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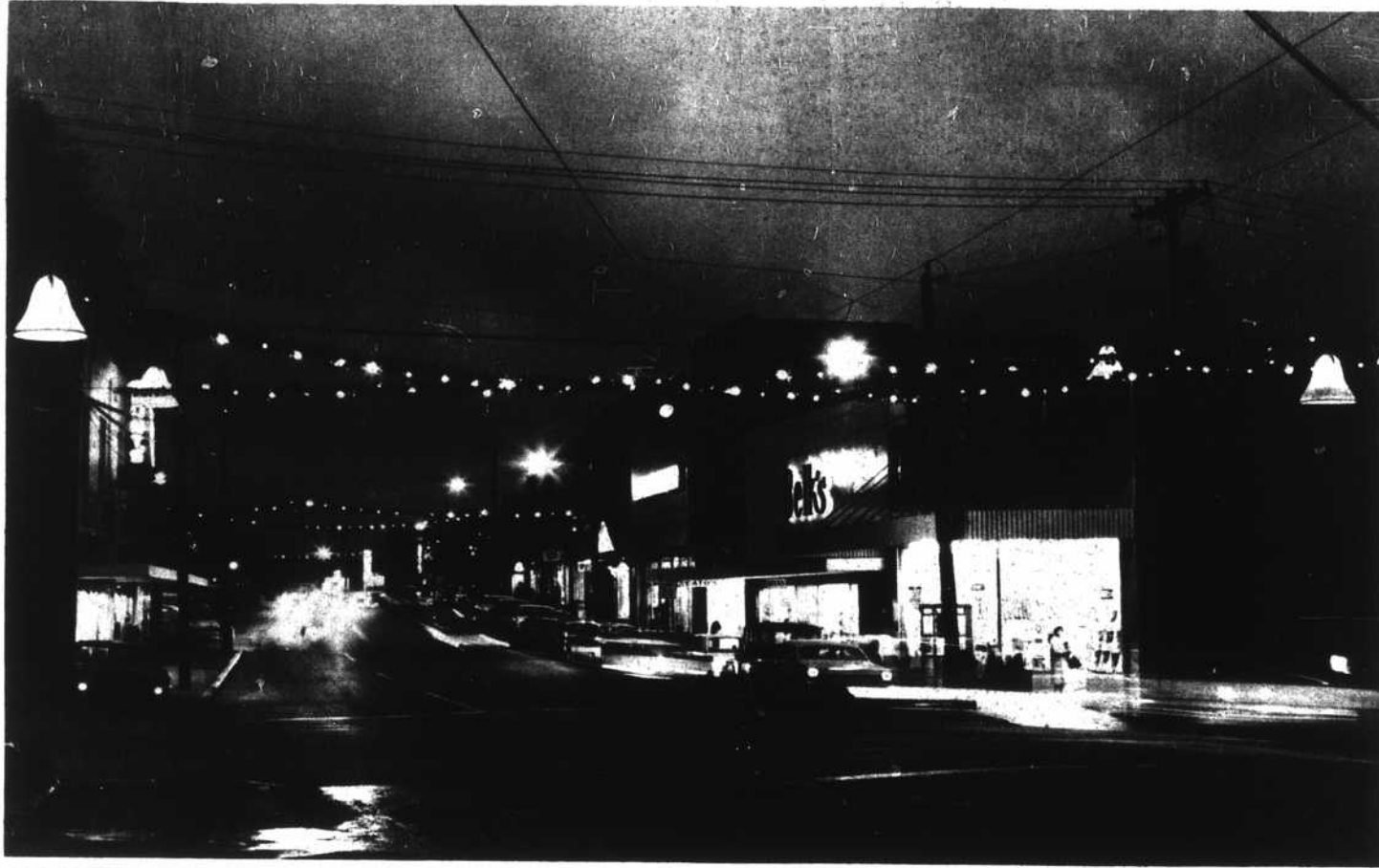
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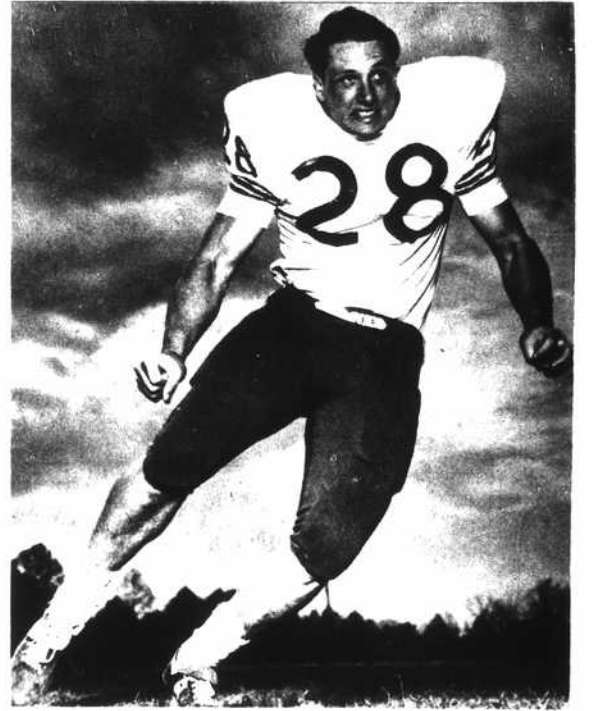
CITY AT NIGHT—Street lights glowing, red bells beaming from the intersections, and roads will be well-traveled as the holiday hurry, and completion of last-traffic moving past brightly-lit store windows. Sunday, residents of Watauga minute objectives is achieved. (Rivers photo)

Six Inches Tuesday's Snow Closes Schools

Traffic Goes Normally As Roads Cleared

An early Tuesday morning snowfall deposited about six inches to keep the children home from school, to make the sentimental wonder if some will be saved to fall on Christmas day, and to bring delight to those who are all ready for some skiing at the fine slopes hereabouts.

Temperatures were a little below freezing when it began to snow, and by daylight State highway workers were throwing their weight against the accumulation, and the youngsters were reveling at the pronouncement that there would be no school in the county. It was also reported that the Ashe county schools were closed.



BOB MATHESON

Boone Man Is All-American

"It's a dream come true."

That was the reaction of Bob Matheson, Duke linebacker, Thursday when informed he had been named on the Associated Press All-America first defensive team for 1966.

"I feel very fortunate to have received this honor," he said, "for there are so many fine football players in the nation. I've always dreamed of making an All-American team—so this truly is a dream come true."

Matheson, a psychology major has been invited to participate in the North-South game at Miami Dec. 26, along with teammate Dave Dunaway, Duke's swing end.

Matheson, who was 22 Nov. 25, is the son of Dr. and Mrs. William M. Matheson of Boone. Dr. Matheson, a dentist, is retired. Bob has an older brother and an older sister.

He hopes to play pro football following graduation next June.

"I also plan to do graduate work in law or psychology during the off-season," he said.

A co-captain of the Duke team, Matheson played perhaps his greatest game of the season against Navy at Annapolis.

He blocked a punt, kicked the winning field goal in a 9-6 decision and had a part in 24 tackles during the busy afternoon.

He was one of the top vote-getters that week in the ballot for lineman of the week honors.

His football "psychology" is short and simple: "Keep your head up and go all-out on every play."

Christmas Concert To Be Staged By Hi School Band

The Watauga High School Concert Band will perform its annual Christmas Concert in the high school auditorium Tuesday, Dec. 20 at 8 p. m. Admission will be 50 cents for students and \$1 for adults.

One of the feature events will be "The Night Before Christmas" by Newell H. Long. Led by director Otis Strother, the band will play

while Mr. William Ross narrates the poem. This should be a lot of fun for the children as well as the adults.

Along with a fine selection of carols, the Concert will include several new numbers never arranged for high school bands until this year. These are "The Sussex Mumpers' Christmas Carol" by Grainger, "The Christmas

Suite" by Harold L. Walters and "German Christmas Festival" by James D. Playhar.

Other music the band will play will be "Bungler's Holiday" by Leroy Anderson, "Winter Wonderland" by Dick Smith and Felix Bernard, "Greensleeves" by Alfred Reed and the lovely "Jesu, Joy Of Man's Desiring" by Johann Sebastian Bach.

The band officers for this year's concert band are Mac Stroupe, president; Keith Greer, vice-president; Linda Johnson, secretary; Gray Wilson, treasurer; and Jimmy Brooks, quartermaster.

Record Volume Of Mail Seen At Boone Postoffice

Sign the card, fold the card, slip it in the envelope, stamp the envelope—but the holiday spirit that encourages the sending of well wishes will find itself at the mail box or in the post office lobby in the end.

Boone Postmaster Ralph Beshears renews his annual request that parcels intended for delivery prior to Christmas be put in the mail as quickly as possible. The lobby of the Boone Post Office opens daily at 6 a. m. and closes at 9:30 p. m. Windows are open from 8 until 5.

"We're expecting a record volume of mail," Beshears said Monday. "The mailing already has exceeded any previous year up to this time. Many patrons have co-operated generously, mailing early."

He reminds persons intending to send packages to servicemen abroad "any parcel weigh-

ing less than six pounds and measuring 60 inches length and girth combined, is being airlifted, as space is available, to Viet Nam and other overseas APO's."

The Postmaster said the Post Office will be closed Christmas Day and Monday following Christmas, and will remain open, as usual, until noon Saturday, Dec. 24. "Depending on the needs of the service," the Post Office will extend its hours into the afternoon of the 24th.

The Post Office will deliver packages locally each weekday, with the exception of Monday the 26th.

Beshears stresses the advantage of using first class postage and return address on cards, and including the zip code of the destination. Boone's zip code for return addresses is 28607.

Jaycees Again Selling Trees

The annual Jaycees Christmas tree sale is again underway.

Cut trees will sell for \$5, and live trees will be \$4.50 to \$7.50, depending on height.

As in years past, the Jaycees will use the proceeds to put on the annual Christmas party for underprivileged children.

Sales will be made via telephone through Frank Payne Jr. (264-3955), Grant Jones (264-2001) or Chris Cross (264-2548).

The Jaycees also are selling butter mints at \$1 a can, and these may be bought through any member.

Reynolds Bell, Chairman of the Burley Sales Committee, announced today that burley tobacco sales would continue through December 20, 1966, and re-open on January 4, 1967, as originally scheduled.

This decision was reached by a telephone vote of the ten-member Burley Sales Committee Friday morning.

Chairman Bell stated that the Committee members gave serious consideration to requests that the market close earlier because of the light volume of sales and the high order of tobacco being delivered.

The Committee members concluded, however, that the growers should be given the maximum opportunity to sell their tobacco before the holidays.

Decorations To Be Judged

Sunday, Dec. 18 at 6 p. m. is the time for the judging of the Christmas decorating contest sponsored by the Watauga Council of Garden Clubs.

Anything that can be seen from the outside will be judged, including indoor decorations seen while driving by your home. Remember special attention will be given to lighted trees growing outdoors. To be sure that your decorations are judged, call 4-3830 or 4-8247 by 5:30 p. m., Sunday.

As Chairman of the Burley Sales Committee, Mr. Bell also stated that he was very strongly urging all burley tobacco growers not to handle or deliver tobacco to the warehouse unless it is in good, marketable condition.

Legion Meeting Features Yule Songs, Stories

The December meeting of the American Legion and Auxiliary Watauga Post 130 was held at the Legion Hut at 7:30 p. m. Friday.

After a brief business meeting, Mrs. Roy Ruffy, president of the Auxiliary, was in charge of a Christmas program. She gave an interesting talk about "The Man Who Gave Us Santa Claus" and "Christmas in Different Countries Around the World."

Legionnaires told stories of happy childhood experiences in their homes at Christmas.

Carols were played throughout the program and carols and hymns were sung to the piano accompaniment of Mrs. J. W. Norris.

The refreshment table was decorated and the members enjoyed fruit cake, cookies, candy, punch and coffee.

Soldier Mail May Now Be Airlifted

Public Law 89-725 approved November 2, 1966 prescribes that airlift service on a space available basis shall be provided between all overseas military post offices outside the 48 contiguous States and between any of those military post offices and the point of embarkation or debarkation within the 50 States of the following categories of mail matter:

1. First-class letter mail, including postal and post cards.
2. Sound-recorded communications having the character of personal correspondence.
3. Parcels of any class not exceeding 5 pounds in weight and not exceeding sixty inches in length and girth combined.

Sound-recorded communications described in item 2 must be marked by the mailer on the address side Sound Recorded Personal Correspondence to assure airlift service.

Airlift Service For Publications

Public Law 89-725 also provides that airlift service on a space available basis shall be furnished to and from military post offices in Vietnam and contiguous waters for second-class publications published once each week or more frequently and featuring principally current news of interest to members of the Armed Forces and the general public.



HORN FETED BY WOMAN'S CLUB—The executive committee of the Southern Appalachian Historical Association Monday was served a home-cooked dinner in the former G. P. Hagaman residence, which the Worthwhile Woman's Club of Boone has purchased

for a club house. Dr. Ray Lawrence, seated between hostesses Mrs. J. V. Caudill and Mrs. Herman Wilcox, is president of SAHA. The meeting was held at noon, and food was contributed by the club's membership and the hostesses. (Staff photo)

"Do It Day" Scheduled For Benefit Seal Sales

Charles H. Blackburn Jr., Watauga County Christmas Seal Chairman, calls for Dec. 16 as "Do-It-Day" in an effort to encourage all persons to promptly answer their Christmas Seal letters.

The annual Christmas Seal campaign, only financial sup-

port of the Watauga County Tuberculosis Association, was begun Nov. 14 and is now in the fifth week.

"I know," Blackburn said, "many people beset by the everyday hustle and bustle of things, plus the holiday activities, can and do to promptly

answer their Christmas Seal letters with a generous contribution. I hope that 'Do-It-Day' will serve as a welcome reminder of the work being carried out by our Watauga TB association depends on all of us. If you haven't joined this worthwhile cause by answering your Seal Letter, I sincerely urge you to do so right now."

The directors of the TB Association, Doctors R. H. Harmon, James Greene and James B. Graham, know how pushed for time every professional person is everyday and believe a "Do-It-Day" will save time.

Businessmen and educators' measure of time is well understood by Grady Moretz, Jr., Arnhfield Coffey, Mrs. Ralph Buchanan, Mrs. John Houck, directors of the TB association. (Continued on page twelve)

Three Jailed In Robbery Of Boone Grocery Store

Three men were jailed Thursday, Dec. 8, on charges of breaking and entering the Boone Grocery at 511 East King St.

Police Chief Hubert Thomas said the break-in was discovered Thursday morning and cigarettes, candy and meat were reported missing from the business house. He said Smith Ford, 18, and Harold

Trivette, age 20, residents of Hamby's Apartments, and Cecil Stevens, 17, who gave his address as Laurel Fork were arrested after the missing goods were found in the apartment.

Bail was set and a hearing will be arranged.

Entrance was gained through a window in the back of the building Thomas said.