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KING STREET

BY
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JUDGE RUDISILL, resident district judge, who succeeded Judge Wilson Warlick, is holding his first time of court in Boone. Large number of submissions on charges of misdemeanors cleared away in short order, and the judge is inclined to give the boys a chance, when he has anything to go on. First offenders, particularly, are likely to get a break, when their offenses aren't too aggravated, and the court-room hangers-on are impressed with Judge Rudisill's tolerance, his fairness, and his determination to do the best thing for all concerned. Few, who could be classed as criminal-minded are seen at the bar, most of the offenders are youngsters who got off on the wrong foot just the one time, and we like to see them given a chance. It often pays big returns to society in the days to come.

THE DEMOCRAT, following a trend of a good many newspapers throughout the country has changed its handling of court news to an extent. Beginning six months ago, the practice of publishing the names of the youngsters, the first offenders, who committed misdemeanors, was stopped, except in cases where the very nature of the violation or some peculiar circumstances, surrounding it, made news of the occurrence. In days gone by, many lads had been hurt by the indiscriminate publication of names, and were labeled by some of the more narrow minded, as criminals, when there was in fact no criminal intent. In cases involving more serious offenses, no news will be withheld. Many of the better citizens of the county, have approved the new policy. Without some unusual circumstance, a simple drunk, trying to drive, isn't of much news value.

"EVERYBODY," said the thoughtful one, "seems to be leaning on a crutch nowadays. Not that everyone has a broken leg, or a sprained ankle, or something of the sort. But there's fear, or frustration, or something off key in their heads, which calls for artificial strength. In the extreme cases, liquor and narcotics are called on to brace up the weak brother. Others use headache powders in copious quantities, some quaff barrels of the effervescent remedies, while the ones with rank imaginations, rely on countless sodas, pop and quarts of coffee. They are all leaning on the strength needed by their constant libations. The purpose of the one is the same as the other. Couldst be? Patrolman Coy Greene tinkering with the innards of a parking meter, which evidently hadn't been keeping right good time. Visitor to Democrat office during recent cold spell, plops down on hot radiator. Shell Service Station wins Harley-Davidson motorcycle, side-car combination, in a drawing held down at the square Saturday afternoon. Mother leaves squalling youngun while she borrows a match to light a fag. Rev. Hight C. Moore, pioneer Baptist minister, appears at the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the Cove Creek Baptist Church Sunday. The esteemed minister started his career when a lad of 19, as pastor of the Cove Creek Church, and of course had a little more than passing interest in the progress of the church and the welfare of its congregation. The endless stream of automobiles, a large part of them late models, the bills of large denomination found in the hands of shoppers, the fine homes and the luxury equipment denote continued good times. We don't yet have the makin's of a depression!

MRS. WADE KLUTZ was down from Blowing Rock the other day placing an ad for the Community Club's tacky party to be held Friday evening, which features square dancing and other entertainment, staged for the benefit of the club's library building fund. Inquiry revealed that the Community Club owns and maintains the library, which has outgrown its present quarters, and that the organization is seeking sufficient funds with which to build an adequate structure.

WE BECAME considerably interested in the Blowing Rock organization, which it seems contributes immensely to the welfare of our folks. Many years ago the club started serving hot lunches to the school children, and continues to supply the food for the children unable to pay. Destitute people in the area are cared for—medicines bought, clothing given to school children, and aid tendered on hospital care. Funds are provided for the dental care of the school children, and a thousand and one other things. (Continued on page 4)

SURPRISING SEXTET



Six children in 27 months is boast of this ex-army pair. Ex-WAC Margaret K. Summers, her ex-sergeant husband, Charles, and their three sets of twins arrive in New York from their Doylestown, Ohio, home.

1216 Enroll at College To Break All Records

NEW CHIEF



Gen. Mark W. Clark, commander of the sixth army, has been named new chief of staff of the army field forces. He was the famed wartime leader of the fifth army in Italy and was a participant in the signing of the armistice in Italy.

P. T. A. To Hold Meeting on Monday

The Boone Parent-Teachers Association will have its first meeting of the new year next Monday night. The meeting will be a covered dish supper, with each parent or patron bringing a covered dish to serve themselves and the teachers. Following the dinner there will be a movie which will be entertaining and interesting to all. As this is the first meeting of the year, it is hoped that the parents will turn out in large numbers and thus display their interest in the school and in the teachers of their children. Don't forget Monday, September 26, at 6:30 p. m. at the High School Cafeteria—Come to P. T. A. supper!

Mrs. Pritchett Gets Party Post

Mrs. Earleen G. Pritchett of Boone was elected vice-president of the Young Democratic clubs of North Carolina in the 14th annual convention of the organization held at New Bern last week.

Mrs. Pritchett, who is secretary to Dean J. D. Rankin at Appalachian College, has long been active in Democratic party circles both in Avery and Watauga counties, and was present at the convention.

Terry Sanford, Fayetteville lawyer, was named president, and Miles J. Smith, Jr., of Salisbury, secretary.

Rabbi Lazon To Preach Next Sunday

Rabbi Maurice S. Lazon, of Baltimore and Blowing Rock, will speak at the Boone Methodist Church next Sunday evening at 6:30, in the absence of Pastor Sam Moss, who is attending district conference in Winston-Salem.

An invitation is extended to all to hear Rabbi Lazon.

Psychologists told teachers create tensions, frustrate ch...

Total Number of Students To Further Increase by End Of Week; New Tutors

The enrollment at Appalachian State Teachers college has climbed to the highest figure in the history of the institution. 1216 students already have registered, and it is estimated that the graduate students yet to register will swell the figure to at least 1250 before the end of the week. Approximately thirty-five students are enrolled in the graduate classes at North Wilkesboro. About the same number are expected to enroll for classes at Morganton. Off-campus classes are being taught in the late afternoon and night at both places. Chapell Wilson, dean of the graduate school, estimates that an enrollment of 125 will be reached in the graduate school.

The college also had the largest summer enrollment it has ever had. More than two thousand and different enrollments were registered from nineteen states, three foreign countries, and one territory. There were 238 working for the master's degree, and 586 college graduates attending the institution.

Eleven faculty members have been added to the faculty to help take care of the larger enrollment. They include Dr. Pearl S. McCarty, department of English; Dr. Mildred D. Babcock, department of education; Dr. C. W. Simms, department of education; Dr. C. R. Walker, department of biology; Mrs. Ila Mae Taylor, department of library science; James T. Thompson, department of business education; Golden T. Buckland, department of mathematics; Miss Grace Hollifield, department of Home Economics; Miss June Dinkins, department of physical education; Bobby Wayne Cox, department of music; and Mrs. Elsie Erneston, also department of music.

Hereford Sale To Be Held Oct. 7

The seventh annual sale of the Watauga Hereford Breeders Association has been set for Friday, October 7, starting at 12 noon, it is announced by H. M. Hamilton, sale manager and auctioneer. The sale will be held at Burley warehouse no. 1, and 65 head of registered Herefords will be offered, to comprise the biggest sale in the history of the local association. There will be 11 cows with calves, 10 bred heifers, 13 open heifers, and 18 bulls. All these cattle have been bred in Watauga county, and are consigned by about 23 local breeders.

Many Gather for Cove Creek Service

Large numbers of members and friends of the Cove Creek Baptist Church gathered Sunday to enjoy the services held in celebration of the one hundredth and fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of the church.

The morning worship service was featured by a sermon by Dr. Hight C. Moore, retired Baptist minister, and early-day pastor of the congregation. The afternoon session featured historical sketches of the church, interesting historical incidents, songs from old hymnals, etc.

In the evening Dr. Moore preached again. The services were in charge of Rev. Harold S. Songer, the pastor.

C. OF C. MEET GETS REPORTS; MANY ARE TO GO TO HICKORY

Hospital Development, Other Matters Discussed in Business Session Group To Hear U. S. Chamber Commerce Speeches in Hickory This Evening.

The Chamber of Commerce meeting, held Tuesday evening, featured the reports of various committees, and no special speakers were included on the program.

Dr. Moose reported on the hospital development, while W. R. Winkler told of the progress being made on the Parkway and the proposed use of the Cone mansion at Blowing Rock as an historical structure, to house mementos and souvenirs of early days in the area. Russell Hodges reported excellent condition in membership, while Wade Brown enthusiastically brought word of the moving of dirt on the Watauga River road.

A committee, composed of Wade Brown, Stanley Harris and Clyde Greene, was appointed to incorporate the Chamber of Commerce, while a plan to improve the local airport was discussed. B. W. Stallings, Wade Brown and Russell Hodges were appointed to work with the project.

U. S. Chamber Meeting Secretary Harris reported the U. S. Chamber of Commerce is to hold an area meeting in Hickory and a large delegation indicated their plan to attend. Herman Wilcox, Frank Payne, Clyde Eggers, Gill Phillips, Clyde Greene, Watt Gragg, Gurney Brinkley, Louis Smith, Ralph Winkler, Mayor Gordon Winkler, Dr. Matheson, Kent Brown, Edwin Dougherty, Alfred Adams, Fred Church, Joe Michael, R. D. Hodges, Jr., M. R. Maddux, W. H. Klutz, Dr. Kephart, in addition to secretary Harris agreed to attend. Secretaries Bird and Cherry of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce will be the principal speakers. Bird's subject is "Help Yourself to Better Government." Mr. Cherry will conduct the round table discussion and Dr. Glen R. Frye of Hickory will speak on "The Business Man's Stake in National Affairs."

Hospital Drive Huge Success

The hospital campaign in Boone last week was a pronounced success and if the people who are soliciting in the county do nearly as well, the total amount of \$10,000 is assured, according to a report by Stanley A. Harris, in charge of the drive. Boone has already exceeded its quota and several of the workers have additional amounts promised, or friends were not able to determine how much they could give until a later date.

The Business and Professional Woman's Club team, led by Mrs. Kathleen Hodges, reported with more than \$200. Mrs. Austin South and Mrs. J. C. Goodnight, for the Hospital Guild, brought in \$250 while the Worthwhile Woman's Club, under Mrs. Roy Ruffy, exceeded \$300. Mr. Howell and Mr. Way reported excellent amounts from the teachers in the demonstration and high school and Mr. Way sent a considerable amount from the students in the high school. Gurney Brinkley, who heads the court house employees, made the high mark for the men, but Bob Agle's Lions and Wayne Richardson's Rotary team made good reports, according to Mr. Harris.

The Rotary is the last unit to join the \$250.00 Club which now has 26 members. They secured the \$250 by soliciting individual Rotarians and were well pleased with the response since six individual members of the Rotary Club have already joined the \$250 Club. Those in charge of the drive expect the Lions Club and the Junior Order to complete the list of \$250.00 Club members.

The "Book of Honor" is being printed and every person or organization contributing will be placed in this book and it will be placed in the Watauga hospital where everybody can see, and in years to come, may be reminded of those who helped to make the hospital an A-1 institution.

Several churches took special offerings Sunday but some postponed their collection until next Sunday for some special reason. (Continued on page 8)

Deer Hunters May File Applications

Tommy Osborne, local game protector, has received a supply of application blanks for deer hunting in the Pisgah Forest, Mountain Mitchell, and Daniel Boone preserves, and interested hunters may get same by contacting him or applying at the Boone Drug Company.

JUMPING JERUSALEM



A mammoth blast shakes the Holy City as three tons of TNT are set off in section known as "No-Man's Land" of Jerusalem, Palestine. The explosive was stored for use during the late hostilities in Palestine.

Grandfather School Building Is Destroyed

PRESIDENT



Mrs. Ed. M. Anderson, of West Jefferson, president North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs, will be in Boone Thursday when the Third District holds its annual meeting at the Presbyterian Church.

Federation of Women's Clubs Meets in Boone

The Third district of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs will hold its annual meeting at the Presbyterian Church in Boone Thursday morning, September 22. The meeting will open at 10 o'clock, with Mrs. R. E. Current, district president, presiding. Mrs. Roy Ruffy, president of the Boone Worthwhile Club, will have charge of the local club activities.

Mrs. Ed. M. Anderson of West Jefferson, state president, Mrs. Lawrence Miller, district vice president, Mrs. Argle McLeod of Taylorsville, and Mrs. Current will be present.

The meeting will open with the singing of the National Anthem led by Mrs. Clyde Wineberger. Mrs. R. W. Watkins, past president of the local club, will lead the pledge to the Flag, and Mrs. F. E. Warman will give the invocation, followed by the recitation of the Club Woman's Collect.

Mr. N. G. Erneston, violinist, Mrs. N. G. Erneston, soloist, Mrs. H. B. Perry, Jr., will give a musical program.

After the adjournment at 12:30, the assembly will go to the college cafeteria for luncheon.

Eighteen senior clubs and four junior clubs will be present for the meeting. Approximately 200 members are expected to attend from the district, which includes clubs in Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe, Burke, Caldwell, Iredell, Watauga and Wilkesboro counties.

'L' and 'M' Motorists Asked To Get License

All motorists whose names begin with L or M are asked to come to the courthouse in Boone on Thursdays and Fridays of each week from 8 to 4 o'clock and renew their operator's license. This group has until December 31 to renew their licenses, but are asked to act now to avoid standing in line at the last minute.

Mr. W. R. Stansberry, State license examiner, states that those found without the proper license after December 31 will be fined not less than \$25 and the cost. No driving tests, it is stated, will be given during severe weather conditions.

BUBBLE-GUM TREASURE

Berkeley, Calif.—While breaking a trail through a heavily shrubbed hill lot near their homes, David Eakin, 10, and Stanley Sharp, 8, stumbled onto a treasure trove which, to them, was better than pirate's gold. They found boxes of bubble gum totaling 15,000 chunks.

STEWART IS GIVEN 5 TO 10 YEARS IN PEN FOR ROBBERY

Local Man Sentenced in Robbery of Newton's Department Store, and Entering Smithy's; 23 Submit to Driving Drunk; Slot Machines Seized.

Woodrow Stewart was sentenced Tuesday by Judge Rudisill, in Watauga Superior Court to from 5 to 10 years in the State prison on charges of breaking and entering Newton's Department Store, and given a similar sentence for entering Smithy's store. A younger brother, Cecil Stewart, was sentenced to from 2 to 3 years for complicity in the Newton robbery.

Woodrow, court officials said, is an escapee from the State prison, where he had served four years of twenty year term for the robbery of H. J. Teague of Blowing Rock. It is understood that this sentence will have to be completed before time begins to count on the current judgments.

Bobby Eugene Woodruff was given a penitentiary sentence of 2 to 3 years for breaking and entering in connection with the robbery of a Blowing Rock service station.

H. G. Sullivan and Richard McGhee of Blowing Rock, charged with the operation of slot machines, were fined \$200 and the costs each, while the machines were ordered destroyed. The destroyed machines were said to have contained about \$300, which was appropriated by the court.

Wm. P. McManus and Roscoe H. McManus of Johnson City, indicted under the narcotics laws, were fined \$100 and the costs, and banished from the State for 3 years. Narcotics and hypodermic syringes were found on the men, when arrested.

Docket Half Finished

The State docket was more than half finished when court recessed yesterday afternoon, and it was predicted that the term, over which Judge Rudisill of Newton, is presiding, would adjourn sometime Thursday.

Twenty-three, who submitted to charges of driving drunk, were fined \$100 each and the costs, and their license revoked for 12 months. Seven indicted for reckless driving and speeding paid fines of \$25 and the costs.

Three charged with violation of the State prohibition laws, were given sentences of \$200 each and the costs.

No civil actions will come up for trial, other than divorce suits.

Mrs. Gragg's Mother Dies in Burnsville

Mrs. Elizebaeth English, 65, mother of Mrs. Fred M. Gragg of Boone, died at the home Monday evening from the effects of a paralytic stroke.

Funeral services are to be held Wednesday, but as this is written details haven't been announced.

Mrs. English attended Appalachian College many years ago, and is well known in Boone, where she had visited at the home of Mrs. Gragg.

Surviving, besides Mrs. Gragg, are two sons: John English of Burnsville; Frank English, Flint, Mich.

Henry Norris Ends Own Life

Henry Ray Norris, 37 years old, Vilas resident, died near the home last Wednesday, from what Coroner Richard E. Kelley said was a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Mr. Norris' body was found about a half mile from the home, at about 7:30 a. m. A bullet from a .22 calibre rifle had entered behind the ear on the right side of the head, and death was adjudged to have been instantaneous. Coroner Kelly conducted an investigation, but deemed an inquest unnecessary. No message was left by the deceased, and no reason has been assigned for the suicide. Mr. Kelley says he had left word at the house that he was going squirrel hunting a short time before the body was found.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday afternoon from the Union Baptist Church at Mabel by Rev. R. C. Hodges, of Purlear, and interment was in the church cemetery.

Mr. Norris was a son of Mr. and Mrs. George Henry Norris of Mabel, and was employed by the maintenance department of the State highway and public works commission. He is survived by the widow and one son, Greer Norris.

More than 18 million bulletins were distributed to farm people of the United States last year by Agricultural extension workers.