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KING STREET

BY
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COPIOUS SHOWERS give the vegetation a spurge of growth... weeds rapidly gaining the upper hand in our vegetable garden... Folks wondering if it's ever going to stop raining (it will)... Same people two weeks ago, were pining for rain... we humans are constituted with a desire for the things we do not have... Contentment won't produce material gains... Local leader wondering if the folks here ever thought of forming a stock company and building a hotel... we not only thought of it... we actually did it... and are not apt to forget the experience... the battered automobiles being straightened out and fixed good as new at local repair shops... the automobile inspection lane in the street near the graded school... lot of vehicles unable to pass inspection the first trip.

CIVIL COURT TERM going on... couple of cases tried the first day... likely that many will remain on the calendar... folks go to law often over small matters... small enough that even the winner is liable to lose... then get the case continued year after year... line fences bring on a lot of law suits... too often the land in question isn't worth the amount of one lawyer's fee... few attend the civil terms... salesmen hurrying about on their first Monday calls... increasing number of strangers in town as travel and vacation period arrives... some college students, say the grapevine, can't stand the prices being asked for rooms in the town... dorms are full... so have to change plans, they say.

LOTS OF LAND being offered for sale in the county, and trading being described as yet brisk... no let-down in prices in this area... realty prices didn't go down after the last war... just came a time when none had the cash to buy... it stopped moving... long-range debts being discouraged by local financiers. Business man leaves door unlocked... passerby notices same and doesn't go home till something's done to secure his neighbor's property... work being started on Howard Street, the city's most used thoroughfare off King... street improvement program one of the city's most urgent needs... wedding bells, continue to peal forth... Congratulations and best wishes to all...

LADY SUBSCRIBER tells of her strict belief in the Democrat. Says she reads every word... all the news, all the ads, and has made it a practice to believe everything contained in the home town sheet. "Recently, however," stated our caller, "I became just a bit skeptical. When I read an advertisement something like this: 'For Sale: Short-horn bull, milking type... With due deference to all concerned and with an abiding faith in the home town paper... an animal of that sort, I'd just have to see!'"

FORMER SHERIFF John W. Hodges, back from a trip to Virginia, telling us of an enjoyable visit to Monticello... College youths discussing the evils of strong drink and being definitely against alcoholic beverages... talk of State politics not being heard so much these days... had hoped the voters would become aroused before the run-off... brand new simile—"as hot as a two-dollar pistol"... R. M. Greene, pioneer merchant, talking with friends about the passing of the years... the picture of the late J. C. Fletcher in the window of Lawyer Lovell's office... bringing back memories of other days along the street... Miss Jennie Coffey looking after her flowers... Henry Wallace being interviewed by a radio commentator... and those disconcerting periods when all the air waves appear to offer a mixture of crime stories and banjo plunking.

STRIKE-IDLE
The strike-idle total during April was higher than during any of the preceding twelve months, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, which reported that 8,000,000 man-days were lost in April. Most of the lost time resulted from the soft coal and meat packers strike.

FROM BEHIND IRON CURTAIN



Exiled peasant leaders of six European countries behind the iron curtain opened their first post-war conference with a joint declaration that they are determined to liberate their peoples from communist terror. Left to right, are: Dr. George M. Dimitrov, of the Bulgarian national agrarian union; Dr. Vladko Macek, Yugoslav peasant leader of the Croatian peasant party; Feren Nagy, deposed premier of Hungary, representing the Hungarian small-holders party; and Stanislaw Mikolajczyk, former deputy premier of Poland, of the Polish national peasant party.

\$150,000 Building Will Stand on Coffey Corner

DIED ON GUAM



DALLAS DWIGHT EGGERS

Last Rites Held For Dallas Eggers

Funeral services for Dallas Dwight Eggers, 21, brother of Messrs Herman and Graydon Eggers of Boone, were held at the Valley View Methodist church, at Mountain City Sunday afternoon, and interment was in the Union cemetery at Mabel, with a short graveside service by Rev. Ponder. Military honors were accorded by the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars at Mountain City.

Mr. Eggers, who was aviation ordnance man with the Navy and met death through an aircraft accident, while stationed on Guam March 3, 1945. Survivors include the mother, Mrs. Sarah Wilson, and stepfather, Mr. Wiley Wilson of Mountain City, six brothers and two sisters: Mrs. Carl Philippi of Mountain City, and Mrs. Carl Lyons, of Elizabethton; Roy of Lockland, O.; Abb of Jonesboro, Tenn.; Herman and Graydon of Boone; Aubrey of Glen Alpine; Homer of Winston-Salem. There is one small daughter, Darlynn of Mountain City, and her mother, Mrs. Louise Russom.

Mrs. Farmer Dies At Local Hospital

Mrs. Ettie Farmer, 61, resident of Shulls Mills, succumbed June 4, from an extended illness. She had been a patient at Watauga Hospital for about a month. Funeral services were conducted June 6 at Hemlock, Ashe county, and burial was in the Farmer cemetery, in that neighborhood. Ministers taking part in the rites were Rev. Conley Wyatt, Rev. General Carpenter and Rev. Erue Woods.

Mrs. Farmer was born in Ashe county, and had lived in the Shulls Mills section for six years. Surviving are six sons and six daughters: Elmer Farmer, Fig Blaine, Eugene and Roosevelt, of Hemlock; Burley, Douglasville, Pa.; and Ray of Shulls Mills; Mrs. Robert Earp, Charleston, W. Va.; Mrs. Lawrence Luttrell, Shulls Mills; Mrs. Fred Townsend, Valle Crucis; Mrs. Coon Eller, Bina; Mrs. Piper Hudson and Retha Main Farmer of Hemlock.

Group of Local Men to Build Three-Story Apartment Structure Soon

A three-story business and apartment building to cost in the neighborhood of \$150,000, is to be erected this summer on the E. S. Coffey corner by a corporation composed of eight Watauga men, it is revealed by Mr. W. H. Jones, a member of the group.

It is planned to start building operations as soon as plans can be completed and the contracts let. The building is to be of brick, its dimensions will be 75x100 feet, and the first and second stories will be used for store rooms. The third floor will be made into living apartments. Mr. Jones says the building will be modern throughout and will be erected as rapidly as possible. Members of the building firm are Henry Taylor of Valle Crucis, Howard Edmisten, Cove Creek, W. H. Jones, Stewart Barnes, Avery Greene, John Greene, Forrest Greene and Tom Phillips, all of Boone.

Rites For Mrs. Bingham Held

Mrs. Cordelia Lou Bingham, 87, widow of the late Dr. E. F. Bingham, of Cove Creek township, died Sunday after a long period of declining health. Her condition had been considered critical for only a week. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon at the Henson's Chapel Methodist church, by Rev. R. J. Starling the pastor, who was assisted in the rites by Rev. N. M. Greene, and interment was in the cemetery near the church.

Mrs. Bingham was born at Watauga Falls, a daughter of James and Emeline Pennington Love, and was married July 13, 1882 to Dr. E. F. Bingham and had resided for over 50 years at the old home place in the Amantha neighborhood. She had been a member of the Methodist church for more than half a century, and took a deep interest in the religious life of her section. She led a very active life as the wife of one of the county's pioneer doctors. One son and four daughters survive: Dr. W. O. Bingham, Elizabethton, Tenn.; Mrs. James H. Stevenson, Alexandria, Va.; Mrs. Jacob Mast, Miss Edna Bingham, of Sherwood; Mrs. Clyde R. Greene of Boone.

TRIAL OF CIVIL CASES GOES ON

The special June term of Watauga Superior Court convened Monday morning with Judge Nettles of Asheville, presiding, and a number of civil cases have been disposed of, many yet remaining to be tried. No case of any great degree of public interest is slated. The court was called for a two weeks term, and only civil cases will be tried. The turnover on the New York Stock Exchange in May was the heaviest of any month since September, 1946, and the most active for a corresponding month in fifteen years, or since 1933.

TEACHERS ARE EMPLOYED FOR COMING TERM

Schools Using Buses To Open September 1; Others Start August 30, Says Walker; List of Teachers in County Schools is Released.

All Watauga county schools using school buses are to open their 1948-49 school year on September 1, while other schools may open Monday, August 30, it is revealed by W. H. Walker, county superintendent of schools. The following teachers have been employed for the coming school year, and a few others are yet to be employed where vacancies are noted:

- Appalachian High: Herbert W. Wey, Principal; Ben F. Simpson, Margaret E. Gragg, Pansy M. Warren, Eloise Stogner, Hillard C. Tripp, Paul W. Bingham, John R. Lovegrove, Martha G. Hawkinson, Harold C. Quincy, R. L. Tait, Vacancy for Home Economics, Flora M. Alexander, One Vacancy.
- Boone Demonstration: John T. Howell, Principal; Donald C. Thompson, Wilda Lea Montgomery, Mary H. Walker, Melvin M. Lashure, Wayne J. Caudill, Clyde Mae Goodman, Mary E. Gibbs, Bessie S. Crawford, Ennis R. Davis, Christine H. Inning, Ella A. Beshears, Grace M. Council, One Vacancy.
- Howard's Creek: Daisy A. Adams, Rich Mountain: Vacancy, Rutherford: Vacancy, Bamboo: Pearl J. Cowles, Helen E. Trexler, Lucy H. Storie.
- Green Valley: Velma M. Cottrell, principal, Maggie E. Moretz, Imogene B. Barden, Mrs. Troy Norris (Subject to State Allotment), Winegar: Earl Greene, Nellie Pearl Moretz.
- Deep Gap: Edith F. Estes, Principal, Pauline W. Shoemaker, Mayo H. Cook, Reba W. Shoemaker, Lucy G. Luther, Stony Fork: Grace E. Greene, Leona L. Moretz.
- Mt. Paron: Zera T. Greene, Elk: Doughton Greene, Mrs. Doughton Greene, Chloe T. Story, Lower Elk: George R. Triplett, Blowing Rock: R. E. Koone, principal, Studie Mullins, Beatrice C. Winkler, Belle G. Greene, I. S. Miller, Clara S. Brown, Grace S. Beach, Mrs. D. J. Whitener, Mabel H. Hollar, Billie G. Cooke, One High School Vacancy, One Elem. Vacancy.
- Penley and Cook discontinued.
- Lower Creek: Ed Edmisten, principal, Ernie C. Triplett, Mary H. Mast, Ola T. Thompson, Grace B. Campbell, Lucille M. Wallace, Pansy E. Taylor, Sarah B. Horton, Maxie G. Edmisten.
- Grandfather: I. J. Bingham, Ruby C. Fox.
- Cool Springs: Ruby S. Michael, Cove Creek High School: S. F. Horton, principal, Pearl F. Horton, Grace B. Mast, Cynthia L. Stiles, Jennie Love, Carl Fiddler, Gene Reese, R. G. Shipley, Joyce S. Davis, Virginia Darr, Strother, Mattie H. Wilson, Mary G. Henson, Winnie T. Stokes.
- Cove Creek Elementary: Tom J. Moody, principal, Mattie S. Walsh, Jamie H. Henson, Gladys M. Bingham, Anna Mae Sherwood, Dora S. Mast, Susie B. Henson, Ruby Mast, Ophelia Bingham, Ruth B. Mast.
- Rominger: George Harmon, Presnell: Claude Presnell, Kernville discontinued.
- Windy Gap: Henry Hagaman, Bethel: Ralph A. Spainhour, principal, Margaret R. Goin, Alice B. Spainhour, Marjorie M. Pittman, Allie R. Perry, Dorothy F. Greene, Myrtle L. Hoyle, Wilametta R. Norris, Alice L. Farthing, One High School Vacancy, One Elementary vacancy.
- Mabel: Russell Henson, principal, Vera B. Church, Caroline Combs, Ruth D. Roland, Kate H. Ellison Hazel E. Mt., Madge W. Reece, Maude W. Wilson.
- Pottertown: Pearl H. Greene, Bulis C. Greer.
- Boone Colored School: Ottilie M. Folk, Mary R. Truesdale, High School discontinued.

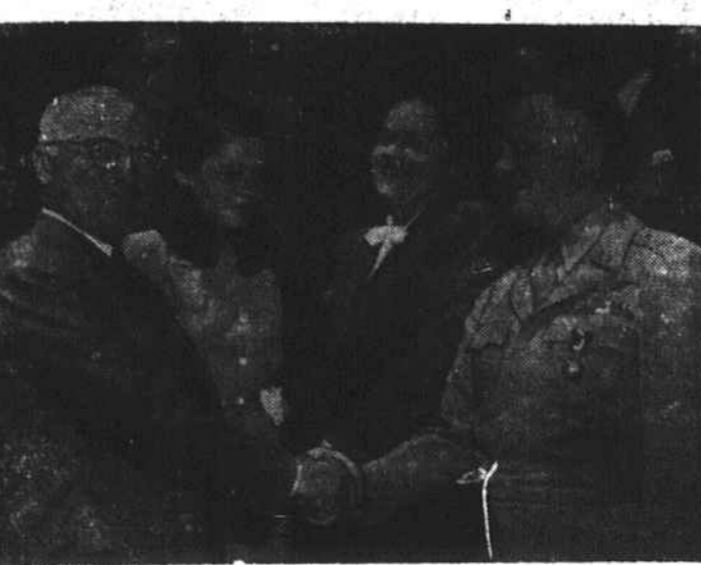
Legion Wins 9-8 Edge in Opener

Coach John Hollar's charges won a ten inning thriller from a strong Rutherfordton nine Monday on the Boone diamond. The boys showed excellent team play along with some great pitching by fast baller Carlock Greene. J. D. Younce and John Barnett led the local batters with three hits apiece. The game was tied at the end of the ninth. In the extra inning the visiting team scored a run to go ahead but the never quit locals came right back with two runs to win the game nine to eight.

Local Legion Post To Elect Officers

A new slate of officers will be elected, and there will be a review of the year's activities at a meeting of Watauga Post American Legion at the Legion hut Friday evening at 7:30. Recent extensive improvements have been made on the Legion property, the grounds have been cleared, a lawn provided, and additional parking space arranged for the convenience of those attending various community gatherings at the hut. Other improvements are being planned. Officers to be elected include a commander, vice-commanders, adjutant, service officer, and chaplain. All members of the post are asked to be present.

AWARDED THIRD MEDAL



President Truman congratulates General Carl Spaatz, former air force chief of staff, following a White House ceremony at which Spaatz received an oak leaf cluster in lieu of a third distinguished service medal. Looking on left to right, are Spaatz's daughters, Katherine (behind the president), Carla, and Mrs. Carl Spaatz, wife of the ex-air chief.

Free Show Inaugurates Recreation Project Here

1,000 EXPECTED TO ENROLL IN FIRST COLLEGE TERM

Enrollment in the first summer term of Appalachian State Teachers College will be well over one thousand, information from the office of Registrar H. R. Eggers reveals. Registration starts Thursday, and classes are to begin Friday. All space in both the men's and women's dormitories has been reserved for some time, it is said and many have sought housing in the community. It is said that the record enrollment would likely be even larger if housing facilities were available. Some of the increase in registration is attributed to the fact that for the first time in its history Appalachian is to operate a graduate school this summer. More than 100 have already signified their intention of taking the graduate work.

Douglas Norris Slain In Wilkes

North Wilkesboro, June 8.—Douglas Norris, 32, died at Wilkes hospital here late Monday from gunshot wounds allegedly inflicted by Cecil Church, brother-in-law, at the home of Church two miles west of this city Sunday evening. Norris was hit in the abdomen and in the jaw and neck with two 22 calibre rifle bullets which Church told officers he fired in self defense.

Church, who carried Norris to the hospital and surrendered to officers, was released under bond and was rearrested and placed in jail Monday afternoon by Sheriff C. G. Poindexter, who stated that he had learned of more circumstances surrounding the shooting. According to the information obtained by Highway Patrol Sergeant A. H. Clark and Deputy Sheriff A. H. Holbrook Sunday night, Norris had assaulted Church at a cafe on Highway 21 and had inflicted severe facial bruises and a black eye when Church had tried to stop an argument between Norris and another man.

Church then went home and Norris arrived shortly. Church said he shot Norris when Norris was advancing on him with a knife and a rock. Sheriff Poindexter today did not elaborate on "new evidence" which resulted in Church's rearrest before the death of Norris. Norris was a native of Watauga county, a son of J. G. and Mrs. Florence Etrod Norris of Blowing Rock. Surviving are his wife and one son, Douglas Dwight Norris, Jr.

Funeral service will be held Wednesday at 2 p. m. at Critcher cemetery in Watauga county. Rev. Gilbert Osborne will conduct the service. 2 YEARS FOR 2 STICKS OF GUM
Salem, Ore.—Walter Brokus was recently sentenced to two years' imprisonment for burglarizing a warehouse. His loot—two sticks of chewing gum.

MOTOR LAW IS CLARIFIED BY MANAGER LANE

Every Motor Vehicle in the State Must Be Inspected During Current Year; Lane Now in Operation; Relatively Few Motorists Appear.

Mr. Roy Phillips, manager of the automobile inspection lane in operation here, points out that there is some misunderstanding regarding the law which is now in effect, and to clarify the matter in the minds of the local motorists, asks that the following excerpts from the State law be published: "During the year 1948 every motor vehicle, trailer, and semi-trailer registered in the State shall be inspected one time by the department of motor vehicles and an official certificate of inspection and approval obtained for each such vehicle. "No person, firm, or corporation shall operate or permit to be operated over the streets or highways of this State after January 1, 1949, any vehicle which has not been submitted to an inspection as required herein and/or in the rules and regulations promulgated by the commissioner of motor vehicles pursuant to authority granted herein."

So far, it is said, a total of 840 cars have gone through the inspection lane, out of a total registration for Watauga county of 2,685. Of this number 782 have passed the inspection. While it is true there will be another inspection later this year, all motorists are being urged by Mr. Phillips to get their cars through in the remaining days before this inspection period closes on June 15. Right at this time, the lane is not too busy, and no long waits are necessary.

Typhoid Clinics Still in Progress

The typhoid clinics are still being held in the county and the Health Department is again insisting on the public taking full advantage of these preventative vaccinations. The remaining dates on the schedule are as follows: June 10: Laxon Post Office, 9:30-10:30 a. m.; Deep Gap School, 11:00-12:00 m.; Stony Fork School, 1:30-2:30 p. m.; Welborn's Store, 3:00-4:00 p. m. June 11: Riverview School, 9:30-10:30 a. m.; Bamboo School, 11:00-12:00 m.; Rutherford, Michael's Store, 1:30-2:30 p. m.; Triplett School, 3:00-4:00 p. m. June 17: Hartley's Store, 9:30-10:30 a. m.; Green Valley School, 11:00-12:00 m.; Howard's Creek School, 1:30-2:30 p. m.; Rich Mountain School, 3:00-4:00 p. m. June 23: Poplar Grove Church, 9:30-10:30 a. m.; Shulls Mills Post Office, 11:00-12:00 m.; Foscoe Store, 1:30-2:30 p. m.; Grandfather, Fox's Store, 3:00-4:00 p. m. June 24: Hagaman's Store, 9:00-10:00 a. m.; Reese, Dean Reese's Store, 11:00-12:00 m.; Bethel School, 1:30-2:30 p. m.; Timbered Ridge Church 3:00-4:00 p. m.

Mrs. Shumaker Funeral Today

Mrs. Ada Redmond Shumaker, 67 years old, resident of Boone, died at Banner Elk Hospital Sunday from a one day's illness. Funeral services, in charge of Dr. W. G. Bond and Rev. Mr. White will be conducted this afternoon at the New Hope church with burial in the Taylor Springs cemetery. The husband, Fred Shumaker of Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, survives, along with the following sons and daughters: D. C. Redmond, Tom Redmond, Boone; High Redmond, Banner Elk; Mrs. China Lavender, Mrs. Stewart Winkler, Boone; Mrs. C. G. Morefield, Neva, Tenn.; Mrs. C. P. Swain, Winston-Salem, Mrs. J. M. Lamb, Alhambra, Calif.; Mrs. Tom Chatham, Gilreath, N. C.

Officer Seizes Bootleg Liquor

T. G. Roberts, of the State Highway Patrol, captured 120 gallons of moonshine whiskey and a 1940 model Ford pickup, at the conclusion of a chase which started at the Roby Greene road and culminated in Elk township. The driver of the truck and one other person, ditched the truck and fled into the darkness. So far no arrests have been made, and the identity of the driver, if known to Officer Roberts, was not revealed.