

## KING STREET

BY  
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SIDEWALK ENGINEERS gather to watch Contractor Wiley G. Hartzog and his men pour the new steps and walkway into the postoffice building. . . . Frank Triplett draws the biggest congregation, when he hauled away the old steps with his wrecking equipment. . . . Parking meter concern takes out some of the meters which had failed to yield enough coin to justify making the payments on the gadgets, and re-spacing others so as to provide more convenient parking, and perhaps fewer wrinkled fenders. . . . One of the city's least industrious citizens, sitting 4 hours on end, without so much as a flicker of an eyelash to indicate animation. . . . Ira Ayers' new electric shop on North Depot, freshly decorated, featuring the latest in electrical gadgets. . . . school children selling the little paper poppies about the streets Saturday, and the occasional man who just couldn't part with the dime. . . .

## NEW LIONS CLUB OFFICERS



New officers of the Boone Lions Club who will be installed Tuesday night are pictured above. They are, left to right, seated: S. M. Ayers and Lee Stout, vice presidents; Howard Cottrell, president; Fred Gragg, secretary and treasurer; Gordon Winkler, director; Standing: J. C. Cline and E. F. Coe, tall twisters; R. D. Hodges, Sr., and Guy Hunt, directors; Paul Coffey, Lion tamer; and Grady Moretz, director. R. H. Harmon, director, is not shown. (Photo by Blair)

## Wooden Nickels Are Legal Tender Here



Linney Walker, local jeweler, who is undoubtedly on the inside of the track in the race for the Centennial bearded man championship, with this set of rare torsorial decorations. (Photo by Blair.)

## Pioneer Voting Ends On June 30

All ballots for Watauga county pioneer and queen of the centennial must be cast by 6 p. m. June 30, it is revealed by the special committee headed by W. H. Gragg, and no votes will be tabulated after that date. Those who have bought advance tickets are requested to use the stubs provided and cast their votes at once.

## Cline F. Broyhill Succumbs Sunday

Cline Field Broyhill, 46 year old farmer of Brownwood, died Sunday morning en route to the local hospital. He had been in ill health for some time, but a heart attack was said to have probably been the cause of his death.

## Meetings Scheduled on Better Schools, Roads

Citizens interested in better schools and roads are urged to attend the following meetings: Deep Gap school, Wednesday, June 1, at 7:30 p. m. Mabel school, Thursday, June 2, at 7:30 p. m. Laurel Fork Baptist church, Friday, June 3, at 7:30 p. m.

## Centennial Souvenirs Are Now Available in Three Denominations; Other News

"Don't take any wooden nickels!" We've heard this lots of times. But in Watauga County it's "Get your wooden nickels now," or "Have you seen the wooden nickels?" The wooden nickels are a special issue commemorating Watauga county's founding 100 years ago, and were printed in the local print shop for Watauga County's Centennial, Inc., which is sponsoring the celebration in July.

The nickels are printed in denominations of one, two and five cents per unit and are available as souvenirs at various business establishments and Centennial headquarters. They will be accepted in trade by Watauga merchants and business men or are redeemable, if desired, in cash at the local bank, according to Stanley A. Harris, president of the Centennial.

Only 6,000 of the souvenirs were printed and when that supply is exhausted, no more will be available. A special meeting of the Centennial committees was held last week. Bob Agle, of the official program committee, announced that all the advertising space allotted the program had been sold.

D. J. Whitener, historian, gave a brief report on his work and read a few paragraphs from the history of Watauga which he had prepared.

## W. H. Gragg Gets B.&L. Appointment

W. H. Gragg, secretary-treasurer of the Watauga Building and Loan Association of Boone, received word today of his appointment to the Advisory Section on State Legislation of the United States Savings and Loan League, the 57-year old, nation-wide trade organization of the savings association business. The appointment came from M. K. M. Murphy, Rutherford, New Jersey, President of the league.

## Secretary Interior Visits N. Carolina

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## RURAL HEALTH PROBLEMS ARE TOPIC AT 36 LOCAL MEETS

County-Wide Better Health Organization Is Formed as Result of Neighborhood Mass Meetings; Questionnaires Sent Out To Get Health Status.

All 36 Watauga county communities have now held mass community health meetings, discussed their rural health problems, and have elected health chairmen to represent their communities in a county-wide organization to improve Watauga county health. The Committee on Better Health for Watauga County announced this week that 80 community health chairmen are now surveying the major health problems in their communities.

Community health questionnaires were mailed a few days ago to the chairmen in each community. The questionnaire consists of eighteen guiding questions concerning the problems that have been brought out in the community mass meetings. They are:

How many families live in your community?  
Are bad roads a health problem?  
Does your community have adequate telephone service?  
How many families have sanitary pit privies?  
How many families have no means of sewage disposal?

How many families have safe water supplies?  
Are there children in your community who have not been immunized against diphtheria, whooping cough, typhoid fever, and smallpox?  
How many families carry hospital insurance?  
How many people had to go to the hospital last year?

Is school transportation a problem in your community?  
How do the families in your community dispose of their garbage?  
How many families have their cows tested for Bang's disease and tuberculosis?  
Does the school have safe water supplies, toilet facilities, and handwashing facilities?

How many families have gardens of fresh vegetables?  
Are flies a problem in your community?  
Some of the questionnaires have already been completed and returned to the committee, who will compile the facts gathered from all over the county. The health situation of the entire county will be presented to a large mass meeting to be held sometime this month. The committee reports that although each community has its own peculiar health problems, most of Watauga county communities seem to have problems alike, such as lack of adequate medical care, bad roads—far too many people are sick from preventable disease and illnesses—too many children have correctable defects, and so on.

The committee reports that the community mass meetings have brought forth an amazing amount of interest in improving health conditions throughout the county. Plans for meeting some of these health needs will be formulated at a large mass meeting to be held in Boone this month. The committee consists of Mr. DeWitt Barnett, Mr. Stewart Simmons, Mr. I. B. Wilson, Mr. Clyde Greene, Mr. W. A. Smith, and Dr. H. B. Perry, Jr.

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## Sample Ballot OFFICIAL SPECIAL ELECTION BALLOT

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTER  
1. To vote FOR any bond issue submitted below, make a cross (x) mark or check mark in the square to the left of the word FOR.  
2. To vote AGAINST any bond issue submitted below, make a cross (x) mark or check mark in the square to the left of the word AGAINST.

1. TWO HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA SECONDARY ROAD BONDS  
 FOR the Issuance of Two Hundred Million Dollars State of North Carolina Secondary Road Bonds.  
 AGAINST the Issuance of Two Hundred Million Dollars State of North Carolina Secondary Road Bonds.

2. TWENTY-FIVE MILLION DOLLARS SCHOOL PLANT CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIR BONDS  
 FOR the Issuance of Twenty-Five Million Dollars School Plant Construction and Repair Bonds.  
 AGAINST the Issuance of Twenty-Five Million Dollars School Plant Construction and Repair Bonds.

Special Election June 4, 1949.  
HUBERT E. OLIVE  
Chairman State Board of Elections.

## Bond Campaign Is in Final Stretch Locally

The county-wide mass meeting held at the courthouse Saturday evening in support of the road and school bond issue, was largely attended by a representative group of citizens from different sections of the county.

Judge A. R. Crisp of Lenoir spoke in favor of the proposals, as did Edw. H. McMahan, state utilities commissioner. Judge Crisp likened the State administration to a corporation, which finds it expedient to spend large sums of money to take care of its expanding business.

## Road Meeting Is Well Attended

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## Fred Gragg Is New Post Commander

Fred Gragg was elected commander of the Watauga American Legion post Thursday when new officers of the post were selected. Installation of the new officers will be held at a district installation meeting at Newland on June 3.

## Wool Pool Sold

The 1949 Watauga wool pool has been sold to J. Cam Field of Mouth of Wilson, Va., and the wool will be taken up June 8, 9. Clear wool sold for 50 cents per pound.

## LOCAL WOMAN AMONG VICTIMS OF DARING HIGHWAY ROBBERS

Lenoir, May 28—Two youths they left the bus and disappeared. Patrolmen and deputy sheriffs arrested them about an hour later walking along a highway two miles from the scene of the stickup. Officers reported they recovered all the money taken from Bus Driver J. V. Ledford of Johnson City, Tenn., and five of his 13 passengers. The money and a check amounting to \$327.31 were found on Riley Price, 19, and E. L. Johnson, Jr., 15, of Rhodias. Both were charged with highway robbery and placed in Caldwell County jail in default of \$10,000 bonds. Highway Patrol Corp. Frank Kennerly said the youths boarded the bus at Boone and rode as passengers to the foot of the mountain 14 miles north of here before ordering Ledford at gunpoint to stop the bus. There, Kennerly said, Price held the pistol while Johnson walked along the aisle collecting money from passengers. Then they rode seven miles nearer Lenoir, where

## SCHEDULE OF CLINIC DATES IS GIVEN BY HEALTH DEPT

Typhoid Clinics Are Arranged for Various Sections of Watauga; Other Serum May Be Administered; Complete Schedule of Dates Is Released.

It is time to hold the typhoid clinics for this year and vaccination for whooping cough, diphtheria and smallpox will also be offered. Because most people are now taking their typhoid shots once each year instead of taking three doses every two or three years, each point on the clinic schedule will be visited only once. If anyone needs to be vaccinated more than one time he can get his second and third doses by coming to the Health Department in Boone on a Wednesday or Saturday morning or by attending one of the other clinics. Mrs. Smith will be in the Health department each Wednesday and Saturday morning and anyone may receive their vaccination on those days. We suggest that you clip this schedule and post it so as to remind you not to miss the clinic in your community. The schedule for clinics will be as follows:

- June 7: Brushy Fork, Harrison & Harmon store, 9:30-10:30 a. m.; Vilas, Glenn's store, 11:00-12:00 a. m.; Willow Dale church, 1:00-2:00 p. m.; Cove Creek, Moody's store, 2:30-3:30 p. m.
- June 9: Sherwood store, 9:30-10:30 a. m.; Jim Mast's store, 11:00-12:00 a. m.; Silverstone, Wilson's store, 1:00-2:00 p. m.; Mabel store, 2:30-3:30 p. m.
- June 10: Rich Mountain school, 9:30-10:30 a. m.; Winebarger school, 11:00-12:00 a. m.
- June 14: Laxon Post Office, 9:30-10:30 a. m.; Deep Gap school, 11:00-12:00 a. m.; Stoney Fork school, 1:00-2:00 p. m.; Wellborn store, 2:30-3:30 p. m.
- June 16: South's store, 9:30-10:30 a. m.; Green Valley school, 11:00-12:00 a. m.; Riverview school, 1:00-2:00 p. m.; Howard's Creek school, 2:30-3:30 p. m.
- June 20: Howard Mast's store, 9:30-10:30 a. m.; Matney store, 11:00-12:00 a. m.; Rominger Post Office, 1:00-2:00 p. m.
- June 21: Hagaman's store, 9:30-10:30 a. m.; Reese, Dean Reese's store, 11:00-12:00 a. m.; Bethel school, 1:00-2:30 p. m.
- June 23: Popular Grove church, 9:30-10:30 a. m.; Shulls Mills Post Office, 11:00-12:00 a. m.; Foscoe store, 1:00-2:00 p. m.; Grandfather, Fox store, 2:30-3:30 p. m.
- June 24: Rutherford, Michael's store, 9:30-10:30 a. m.; Bambo school, 11:00-12:00 a. m.; Triplett school, 1:00-2:00 p. m.
- June 27: Phillip's Branch, Willow Valley church, 9:30-10:30 a. m.; Victor Ward's store, 11:00-12:00 a. m.; Windy Gap school, 1:00-2:30 p. m.
- June 28: Timbered Ridge church, 10:30-12:00 a. m.; Peoria, Green Valley church, 1:00-2:00 p. m.

## Nursery School at Valle Crucis Planned

Plans are underway at Holy Cross Church, Valle Crucis, to establish a day nursery school for children of pre-school age. It is hoped that the school can be started early in September. The church authorities feel that such a school would be a valuable asset in giving limited school experience to the children of the community who will soon be entering regular public school. In order to explain the proposed school and to give information about the very moderate cost per child and other details, all parents with pre-school age children are urged to attend a meeting at the church on Sunday, June 5, at 2:30 p. m. It should be stated that a bus system is planned, so it will be possible for children from outside the immediate vicinity of the church to attend the nursery school.

## Mrs. W. W. Holsclaw Dies in Roseland

Mrs. W. W. Holsclaw, a pioneer resident of Watauga county and sister-in-law of Mrs. W. L. Henson of Boone, died at her home in Roseland, Fla., Monday, following an illness of more than a year. Funeral services and interment will be in Roseland today. Surviving are one son, and three daughters: Ralph Holsclaw, Misses Edna and Hazel Holsclaw, Roseland, Fla.; and Mrs. Neil Hagg, Tucson, Ariz. Mrs. Holsclaw was a native of Watauga county, and widow of W. W. Holsclaw, pioneer merchant, who operated a big general store in the vicinity of Willowdale Church many years ago. The family had lived in Florida for more than 30 years.

## VOICE OF AMERICA

Officials believe that a little less than half of the Voice of America programs beamed to countries behind the Iron Curtain are penetrating the jamming wall set up by the Soviet radio stations. A test of one day's broadcasts showed about 23 per cent penetrated the jamming curtain in the clear, another 22 per cent was reported as penetrating the jamming tactics in an intelligible form, while the remaining 44 per cent of the programs were estimated to have been completely obliterated.