

KING STREET

BY ROB RIVERS

WEDNESDAY EVENING we abandoned the pencil and pad, the typewriter, paste pot and shears, and joined with the legion of folks... big and little people... who were making their way toward the Potomac to hand a Missouri farm boy, "who always plowed a straight furrow" the reins of the national government, and to be a part of the most spectacular inaugural-day program in the history of the republic... The swearing in of the kindly, self-effacing Harry Truman, and his message of peace and progress, provided a solemn prelude to the three-hour parade, featuring the peace time activities of a favored nation... the things we like... together with an abundant display of the nation's might, bringing a sense of security to the fearful ones of the million onlookers, as they nibbled their peanuts, munched a hot dog, or "caught a quick one"... laughed and cheered as the heads of the government passed in review... Fifty bands, units of all the armed services... the West Pointers and Annapolis lads... floats of endless variety... and overhead the drone of the motors... the air covered led by the new B-36 six-motored bombers, with the propellers behind the motors, the new fighters, the jet machines, with the slender trails of vapor in their wake... traveling faster than sound... A big day, a big parade, a good time... democracy at work in a free land!

"WHAT DO THEY THINK OF HARRY?"... They like him... they definitely like the graying little man, who broke every precedent in the book of politics... they like him, 'cause he's plain folks... courageous and sincere... everybody likes a scrapper!... Harry is not being billed by the people as "Superman"... but as the people's choice, and there appears to be general confidence in his ability to carry on successfully... He appears radiant, confident, but not boastful... "There are perhaps a million men", quoth he, "better qualified, but I'm the lucky (or unlucky) one. I want your help, so that we can do this job well."

METROPOLITAN POLICE motorcycle squads lead parade, their V-formations breaking into the letters "H T"... Harry telling Barkley something right funny as his waving arm rests for a moment... 98 members of "Capt. Harry's" world war I company march in rectangle around first family... all of them comparatively old, but walking proudly... The West Pointers getting most of the praise for perfect marching, till the Marine Corps showed up... General Eisenhower chats with Kenneth Royal... Governor Scott, waving at crowds, perhaps uncomfortable in silk hat... Kissing Jim Folsom and his pretty wife... he kissed her a time or two so's not to get out of practice... Governor of Illinois hailed by onlookers as next Democratic President... Governor Strom Thurmond catching some boos along the line of march, and reportedly getting a cold stare from the Presidential reviewing stand... The New York State float, conspicuous by its absence—one supplied by the Democratic State Committee... The Seattle police department's colorful contribution... Miami, Fla., sends group of motorcycle cops... The Texas cowpunchers, the small college bands... three long hours of spectacle, winding up with the circus callopie, which just simply couldn't dish up "We're Wild About Harry"... the tune wouldn't fit the limited capacity of the smoky instrument... so the man said.

PLENTY OF REPUBLICANS seen in the crowds, along with "Wednesday morning Democrats" and old-line regulars... Lady from Illinois confides: "Course I'm a Republican... life-long... but I voted for Harry—that's something different"... The wise guy, who calls all the shots for as many years as you like... the one who dishes up puns in the confines of the smoking car by the hour, as hearers vanish one by one... the two mountain lads who couldn't seem to drink up all the liquor... the lady with the hangover, and a crying (Continued on page 4)



Sophie Tucker, internationally famous theater and night club entertainer, is shown as she presented scrapbooks she has been collecting since 1906 to the New York public library's theater collection. They were received with thanks by Ralph Beals (left) director of the library, and thus Sophie went down in the archives of history.

Burley Market Ends Outstanding Season

Only One Season Passes Poundage Record of Present, Survey Shows; Average Price Paid Only Exceeded Twice; Record of Past Ten Years Given.

The Mountain Burley Warehouse Corporation last Friday closed the second most successful season in the history of the market and final figures reveal that only two years has seen the average price of burley higher than was the case this season.

The total sales amounted to 5,093,958 pounds for an average price of \$43.89 per hundred.

1945 was the only year in the history of the market when the poundage was greater, 5,767,000 pounds having been sold that year. Only two years saw a higher average price—the war years of 1943 and 1944.

The record of the pounds sold in the different years of the Boone market, and the average price paid the farmers, is as follows:

1939	1,826,704	18.70
1940	1,193,682	17.19
1941	1,474,200	27.49
1942	1,910,490	40.41
1943	2,573,474	46.49
1944	4,799,582	46.74
1945	5,093,958	35.24
1946	4,980,000	38.65
1947	4,304,522	38.64
1948	5,093,958	43.89

Chest Fund Is Goal Of C of C

The establishment of a community chest organization to take care of all welfare work in the county was further discussed at a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce held Thursday evening, and the committee was directed to list all the agencies seeking aid during the year 1948 and suggest a definite plan for the next meeting.

The board endorsed the recommendation of the committee on the centennial and advised the committee to look into methods of providing a self-financing celebration.

The chamber was advised that the association of college executives were holding a school in 1950 and might be persuaded to come to Boone. The secretary was instructed to write the president and urge their consideration of Boone. Some six or seven hundred college executives from all over America and a few from foreign countries will likely attend this meeting.

Mr. Joseph Conn was introduced and said a few words in farewell to the members. All expressed regret at Mr. Conn's leaving and wished him the greatest success in North Wilkesboro.

Dr. Moore reported on the progress of the hospital, considerable equipment has been delivered, the surgeon visited and inspected the hospital and expects to return to take up his work during the first week of February.

Mr. Carrol Moore, the new manager, was introduced.

Attention was called to the importance of Watauga county as an agricultural territory and the president agreed to appoint an agriculture committee to cooperate with the farmers in the county.

A letter was read from the executive secretary of the Port Authority urging the importance of developing North Carolina ports especially Wilmington and Moorehead City.

Representatives from the Junior Chamber of Commerce participated in these discussions.

LOCAL UNIT N. C. E. A. IN SESSION ON LAST FRIDAY

Oratorical Contest of American Legion Explained by Mr. Norris to Tutors; Dr. Barden Shows Film and Explains Report of Education Commission.

The Watauga county unit of the North Carolina Education Association met Friday January 21, with Herbert Wey, president of the organization in charge.

Mr. Wey introduced Mr. Wilson Norris from the American Legion who told of the attractiveness of the oratorical contest sponsored by the American Legion and urged each teacher in high school to create an interest so as to get the high school boys and girls to participate in this worthy contest. The Legion sponsors this contest in order to get the high school boys and girls to know their country better. Contest will be held during the last week of February. The district contest will be March 12. Valuable prizes will be given: \$25.00 first prize, \$15.00 second prize. National prize is a scholarship from \$500 to \$4,000. This scholarship has been won by a North Carolina student. Mr. Wilson gave interesting pamphlets to each teacher on Flag Etiquette.

At the conclusion of Mr. Wilson's presentation, Mr. Wey turned the meeting over to the program chairman, Mrs. Raleigh Cottrell who introduced Dr. John Barden, guests speaker. Dr. Barden showed a film on the report of the Education Commission. As the film was being shown he interpreted the findings so as to give a complete picture of our educational needs as they stand today. The report is alarming. Educators and laymen should begin now to correct this drastic situation. Dr. Barden showed the percent of children dropping out of school which is an indictment on our public schools and shows too clearly we are not meeting the needs of boys and girls.

The report showed in detail what is wrong with our public school system and the only remedy is to get our legislators and governor in behind the situation. Our children are paying. There must be equality for each child in our state.

Mr. Wey asked for a report from the nominating committee. The following state of officers were named for next year and are to be voted on at the next meeting of N.C.E.A. Mr. Herbert Wey and Mrs. Raleigh Cottrell for president, Tom Moody and Tommy Thompson for vice-presidents, secretary, Mrs. D. J. Whitener. The meeting then adjourned.

COP COPS BOUNTIFUL HARVEST



The Feast of the Epiphany, sometimes called Little Christmas, is the day on which gifts are generally bestowed in Italy. Among the chief recipients of such largesse are Rome's traffic cops. Donors are almost exclusively motorists. This imposing looking arm of the law managed to do all right for himself. He directs traffic on the Via del Corso, in front of the Italian foreign office.

Watauga Second To Top Hospital Quota

Total of More Than Fifteen Thousand Dollars Has Been Received in Campaign To Enlarge Local Hospital Facilities; The Township Standings.

Watauga is the second township in the county to reach its quota in the Watauga Hospital enlargement fund, having subscribed \$1,055.00 as against a quota of \$1,000.00. Current reports indicate that the county-wide collection now amounts to \$15,564.59.

Cove Creek township, says Clyde R. Greene, chairman, is probably "over the top" if all reports were available. A collection of \$977.55 has been reported, the Cove Creek quota being \$1,000.

Contributions, by townships, follow:

Watauga	\$1,055.00
Cove Creek	977.55
Bald Mountain	117.00
Boone	12,013.69
Blue Ridge	410.00
Brushy Fork	203.85
Elk	222.00
Laurel Creek	100.00
Meat Camp	293.50
Meat Camp 2	10.00
New River	152.00
Stony Fork	10.00
Total	\$15,564.59

Mr. Green expresses himself as being highly gratified with the response to the appeal for hospital funds, and urges workers to carry on until the \$20,000 goal is reached. Those not contacted by a solicitor, may leave their contributions with Alfred Adams at the Northwestern Bank. Prompt response to the appeal being made is urged.

Local Canines At Nuisance Stage

Police Chief Verne Greene says that stray dogs in the community have again become a nuisance, and that many complaints are being received from irate householders, disturbed by the roving bands of dogs.

Chief Greene states that those desiring to keep their dogs, should confine them at once, otherwise they will be destroyed.

Pfc. Jones Rites Held Thursday

Funeral services for Pfc. George Sylvester Jones, who lost his life in Germany June 9, 1946, were held at the Mount Vernon Baptist Church Thursday Jan. 20th at 2 o'clock. Rev. Roby Eggers conducted the rites and military honors were conferred by the Blowing Rock American Legion Post. Burial was in the cemetery near Blowing Rock.

Pfc. Jones entered the army October 15, 1945 and trained for nine months at McClellan, Ala. before going to Germany.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Jones; three sisters, Mrs. Thelma Lee Payne of Stony Fork, Imogene and Peggy Ann; three brothers, Franklin D., Ralph Jr., and Paul S. Jones, of the home.

Mabel School Doubles March Dimes Quota

The Mabel School is continuing its campaign for funds for the March of Dimes, although the current report indicates that the school of 267 elementary children has already doubled its quota with a contribution of \$143.60, as follows:

Mr. Henson's room 19.00; Mrs. Church 23.10; Mrs. Combs 12.00; Mrs. Roland 30.00; Mrs. Ellison 15.00; Mrs. Mast 18.05; Mrs. Reese 12.32; Mrs. Wilson 14.13.

MRS. MOSS HURT IN FALL ON ICE

Mrs. S. B. Moss suffered spinal injuries in a fall on the icy pavement last Thursday morning, as she stepped out to get the morning paper. She is a patient at an Elkin Hospital, where a slight spinal fracture was found. It is not believed her condition is necessarily critical.

Forrestal says he expects to be kept in the Cabinet.

IMPORTANCE MARCH DIMES IS CITED AS REPORT MADE

Contributions of \$1,288 Have Been Received as Agle Doubles Effort To Reach Goal; Figures Are Given on Situation; the Contributors

Total contributions to date to the March of Dimes campaign are \$1,288.91, says Mr. Bob Agle, chairman of the campaign, who is making an urgent appeal by personal letter and by speeches to civic and school groups to redouble their efforts to raise the county's quota within the prescribed period.

Mr. Agle says: "This is the most important fund raising campaign ever undertaken by the March of Dimes in North Carolina. Since last July our state has received from the National Foundation more than a million and a half dollars... Through the years since the beginning of the March of Dimes, from 1937 through 1948, we of Watauga county have contributed around \$8,500, while receiving from the national office over the same period close to \$16,000. In other words, we have received a dollar for every 50c we have contributed.

"We need to give to this cause while we are able to do so since it is possible that even next year a score or more of our children will be stricken with this disease. The funds for epidemics have been completely exhausted... we must build from scratch."

The list of late contributors is as follows:

- \$50.00: A. friend, A. friend, Tuesday Night Club
- \$73.30: Tag Day—Cratis Williams, Chairman
- \$60.00: Farmers Hardware
- \$30.00: Northwestern Bank
- \$35.00: Belks
- \$25.00: A. P. Kephart First Baptist Church, Guy Hunt
- \$15.00: W. D. Farthing
- \$10.00: Mrs. A. E. Hamby, Madeline McCain
- \$18.75: Albert Farthing
- \$5.00: Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Beach, A. R. Smith, J. E. Clay, Mrs. Sarah G. Wagoner, John W. Hodges, S. B. Greene, Robert Broome, Mrs. Edith Hamby, Mrs. Joe Conn, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Green, W. Howard Grass
- \$3.00: Green Valley Demonstration Club, Mrs. Floyd Hagaman
- \$2.50: E. C. Cook
- \$2.00: A. friend, Carl Teague, Rev. W. G. Bond, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Swift, Thomas Holloway, J. D. Cook, Mrs. Crete Swift, Joe Conn, Mr. and Mrs. Green
- \$1.00: Dock Dismar, Carl Reed, W. G. Greene, Mrs. H. W. Mast, Jr. Mrs. Lettie Day, Joe J. Wellborn, C. A. Clay, Roy Hicks, H. W. Wilcox, John Reed, Mrs. A. V. Moody

NOT DISPLACED

One of the 60,000 displaced persons from Europe admitted into Canada up to last November is this husky man with the jaunty beret. He is Bolubash Wolemyr, a young Ukrainian, who is working as a spiker on a track-laying job.

First Day Covers H. P. O. Sought

Requests for first day covers on the Highway Post Office from Boone to Greensboro on Friday, February 4th, are being received at the Boone post office daily in larger numbers than anticipated. Stamp collectors from all states, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, Canada and Panama, have requested the special cachet and Postmark of the first day of service of the Highway Post Office from Boone, N. C. Local mailers desiring first day cancellations and cachets kindly contact the post office for information.

Kiddies Give Over Two Thousand Dimes

Appalachian High School students were all out in their March of Dimes drive and contributed the total of 2030 dimes. The drive was started on Monday of last week and the goal of 1500 dimes was set for the high school students in grades 7 through 12. This meant that each student in the school had to contribute at least 3 dimes in order for the school to reach its goal. The goal was reached by Thursday morning and by Friday morning had been greatly exceeded.

Look forward again

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