

## KING STREET

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REPORT that nudist colony is to be established by fair sex as protest against whisker league, with a strict ban against the males with the facial foliage, is unfounded . . . wouldn't even trust this investigation to one of our most trusted spies . . . and went to the source of the report personally . . . What was actually said was that men are conventional have done little to attract attention since they laid aside the powdered red wigs and silk ruffles of colonial days . . . that women, on the other hand, want to be noticed . . . that therefore for an immaculate gentleman to lay aside his razor is relatively as drastic a move, as for a modern woman to hang her clothes on a hickory limb and go about in the style used prior to the time that woman's innate curiosity caused her to pluck the apple . . . don't know . . . at any rate, there's been considerable shaving in the past few days, as the report spread.

A CALIFORNIA CHILD fell into an abandoned well, and precipitated one of the biggest news stories in years, as men and machines worked incessantly, around the clock, for days, before the lifeless body was removed . . . Local folks followed the story with tense concern and newspapers were flooded with inquiries throughout the land . . . Stark tragedy spotlighted the warm, human heart of America, as giant machines and willing hands combined efforts, trying to save a little child . . . An engineer on the mercy excavation project, was asked the probable cost of the effort . . . Couldn't say . . . Men just wouldn't work and drive themselves this way for money . . . You see they were working for a little girl!

JAMES KIRKPATRICK, son of Leroy, who used to be one of the main men around the Democrat office, came by to see us the other day . . . James sported the neat uniform of an Army Sergeant, and had just returned from a two years' hitch with the army of occupation in Japan . . . Our colored visitor sees signs of civilization taking hold in the land of the Rising Sun, and believes the Japs, generally speaking, would like to embrace American customs . . . Asked about General McArthur, who comes in for a good share of cursing from a lot of veterans, James wouldn't commit . . . "Some like him and some don't," he ventured, adding, "He's a tough soldier, however." . . . James don't think much of the land of Nippon, and the hot weather, broken by only a few days of chill along about the end of the year, and complains some about the culinary tastes of the little yellow men . . . They dump their vegetables, meat, and what ever they have, all in the same pot, along with the rice and fish heads, and then actually eat the stuff . . . Can't understand it," he smiled, as he replaced the cap with the golden eagle, and proceeded down the home-town street.

LIONS CLUB TALENT SHOW filled the Appalachian Theatre, as a splendid program was staged by the various schools of the county . . . the kids did well, and the folks appreciate their efforts in behalf of the blind fund, which was handsomely endowed by their performances . . . We would have enjoyed the performance much better, however, if some unseen Billie hadn't consistently pelted our section with popcorn, and of course a good many of the pellets had to hit our mule-size ears . . . Would be hard to miss them every time.

ABOUT THE TIME we had become reconciled to asking for a specific number when we took down the telephone receiver . . . reluctantly laying aside the old country custom of just telling the operator to locate someone for us . . . a lot of the numbers in the book were changed, and now, but for the intervention of the operators, we couldn't get along . . . Suppose we can wait a while on the dial system . . . but a new phone book would be the next best thing.

TRADE AT HOME OBSERVATION: Employee of local store gives down with the following: "There's a man in the community who needed a good deal of material . . . we had been trying to negotiate a deal with him for some time, but could never get the thing through . . . Found out that he was negotiating for the stuff plumb off the local trading reservation, with the prospect of saving just about what it will cost to haul it in here . . . Just a few cents a unit . . . Nothing much to this story, 'cept the man in question is a 'civic leader' . . . devotes much of his time and talent boosting the town he wants everybody to trade here and build a bigger and (Continued on page 4)

## Centennial Is Noted By General Assembly

### HEADS ROTARY



W. H. Gragg, newly-elected president of the Boone Rotary Club.

### Rotary Names New Officers

The Boone Rotary Club held its regular meeting Friday evening, L. H. Smith made an inspiring talk on Rotary and stressed the individual responsibility of each Rotarian in the matter of service.

Board of directors for the ensuing year were elected by ballot. Directors chosen were Wayne Richardson, Watt Gragg, Edwin Troutman, Carroll Moore, Ray Lawrence and Dave Mast. Retiring president, Stanley Harris, automatically becomes a director.

Board of Directors met Monday at noon in the Skyline Cafe and elected officers for the following year. Watt Gragg was elected president and Edwin Troutman vice-president. Wayne Richardson was re-elected as secretary and treasurer.

### Citizens League To Nominate Officers

The committee to nominate officers for the Watauga county citizens league will meet at the courthouse Saturday at 2 o'clock to nominate a slate of officers and an executive committee. The meeting is open to the public. The nominations will be presented at a noon recess of the spring term of court.

### Fishing Dates Are Given for Parkway

Recreational areas and fishing waters of the Blue Ridge Parkway will be available to the public April 15. These areas are Rocky Knob and Smart View in Virginia, Bluff, Cumberland Knob and Crabtree Meadows in North Carolina. Picnic sites are available at all of these locations. Rocky Knob and Bluff also offer trailer and camping accommodations.

## Joint Legislative Resolution Felicitates Watauga County, And Asks That "Education Day" Honor Dr. Dougherty.

The general assembly has passed a resolution at the behest of Senator Perry, noting Watauga county's centennial, and suggesting that the efforts of Dr. B. B. Dougherty be particularly noted during the celebration. The text of the resolution follows:

WHEREAS, Watauga County was created one hundred years ago in the year 1849; and WHEREAS, a centennial celebration of the creation of Watauga County has been planned for July, 1949; and WHEREAS, such celebration will extend over a period of several days with the specific dates to be fixed later; and WHEREAS, one day of the celebration days is to be designated as "Education Day"; and WHEREAS, Appalachian State Teachers College had its beginnings fifty years ago; and WHEREAS, said "Education Day" shall be specifically dedicated to honoring Dr. B. B. Dougherty, whose efforts over a period of fifty years, in every capacity from janitor to president, in behalf of said college were largely responsible for the growth and usefulness of that institution; and WHEREAS, Dr. Dougherty has contributed in no small measure to the development and enlargement of the public school system of North Carolina, and has served as a member of the State Board of Education for almost twenty years; and WHEREAS, an invitation has been extended to the Governor, the Council of State, and all other State officials and to the members of the General Assembly to attend the centennial celebration of the creation of Watauga County; NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring: Section 1. The General Assembly herewith congratulates Watauga County upon its one hundred years of progress and the several members of the two Houses of the General Assembly herewith express their appreciation of the invitation to attend the centennial celebration of the creation of Watauga County, and they herewith urge the citizens of the sister counties of Watauga to join with Watauga County in its celebration of one hundred years of achievement.

Sec. 2. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its ratification.

### Easter Sunrise Service To Be Held Sunday on Scenic Blowing Rock

From the crest of the Blue Ridge, an Easter Sunrise service will be echoed into the valleys and plains. The community of Blowing Rock is planning an inspirational service of music, meditation and prayer; to be conducted in cooperation with the churches of Blowing Rock. A choir of over 30 voices will render anthems and familiar hymns from the most beautiful spot on the Blue Ridge from which to watch the sunrise.

## LIONS TALENT SHOW IS GALA EVENT SPRING SEASON HERE

Hundreds Gather for Benefit Performance, as Prizes Are Awarded Competing School Groups; Winners Are Entertained in Johnson City.

Sixteen hundred persons who crowded into the Appalachian Theatre Friday afternoon and night proved that Watauga county has talent in its young people that is well worth watching, and the Lions Club Talent Show of 1949 with talent from 14 schools of the county will be long remembered in these parts as a trail blazer in the search for talent in Watauga county.

In the afternoon show when talent under 12 years of age appeared, the Cove Creek school won top honors with a program made up of a girls' trio, Louise Greene, Marga Bingham, Ellen Hicks, singing "My Happiness," a cowboy special featuring four costumed cowboys, Dillon Wilson, Johnny Glenn, Harold Danner and Bobby Henson, singing "Home on the Range," and a solo, "Short'nin' Bread," by Linda Moody, all accompanied by Miss Ophelia Bingham. Mr. Tom Moody is principal of the Cove Creek school. Second place went to the Deep Gap Consolidated school where Mrs. Edith F. Estes is principal. Their program featured a solo by Joyce Miller with a dance specialty by eight little girls dressed in pastel-tinted ballet costumes, and the school rhythm band made up of some thirty-two primary grade children. The band members wore trim blue capes with tan skirts or pants and played "Grandfather's Clock" and "Short'nin' Bread." They were accompanied by Mrs. Lucile Barnett. Another outstanding group at the afternoon performance was the Blowing Rock rhythm band made up of twenty-two children from the primary grades. Mrs. Billie G. Cooke, teacher. The children were wearing band uniforms of green and white with the school insignia inscribed on the capes.

### Lions Hear Dr. Robson Speak on Atlantic Pact

Dr. C. B. Robson, head of the Department of Political Science, University of North Carolina, spoke to the Boone Lions club on "The United Nations from the Atlantic Charter to the Atlantic Pact," at their meeting, Tuesday night, April 5, in the Daniel Boone hotel dining room.

### Money for Cemetery Desperately Needed

Funds for the upkeep of the community cemetery are desperately needed, and a report of the committee indicates that only \$15 in contributions were received last year. The upkeep this year is starting with a deficit of \$150.

## Ramsey Sees New Era Of Stable Prosperity

### RE-ELECTED



Herman W. Wilcox, who was re-elected president of the Chamber of Commerce at the annual meeting held Saturday evening.

### Clean-Up Period Is Designated

The last two weeks in April have been designated by Mayor Gordon H. Winkler as the annual clean-up period for the town, and the official respectfully asks for the cooperation of all the people in making the town clean and slightly by the time the summer season, and the centennial period arrives.

### Dramatic Festival To Be Held Here

On April 18, 19 and 20, the Appalachian Playcrafters of Appalachian State Teachers college will hold a dramatic festival for the high schools of Watauga and surrounding counties. The festival, to take place in the college auditorium, is under the direction of Kenneth England of the Playcrafters, and the public is invited to attend all events. Cratis D. Williams of the college English department, is director of the Playcrafters.

### Air Cadet Team To Visit College

Young men in the Boone area interested in an officer's career with the United States Air Force may learn first hand about the Air Force's Aviation Cadet-Pilot training program from a special traveling Aviation Cadet Procurement team which is scheduled to arrive here Monday and Tuesday, April 18-19, for a two day visit.

### Watauga Students on ASTC Honor Roll

Registrar H. R. Eggers of Appalachian State Teachers college has just released the honor roll for the winter quarter. The list includes 25 freshmen, 19 sophomores, 23 juniors, 48 seniors, and 15 special students, making 14.6 per cent of the student body.

## LOCAL BILLS CONSIDERED IN ASSEMBLY: SOME KILLED

Asheville Newspaperman Speaks to Annual Meeting of Chamber of Commerce; New Slate of Officers Are Elected.

Mr. D. H. Hidden Ramsey, of Asheville, told the local Chamber of Commerce and their visitors Saturday night that he believes the day of prosperity is over and that this country is settling down to what he termed "a wholesome condition" of competitive business.

The occasion for Mr. Ramsey's speech was Ladies' night banquet in the Baptist church. Officers of the Chamber of Commerce were elected and installed.

Herman W. Wilcox, who presided over the supper, was re-elected president of the Chamber; R. D. Hodges, Sr., first vice president; I. S. Ayers, second vice president; Alfred Adams, treasurer, and directors, Watt Gragg, D. M. Edmisten, Sr., Roy Ruffly, Wade E. Brown and Clyde R. Greene. Rev. S. B. Moss installed the officers.

Reports were heard from Grady Farthing of the agriculture committee, Mr. Gragg and L. H. Smith of the questionnaire committee, and Clyde R. Greene, community fund committee.

### Board of Education Named For Watauga County; Bills Affecting Blowing Rock Killed; Measure To Prohibit Profanity Wins Ratification.

The legislature will continue its sessions at least through next week, in the opinion of Senator H. B. Perry, of Boone, who says the deadlock between the House and Senate on the matter of the \$200,000,000 bond issue proposal is the chief obstacle in the path of adjournment. The local Senator, who believes the people want an opportunity to vote on the Scott rural roads program, indicates his support of the proposal.

### Cancer Effort Continues Here

The effort to raise funds with which to aid the fight against cancer, enters its second week here, and the following people are in charge of the campaign in the different sections of the county:

Blowing Rock received unfavorable committee reports in the Senate, says Dr. Perry, on petition of 121 citizens of the resort community. One would change the time of the election in Blowing Rock, and the other would validate recent tax lists made by the town. The chairman of the committee indicated his belief in the unconstitutionality of the latter measure. Both were introduced in the house by Representative Eggers.

Another bill by Representative Eggers, designed to raise salaries of Watauga officials, was reported unfavorably by the Senate committee on salaries and fees. A bill prohibiting profane and obscene language on the public highways of Watauga county, introduced by Representative Eggers, was passed by both houses, and enacted into law.

### Dewitt Barnett Heads County Ball League

At a meeting held at Skyline cafe Friday night, April 8, plans were drawn up for the Rotary sponsored county baseball league. It was voted at this time to formally open play Saturday, May 7. Dewitt Barnett was elected to head the league with a board of four directors and a secretary-treasurer to be appointed from the Rotary club.

### Trout Are Placed In Watauga Streams

In accordance with previously approved plans, the Wildlife Resources Commission has completed stocking of 2,700 trout averaging 7 to 9 inches in length, in the waters of Watauga county. These fish were produced at the State Fish Hatchery located near Pineola, N. C. District game and fish protector Tommie Osborne directed the release of the fish, and solicited assistance from members of the local wildlife club and other interested sportsmen. Those participating in the stocking were members of the Wildlife Club, college students and high school seniors from Boone.

### Easter Cantata in Color Symbolism Be Given

The fourth annual Easter Cantata sponsored by the Boone Demonstration school will be presented in the College Auditorium on Sunday evening, April 17, at 8 o'clock.

### County Offices Close

All county offices will be closed Easter Monday, it was announced yesterday afternoon.