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KING STREET

BY
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ALONG THE WAY: The new construction work along the road to Blowing Rock . . . the beautiful pools in Middle Fork, from which we used to entice some big brook trout . . . the profusion of dogwood blossoms on the south side of the mountains . . . The fresh greenery of the weeping willows along the water courses . . . the beautiful new section of roadway between Blowing Rock and Lenoir which had been closed due to a slide . . . The almost perpendicular walls of the deep cuts give promise of others . . . Pick-out the spots when three toll gates used to demand a fee when the road all the way from Boone to Lenoir was owned by a private company . . . the same negro habitats at Warrior Gap which were there in the horse and buggy days . . . the thriving metropolis of Lenoir, with its fine business buildings and magnificent homes . . . recalling a Boone youngsters visit to Lenoir many years ago shortly after the streets were paved—said the town was built on a solid smooth rock . . . Morganton's attractive business district, and its handsome old courthouse . . . the beautiful homes—and of course the mimosa trees—the big carbon plant up no. 70 a ways . . . new construction going on everywhere . . . the peaceful village of Glen Alpine, and a visit with the Bud Heffners . . . folks we would have stopped a minute with in Morganton doing a little preliminary politicking in connection with the May primary . . . didn't have time enough to sit in.

HURRIED TRIP over the Poplar Grove road . . . a good rural highway through a good section . . . farmers putting in their crops . . . Good Hereford cattle in evidence along the way . . . the Wilson Maltbie mill dam site . . . dam long since gone, was filled with rainbow trout of unbelievable size . . . the old Masonic picnic ground—scene of big annual gatherings a few years ago, all grown up in ivy and second growth timber . . . Governor Alf Taylor of Tennessee spoke at the last picnic . . . an inveterate fox hunter, his excellency's speech included tales of "Old Limber" a noted hound of the Taylor pack.

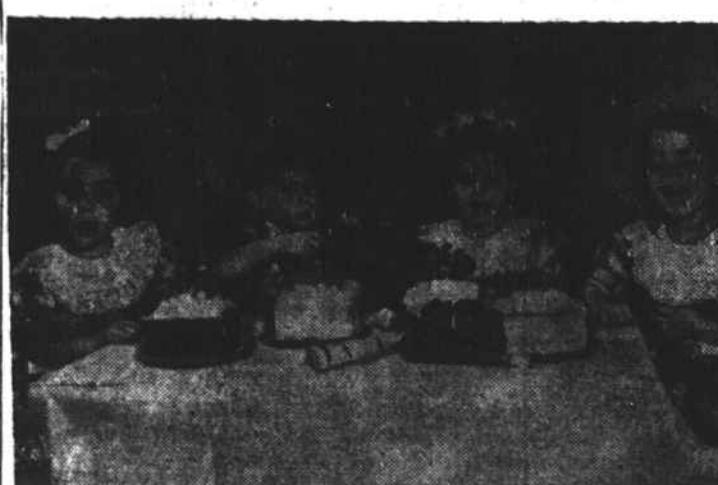
LIEUT. HORTON GRAGG, army air pilot, and the Mrs. back from Okinawa and glad to vacate the pacific outpost where they had resided for so long, and where they managed to survive a full grown typhoon . . . Horton looking fine, and getting a big kick out of hob-nobbing with his many friends along the street . . . A long time ago we sat with Horton in an open cockpit plane of early vintage on his first flight . . . a five minute trip over Greensboro . . . Saw Sid Malloy take off with the mail that night for Richmond in one of the old open bi-planes . . . soon thereafter he was broken to bits against a radio tower in the vicinity of Atlanta . . . Horton has always had flying in his bones . . . and will likely stay with the air force.

OIL SHORTAGE again takes priority in the realms of domesticity . . . householders—some of them planning to put back the stokers which they threw out with such disdain a few months ago . . . others buying new ones figuring that John L. will let 'em have a little coal again one of these days . . . the barber shop gossip . . . Bill Rush seeking some aid in figuring out a gag he heard at the Lions Club minister . . . we couldn't help . . . Joe Huffman sells out grocery interests, but don't intend to quit the town . . . Mrs. Poly Wyke sending her two daughters in Knoxville the home town paper . . . quite agreeing with her that it was the "ideal gift."

ERNEST BOLICK of Southport says "Your King Street is one of the best columns to be read in any paper—it gives an involuntary exile from Boone a look back into the faces of his friends . . . It incites a new interest in the progress of the city." . . . Thanks . . . Motorists grateful for the freshly marked parking spaces . . . one can now tell what he's doing . . . Democrats along the street beginning to talk primary . . . Johnson, Scott, Umstead and Broughton names heard more frequently day by day . . . Doc Moose entertaining the rather vain hope that Tom Dewey will put jumbo over the hurdles this year . . . anti-Truman

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QUADS' BIRTHDAY



The Zarief quadruplets of Manhattan Beach, Brooklyn, New York, serenade themselves on their fourth birthday with a cocoanut topped cake for each. Brother Benjamin is playing the violin, and giving out with songs, are, left to right, Elaine, Isadore and Ellen. A large group of well-wishers were on hand.

Mrs. Bingham New C. of C. Secretary

Wade E. Brown Resigns Post With Organization He Had Held For Years.

Mrs. T. E. Bingham has been named Secretary of the Boone Chamber of Commerce, succeeding Wade E. Brown, who resigned due to the pressure of his private business.

Mr. Herman Wilcox, Chamber of Commerce president, in announcing the official change, takes occasion to express on behalf of the organization, appreciation for Mr. Brown's many years of fruitful service to the organization.

Mrs. Bingham, will maintain the Secretary's office in her home at 207 Appalachian Street, for the present, where her phone number is 300-J. Mr. Wilcox asks that all calls concerning rooms and houses, or other rental space, go directly to her. Mrs. Bingham asks that for the present, calls be made during the morning hours, as she will be away during the afternoon.

Mr. Wilcox says it is especially desired that those in the Vilas, Cove Creek, Valle Crucis and other nearby points keep the Chamber advised as to how many tourists they can care for. Every effort will be made to fill all available space.

Legion Baseball Team Planned

Plans are rapidly taking shape to field an American Legion Junior baseball team this year according to J. E. Huffman, Chairman of the Legion Baseball Committee. Coach John Hollars has been secured to take charge of the team this year. Treasurer of the committee is R. D. Hodges Jr.

Schools of the county are being contacted to line up all possible eligible players for the county wide team that will compete with other Legion Junior Clubs in Western North Carolina.

Last year was the first for the local team, but with a years experience behind them, and a lot of new boys becoming eligible this year prospects for a team are good. Coach Hollars asks that any boy in Watauga county born since January 1, 1931 contact him if he wants to play baseball this summer.

This team will be co-sponsored by the Winkler Motor Co., local Ford dealers and the Boone Merchants Association. The schedule will be announced shortly and seasons tickets will go on sale this week for all home games.

Bank's Capital Now Half Million

The Northwestern Bank has increased its capital structure to \$500,000 effective as of April 1, it is noted by W. D. Farthing, cashier of the Boone unit of the Bank. This represents an increase in the capital set-up of \$120,000.

The surplus fund has been increased from \$800,000 to \$1,000,000, Mr. Farthing says, and adds that undivided profits as of April 1, were \$407,491, with the reserve and capital structure well over two million dollars.

Deposits in the Northwestern system were \$34,393,725 as of last February 28, as against \$32,478,689.87 at the same time in 1946.

ON NAVAL CRUISE



Lieut. William H. Walker, of the Naval Reserves, and superintendent of schools in Watauga county, who was ordered to report to the Charleston Naval Base yesterday for 14 days Naval training cruise.

Rites Held Sunday For Mrs. Moretz

Mrs. Poley W. Moretz, 65 years old, died at the Watauga Hospital early Saturday from a brief illness. Mrs. Moretz had been in her usual good health until Monday afternoon, when she suffered a stroke at her home here. She never rallied from the attack.

Funeral services were held at the Grace Lutheran Church Sunday afternoon at 2:30. The pastor, Rev. E. F. Troutman, was in charge of the rites, and was assisted by Rev. Mr. Speagle and Rev. Ernest Moretz. Interment was in the family plot in the cemetery at Old Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church in Meat Camp township. Reins-Sturdivant was in charge of the details.

Mrs. Moretz was the former Miss Alice Virginia Winebarger, a daughter of the late Caleb and Mrs. Winebarger of the Meat Camp section. She was married to Mr. Moretz 47 years ago, and they had made their home in Boone the greater part of the time for more than twenty years. She joined the Old Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church more than 50 years ago, and was a charter member of Grace Lutheran church in Boone. The large number of friends who gathered to pay their respects and the profuse floral offering were evidence of the high regard in which the deceased was held in the county.

Her husband, Poley W. Moretz, and five sons survive: Vilas Moretz, Ralph and John Moretz, of Boone; Clayton Moretz, Sanford; Luther Moretz, Greensboro. Five brothers and four sisters also survive, as follows: Grover Winebarger, Hickory; Roby, Lloyd and Clyde Winebarger, Boone; Mrs. R. D. Winebarger, Coburn, Va.; Mrs. J. H. Miller, Boone; Mrs. C. M. Proffitt, Zionville; Mrs. Harvey Brown, Zionville.

RED CROSS FUND

Mr. W. C. Richardson, chairman of the 1948 Red Cross campaign, reports the following recent contributions: Mrs. Pearl Cowles \$1.00, Miss Helen Trexler 1.00, Howard Hodges 1.00, Staple Collins 1.00, Rominger School 2.00, Mrs. Vera Church 1.00, Russell Henson 2.00.

APPALACHIAN PLANS TO ADD M. A. DEGREE

Master's Degree in Education To Be New Feature at Local College; Three Summers Required to Finish Graduate Course.

A Master of Arts degree in education will be offered by Appalachian State Teachers College beginning with this Summer school, President B. B. Dougherty announced Saturday.

"It will be a teacher's degree, and is planned for teachers in service that are college graduates," Dr. Dougherty said.

"The new offering is based upon the philosophy that no amount of training, without experience, will make a tip-top teacher; that after experience further study is most profitable.

"It will do away with the 'deadend street' in Summer schools."

The Appalachian president said that the work would be done on the graduate level, administered by highly trained teachers with successful experience.

May Build Up Credits

"The teacher-student may do the work to renew a certificate, and at the same time build up credits for a higher certificate leading to a better salary," Dr. Dougherty said.

The new program will be to prepare people for positions as city superintendents, county superintendents, high school principals, elementary school principals, county supervisors, supervisors of student teachers in colleges, school librarians, high school teachers, and elementary school teachers, he said.

The teacher-students must major in education and minor in some other field.

It will take three summers to finish the course for the master degree, Dr. Dougherty said.

Excellent Opportunity

"The demonstration school will be operated in conjunction with the college," he added. "This will give an excellent opportunity for teachers to observe the best of teaching.

The real intent of this new program is to improve the teaching in the public schools of North Carolina, both city and rural.

"There will be many distinguished educators, coming from many colleges and universities and public school systems in the United States.

"The child will be studied; the process of learning will be studied; the best methods of teaching will be studied; and a greater movement for more competency in the teaching profession will be inaugurated.

Many Teachers Expected

"There will be many student-teachers—as there have been heretofore—from many colleges and universities and public school systems in the South.

Every state and every city, it is believed, will feel the impress of this new movement in the years to come.

"While the Summer school is connected with the college, at the same time it is different from the regular year in the school. It will be financed by a low tuition rate, endowment funds, and some money.

Dr. Dougherty said that many reservations already have been made for this Summer school.

County Diamond League Arranged

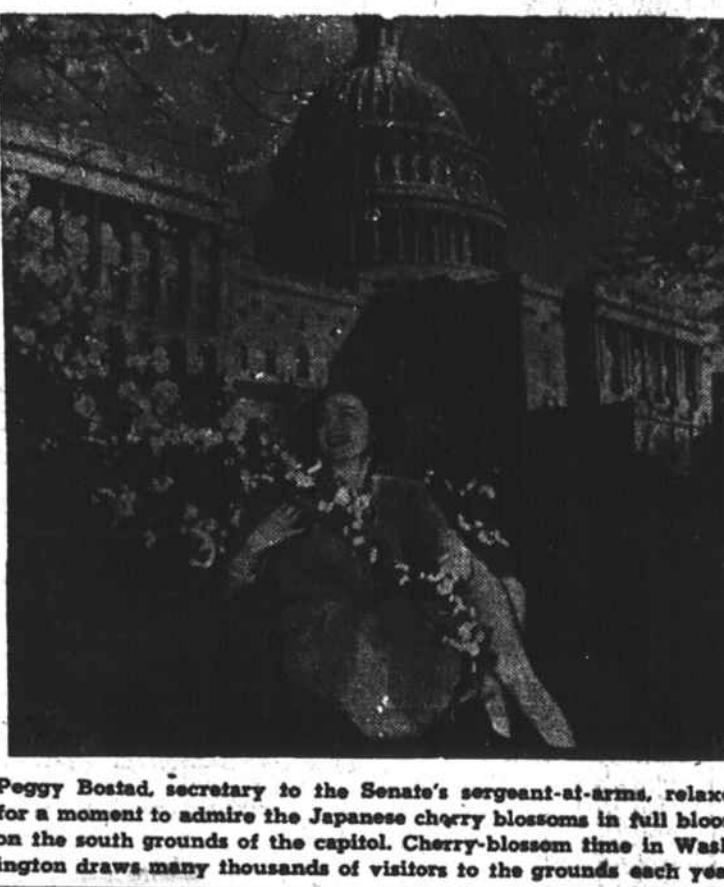
Tentative plans were drawn up for a county-wide baseball league in a meeting held at the Gateway Cafe last Saturday with John Hollar.

Much interest is being shown as is evidenced by the fact that twelve teams have already filed application with Mr. Hollar for entrance into the league, these being: Bamboo, Blowing Rock, Boone, Aho, Elk, Oak Grove, Foscoe, Ben Ward, Rominger, Cove Creek, Bethel and Mabel. A committee was appointed to work out the details and will meet at the College Book Store Wednesday evening April 14th.

The meeting of all managers for next Saturday to elect the president and directors of the league has been postponed until April 24, at the Gateway Cafe at 10:30.

Babies born from 1949 on will have serial numbers.

WHEN IT'S CHERRY BLOSSOM TIME



Peggy Bostad, secretary to the Senate's sergeant-at-arms, relaxes for a moment to admire the Japanese cherry blossoms in full bloom on the south grounds of the capitol. Cherry-blossom time in Washington draws many thousands of visitors to the grounds each year.

Wildlife Survey Is Being Made Here

POWER HUNGRY



Malcolm Edwards Delivers Address to Members of Wildlife Club.

Thursday evening the Watauga Wildlife Club heard an informal address by Mr. Malcolm Edwards, who is now making a survey of wildlife in Watauga county under the auspices of the Pittman-Robertson project.

Mr. Edwards urged the club to launch an education program for both sportsmen and farmers so that the quail, trout, grouse and other species of wild life in Watauga county may propagate. His recommendations were highlighted by the plan to enlist 4-H clubs throughout the county to plant food strips and provide cover for quail. For this project the Wildlife club will furnish all grain and extend to the 4-H clubs the services of Mr. Ted Mitchell, of the N. C. Wildlife Commission, in an advisory capacity to furnish information and instruct boys and farmers how to make use of non-usable land for the strips and cover.

Mr. Edwards stated, "that only through the cooperation of farmers and sportsmen will game in Watauga county become abundant again."

The club heartily endorsed Mr. Edwards proposals and President A. E. Hamby appointed committees to begin concrete work toward the club's aims. Some of the committees appointed included education and publicity, deputy warden committee, and a deer stocking committee. The club also passed a resolution to enlist the aid of deputy wardens and to make any boy between the ages of 10-16 inclusive an honorary member of the club.

Resource-Use Workshop Plans

During the past week Appalachian State Teachers college has had two educational experts on its campus, making further plans for the workshop in Resource-Use Education to be held at Appalachian June 10 to July 17. Dr. Ira N. Childs, area education officer, and Miss Virginia White James, educational specialist, both from the Tennessee Valley authority, conferred with the local Resource-Use committee and held conferences with Boone high school, Valle Crucis school and Cove Creek school, all participating schools.

The workshop in Resource-Use Education will be under the direction of Dr. John H. Workman of the social studies department of the college. A number of experts in this field will be on the campus to participate. The purpose of the workshop will be to study to discover the possible local problems in the field of natural, human and social resources, with an exploration of these problems directing application of the findings to the living experiences of society.

Members of the local Resource-Use Committee include: Julian Yoder of the college geography department, chairman; Dr. John H. Workman and Leo K. Pritchett, of the social studies department; Dr. John G. Barden and Dr. Lee Reynolds of the education department; Starr Stacy and F. R. Derrick of the science department; and Miss Helen Burch of the geography department.

Rabies vaccine is required by State law for all dogs each spring. This may be obtained from a licensed veterinarian or others trained in the administration of the vaccine, it is explained by the District Health Department. Plans have been made for Dr. J. G. Martin to hold a clinic for the vaccination of dogs at the Blowing Rock City Hall on Tuesday morning April 20, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Dr. Martin can also vaccinate dogs in the Boone area at his office on King Street or by appointment.

Rabies Shots Are Required by Law

RECREATION GROUP TO MAP PLANS FRIDAY

Representatives of Various Civic Organizations to Meet With Recreation Committee To Plan Project for the Summer Months.

The Boone Recreation Commission will meet on Friday evening, April 16, at 7:30 o'clock at the Methodist Church, for the purpose of taking more concrete action toward the establishment of a summer-time recreational program for the community.

The following representatives of civic organizations, together with all other interested persons, are being asked to attend:

Rev. S. B. Moss, chairman, representing the Methodist Church.

R. E. Able, secretary.

Mrs. A. E. South, treasurer and representative of the Worthwhile Club.

Howard Cottrell, Quarterback Club.

Wade E. Brown, Lions Club.

H. Grady Farthing, Chamber of Commerce.

Grady Tugman, Merchants Association.

J. E. Jones, American Legion.

Ed Coles, Junior Order.

Mrs. R. E. Able, Tuesday Night Club.

Mrs. Paul A. Coffey, Friday Afternoon Club.

Mrs. Grady Moretz, Boone PTA.

Dr. W. G. Bond, the Baptist Church.

Rev. J. K. Parker, The Presbyterian Church.