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KING STREET

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THE STREET has temporarily departed from its usual small talk and neighborly gossip, to the election of president's, the seething international situation . . . and the question of just how long it is likely to be . . . (regardless of the Truman-Dewey battle) . . . before we're in an all-out shooting war once again . . . But since most of the folks hereabout are inclined to admit their incapacity as regards the greater of the two problems . . . conversation has settled down to discussion of old-line politics in its relation to the changing world . . . specifically as to whether the Democratic party is busted to the extent of losing its identity in the years to come, or whether it will again someday build a bigger and larger house amidst its present ruins. . . or just how general will be the second cession of the South.

EIGHTY EIGHT YEARS AGO, the Democratic party was torn asunder by the issue of slavery. This year negro equality is the spark plug of the Southern revolt as President Truman, the party's standard bearer, by the almost unanimous vote of all except the Southern States, refuses to abandon his battle for so-called civil rights . . . Fact is, Wallace on the extreme left and the South on the extreme right, are working hand in hand to make certain the election of Thomas E. Dewey, whom most of the prophets say, would inhabit the White House for a spell, even if the two splinter parties, would be good boys, go home and be quiet!

IN THIS AREA, where Confederate sympathy wasn't too high in the war between the states, feeling is not quite so high in the war of sectional politics as it is in the deep South, where the full force of the reconstruction era spent its devastating fury, but the Democrats are riled, a great many of them . . . and some of them appear plumb willing for the Democratic party to go back to being a sort of Southern fraternity, as in the days of yore . . . when the two-thirds convention rule gave us the veto power, and we could force the nomination of Bryan again and again . . . when Jimmie Cox, John W. Davis and others could be nominated after long and spirited oratory, get the vote of the South, to the exclusion of those in the east and west who had sought to make of the Democratic party a vehicle of the common people . . . There are others who just cuss Harry and don't say whether they will run out of the party, or stay around a while longer, but anyway there is a rather general dissatisfaction . . . Out of the discord, though, some strong voices are heard in defense of Truman, and a few are tolerable mad at the Southern revolvers, who run out on the convention, "just 'cause they couldn't control it" . . . others see in Truman a revitalized executive, standing by his guns and courageously fighting for a continuation of the Roosevelt policies . . . and through all the gossip, the Republicans happy as jay birds in June . . . small wonder, after a long losing streak they are about to cash in the chips . . . Doubtless, have the jobs picked out . . . and they don't have to exert themselves . . . The Democrats are making certain their former opponents can't gain hold a couple of duces against a straight flush.

THE NORTH CAROLINA delegation is being pruned by many for setting tight, voting against civil rights, abiding by the results, and behaving like Southern gentlemen . . . and prospects for the Democracy are more favorable. . . Many see a repetition of 1928 . . . "history is repeating" they say . . . Hopefuls assent with observation, "remember what happened four years later?" . . . and on and on, like the flowing brook, we engage in the great American game of politics . . . unmindful of the forces which are seeking to destroy the American system . . . No better news could come to the Kremlin than that there are now four parties seeking control of this government . . . The more of the splinter parties produced . . . the quicker our fall . . . and some of the wise guys say it won't be long at the best . . .

CONGRATULATIONS to Miss Rachel Ann Vance upon her des- (Continued on page 4)

TRAITOR GETS LIFE TERM



Robert H. Best, 52-year-old newspaper man (center) was sentenced to life imprisonment and fined \$10,000 in Federal Court, Boston, by Judge Francis Ford, for treason, because of his Nazi broadcasts during the war. He is shown in custody of U. S. deputy marshals, following the passing of the judgment.

"Miss Watauga County" Chosen at Beauty Show

SPEAKER



Dr. I. G. Greer, head of the business institute at the University of North Carolina, who will be the speaker at the annual meeting of the Merchants' Association to be held Thursday evening of this week.

J. Oscar Cooke Dies From Stroke

J. Oscar Cooke, 65 years old, died at Watauga Hospital Saturday morning. Death was attributed to a stroke suffered a week previously, from which he was never able to rally. Mr. Cooke, a native Wataugan, had lived in Tennessee, Florida, and Colorado, before returning to Boone several years ago, where he had since been engaged in the woodworking business. Mr. Cooke was a member of the Baptist Church at Bluff City, Tennessee, and the funeral rites were held there Sunday at 2 o'clock by the pastor of the church, interment being in the Mountain View cemetery there.

He is survived by one son, J. O. Cooke, Jr., of Boone, and two sisters, Mrs. J. G. Cooke, Boone, Mrs. C. C. Pennell, Morristown, Tenn. There is one brother, Lawrence C. Cooke, Denver, Colo.

Edwin Troutman To Direct Band

Edwin Troutman, son of Rev. and Mrs. E. F. Troutman, has been selected for the position of band director in the city school of Canton, N. C. He will assume his duties in Canton the latter part of August after receiving his degree in mathematics and music at the summer commencement. Mr. Troutman has assisted with the local high school band for the past two years and for the last school term he organized and directed the Mt. City, Tenn. high school band. His popularity with the people with whom he has worked has proven his ability for the field which he has chosen.

MANY CHANGES BEING MADE AT APPALACHIAN

Local College Aims to Offer Better Preparation to the Teachers in Advance of the New Certification Law Effective in 1950

The receipt of the regular year catalogue of Appalachian State Teachers college reveals a number of significant changes, all designed to better prepare teachers for their professions, and to improve the teaching in the public schools.

The requirements for certification in North Carolina are being changed in 1950. The Appalachian curricula have been changed to meet the new requirements and, although it will not affect the certification of the graduates for next year, those who are certified after September 1, 1949, will have to meet the new requirements.

One of the most important curriculum changes in the catalogue is the listing of a new full-year course in education called "The School." Concentrated study will be given in the fall quarter to Organization and Administration, in the winter quarter to The Program of Instruction, and in the spring quarter to Principles, Methods, Materials and Techniques. The work is so planned that those preparing for primary work will be in one group, those preparing for grammar grade work in another group, and those preparing for high school work in still another group.

Another important addition to the curriculum is a course in psychology called "The Child." The fall term will study the Physical and Mental Development of the Child; the winter term, "The Learning Process; and the spring term, Motivation and Adjustment. Biological, social and emotional influences relating to the child's growth, guidance in learning school subjects, measuring the results of learning, and general personality trends and mental hazards of the school child will be studied in detail.

Courses in Personal, Community and Child Hygiene will be required of every graduate. All these changes are being made so that practical problems of any school room may be studied in detail, and practical solutions arrived at. Examination of the catalogue shows a greater concentration of content work on the general education level than was formerly the case. The department of business education will no longer offer a one-year course, but will offer work for a degree. However, students may register for special courses in this department if they so desire.

Comprehensive examinations for those who expect to do student teaching will be resumed this year. This requirement was waived during the war years, to help, in some measure, to take care of the emergency teacher shortage. Students will be required to present 198 quarter hours for graduation, instead of 194 as previously required. No student is graduated who does not maintain a "C" average.

Appalachian has made no changes in its expenses for the coming year. The main items in the fall term calendar are as follows: Freshman orientation program begins 10:00 a. m., Tuesday, September 14. Freshman tests, 10:00 a. m., Wednesday. Freshman registration begins 8:20 a. m., Thursday, September 16. Transfer students orientation, 2:00 p. m., Thursday, September 16. Freshman classes begin 8:20 a. m., Friday. Upperclass registration begins 8:20 a. m., Friday, September 17. Upperclass classes begin 8:20 a. m., Saturday, September 18.

PREMATURE EXHIBIT
Sillwater, Okla. — Jimmy Hoke, fireworks merchant, got rid of all his stock of fireworks two days before the Fourth. A hired boy at the fireworks stand, without a knife to cut the heavy string around a bundle of firecrackers, tried to burn it through with a match. Result—an explosion of all the firecrackers. Roman candles, sky rockets, pinwheels and miscellaneous fireworks in the shop.

FRANCE AND U. S. SHAKE



French foreign minister, Georges Bidault, left, shakes hands with U. S. Ambassador, Jefferson Caffery, right, after the signing of the bilateral agreement of the ERP, in Paris. ERP Ambassador, Averell Harriman, center, looks on.

Agricultural Fair Is To Be Held In September

FAIR MANAGER



H. Grady Farthing, who has been named Manager of the Blue Ridge Agricultural Fair, which is to be held in Boone September 15-18.

Local Band in Outdoor Concert

The Appalachian Summer School Band will present an outdoor concert Friday evening, July 23 at seven o'clock on the lawn of the campus in front of the Administration building. In the event of rain the concert will be given in the college auditorium.

This concert will be conducted by two guest conductors, Mr. Nicholas Erneston who has recently been added to the music faculty and Mr. Russell Blanton, director of bands at Hendersonville, N. C.

Mr. Erneston came to Appalachian at the beginning of the summer term and will be a permanent member of the music staff as teacher of violin and organizer and director of orchestral work.

Mr. Blanton is doing graduate work at Appalachian and he is a member of the summer music staff, teaching beginning instrument classes.

Scarborough To Speak to Farm Loan Meeting

Julian H. Scarborough, president of the Federal Land Bank and the Production Credit Corporation of Columbia, will address the annual meeting of the members of the North Wilkesboro National Farm Loan Association, being held in the town hall at North Wilkesboro next Friday, July 23, beginning at 10 a. m.

Mr. Scarborough has been the president of the Land Bank since 1934 during which time the bank and the association have made the greatest progress in their 30-year history.

Grady Farthing to Manage Enlarged County Fair; Officers Are Named.

The Blue Ridge Agricultural Fair, which was discontinued after the 1941 exhibition, due to war conditions, is to come back this year, bigger and better than ever before, it was learned Monday, when the fair association was reorganized and preliminary plans made for holding the big event on September 15 to 18.

H. Grady Farthing was selected by members of the board of directors as general manager of the fair, and is already engaged in working out plans for the fair, which is indicated, will be the most comprehensive exhibition of farm products and livestock ever to be held in the northwestern mountains.

Robert G. Shipley, was named president of the fair association, the other officers being: Ernest Hillard, vice-president, Bernard Dougherty, Secretary, and Clyde R. Greene, treasurer.

The board of directors is as follows: R. G. Shipley, H. Grady Farthing, Clyde R. Greene, Ernest Hillard, Bernard Dougherty, S. C. Eggers, W. A. Smith, Miss Betty Matheson, Gordon Winkler, W. H. Gragg, L. E. Tuckwiler.

The original burley warehouse will be used as the exhibition hall and the fair will feature everything produced on Watauga farms, flower shows, and many miscellaneous exhibits. The premium list will contain \$1,000 in prize money to distribute among those who make entries under the following, and perhaps other, departments:

Field crops, farm and garden, fruits, canning, dairy cattle, beef cattle, culinary, flowers, home opary, swine, horses, mules, poultry, 4-H club exhibits, home demonstration booth.

Superintendents of the various departments will be selected at a later meeting.

Great interest in the fair is being shown by the people from all sections of the county, and the manager and other officials will greatly appreciate the cooperation of all the people in the effort.

It is stated that plans call for many amusement features for adults and children, but that no gambling concessions will be allowed.

Mrs. German is Taken by Death

Mrs. Marie Snyder German, 23, of Tamarack died Friday at the home from what is believed to have been a cerebral hemorrhage. She died 30 minutes after the attack.

Funeral rites were held Sunday at Elk Knob Baptist Church by Rev. Noah Johnson, the pastor, and interment was in the Main cemetery.

The mother, Mrs. Alma Snyder of Tamarack, survives, and one son, Junior.

FINDS MILLIONS WORTHLESS

Los Angeles—H. L. Cutler, 45-year-old mailman, found a leather case. In it was a check for \$9,060,916. He took it to a nearby bank, where a girl messenger arrived to claim it. A Federal Reserve official said the check was non negotiable, a routine draft for transferring funds from a Bank of America branch to the Federal Reserve Bank.

GENERAL JOHN J. PERSHING IS LAID TO REST

"Black Jack" Pershing Laid To Rest Among Bodies of Men He Commanded in the First World War; Famous Soldier was 87 Years Old.

Washington—General John J. Pershing was laid to rest Monday on the summit of a tree-shrouded slope, surrounded by the graves of men he commanded from the jungles of the Philippines to the borders of Imperial Germany.

A reverent hush fell over the generals, the cadets and the buck privates standing at attention in Arlington National Cemetery as the army's chief of chaplains, Major General Luther D. Miller, intoned the last words: "The march of another soldier is ended, his battles are all fought and all won, and he lies down to rest while awaiting the bugle's call."

It was the end of the trail for "Black Jack" Pershing, who died last Thursday at the age of 87, heavy with honors and already something of a gray legend to a younger generation which still thrills to the names of Belleau Wood and Chateau-Thierry.

And President Truman joined with heads of the armed forces in a vast and impressive tribute to the old general, who led the first American Expeditionary Force to victory in World War I.

Nearly half a million people lined the streets of Washington to see Pershing's coffin drawn by six perfectly matched gray horses through a downpour of rain from the nation's Capitol to the peaceful cemetery across the Potomac.

The funeral cortege was a mile long. To the throb of muffled drums and the strains of haunting marches, it marched the whole four and one-third miles while a flight of eight P-80 jet fighters roared overhead—a sight undreamed of when John J. Pershing was born in 1860.

Allen Pitts Dies in Train-Auto Crash

Allen Pitts, 28, resident of the Shulls Mills section was killed, and a companion was injured last Wednesday afternoon when the automobile in which they were riding was struck by eastbound Southern railway passenger train No. 22 at a grade crossing in the eastern edge of Hickory.

Pitts, a native Wataugan, and a veteran of the last war, was an employee of the Shuford Mills at Hickory and a student at Southern vocational school. He was pronounced dead upon arrival at the Hickory hospital, but the condition of his companion, Jack Starr of Catawba county, was said to be favorable.

Starr was quoted as saying that Pitts was driving the car when it was struck by the Diesel drawn passenger train at the crossing.

Funeral services were conducted at the Poplar Grove Baptist Church Friday afternoon by Rev. R. C. Eggers, Rev. W. C. Payne, and Rev. Mr. Trivett and burial was in the family cemetery. Full military honors were paid at the graveside by Watauga Post American Legion.

Surviving are the widow and four children: his father, Oliver Pitts of Lenoir, and a number of brothers and sisters.

Joseph Eller, 74, Succumbs at Vilas

Joseph Nicholas Eller, 74, died at the home at Vilas Monday evening, following an extended illness.

The funeral was conducted on Wednesday afternoon at the Forest Grove Baptist Church by Rev. R. C. Eggers and Rev. Lawrence Hagaman, and interment was in the church cemetery.

The widow, Mrs. Florence Eller, survives, with five sons and five daughters: Donald, Willard, Oscar and Newton Eller, Vilas; Wm. Eller, Mountain City, Tenn.; Mrs. Dean Wineberger, Vilas; Mrs. Gray Hartley, Mrs. E. Hartley, Boone; Mrs. J. N. Blackburn and Mrs. Fred Proffitt, Mountain City, Tenn.