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## KING STREET

BY  
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THE CURRENT TERM of summer school down at Appalachian College has enrolled 945 students, which sets an all-time record for the second semester, which usually falls way down below the first. . . . In the first term this year, 1,068 students were enrolled, while at the present time there are 945. . . . making a total for the summer of 2,013. . . . Of interest is the fact that the graduate school has enrolled 532 during the period, making it one of the largest graduate schools in the South.

THE FACT that more than two thousand people, from various sections of the nation, have sojourned in Boone for a period of weeks, is often taken for granted without too much thought as to the advertising value the community gets from this source, and without counting the direct economic contribution these students make to the area. . . . For instance, figuring that each of these students spent \$100 while in Boone, the cash income derived would be \$201,300. . . . It would take a considerable payroll, and certainly an awful lot of tourist patronage to bring such a sum into the community. . . . to say nothing of the benefits to be derived from the multi-million dollar building program just started at the college. . . . The continued growth and prosperity of the community will be measured in almost direct proportion to the expansion at the college. . . . Civic efforts geared to the needs of the institution will be most fruitful.

GROUPS of home-town people and visitors strolling through the community cemetery, one of the most beautiful spots in the town, reading the inscriptions and the epitaphs, and noting that the burying ground must soon be closed. . . . New facilities are being made available down at the Ray farm on properties bought by Reins Sturdivant and pending development, temporary burials are already being made. . . . The swarms of gnats which covered a large section of the town last Thursday afternoon. . . . Untold millions of the insects caused one youngster to become confused with the locusts about which she had heard in the Sacred Word, bringing forth calm childish predictions of dire distress in their wake. . . . Fissile of gun shots Friday evening and the accompanying yelps of a wounded dog break the quietude of the sleeping city. . . . "I shot Jesse James" plays to big crowd down at the Pastime. . . . The story of the wind-up of the leader of the bad boys of the Ozarks was enjoyable, far more so than those we have seen lately which featured neurosis and break-downs and the like. . . . The Saturday crowds which follow the rip-roaring, brass-knuckle type of movie, have come to be about the most discerning of the movie-goers.

CENTENNIAL PROMOTERS have idea of an annual event, developed along the lines of the recent celebration. . . . "Pioneer Days" would perhaps be a fitting title for a continuing observance. . . . Course we would hardly expect the wide publicity accorded the centennial, but the idea is well worth consideration. . . . Many communities have successfully held these celebrations for years on end. . . . and most likely we could, although we have known of some good promotions having been worn completely out in the community in the years gone by.

BIG TRUCK, loaded with veal calves on the way to market. . . . Farmers tell of sharp decline in the cattle market. . . . Huge loads of freshly sawn lumber passing through town. . . . three minor crashes in one afternoon, near the Democrat office, where vehicles make a practice of turning. . . . The sad look on the face of the owner of the shiny new car with the wrinkled fender, and the nonchalance of the driver of the Lizzie which had been hit several times before. . . . Tommy Osborne chasing over the mountains, trying to locate the pre-season squirrel hunters. . . . Our pet squirrels most generally go into the pot during the summer time. . . . Small lad, with cheek full of gum, and a candy bar in each hand, viewing the future with confidence. . . . Lawyer Will Lovell, dean of the local bar, greeting friends along the street, and the fellow who just don't like the town at all, staying right on, when all the roads are open. . . . The back yard wash lines, hanging full of spotted garments of all descriptions. . . . The centennial picture displays in the windows, still drawing lots of attention. . . . fact is, we look again when we have time. . . . Miss Jennie Coffey, whose store, Snooks Linney reminds, is the oldest retail outlet in the town, works with her flowers along the street. . . .

## NORTH CAROLINA GIRL IS QUEEN



Pretty Janice Harvell, 18, of Carolina Beach, selected queen of the American and International Lions, gets her "crown" (in brooch form) from Eugene Briggs, outgoing president of Lions International, at the 32nd annual convention of the order in Madison Square Garden. Locals Lions who attended the convention included Dr. D. J. Whitener, Richard Kelley and A. R. Smith. They witnessed the crowning of Miss Harvell.

## CROWDS TAKE ADVANTAGE OF SCENIC ROAD ON HOT DAYS

Park Officials Say Record Crowds Seek Recreational Areas; Rangers Call Attention to Destruction of Signs By Visitors; Penalties.

During the many days of hot humid weather experienced the last few weeks the Parkway has been used extensively by our neighbors from the lowlands. All recreational areas such as the Bluffs and Cumberland Knob have been crowded over weekends and holidays. Among the incidental facilities enjoyed by the visitors, and the subject of considerable favorable comment have been the informative signs erected at points of legendary and historic interest. This type of sign is unique to the area because of its rustic construction and routed letters. The identifying mark of powder horn and muzzle loader is typical of mountain lore and culture. These signs when erected represent a considerable investment of labor and material, and as the Parkway is completed southward many more of this type sign will be installed. In the past a few thoughtless visitors through the carving of initials and abusive mutilation of these signs have detracted from their beauty and have greatly increased the cost of maintenance of these features. Federal regulations covering this type of vandalism are explicit and stringent: "The destruction, injury, defacement, removal or disturbance in any manner of any public sign is prohibited." Park Rangers apprehending persons guilty of such acts will take immediate necessary action to bring these offenders before the U. S. Court.

## Hospital Seeks \$10,000 To Secure Duke Grant

Campaign To Be Waged To Make Possible Receipt of Endowment Money.

A group of local businessmen considering the liberal offer made by the Duke Endowment Foundation decided that not only the \$10,000 to match their \$10,000 must be raised, but in order to do it, before the general campaign is put on a considerable portion must be raised in larger gifts. So they formed a "250 Club", agreeing that they would give \$250.00 each provided twenty units of \$250.00 each could be secured. Twelve units have already been taken. Thus, \$3,000 toward the \$10,000 has been pledged. When the \$250 club is completed with twenty units taken, one half of the \$10,000 will be raised and then a campaign will be put on to secure gifts from at least a thousand people in Watauga county. Each contributor will have the satisfaction of knowing that each dollar he gives will mean four dollars to the hospital fund, two dollars from the Duke Foundation and one dollar from the \$250 Club. The encouragement given by the \$250 Club ought to assure the success of the hospital campaign.

It is significant that all of those joining the \$250 Club were liberal contributors to the hospital campaign in January and expressed themselves as being delighted with the progress the hospital has made and feel that this liberal proposition by the Duke Endowment must be matched in order that we may have a first class hospital in every respect.

## Bobby Wayne Cox To Have Recital

A concert of much interest to Boone and Appalachian State Teachers College will be presented in the College Auditorium Thursday evening, August 11, at 8 o'clock, when Mr. Bobby Wayne Cox of the music faculty will appear in piano concert.

Mr. Cox comes to A.S.T.C. from North Texas State College, where he has been a member of the faculty for the past two years. He has appeared with the North State Texas Orchestra as soloist and has been opera coach and rehearsal pianist for the opera school at the same institution. He also has done professional accompanying in New York. The public is cordially invited to attend the concert. The program is as follows: Part I: Chromatic Fantasy and Air, Bach. Part II: Sonata, K. 545, Mozart, allegro, andante, allegretto (Rondo). Part III: Maiden with the Flaxen Hair, Debussy; General Levine—Eccentric, Debussy; Jeux d'Eau, Ravel. Part IV: Intermezzo, op. 118, No. 1, Brahms; Ballade, op. 118, No. 3, Brahms; Rhapsody, op. 79, No. 1, Brahms. Part V: Sonata, Carlos Chavez; Three Preludes, Shostakovich, b minor, c flat minor, d minor; Toccata, Khatchaturian.

## LICENSE OFFICE CLOSÉS

The driver's license office for Ashe, Alleghany and Watauga counties will be closed from August 8th through August 20, it was announced the end of the week. During the period applicants may go to Newland on Thursday and Friday, Lenoir on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, or North Wilkesboro on Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday.



Jesse Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Narvie Moore of Sugar Grove, is pictured with the Hereford calf given him by the Boone Rotary club, in line with the club's program to aid the crippled children of the county.

## Blowing Rock Horse Show Termed Success

Blowing Rock—Irish Rex, a seven-year-old chestnut gelding owned by J. H. Saylor of Anderson, S. C., won the grand championship of the Blowing Rock Horse Show for the second straight year in the final event Sunday. The finals were witnessed by a near-capacity crowd in Broyles Park. Occasional showers failed to dampen the spirit of the program as champions were crowned in a dozen events. Sunday's program was a postponement of Saturday's morning session as a result of wet grounds. Officials of the horse show association termed the week-end events, annually Blowing Rock's summer season climax, a huge success. Horses from six states were entered—a total of 134 animals. More than \$2500 in prizes and trophies were awarded.

## Sheep Dipping Schedule Announced

Wednesday—August 10  
8:30 a. m.—Norris Brothers, Reese  
10:30 a. m.—Jim Farthing, Bethel  
1:00 p. m.—Narvie Rominger, Rush Branch  
Thursday—August 11  
8:30 a. m.—D. C. Hagaman, Phillips Branch  
11 a. m.—Aud Ward, Watauga River  
Friday—August 12  
8:30 a. m.—Denver church, Mable  
11:00 a. m.—Robert Thomas, North Fork  
Saturday—August 13  
9:00 a. m.—Walter Greene, Meat Camp  
Friday—August 19  
9:00 a. m.—Lee Carander, Matney.

## Dr. Owsley Speaks To Junior Order

Dr. Owsley of Watauga hospital, spoke to the local Junior order council at its recent meeting. Members of the order have pledged their cooperation in the program now under way, sponsored by the Red Cross, for as many people as possible to visit the hospital and have their blood typed for possible future emergency. Police authorities ask public calm as number of cases rises.

## School Opening Data Is Given

County Superintendent of schools W. H. Walker, gives the following information in connection with the opening of the county schools for the 1949-50 term:

1. All county schools will open Tuesday morning August 30.
2. All principals on ten months salary will begin work on Tuesday morning August 16.
3. All prospective school bus drivers will meet at the county school garage on Tuesday, at 9 a. m. August 16, for taking driving tests.
4. All school janitors will begin work on Tuesday morning August 23.

## Driver's Licenses Tests Being Given

All persons whose name begins with "L" or "M" may take their examination for their Driver's License. The time for taking test is from 8:30 to 4:00 Thursday and Friday at the Courthouse. This group has from July 1, until December 31, 1949, but are urged to come for test as soon as possible. The test consists of Vision, Road Signs, Road Rules or law test and actual driving on the road. All persons caught driving after mid-night, December 31, 1949, will be fined not less than \$25.00 and costs.

## Grandfather Home Day Set for Sunday

Large crowds are expected to join other members of the Summer colony at Blowing Rock Sunday for the annual Grandfather Orphanage day, which is to be observed at the Blowing Rock Presbyterian church under direction of David Owens of Charlotte. The program will be at the hour of the morning service and five artists will take part. They are Chloe Owen, soprano; Elwood Gary, tenor; Martha Lipton, contralto; John Baker, baritone; and Stuart Ross, pianist-accompanist. All of them are well known for accomplishments in their special phases of music.

## Lions Club Meets

The Lions club met Tuesday, August 2, at Daniel Boone Hotel in regular supper meeting. An outline of the coming year's work was given the membership by Lion A. R. Smith. The club heard reports of the State Lions convention at Wilmington recently and the Lions International convention at Madison Square Garden in New York. Delegates from the local club reporting were Lions D. J. Whitener, A. R. Smith and Richard Kelley. Several visitors, including Lions from other clubs, were present.

## HOSPITAL NURSING STAFF



The Graduate nurses being employed at Watauga Hospital. Back row, left to right, Mrs. Nina Martin, Mrs. Jones Ashley, Mrs. Tom Hollis; front row, Mrs. Harry Kluitz, Mrs. Inez Heffner, Mrs. Carroll Moore. —Photo by Palmer's Photo Service.

## Tuckwiler To Manage Watauga County Fair

County Agent Heads Agricultural Event; Many Features Being Planned.

Plans are rapidly taking shape for the Blue Ridge Agricultural Fair to be held here September 21 to 24 inclusive. County Agent L. E. Tuckwiler has been secured to manage the fair and Home Agent Betty R. Matheson will be the assistant manager. All farmers and home makers are urged to be preparing all kinds of livestock, crops, vegetables, fruits, canning, culinary, needlework and all other types of exhibits for entry in the fair. This is a great agricultural county and the fair provides a means to show what we are doing. A series of high class rides have been engaged, no side shows or gambling will be permitted. The superintendents of the various departments have been named and a list of these and premium lists will appear in the paper soon. The business men of the town and county as well as the farm people are urged to make every effort to support the fair and make it the biggest agricultural event in this area. Other officers of the fair are Robert G. Shipley, president; Ernest Hillard, vice-president; Bernard Dougherty, secretary and Clyde R. Greene, treasurer.

## Two Restaurants Change Hands Here

Two of the town's restaurants have changed hands recently. Mr. George C. Greene has sold the Skyline Restaurant to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gragg, while Boyd Blanton has sold the People's Cafe to Messrs. Wade McGee and Claud Garland. The new owners are in charge of the establishments.

## BIRD NEST IN WING

London.—When an airliner, returning from a round trip to Corsica, developed a twitter, mechanics opened a wing and discovered that a bird had built a nest inside.



Billy Hayes, 9 years old, resident of Adams, is shown proudly exhibiting the big bass he caught in New River recently. The fish was 18 1/2 inches long and was landed by the young angler with a red worm. Photo by Palmer's Photo Studio.

## FLOWER SHOW IS BEING HELD TODAY: OTHER PLANS CITED

Arrangements Complete for Annual Flower Show, Sponsored by the Woman's Club; One Classification Is Added; Flower Show Luncheon

Arrangements are being completed for the flower show to be held this Thursday at the Daniel Boone Hotel from 3:30 to 8 p. m. Rules and classifications under which flowers may be entered appeared in last week's issue of the Democrat. One additional classification has been added—artistic arrangement using either two colors of one variety or two varieties of flowers. Judges for the event will be Mrs. Lee Moore of North Wilkesboro, state chairman of the Garden Department of the North Carolina Federation of Women's clubs, Mrs. Ed Gardner, also of North Wilkesboro, and Mrs. Broyhill of Lenoir. Among the entertainment features will be singing by Mrs. Virginia Linney in the late afternoon and a band concert in the evening at 7:00 p. m. A flower show luncheon will be held at 12:30 at the Daniel Boone Hotel. Anyone connected with the show or interested is invited to attend. It is requested that those having Centennial dresses or bonnets wear them to the show.

## Mrs. Ruth Rutherford To Appear in Concert

Appalachian State Teachers college will present Mrs. Ruth Rankin Rutherford in piano recital on Saturday evening, August 13, at eight o'clock. Mrs. Rutherford, who is widely known as a concert pianist, is a graduate of Winthrop College, of the Julliard School of Music, and is a member of the music faculty of Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas. She is in Boone at present visiting her parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Rankin. Mrs. Rutherford's program will consist of Sonata D. Major by Scarlatti; Sonata B flat Major by Scarlatti; Sonatine Antique by Cobb; Capriccio e flat minor by Brahms; Ballade g minor by Brahms; In the Evening by Schumann; Prelude by Debussy; Humoresque by Reger; Barcarolle, Etude f minor, Etude e Major, Etude G flat Major, and Etude c minor, all by Chopin. The public is invited to hear Mrs. Rutherford on Saturday evening. She has played in Boone many times previously and is popular with her audiences for her fine musicianship and gracious stage personality.

## Grange Organization Meetings To Be Held

The people of the Sands, Meant Camp section will meet Tuesday night, August 23, at 8 o'clock for the purpose of organizing a Grange, at the Green Valley School building. There will also be a meeting for the same purpose at the Deep Gap School building Thursday night, August 25, and at Todd School building Friday night, August 26. The public is cordially invited to attend these respective meetings. Representatives of the N. C. State Grange will be present at each meeting to explain the Grange which is the oldest and largest farm organization in existence and the only rural fraternity. The Grange is doing a great work throughout North Carolina in sponsoring rural telephones, roads and schools.

## Bean-Snapping Party Is Held by P. T. A.

Twenty bushels of beans were snapped for the High School and Demonstration School lunch rooms by members and friends of the P. T. A. at a bean snapping party at the home of Lee Reynolds last Thursday night. The beans were canned at the local cannery the following day, yielding approximately 170 gallons. Those helping with the project were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Crawford and Bill, Mr. and Mrs. Grady Tugman, Mrs. Paul Coffey, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Payne, Mrs. J. L. Goodnight, Dr. and Mrs. John Barden, Rev. and Mrs. Sam Moss, Mrs. Hillard Tripp, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Taylor, Mrs. J. D. Shoemaker, Mrs. R. D. Shoemaker, Mrs. I. T. Barnett, Mrs. O. K. Richardson and Maud Wilcox. Another party to snap beans is being planned for this Thursday night (Aug. 11) at 7:30 p. m., at the Reynolds home. Anyone interested in helping will be welcome. Please notify 149-J in order that the committee may know how many beans to secure. Glenn L. Martin sees 500,000-pound plane a possibility.



DR. R. G. LEE

## Dr. R. G. Lee To Preach Here

Dr. R. G. Lee, president of the Southern Baptist Convention and pastor of the Bellevue Baptist church in Memphis, Tenn., will be in Watauga county for one week beginning Friday, August 12. During his stay he will preach Sunday morning and Sunday evening at the Blowing Rock Baptist church, and on Monday and Tuesday evening at the Tabernacle in Boone. It is thought that he will preach his famous sermon, "Pay Day Some Day" at one of these services, probably at the Tabernacle in Boone. The public is cordially invited to hear this famous preacher in all of these services. If anyone desires to see Dr. Lee he can be found at the Skyway Lodge in Blowing Rock. This is the first time that the president of the Southern Baptist Convention has visited this county.

## Group Gathers for Farm, Home Week

Raleigh—Thousands of Tar Heel rural men and women descended on Raleigh this week for North Carolina's forty-first annual Farm and Home week. The four-day educational event was highlighted by speeches by Secretary of Agriculture Charles Brannan and Governor Kerr Scott. Dr. I. O. Schaub, director of the Agricultural Extension Service, presided over Monday night's open exercises. Speakers included Agriculture Commissioner L. Y. Ballentine, Mrs. George Apperson of Mocksville, president of the State Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs; Roy H. Lohr of Lexington, president of the State Farmers Convention, and Chancellor J. W. Harrelson of N. C. State college. The college played host to the 5,000 visitors. Those who wished lived in dormitories on the campus, and ate in the college cafeteria.

AN OMISSION In reporting the burial of E. K. Osborne of Boone, it should have been stated that graveside rites were conducted by members of Watauga Post American Legion. Mr. Osborne was one of the leaders in the local organization and one of the most widely known Legionnaires in the State.