

KING STREET

BY ROB RIVERS

HAS BEEN SAID that if one could see a talking picture of himself taken while on a binge, he would never get drunk anymore, and that if he could witness an exhibition of himself sober, it would likely follow that he wouldn't talk so much in the days to come...

CHERRY BLOSSOM TIME



Dolores Motter (right) of Dearborn, Mich., chosen as Michigan's 1949 cherry blossom princess, and Jean Williamson Duty of Saginaw, last year's cherry blossom princess, are shown visiting with Mrs. Homer Ferguson, wife of Senator Ferguson of Michigan, at the state capitol in Lansing.

Ramsey To Speak; C. Of C. Names Officers

PRESIDENT



ALONZO C. EDWARDS

Edwards Heads Farm Bureau

Alonzo C. Edwards, Hookerton, the newly-elected president of the North Carolina Farm Bureau present with a membership of more than 78,000 farm families, is a successful farmer, operating a 1,200 acre farm in his native Greene county.

Rites Today For Casualty of War

Funeral services for Paul T. Swift, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Swift, of Beech Creek, will be held Thursday March 24 at 2 o'clock at the Mount Gilead Church near Beech Creek, and burial will be in the cemetery there.

Asheville Newspaper Publisher To Address Ladies' Night Banquet of Commerce Group

The annual meeting of the Chamber of Commerce will be held on the evening of April 9th, and D. Hidden Ramsey, manager of the Asheville Citizen-Times will be the principal speaker.

Boone Legion Team Gets Cage Trophy

A strong Boone Legion team defeated a fighting Spruce Pine quint Saturday night, March 19 in the final round of the Minneapolis tourney by a close score of 69-68.

Inabinet Succeeds George with Bell Co.

H. M. Inabinet of Southern Bell Telephone Company's commercial organization at Greensboro has been appointed group manager at Lenoir, effective March 15.

ASSEMBLY IN STALEMATE AT START WEEK'S HECTIC GRIND

Hope for Early Adjournment Of Legislature Dims in Wake of Quick-Breaking Developments; School Battles, Roads, Stir Solons.

Raleigh, March 20.—State legislators return tomorrow to start their 12th week of session facing prospects of a time-killing stalemate.

A week ago hopes appeared bright for the General Assembly to come up to sine die adjournment about April 2. Quick-breaking developments last week took the rosy glow out of that outlook.

What changed the picture was action of the joint appropriations committee in pumping up the proposed biennial spending program some \$42,000,000 above anticipated revenues.

The first of the week's boosts was a recommended increase of \$26,000,000 in the public schools budget—marked for teacher pay raises and employment of additional teachers to cut the pupil load.

The joint group also favored a \$3,100,000 increase for the State Board of Health.

Next was a \$7,000,000 boost voted for salary raises for State employes earning less than \$3,100 a year.

Even if the legislature decided to dip into the State's \$30,000,000 post-war reserve fund, as school forces favor, the total budget still would run ahead of estimated income.

Leaders of the school forces saw in the \$7,000,000 increase a move by economy forces to push the budget so high that the appropriations group would decide to turn the spending program over to a subcommittee for pruning.

The school bloc is opposed to having a subcommittee set up.

Another job which has added to legislative delay is Governor Scott's rural road-building program.

After riding through the House last week in a form favored by the Governor, the program ran into a hitch in the Senate Finance Committee, which already had before it a toned-down version of the proposals.

The House version is contained in two bills, which call for (1) a state-wide election on a \$200,000,000 bond issue and (2) a one-cent increase in the gasoline tax.

The other legislation, which went to the Senate Finance Group after winning approval of the Senate Roads Committee, would provide for an election on a \$100,000,000 bond issue and would tie the gasoline tax boost to the bonds.

The subcommittee is expected to report to the Senate Finance Committee by tomorrow.

Mrs. Grace Hagaman Succumbs on Friday

Mrs. Grace Isaacs Hagaman, 73, died Friday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Stanley Norris of Mabel, after a period of ill health covering several months. Her condition had been considered critical for about two months.

Funeral services were conducted at Forest Grove Baptist Church in Beaver Dam township Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, by Rev. W. C. Payne and Rev. Lawrence Hagaman, and interment was in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Hagaman was the widow of the late Millard Hagaman, and a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Richard Isaacs. She had been a member of the Forest Grove church for 59 years and had been active in religious causes.

She is survived by two sons and two daughters: Orville Hagaman, Vilas; Max Hagaman, Mabel; Miss Anita Hagaman, Mabel; Mrs. Stanley Norris, Mabel. There are 10 grandchildren.

Union Service To Be Held Next Sunday

The various churches of the community will join in a union service at the Presbyterian church Sunday evening at 7:30.

LAUNCHES SEAL CAMPAIGN



Governor Kerr Scott launched the annual Easter Seal Sale for Crippled Children in Raleigh this week when he purchased the first 1949 seal from Mrs. Felix S. Barker, 2507 Beechridge Road, Raleigh, chairman of the campaign for Wake county. Mrs. Barker's husband is director of the Division of Special Education, State Department of Public Instruction, which gives primary attention to the needs of handicapped children. Goal for this year's campaign, which will continue through April 17, Easter Sunday, is \$150,000, and Governor Scott expressed the hope the quota will be met before that date.

Centennial Dates Are Fixed for Week July 5

Watauga's 100th Birthday Is Noted

By ROY P. MARSH

In 1849 the County of Watauga was carved from Ashe, Yancey, Wilkes, and Caldwell. It was named for a river which flows through the western part of the county and called "beautiful waters" by the Indian inhabitants who greeted the earliest settlers.

Watauga County only one hundred years ago was nothing but a wilderness. The narrow valleys and hillsides throughout the county were forests infested with wild animals. When one travels through the county today he can readily see the "goings on" that have taken place. The small Indian and Pioneer trails winding around the hills have been developed into modern asphalt highways twenty feet wide. The brush no longer flaps one in the face as he walks to visit his nearest neighbor, who used to live miles away. The horse and buggy days are gone forever.

When Watauga County was chartered comparatively a short time back, Abe Lincoln was sitting in the legislature of Illinois and Pioneers from the East were going Westward in covered wagons to join the famous California gold rush of 1849.

Watauga County was settled predominantly by the Scotch-Irish, but traces of German, English, Swedish and Danish ancestry can still be found.

July the fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth Watauga, the county where the mountains rise up and shadow the fields of growing corn and potatoes, and cattle grazing below, will stage a centennial celebration.

Most of us have already witnessed certain whiskered monstrosities running around as if they had escaped from Barnum and Bailey's circus. This whisker league is gaining wide popularity throughout the county, especially from the women.

The centennial celebration is sponsored by the Boone Junior Chamber of Commerce, and the Chambers of Commerce from Boone and Blowing Rock. These three never-tiring organizations are devoting their utmost energy to get the plans for the celebration finished.

Watauga Centennial, Inc. has been formed to be the working body for the affair. Stanley A. Harris is president of this sponsoring body. Perry Greene is vice-president, Howard Holshouser is secretary and James Farthing is treasurer. Members of this group include R. D. Hodges, Jr., Olen Goodnight, Herman Wilcox, Bob Agle, Grover Robbins, and Clarence Berryman.

Several committees have already been chosen from the three sponsoring organizations. One of the most important of these is the

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RED CROSS IS SHORT OF GOAL AS EFFORT IS INTENSIFIED

Contributions Fall Short of Quota; Organization Gives Many Reasons for Contributing to Fund; Citizens Are Urged To Contribute.

The drive for funds with which to carry on the work of the local and national Red Cross continues into the third week. The total of contributions to date is \$1179.90. The quota is not yet reached and the Red Cross earnestly solicits the help of everyone in reaching the goal.

A soldier in the South Pacific is worried. He has received a letter from home which states that his father is ill, his mother is not able to carry on the farm work and care for the younger children. What to do about it he does not know and so he goes to the Red Cross field director at the military post. The field director writes to the Red Cross local chapter to investigate conditions and advise the family the necessary steps to take in applying for the soldiers discharge. The Red Cross complies with the request, the papers are soon made out and on their way to the Adjutant General's office in Washington.

After a furlough spent with his family here, a serviceman starts for his station in a distant state. The family receives no word of his arrival and after several weeks becomes worried but does not know how to locate the man. Will the Red Cross help? It will, and in just a short time the man is located at a military installation hundreds of miles from where the family thought he was.

A serviceman traveling through this county has a car accident. What cash he has is spent in repairs for his car, he has no money for gas. His family live in another section of the state. They would be glad to advance the money for gas but they live away out in the country and have no telephone. Can the Red Cross help him? It can. It contacts the

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Officers Seize Whiskey Cache

Chief of Police Verne Greene, accompanied by State Highway Patrolmen Parker and Robertson, seized 45 pints of whiskey at the home of Joe Trivett on Howard Street Tuesday morning, and Mr. Trivett was arrested on a warrant charging the possession of whiskey for the purpose of sale.

Chief Greene says that Trivette waived his case to the spring term of Superior court and that his appearance bond was fixed at \$500.

Large Crowd at Co. Dry Meeting

Citizens of Watauga county almost filled the Tabernacle of Boone Sunday afternoon in a mass meeting. More than 500 came to indicate their interest in helping our law enforcement.

After much discussion in favor of offering their services to the law enforcement a committee composed of W. G. Bond, W. W. Mast, Rev. Sam Moss, Rev. W. D. Ashley, and Grady Wilson, was appointed to nominate a president, vice president, secretary and an executive committee composed of a man and a woman from each precinct in the county. There will be a call meeting of this newly formed Watauga Law Enforcement League during a noon recess period of the Spring term of court, at which time the officers will be elected.

Ensign Hal Farthing Rites in Salisbury

Funeral services for Ensign Hal B. Farthing, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Farthing of Boone, who was killed in the Pacific area during the last war, will be held at the National cemetery, Salisbury, N. C., March 29, at 2:30 p. m.

Mammoth Historical Pageant To Feature the Celebration Of the County's Founding

The dates for the Watauga county centennial celebration have been definitely fixed for July 5 to 10, inclusive, during which period a mammoth dramatization of the olden days will be featured, with some 500 players in costumes such as were worn 100 years ago, depicting the founding, settling and development of Watauga county — one hundred years of progress.

Daniel Boone, who lived in a cabin in Boone for seven eventful years, will be featured in the pageant, along with a number of pioneer families of the area. Sunday, July 10, is set aside for religious services when every church is asked to have its chorus join with the others in singing the songs and hymns our grandparents loved.

The citizen's committee, promoting the centennial, is asking every organization in the county, community clubs, churches, Parent-Teachers — all civic groups — to endorse the centennial and appoint somebody to represent them on the citizens committee, and notify Stanley A. Harris at the Chamber of Commerce.

Watauga Man Is Coach at Concord

Concord, N. C.—The Concord American Legion junior baseball team now has a coach for the 1949 season, Lewis B. Morton, athletic director of the post, said yesterday.

He's Earl Hinson of the Mt. Pleasant High School athletic staff. Hinson, long experienced both in baseball and working with youngsters, signed the contract yesterday.

"I'm glad to get the job," Coach Hinson said, "and after last year's start, it looks like we'll have some pretty good material to work with."

A graduate of Appalachian State Teachers College, where he played both baseball and football, Hinson is now in his second year as director of athletics at Mt. Pleasant school.

Grass Seed Orders Temporarily Halted

The Watauga county AAA committee will issue no more purchase orders for pasture grass and alfalfa seeds after March 31. After this date available funds will be used for those farms who have not applied for conservation materials or approved conservation practices. All purchase orders for seed must be filled by April 15. After that date all unfilled orders will be cancelled.

MOST ACTIVE AT 88

Amherst, Mass. — Mrs. Lois Mitchell, who will celebrate her 88th birthday on April 26, has recently taken up horse-back riding, mountain climbing and hiking.

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