

KING STREET

BY ROB RIVERS

CENTENNIAL officials continuing hard work, looking to the big celebration, which promises to bring more folks to town than have ever before gathered here...

NOMINATED



Miss Barbara Jones of Boone, who has been nominated as the Lions Club's candidate for Queen of the Centennial...



Mrs. Dorothy Norris, who is the candidate of the business and professional woman's club for the title of Queen of the Watauga County Centennial...

T. L. MAST, who has been ill for several months, was sufficiently improved the other day to come to town and mingle for a while with his friends on the Street...

TALE OF THE TIMES... Rural resident emerging from local store, greets us as we shuffle along the pavement...

ONE OF THOSE GENEROUS SOULS was commenting to us the other day about the illness of a neighbor...

BUSINESS man, who's always been opposed to any governmental interference in the affairs of private industry, says things aren't as good as they were awhile back...

THE BIRDS WERE SINGING, the early morning sunlight was making diamonds of the dew drops on the grass...

GOFORTH ASKS FULL SUPPORT FOR PROGRAMS OF GOV. SCOTT

Highway Commissioner Speaks to Chamber of Commerce; Group Endorses Bond Proposals; Representative Eggers Is Heard at Meeting.

Mark Goforth, highway commissioner for this district, told members of the Chamber of Commerce last Thursday night at the Skyline Cafe...

Business of the group included a report by Stanley A. Harris, secretary, in which he said many inquiries about places to live in Boone during the summer were being received by his office.

Mayor Gordon Winkler reported that the town board had decided to place courtesy tickets on out-of-state cars which have overparked in the downtown areas of Boone...

Miss Mickey McGuire was selected as Centennial candidate queen by the Chamber and John W. Hodges, former sheriff of Watauga county...

State Representative Clyde Eggers spoke briefly on the bond issues, telling the group that our Governor had said that schools and roads go together.

Many Compete In Pioneer Contest

A number of candidates for the title "Watauga Pioneer" and "Queen of the Centennial" have been placed in nomination by the different clubs of the town and county...

Balloting is now going on, and boxes have been placed in the Boone postoffice, Boone Drug Co., Carolina Pharmacy, and the Northwestern Bank...

Those nominated so far, include: For pioneer, J. M. Moretz, Lee Swift, Joe Norris, S. E. Gragg, John W. Hodges, W. F. Mast, B. B. Dougherty, for queens, Barbara Jones, Annie Mae Carroll, Mrs. Loy McGuire, Micky McGuire, Katie Farthing, Dorothy Norris, and Margaret Dotson.

Watauga Would Get \$1,288,000 for Roads

Raleigh—Watauga county will receive \$369,463 for school building and \$1,288,000 for road building if voters on June 4 authorize the issuance of school and road bonds...

School and road bond bills passed by the 1949 General Assembly allocate those amounts to be spent in the county, provided that the people authorize the issuance of the bonds when they vote in the June 4 election.

For school building Watauga county would get \$250,000 as its equal share of a \$25,000,000,000 appropriation by the General Assembly plus \$119,463 as its per-pupil share of the proceeds from the school bonds.

The amount that would be spent in the county for road building, if issuance of the bonds is favored by the voters, is set forth exactly in the road bond bill, and represents what the General Assembly determined to be a fair and equitable distribution...

The county's share of proceeds from the road bonds would be in addition to its regular share of highway funds.

LEGION MEETING A special meeting of the Watauga Post American Legion, will be held at the Legion hut Thursday evening at 7:30.

JAYCEES ABANDON RAZORS



Members of the Junior Chamber of Commerce have gone into the Whisker League in a wholehearted way as can be seen in the photograph. Standing, left to right, are Cecil Farthing, Greer Hodges, Dr. J. G. Martin and Palmer Blair. Seated are: Ned Norris, Olen Goodnight, Jerry Coe, Bill Hodges, Fred M. Gragg and Joe Williams.

Road Bond Meetings Are Slated

Gatherings To Be Held in Different Sections of County Looking to Special Election.

As the campaign in behalf of the Governor Scott bond issue gathers momentum locally, a series of township meetings have been arranged by the co-chairmen, Frank Baird and W. R. Winkler, at which places the issues before the electorate will be discussed and the proposals explained.

Residents of Cove Creek, Laurel Creek, Beaver Dam and North Fork townships are asked to meet at the Cove Creek High school Wednesday, May 25, at 7:30.

Watauga and Shawneehaw townships: Valle Crucis school, Thursday, May 26, 7:30.

Meat Camp 1 and 2, Bald Mountain: Green Valley school, Friday, May 27, 7:30.

Brushy Fork, New River, Boone: Courthouse, Saturday, May 28, 7:30. This is a county-wide meeting.

Blowing Rock and Blue Ridge: Blowing Rock School, Tuesday, May 31, 7:30.

Stony Fork, Elk: Deep Gap school, Wednesday, June 1, 7:30.

Voters are asked to attend the meeting most convenient to them. It is pointed out that the campaign is non-political and that the chairmen of both the Democratic and Republican parties, Messrs. I. B. Wilson and W. R. Winkler, are lending their full support to the effort to provide adequate rural roads, and rebuild the physical properties of the schools.

Three Watauga Boys Attend Wake Forest

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Two of the students are from Boone. They are George Greene, Jr., a sophomore, and Jack Idol, a freshman. Greene is a member of Sigma Pi social fraternity. Elster Greene, a senior, is from Stony Fork.

CHOICE OF BUSINESS WOMEN



Dr. B. B. Dougherty, president of Appalachian State Teachers College, was chosen candidate for the Pioneer title in the Centennial celebration by the Business and Professional Women's club.

EDUCATOR MAKES PLEA FOR SUPPORT BOND PROPOSALS

Local People Attend Hearing at Asheville

A number of Watauga county people went to Asheville Saturday to attend the hearing before the House public lands committee on matters pertaining to the completion of the Parkway, and to further expansion of park facilities in North Carolina.

The Congressmen expressed themselves as being highly pleased with the area visited, and it is felt that perhaps a good deal may have been accomplished by their visit to the Carolina mountains.

Those going from Boone were James H. Council, Frank Payne, W. G. Hartzog, R. E. Agle, E. F. Coe, Joe Williams, Wade Brown, H. Grady Farthing, R. D. Hodges, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Winkler, Mr. and Mrs. Grady Moretz, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Winkler.

Those from Blowing Rock included Grover Robbins, G. Sud-dreth, Kent Brown, Bobby Hardin, Charlie Robbins and Mr. Thompson.

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Dr. Clyde A. Erwin, state superintendent of public instruction, made an effective appeal for the support of the proposal to vote two hundred and twenty-five million dollars for rural roads and school buildings, in an address to a representative group of Watauga county people gathered in the courthouse last Friday afternoon.

"The development of our educational system in North Carolina since the turn of the century is a saga of progress, which is perhaps unequalled in any State in the Union," said Dr. Erwin, "and we are now spending more money on a single building than the State paid for all educational purposes fifty years ago, yet we are a long way from the equality of educational opportunity advocated by Charles Brantley Aycock."

Pleading for the right of all the children of the State to have the same high quality school structures enjoyed by those living in the populous centers, Dr. Erwin urged full support of the school bond proposal so that adequate housing could be had for the schools. "First the depression, then the war, stopped school building in the State," said the speaker, "until the properties have deteriorated to such an extent that only a big scale effort by the State can supply the need for taking care of the expanded school population."

Turning to the road bond situation Dr. Erwin lauded Governor Morrison for his wisdom in inaugurating the road and school building program of 1921, which

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Farm Bureau For Road Bond Plan

At a meeting of the directors of the Watauga Farm Bureau held Saturday, the board unanimously approved the rural road and school bond program which is to be voted on June 4.

G. D. Barnett, president of the organization, says the Bureau will actively promote the Scott program, and calls attention to the fact that the campaign is strictly non-political, and that the issuance of the bonds will not result in the assessment of any property tax. He urges full participation of the voters in the election.

Ferd Wilson Dies At Trade, Home

Ferd Wilson, 39 years old, died last Wednesday at the home at Trade, Tenn., following a long period of illness.

Funeral services were conducted from the home Friday evening, with Rev. W. A. Kerr of Creston officiating.

Surviving are four brothers and two sisters: Rolf, Rom, Bryon and Archie, Mrs. Paul Greene of Zionville, and Mrs. Ray Bumgardner of Trade, Tenn.

Flower girls were Hazel Thomas, Geneva Wallace, Betty Jo Wilson, Anna Bell Ragan, Margaret Wallace, Janice Wallace and Virginia Thomas.

ERWIN SPEAKS AS 143 GIVEN DIPLOMAS AT COLLEGE HERE

State Superintendent Asks For Support of Public Education by Those Given Degrees; Importance of Religion Cited by State Official.

Dr. Clyde Erwin, state superintendent of public instruction, delivered the address to the 143 graduates of Appalachian State Teachers college on Friday, at the commencement exercises. Challenging the graduates to maintain a high education program and its problems, he called upon them to dedicate all their wisdom and wealth and vision to the charting of education for the children of this and all future generations.

Dr. Erwin decried the use of education for propaganda purposes. "We must be on guard against these forces," he said, "and we must see to it that in those areas that have to do with human relationships there must be an understanding of and acceptance of the democratic principles upon which this country is founded. Strange ideological pressures upon the school systems and upon the use of the land will come from many sources and in many insidious ways. While we undertake to maintain freedom in the world, we must make the ideologies of freedom safe and secure in the hearts and minds of our school children. They must learn not only of their rights and privileges, but they must learn of their duties and their responsibilities. They must understand that this country has grown strong and great through the development of private enterprise and through the preservation of individual initiative."

Dr. Erwin emphasized religion as a basic foundation for education, running like a golden thread through our history and through our system of education. He said that a new conception of Jesus' Great Commission, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel..."

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Oxen, Vehicles Sought For Parade

The centennial corporation is making plans for a spectacular parade to supply the high spot in the July celebration, and is urgently in need of a yoke or two of oxen with wagons, to add a pioneer touch to the spectacle.

Old vehicles, particularly a covered wagon, surry, and buggies are being sought for participation in the parade, and one of the earliest type of automobiles to be found is also desired.

Anyone who can aid in the development of the parade along these lines, is asked to get in touch with Stanley A. Harris, at the Chamber of Commerce Office.

William W. Gragg Succumbs Saturday

William Webster Gragg, prominent Boone farmer, died at his home on Poplar Grove Road Saturday. Mr. Gragg had been in impaired health for several weeks.

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Boone Baptist Church by Rev. R. C. Eggers, and interment was in the family cemetery near the home.

Surviving are the widow, three sons and four daughters: Howard Gragg, Jack Gragg, Boone; Russell Gragg, Tucson, Ariz.; Mrs. A. H. Hodges, Mrs. L. G. Flick, Mrs. Harold Henson, Boone; Mrs. W. S. Cox, Washington, D. C. There are three brothers: G. W. and T. R. Gragg, Boone; Boone Gragg, Moore's Hill, Ind.

Memorial Service for Lt. William Shomaker

Memorial services for William Ernest Shomaker will be held at the Baptist church at Balm, N. C., on June 5, at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

Lieutenant Shomaker is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Shomaker of Balm. He was killed in action on July 12, 1945, in Vinh, French Indo-China.

He was graduated from Cranberry High school and from Lees-McRae College at Banner Elk, N. C., in 1940. After two years of intensive training in aeronautics at Langley Field, Va., and other fields in California, he received his commission as second lieutenant, and later was promoted to first lieutenant.

He received the Distinguished Flying Cross for extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flying in the North African theater of operations. Nine Oak Leaf Clusters for 50 successful missions over enemy targets, and two Oak Leaf Clusters for

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