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## KING STREET

BY  
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**HOT SUNNY DAYS** with an occasional shower supplant the rainy weather, which some of the more almanac-minded had declared wouldn't end until "dog days" were gone... but the rain went away so far as we know dog days are still here. The period, of from four to six weeks, occurring between July 1 to September 1 were named from the ascent of the dog star Sirius, and constitute the most sultry part of the summer time, when dogs, some think, are most likely to go mad... The ancients thought the conjunction of the dog star with the rising of the sun brought a wide assortment of illnesses to humanity, and that all might have an outside chance of survival when dog days were over... we moderns don't take note of the period at all 'cept when it happens to be a wet summer...

**SEEMS** that nowadays, a large percentage of the folks are ill, physically or otherwise, and the man who isn't taking any shots or swallowing any nostrums is something of a rarity... In this connection, was interested in a caller we had, about whose health we were concerned... "I'm only tolerable today... just tolerable... been ailing since corn-plantin' time... had the summer complaint, and haven't a good meal's vittles for a long time... old woman billed down some goose grass 'tother day, and I been using on that and am mendin'... took on a couple of rashers of side meat, and some more stuff this mornin' and I'm a right smart better than I have been, thank you."

**ONE OF THOSE EXASPERATING MOMENTS** in the life of a country newspaper publisher, comes when the paper is out, and a faithful reader sits down to digest the home town journal, while we are trying to arrive at some kind of a set of figures which will justify our business existence, reads a few scattering lines here and there, and we have to explain and rehash the line by line, and all for just a nickel... Large numbers of tourists stop by the Democrat office and buy a paper, look it over... Most of them express wonder that a small town can afford such a standard type of weekly newspaper service... "Don't know how you make it," they venture, while others equally complimentary, but less informed on newspapering, say we should squirt out a daily, right off the reel.

**PASSING A COIN** to a disabled pencil peddler, while we are reminded of an old tramp printer, whom we used to expect from time to time during good traveling weather... He carried a crutch, but wasn't much crippled... just a bit on the "washed up" side of the hill... The venerable disciple of Gutenberg always dropped by our place, mooched a dollar, and in the evening perched on the pavement down at the Theatre... He had a way of sitting on his pedal extremities, which belied their existence... and offered pencils... One evening he only had four and he couldn't well expand his stock and still get his bottle, so he decided to trust to luck... "Hope I do all right," he said, "but I'll be out of business in a helluva short order, if some of these folks who buy pencils, actually take 'em!"

**FLORIDIAN** drops by from Banner Elk, and told of spending a few days at the Pinnacle Inn... Highly pleased with the hospitality and service of the mountain-top hostelry... Rotary club square dances designed to put some of the crippled kiddies in the beef cattle business... Child is given heifer calf for his own returns to club the first heifer on whom, which is to be passed on to another handicapped youngster... Cy Crumley, veteran narrow gauge railway conductor, recent visitor to Boone 30 years ago, and was conductor of the last train to leave back in 1940... flood ripped up the road bed that day, and the train never returned...

## Community Cannery Is Open in Boone

The Boone Community Cannery is now operating on Tuesday and Friday until further notice. The cannery is located in the Agricultural Building at the High School and is open to anyone who wishes to do canning. It is hoped that the people in the patronage area of Boone will do their canning here. This is a community project and a sufficient amount of canning in the plant is necessary to keep it operating.

## FIRST ROTARY CLUB CALF AWARDED



Bobbie Dancy Vilas, is shown as he is presented a Hereford calf by the Boone Rotary Club, in line with the club's program of aiding crippled children. At the right is shown F. T. Wagoner, chairman of the Rotary calf committee, and Lester Carroll, another member of the committee. Proceeds from the weekly square dances at the Farmers Warehouse are used to further the calf project. —Photo Palmer's Photo Service.

## Dana Tugman Takes Farm Agent Position

### DUKE DIVINE



Dr. Gilbert T. Rowe, of the Duke University Divinity School, who will preach Sunday at the Boone Methodist church. Each evening next week, July 31-August 5, he will conduct a course of study on the theme: "The Message of Jesus." The public is invited.

## Rites Held For S-Sgt. Calloway

Funeral services were held Monday from the Foscoe Christian Church for S-Sgt. John H. Calloway, 25, who was killed in action in the European theatre of operations during the last war. Rev. Robert Shore was in charge of the rites and burial was in the family cemetery. Sgt. Calloway was a son of Mrs. S. B. Calloway and the late Mr. Calloway of Matoaka, W. Va., and was reared in the Foscoe neighborhood. He was a member of the 80th division, General Patton's third army, and was killed in the fighting at Luxembourg, Germany April 10, 1945. Surviving are two brothers and five sisters: A. C. Calloway, Johnson City, Tenn.; Roy Calloway, Matoaka, W. Va.; Mrs. Raymond Wilson, Boone; Mrs. Paul Rhyne, Cooperstown, W. Va.; Mrs. Ollie Ezell, Burlington, N. C.; Mrs. Louis Fisher, Matoaka, W. Va.; Miss Shirley Calloway, Matoaka, W. Va.

## Optometric Society Meets in Boone

The Catawba Valley District Optometric Society held its regular monthly meeting at the Daniel Boone Hotel July 20. Mr. Wade Eller, district health officer, was guest speaker. Said Mr. Eller, "We must and are determined to do more toward the visual health of our school children." A visual survey has already been initiated in Watauga and Ashe counties, directed by Dr. C. Ray Lawrence of Boone and Dr. James E. Rhodes of West Jefferson. The survey will progress more rapidly when additional visual instruments can be secured. The visual screening method being used is a complete diagnosis of defective vision. Mr. Eller also stated that in numbers of cases defective vision is the cause of retarded progress in school children, and that much progress can be made through proper visual care. Guests at the meeting were Dr. Lang of Concord, Dr. Reed of Hickory, Mrs. Smith, Watauga county nurse, and Mrs. Owens, Ashe county nurse.

## AIR SHOW WILL BE HELD HERE; BLAIR FIELD IS NOTED BY CAA

**Aerial Demonstrations Twice Interfered with by Rain; Steps Are Taken To Have Blair Field Placed on Maps And Listed in the Airman's Guide.**

Announcement has been made that the air show twice scheduled during the last three weeks and both times postponed due to weather conditions has now been re-scheduled for the coming Sunday, July 31. The planes participating in the show are scheduled to arrive at the Morganton-Lenoir Airport Saturday evening and barring the event of more drastically inclement weather will arrive in Boone Sunday morning. The field is expected to be in good condition both for the use of the planes and for parking.

Persons in charge of the show have asked that as many people as can please start as early as possible to minimize the problem of handling the large volume of traffic that will be on hand.

Mr. H. C. Sisk, Jr., manager of the Morganton-Lenoir airport, has stated that he and other parties responsible for the event regret the disappointment already caused a large number of people who have been on hand for the previous dates. Also that they particularly regret the inconvenience caused a surprisingly large number of the section's more elderly persons who have been on hand both dates with the expectation of competing for the free plane ride over the county with the \$50.00 prize carried by the event.

Mr. Sisk has further stated that the Civil Aeronautics Authority has exhibited considerable interest in further developing the Boone airport.

Mr. Wilbur Sprague, head of the C. A. A. district office with headquarters in Charlotte, has on request of Mr. Sisk, made a special trip to inspect the local strip and his conclusions were most encouraging. Among the recommendations, Mr. Sprague suggested steps be taken at once to have the field placed on air maps of this section and to have it listed in the "Airman's Guide."

It was also learned a representative of the C. A. A. has been on hand for the air show on both previous occasions, having in both instances spent the preceding Saturday night at the Daniel Boone hotel.

## Bus Drivers Are Given Cut

The State Board of Education has taken off the 20% raise given to bus drivers and the salary paid by the State will be \$20 per month for this year, as it was at the beginning of the last school year, it is explained by W. H. Walker, county superintendent of schools.

It is further stated by Mr. Walker that the county board of education, being short of funds, has had to take off the supplement the county had been paying to high school student drivers. "While the county commissioners," says Mr. Walker, "did their best for the schools without raising taxes and gave the schools five cents more of the levy, actually the schools will have less money than they had last year. The five cents will yield about \$3,700, but will be much less than the \$13,000 received last year from the State as the county's share of the beer and wine revenue."

## Building Plans To Be Studied by Board

Raleigh—The State Board of Education will meet here on August 3 to make further plans for putting into operation a \$50,000,000 program of State aid in building schools.

Paul A. Reid, Board of Education controller said that the board's building committee would meet here on August 2 to make recommendations for presentation to the full board.

The committee is expected to make recommendations regarding details of the disbursement of the \$50,000,000 fund.

The board already has adopted regulations requiring each school unit to make a survey of its building needs and to present to the State board an overall plan of how it proposes to spend the State funds.

Another regulation provides that the funds shall be divided between city and county school units on the basis of average daily attendance.

## WATAUGA COUNTY HAS SCHOOL SUPERVISOR

Through special allotment by the State Board of Education a county supervisor was allotted for Watauga county schools. Mrs. Dessa Mae Edmisten, who has been principal of the Valle Crucis school, was elected by the County Board of Education for this position.

Mrs. Edmisten fully meets the qualifications of a county supervisor. She holds the Master's degree from Columbia University and has had more than five years' experience teaching in the elementary schools and had a number of years' experience as principal of an elementary school.

Her duties will be to assist the county superintendent with reports, supplies and books, and assist the teachers throughout the county with their teaching.

## Hereford Breeders To See Movie Friday

A special meeting of the Watauga Hereford Breeders will be held in the courthouse Friday night, July 29, 8 o'clock, to see a new movie of the Hereford business. The movie has just been released recently by the American Hereford Association.

J. H. Crossingham, Mt. Airy, director of the State Hereford Association, is bringing the movie over and will discuss very briefly the Hereford business in this section of the state.

The movie will be of special interest to the commercial as well as the purebred cattlemen.

All cattlemen are cordially invited to the meeting.

The Watauga Breeders will be host to the State Hereford Association annual meeting here October 6 and will hold their annual sale October 7.

## WHEAT FOR 1950

A 1950 production program calling for less wheat but more meat animals and dairy products was recently laid before the nation's wheat farmers by the Department of Agriculture. A declining foreign market makes it advisable that farmers plant 14,000,000 fewer acres to wheat for 1950 harvest than the nearly 83,000,000 seeded for this year's crops.

## FOUR GENERATIONS



Four generations of the John W. Hodges family, snapped recently on the street by Palmer Blair, local photographer. At the right is former Sheriff John W. Hodges, 83, retired merchant; center, his son, Russell D., and Russell's son, Greer Hodges. Greer's five-year-old daughter, Olivia, in front, is attired in her centennial costume.

## Annual Flower Show Slated for August 11

The annual flower show, sponsored by the Worthwhile club, will be held at the Daniel Boone Hotel Thursday, August 11th, from 3:30 until 8 p. m., according to a preliminary announcement made Monday.

Refreshments are to be served during the course of the exhibition and there will be entertainment features both in the afternoon and evening.

Any flowers grown in the county may be entered, and entries will be received from 9 a. m. to 12 noon.

The classifications under which flowers may be entered, and the specific rules of the show will be the same as in former years, and will be published in the next edition of the Democrat.

## Mrs. and Mrs. Wilson In Toronto, Canada

Mr. and Mrs. Kemp Wilson, of Zionville, are attending the annual Top Honor Club meeting of the Occidental Life Insurance Company, Raleigh, N. C., being held at the Royal York Hotel, Toronto, Canada.

Mr. Wilson won the trip to Toronto for himself and wife by attaining membership in the Laurence Lee Club, which is named for the President of Occidental. Only those agents in the United States and Cuba who write a specified large volume of quality business within the year are eligible for membership in this club. Doubling his qualification entitles an agent to take his wife.

## Eggers Again Heads Farm Loan Group

Mr. S. C. Eggers of Boone was re-elected president of the Sugar Grove national farm loan association at a meeting held in North Wilkesboro.

The association, which is a branch of the Federal Land Bank, handles long-term farm loans in Watauga, Ashe, Alleghany, Wilkes and Caldwell counties.

## Mrs. Little Dies At Roanoke Home

Mrs. Roscoe Little died Sunday night at the home in Roanoke, Va., according to meagre information reaching the Democrat Tuesday. It is understood that funeral services and interment were in Roanoke.

A sister, Mrs. Eddie Johnson and Mr. Frank Wyke of Boone attended the rites.

## GOVERNOR FOR GUAM

The Island of Guam will probably get a civilian governor sometime in August, according to the Interior Department, which has announced that Guam's governor and military commander of the Marianas, Rear Admiral Charles A. Powell, is to retire on September 1. The Navy has governed Guam and American Samoa for almost half a century.

## MRS. HARDIN, DIES SUNDAY; RITES HELD HERE MONDAY

**One of Oldest Residents of the Community Is Taken by Death; Member of Pioneer Family Was First Grand Worthy Matron of Eastern Star.**

Mrs. Martha Council Hardin, 91 years of age, a member of one of the town's most prominent pioneer families, and perhaps the oldest native born lady of the community, died at Watauga Hospital Sunday from an extended illness. She had been a patient at the local hospital since the seriousness of her illness became apparent several weeks ago.

Funeral services were conducted Monday at 2 o'clock from the Boone Methodist church. The pastor, Rev. S. B. Moss, was in charge, and was assisted by Rev. E. F. Troutman, pastor of Grace Lutheran Church. Interment was in the family plot of the Boone cemetery. Members of the Daniel Boone chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, were in charge of the graveside rites.

The funeral was largely attended, many friends of the family from distant points coming to pay their respects.

Mrs. Hardin was born in Boone September 20, 1857, a daughter of Jacob Mast Council and Sarah Lewis Council, and her entire life was spent in this community. She was married to the late John Franklin Hardin October 31, 1877. An only child, Mrs. Mary Lillington Shull, died many years ago.

Both Mrs. Hardin and her husband were long and loyal members of the Boone Methodist church. She had the distinction of being the first Grand Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star in the state of North Carolina, and always retained an active interest in the organization.

The nearest surviving relative is James H. Council, of Boone, a nephew.

## Square Dance Is Big Success

The Rotary Club square dance held at the Farmers Burley Warehouse was attended by about two hundred and was described as an outstandingly enjoyable and wholesome occasion.

All funds derived from these dances will be used to help crippled children, in line with the general program of Rotary International. The local club has sent four children to camps and purchased calves for other boys.

Local Rotarians are urging the people to attend the dances being held each Saturday evening and help a worthy cause. Sobriety, it is stated, is necessary.

## Blowing Rock Horse Show August 5-6

Blowing Rock, N. C. July 27—The biggest horse show week end in history is being anticipated by the Blowing Rock Horse Show Association as plans are underway for the 26th annual show scheduled for Friday and Saturday, August 5 and 6.

This year's production of one of the oldest continuous shows in the South will again be under the management of Lloyd M. Tate, the man who put on the first horse show at Blowing Rock in 1923, and who has managed each succeeding show. The two-day event will take place in Broyhill Park, owned by the local association, and is expected to draw over 125 horses from Virginia, Tennessee, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida, in addition to North Carolina.

A roadster division has been added to this year's show and will take up an additional half day. Sessions are scheduled for 10 a. m. and 2 p. m. Friday and Saturday. More than \$2500 in prizes and trophies will be awarded.

The Blowing Rock Horse Show Association, incorporated, is non-profit and operates under state charter. The association is one of the few which own its grounds. The Broyhill Park, named for Tom Broyhill, owner of Mayview Manor here, is valued at \$20,000 and seats 800 in the grandstands and contains 101 boxes. The stands surround the bowl and cover about seven acres. A hundred stalls are provided for entries.

The show next month will feature all divisions—saddle-horses, hunters and jumpers, roadsters, and walking horses. More children than in any other show in the South. The outside course of the Broyhill grounds is one of the most picturesque in the United States, consisting of two figure 8's and a natural ditch. Jumps consist of brush, chicken coops, post and rail, in and out, and other obstacles. There are thirteen jumps altogether.

### SUCCUMBS



Mrs. Martha Council Hardin, 91, prominent Boone citizen, who died Sunday, following a long illness.

## Non-Standard Tutors Sought

There are yet a few non-standard teachers in some of the one and two teacher schools of the county, it is said by superintendent W. H. Walker, who asks that teachers who have State certificates in force and who are interested in teaching in such schools see him at once.

The Attorney General, says Mr. Walker, has ruled that non-standard teachers can be employed only until better qualified teachers can be obtained, and that the State board of education requires "that for each teacher so rated the superintendent must furnish a statement to the effect that a better qualified teacher is not available and cannot be obtained."

## Fifteen Farmers Make Study of Good Pastures

Fifteen farmers in Beaver Dam took part in a pasture tour Wednesday, July 20.

On the tour the farmers were shown improved pastures. Some of these had been improved by using lime and phosphate, others had been improved by reseeding Ladino clover and orchard grass. The farmers were told the amount of lime, phosphate, fertilizer and seeds to use and when they should be used.

Assisting with the tour were Mr. W. B. Collins, farm management supervisor, and County Agents Tuckwiller, Richardson, and Kirkman.

### WED IN CAVE

Herlet, Pa.—Naomi K. Peiffer and Robert C. Gilman were recently married in a chapel room in the Lost River Caverns, owned by Gilman's father. The ceremony, witnessed by more than 500 wedding guests, was held in the room that Naomi and Robert met eight years ago at a Boy Scout dance.