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KING STREET

BY
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SCHOOL OPENINGS set for Tuesday and moms and pops and their kiddies all in a stir, getting ready for the opening day. Shopping district reflects the back-to-school movement, as barefoot boys reluctantly try new shoes on their calloused feet, and the teen-age girls finger through the racks of dresses and skirts, and try to find just the kind of sweaters they will need for the chill days ahead. . . . and the bitzy ones, who are journeying forth on a strange new venture in a land which, fortunately, is uncontrollable by their parents, getting their pencils and tablets, their blue jeans, shirts and what-not as the big day draws near. . . . Crowded conditions at local school said to preclude enrollment of more rural children in the first three grades. . . . They will be left at neighboring schools through a re-routing of the buses. . . . New building program at college slated to take care of urgent need of the kiddies before long.

PEARS . . . countless bushels of big, smooth Bartlett's, fresh from sunny California, arrive through the generosity of Uncle Sammy, to be used in the lunch room programs of the schools of the county, and the women-folks gather down at the community cannery to peel, pare, and place the fruit in tins, to provide variety for the diet of the youngsters during the school year. . . . About fifty took part in the pear-canning on Monday, hundreds of gallon tins were laid away, and the work continues, with a gallant team of both town and rural people energetically participating.

D. C. COFFEY visits newspaper office to get land posters, in an effort to halt the destruction of wildlife on his farm during the approaching open season on upland game. . . . Others do likewise, as farmers protest the loss of the squirrels which visit the corn cribs, and of the birds which gathered the insects for them during the growing season. . . . Halted by the line of traffic, and waiting for about five minutes to cross over to the postoffice, as the number of automobiles multiplies, and the amount of public property available for their use is static. . . . Bob Agle assisting in the solution of some of the most pressing public problems. . . . Jim Brown, who is a man of many parts, volunteering his services to the woman's club rummage sale Saturday and auctioning off everything from men's suits to tin whistles. . . . Pedestrians detour around group of men engaged in synthetic sort of fistfight, only to have to give the run-around to a dozen or so gossipers, who used every inch of the sidewalk's width. . . . unimpressed by the inconvenience experienced by those who were in a bit of a hurry. . . . Spud Whitener pursuing graduate studies, and uncertain as to whether to settle for a master's degree, or lengthen his stride in pursuit of the elusive doctorate. . . . and that unwanted feeling, when we are caught in a group of our friends who are enjoying bad health. . . . we know little of the current ailments, know about as much of the properties of B-1 as of the innards of a B-36. . . . just don't fit in. . . . about like a sober man hedged in by a dozen or so all limbered up on Old Grandpap, or vice versa.

ADD TO THE THINGS which we wouldn't have expected to happen on King Street, but which actually did: Former Sheriff John W. Hodges, giving a bull perp his exercise, and greeting his friends along the way. Mindful of the canine's comfort, visits with him by the side of a telephone pole, and walks sedately on, holding the leash and looking fairly uncomfortable.

ROE GREENE, who has followed blacksmithing for a great many years, has developed a fly swatter, which, it would appear, will contribute handsomely to the control of the pestiferous house fly, and dish up sudden death to the insect pests for years on end without replacement. . . . Roe has received a patent on the device which he says may be manufactured easily and economically, and we hope his invention brings in the shekels in bounteous quantity. . . . Harry Hamilton reports the purchase of an outstandingly fine Hereford bull, which lays claim to right close kin with last year's international grand champion. . . . When a better Hereford is bred, Harry is pretty apt to find him. . . . Cessation of the rain Tuesday morning. . . . One of our most-trusted spies says "Course it quit, the moon 'newed' this mornin'". . . . Typical lad, of six summers, exhibits glass jar in which are carefully husbanded a couple of baby bull frogs, a number of tad poles, and a lizard or so. . . . His companion exhibits a snail and a vest-pocket model turtle.

OFF-RECORD PACT DISCUSSION



Two who opposed Atlantic pact plead their points with bipartisan co-pilots of the pact. Left to right are Sen. Arthur V. Watkins (R. Utah), who joined minority leader Wherry in request for rider that would free United States of arms obligations, Senators Tom Connally (D. Tex.), Arthur Vandenberg (R. Mich.), and Kenneth Wherry (R. Neb.).

Record Enrollment Expected at A.S.T.C.

MARINES LAND



Situation is well in hand, Miss Suzanne Perrin, New York, who served in the Marine Corps' women's reserve, is engaged to wed Rep. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr.

River Road Bid Asked By State

The State Highway Commission last week called for bids on the construction of a three-mile link in the Watauga River road, being the second lap of the much-discussed highway to be built in the last few years. The road which leaves highway 421 at Sugar Grove and runs down the river to the Tennessee line, has been advocated for many years by political leaders, Chambers of Commerce and individuals, as one of the most important interstate routes, and besides, opens up an important section of Watauga county, which has hitherto been handicapped by lack of all-weather highways. Bids will be received on grading, traffic-bound macadam, bituminous surface treatment and structures from a point one mile west of Sugar Grove (at the Johnny Walker farm) to a point 7.7 miles east of the Tennessee line, a total distance of three miles. The Watauga project was one of 29 put up for bids to be opened August 30 and awarded September 1. The projects cover 235 miles of construction and betterment in 28 counties, and represent the largest number of projects advertised in one lot in more than a year and half.

Father of Mrs. Cline Dies at Grassy Creek

Gordon D. Sturgill, 77, retired merchant and prominent resident of Grassy Creek, died Sunday evening following an extended illness.

Funeral rites were conducted Tuesday at 2:30 at Grassy Creek Methodist Church, and burial was in the church cemetery. The widow, two sons and three daughters survive: Bradley E. Sturgill, Grassy Creek; G. F. Sturgill, Christiansburg, Va.; Mrs. W. G. Little, Jefferson; Mrs. J. C. Cline, Boone; Mrs. S. O. Osborne, Mouth of Wilson, Va.; There are twelve grandchildren.

Todd Will Be Visited By Grange Officials

The Todd community will hold their second meeting to consider the organization of a Grange Friday night, August 26, at eight o'clock at the school building. All interested citizens, both men and women and the youth are asked to attend. A representative of the North Carolina State Grange will be present to discuss Grange work and procedure.

All Dormitory Rooms Engaged Before the Close of Last Spring Quarter.

Appalachian State Teachers College is expecting, in September, the largest student enrollment in its history. Every room in the dormitories has been filled since before the end of the spring term, and rooms are coming to be at a premium in the town.

The year will begin with the meeting of the faculty on Monday, September 5, at 7:30 p. m. Freshmen will report at 10:00 a. m., Tuesday, September 6; transfer students will report Thursday, September 8, at 10:00 a. m.; and former students of Appalachian will report at 8:30 a. m., Friday, September 9.

There are few changes in the faculty this year, due mainly to the fact that most of the faculty members serve over a period of years. However, there will be additions to the departments of English, social science, biology, library science, music, Home Economics, and physical education.

Some changes in curriculum are being made, in agreement with the requirements of the State Board of Education and Certification for Teachers, and also in conformity with the North Carolina College Conference. Two major changes include those in the departments of psychology and education, designed to make these courses more progressive and to eliminate undue duplication.

All graduates of Appalachian are fully in line for Class A certification under the rules of the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education, and also thoroughly standard for liberal arts under the organization of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. This year, for the first time, the college will offer graduate work during the regular year. Such work has been given in the summer terms since 1942, but a full program of graduate work will now be a part of the regular nine months terms also.

Watauga CROP Meeting Slated

A county CROP meeting for the organization of Watauga county for the 1949 North Carolina Friendship Food-Train will be held on September 6, at 7:30 p. m., in the First Baptist church, according to an announcement by G. D. Barnett, acting as convenor for the meeting.

Rev. Walter Jones of Lenoir, CROP district director who is in charge of CROP organization in Ashe, Avery, Caldwell, Mitchell and Watauga counties, will speak about plans for the Friendship Food Train in the state and in the nation.

A CROP film, "Operation Mercy," will be shown, picturing the overseas distribution of food and farm commodities contributed last year. County officers for 1949 will be elected and plans and goals for the county for the coming year will be set.

Grange Meeting Be Held at Deep Gap

The people of the Deep Gap community will meet Thursday night, August 25, at eight o'clock at the school building for the purpose of organizing a Grange for that community. All interested citizens are asked to attend. Women and youth are especially invited.

A representative of the North Carolina State Grange will be present for the occasion. Hagerstown, Md.—City laborers, under authority of an ordinance, cut down dense growth on Henry Holzapfel, Jr.'s lot and the city sent him a bill for \$80. It was returned unpaid, accompanied by a bill from Holzapfel for \$188. Those "weeds," he said, were valuable peony plants.

COUNTY FAIR PLANS UNFOLD AS OFFICIALS ARE SELECTED

Agricultural Exhibition Is Feature of Coming Month. Superintendents of Various Department Are Named as Organization Is Completed.

Plans are rapidly taking shape for the Blue Ridge Fair, which is to be held in Boone September 21, 22, 23, 24, and superintendents of the various departments have been chosen.

These people, whose names follow, will work with the officers of the fair in making entries, keeping records, displaying and showing of the entries, and the awarding of prizes.

Dept. A—Garden and field crops, Ned Glenn, Milton Moretz, Zeb Farthing, W. C. Richardson, Ed Love. Dept. B—Farm exhibit, Johnnie Greene, Billy Cooke, W. A. Smith. Dept. C—Fruit—Albert Watson and D. T. Brown.

Dept. D—Canning—Mrs. Dean Reese, Mrs. Stanford Storie, Mrs. James Miller. Dept. E—Pantry and Dairy—Mrs. Geo. P. Edmister, Mrs. A. E. Vannoy, Mrs. Geo. Harmon.

Dept. F—Flowers, Mrs. B. W. Stalling, Mrs. Odes Wilson. Dept. G—Veterans' Farm Exhibit, Barton Farthing and Hayes Wellborn.

Dept. H—Beef Cattle, R. G. Shipley, Lynn Norris, Finley P. Hodges, Donley Hagaman.

Dept. I—Sheep, Howard Edmister, J. W. Norris, Lewis Norris. Dept. J—Swine, Ralph Wilson, Tip-ton Greene, Fred Greene.

Dept. K—Dairy, Paul Nave, John K. Perry, W. M. Winkler, Ed Love. Dept. L—Horses, George Wilson, Grady Perry, Earl Miller.

Dept. M—Poultry, Hayes Wellborn, Dean Bingham, Ernest Hillard, J. J. Wellborn.

Dept. N—Junior, C. H. Kirkman, Jr., R. L. Tait, Mary Helen Neill, Mrs. Joyce Davis.

Dept. O—Home Demonstration Booths, Mrs. A. E. Moretz, Mrs. I. B. Wilson, Mrs. Hattie Lewis.

Dept. P—Handicraft, Miss Elizabeth Lord, Mrs. Myrtle Hollars, Mrs. Stewart Barnes.

Dept. Q—Needlecraft, Mrs. Glenn Brown, Mrs. Cecil Swift, Mrs. Mae Greene.

Dept. R—Baby Show, Barnard Dougherty, W. H. Gragg.

Hospital Fund Progress Cited

Watauga Hospital Board had an encouraging meeting Friday and received reports of nearly \$2,000.00 in advanced gifts toward the \$10,000.00 which amount is in addition to the \$250.00 Club which hopes to have \$5000.00 in gifts of \$250.00.

Chairman Ralph Winkler of Building Committee reports that plans for the kitchen are complete and are ready to begin work just as soon as the money is available, and he was delighted with the substantial progress made by the advanced gifts committee toward securing the \$10,000.00 from the Duke Foundation is ready just as soon as our \$10,000.00 is in the bank. The solicitors reported a splendid interest on the part of the people. One man who had a substantial number of subscribers said, "Everybody I saw gave cheerfully and talked with enthusiasm about the progress made by the hospital since the reorganization." In the campaign last winter he said they gave questioningly, now they give with confidence.

Another meeting of the advanced gift committee is scheduled for Friday noon at the Skyline Restaurant.

Watauga Has Eight In Corn Contest

College Station, Raleigh.—A total of 423 North Carolina farmers have entered the 200-bushel corn contest for 1949, Dr. E. R. Collins, in charge of agronomy for the State College Extension Service, reported. Eight contestants are from Watauga county. July 1 was the deadline for filing entry forms with local county agents.

Haywood county leads the list with 136 applications, and Winston follows closely with 135. Northampton is third with 40. Halifax has 16 entries; Pitt 13, Union 12, Cherokee nine, Ashe and Watauga eight each, Wayne six, Hoke five, Wake and Forsyth four each, Lenoir and Martin, three each, and several other counties have one or two each.

Fourth Local Lamb Pool Sold on Friday

Seven hundred sixty-four lambs were shipped in the fourth Watauga county lamb pool held at North Wilkesboro on August 19 for a total of \$14,686.77. Following is a breakdown by grades:

Grade	Head	Price	Total
Choice	246	\$24.75	\$7,424.04
Good	282	22.75	5,139.23
Medium	108	19.50	1,389.80
Common	13	14.00	183.20
Others	15		107.20

The lambs were sold to Swift and Company.

New unification law does not insure savings in armed forces.

LABORATORY SCENE



Laboratory Technician making microscopic examination of specimen in newly equipped laboratory at Watauga Hospital.

Bruce Tucker Victim Of Highway Robbers

Manager of Sportsman's Club Is Robbed on King Street Monday Night.

Muffled with a bed quilt and overpowered by unknown assailants, Bruce Tucker, manager of the local sportsman's club, was divested of his billfold, containing about \$40 in a bold street-side robbery Monday evening.

Mr. Tucker, en route home from his work was attacked at a point near the former E. S. Coffey house, in mid-town. His assailants stepped from the darkness, enveloped him in the bed quilt, snatched his billfold, and made their getaway before he could recover from his dilemma.

Police Chief Verne Greene was soon on the scene and an investigation is in process. Indications were that the robbers had been lying in wait in the tall weeds on the vacant lot. A hat, presumably worn by one of the highwaymen, and a shoe were found at the scene of the struggle.

Mrs. Mary Harrison Is Taken by Death

Mrs. Mary Eliza Harrison, 68 years old, resident of Blowing Rock RFD, died Sunday at the home, following a long illness.

Funeral services were held Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock at the Mount, Vernon Baptist Church by Rev. W. D. Ashley and Rev. R. C. Eggers and interment was in the family cemetery.

Survivors include the husband, N. L. Harrison, one son, Douglas Harrison of Blowing Rock; two daughters, Mrs. Will Critcher, Boone, and Miss Pauline Harrison, Blowing Rock.

Last Rites Held For Frank F. Holder

Frank Filmore Holder, age 78 years, a resident of Blue Ridge Township, died at his home Tuesday, August 16.

Funeral services were conducted at the Friendship church by Rev. Raymond Hendrix, Rev. Earnest Moretz, Rev. Wesley Ashley and burial was in the church cemetery.

Survivors include the widow, four sons and one daughter, Elisha Holder of Wichita, Kas., Mrs. J. F. Mathews of Miami Beach, Fla., Boyce, Roy and Robert Holder, all of Blowing Rock.

Edward Lee Jackson Succumbs on Monday

Edward Lee Jackson, 78 years old, died Monday at his home in the Laxon neighborhood.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday at 2 o'clock at the Fairview Methodist church by Rev. Ernest Moretz, and burial was in the church cemetery.

The following sons and daughters survive: Mrs. Kelly Triplett, Lenoir; Mrs. Sally Whiteberger, Toms Creek, Va.; William Jackson, Boone; Clyde Jackson, Laxon; Mrs. Mabel Wilcox, Avery; L. Jackson, Boone; Mrs. Thelma Finch, Henderson.

Domestic consumption of cotton declined more than seasonal in June and at 600,000 bales was 200,000 below June, 1948.

Exports through May this season were nearly two and one-third times as large as in the same period last year.

COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL DEAN TO APPEAR AT TERM FINALS

Dr. Young B. Smith To Speak As Ninety Graduates Receive Diplomas; Dr. Dougherty To Confer Degrees on Large Group; the Graduates

Appalachian State Teachers College expects to confer degrees upon ninety graduates at the summer school commencement to be held at the college August 25 at eight o'clock in the evening. Dr. Young B. Smith, dean of the law school of Columbia University, will deliver the commencement address.

The processional and recessional will be played by Bobby Wayne Cox of the music faculty. Dr. W. G. Bond, pastor of the First Baptist church of Boone, will deliver the invocation, and Rev. W. C. Leach, rector of the Holy Cross church of Valle Crucis, will pronounce the benediction. Hoyt Saffit of China Grove will sing "Arise O Lord" and a quartet under the direction of Mrs. Virginia Wray Linney will sing "Cherubim Song."

President B. B. Dougherty will confer master of arts degrees upon the following: William Lester Ballard, Lincolnton; Golden T. Buckland, Boone; Emma Rogers Bynum, Georgetown, S. C.; Fred O. Drummond, Kannapolis; Robert Pershing Long, Newell; and George Lippard Sawyer, Jr., Boone.

Bachelor of science degrees will be conferred upon the following: Allen W. Aiken, Lafayette, Ga.; Ray Lewis Alston, Asheville; Kathryn Bryan Anderson, Mars Hill; Margaret G. Bishop, Hialeah, Fla.; D. B. Blacklock, Kings Mountain; James F. Blankenship, Fairview; James Bailey Blevins, Morgantown; Billy Bolinger, Morgantown; J. R. Brendell, Jr., Boone.

Georgia Littlefield Brown, Folkston, Ga.; Tabitha Burgess, Hamptonville; James Harlan Cantrell, Avondale; William Frances Carroll, Boone; James Walter Church, Scottville; Eula Mae Coffey, Blowing Rock; Philip Ashley Counts, Alleghany, Va.; Edward G. Crockett, Crisfield, Md.; Hugh Clayton Culler, Timmonsville, S. C.; Edna Mae Dalton, Edneyville; Madge Cook Drummond, Kannapolis; Elisha Hal Edmister, North Wilkesboro; Madeline Harriet Edmister, Su-

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Hi School Can't Handle Crowds

The local high school enrollment has increased to the extent that the building is no longer large enough to take care of the number of students enrolled. Due to this increase in enrollment it was necessary to move one section of the seventh grade back to the elementary school building which was already overcrowded. Until the college is able to start the building program in connection with the elementary school building it will be necessary to re-route several of the buses to leave off all first, second and third grade students at the feeder schools surrounding Boone. The bus from Castle School will be re-routed so as to go to Rutherford School and Bamboo bus will be re-routed so as to have the ending of its first run at Bamboo School. It will be impossible to enroll any first second or third grade children at the Boone Schools who are able to attend any of these feeder schools.

Lawrence Barden Gains Scholarship

Lawrence Barden who graduated from Appalachian High school in May was one of the two high school students in the State of North Carolina to receive the National Methodist Scholarships to Duke University. The scholarship is valued at \$400 which is sufficient to cover cost of fees and tuition, and is renewable for four years.

Lawrence distinguished himself while at Appalachian High School and was a member of the National Honor Society and won school letters in football, basketball, baseball and citizenship. He was student director of the high school band and also took part in such activities as the glee club, paper staff, boy scouts and safety patrol.

Reynolds Heir Born At Blowing Rock

Blowing Rock—Lloyd Patrick Tate and wife, the former Miss Cannon Reynolds, heiress to textile and tobacco millions in North Carolina, announced Monday afternoon the birth of a boy in a Blowing Rock hospital.

Mrs. Tate is the daughter of the late Z. Smith Reynolds, scion of the R. J. Reynolds tobacco empire at Winston-Salem, and heiress of the famed Cannon textile manufacturers at Kannapolis.

Tate is well known as a North Carolina sportsman.

Grigg To Address Local Rotary Club

Mr. J. H. Grigg, superintendent of the Cleveland county schools, Shelby, N. C. will speak to the Boone Rotary Club at its meeting Friday evening at 6:30. Mr. Grigg is known as a very entertaining speaker, and all Rotarians are urged to attend.

BOONE MAN WINS BOND

A Boone radio listener, William L. Eury, Appalachian State Teachers college librarian, has been awarded a fifty dollar United States Savings Bond in the "Americans Speak Up" contest heard over Radio Station WIRC.