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KING STREET

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OCTOBER comes in ahead of frost, but the frosts of the forests are changing to gold and crimson as summertime takes leave of the mountains. Jack frost will soon bring in his paint pot and spreads cloak of many colors over mountains and valleys. . . in a magnificent requiem to the happy days of summer. . . Screech owl sounds plaintive notes in the cool of eventide. . . Big crows visit their Alma Mater on the occasion of Appalachian College and the homefolks turn out to witness the Mountaineers vanquish the Elon Christians in a classic of the frolicsome pigskin. . . The one-way traffic signs on Appalachian Street, if observed, most likely will save a life, maybe yours. . . Howard Street, beautifully paved, and as smooth as a floor, brings joy to the folks who have occasion to use the town's second most important avenue. . . Eddie B. Hagaman, who is a sort of one-man Gallop poll of local opinion, tells us what's in the minds of the folks over in his district. . . J. Frank Wilson, who has read the Democrat since it first hit the mails, hails us on the street and chats pleasantly. . . Earl D. Cook, G. O. P. leader, and candidate for commissioner, chats with us about some of the funny political angles while we wait before the teller's window at the bank. . . Surveying a bunch of picture frames and trying to figure out why the makers thereof can't conform to standard photographers' sizes. . . the authority and high morale which accompany unusual feminine beauty.

ROTARIAN makes it a point to go on inspection trip of the county jail and drops by to tell us of the courteous treatment accorded by Jailer Church. . . Civic leader pays deserved compliment to the Sheriff's office. . . says the bastille is clean as a pin throughout, everything in tip top shape, and that the best part of the visit was when he looked into the cells, and found every single one of the barred rooms . . . EMPTY!

ALONG THE ASPHALT: Groups of bicyclists huttling to and fro in the line of fast traffic and giving the motorists the willies. . . pick-ups and trucks slowing up the deal. . . driver ahead doing fifty, and apparently talking incessantly, taking hand from wheel to drive home point every once in a while, and crossing the center line with every gesticulation. . . woman lets bitzy one walk unaided along the edge of the pavement. . . big dog who aimed to cross to the other side. . . small lad attempts to pull obstinate cow against her will. . . gazing down an embankment at remains of one of the huge express trailers, which had been a funeral pyre for the driver. . . entire cargo burned, even the rubber from the wheels. . . the curious pass a few words, and are gone again. . . faster than before. . . cars passing on one of the old narrow bridges, while pedestrian caught in the center of the span holds on to the superstructure. . . auto with every fender battered. . . crimson-colored model T, chugging along at a pace that would have been breath-taking just few short years ago. . . the hustle and bustle of the air terminal in Winston-Salem. . . Hadn't been at the spot since we took a barn-storming flight there when sailing through the ether was considered a prank, rather than a practical means of getting some place. . . The stop signs at Brooks cross roads. . . After all cars are stopped, no one knows who has the right of way. . . another fellow took the pain to move same time we did. . . a standard traffic light would, it seems, help.

Voter reads plea of candidate for the establishment of a two-party system in North Carolina. . . "Perhaps the thing to do. . . think myself there should be two. . . thing that puzzles me, however, is, he don't say which two of the darn things we ought to get rid of. . . Trying to absorb with might and main one of those mixed-up deductions. . . speaker notes our sluggishness on the uptake and allows that we appear to be "dumber than common." . . Farmers visit Hereford sale Saturday to view the juicy steaks on the hoof, and to do their buying. . . some say the peak in (Continued on page 4)

ELECTION DAY IS COMING



Miss Margaret Truman, daughter of the President, signs the election registration book to vote in her first Presidential election, upon her arrival in Independence, Mo. Looking on are her father and mother and election clerk, Anna Kelly.

Mrs. Harris Chosen For Assembly Race

POLIO VIRUS?



Dr. Eduardo D. P. Derobertis, left, and Dr. Francis O. Schmitt, of Cambridge and Belmont, Mass., respectively, showed pictures of tiny dots that may be polio virus moving inside a nerve to the Microscope Society of America at Toronto. Scientists attending the meetings said that if these dots are actually the virus, there is reason for rejoicing.

Last Rites Held For Lt. Aldridge

Funeral services were conducted last Wednesday from the Fosco Christian Church for Lieut. Shona Aldridge, who lost his life in the recent war while leading his platoon in the invasion of Italy. Rev. S. E. Gragg, of the Advent Christian Church, conducted the services, and members of Watauga Post, American Legion conferred military honors at the graveside. Lieut. Aldridge is survived by the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Linville Aldridge and the following brothers and sisters: Shula, Clus, Jimmie Aldridge, of Foscoe; Garner Aldridge, Bel Air, Md.; Miss Bula Snow Aldridge, Mrs. Dempsey Shook, Miss Burnell Aldridge of Foscoe; Mrs. Stanley Storie of Shulls Mills. Lieut. Aldridge, who was 32 years old, was posthumously awarded the oak leaf cluster, an addition to the silver star, for gallantry in action with an infantry regiment of the 36th "Texas" Division. He was serving with General Mark Clark's fifth army, and had seen action in Africa and Sicily, before losing his life as he led his platoon in an attack across the Rapido River in the Italian campaign.

Whitener Speaks In Statesville

Dr. D. J. Whitener of Boone, district governor, Lions International, was guest speaker at the Statesville Lions Club, marking the first of a series of regional conferences on world peace and understanding. Also speaking at the conference were Edward H. McMahon and Congressman R. L. Doughton. Mrs. Whitener and Richard Kelley, cabinet secretary, also attended the meeting.

Mrs. Mary S. Harris of Sherwood, has been selected as the Democratic candidate for the House of Representatives, thus becoming the first woman to be chosen by either political party for a seat in the General Assembly from Watauga county. Mrs. Harris received the nomination from the Democratic executive committee, which acted after Dr. J. B. Hagaman had decided to withdraw from the race for the house. Dr. Hagaman had been nominated by an overwhelming vote of the county convention, but decided against making the race due to the pressure of his professional duties.

Mrs. Harris is a daughter of the late Enoch and Mrs. Swift, pioneer residents of the Cove Creek section, and has long taken an active interest in public affairs, and may be expected to aggressively place her candidacy before the people. Her husband, Stanley A. Harris, retired national Boy Scout executive, is president of the Boone Rotary Club.

554 Children in School in Boone

The Boone Demonstration School has gotten off to a satisfactory start with an enrollment of 554 children in the first seven grades. The largest enrollment is in the first grade. Mrs. Robert Broome has been employed by the college to teach part of the 97 pupils enrolled in this grade. Principal John T. Howell stated that the lunch room has averaged serving 350 children per day during the first two weeks.

Rotary Seeks To Aid Delinquents

Local law enforcement officers sometimes find that they have boys and girls under 16 years of age in their custody and no place to put them except the jail. Our officers hate to lodge a boy or girl in jail; our citizens hate for youth to be put in jail and our county and city officials disapprove of it. It is unlawful. Some kind of detention quarters is needed. Recognizing this community need, the Rotary Club is using its influence to help work out some satisfactory solution to this problem.

Thomas Child Dies Tuesday

Nora Doris Thomas, 13, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Thomas of Trade, Tenn., died at her home Tuesday of bronchial pneumonia. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday at 11 o'clock at Thomas Chapel at Trade and burial was in the Thomas cemetery. Rev. Victor Trivette was in charge of the rites. She is survived by the parents, one brother and two sisters, Willey A. Thomas, Maude K. and Art Mae Thomas all of the home.

COUNTERFEIT CLUBWOMEN AID ENDOWMENT FUND

Descriptions of Synthetic Bank Bank Notes Given For the Protection of Local People; Say Comparison Quickest Way to Detect Bad Money.

The appearance of a number of spurious ten and twenty dollar bills in territory in which some of the Boone stores operate, has caused the merchants association to issue the following bulletin to the public, in order that they may protect themselves against the counterfeit bank notes:

There are a good many counterfeit \$10 bills being circulated in the country and some of them have been found in the territory in which we operate. The description of these bills is shown below but this description states that the seals are green. However on some of these bills the seals are black. (The \$10.00 bills that bear the B 388 in the lower right hand corner have the serial number on the left hand side under the seal to begin with the letter "G" and end with the figures and letter 602C). All of these bills are drawn on the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

There are also a few counterfeit \$20 bills being circulated and they all bear the numbers D 98 and A 96 in the lower right hand corner. They are also of the "G" series. Please be on the lookout for both the \$10 and \$20 counterfeit bills.

We are giving information sent in by the United States Secret Service and the United States Treasury Department regarding the counterfeit bills.

The counterfeits are of the series of 1934. Red ink lines are drawn on the paper to simulate genuine threads. Hamilton's hair has an unnaturally white appearance.

On the back look for the numbers 1177, 1159, or 1098 in tiny print, inside the border at the right. Also, the steps to the Treasury building are missing, and the area just under the columns at the entrance is solid white.

This counterfeit is being passed on retail merchants in many parts of the United States. Cashiers are urged to keep a genuine \$10 Federal reserve note handy, and to compare all suspected bills with it. This counterfeit can be easily detected when compared with a genuine bill.

If you get a counterfeit, do not return it. Try to delay the passer by some natural excuse, and telephone your police department. If the passer leaves, write down the license number of any cars involved.

Gay Fall Colors In Parkway Area

Nature is parading itself in all the glory of its many fall colors, along the Blue Ridge Parkway. The familiar green foliage is giving way to a party dress showing its many and varied hues of yellow, brown, scarlet and red.

The fast-turning leaves of the black gum, hickories, maples, birches and sourwoods and other trees are arranging a colorful pattern for the enjoyment of the visitor to the Parkway.

According to Mr. Sam P. Weems, superintendent of the Blue Ridge Parkway, this display is now at its height and should be very attractive for the next two weeks.

Athletic Assn. Meeting Slated

Coach R. W. Watkins, president of the tri-county athletic association, has called the fall meeting of the association for Monday October 11th at 6:30 in the men's gymnasium at the college.

The association is made up of nine high schools in Ashe county, four from Watauga, and three from Avery. The fall meeting will deal with basketball schedules, officials and rules of eligibility for players. All coaches and principals are asked to be present.

HAWAIIAN HONEY The Department of Agriculture is giving consideration to Hawaiian honey in its further purchase for the school-lunch program.

TEACHERS TO HOLD INITIAL MEETING HERE NEXT FRIDAY



Dr. E. B. Dougherty, president of Appalachian State Teachers College, accepts donation to endowment fund for Appalachian Summit School from a group of local clubwomen. Mrs. F. R. Derrick, chairman of the finance committee, Worthwhile Woman's Club, is seen presenting the check. Other members of the committee, left to right, are: Mrs. Starr Stacy, Mrs. G. H. Phillips, and Mrs. F. E. Warman. A member of the committee, not present when the picture was made, is Mrs. Lee Reynolds.—Photo by Palmer Blair.

Registration Books To Open Saturday

HENRY REGISTERS



How you vote in New York state is your business, but you don't vote unless you register. So the Henry Wallace, whose farm home is in the more rural reaches of suburban Westchester, went to the board of elections at White Plains, N. Y. to register for the November elections. Mr. and Mrs. Wallace are shown dropping their ballots in the box.

Services Held For William H. Vines

Funeral services for Pfc. William Hal Vines, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Vines of Sugar Grove were held Tuesday, September 28 at 2:00 p. m. at the Bethel Baptist Church with the Rev. W. D. Ashley, Rev. Robert Shores and Dr. Wiley Smith officiating. Interment was in the family cemetery.

Pfc. Vines entered the service April 12, 1944, and received training at Camp Blanding, Fla., Fort Meade, Md., and Camp Van Dorn, Miss. before being sent to France in December 1944. He was killed in action January 29, 1945 in the vicinity of Colmar, France, at the age of 19.

While home on furlough he was converted at Forest Grove church but was called back to camp before he had the opportunity of uniting with the church.

He is survived by the parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Vines, one sister, Mrs. Ruby Anderson of Boone; and four brothers, James, Thomas, Vance, and Johnny of Sugar Grove.

Shipley on Board Hereford Group

Greensboro, Sept. 30. — Three new directors of the North Carolina Hereford Breeders association were elected this morning at a business session at Guilford Dairy club.

They are R. G. Shipley of Vilas, J. H. Crossingham of Mr. A. W. S. Barber of Mt. Olive. M. O. Galloway of Waynesboro association president, presided over today's sessions. After an address of welcome by T. E. Bledsoe, Greensboro Hereford breeder, Paul Swaffler of State College's Extension service, spoke of the possibility of developing Herefords in this section. He recommended improved pastures, development of community herds and improvement in the quality of purebred herds as methods of development.

Charles Ingersoll, co-founder of dollar-watch firm, dies.

The registration books for the general election will be open at the various polling places in the county next Saturday, it is advised by R. T. Greer, chairman of the county board of elections. Mr. Greer states that the books will also be at the polling places on October 16 and 23, and that October 30 will be observed as challenge day.

All those who have not hitherto voted in Watauga, and who have become eligible by establishing their residence here, or who have attained their majority since the last election will be required to register. Those who do not appear at the polling places may contact their registrar at his home or place of business.

Absentees Available. Chairman Greer says that the board of elections is establishing an office in the P. W. Moretz building on Howard Street and that ballots and necessary forms for use in absentee voting are now available.

Blowing Rock Leader Succumbs

David J. Craig, summer resident of Blowing Rock for many years, died at his home in Charlotte Sunday, after an illness of several months.

Born in Gastonia, Mr. Craig was a former resident of Statesville where for 25 years he was secretary-treasurer of the Henkel Craig Livestock company. As an executive of the companies which built the golf course and enlarged and modernized the Green Park hotel, he was active in the development of Blowing Rock as a summer resort.

Funeral services were conducted at the home Monday afternoon by Dr. James A. Jones, pastor of Myers Park Presbyterian church. Interment was in Elmwood cemetery.

Drivers Asked To Get License

All persons in Watauga county whose surnames begin with E, F, and G are urged to renew their driving license at once by the State examiner for this area.

July 1 to December 31 was designated as the time for the auto-licensing in this category to get their licenses, and although half the time has elapsed, very few have secured renewals. The examiner will be at the courthouse every Friday throughout the remainder of the year for this purpose.

Persons driving without a license after December 31, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and be liable to a fine of not less than \$25.00.

Supper Arranged By P.-T. A. Body

The Parent-Teachers Association will sponsor a get-acquainted covered dish supper at the high school cafeteria Thursday evening at 7 o'clock.

All members of the organization and members of the faculty in prior years, will furnish the food for the occasion.

TEACHERS TO HOLD INITIAL MEETING HERE NEXT FRIDAY

Schools to Close at Noon So Tutors May Gather; President Wey to Preside; Walker to Give Comparative Tax Figures Candidates Invited.

The first meeting of the Watauga County Unit of the North Carolina Education Association will be held in the auditorium of Appalachian High School, Friday, October 8, at two o'clock. The schools throughout the county will close at noon in order to allow all teachers to be present for this meeting.

Mr. Herbert Wey, who was elected vice-president last spring, is now president and will preside at the Friday meeting. Mrs. Rawleigh Cottrell is the new vice-president and program chairman.

Mrs. Cottrell has announced the following program for the first meeting: Superintendent Howard Walker will compare Watauga county with surrounding counties in regard to taxes spent for education.

Mrs. Grace Council will report on the N. C. E. A. meeting held in Raleigh, October 2. The county candidates for offices in the November election will state briefly their views toward education for Watauga county. These candidates are: State Senate, Dr. H. B. Perry, Sr., Dr. A. P. Kephart; State House of Representatives, Mr. Clyde Eggers and Mrs. Mary Harris; County Commissioners, Mr. Harry Hamilton, Mr. A. G. Miller, Mr. Will Wineberger, Mr. Charlie Clay, Mr. Ruff Ward and Mr. Earl Cook.

Apps Win Over Elon By 33-13

Herman Bryson, former Children's Home ace, led the Mountaineers of Appalachian to a 33-13 homecoming victory over Elon last Saturday night.

Bryson sprinted 65 yards on the first play from scrimmage and counted three more times in a wild 26-point third period. The Mountaineers scored their third straight North State conference triumph.

Tackle Zurlis covered a blocked punt in the end zone for Elon's first touchdown and a 65-yard drive notched the second in the final period with Clayton going over.

Appalachian Lineup Ends—Cacky, Small, Tackles—Grissom, G. Lyons, Guards—Boyet, Alford, Center—Honeycutt, Backs—Mills, Ragan, Bryson, Akins.

Cottrell Named To YDC Position

Raleigh, Oct. 6.—Appointment of Howard Cottrell, operator of the College Bookstore at Appalachian State Teachers College, as YDC organizer for Watauga county has been announced by Bedford W. Black, State organizer for the Young Democratic Clubs of North Carolina.

In announcing Cottrell's appointment, Black said that the Young Democrats have established offices in State Democratic headquarters and that their goal is the organization of every precinct in the State to roll up the greatest Democratic majority in history on November 2.

Rites Are Held For Boss Ragan

Boss Cleveland Ragan, resident of Boone, R. F. D. 2, died at Boxboro, where he was engaged in saw milling, on September 28.

Funeral services were held last Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Meat Camp Baptist Church. Rev. R. C. Eggers was assisted in the rites by Rev. Nathan Greene, and Rev. A. E. Moretz, and interment was in the church cemetery.

Surviving are four brothers and one sister: D. B. Ragan, A. J. Ragan, J. M. Ragan, L. F. Ragan, of Boone, Mrs. Jake Norris, Boone.