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## KING STREET

BY  
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LAD, PASSING ALONG the street, combs back hair with pocket comb . . . A long time ago one of these little combs and a pocket mirror about the size of a silver dollar, with the picture of a plumed lady on the back . . . were indispensable parts of a school boys equipment . . . used to stand behind one of the big white pines down at Appalachian and make sure that every greased-down hair was properly polished down, before getting in range of the best girl . . . Richard Hodges, remarks about hearing a katydid loosen up in song . . . quotes the old saying: "When the katydid sings, frost is only forty days away." . . . Mr. and Mrs. Vilas Moretz . . . good neighbors, treat us to a large bag of grapefruit, picked fresh off the trees in Florida by Mr. Moretz last week . . . bicycle built for two cruising along, without the back seat driver . . . The Misses Bochelle, of the State of Florida, enjoying their new summer home, atop the hill to the west of the Rivers place . . . The increasing number of motorcycles and motor bikes, popping along the highways . . . The loud noises makes the work of these iron steeds appear most laborious . . . Homer Brown, who recently joined the ranks of the local Benedict, giving us some views on the national political situation as we journey toward the house on the hill . . . J. A. Warren, resident of Zionville, drops in to renew the Democrat for his forty-first year . . . "wouldn't want to do without the county paper, no sir."

## ROYAL OLYMPIC SPECTATORS



Interested spectators in the royal box at Wembley stadium in London as the 14th Olympiad of the modern age opens there. Left to right they are, the Earl of Athlone, Britain's Dowager Queen Mary, and Prince Bernhard, prince consort of the Netherlands' crown princess and current regent, Juliana.

## Three New Polio Cases In County; Total Is Nine

### SUSPENDED



Paul Markgraf, former Berlin police chief, who was suspended on ground that he favored Soviet occupation forces in the German capital. He refused to yield office thus presenting Berlin with a divided police force with two police chiefs functioning.

## Tax Rate Cut at Blowing Rock

Blowing Rock.—Good news in store for Blowing Rock taxpayers. In their monthly meeting Tuesday, August 3, the Blowing Rock town council voted under new assessments, due to re-valuation and adjustment, to reduce the property tax rate from \$2.85 per \$100 value for the next fiscal year which began July 1. Furthermore assessments are practically completed for this year. The town council appointed three new members to the Park Board. C. H. Berryman was appointed park commissioner representing the town board. Raymond Williams and Mrs. John H. Reineking were also appointed. The community club has been asked to recommend a member representing the welfare board.

## Mrs. Champney Goes On Radio

Mrs. Arthur F. Champney of Miami, Fla., summer resident of Boone, will broadcast Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 2 p. m. over radio station WKBC, North Wilkesboro. Mrs. Champney's program will be known as "Bits of Daily Living" with Aunt Lil. Appearing on the program with Mrs. Champney will be Miss Joan Haiden of Laxon, N. C. Anyone knowing of sick people or anything of interest that they would like to have broadcast, should write "Aunt Lil" care of WKBC, North Wilkesboro.

## Navy Recruiter To Be Absent Until Sept. 9th

Chief Callahan, local Naval recruiter, will not be in Boone again until September 9. In the meantime, anyone wishing to enlist or re-enlist, may contact Chief Callahan at the postoffice building, Lenoir, N. C.

## FLOWER SHOW PRIZE WINNERS GIVEN OUT BY CLUB WOMEN

Annual Event Sponsored By Woman's Club Draws Interest Mrs. Jack Hodges Wins Grand Prize; A List of the Prize Winners Given.

The annual Worthwhile Woman's Club Flower Show was held Thursday afternoon on the porch of the Daniel Boone Hotel and was an occasion of widespread interest to the flower growers of the community.

A mass of vivid colored flowers was displayed on tables, along the walls, and the huge center collection of blooms featured roses, lilies, and miscellaneous varieties of flowers.

During the afternoon Mrs. F. E. Warman and Mrs. R. L. Tate played selections on the piano which was provided for the occasion by Mr. Craven, and refreshments were served on the lawn.

Mrs. Jack Hodges won the grand prize for her yellow Peace roses, \$5 in cash; Mrs. W. C. Greer was given an electric lamp as the second place prize for her Snow Princess gladioli, and Miss Madge Rhyne won an electric iron for her dahlias.

Mrs. Mae Miller won first place in number of blue ribbons and received a tray; Mrs. Jack Hodges received a coffee maker for second place with ribbons and Mrs. L. L. Bingham won plant stakes for third place in ribbons.

In the men's division, R. W. Watkins won an ash tray set and (Continued on page 5)

## County Schools To Open First

The county schools are scheduled to open the 1948-49 terms on September 1, it is learned from the office of Superintendent W. H. Walker.

It is possible however, that if there is no improvement in the local polio situation the board of education may authorize a postponement.

At any rate school officials have received no suggestions from health officials dealing with the opening of the schools this year.

## Jacob E. Burkett Funeral Friday

Jacob Elias Burkett, 88 years old, well known citizen of the Mabel neighborhood died at the home Wednesday of last week, following a long period of illness.

Funeral services were conducted Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the late residence by Rev. R. C. Eggers, and burial was in the Lewis cemetery.

Surviving is the widow; the former Miss Charlotte Lewis, 1 son, J. M. Burkett, of Mabel and five daughters: Mrs. W. M. Combs, Sherwood; Mrs. G. C. Norris, Mabel; Mrs. A. W. Smith, Boone; Mrs. C. L. Younce, Mrs. H. L. Combs, Mabel.

## First Case Shows Up in Boone; Health Officer Asks Aid of Parents.

Three new cases of polio have developed in the county in the past week, bringing the total for the current epidemic here to nine cases.

The new cases are as follows: George Richardson, 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. Del Richardson of Boone, described as having "mild attack."

Jean Beach, 15, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beach of Silverstone, who has been admitted to the Asheville Orthopaedic Hospital.

Billy Edwards Simmons, 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Simmons of Vilas has been stricken, and was sent to the Asheville Hospital on Tuesday afternoon.

Dr. Len D. Hagaman urges parents to continue to keep their children out of crowds, and believes that with their continued help the danger will soon have passed.

Few children are seen on the streets since the polio situation became serious here. They are not attending the movies or other gatherings in any appreciable number and many of the youth activities in the churches of the community have been called off for the time being.

## Ashe Woman Is Brutally Slain

West Jefferson — A young Ashe County man was held in jail last night as Sheriff W. B. J. M. Burkett, of Mabel Todd investigated a brutal beating in which the man's wife was killed early yesterday morning.

Mrs. Mattie Janet Long, 22, had been in Ashe County just three days. She and her husband Thomas Matthew Long, also 22, were living near Glendale Springs. They had been married less than three months.

Sheriff Todd could not be reached last night. The version of the beating which left Mrs. Long dead in a field near her home, as told by State Highway Patrolman R. B. Parker and T. G. Roberts last night, is as follows:

Mr. Long told officers he and his wife had been drinking and were riding down the highway near their home. He wanted to go home. Mrs. Long refused. A fight started in the car. When the man finally stopped the car, the fight was carried outside.

Long told the officers he and his wife fought for a long time in the field. About 3 a. m., he said, he called his father and asked him to assist in carrying his wife into the house.

It was not until the two men brought the beaten woman into the house that they realized she was dead. The time then was 3 a. m.

The patrolmen, who assisted Sheriff Todd in his investigation, said another man was being held in jail. Others might be arrested later, they added.

The second man held in jail was not identified last night.

## SCORED ONE, TWO, THREE FOR U. S.



B. A. F. Harlan, center, who won the Olympic springboard diving title at the Olympics for the U. S., is congratulated by two teammates who won second and third places in the event. At left is Miller Anderson, who, like Harlan, hails from Ohio State; at right, Lieut. Sammy Lee, of Los Angeles, who was third.

## Fair Officials Regret Cancellation of Event

### SPY WITNESS



Elizabeth Bentley, confessed former communist espionage agent, is shown as she appeared before a Senate sub-committee. The 36-year-old Vassar graduate dramatically identified many high government officials who had given her military information to be forwarded to Russia.

## Wey Returns To High School

Mr. Herbert Wey, who for the past year has been working toward his Doctor's Degree at Indiana University, has returned to Boone to resume his work as Principal at the local high school.

He has set August 19, 20 and 21 as the days for re-registering high school students for the coming year's work. All students who signed up for Art courses are especially asked to come in and re-register as Art will not be offered this year. All students who attended summer school this summer are also asked to come in and re-register for the coming year. All other students who wish to make changes in their schedules are asked to come by during this time and make these changes.

## Polio Disrupts Plans for Agricultural Exhibit; Officials Express Thanks.

The officials of the Blue Ridge Fair Association regrets that it became necessary to call off having the fair this year. Some new cases of polio are developing in the county, and the fair association was advised that taking this precaution might help in the prevention of the spread of the disease.

Mr. H. Grady Farthing, the fair manager expresses his appreciation to the people who aided in getting ready for the fair, in the following words:

"We wish to thank everyone, who so liberally purchased ads in our premium catalog. Also we wish to thank all the workers and department supervisors, who were so liberally giving their time and talent in our effort to promote the fair. We sincerely hope that another year will bring more favorable conditions for having our county fair. All funds collected through the premium catalog are now in the hands of our treasurer, Mr. Clyde R. Greene."

## Dr. Barden Attends Meeting of NCEA

Dr. John G. Barden, professor of education at Appalachian college, attended an all-day meeting Saturday of the legislative committee of the North Carolina education association.

The committee concentrated its efforts on laying the foundation for proposed legislation for the year toward the improvement of the teaching profession.

Dr. Barden is president of the division of higher education, and the State planning commission of the North Carolina Education Association.

## BAMBOO TEAM TO PLAY FRIES TEAM SATURDAY

The Bamboo baseball team will meet the Fries, Va., team on the Bamboo diamond Saturday at 1 o'clock. Bamboo will play Sparta Wednesday afternoon of next week at 2 o'clock on college field.

## OFFICIALS AT THE FLOWER SHOW



Pictured at the close of the Woman's Club's annual flower show, are left to right: Mrs. W. C. Greer, general chairman of the event, and six board of judges, who are: Mrs. Charles Cannon, Charlotte and Blowing Rock; Mrs. Charles Cannon, Charlotte and Blowing Rock; and Miss Cora A. Harris of Charlotte.

## DR. SMITH WILL BE SPEAKER AS 76 COLLEGIANS GET DEGREES

Official of South Carolina Department of Education to Speak at Commencement Exercises at Appalachian August 26; The Graduates.

Commencement exercises for the summer graduating class of Appalachian State Teachers college will be held in the college auditorium on Thursday evening, August 26, at eight o'clock. Seventy-six candidates will be presented for degrees.

The speaker will be Dr. Ellison M. Smith, director of the Division of Teacher Education and Certification of the South Carolina Department of Education, Columbia. Dr. Smith was a member of the faculty at Appalachian this summer for one of the two-weeks sessions.

Dr. B. B. Dougherty, president of the college, will present degrees to the following:

Young Hawkins Allen, Jr., Peachland; Willa Billings, Flint, Michigan; Dorothy Goode Bingham, Floe Elizabeth Bingham, Ira J. Bingham, Jr., and Viola Gertrude Bingham, all of Boone; Margaret G. Bishop, Avondale; Virginia Moretz Bolick, Southmont; Maxine Bradley, Vilas; Olive Alexandra Brooks, Midland; Laura L. Brown, Charles, S. C.; Ruby Parsons Church, Purlear; Margaret Elizabeth Clarke, Ansoville; Edgar Bernard Comer, Dobson; Elizabeth Crayton, Oakboro; Calvin Leonard Criner, Galax, Va.; Dollie Culbertson, Laurens, S. C.; Josephine Rhoades Davis, Greensboro; (Continued on page 8)

## Rites For Fallen Soldier Thursday

The body of Delmer M. Potter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fate Potter of Tamarack, who was killed in the Pacific area May 12, 1945, has been returned to Watauga for permanent interment.

Funeral services are to be held Thursday evening at 2 o'clock at the Baptist Church at Tamarack, by Rev. Noah Johnson, and burial will be in the Potter family cemetery.

Full military honors will be accorded at the graveside by members of Watauga Post No. 130, of the American Legion.

## Postals Officials Make Local Trip

Mr. Bapst of the General Superintendent's office, railway mail service, Washington, D. C., was in town Tuesday conferring with Postmaster Brown in connection with a survey he is making looking to the establishment of highway postoffice service between Greensboro and Johnson City.

He was accompanied by J. McGhee, district superintendent of the railway mail service, Greensboro.

Mr. Holcomb of the district railway mail service office in Atlanta, visited the city Monday on official duties.

## Gov. Ballentine To Go To Bean Festival Event

Mountain City, Tenn., August 16.—Lieutenant Governor Ballentine of North Carolina, the President of the Tennessee Junior Chamber of Commerce, and the director of the Barter Theatre, will be judges of the float and queen contests in the annual bean festival here, officials announced today.

Lynton Y. Ballentine, lieutenant governor of North Carolina, John McKinney, State president of the Tennessee Junior Chamber of Commerce, and Robert Porterfield, director of the famous Barter Theatre, have accepted invitations to act as judges in the festival, sponsored by the Mountain City Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Mountain City Community Club, has been definitely set for September 2. The festival is for the benefit of the Johnson County War Memorial Fund.

Different civic organizations throughout the county are already preparing floats to be entered in the parade and it is expected that all queen candidates will be selected within a week.

**OFFICER COY GREENE** performs valuable public service in keeping the traffic straightened out at the Baptist Church corner Sunday, when the services are over . . . Riding around a few minutes with David (Continued on page 4)