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KING STREET

BY
ROB RIVERS

SEEN IN PASSING: Lad carrying a gallon of "lamp oil" by thong looped in handle of glass jug . . . pedestrian meditates on crossing street near Democrat office as cars stream past, and local folks turn in the middle of the block . . . crowd of curious gather at scene of auto accident . . . the badly crushed car parked at the intersection of King and the Blowing Rock Road . . . A. C. Mast selling stuff at auction and radiating friendliness as he goes about town . . . The Blowing Rocket, newsy resort newspaper of Blowing Rock, coming from the press of the Democrat . . . The editors and publishers, John Gravely and Francis Church, doing a splendid job on the weekly, which adequately reflects the goings on at the tourist capital of the northwestern hill country . . . . The pleasant exchanges with Professor Abernathy as we meet about the postoffice . . . Subscriber wondering how we can still issue the Democrat for a dollar and a half . . . we can't and show a financial margin on the circulation side . . Amos Wagner comes up from Sparta and passes the time of day with folks he meets along the street . . . Dr. Sawyer tells a friend the latest joke . . . Mayor Grover Robbins of Blowing Rock, who always seems to be just the right man for his official position . . transacting business . . . says week-end business heavy at the Rock . . . M. W. Beach enjoying a brief vacation from his duties in the composing room of a Chester, S. C. newspaper.

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HOWARD COTTRELL, takes over as President of the Boone Merchants Association, and will steer the organization in a sane but progressive course . . . Howard operates the College Book Store, and of course, is chief of our outstanding fire department . . . He and his identical twin brother, Raleigh, take part in most all worthy activities around the town . . . "The Cottrell twins" are an indispensible community combination . . . . . witty, generous and kind . . . they are always ready to lend a hand . . . their love for the town and her folks . . . is fully reciprocated.

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MRS. J. N. NORTON, who established residence in Boone 25 years ago, and who still maintains this as her residence, comes in to tell of the enjoyment the Democrat and particularly this column, brings her when she's below the hills . . .the larger number of milk cows seen on every farm as the dairying industry becomes more fully established in the area . . . folks waiting for bus down at Herman Wilcox's elegant transportation terminal . . some carry the nonchalance of the veteran bus-rider . . . others show the nervousness and strain characteristic of the novice of the motor ways . . . Mrs. Ruby Ellis, correspondent for state dailies, on the alert for news . . . the family groups of soda sippers at the local drug stores Sunday afternoons as the towns takes on a tranquil status following the large crowds which come on Saturday to mix with the people and take advantage of the splendid shopping facilities of the business district.

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SOMETIMES LIKE TO sit a few minutes and watch people pass by, particularly when numbers of people, unknown to us are in the parade . . . fat ones, lean ones, some hungry . . . others apparently trying to walk off the effects of too much rich food . . . some manifestly happy — others unmistakably sad . . . immaculate clothing of the successful mixed with the tatters of the underprivileged . . . some laughing, alongside one whose face is streaked with tears . . . A few cussing about most everything . . . Others of the Pollyanna philosophy . . . People . . . just folks like you and me, and the man who lives down the block . . . the businessman, the farmer, the laborer, the housewife . . . the mechanic, the ne'er-do-well, those with the Midas touch . . . the churchman, the teacher, the devout layman . . . The drunk, the sober, the frustrated, the serene; the bootlegger, the gambler, the chiseler, the model of earthly virtue; the refined ladies of the old South, the gals of shady customs . . . the babies, and the ruddy faced kiddies of school age . . . they all add up to the greatest show on earth

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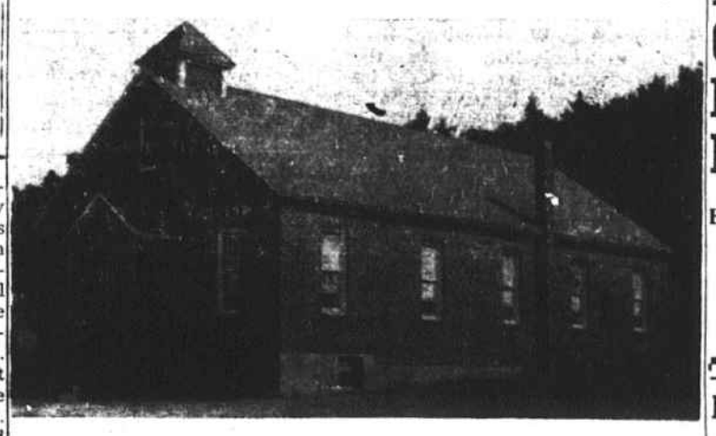
SCENE OF ASSOCIATION SESSION



Laurel Springs Baptist Church at Laxon, N. C., where the 108th session of the Three Forks Baptist Association will be held on August 24 and 25th.

Baptist Association To Hold 108th Gathering

Laurel Springs Church to be Host to Large Religious Meeting.

The Three Forks Baptist Association will hold its one hundred and eighth session with the Laurel Springs Church at Laxon, N. C. August 24 and 25.

The Association is composed of 43 churches with a membership of 7280 reported for last year. The church letters received so far this year indicate a substantial increased membership over last year. The report last year also disclosed 272 baptisms with a Sunday School enrollment of 5040 and total contributions of $79,620.68.

Rev. H. K. Middleton, pastor of Cove Creek, Mount Calvary and Willow Valley churches, is Moderator and Rev. R. C. Eggers, the pastor of Laurel Springs, Meat Camp and Paplar Grove churches is vice-Moderator and chairman of the executive committee.

Rev. Oscar J. Harris, pastor of Blowing Rock Church will deliver the Annual Sermon which is on the program at 11:25 Tuesday August 24th. In addition to the annual sermon the first day's program will include reports on Temperance, Woman's Work and Missions. The Executive Committee will also bring its report.

On Wednesday, August 25th, reports will be heard on obituaries, Christian education, associational progress and benevolences.

4-H WINNER

Richard Hedstrom, 13, of Mankato., Kans., won top honors this year in the Kansas state finals of the extended "Chicken of Tomorrow" contest. The youthful 4-H club member is shown with the trophy won in the competition to produce a quicker-growing, meatier bird.

Banner Elk Pioneer Dies

Banner Elk, Aug. 6.—Robert Lee Lowe, one of the pioneer citizens of Banner Elk and Avery county, died at Grace hospital in Banner Elk July 30, and was buried, following rites at the Banner Elk Presbyterian church on July 31st. He had been in declining health for some months and had been confined to the hospital since July 4.

Mr. Lowe was born in Surry county, N. C. September 18, 1861, and would have been 87 years old had he lived to September. In 1876, when he was 15 years old, he came to Banner Elk with his family—his father, mother, seven brothers and sisters, all now deceased.

In January, 1897, he was married to Miss Blanche VonCanon and together they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1941. Mrs. Lowe died last February at the age of 78. They are survived by the following children:

Mrs. Paul Heineman, Omaha, Nebraska; Gilbert of San Francisco, Calif.; Mrs. W. A. Graham of Charlotte; Mrs. Owen Icenhour of Conover, Fannie, R. C. and Charles, of Banner Elk.

Together Mr. and Mrs. Lowe founded and operated the Banner Elk hotel, which has been in continuous operation since 1891.

With his brothers, T. L. and L. D Lowe, Mr. Lowe founded the Democratic party in Avery county (it was Shawneehaw township of Watauga county at that time) and served as its county chairman over a long period of years. After voting the first time at the age of 21, Mr. Lowe never missed voting in an election, including the last one, and served as the chairman of the board of elections in Banner Elk township for all elections except four during that time.

HOMEMADE BOAT EXPLODES

New York—A speedboat, built in a backyard with funds subscribed by a group of 30 Bronx speedboat enthusiasts at a cost of $5,000, exploded and burned on the Hudson River on its first trial run. The group had planned to enter the boat in regattas this month here and in Detroit. Two men aboard the boat at the time of the explosion escaped with minor burns.

Republicans Set Convention Date

At a meeting of the Republican executive committee held at the court house yesterday afternoon it was decided that the nominating convention of the party will be held at the courthouse here on Saturday, September 4, and that the precinct meetings, which will name delegates to the convention will be held Friday, September 3rd.

The meeting was presided over by Ivy B. Wilson, Republican county chairman, while Earl D. Cook is committee secretary.

The convention will name candidates for Register of Deeds, Representative in the Assembly, State Senator, County Surveyor, and for the three-member board of County Commissioners.

The official call for the convention will be published next week, it was stated.

The number of cows in the United States now is the smallest since 1940, but the ratio of young stock to milk cow numbers is almost a record.

FAIR OFFICIAL GIVES NAMES DEPT. HEADS FOR BIG EVENT

Enlarged Agricultural Fair to Be Held September 16-17-18 Exhibits Must Be in by 15th Of September; The Names Of the Superintendents.

POLIO CANCELS COUNTY FAIR

As the Democrat is being printed, word comes from H. Grady Farthing, manager of the Blue Ridge Fair, that the Fair will not be held this year, due to the polio epidemic. Officials took this step on the advice of public health officials.

The list of superintendents of the various departments of the Blue Ridge Agricultural Fair has been released by H. Grady Farthing, Fair manager, who states that these people will work with the officers of the fair to make entries, keep proper records, assist with displaying and showing of exhibits, and the awarding of the prizes.

The members of the arrangements committee are working to have the Fair grounds ready for the farmer when he brings in his ezhibit.

The Fair, which was discontinued during the war years, will be held September 16-17-18 and an outstanding showing of farm products is being planned in addition to entertainment features.

It is asked that the department Superintendents make every effort to contact those interested in making exhibits in order to be ready in plenty of time, and arrangements are being made to take care of exhibits when they are brought to Boone. All entries must be in by September 15.

Following is a list of the different departments and the names of the superintendents in each case:

Garden and field crops—Ned Glenn, Milton Moretz.

Farm exhibit—Johnnie Greene, Buster Eggers.

Fruits — Albert Watson and and Mont Glovier

Canning — Mrs. Dean Reese, Mrs. Jeff Stanbury, Mrs. James Miller.

Pantry and dairy — Mrs. Grady Farthing, Mrs. Ronda Hardin and Mrs. George Harmon.

Flowers— Mrs. B. W. Stallings, Mrs. Odes Wilson.

Veterans Farm Exhibit — Barton Farthing and Stewart J. Barnes.

Beef Cattle — Henry Taylor, Lynn Norris, Finley P. Hodges.

Sheep — Howard Edmisten, J. W. Norris.

Swine—Ralph Wilson, Tipton Greene.

Dairy — Tom Jackson, John K. Perry, W. M. Winkler.

Horses — George Wilson, Grady Perry.

Poultry — Hayes Wellborn, Dean Bingham.

Junior department — C. H. Kirkman, Jr., R. L Tait, Norma Dillingham, Mrs. Joye Davis.

Home Demonstration booths — Mrs. A. A. Greene, Mrs. Maude Ward, Mrs. Wade Clawson.

Handicraft — Mrs. W. J. Kelsey Mrs. Ulery.

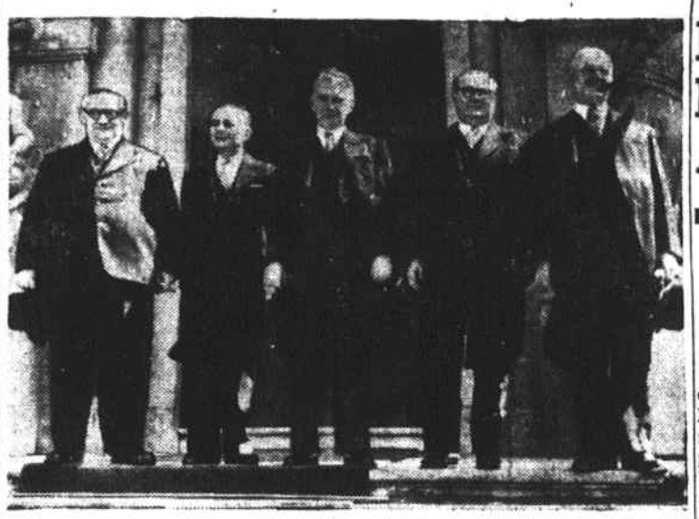
Needlecraft — Mrs. Glenn Brown, Mrs. Cecil Swift, Mrs. R. D. Wellborn.

Baby show — W. H. Gragg, Barnard Dougherty,

AS SOUTH PLANS ACTION

Dixie Democratic senators get together to plan a last ditch action against President Truman's civil rights program. Shown, left to right, are: Sen. Richard B. Russell, Senator Harry F. Byrd of Virginia, and Sen. Allen J. Ellender of Louisiana. Russell, who hails from Georgia and leader of the group, later told reporters that the group discussed "specific strategy for meeting any emergency."

FORGE WESTERN PLANS



Foreign ministers of Great Britain, France, and the Benelux countries are shown jus tbefore starting four-hour conference at the Hague, on joint defense and economic plans. From thes session it is hoped that a working agreement can be established for a true federation of western Europe. In the picture, left to right, are: Ernest Bevin, Great Britain; Georges Bidault, France; Baron Von Boetzelaer van Oosterhout, the Netherlands; Paul Henr Spaak, Belgium, and Pierre Dupong, Luxembourg.

Dr. King Resigns Post District Health Officer

Doctor Will Do Public Health Work in Alamance County.

Dr. Robert King, Jr., has resigned his position as District Health officer for the Watauga-Ashe-Alleghany division and left Sunday for Alamance county, where he is employed as public health physician. He and Mrs. King will reside at Burlington or Graham, and Dr. King plans to commute to the University of North Carolina for the purpose of finishing his degree in public health work.

Dr. King has capably administered the district health department for the past twenty months. He says no decision has been arrived at as to a possible sucessor, but that Wade E. Eller, public health sanitarian, will act for the time being as administrative supervisor, and that Dr. Len Hagaman will act as part-time health officer during the emergency.

WELCOME, LIONS!

Mayor William O'Dwer (right) greets Fed W. Smith, president of Lions International, as he extends New York's official welcome to the organization on the occasion of their 31st annual convention.

Lions Well on Way With Year's Work

The last meeting of the Boone Lions Club was notable for its large attendance and excellent program, and the club is now well on the way with its new year of work.

The program of the evening featured some of the work sponsored by the Lions Club and other community organizations. Douglas Clawson, 4-H club member, who had the grand champion lamb in recent competition, gave an interesting and entertaining demonstration on the raising of lambs for profit. His demonstration and comments were enjoyed.

The Club heard reports of members who attended the national convention in New York City. Those reporting were Lions J. C. Cline, A. R. Smith, D. J. Whitener, and R. E. Kelly. The delegation from North Carolina made an excellent showing at the convention, North Carolina's band tied for third place. The Lions exhibit from North Carolina won first place.

Two men from the local club have left the community. They are Lion Dr. Robert King, and Lion Jim McKeown. Regret was expressed by members of the club that these men have had to leave

The next meeting of the club will feature the annual summer picnic. This year the picnic will be held at Winkler's Creek on Wednesday, August 18. In case of rain the picnic will be held at the Methodist Church.

At the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Club discussion concerning the Community Betterment Project and the Blind Aid Seal Sale were discussed.

Jaycees to Map City Water System

The Junior Chamber of Commerce has started a project of making a map of the City water main and sewer systems. The proposed map will show all streets now existing in the town.

Recreation Yet Continues Here

The local recreation program continues in the face of restrictions due to the local curtailment due to Infantile Paralysis.

Last week attendance was good in spite of rainy weather. An average day at the recreation project will record an attendance of sixty-five to seventy persons who come around to play, or watch the activities. The program begins promptly at three o'clock in the afternoon and is in almost continuous operation until ten o'clock in the evening. The response has been encouraging and the equipment is used to capacity.

The skating project has not proved satisfactory because of poor lighting on the street in front of the Demonstration school. Efforts will be made to light this area, or provide another place for skating.

The recreation commission urges that the facilities of the program be used. Visitors who wish to look on at the activities are welcomed.

Last week August 2 through 7 a total of 306 persons used facilities at the recreation Center, according to Mr. Tommy Thompson, director.

Flower Show To Open Today

Thursday afternoon at 3:30 p. m. at the Daniel Boone Hotel, the annual flower show, sponsored by the Worthwhile Club, will be opened to the public. All flower growers are invited to exhibit. The committee requests that all entries be in by 12 noon to allow time for judging and arranging.

This is a fine opportunity for all flower lovers to view the best of the many beautiful flowers grown in Boone and vicinity. The show will remain open until 9 p. m.

North Carolina needs 1.5 billion pounds more milk and 379 million more eggs per year to meet reasonable diet standards of its people.

WATAUGA HAS FIRST DEATH FROM POLIO; 6 ARE STRICKEN

Rites Held for Silverstone Child; Four New Cases Are Reported; Health Official Asks Children Be Kept Out Of Crowds; School Closes.

Lonnie Gail Isaacs, 20 months old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Isaacs of Silverstone, died Sunday morning at the Asheville Orthopaedic hospital, being the first Watauga county fatality of the State's worst polio epidemic. At the same time it is learned that four more cases of polio have developed in the county, bringing the local total to six, while health department officials are urging parents to keep their children out of crowds until the situation clears.

Graveside funeral rites for the Isaacs child were conducted Monday afternoon at the Mast cemetery by Rev. Ronda Earp.

The survivors include the parents, a twin brother, Ronnie; one sister, Adene, all of the home.

The New Cases

The new cases of polio reported in the last few days are:

Lucy Dean Earp, 13, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Earp of Vilas.

A 4 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Miller of Tamarack.

Robert Perry, 9 months old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clay Perry, of Zionville.

Cynthia Hodges, 8½ months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hodges of Adams.

Health Dept. Recommendations

Dr. Len D. Hagaman, who is acting as part-time county health officer, insists that parents cooperate in keeping their children away from crowds, and believes that if this is done, it may not be necessary to invoke a legal quarantine order.

Dr. Hagaman insists that parents desist from bringing their children to town unless necessary; that they keep them out of crowds and that they do not allow them to go to the movies or similar gatherings as long as there is danger of the spread of polio.

Summer Schools Close

The summer terms of the local demonstration school has been closed, band practice has been discontinued by the High School band, the swimming project of the recreation center closed, and other steps taken by various organizations and groups in an effort to prevent the spread of polio.

G. M. Donnelly Rites Held Friday

Funeral services for G. M. Donnelly, 79, well known veteran traveling salesmen, were held Friday afternoon at the late residence in the North Fork section of Ashe county. Interment was in the family cemetery.

Mr. Donnelly, who in his early manhood had been a grocery sales man, had traveled for many years for C. M. McClung & Co., Knoxville hardware distributors, but went off the road several years ago, due to bad health. He died Wednesday morning, after an illness which had been considered serious for several weeks.

He is survived by the widow, and the following sons and daughters: T. E. Donnelly, West Jefferson; D. C. Donnelly, Trade, Tenn.; Dr. G. L. Donnelly, Asheville; Paul Donnelly, Salisbury; John F. Donnelly, Statesville; Doris Donnelly; Mrs. Clara Brown of Boone; Mrs. Mary Cole, Whiteville and Mrs. Ruth Roland.

Rev. McKeown Takes Texas Call

The Reverend James McKeown has resigned as pastor of St. Luke's Episcopal Church to accept a call to the Christ Church, Cameron, Texas.

He and his family left Monday to spend a vacation in Florida before taking up his work in Texas on September 1.

In addition to his work in this city, Rev. Mr. McKeown has served the churches at Glendale Springs, St. Mary's in Ashe county and St. Matthews, Todd.

The minister and his family have made many friends in this section who regret to see them leave and wish them much success in the new field to which they have been called.