

KING STREET

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POLEY MORETZ, back from Florida . . . During the three months spent in the land of sunshine, he built himself a house, got acquainted with the folks in the neighborhood, and took out a good bit of time on hunting and fishing expeditions . . . Likes the folks down Florida way mighty well, says they's tops when it comes to neighborliness . . . and he may be expected to head south again this fall about the time the robins go away . . . Meantime, Mr. Moretz, who is one of the town's most industrious citizens, is liable to do a bit of trading . . . and maybe building, you can't tell . . . during the coming summer.

H. WALTER HORTON, we learn is still in Florida "talking up Boone as a vacation spot without equal anywhere in the United States." . . . says he has beans, cabbage, tomatoes, turnips, squash fresh out of his garden . . . watermelons blooming . . . all the seeds having been planted at Christmas . . . Mr. Horton will likely be back in Boone soon to look after his really business.

VISITING A BIT Sunday afternoon with Bob and Mrs. Agle, the little Agles, and going on around to George Wilson's place for a session . . . large groups of college students passing that way en route to the top of Howard's Knob . . . taking the trip the hard way . . . straight up the face of the mountain . . . more aggressive than the kids used to be . . . we always used the road most of the way . . . took longer—but then there was little point in saving time in that day . . . Having a street-side conversation with our friend Martin Yates . . . figuring out a few of the problems of the nation and the world . . . reaching an agreement that "Uncle Joe" Stalin is widening out too much and needs some sort of a check rein . . . Catching a quick cup of coffee, while Cleve Gross chats with us over his ice cream . . . incidentally Cleve who is custodian at the postoffice, maintains the finest lawn in town . . . we can't quite reach him when it comes to producing a carpet of velvety green . . . Republicans hold convention Saturday, elect Ivy B. Wilson chairman, and Earl D. Cook as secretary, touching off this year's political scramble.

WATT GRAGG points out that Mr. Cook, in taking over the position of Secretary holds a job that only two other men have held in perhaps more than a half century . . . Clyde R. Greene, who withdrew from the post, has been secretary for 20 years, taking over the job at the death of Jerry C. Ray, who had held the office longer than most folks around here can remember . . . certainly more than thirty years.

EVERYBODY STARTING TO talk politics—national, local, and state . . . Harry started the conversation awhile back with his civil rights deal . . . local situation now enters the picture . . . and the Democrats have begun to map plans for a couple of red-hot primary contests along about the last of May . . . Yes sir, it's election year and Wataugans may be expected to warm up considerably in the days to come . . . Some folks say that we take politics too seriously in this section—we don't think so . . . as long as the folks get absorbed in elections . . . come out and vote . . . there isn't too much danger of a dictatorship taking root in the nation . . . when people don't value the franchise, care nothing about voting, the way begins to open for a government by the few . . . even by one.

SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE, made a statement of this sort in Boone a few years ago: "You have a man in your county—every county has some . . . he makes an honest living, rears his family without public aid, pays his debts, goes to church . . . don't drink, smoke or cuss, plays the game fair and square, but don't meddle in politics—too dirty for him . . . You call him a good citizen—I disagree . . . according to my standard of values, a man who won't take enough interest in his government to go out and vote—for somebody—be he Democrat, Republican, or what-not . . . isn't worth a tinker's dam!" . . . We've never gone quite so far (Continued on page 4)

SHIP EXPLOSION



One was killed and six injured when an explosion ripped the destroyer, Duncan, while en route to Eniwetok with the navy "A" bomb task force. Being helped ashore by shipmates is A. W. Jensen, bos'n's mate second class, who was badly burned about the face.

BAND GAINS HIGH RATING

Gordon Nash's Band Rates "Very Good" in District Music Festival.

The Appalachian High School Band and four local soloists won "excellent" and "very good" ratings in the district music festival held at Winston-Salem Saturday, March 13.

The band was awarded a rating of II, or "very good"; Harry Farthing, baritone horn soloist and Lawrence Barden, alto saxophone soloist were awarded ratings of I or "excellent," and W. B. York, Jr., clarinet soloist and Martha Qualls, tenor saxophone soloist, were awarded ratings of II or "very good."

Edwin Troutman, assistant band director and college senior, directed the band in its three contest numbers. The judges praised his directing very highly stating that "few college seniors in the field of music could conduct a band with such poise and freedom as did Mr. Troutman."

Local Merchants Hold Banquet

The Boone Merchants' association held its annual employer-employee banquet in the home economics building of the high school Thursday evening. About 125 merchants, their wives and employees were present.

WILSON NAMED CHAIRMAN BY GOP MEETING

Earl Cook Succeeds Clyde R. Greene as Republican Committee Secretary; Greene is Again Endorsed as Candidate for Congress.

More than one hundred voters attended the Republican convention held in Boone last Saturday, all townships being represented, and the meeting was featured by harmony as a county chairman and secretary were elected, and other party business transacted.

Ivy B. Wilson was named chairman of the executive committee to succeed M. C. Hollar, who had served for two years, and who would not stand for re-election. Earl D. Cook, former county chairman, was named secretary of the committee, succeeding Clyde R. Greene, who withdrew from the office he had held for 20 years.

No slates of delegates were named to the district and State conventions, it being agreed that all Republicans who wished to attend these meetings would be recognized as delegates. The congressional convention is being held today (Wednesday) in Salisbury, and the State convention will be held in Durham Thursday.

J. E. Holshouser was endorsed as district delegate to the national Republican convention to be held in Philadelphia, and Clyde R. Greene received the endorsement of the convention as Republican candidate for Congress from the ninth district.

County Jail Gets Official Praise

Mr. J. B. Moore, State Welfare Board inspector, who recently inspected the Watauga county jail, has made his report of the local prison, and written Sheriff C. M. Watson, commending him and Jailer Church for the cleanliness and general appearance of the jail, and at the same time praising the good food which is served the inmates.

The letter to Sheriff Watson says: "I wish to thank you for the courtesies shown me while visiting your county jail on March 4, and am attaching hereto a copy of my report."

"This jail shows evidence of good management and an interest in the welfare and safety of the prisoners held. There is no criticism or suggestion from this department. You and Mr. and Mrs. Church are to be complimented for the cleanliness and general appearance of the jail, and on the quantity and quality of the food served the inmates."

Thos. W. Hopkins Succumbs At 68

Lenoir, N. C. March 13.—Thos. W. Hopkins, 68, Lenoir service station operator and auto parts dealer, died at the home of a son, M. Rusher Hopkins, this morning, following an extended illness.

Funeral services with Masonic honors, will be conducted at the home, 465 North Main Street, on Monday morning at 11 o'clock. Burial will be in the Middle Fork Baptist church cemetery, five miles from Blowing Rock on the Boone Highway.

NAZI GENERAL "GETS HIS"



Flanked by Negro soldiers of the 370th infantry, General Wilhelm List stands at attention before war crimes trial judges at Nuremberg, Germany, to hear a sentence of life imprisonment imposed upon him. List was convicted of ordering the execution of hostages without benefit of trial at a ratio of 100 for each German killed, and of denying prisoner of war status to enemy forces.

APPS CAPTURE A. A. U. CROWN

Local College Matmen Forge Far Ahead in Carolinas Tourney Last Week.

*Appalachian State Teachers College, long the stronghold of collegiate wrestling in the South, added another Carolinas A. A. U. wrestling tournament held here Friday and Saturday.

Scoring 50 points to lead in team totals, the Mountaineers were far ahead of the field. Second in team count was the Appalachian "A" Appalachian squadmen other than the varsity, with 30 points. High Point Y. M. C. A. was third totaling 20 points, with Western Carolina Teachers fourth with 15 markers. A fifth place tie was reached between Jamestown High school and Appalachian High school, each having 6 points.

Charles Parks, wrestling unattached, last year with the High Point Y. M. C. A., and former National A. A. U. champion from Appalachian State, won a trophy as the most outstanding wrestler in the tournament.

Naval Reserve Meeting Slated

The Boone Naval Reserve Unit will meet Thursday night at 7 o'clock at the Science Building at the college, according to Chief Specialist J. E. Huffman. All experienced personnel are invited and particularly Naval personnel. A good movie will be shown.

Baptist Choirs To Present Program

The choirs of the First Baptist Church will present a miscellaneous musical program Sunday evening at 7:30. The program is as follows: Organ Prelude, the Palms; God So Loved the World; Choir; Oh, Divine Redeemer, Rachel Ann Vance; Why Should He Love Me So, Sonny Williams; Martha Qualls, J. T. C. Wright and choir; He Shall Keep His Flock, Irma Norris; Easter Chorale with Junior Choir; Offertory, Were You There When They Crucified My Lord; Spiritual; Calvary; Choir; There is a Green Hill Far Away; Teddy Barnett; Jerusalem, W. B. York Combined Choirs; Postlude. Allelujah!

Directs Concert



DR. EZRA H. F. WEIS

Guilford Choir To Appear Here

The Guilford College A Capella Choir, which will appear in the College auditorium Saturday night at 7:45 o'clock, will include a personnel of 45 singers from the North Carolina College. Members of this tour group are chosen from a membership of seventy voices, which give the traveling personnel a high standard of quality.

Wataugans Buy Savings Bonds

Alfred Adams, chairman of the Watauga County U. S. Savings Bonds Committee, announced today that according to the monthly report received from State Director Allison James in Greensboro, total E, F, and G bond sales in February for Watauga county amounted to \$17,481.25. Of this total \$7,481.25 were in series E bonds; none in series F bonds, and \$10,000.00 in series G bonds.

WALKS INTO RIVER; DROWNS

Woodland, Calif.—As Henry Bietz and Dan Huter were sitting on the bank of the Sacramento River, a man, in working clothes, approached, exchanged cheerful hellos with them and then walked into the river shoulder deep, paused, waved goodbye and continued walking until he disappeared under the water. His body was recovered about a half hour later and was temporarily identified as Frank Earl Chase, through a union card found in his pocket.

JURORS DRAWN FOR DUTY AT SPRING COURT

Superior Court to Convene on April 19; Judge Nettles To Be on Bench; Seventy Defendants to Face Court; Names of Jurors Given.

Clerk of the Court Fred M. Gragg has released the names of those who have been selected to do jury duty during the spring term of Superior Court, which will convene on April 19.

Judge Zeb V. Nettles of Asheville, will preside over the two weeks term, which will feature the trial of both criminal and civil cases. Clerk Gragg tells the Democrat that about seventy cases have been docketed for trial, a decrease of about 35 below the number under indictment a year ago. More than 50 per cent of the cases involve violation of the prohibition laws, and operating cars while intoxicated, a few are for larceny, others for bad check violations, and very minor infractions of the criminal code. The names of the jurors are as follows:

First Week
Bald Mountain Township: L. L. Norris.
Beaver Dam: Barton R. Farthing.
Blowing Rock: Howard Holshouser, A. H. Craig, Aster Cook, Lloyd Robbins.
Blue Ridge: Bascom Hampton, Vance Cook.
Boone: A. W. Smith, G. D. Barnett, Hale Vance.
Brushy Fork: Willard G. Presnell, Ralph Wilson.
Cove Creek: W. K. Wilson, Dallas Edmisten.
Elk: Mrs. Arthur Wheeler, Will Cox.

Second Week
Bald Mountain: Charles W. Taylor.
Beaver Dam: Ray Stout, Hill Isaacs.
Blowing Rock: Ivan Moody.
Blue Ridge: Stanley Critcher.
Boone: I. T. Barnett, D. J. Whitener.
Brushy Fork: Pink Hodges.
Cove Creek: Clint Eggers.
Elk: Joe Wheeler, Sr., Virgil Cox.
Laurel Creek: Dwight Cable.
Meat Camp: Joe C. Norris.
North Fork: Lloyd Miller.
Shawneehaw: Eugene Eggers.
Stony Fork: Amos Watson.
Watauga: Don Isaacs, Julius Yates.

District Legion Meeting Today

There will be a district meeting of the American Legion, 30th district, at the elementary school building in Elk Park, Thursday night March 18. The dinner will be served from 6:30 to 7:30, immediately preceding the business session.

Benjamin Davis Claimed By Death

Benjamin Davis, 70, resident of Boone, R. F. D. 1, died last Friday in the automobile of Mr. R. T. Greer, while he was enroute to the local hospital for treatment.

Huge Increase in Imports Urged for Japan in Army Report

Anderson sees a wheat dip to \$2.08 "support" level by July 1. Huge increase in imports urged for Japan in an Army report.