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KING STREET

BY
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LISTENING a bit to the Henry Wallace convention, which appeared to be a conglomeration of the different shades of red and black . . . advocating the ownership by the nation of basic industries . . . having no word of praise . . . nothing but condemnation for the old line parties, which have nurtured our free government along through the ages . . . mistaking the freedom of speech clause in the bill of rights for a license to inaugurate the destruction of freedom itself, these wildly yelling ward heelers for uncle Joe boo-ed everything from the President of the Nation right on down . . . Technically it is to be supposed such a rumpus may legally be raised by the Communists . . . but it provides a stench in the nostrils of those of us who believe in an orderly and free system of society . . . Only slightly less revolting is the Dixiecrat movement, which would band the extreme right wing crowd into a movement quite as sinister to the welfare of the nation as that promulgated by Henry of the pinkish complexion and the rabble-rousers he is using to further his dark purposes . . . The last Philadelphia convention as broadcast, was calculated to make a soap opera sound mighty good.

PLAIN AS MUD. Small child making solo trip to the movies. Big sister planned to join her later and wondered what section of the movie house would be used by bitzy. Tiny tot suggested: "I may be at the top or at the bottom . . . Look good for me on both sides . . . I may be in the middle. . . Income tax man vows that small business man who has laid by anything in the past few years, is bound to have cheated. . . The laws just don't seem to allow more than a livelihood, after taxes, in these days of zooming prices exacted by the butcher, baker and candlestick maker.

ABLE COLUMNIST searches Holy Writ for quotation describing quiet of Philadelphia after the two major Philadelphia conventions. The lines sought, were: "The tumult and the shouting dies; the Captains and the Kings depart; . . . Being not much of an authority on the contents of Holy writ, would suggest that of the Bible positively won't give down the desired quote . . . might try the first lines of the second stanza of Kipling's "Recessional" . . . Dr. I. G. Greer, of the business institute, at Chapel Hill, a native Watauga who used to try to tutor us down at Appalachian, drops by, and gives us the dope on a lot of things going on down the country . . . Dr. Greer is possessed of a magnetic personality, is acquainted throughout all sections of the State, and gathers an awful lot of information . . . We enjoyed the exchanges over the fiery crucible of a lino-type machine . . . Congressman Robert L. Doughton, visits briefly with local friends on a swing around the district, as he was readying himself to answer the roll call for the special session . . . Amazement grows at the tremendous vitality, and mental capacity of this rugged Alleghanian . . . "Good politics" quoth the veteran of many a hard-fought battle on the hustings, is merely good government—good service to the people" . . . Mrs. M. B. ("Ma") Blackburn, pioneer resident of Boone, who has perhaps done more good deeds for more people than any living Boone resident, reaches the age of eighty-four, hale and hearty, and greatly enjoys the many visits of "the folks I love," . . . and that it might be added, includes all the folks . . . and the community individually and collectively. love Mrs. Blackburn, who in her active years, was always on hand when sickness came or when the shadow of death fell . . . She knows the exact ages of all the members of the old-line families in the area . . . 'cause she was on hand when the stork came!

PICKING a few blackberries Sunday morning 'fore church and nearly missing the start of Divine services . . . blackberry pie came near providing the stumbling block . . . Greeting Dr. and Mrs. Anders, who came up from Gastonia for the week-end . . . Enjoying a visit with Mrs. Annie S. Clay, who has made a life-time job of teaching in the primary grades, and who has accumulated a wealth of information about imparting knowledge to the youngsters, and bringing them to love and cherish.

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BIGWIGS AT CONVENTION



Three members of President Truman's cabinet are pictured at the opening session of the Democratic convention held in Philadelphia. They are, left to right, postmaster general Jesse C. Donaldson, attorney general Tom Clark and secretary of commerce Charles Sawyer.

Individuality Seen As Bar To Communism



RICHARD WALSER

Walser to Appear In Lecture Here

On Friday evening, July 30, at eight o'clock in the college auditorium Mr. Richard Walser, from the University of North Carolina, will lecture on "North Carolina Writers." Mr. Walser is a native Tar Heel who has specialized in the study of North Carolina literature. He edited the volumes, "North Carolina Poets," and "North Carolina In The Short Story." He will be presented under the sponsorship of the Rhododendron Book Club of Boone.

Legislative Group in Session Here

The Legislative committee to investigate and study the examining Boards of the State is meeting in Boone Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week. George Uzzell of Salisbury is chairman of the group; Wade E. Brown, of Boone, secretary, the other members being L. M. Chaffin, Lillington; S. O. Worthington, Greenville and Winfield Blackwell, Winston-Salem. The commission was authorized by the last General Assembly and appointed from the membership of the Senate and House by the Governor to investigate, study and make recommendations to the next Legislature with a view to amending existing laws with respect to the various examining boards of the State.

Two Homes Are Razed By Flames

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Dr. Greer See Communist Threat in Land; Retailers Name New Directors

"Communism is no stronger than democracy is weak," Dr. I. G. Greer, head of the business foundation at the University, told the annual dinner meeting of the Boone Merchants Association. Speaking on the topic, "Safeguarding Our Heritage," the former Appalachian College professor predicted that Communism would strike first at the churches, the economic and educational systems in America, in its efforts to take over the United States. He said that to fight Communism effectively, America must stress the importance of individuality, and to avoid the sort of regimentation which took place in Russia. Some of the ideas in America today, the speaker said are more dangerous than a marching army—ideas may determine the future of the land. He said business men should help their fellows by lifting them up, that there should be obligations to each other.

The local retailers named a new board of directors consisting of Alfred Adams, Milt Greer, Howard Cottrell, J. S. Conn, W. W. Chester, Grady Tugman, W. H. Gragg, J. R. Craven, D. M. Edmisten, J. C. Cline Woodrow Greene. Reports of the activities of the Association during the past year were heard and a financial report presented to the membership.

Farmers Should File AAA Forms

The Watauga county AAA Committee is requesting that all farmers participating in the Agricultural Conservation Program in the county make a performance report at the AAA office by August 20. The purpose of these reports is to ascertain the amount of money earned thus far and after this date place all unused funds in a county pool. This will enable the county committee to determine from time to time the amount of approvals given and expected earnings for the county. Also unused funds from farms which have not used their minimum assistance may be re-allocated.

Approximately twenty per cent of participating farms have not ordered any materials or reported any practices on which payment may be made. These producers should make their report immediately and place their order for materials necessary to earn their share of the money allocated to their farms. Otherwise, after this date, the money will be placed in the county pool. Performance reports should cover the following: (1) materials such as lime, phosphate and seeds ordered and received through the AAA office; (2) All bought materials such as lime, phosphate, pasture and cover crop seed used in approved practices. Credit for the use of such materials require a ticket or bill covering the purchase of the same.

BAXTER RALPH GLENN

Baxter Ralph Glenn, 16 months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Glenn of Sugar Grove, died July 20 at Watauga Hospital, following a short illness. Funeral rites were conducted from Antioch Baptist Church by Rev. Mr. Tripp and interment was in the Ward cemetery. Surviving are the parents, and the maternal and paternal grandparents.

FLOWER SHOW RULES GIVEN BY CLUB GROUP

Event Looked Forward to By Gardeners and Others 20 Different Divisions Arranged and Rules Given: August 12 Date of Event.

The annual flower show, sponsored by the Worthwhile Woman's Club, which is one of the principal events of the summer season, and which has done a full share toward the development of the town's beautiful gardens, will be held at the Deniel Boone Hotel on August 12, from 3:30 to 9 p. m.

The following rules and regulations govern the show.

1. An exhibitor is allowed one entry in each arrangement class.
2. Flower do not have to be grown by exhibitor.
3. Entries are not confined to club members.
4. A fee of 25 cents for each entry, or \$1.00 for 4 or more entries, will be charged.
5. Entries shall be at the hotel by 12 noon the day of show.
6. All entries requested to be left until show is over.
7. Containers are to be removed from hotel following the show.
8. Judging will be done by qualified persons. Judging is to be finished and awards on entries before show is opened to the public at 3:30 p. m.
9. Awards will be ribbons—1st Blue; 2nd Red; 3rd White.
10. Prizes will be awarded: (a) First Person receiving most blue ribbons; (b) Second Person receiving second highest number of blue ribbons.

(c) For outstanding arrangements, 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th places: (1) men's division; (2) children's division; (3) outstanding specimen of the show.

Classifications:

1. Dahlia Division A Large (1) bloom; (2) three blooms or more of one color; (3) three blooms or more of mixed colors.
2. Medium—same as above.
3. Miniature—same as above.
4. Cactus—same as above.
5. Glad Division A One Spike B Arrangement (1) one color (2) mixed colors.
6. Rose Division A One bloom B Arrangement (1) 3 blooms, one variety; (2) 3 blooms of 2 varieties; (3) any arrangement of 4 or more blooms.
7. Aster Division A One color arrangement; B Mixed color arrangement.
8. Chrysanthemum Division A One bloom; B Arrangements (1) one color; (2) mixed colors.
9. Azaleum Division A Arrangements (1) One color; (2) mixed colors.
10. Shasta Daisy Division A Arrangement.
11. Painted Daisy Division A Arrangement.

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Last Rites Held For Floyd Eggers

Funeral services for Floyd P. Eggers, 44, brother of Representative S. C. Eggers of Boone, were conducted from the Forest Grove Baptist church in Beaver Dam township Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. R. C. Eggers and Dr. W. B. Bond conducted the rites and burial was in the nearby cemetery.

Filling Station Property Burns

The grocery store and filling station operated by P. E. Calloway on the Blowing Rock road, was destroyed by fire early Wednesday morning and information is that the gross loss is no less than five or six thousand dollars.

Motorists Asked To Get Licenses

All persons whose name begins with E, F and G are urged to come to the courthouse in Boone on Thursday and Friday of each week and renew their operator's license as quickly as possible to avoid the last minute rush.

Trout Season Ends This Week

The trout fishing season for Watauga, Ashe and Alleghany counties is to close Saturday, July 31, it is announced by Walter F. Edmisten, district fish and game protector. Fishing of any kind, after that date, in trout waters, says the officer, will constitute a violation of the inland fishing laws. Mr. Edmisten asks for the continued support of land owners and sportsmen in the protection of the carry over of brood stock.

The first American to engage in meat packing was William Pynchon, of Springfield, Mass., who in 1865 started to drive cattle to Boston.

HEADLINERS AT BEAUTY SHOW



Miss Rachel Ann Vance, right, who was selected as "Miss Watauga County" in the beauty contest held here recently. Miss Barbara Jones, left, whom the judges placed second in the competition in which 37 Watauga county girls participated.

Precautions Urged As First Polio Is Reported

District Health Department Advises Against Exposing Children Needlessly

Each county in the Alleghany-Ashe-Watauga District has now reported its first case of poliomyelitis. To date there has been one case in Alleghany, two in Ashe, and one in Watauga. This fact should bring about voluntary restriction of any action that might expose a child needlessly, and common sense precautions on the part of everyone. As yet, there is no need of panic and wholesale closing down of all meeting places in these counties, but it will be wise to observe the following points:

If your child is sick keep him at home, preferably in bed and contact your family doctor. Polio usually starts with slight fever, listlessness, loss of appetite, and in the more advanced form is accompanied by headache, weakness, and stiff neck.

Don't do any unnecessary traveling, especially into the counties lying southeast of these, and, particularly avoid taking children to this area.

Keep out of crowds as much as possible. Those responsible for large gatherings of people should consider measures to reduce the meetings and to avoid mingling of local people with people recently come from other areas where polio is known to be prevalent.

Caution your children to avoid streams or stagnant water apt to be polluted by human sewage. Incidentally, there is a state wide law against dumping raw sewage from a privy or septic tank into a stream or river.

Although the state quarantine law for contacts is effective only for children under 16 years of age, it is well for adults to observe the above precautions and to avoid fatigue or overexertion, as a number of adults have been reported among the cases occurring this summer.

Duke Divine to Preach in Boone

Boone Methodist Church will be host to a distinguished visitor the week of August 1, in the person of Dr. Gilbert T. Rowe, clergyman and professor of Christian theology at Duke University.

Dr. Rowe is widely known throughout the Methodist church and among other denominations. He is a native North Carolinian born in Rowan county, his father Joseph C. Rowe being a prominent minister of the Methodist Church, South.

Dr. Rowe was ordained in 1896. Since that time he has served in many of the leading churches of the Western Carolina conference; as Professor of Greek at Hendrix College, Kans.; Presiding Elder of the Greensboro district; Editor of the North Carolina Christian Advocate, and Book Editor of the M. E. Church, South. He is widely known as an author in the field of religion.

During his stay in Boone, Dr. Rowe will teach a course and lead discussions on the theme of "Christian Beliefs." These meetings will be at the Methodist Church, each evening, Sunday through Friday at 7:30 o'clock. The general public and visitors to the College and community are invited.

Dr. Rowe will preach at the Methodist church at the morning service August 1.

First Case of Polio Noted in County

Carroll Mundy, 3 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mundy, of Tamarack, North Fork Township, who was stricken with infantile paralysis, was taken immediately to the Asheville Orthopedic Home for treatment. The child's local physician says the attack is mild, and that the child had been visiting in Catawba county, just prior to the attack.

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Paving Contract Is Let By Town

The city council on last Saturday let a contract to Kiker and Yount of Reidsville, N. C., for the resurfacing of 30,000 square yards of streets in the town of Boone. The contract calls for the completion of the work by the first of October.

The contractors state that those desiring to have private driveways paved, will have the opportunity while the workers are here and may leave their names at the city hall.

Bees must travel an average of 150,000 miles to gather a single pound of honey.

COUNTY WIDE REA MEETING SET FOR BOONE

Congressman Doughton Asked to Attend Meeting; Every Effort Being Made to Expand REA and Give Improved Service.

On Thursday, August 5, the Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation will hold a county wide membership meeting at the court house in Boone at 2:00 p. m. This meeting will be similar to the annual membership meeting which is held in Lenoir on the second Saturday in September of each year.

This is the first meeting of this type that the Cooperative has held. The management and the Board of Directors of the Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation feel that through this county meeting a closer contact can be had with the members. The management and the Board of Directors express the desire that the members avail themselves of this opportunity to meet with the management and the directors to discuss their mutual problems.

An interesting program is being arranged for the members. Congressman, R. L. Doughton, has been invited to attend this meeting and he has indicated that he will be present if he can get away from Washington at that time. Mr. L. E. Tuckweilder of the State College extension service has also been invited to take part on the program.

This meeting will afford the members an opportunity to learn the more intimate operations of the Cooperative. A detailed report will be given on the financial status of the Cooperative and on the construction progress that is being made. The members attending the meeting will be given an opportunity to make additional nominations for directors to appear on the ballot at the annual meeting. The nominating committee has chosen Bert Mast, Clyde Perry, A. W. Greene, and Clarence Newton to represent Watauga county on the Board of Directors for the next fiscal year. The members, at the annual meeting which will be held in Lenoir on September 11, will be given an opportunity to make further nominations to be added to this list. It is the expressed desire of the present Board of Directors to give the members every opportunity for selecting and electing the men of their choice to serve on their Board of Directors.

Lions Club Maps Year's Program

At the regular meeting on July 20, The Boone Lion's Club outlined an ambitious program for the next twelve months. The program of the club was in charge of the newly-elected program committee of which Leo K. Pritchett is chairman. Lion Pritchett outlined the regular club programs, and special meetings, of the year and called for reports from the chairmen of the various standing committees of the club. The reports from the committees indicate that a well-rounded social, financial, and service program has been planned. Emphasis on regular attendance will be stressed. The club will continue to emphasize the improvement of health standards of the town and county. A contest to stimulate interest in personal and public health among youth of school age has been proposed. The club will continue to promote its special interest in sight conservation and will help provide glasses and medical care where such is needed. The club will cooperate in a program of safety education.

Bees Must Travel 150,000 Miles to Gather a Single Pound of Honey

The club will continue to utilize special projects to raise the necessary funds to finance this program.