academy at Hudson in 1897, attended Oberlin College (Ohio) and was graduated from the nursing school of old Lakeside Hospital in 1903.

She was a past president of (Continued on page two)

Schools To Close For Christmas Next Week End

Watauga County public schools will close for one week as usual, for celebration of Christmas and New Year's, it was announced this week by Guy W. Angell, Watauga County Superintendent of Schools.

The vacation period will actually begin next weekend, at the end of the regular school day Friday, Dec. 20. The schools will reopen Monday, Dec. 30, Agell said.

Dr. W. H. Plemmons, President of Appalachian State Teachers College, announced that the college's vacation period will begin at 12 noon Wednesday, Dec. 18, with classes resuming the morning of Friday, Jan. 3.



Jaycee Glenn Hodges, chairman of the Christmas tree committee, assists Glenda Austin, Miss Watauga County 1964, as she sells a tree to Mayor Wade E. Brown opening the 1963 Christmas tree sale, sponsored by the Boone Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Plans Are Made For Christmas Parade

The Boone Merchants Association made final plans, at a meeting Monday evening at the Daniel Boone Hotel, for their Christmas Parade Saturday at 2:30 p. m. The parade promises to be outstanding, by all reports.

Christmas Committee chairman Dennis Greene announced that four out-of-town floats—the Queen City Trailways "Flower of the Nile" (first prize winner in the Charlotte Carrousel Parade), the First Union National Bank float from Charlotte, the Winston-Salem Fire Department float and the Pet Dairy float will be seen.

Brenda Lee Bost of Kannapolis, "Miss Rhododendron, and Glenda Austin of Boone, "Miss Watauga County," will grace the parade also.

A host of beautiful girls will make up the throne of these floats, with the Appalachian High School Band leading the procession.

The staging area for the parade will be the Horn in the West grounds, the route via Horn in the West Street to Highway 421, through town up King Street to Water Street to Rivers Street to the bus terminal, where the parade will break up.

A "Kiddie Train" will be an added feature of the parade. Members of the Boone Merchants Association, announced Dennis Greene, are now giving away free tickets to children who wish to ride the train.

Anyone who wishes to enter anything in the parade should contact either the Chamber of Commerce office or Dennis (Continued on page six)

Slides On World's Fair Are Shown At Chamber Meet

The monthly membership meeting of the Boone Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association was held at the Daniel Boone Inn at noon Tuesday.

The unusual program presented at the meeting consisted of a preview of next year's World's Fair in color slides. Glenn Wallace Wilcox, of the Wilcox Travel Agency, recently previewed the fair in New York City, securing a complete set of slides for this program.

As far as could be ascertained, this was the first showing of the slides anywhere.

Herman W. Wilcox, manager of Wilcox Travel Agency and President Herman W. Wilcox, manager of Wilcox Travel Agency and President of the Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association, announced that the Agency would retain these slides for showing to any organization desiring to see them at no cost or obligation.



MISS BRENDA BOST

Rhododendron Queen To Appear In Parade

North Carolina's pretty and talented Rhododendron Queen will come to Boone Dec. 14, to appear in the Christmas Parade beginning at 2:30 p. m.

She is Miss Brenda Lee Bost of Kannapolis, a junior at Appalachian State Teachers College in Boone. Miss Bost is the 20-year-old daughter of Mrs. Elma Bost.

Miss Bost became eligible to enter the Miss Rhododendron Pageant this year after winning the title of "Queen of Hearts" at Appalachian last winter. She is also Miss Kannapolis of 1962.

She won the talent division in the Rhododendron Pageant

and a day later won the crown.

The North Carolina Rhododendron Festival, held in Bakersville and on Roan Mountain, where the state boasts of having the world's largest natural display of purple Rhododendron, is now in its 18th year as a tourist attraction. Miss Rhododendron has become a new celebrity in the South.

Miss Betty Rae Lawhon, who served as Rhododendron Queen last year, completed 160 personal appearances in a dozen states and Washington, D. C. This year's Queen will travel in most of the same places, it was believed by officials of the festival.

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Burley Prices Are Down During Week

Burley tobacco prices on Boone and nearby markets tumbled last week during the second week of auctions, lowering the average price per hundred pounds at Boone markets from \$57.90 to \$55.33.

Some top-quality tobacco, however, was still bringing very good prices. The price drop seemed to be a combination of several factors: the usual price

lag during the second week of sales, some lots of poorly-graded and green tobacco, and the overloading of redrying houses which had previously prompted the Burley Sales Commission to move the Christmas closing date up one week, were some of the probable factors named.

In the first two weeks of burley auctions, Mountain Burley's (Continued on page six)

DR. PLEMMONS IS ELECTED

Development Group Honors Wataugans

Contest Plans Are Given By Garden Club

Plans are completed for the annual Christmas Decoration Contest being sponsored by the Watauga Council of Garden Clubs. Other clubs cooperating are the Gardenerettes Garden Club, Town and Country Home Demonstration Club, Blue Ridge Garden Club, Home Life Department of Worthwhile Womens Club, Rhododendron Garden Club, Junior Womens Club, Mountaineer Garden Club, Appalachian Garden Club, and Business and Professional Woman's Club.

The judging for the contest will begin at 6:30 p. m. Sunday, December 22. The judges will judge only those things that are called in and entered as this is the only way they will know if anyone has made a decoration. The contest is open to all Boone and surrounding area residents.

The following divisions have been set up so that everyone will have a chance to enter:

1. Outdoor lighted decorated trees;
2. Outdoor decorations;

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Claude Payne Rites Tuesday

Claude Donald Payne, 66, died unexpectedly Sunday morning at his home in Boone after a heart attack.

He was born in Watauga County to George L. and Channie Welborn Payne, and was a sawmill owner and operator and was a member of Stony Fork Baptist Church.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Roy Smith, Rev. Roscoe Greene and Rev. Vestal Moore at the Stony Fork Baptist Church, Tuesday at 2 p. m. Burial was in the Church cemetery.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Eva Greene Payne; five sons, Lawrence, Luther, Dan and Paul Payne, all of Boone and C. D. Payne, Jr. of Rutherford; six daughters, Mrs. Grace Ray of Deep Gap, Mrs. Ruth Hollar of Winston-Salem, Mrs. Claudean Clawson of Lenoir; Mrs. Emma Jean Williams of Florence, S. C., Mrs. Mary Farmer of Lynchburg, Va., and Mrs. Shirley Gristead of Wilkesboro; one sister, Mrs. Annie Haas of Newton; one brother, Fred Payne of Deep Gap; 27 grandchildren.



Watauga County's big delegation to the Northwest banquet included (from left) Roy Isley, Jim Holshouser and R. G. Greene.

Registration Books Open Sat.; New Absentee Law

Registration books will open for the State amendment election next Saturday, December 14, at the various polling places in the county, according to R. T. Greer, Chairman of the Watauga County Board of Elections.

The books will remain open on Saturday December 21, and Saturday December 28. The following Saturday will be challenge day, he said.

The so-called "Little Federal Plan" of redistricting the State Legislature is the question at issue in the January balloting, Mr. Greer said. Under the proposal the Senate would be set up on a district population basis, while the House would be on a county unit basis. The smaller counties, it is understood are interested in a "yes" vote on the issue, it is said. The big counties are expected to go all-out against the proposal. More details will follow in subsequent issues of the Democrat.

Chairman Greer states that an office has been opened in the courthouse for the issuance of absentee ballots for the election. Mr. A. E. South is in charge of the office.

Under a law enacted at the last Assembly session, the absent voters must write or come in person for an application for a ballot. This form must be filled in, notarized or returned in person by the voter or mailed

in. The ballot may then be delivered to the voter in person, or mailed to him, when in turn it must be voted, notarized, and returned to the board by the voter. No one can receive an application or a ballot except the voter himself. Previously a member of the family could receive one. The County Elections Board will have to pass on the absentees at stated intervals.

G. C. Isaacs, 60, Dies Tuesday

Grady Clarence Isaacs, age 60, died at his home on Hillcrest Drive in Boone, Dec. 10. He was the son of the late John and Margaret Matheson Isaacs and was a painting contractor.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday at 2 p. m. at the Cove Creek Baptist Church by Rev. L. A. Talbert and Rev. E. F. Troutman. Burial will be in Cove Creek cemetery.

Survivors include the widow, Emma Isaacs of Boone; two daughters, Mrs. Lena Cannon of Charlotte, Mrs. Ruth Cornett of Boone; three sisters, Mrs. Junie McGinnis of Sugar Grove, Mrs. Effie Winebarger of Bristol, Tenn., Mrs. Vera Rogers of Boone; three brothers, Clark, Enoch and Bert Isaacs of Sugar Grove; and six grandchildren.

Famed Soloists To Appear In Annual Production Of Messiah

Soloists for the Appalachian State Teachers College production of the "Messiah" include

Mrs. Joanne Alexander, soprano, of Statesville; Mrs. Margaret Gelbach, contralto, of Charlotte; Mr. Edwin Blanchard, tenor, of Raleigh, and Dr. Joel Carter, bass-baritone of Chapel Hill. The production will be given in the auditorium of the College Administration Building Sunday afternoon, December 15 at 3 p. m. according to Mrs. Virginia Wary Linney.

MRS. J. T. ALEXANDER

Mrs. J. T. Alexander, Jr., soprano, of Statesville is a graduate of Mars Hill College and has a Bachelor of Music Degree in vocal performance from the Woman's College of the University of N. C., Greensboro. She was soloist with the Mars Hill touring choir, the Woman's College Choir, the Greensboro Symphony Orchestra and the N. C. Baptist Choral which

toured Great Britain and Europe last fall.

The oratorio in which she has appeared as soloist are: Mendelssohn's "Elijah", Du Bois "Seven Last Words", "The Holy City", and the "Messiah", and she has sung leading roles in the operas, "Sister Angelica", "The King and I", and "South Pacific."

She is soprano soloist at the First Baptist Church and teacher of voice in Statesville.

MRS. MARGARET GELBACH

Mrs. Margaret Gelbach, contralto, of Charlotte is a graduate of Greensboro College, Greensboro. Her extensive choir and oratorio experience includes: Charlotte Symphony and Community Chorus in "Messiah." Oratorio Singers of Charlotte, solo quartet: "Mass in B minor", Vaughn Williams. "King David", Honaggar.

"Elijah", Mendelssohn.

"Gloria", Vivaldi.

"Requiem", Durufle.

"The Seven Last Words of Christ," Haydn and Schutz.

She is a member of the Charlotte Opera Association and has appeared in "The Magic Flute," "The Bartered Bride," and in the opera chorus of "Faust," "Merry Widow," "Tosca," "Samson and Delilah" and many others.

She is soloist at the Covenant Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, and has studied voice with the well known teachers, Charles Coll Underwood and Virginia Lutz and presently with Radiana Pazmor.

EDWIN BLANCHARD

Edwin Blanchard, tenor, of Raleigh is a graduate of Eastman School of Music, Rochester, New York, with previous study at Northeastern University in New Hampshire, and (continued on page two)

Lavish Dinner Is Attended By About 900 People

By CLARK COX

Dr. W. H. Plemmons of Boone, president of Appalachian State Teachers College and 1963 vice-president of the North-west North Carolina Development Association, was elected president of the Association last Thursday night at Gilvin Roth YMCA in Elkin, at a lavish banquet attended by almost 900 community leaders from the 11-county area covered by the Association.

The election of Plemmons to the Association's highest office climaxed a night of entertainment and honors for the nearly 100 Watauga County people who were in attendance.

Among other honors won by communities in Watauga County during the night's festivities were two community awards: a



Dr. W. H. Plemmons, the Northwest Association's new president.

\$300 first prize to Matney, a farming community, and a \$150 second prize to Mountain Dale, a rural nonfarm community.

The awards were presented by Mrs. Doris Potter of North Wilkesboro, president of WATA radio station in Boone and WKBC in North Wilkesboro. Noah B. Lail of Matney accepted the first prize for his community.

Altogether, winning communities, towns and counties in the association shared cash prizes totaling \$5,200 for progress in 1963. Other winners of the \$400 first place awards in community development were:

Bethlehem in Alexander County, a rural nonfarm community;

Clemmons in Forsyth, competing in the small-town and village category;

Rhodiss in Caldwell, participating for the first time as a new community.

The newest and biggest (Continued on page two)

Jewelry Store Is Robbed Of \$4,000 In Goods

Stallings Jewelry Store, on East King Street in Boone, was robbed of about \$4,000 worth of merchandise early Saturday morning by an unidentified thief or thieves.

The burglar apparently entered the store by forcing the lock on the front door, according to Boone Chief of Police Hubert Thomas.

The time of the theft was set at about 4:15 a. m. after it was learned that an upstairs tenant reported hearing noises from the store downstairs at approximately that time.