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## KING STREET

BY ROB RIVERS

COUPLE of big frosts visit Boone over the week-end. Dry weather and continued cool breezes, prevent any considerable damage to late vegetables and flower gardens. . . . Some sections of the county haven't as yet been visited by the frost, which soon promises to paint the forests into a fairy wonderland of color. . . . Had sort of depended on the katydid to keep the frost away through the end of the month, since it is said the insect's first chirp is six weeks ahead of the first killer, but he let us down . . . gave only about one month's notice. . . . Sharp fall weather greets Appalachian's gridders Saturday evening as they downed the Apprentice school eleven in the local football opener, before an enthusiastic but chilled throng of fans. . . . Two boys on coaster wagon, rolling down the incline . . . dog sits 'twixt the legs of the foremost and takes a lick from his lollypop every time the hand that holds the morsel comes in reach of the contented canine. . . . The reddening apples, the occasional yellowing leaf, the increased activity of the oil and coal trucks, and the summer visitors to the area, who, unfortunately, must leave at the advent of the glorious autumn season.

**STRAW HAT SEASON** officially ends and the lightweight summer headwear is giving way to the felts, as most men adapt themselves to the changing season. . . . Some few of us, however, hang on to the old straw for a spell, reluctantly breaking the tie with the good old summer time. . . . Once knew an old timer who wore a flat-brim straw right on through the season, come fair weather or foul, patiently holding the sailor on his pate with one freezing hand, day on end during the big blows of mid-winter. . . .

**RECENT ROBBERIES** about the town topic for most of the conversation along the street for the past few days, along with speculation as to who is likely to be next. . . . Law enforcement officers are to be congratulated on headway that has been made in rounding up those who coveted the other fellow's stuff. . . . Some are inclined to criticize the police and night watchman on account of these breakings-in, when obviously it would take a number of men to guarantee that no building would be entered, even in such a small town as Boone. . . . Perpetrators of these crimes always keep the law spotted, and wouldn't dare make a move until all was in the clear. . . . Robberies come and go, and they happen with regularity in even the large centers, where thousands of highly trained policemen regularly walk their beats. . . . There will most likely be some more in this vicinity, however vigilant the law might be.

**GUY HUNT** recalling the blowing of his safe a few years ago. . . . Happened on week-end before the bank had provided a night depository, and the department store safe contained the proceeds from an unusually heavy Saturday trade. . . . Monday morning the safe had been blown, papers were scattered over the premises and the cash was gone. . . . Happenings of this sort caused the bank to provide the night depository, and understanding is that business men just aren't keeping any money on hand since. . . . They can't deposit their merchandise, but have effectively safeguarded their currency. . . . Guy, ruefully recalling his staggering loss, says, "Yes, sir, it was a clean job, the man used a 'biffy' . . . no doubt about it. . . . It was certainly that kind of a job. . . . Since we have never blown a stump, fought in a war, or drilled a safe, we know nothing whatever about explosives, and don't even keep up with the progress of the atom bomb. . . . So please don't ask us what a 'biffy' is. . . . Fact is, we didn't ask Guy ourselves, the other day when the subject came up. . . . Like most mountain men, we just held our peace, and let him think we knew all about the things!

**VENTURED FORTH** Sunday morning to the postoffice, gathered up the statements, advertising brochures, newspapers and what not, cast a liberal amount of the stuff in Cleve Gross' copious Federal wastebasket, and made our way across the street to the old Pastime, where a group was discussing the robbery scene. . . . One fellow, who in time past had been accused of passing a bit, occurred to me as a thirty soul, listened to the talk for a bit, shook his head and mumbled, "Funny thing," he said, "funny!" . . . "When a fellow sells a pint or drinks a couple or so of drama, he's labeled public enemy no. 1, and the folks shower right down (Continued on page 4)

## HENRY IS SHOCKED



Sen. Tom Connally (D. Texas), left, chairman of the senate foreign relations committee, chats with Henry A. Wallace, who says he is shocked by arms-aid plan before the senate foreign relations and armed services committee.

## Blue Ridge Fair To Be Held Next Week

Plans Almost Complete for The Agricultural Fair; Big Crowds Expected

Plans are practically completed for the Blue Ridge Fair, and the promoters are confident that the agricultural exhibits and the entertainment features will result in the best fair to be held in the entire area this year. The fair, formerly postponed by the war, and last year by the polio epidemic is to return with comprehensive exhibits of the come and farm, livestock, etc., and an elaborate program of entertainment for the crowds expected, is being rounded out. The American Legion, a cavalcade, which includes rides, stage shows, free acts and concessions, will appear on the midway, and a specialty aerial trapeze act will be one of the daily free features of the big exposition. The superintendents of the various departments worked all day Monday in Mountain Burley Warehouse no. 2, which will be the fair's exhibit building, preparing exhibition space and display stands. L. E. Tuckwiler, director of the fair, asks that entries be brought in by Wednesday September 21, with the exception of livestock, poultry and flowers. Flowers must be in place by noon Thursday and livestock and poultry by 10 a. m. Friday. It is pointed out that all cattle must be tested for Bangs disease or be from accredited herds. Pantry, Dairy Department The superintendents of the pantry and dairy departments are asking the homemakers to participate by bringing displays of some of the following items: breads, cakes, pies, candies, butter, cottage cheese, home-made cheese, one half dozen eggs, (brown and white), molasses, corn meal and honey. These entries, it is stated, should be in by 9 a. m. Thursday morning September 22.

## Mrs. Burkett Dies At Mabel

Mrs. Lottie Lewis Burkett, 88 years old, a pioneer and esteemed resident of the Mabel neighborhood, died at the home Saturday. Funeral services were conducted from the late residence Monday afternoon by Rev. R. C. Eggers, who was assisted in the interment by Rev. W. C. Payne and minister was in the Lewis family cemetery. Mrs. Burkett was a daughter of the late David Lewis and Mrs. Rhoda Lewis, and was the widow of Jacob Elias Burkett, to whom she was married in 1881. She joined the Baptist church early in life and remained faithful to her church until death. One son and five daughters survive: J. M. Burkett, Mabel; Mrs. W. M. Combs, Sherwood; Mrs. G. C. Norris, Mabel; Mrs. A. W. Smith, Boone; Mrs. C. L. Younce and Mrs. H. L. Combs, Mabel.

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## CIVIC CLUBS PUSHING DRIVE FOR HOSPITAL; GOOD RESULTS

Many Firms Exhibit 100 Per Cent Stickers as Leaders of Civic Groups Prosecute Campaign; Harris Is Sure of Matching Duke's Funds.

Twenty-seven representatives of Boone civic clubs attended a meeting Monday morning at 7:30 to start the hospital drive. The following organizations were represented: Business and Professional Club with Mrs. Kathleen Hodges as captain; Lions Club with Bob Agle as captain; Rotary Club with Dr. Wayne Richardson as captain; the Hospital Guild with Mrs. Austin South as captain; Worthwhile Woman's Club with Mrs. Roy Ruffy as captain; Junior Chamber of Commerce with William Hodges as captain; Court House Employees with Gurney Brinkley as captain; the college and high school, represented by Mrs. Herman Eggers.

Most everybody in Boone had an opportunity Monday and Tuesday to contribute and from preliminary reports it looks as if Boone will do its share to provide adequate hospital equipment for the people of Watauga county. 100 per cent stickers are on many windows today indicating that every employee contributed. When everybody helps a little, then we will have the best assurance that we are all really interested in our hospital. Stanley Harris, campaign director, says, "I'm proud of the firms in Boone who display a 100 per cent sticker and I'm proud, too, of the 24 individuals and firm who have joined the \$250.00 Club. We're going to get that \$10,000.00 from Duke Endowment."

## Doughton Lauds Farm Bureau

The North Carolina Farm Bureau "has been and is now rendering a distinct service to the cause of agriculture and incidentally to the well-being of our State," says R. L. (Farmer Bob) Doughton, Representative in Congress from the Ninth District. "Being a farmer myself there is no subject which I have been more deeply concerned with than that of agriculture," Doughton said in a statement supporting the current NCFB statewide campaign for 80,000 members. He added that he deemed it "very fortunate that we have such an organization as the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation."

## Work Is Started On River Road

Dirt was broken the first of the week on a three mile stretch of the Watauga River road, let to contract a few days ago, and indications are that the successful bidder, the Asheville Construction Co., will push the project to rapid completion. A lot of heavy machinery has been moved in and work was started in the vicinity of R. M. Ward's. Information is that work on the structures will begin during next week. The new road will provide all-weather travel facilities for a large number of Watauga citizens and greatly facilitate the movement of freight in interstate transit. There has been great local interest in the project for many years, and it is now felt that the completed road may result in the not distant future.

## Cove Creek Baptist Church Anniversary

Sherwood.—Cove Creek Church will celebrate its one hundred and fiftieth Anniversary Sunday, the 18th of September. A special program has been planned to begin at 10:00 a. m. to continue throughout the day, dinner to be served on the church grounds. Singing of the old hymns will be an inspirational feature of the program, a number of which will be selected from the "Christian Harmony Hymnal." Of special mention are the guest speakers for this historical occasion, Dr. Hight C. Moore, of Ridgecrest, and Dr. I. G. Greer, of Chapel Hill, who will deliver the sermons during the morning and evening worship. Dr. and Mrs. Greer will participate in the afternoon service by rendering special music. Also during this service some interesting incidents and history of the church will be given. This recognition service gives promise of one to be spiritually uplifting as well as educational to everyone who attends. The 1949 turkey crop in North Carolina will be about 35 per cent larger than last year.

## LOAN FOR INDIA



India's ambassador to the United States, Mrs. Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, sister of India's Premier Pandit Nehru, signs the necessary documents at the international bank for reconstruction and development in Washington, D. C., for a loan of \$34 million to India. Looking on are K. R. N. Menon (left), India's secretary of finance, and Eugene R. Black, president of the international bank. The money will be used by the government of India for the reconstruction and development of that nation's railroads.

## 79 To Face Trial At Fall Superior Court

Judge Rudisill To Preside at One Week Criminal Term; A List of Jurors

The fall term of Watauga Superior Court will convene Monday, September 19th, with Judge Rudisill, of Newton, newly-appointed district resident judge, presiding. The one week term is set for the trial of criminal cases, but it is stated that likely some divorce actions and motions will be heard during the term. Seventy-nine cases have been docketed for trial by Court Clerk Fred M. Gragg, who reveals that drunken driving accounts for 34 of the indictments. A number of others are charged with violation of the prohibitory laws, carrying concealed weapons, breaking and entering, forgery, etc. There are seven uncontested divorce actions. Following is a list of the jurors who have been summoned for service during the week: J. A. Holman, George Robinson, Frank P. Wilson, John Ward, Bert Farthing, Van Farthing, H. G. Cook, Berlin J. Greene, Boone Cook, G. L. Sawyer, Dean Bingham, Mrs. Louise DeLima, Wade McGhee, R. F. Greene, Fred Blair, Lonnie Henson, Mrs. Allie Clay, Mrs. Mary Harris, Don L. Henson, Stuart Simmons, Conley Glenn, Mrs. Wade Clawson, Gurney Norris, Blain Clawson, Roe Greene, Jack Gragg, Sam South, Russell Farthing, Lola Frost Michael, Lee Carender, Joe J. Wellborn, E. E. Earp, Fred Yates, Gladys Taylor, Gene Eggers, Clyde Love.

## Chest X-Ray Unit Now Here

The mobile chest X-ray unit is now located on the college campus in front of the boy's gymnasium, and will be there through today (Thursday), for the purpose of X-raying free of charge anyone who cares to take advantage of its service. The local health department is urging that everyone in Boone and Watauga county over 15 years of age have their chest X-rayed for the purpose of determining if he has tuberculosis. The hours are from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. The unit will be used for a retake clinic by special appointment on Friday and Saturday. The services of the mobile unit are available through the courtesy of the local Health Department and the Tuberculosis Control Division of the State Board of Health. Many people of this county have taken advantage of this service, but the Health Department hopes that others will visit the unit these last days. They explain that X-ray is the only known way of positive identification of tuberculosis—and the earlier it is diagnosed the greater possibility of positive cure and the less possibility of spreading.

## Father Leach To Return to St. Luke's

The Rev. W. C. Leach, priest in charge of Holy Cross Church, Valle Crucis, and the missions associated with that church, has been reappointed to supply the work at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Boone. Fr. Leach was priest in charge of the Episcopal work in Boone from 1942 until 1946, at which time he was succeeded by the Rev. James McKeown.

## Dr. Harmon Will Study in New York

Dr. R. H. Harmon, who has been doing general medical practice in Boone for the past 13 years, tells the Democrat that he plans to leave about the 23rd for New York, where he will take special post graduate courses in eye, ear, nose and throat at the New York Polytechnic Medical School. He expects to be away for a year, and at the end of that time, will return to Boone for specialized practice.

## High School Football Opener Next Friday

The Appalachian High School will go to Flatrock High School Friday to engage in their first grid encounter of the current season. The probable lineup follows: LE H. M. Moretz; LT Joe Edmonson, LG James Wilcox, C Glenn Wallace Wilcox, RG Ernest Lyon, RT Dopey Rogers, RE George Richardson, Q Dixon Qualls, LH Paul Richardson, RH John Bingham, Tommy Hodges, FB Mack Elrod. Robert Nolan is director of athletics at the Appalachian High School, while Bill Halstead is coach. More than 50,000 soil samples will be tested this year for the farmers of North Carolina.

## OFFICERS ARE KEPT BUSY AS ROBBERS PLY TRADE IN CITY

Two Are Caught for Robbery of Department Store; Highlander Motor Co. Safe Is Pillaged, New Car Taken; Attempt at Smithey's Foiled

A wave of robberies for the past few days has kept Sheriff's officers, policemen, and SBI agents busily engaged, and two have been arrested in the ensuing investigation. Newton's Department Store, Highlander Motor Co., Smithey's store, have all been entered recently, it is reported. At Newton's entrance was gained by breaking a lock on the back door and some \$350 dollars worth of clothing, suits, jackets, shirts, socks, shoes, etc., were taken. Sheriff's officers and SBI agents arrested Woodrow Stewart and brother Cecil Stewart in connection with the crime. The former waived his right to a preliminary hearing, and is held along with the latter, who was unable to fill bond. Following their arrest officers were guided to the cache of stolen merchandise, and most of the clothing was returned to its owner. At the Highlander Motor Co., a 1949 model Plymouth sedan was taken, along with something like fifty dollars in money from the Company safe, which was entered by drilling and chiseling from the bottom, after attempts to release the lock had failed. The burglars have not been apprehended. At Smithey's, some time ago, entrance was gained, but the intruder was frightened away by a shot fired by Manager Walsh, who was sleeping in the building at the time, it is reported.

## Wilcox, Harris at Area C of C Meeting

Importance of national legislation now in the making, was emphasized at a meeting held Friday at Hotel Hickory. Attending were officials of Chambers of Commerce of Newton, Leanoir, Morganton, Statesville, Boone, Elkin and Hickory. Those attending from Boone were H. W. Wilcox, president, and Stanley Harris, secretary of the local Chamber of Commerce. Representatives of these organizations laid plans for an area conference on national affairs to be held in Hickory on Wednesday, September 21, at 6:30 p. m. Delegations of business and professional leaders from these communities will hear discussions of current legislative proposals and trends in national legislation from William J. Bird of Washington, National Affairs advisor of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States. Mr. Bird will discuss the highly controversial "welfare state" proposals which have been the base for charges and counter-charges between national administration leaders and such business leaders as former Secretary of State James F. Byrnes and General Dwight D. Eisenhower.

## Handicrafters Are Asked To Exhibit

Handicrafters are being urged by Blue Ridge Fair officials and Miss Elizabeth Lord of the Watauga Handicraft Center to enter their work in the handicraft display at the fair this year, September 21-24. According to an announcement there will be 39 different entries which are listed as follows: 12 entries for weaving; 4 for Crocheting; 5 for Knitting; 1 for Hooking; 5 for Baskets; 2 for Brooms; 4 for Woodwork; and 1 each for leather, wrought metal, pottery, corn shuck work, wood pretties and block printing. There will be a large display space. The entries should have been completed in the past two years, and will be received at Farmers Burley Warehouse No. 2 on September 21—no later. Anyone desiring information as to entries, prizes, etc., are asked to contact Fair Managers L. E. Tuckwiler or Miss Betty Matheson at the Court House, or Elizabeth Lord at Watauga Handicraft Center, Blowing Rock Road, Phone 42-J.

## Another Shipment Of Pears For Children

Watauga county school lunch rooms received last week, 125 bushels of California pears, which will be served in the raw state to children in schools having lunch rooms. It is expected that 120 bushels of potatoes will be received soon. These are government surplus commodities. Value of burley tobacco can be increased as much as \$150 to \$200 per acre by pruning the bottom leaves, says S. N. Hawkins of the State College Extension Service.