

## KING STREET

BY ROB RIVERS

CENTENNIAL TICKETS go on sale around town Monday, and indications are that the folks are right eager to secure the cardboard for the historical pageant which is to be developed. Season tickets now cost five dollars. . . will be higher later on. . . Rotary Club sells more than hundred of the admissions right off the reel. . . If other organizations do as well, the goal of one thousand sales will be reached pronto. . . Fire department does fine job in preventing the spread of the flames which destroyed a small frame dwelling on Howard Street at about 4 a. m. Friday. . . Many residents climbed out and went sleepy-eyed to the scene of the disaster, and as usual, motorists had to be pleaded with, yelled at, and all but cussed by the laboring firemen, in order that the vehicles might be kept off the hose lines. . . It's all right to watch a fire, but it is to be hoped that some day the folks will learn that the work of our loyal fire-fighters who are rendering a superb public service, without suitable reward, is not to be hindered.

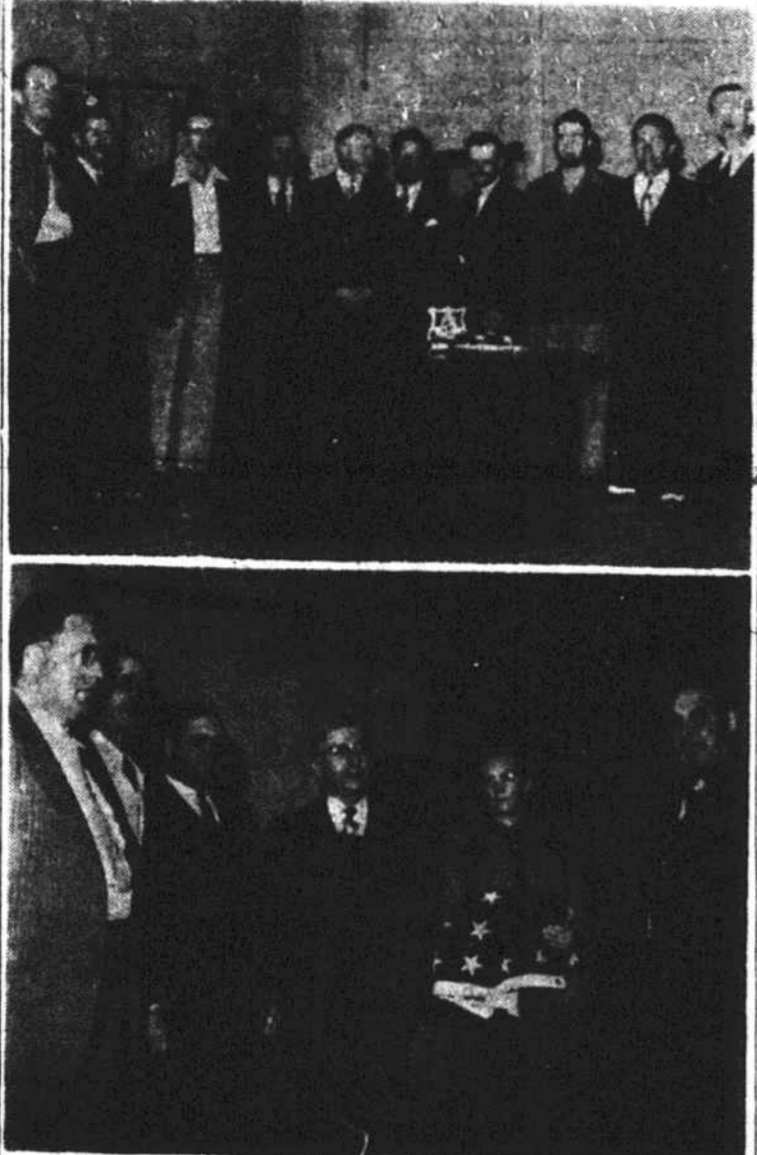
BYSTANDER observes one of the influential citizens of the area, one of those fellows who's supposed to be able to "square you" with any local official, the Governor, or Harry himself, and in a pinch, maybe keep you in the church, after it had already been decided to turn you out. . . "Just watch him," said the observer, "to hear him tell it he's got the power. . . pull" they call it. . . matter of fact he couldn't pull a greased string out of a cat's ear!"

HAVING JUST PASSED through National Doughnut Week, during which time we were downright unpatriotic, and not one time dunked one of the tasty circles, and now we are heading into National Hearing Week, National Raisin Week, National Packaging Week, National Cotton Week, and Silver Parade Week. . . Have no idea of course, what one is supposed to do to observe all these events in one seven day span, but those with the time and yen for "observing" are approaching a big day of special events. . . Met a chum the other morning, and as a matter of greeting, asked him "how goes it". . . The man's countenance took a nose dive as he recounted his various ills. . . Seems that he was beset by all the ailments that the medical profession has named for a generation, and he was a bit short of the patience traditionally associated with Job. . . he's been to all the medical men, and went into detail about the treatments they offered. . . he'd taken about everything in the pharmacists' book, and had even swigged a few bottles of patent medicines. . . but he was just "shot". . . Both of us were late to work, (the patient was a rugged man), and we vowed we'd never again ask a man how he felt, lest he take an easy chair and tell us. . . by the hour. . . Later on, however, we met a fellow who was genuinely ill. . . we know his time is short, he's just holding on by a slender thread. . . was improving. . . "Feeling pretty good today, thank you. Think I'm going to be all right," and the desperately ill man smiled, and went on his way. . . He was reconciled and cheerful. . . the first, genuinely happy everytime he could find a patient soul, who would listen to his tale of woe. . . The zeal of these folks who make a profession of being sick is amazing. . . it would be amusing if it didn't get to be so dangerous aggravating to those of us who are trying to carry on, and expect a few tortures of the flesh, as a matter of course.

THE RADIO commercialist was working himself into a lather over the hardships of wash-day, and as we envisioned the lady of the house stooped over the steaming tubs and the wash board, our back began to hurt. . . We quite agreed that one of the finest things would be for this burden to be universally passed over to the washing machines, and the iron kettle, the wooden tubs and the board with the wavy surface go the way of the horse and buggy. . . we weep all for it, and rooting for the women for dear life, when the man behind the dial reached his climax. . . "Don't kill your wife—let the Washer do the dirty job!"

MODERATE drinker tells us of finding a jug of rare old popcorn liker in his basement, and beamed with joy as he told of the re-discovery of the errant decanter. . . "Mellow as moonlight," quoth he, "Just a spot of the mild liquid will make one young again." . . We admitted to a passing acquaintance with the bathtub gin of the free-

## JR. OFFICERS - FLAG PRESENTATION



Above are the newly-elected officers of the third district Jr. O. U. A. M. Reading from left to right they are: Albert Perkins, inside sentinel; Ed Young, Chaplain; Howard Hodges, outside sentinel; G. E. Ross, asst. secretary; Clyde R. Greene, trustee; Edward Cole, secretary; Ned Norris, warden; Bill Hodges, conductor; Jack Storie, vice-councillor; I. S. Ayers, councillor. Lower picture shows the Juniors presenting a flag and Bible to the public school at Valle Crucis. Pictured, left to right, are: Howard Shore, I. S. Ayers, Forest D. Sheszin, Judge Purcell, Mrs. Howard Edmiston, W. H. Gragg. (See story on page eight).

## Duke Foundation Will Give Hospital \$10,000

## LYON WINS AT BLOWING ROCK

J. P. Lyon was elected Mayor of Blowing Rock in Tuesday's voting in a three-cornered race for the top position in the government of the mountain-top resort town. Mr. Lyon received 172 votes, to 162 received by D. P. Coffey, former mayor. L. H. Smith, Blowing Rock attorney, polled 22 ballots. J. D. Jones polled 175 votes, as high man in the race for alderman. Also elected were Ralph Andrews with 137 votes and F. W. Rainey with 134 votes. Losing candidates and the votes they received were: R. B. Hardin 129; Joe N. White 124; B. H. Moody 112; A. M. Criccher 54. Blowing Rock nominates her candidates for town officers by the citizens' mass meeting plan, and there are no political designations on the ballot.

## Walking Blood Bank Started

At the request of the local medical association the Red Cross is initiating a Blood Bank program. On account of the distance to the Red Cross Blood Bank centers and the time which would be required to obtain from them when needed the doctors decided to make this a "Walking Blood Bank." Volunteers will be accepted whose blood will be typed and when that type is needed the donor will be called upon to donate blood. The Red Cross will keep on file the names of those who are willing to be typed and notify them when the local hospital is ready to type them. All who wish to volunteer are asked to contact the Red Cross, telephone 113R and leave their names.

TOO FAST FOR HER! Binghamton, N. Y.—Receiving a call from a housewife for a taxi, the cab company used its radio system to notify a driver whose car happened to be next door to the woman's house. She had barely hung up the telephone when the driver arrived. The woman was so surprised, she told the driver, "I won't ride with you, you drive too fast, young man." She went back and called another taxicab company.

## MRS. COTTRELL NAMED HEAD LOCAL N. C. E. A. ON SATURDAY

Boone Teacher Heads County Unit of Educational Association; Dr. Greer Brings Message to Tutors; Makes Plea for Children.

Mrs. Raleigh Cottrell, of Boone Demonstration School, was installed Saturday as the new president of the Watauga County Unit of N. C. E. A. at the final meeting of the school year, held in the high school auditorium. Mrs. Cottrell succeeds Herbert Wey, who presided until the end of the business session. Other officers for 1949-50 are vice-president, Eugene Koone, principal of Blowing Rock school; secretary, Earl Greene, principal of Rutherford school; and treasurer, Mrs. Annie Laurie White, principal of Blowing Rock school.

Dr. I. G. Greer, executive secretary of the Business Foundation, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, spoke on "Better Human Relationships for Children." Dr. Greer, who for sixteen years was the superintendent of an orphanage, was well qualified to speak from experience on the needs of children and how the teacher can help meet those needs. Dr. Greer spoke of the birth Dean J. D. Rankin of the college, who was presented by Miss Mary Walker, president of the Watauga County Unit of ACE, who invited the speaker. "Every ten seconds there is presented to the home, school and society a new-born baby," Dr. Greer said. In stressing the freedom and opportunities that teachers have in a democracy, he cautioned the group to remember that "Communism is no stronger than democracy is weak." If teachers leave weaknesses in teaching, communism is going to take advantage of it and step in and fill it in.

Children must learn to live in four worlds, the physical, social, spiritual and the world of their own creation, the speaker explained. With 54,000 people killed by accidents and 5,500,000 injured last year, someone has failed to teach people to live in the physical world. Many intellectual folks fail, he said, because they have not learned to live with folks.

Dr. Greer spoke of the girth and teaching of a child as a great adventure. He deplored the fact that in North Carolina there are approximately 786,000 families and there were 272,000 couples without a single child. He then stressed the recognition of each child as an individual and said, "If we do not accept children as they are, we are not giving them a chance to use what they have. Normal people do not fail because they do not have," he stressed. "They fail because they do not use what they have." Every child is entitled to parents and teachers who act upon truth and justice instead of prejudice. All teachers "should be able to see that there is enough good in each man and woman, boy and girl to ultimately dominate their lives."

Following his speech, Dr. Greer favored the group with a folk song, "Single Gal." He was accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Greer. Rev. J. K. Parker opened the meeting with prayer. Mr. Wey then recognized Mr. Stanley A. Harris, chairman of the Centennial Committee, who made announcements concerning the celebration to be held here during the summer.

## Health Problems Are Discussed in County

During the past week Watauga citizens met in five different communities to discuss neighborhood health problems. Bad weather roads, lack of telephone service, and sewage disposal problems continue to be listed as the main problems affecting health conditions in Watauga county. Several community discussions have centered around the tremendous lack of doctors throughout the state. Stream pollution problems have also been one of the main topics of conversation.

## Baptist Association Meeting Set for 13th

The Spring Session of the Three Forks Association will meet with the Bethel Baptist church Friday, May 13. The following program has been planned: 10-10:20—Devotional, Rev. Bynum Trivette. 10:30-11—Sunday School Witnessing for Christ—Rev. R. C. Eggers. 11-12:00—The Church Witnessing for Christ—Rev. Horace Harris. 12-1:00—Picnic lunch brought by delegates. 1-1:30—Devotional, Rev. Fred Haganan. 1:30-2:00—Message by Rev. W. D. Ashley. 2:00—Individuals Witnessing for Christ, Dr. W. G. Bond. Brannan sees reduction of food costs in his farm plan.

## SENIOR RECITALISTS



Pictured from left to right are Lorene Amos, Betty Cornette, and Martha Cress, senior music majors who will be presented in recital in the college auditorium Friday, May 6, at 8:00 p. m. Miss Amos and Miss Cress are students in piano with Mr. O. M. Hartsell; Miss Cornette studies voice with Mrs. Virginia Linnay. The program will feature solo and ensemble selections in piano and solo work in voice.

## Voters May Register Bond Vote Saturday

## Heavy Fines In Liquor Cases

Judge Rousseau set unusually heavy fines in cases involving the possession of liquor for the purpose of sale, in Superior court last week. Tom Bumgarner was fined \$2,000 and the cost, and given an eighteen months suspended sentence, having entered a plea of guilty to possession for the purpose of sale. He was placed on probation for three years, and his driving license revoked. Howard Thomas, pleaded guilty to transporting and possession for the purpose of sale, and was fined \$1,000 and the cost, and given an 18 months suspended sentence. He was placed on probation and a car valued at perhaps \$650 confiscated. His driving license was revoked. T. Gross, who was sentenced to 4 months on similar charges, filed notice of appeal to the Supreme court, while Joe Trivett was called and failed. Capias was issued and amount of bond set at \$5,000.

Divorce decrees were signed by the court in the following cases: Sherman Thomas vs. Lena Wilson Thomas. Helen Reese Triplett vs. Claud Triplett. Ruby Trivett Presnell vs. Bynum Presnell. L. W. Beach vs. Fronia Beach. Euliah Moretz Wheeler vs. Simon Wheeler.

## Mass Meeting To Aid Bond Vote

A mass meeting is soon to be held for the purpose of launching the Watauga phase of the campaign for Governor Scott's two hundred million dollar rural road bond proposal. It was learned through Frank Baird, manager of the Scott forces during the last primary and leading citizen of Valle Crucis. Mr. Baird states that Mark Goforth, new highway commissioner, is to be asked to address the gathering. Considerable interest is developing in the election here, and it seems safe to assume that the county will be pretty well united in behalf of the Scott program. Three Wataugans, W. R. Winkler, R. T. Greer, and W. G. Hartzog, signed the incorporation papers for the State organization which will push the campaign.

## Goforth Named To Highway Post

Mark Goforth, chairman of the Caldwell county board of commissioners, and prominent Lenoir business and civic leader has been named highway commissioner for the eighth district, succeeding J. Raymond Smith of Mount Airy. The division headed by Goforth embraces the counties of Alleghany, Caldwell, Davie, Watauga, Forsyth, Stokes, Surry, Wilkes and Yadkin.

## Johnny Payne Hurt In Fall from Car

Johnny Payne, four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Payne, sustained a slight concussion Monday afternoon when he fell from a moving car that was making the turn at the stop light in east Boone. It is believed that the child reached for the door handle in order to brace himself and stumbled against the door. Although his condition is not thought to be serious the doctor has advised that he be kept in bed for observation for several days.

## County Singing Is Slated For June 5th

The county singing convention will be held at the Gospel tabernacle in Boone on the first Sunday in June, starting at 10:30 a. m., it is stated by S. C. Eggers, chairman. Mr. Eggers insists that all choirs, duets, quartets and other vocal organizations in the county get ready to enter the event.

## PROGRAM FOR BIRTHDAY OF COUNTY TO BE WELL ROUNDED

Centennial Committee Gives Out First Details of Program for Centennial Week Observance; Season Tickets Are Selling at Fast Rate.

Tentative plans for the Watauga County Centennial have been made and an outline of these plans was mailed out by the Centennial officials last week-end. The plans call for a day honoring the Governor and past Governors of this and other states. Governor Kerr W. Scott has been invited to speak on this day. Stanley A. Harris, Chamber of Commerce secretary and official of the Centennial, stated that advance season tickets to the five-day spectacle were selling faster than had been anticipated. He said they were "literally going like hot cakes." One organization which is helping sell the tickets, was reported to have sold out their allotment before Monday noon, first day of official sale. Organizations which are helping sell the first 1,000 tickets at reduced price include the Lions club, Worthwhile Womens club, Rotary club, Business and Professional Womens club, Quarterback club, J. C.'s, and Chamber of Commerce.

"Echoes of the Blue Ridge," a dramatization of the founding, settling and developing of Watauga county, will be a feature of the night activities during the celebration. This show will be produced by the John B. Rogers Production Co., which is producing similar historical shows for Burlington and Forsyth county during their centennial celebrations this month.

The celebration will begin here on July 5 and end July 10, with the churches of the county joining together for a worship day. Old-time songs and hymns will be featured that day with a message from an outstanding minister, according to the tentative plans.

The first day of the celebration will be known as Pioneer Day. Prizes are to be awarded for the best beard in the county. The Watauga Pioneer will be selected. It is the hope of Centennial officials to have every person 75 years or older, who was born in Watauga county, on a stage on the athletic field at Appalachian State Teachers College.

## Moss President County League

Rev. S. B. Moss was named president of the Watauga Citizens' league at a meeting of the organization held last Wednesday at the courthouse. Other officers elected were: Clyde R. Greene, vice-president; Rev. Ben Wood, secretary. Directors were elected from the various townships as follows: Bald Mountain—Wade Norris, Mrs. Glenn Howell. Beaver Dam—Dallas Wilson, Mrs. W. W. Wilson. Blowing Rock—K. K. Brown, Mrs. Howard Holshouser. Blue Ridge—Rev. W. D. Ashley, Mrs. S. C. Foad. Boone—Dr. W. G. Bond, Mrs. W. G. Hartzog, Rev. Ronda Horton. Brushy Fork—Rev. Ronda Earp, Mrs. L. M. Hodges. Cove Creek—Rev. R. C. Eggers, Mrs. Stanley Harris. Elk—V. C. Cox, Jud Hodges. Laurel Creek—Grayden Haganan, George Lawrence. New River—Rev. G. M. Watson, Mrs. Mollie Adams. North Fork—Sam S. South, Mrs. Lloyd Miller. Meat Camp No. 1—Grady Wilson, Mrs. Earnest Moretz. Meat Camp No. 2—H. C. Beach, Mrs. Tom Eggers. Shawneehaw—Victor Farthing, Mrs. John Smith. Stony Fork—J. J. Welborn, Mrs. Ernest Greene. Watauga—W. W. Mast, Mrs. J. E. Harbin.

The League, it is explained, is organized for the purpose of providing support to the law enforcement agencies of the county. There will be a meeting of the officers and directors of the League Tuesday, May 10, at the Skyline Restaurant, at 7 o'clock, to which officials and law enforcement officers have been invited. Invitations have been issued to the following: Mayor Gordon Winkler, Verne Greene, Coy Greene, Guy Hunt, Grady Moretz, Council Cook, Sheriff C. M. Watson, Deputy Walter Terrill, Tom Miller, Grover Robbins, Patrolman Roberts, Patrolman Parker.

## Cancer Fund Is Nearing Goal

The cancer fund for Watauga county has now reached \$262.00, against the total local quota of \$300, and chairman Paul Winkler says that a number of solicitors have not submitted their final reports. It is requested that all canvassers send in their reports at once. Those who have not yet contributed to the cancer fund are asked to send their contributions to Paul Winkler or Mrs. Elice Adams in Boone.

## Fire Razes Small Frame Residence

A fire of undetermined origin destroyed the small frame dwelling on Howard street, formerly occupied by Joe Trivett and family early Friday morning. The fire, when discovered, had gained such headway that the building couldn't be saved, although the department prevented the spread of the flames. A nearby warehouse was only slightly damaged. The house was unoccupied.