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## KING STREET

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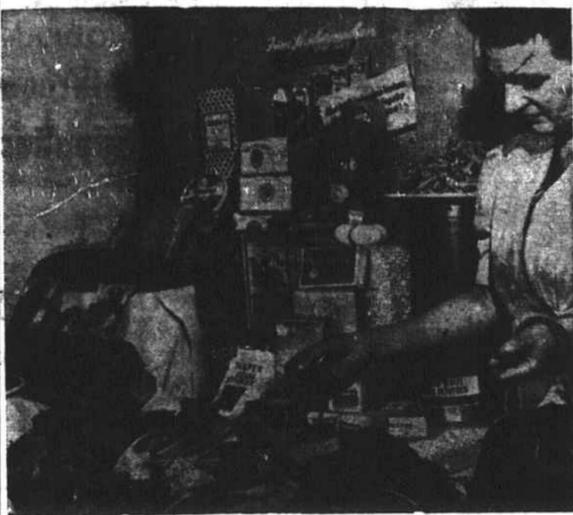
DR. ROY M. BROWN, of the University of North Carolina, one of our former tutors down at Appalachian Training School, read with interest our patriotic outburst recently, in which it was suggested that readers might do well to dust off the Declaration of Independence and digest its contents as a feature of the 4th of July activities . . . and called by to inquire if we had copies of the historic document available in case some reader called for them . . . We admitted we didn't have one around the office, but happened to know for a certainty that the Declaration was contained in the library at home . . . Dr. Brown discovered recently, that in the library at the University the cherished writings were uncovered, after long research, much more than the average citizen would engage in . . . the local county library doesn't have it, he says . . . and it would appear that the question right now is . . . just how does one read the Declaration of Independence? . . . it would appear to be one of those creations about which we prate, about which most of the folks know little, and which actually is terribly hard to get hold of.

WE JUST HEARD that gossip going round the town is to the effect that recently we pulled a bender that was a honey. The rumor says we couldn't navigate, but managed to crawl into a man's yard along the street for a mooch . . . Always glad to be informed . . . And would like to say that there's some mighty fine things to be said about one of these anonymous absentee sort of binges . . . there's no cost attached, one goes along doing business undisturbed . . . the hurting around the haberdash doesn't materialize, and the unnecessary feeling in the pit of one's stomach just isn't there . . . we get a kick out of the tales which originate along the street . . . we are amazed at the way they get bigger and bigger every time they are repeated . . . it's just one of those small-town diversions which we couldn't dispense with . . . we are happy to be included in the gossip . . . if we couldn't break into the realms of local chatter . . . we would be most unhappy . . . we would feel as if we "didn't belong."

PICAYUNE . . . Car pulls out from curb into path of another bent fender . . . two hundred people gather to get firsthand information on what's said . . . family reunion takes up all space on sidewalks . . . member of group speaks to us pleasantly as we step from sidewalk gutter on our way around . . . but moves 'nary a bit . . . the preliminary chorus of discords around Philadelphia make us glad we just couldn't get away from our work . . . Southerners taking a leading hand in tearing down Truman . . . the only man who could have stood even an outside chance of election, and who, after all, is the President . . . we couldn't stand to see the wreckage, when they quit wielding the hatchets . . . athletic staff at Appalachian College getting ready for the fall football season . . . Brantley York finds dental bldgwork in the road near his meat market . . . the elementary questions asked on one radio quiz . . . another program just down the dial dishes out the hard ones . . . the continued week-end rains . . . Over-age automobile, with the drawing of a huge human ear on side, followed by the wording: "Mountain-ear" . . . kiddy chases ball into street un mindful of the small part a pedestrian plays in the present day scheme of living . . . motorist removing busted fender from the rear of his auto . . . business men making plans for county fair, and Jaycees launching forth on preliminary plans for centennial celebration . . .

ROSCOE COLEMAN, came by yesterday, and left word that burley growers are going to experience high prices again this season . . . John Farthing just back from Washington, tells of session with Jim Rivers . . . Representative of chain store says dollar volume was ahead of year ago, but that the decrease in unit sales is disheartening . . . farmer friend laments the amount of out-of-state shopping being done by Wataugans . . . the vast improvement in the homes of the community during the past few years . . .

## REFORMED MONEY



The lot of the Berlin housewife has been made a bit tougher recently with the "reformation" of the German mark. The groceries stacked here are what can be purchased with forty of the new marks.

## Dr. Greer To Address Merchants Gathering

### Beauty Pageant Thursday Night

The Women's Worthwhile Club of Boone will sponsor a beauty contest and amateur show at the Appalachian Theatre Thursday evening July 15, at 9 o'clock. Leading merchants of the community have sponsored the following young ladies of the community as participants in the beauty contest. Rebecca Shoemaker, Bobby Henson, Mildred Tunnell, Rachel Ann Vance, Ramona Jones, Becky Blair Chamberlain, Jo Aldridge, Barbara Jones, Joy Brown, Bernell Aldridge, Enid Carroll, Carolyn-Jangle, Regina Tait, Reba Smith, Iva Mae Gilliam, Betsy Hughes, Joan Lovell, Joy Madron, Mrs. Ruth Burris, Mrs. E. R. Henderson, Annie Mae Carroll, Iva Gene Harmon, Sarah Swift, Eleanor Geer, Peggy Greer, Sue Ann Marion, Frances Teams Greene, Jo Ann Hartley, Maxine Bradley. A number of merchants have not yet selected their contestants.

### Lions Observe Ladies' Night

The Boone Lion's club met for its regular program at the College Cafeteria on Tuesday, July 6. It was the regular ladies' night program of the club. Of the ninety-six members of the Boone club, seventy-five were present. There were eighty guests of the club for the banquet and program which followed. Following introduction of the guests and some routine business, the program of the evening was conducted. Fifty-six members of the club were awarded one year perfect attendance buttons. Nine members of the club were awarded buttons for five years perfect attendance, and perfect attendance tabs were presented to five of the past officers of the club. Mr. Ed McMahan of Brevard, N. C. International Councillor of Lionism presented a cup to Boone Lion's club for special achievement during the past year. Medals and plaques were awarded to A. R. Smith and R. E. Kelley, former president and secretary of the club. Following the special presentations the new officers of the club were installed by Mr. McMahan. The new president of the local club, Mr. R. E. Agle, made a brief challenging acceptance speech and the meeting was adjourned. Following the club meeting there was a dance for the members and guests at the high school auditorium. Music for the dance was by Paul Weston and his electric organ.

### SWIMMING IS PART OF RECREATION PROGRAM

Visitors to the local recreational center will be privileged to use the college swimming pool on Wednesday and Friday mornings from 10:30 to 11:30, it is revealed by Director Thompson.

### Head of Business Institute to Speak on Problems of Retailers

Dr. I. G. Greer, head of the business institute at the University of North Carolina will be the speaker at the annual meeting of the Merchants Association to be held Thursday evening July 22. Dr. Greer, who is in close contact with business men and their problems throughout the State, will discuss present day obstacles and trends that affect all business and the retailer in particular. New directors will be elected and reports of the past year's activities made by the officers of the Association. The annual merchants' picnic which is an event looked forward to by the merchants, their families, and their employees, will be held as usual the last of August or the first of September.

### Ladies Guests at C. of C. Banquet

The ladies night banquet of the Chamber of Commerce was well attended, dinner was served by the ladies of the Baptist church in the basement of the church, and a number of civic proposals were discussed. After introductions by Wade E. Brown, remarks were made as to the rooming situation, and reports received were that there are now more than enough rooms for summer school students, since the enrollment did not reach the proportions first anticipated. It was pointed out, however, that there is still a critical shortage of apartments, cottages and houses. Mr. L. T. Tatum, who is completing a model tourist court on the Blowing Rock road, reported that he has enough land to double the capacity of his enterprise. The tourist committee was asked to confer with Mr. Tatum. The Junior Chamber of Commerce has been asked to promote the centennial program for next year, 1949 being the one hundredth anniversary of the formation of Watauga county. Edgar Brown gave a few historical facts relative to the organization of the County. The Junior Chamber of Commerce is willing to sponsor a centennial program and the Senior Chamber is to lend complete aid. The following committee was appointed to work out such a program: Bob Agle, chairman, Edgar Brown, W. H. Gragg, Clyde R. Greene and H. Grady Farthing. The membership committee reported splendid cooperation in the recent campaign. After the business session Mr. J. C. Stokes of the Greyhound Corporation, provided entertainment with a travel film, "Shortest Way Home."

### JUNIOR COMMERCE GROUP SETS MEETING

The Junior Chamber of Commerce will have a luncheon meeting Thursday, July 15th at the Gateway Cafe at 12 noon, at which time all charter applicants will be signed. Any man in Watauga county, between the ages of 21 and 35, is invited to attend the meeting and become a charter member. Small business action is urged to end wage, price spiral.

## CENTENNIAL OF COUNTY TO BE CELEBRATED

Junior C. of C. Spearheads Movement to Produce Gigantic Celebration of 100th Anniversary of County; Many Events Being Planned.

The 100th anniversary of the founding of Watauga county, will be featured by a week's Watauga County centennial celebration, set for one of the summer months or 1949, it is revealed by the Jr. Chamber of Commerce, which, in conjunction with other civic clubs is sponsoring the festivity. Plans are for the centennial to be the most elaborate in the history of the county, and will consist of a program built around prominent State and National figures and a galaxy of spectator performances. Beginning on Monday of the centennial week, it is said, there will be a huge picnic to which the Governor of North Carolina will be invited, and the chief magistrate will open the celebration. During the days to follow there will be square dances, a beauty contest, a county fair, baseball games, a community sing, a history of the county, a coronation ball, a centennial pageant, built around Daniel Boone and directed by Mr. David Hodgins, many other entertaining events, and as the climax, it has been suggested, that the President of the United States be invited to address the expected throngs. Movie stars, and other celebrities, will be invited as guests of honor. The Junior Chamber of Commerce urges all citizens of the county to begin immediately to boost the Centennial, for through its success will come the widest and most favorable publicity the county could have. As concrete plans are formulated, agencies or clubs will be assigned to execute them, for the task of staging such a huge program will require the cooperation of every citizen of Watauga County. The main purpose of the Jaycees is to spearhead the program and act as a clearing house for ideas and plans, as the Centennial will be planned by a committee from several of the clubs of the county. At the present time, advertising the centennial holds the attention of the civic groups. This advertising, it is suggested, can best be done by word-of-mouth to the various tourists who will visit this area during the remainder of the summer. A State-wide advertising campaign will be conducted through the various daily papers, and local business men will be urged to imprint on their letterheads a notation of the date of the centennial.

A new telephone directory for Boone and Blowing Rock, containing many new and changed listings and other helpful telephone information, has just been distributed. Approximately 1050 new directories have been delivered to homes and offices, according to R. T. George, manager for the Southern Bell Telephone Company. The new directory has a green cover, which makes it easily distinguishable from the old gray-covered telephone book. Mr. George asks that telephone users refer to the new directory for the desired number. Looking up the number helps avoid the possibility of getting a wrong number, and frequently saves time for the calling party as well as the party who might be called in error. Consulting the directory also helps make the best use of already crowded central office equipment. "Information" should be called only when the desired number is not listed in the directory. Because of the continuing paper shortage, only a limited supply of directories could be printed, and Mr. George requests that good care be taken of the new copies. He also suggests that the old directories be turned over to scrap paper collectors with other waste paper.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Grogan, Mr. and Mrs. Vaughton Watson of Forest, Va., have been visiting relatives at Sherwood and Laurel Springs, N. C.

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## G. O. P. NOMINEE AND FAMILY



Governor Thomas E. Dewey, republican candidate for the Presidency, poses with his wife and two children, Tom, 13, and John, 12. The family portrait was taken at the Republican convention in Philadelphia.

## Cite Other Precautions In Fight Against Polio

### Dr. King Back From the Congo

Dr. Robert R. King, Sr., who has completed a four-year term as medical missionary for the Presbyterian Church in the Belgian Congo, arrived in New York Tuesday July 13, aboard the S. S. Houffalize. Dr. King will spend ten days in the East with relatives before arriving in Boone, where he will re-establish residence. He was met in New York by a son, John T. King. With the completion of the last term, Dr. King ends 21 years of duty in the Congo, and his last stay was prolonged, due to the fact that he has been serving a number of hospitals. During his service in 1931, Dr. King was knighted by King Albert for his outstanding missionary service.

### Coleman Heads Burley Group

Asheville—R. C. Coleman of Boone was elected president of the North Carolina Burley Warehouse Association at the fourth annual meeting of the association here yesterday. He succeeds Harry W. Love of Asheville, who has served as president since the association was organized in 1945. Other new officers are James E. Walker, Jr., of Chattanooga, Tenn., vice-president and Max Roberts of Asheville, secretary-treasurer. The association voted unanimously to open burley markets in Asheville, Boone and West Jefferson early in December. Coleman Visits Boone Mr. Coleman, passed through Boone, on his return to Tabor City, and states there is a bright future for the burley market this winter. The Commodity Credit Corporation weed has been largely disposed of, and this is expected to contribute to higher prices. Mr. Coleman says tobacco in this area looks particularly good, and he advises farmers to take especially good care of the crop, with the assurance that the weed crop will pay off this year.

## Truman and Barkley Ticket Seems Certain

The nomination of President Truman at the Democratic convention in Philadelphia today is a foregone conclusion, while second spot on the ticket will go to Senator Alben Barkley of Kentucky, unless the veteran legislator flatly declines the nomination. Chairman McGrath announced last night that the convention would meet at 11 today, and run straight through the nomination of the ticket and other business, with the final adjournment tonight. The convention has been featured by friction over civil rights, the proposal to restore the two-thirds nominating rule, and the opposition to President Truman. Opposition to the President's nomination, however, failed to develop into a united force, and he is slated to win without formidable opposition. There is a scarcity of vice-presidential candidates, but the tumultuous demonstration which greeted Barkley's keynote address clinched the nomination for second spot, it would appear. President Truman is reported to be ready to go to Philadelphia in person and accept the nomination.

## ENROLLMENT IS INCREASED AT APPALACHIAN

Special Two Weeks Course at College Credited With Increase of Enrollment to 1119 for First Summer Session; 14 States Represented

Students enrolling at Appalachian State Teachers college for the first special two weeks course which began this week have swelled the total enrollment for the present term to 1119. Largest number of new students, as usual, came from North Carolina with 43 additional students for 21 counties. South Carolina followed with 14 students from five counties, Georgia with six students from six counties, Florida with six students from four counties. Two new states were added, with one representative each from Alabama and New Jersey. The totals now show 14 states represented with North Carolina having 923 of the 1119 students, and the additional 196 students scattered in the other thirteen states. Eighty-six of North Carolina's one hundred counties are represented. 134 students are enrolled from Watauga county. Registration for the second six weeks of summer school, and also for the second special two weeks course, will be held on Tuesday, July 20.

## Workshop Group Takes Journeys

The members of the workshop in Resource-Use Education at Appalachian State Teachers College, under the direction of Dr. John H. Workman, have found that trips to various places in Western North Carolina have proved helpful in collecting material for use in their study, and provided new ideas in resource conservation and development. To date, the workshop members have traveled by chartered bus to the following points of interest: To the Bethel community in Watauga county to the farm of D. F. Greene for study of soils, forests and soil conservation. Mr. Richardson, the county agent, went along and explained the work being conducted by the Tennessee Valley Authority in soil conservation. To the Cone Estate in Blowing Rock for the study of forestry. Here they saw the results of trees planted systematically forty years ago and what is being done in forestry conservation. The Estate is now a public park. To the Kraft Cheese factory at West Jefferson. Since this trip was made during National Health Week, the study was made of the health conditions and precautions under which the cheese is made. A stop was also made at the Welfare Department of Ashe county, at the State Test farm, and other well-known farms in the Ashe county region. To Spruce Pine to study the manufacture and use of mineral resources of Western North Carolina and how porcelain products are made. Stops were made at Pinecola to study fish life and how a fish hatchery is operated; at the Crossnore school for arts and crafts of the mountain people; and also at Penland for the same purpose. The last trip will be made on Thursday, July 15. During that week the workshop will have Miss Ronnie Sheffield, assistant director of the North Carolina State Recreation Commission as its consultant. The students will be taken over the Blue Ridge Parkway to the Bluffs and Cumberland Knob for a study of what the Federal government is doing for recreation. Some thirty people who are enrolled in the Resource-Use Education course have made all the trips to date, along with various instructors and Dr. Workman, the director of the workshop. SLOGAN WINS MINK COAT Montreal—Mrs. J. H. Mennie, of Westmont will receive a \$4,400 mink coat as a reward for sending in the winning slogan to the Cancer Research Society. Her slogan was "Know Cancer Today—No Cancer Tomorrow."