

KING STREET BY ROB RIVERS

MARK GOFORTH, who resigned his job as chairman of the board of commissioners of Caldwell county, to accept Governor Scott's appointment as district highway commissioner, came to Boone Friday, spoke to the Rotary Club, mixed with his friends in the community and county, made new acquaintances, and expressed his purpose of giving everything I have to the important job I have been tendered.

SOME TALK is now being heard on the road bond proposal, and most of the folks appear to be for the proposal. A pretty thorough-going campaign, it appears, will be waged in behalf of the bond issue, particularly in the rural sections of the county.

Mrs. CHAS. PHILLIPS who lives over in Beaver Dam township, makes a special trip to Boone to renew her subscription to the Watauga Democrat.

THIS WHISKER-GROWING business, which is so distasteful to most of the participants, their wives and children, is after all helping out with the promotion of the centennial celebration, as visitors to the community inquire as to the ways and wherefores of the mustaches, side burns, full beards, chin whiskers, etc.

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LEWIS MAPS 1949 CONTRACT POLICY



John L. Lewis meets with United Mine Workers' policy committee at UMW headquarters in Washington, D. C., to begin drafting his union's 1949 coal contract demands as bituminous operators map counter-strategy. Left to right: John Owens, UMW secretary-treasurer; Lewis, UMW president, and Thomas Kennedy, vice-president.

Burglars Blow Safe At Watson's Garage

Road Bonds Topic Commerce Group

The school and road bond issue, which is to be voted on by the people Saturday June 4th, will be the principal item for discussion at the May meeting of the Chamber of Commerce to be held Tuesday evening May 19 at the Skyline cafe at 7 o'clock.

Representative S. C. Eggers, a member of the Legislature which developed the road and school program, is slated to discuss the pros and cons of the issue, while Mayor Gordon Winkler will discuss the parks and the Parkway situation.

Dr. Yoder Given Scott Appointment

Dr. Julian Yoder, professor of geography at Appalachian State Teachers college, has been asked by Governor W. Kerr Scott to serve as a member of the North Carolina Resource-Use Education Commission. In a letter received by Dr. Yoder this week Governor Scott said:

Retired Merchant Has Fatal Stroke

Mr. Albert Hodgson, 68 years old, retired merchant, cattleman and farmer of Boone RFD 2, died at Hagaman clinic Friday as a result of a stroke which was suffered seven days earlier.

Highway Officials To Meet on Tuesday

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Thirty-Five Dollars Taken in Raid on Watson's Garage; Robbery Investigated.

Burglars blew open a safe at the Claude Watson garage about ten miles east of Boone on 421 early Sunday morning and made off with about thirty-five dollars in cash, and two finger rings. The sheriff's office reported that the safe-blowers used Watson's own tools to drill into the safe to make way for the explosives.

Lions Elect New Officers

New officers for the year 1949-50 were elected by the Boone Lions Club Tuesday, May 3, at their regular supper meeting in Daniel Boone Hotel dining room. Installation of these officers will be made June 7, which will also be Ladies' Night.

Dr. Gambill Favors N. C. Sterilization Act

Dr. Clarence J. Gambill, of Boston, Mass., was in town last week, en route home from New Orleans, where he attended a meeting of the American association on mental deficiency, and had praise for the sterilization law now effective in North Carolina. He says the statute is one of the best in the nation, and only needs more general enforcement to carry out the benefits to society, for which it was designed.

Lightning Damages Local Power Plant

During the severe electrical storm Tuesday noon, a bolt of lightning burned out 25 coils in one of the big generators at the New River Light & Power Company's steam plant here, and service was interrupted for more than an hour, while the change-over to another generator and engine was affected.

Falls 4,000 Feet to Death

Seattle, Wash.—Davor Huycie, of Los Angeles, third pilot aboard a C-27, carrying ten passengers, fell 4,000 feet to his death in Alaska, when he was "sucked out" while trying to check a draft around a door.

ERWIN SPEAKS AT FINALS OF COLLEGE HERE: 143 GRADUATE

State Superintendent of Instruction To Deliver Address to Those Receiving Degrees from Appalachian; 18 Watauga Students Expect To Graduate.

Among the 143 young people to be graduated from Appalachian State Teachers college on the morning of May 20 there will be eighteen from Watauga county to receive the degree of bachelor of science. Dr. B. B. Dougherty will present the diplomas and Dr. Clyde A. Erwin, state superintendent of public instruction, will deliver the address to the graduating class.

The commencement program will include the processional, the traditional hymn, "Holy, Holy, Holy," which is always used at Appalachian commencements; the invocation by the Rev. Sam Moss, pastor of the Boone Methodist church; an anthem, "Listen to the Lambs," by the Appalachian a cappella choir under the direction of Virginia Wary Linney; the graduation address by Dr. Erwin in the "Hallelujah Chorus" sung by the choir; the conferring of degrees and awarding of diplomas by President Dougherty; the benediction by Rev. J. K. Parker, pastor of the James I. Vance Memorial church of Boone; and the recessional. Nicholas Erneston will direct the college orchestra in the commencement music.

Those to be graduated from Watauga county are as follows: Mrs. Pauline Ashley; Margaret Winecoff Barnes; Josephine Birmingham, Betty Jean Farthing, J. Ray Fox, William C. Garvey, Johnny Hollar, Madge Jones Johnson, Eugene Lyons, Edith Maine, Sam Moir, Jr., William Sease, John Britt Steelman, Ray Teems, Rachel Ann Vance, William Wilson, and Clara Mae Shepard, all of Sugar Grove.

Chevrolet Co. In New Building

The Colvard Chevrolet Company has moved into its handsome new building on North Depot Street, but the official opening of the building is not slated until some time in next month.

Victors in County Loop Announced

Bamboo defeated Foscoe in a well played contest by a score of 6 to 5. Mabel, with Greene setting down seventeen men on strikes coasted to their first win at Blowing Rock, while Elk defeated Oak Grove in a well played game by a score of 6 to 4. Hayes was the winning pitcher in this one. Boone, Bethel, Valle Crucis and Rich Mountain were stopped by rain.

Health Meetings Are Scheduled for Week

Following are the county health meetings scheduled for next week, all the meetings to be held at 7:30 p. m.: Winebarger school, May 18, L. E. Wilson, chairman; Bamboe school, May 17, Vance Keller, chairman; Blue Ridge Advent church, May 19, Mrs. W. V. Collins, chairman.

CANDIDATES PIONEER AND QUEEN



Rev. S. E. Gragg of Shulls Mills, and Miss Annie Mae Carroll of Boone, who have been nominated by the Boone Rotary Club as candidates for the Watauga Pioneer and the Queen of the Centennial, respectively. Rev. Mr. Gragg, who is 88 years old, is a minister in the Advent Christian Church, and is perhaps the oldest active preacher in the county. He is a farmer, banker, former merchant, and has resided at Shulls Mills 44 years. He is in perfect physical condition. Miss Carroll is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Carroll of Boone, and is a popular member of the sophomore class at Appalachian College.

Demand Grows For Centennial Tickets

Patrons' Group Goes To Work

Stanley A. Harris, Watauga county's Centennial president, announced this week that the Patrons' committee for the celebration to be held here July 5-10, has been selected and members of that committee are engaged in supporting plans for the celebration. Members were selected by various organizations throughout the county and include more than a hundred persons.

Chauffeurs' Licenses Must Be Renewed

Raleigh — The Motor Vehicle Department announced today that all chauffeurs' licenses in the State must be renewed by June 30.

John Loves Mary" Commencement Play

"John Loves Mary," a comedy in three acts, which enjoyed high acclaim in its long runs on Broadway, will be the commencement play at Appalachian College, and is staged under the auspices of the Playcrafters, under the direction of Cratis D. Williams, assisted by Sue McGrady.

Bolt Hits Cigar

Camden, Ark.—Jack Hendricks had the unusual experience recently of having a bolt of lightning knock a cigar from his mouth. He was not hurt by the bolt.

LOCAL PLANS BEING MADE TO CAMPAIGN FOR ROAD PROGRAM

Frank Baird Says Organization Virtually Complete and That Strong Effort Will Be Made To Line Up County In Behalf of Scott Proposals

Frank Baird, Watauga manager for Governor Scott in his successful primary campaign last year, states that the local organization set up for the purpose of carrying the Scott road and school bond program to the people, has been virtually completed, and that a thorough-going campaign will be made, looking to carrying the county for the proposals in the June 4th election.

Orchestra In First Concert

The Appalachian State Teachers college orchestra, under the direction of Nicholas Erneston, will make its initial appearance on Sunday afternoon, May 15, at 3:00 p. m., in the college auditorium. The orchestra has made remarkable progress since it was newly organized, as a full unit, at the beginning of the spring quarter. The string section is composed of members who, with the exception of two, began the study of their instrument during the current school year. Some have studied as little as two months. In view of this fact, they play exceptionally well.

Prof. Williams To Go to New York U.

Professor Cratis D. Williams of the ASTC English faculty has been awarded a graduate assistantship in English at New York University for the 1949-50 session. The stipend will be \$1,600 plus tuition. He will teach two classes in Washington Square College, the undergraduate school of New York University.

Enoch F. Potter, 76, Succumbs Saturday

Enoch Franklin Potter, 76, resident of the Tamarack neighborhood, died last Saturday at the home, following a long illness. Funeral services were conducted at the Elk Knob Baptist church Monday at 11 o'clock, by Rev. Mr. Miller of Mountain City, and interment was in the Main cemetery.

Harris Urges Those Not Securing Advance Tickets To Buy Now and Save.

Sale of the season tickets for the centennial celebration is running ahead of expectations, and Stanley A. Harris, centennial president, states that those who wish to take advantage of the special \$5 price should get a ticket immediately, as more than half of those made available at this rate have been sold.

Pat's Place Is Scene Of Fire

A fire of undetermined origin, roared through Pat's Place, a restaurant located in Perkinsville, at 5 o'clock Tuesday morning, destroyed practically all of the cafe equipment, and inflicted damage of some thousands of dollars to the building. The building is owned by R. W. McGuire of Boone, and was under lease to J. H. Eller, who owned the restaurant equipment. Mr. McGuire estimated the loss at a minimum of \$5,000.