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## KING STREET BY ROB RIVERS

STORE WINDOWS, ever fascinating, take on an especial interest to the passing throng in these days when Christmas is in the air and Santa Claus can't be so far away. . . . Merchants of the town are doing a good job with their window dressing this year, and we are enjoying the displays of apparel, toys, appliances, and various other commodities, as we gaze through the plate glass during our routine amblings up and down King Street. . . . We are particularly enjoying the one up at Edmisten Furniture company, which represents many days of tedious work on the part of Crayte Teague, D. M. Edmisten, Jr., Mrs. D. M. Edmisten and others, and which, strangely enough does not feature furniture at all, but midget railroading at its most advanced stages. . . . The layout consists of a complete railway system, traversing a mountain country, with all the sidings, switchbacks, water tanks, switch towers usually seen along the cinder-strewn tracks. . . . There are mountains and tunnels, and trees and grass, and cattle on the hills, and houses by the right of way. . . . The conventional country town station, the general store, the creek, the bridges and tunnels, a complete block signal system, and a couple of toy trains which can be manipulated at will. . . . To cap the novel exhibit Mrs. Edmisten, Sr. has painted a canvas back of the rails which blends in perfectly in its allusion of an extension of mountains, hills and dales. . . . The whole display exhibits a rare degree of mechanical genius, together with a rather unusual touch of artistry, and provides a most interesting interlude for the passersby. . . . The thing is so genuinely real, and the landscape so typically mountainous, that one can almost imagine he is seeing the mighty moguls of the glistening rails heaving a long string over the Great Divide or up the Ashcroftville mountain. . . . or that the big "hogs" are complainingly screaming through the long tunnels and picturesque valleys of the Feather River country on the Western Pacific lines. . . . To those of us who always get a thrill out of the plaintive notes of a speeding locomotive, particularly on a stormy night, the Edmisten train brings pleasure. . . . memories. . . . and an admiration for the patience and skill of its assemblers.

**SMALL CHILD**, who had been absorbing some of the disturbing facts concerning the impending death of the physical man, gave down with the following instructions concerning her earthly quietus: "When I get old like you, mommy . . . old enough to die . . . and I'm taken to the hospital, please see that I have some nice clean pajamas, a toothbrush and paste, a lot of feathers and some money. . . . I want to be clean, my teeth brushed. . . . I'll need some feathers to make my wings, and when I get to heaven, of course I'll have to have some money to buy me some things. . . . Given assurance that everything would be taken care of in due time. . . . the trusting youngster turned to her paper dolls happy in the simple faith that all would be well in the endless days, worked silently for a bit, and revived with a demand for a real baby. . . . a brother, 'twas . . . in time for Christmas, if you please, and even though there are about twenty more shopping days. . . . there are limitations, and could be there won't be a new baby on the tree!

**SNOW**, slippery streets and all round bad weather interfered considerably with some features of the Christmas opening and tobacco festival last Friday, but an awful lot of folks got to town just the same, and although plans had to be considerably altered, and many firms were prevented from getting their floats in the parade, it was a splendid occasion, and the affair was handled in fine fashion. . . . Decorations committee deserves praise for the change in the Christmas lighting. The strings of lights and rows of evergreen formerly were strung parallel with the street on either side. . . . This year the decorations are crosswise, and the effect is decidedly better. . . . Decorations extend further from center of business district too. . . . Clyde Greene personally supervises the work as town workers make haste in getting everything ready for the flick of the Christmas switch. . . . Democrat closed down for Thanksgiving day, and being unused to holidays, done considerable damage next morning cause we couldn't find a Monday paper, allowing as how the man had left a last Friday's edition, before we realized we weren't after all starting a new week. . . . Our turkey, cut down in the pick of health, has passed through the sandwich stage, and is now making its final embattled stand in the hash pot. . . . a good concoction on the home ground, but slightly repugnant as a Monday (Continued on editorial page)

## SCHOOL FOR "SKY PILOTS"



Airborne missionaries from the Moody institute, Chicago, are found in every corner of the globe. Here, one of the "sky pilots" has brought his plane down in a remote region where the primitive and modern stand out in sharp contrast.

## Burley Festival Success Despite Snowy Weather

### Soil Conservation Election Is Set

Three supervisors for the Watauga county soil conservation election will be elected at an election to be held on December 5th to 10th, and it is explained that the candidate receiving the highest number of votes will serve for a period of three years from January 1, 1950. The candidate receiving the second highest number of votes will serve for two years and the candidate running third will serve for one year. Ballot boxes for the soil conservation election will be placed as follows: Clyde Perry's store, Beaver Dam township; Howard Mast's store, Valle Crucis.

### Christmas Fund Is Sought for Orphans

Guy H. Hunt and Rob Rivers are again seeking funds for providing Christmas cheer for the children at the Grandfather Home, Banner Elk, and all those wishing to aid in this worthy movement are asked to make their contributions to either of them within the next few days. Since most of the children at the Banner Elk institution are our own mountain people, it is felt that Wataugans should take an especial interest in providing them a Christmas treat. It is hoped that the response will be liberal.

### College Winter Term Opened Tuesday

The winter quarter will begin at Appalachian State Teachers college with registration on Tuesday, November 29, after a five-day Thanksgiving holiday break. Classes for the new quarter will begin at 8:30 on Wednesday morning. During the fall quarter the college has had 1280 students from sixteen states, one foreign country, and one territory, representing more than 23 per cent increase over last year's fall quarter enrollment. Additional students are expected to enter the winter quarter, to swell the figure still further. Christmas holidays will begin at noon, Wednesday, December 21, and classes will resume again on Tuesday, January 3. The winter quarter will end on February 24.

## Two Children Fatally Burned In Tragic Disaster Tuesday

Sallie Pat, 4 years old, and Charlotte Ann, 2, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. David Joyner, were burned to death last Tuesday afternoon when fire raged through their home at Windsor, N. C. Mrs. Joyner, the former Miss Lydia Vance Swift of Boone, had gone across a nearby highway to

## FARMERS WILL GO TO POLLS TO NAME NEW PMA LEADERS

County Committeemen Will Be Named as Farmers Go Back to Polls To Set Up New Organization; Fellow Farmers Are To Administer Program.

Watauga county farmers will have the opportunity to reaffirm their faith in the democratic farmer-committee system for local administration of Federal farm programs when they go to the polls December 15 to choose the fellow farmers who will represent them as county and community production and marketing administration committeemen during the coming year.

In announcing the elections, the county PMA committee points out that these non-partisan committees are the local administrative units for such Federal farm programs as Agricultural Conservation, price supports, acreage allotments, and marketing quotas.

As representatives of their farmer-neighbors, they see to it that national and state programs are adapted to local conditions and provide the "grass-roots" experience and thinking necessary for the intelligent formulation of new programs that changing conditions may require.

The State PMA committee has designated December 15, 1940 as the date for holding the elections in the county's 14 agricultural communities. The county convention, at which the new county PMA committeemen will be chosen, is to be held December 16th.

### Drivers Are Urged To Get Licenses

"If your last name begins with L or M, don't spend hours which you could use for Christmas shopping standing in line to renew your driver's license," Driver's License Examiner, W. R. Stansberry urged today.

Pointing out that all L and M drivers must have their licenses renewed by December 31, Examiner Stansberry urged all persons in this category who have not obtained renewals to report immediately to his station at Boone on Thursdays and Fridays to avoid the last minute rush. All persons apprehended after December 31 without their renewed licenses will be subject to prosecution.

## Ben H. Phillips Dies On Thursday

Ben H. Phillips, 76, retired farmer of Boone died at a Winston-Salem hospital Thursday. Mr. Phillips had suffered a broken hip in a fall a few days previous, and the injury is said to have been at least indirectly responsible for his death.

### Quail Season Will Close December 8th

Tommy Osborne, district game protector, states that the quail shooting season will end December 8th, but that grouse may be legally taken until January 2.

### Preachers To Gather At Oak Grove Church

The preachers conference of the Three Forks Baptist Association will meet at the Oak Grove Church Monday Dec. 5, at 2:00 p. m. All preachers and deacons are urged to attend, all visitors welcome. The theme of the program will be "Advancing With Christ." Rev. W. D. Ashley will conduct the devotion. Rev. O. C. Harris will discuss "Advancing With Christ in Teaching." Dr. W. G. Bond will speak on "Advancing With Christ in Training."

## Burley Averages \$45.25 In Boone's First Auction



Fred MacMurray, screen star and owner of a ranch near Holdsburg, Calif., displays his senior grand national champion, "Oscar," Commander in Chief, which won blue ribbon at fifth grand national livestock show held recently in San Francisco. The steer seems almost as photogenic as MacMurray. The blue ribbon of the grand national show is the "Oscar" of stardom.

## Phone Lines To Wilkes, Meat Camp Are Assured

### PRESIDENT



Mr. C. A. Clay, the new president of the Watauga Farm Bureau.

### \$15,000 Damage As Barn Burns

Bascomb Hampton, resident of the Bamboo section, suffered a \$15,000 loss when the large dairy barn on his farm was completely destroyed by fire Friday noon. Mr. Hampton and his helpers, it was stated, were loading hay into the barn from a truck, and while away at lunch, flames raged through the structure, and it was doomed when the fire was discovered. A short circuit in the truck, it is said, could conceivably have started the blaze. The barn, which was 60 x 60 feet was almost new, of approved construction for dairy purposes. Besides the building, four tons of hay was destroyed, the truck, and miscellaneous equipment. The loss is partially covered by insurance.

### Snake Braves Winter On Ill-Fated Trip

A two-foot garter snake, did the unusual Tuesday, came out of hibernation and made an ill-fated attempt to cross the Blowing Rock road just as Mr. Bud Mast of Villas came along. Mr. Mast, who, like most folks, had never seen a reptile roving about the last of November, dispatched the snake, and brought him to Boone as proof of the unusual incident.

## Foscoe Man Dies Entangled In Machinery In S. Dakota

Rouen Tommie Shook, 27 years of age, a resident of the Foscoe section of Watauga county, was fatally injured on the 23rd in a piece of machinery used in dam construction in Pickstown, S. D., where he had been employed for the past three months. Mr. Shook, according to the death certificate, was caught in an "auger," and his left arm was severed from his body. He died within about two hours. The body was returned home and funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon at 2 of Banner Elk.

### SCREEN STAR'S STEER WINS

The opening auctions of the 1940-50 burley tobacco season were held on the floors of Mountain Burley warehouse no. 1 Monday, when 168,062 pounds of leaf was sold for an average price of \$45.25 per hundred-weight. Monday's top basket brought \$62.00. About sixty-five thousand pounds was sold yesterday, and final audits, it was revealed would perhaps result in about the same average as prevailed Monday, while about the same amount of weed is on the baskets for today's sale. Receipts of tobacco are now picking up with the coming of wet weather and it is expected that the lines of trucks will grow longer toward the end of the week. Dry weather had prevented any considerable amount of grading prior to this week. Mr. Roscoe Coleman, who with his two sons, operates the local market, is urging the farmers to keep their tobacco dry and grade carefully in order to secure the best prices. He states that the smoking grades are selling exceptionally well, and that the percentage of this high quality leaf is very high, considering the rather poor growing season. Due to the fact that three large floors are available on the local market, Mr. Coleman stresses there is no congestion, and that farmers may sell their crops, get their checks and return home the same day, preventing costly layovers. On opening day crops were sold from seven counties in North Carolina, six in Tennessee and six in Virginia. In Carolina tobacco came from Mitchell, Watauga, Yancey, Ashe, Avery, Alleghany and Haywood, Tennessee growers were from Carter, Johnson, Sullivan, Unicoi and Washington, while Virginians came from Lee, Russell, Scott, Wise, Washington and Grayson counties.

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### Farm Bureau in Annual Meeting, Elects Officers, and Hears Phone Official

The members of the Watauga Farm Bureau met Monday evening, elected a new slate of officers, announced that the membership quota had been surpassed, and had word from the Bell Telephone Company that rural telephone lines serving a minimum of 100 Watauga families are to be constructed by mid-1950. C. A. Clay of Villas was elected president of the organization at the annual meeting; Hayes Wellborn, of Deep Gap vice-president; and Edward Love of Sugar Grove, secretary and treasurer.

The Board of directors include the following: Glenn Howell, Bald Mountain township; W. R. Vines, Beaver Dam; Carl Storie, Blue Ridge; J. B. Greene, Blowing Rock; G. D. Barnett, Boone; Don Elliott, Brushy Fork; I. B. Wilson, Cove Creek; Stewart Simmons, Elk; Henry Hagaman, Laurel Creek; Ted Clawson, Meat Camp; Alfred McNeil, Meat Camp no. 2; Grady Farthing, New River; C. R. Wilson, North Fork; Marshal Farthing, Shawneehaw; E. B. Hardin, Stony Fork; Frank Taylor, Watauga. 367 Members

Reports from the recent membership campaign indicate that 367 members have been secured, surpassing the quota of 350. C. A. Clay, who secured 84 members, won \$100 on his expenses to the National Farm Bureau convention in Chicago, December 12th.

Edward Love was in second place with 32 members. He was given 1000 pounds of Armour's fertilizer through Hollar Brothers local dealers. Lynn Norris was third place winner with 30 members. He received 1000 pounds of Royster fertilizer through Goodnight Brothers. Rolf E. Wilson was fourth with 17 members. He was given 1000 pounds of Swift's fertilizer through the Farmers Hardware & Supply Co., and Wilson's Feed Store.

### Rural Telephone Lines

Mr. Ibanet, manager for the Bell Telephone Co., Lenoir office, spoke, and told the farmers that by June 30, 1950, his company would have completed a telephone line from Boone to the Wilkes line on highway 421, and one from Boone to the Meat Camp Baptist church on 221, serving a minimum of 100 subscribers, to say nothing of those who could get phones with the subsequent building of the feeders. Mr. Ibanet also stated that branch lines would be constructed on the Blowing Rock line, and that the line down (Continued on editorial page)

### Receipts Increase as Damp Weather Allows Growers To Proceed with Grading

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## Burley Voters Retain Quotas

The Burley tobacco referendum held in the communities of Watauga county carried by 98.51 of the number of votes cast, which represented 80% of the eligible voters of the county. The results of the votes cast are as follows: For marketing quotas for three years, 983 votes; for marketing quotas for one year, but not for three years, 11 votes; against marketing quotas, 6 votes.

### Washington — The Agriculture Department this week added tobacco to the growing list of farm crops which will be under strict production control next year.

Officials said nearly complete returns from a special poll revealed that a vast majority had voted overwhelmingly for marketing quotas on burley tobacco in 1950 rather than risk losing their federal price support guarantees.

With less than 8,000 ballots still to be reported, they said, the poll showed 133,231 growers for three-year quotas, 8,165 for a one-year quota, and only 6,031 opposed to quotas of any kind. While the quota order is aimed at achieving only a seven per cent cutback in national tobacco acreage, the average reduction will be about 15 per cent because so many producers already have been cut to the minimum allotment of nine-tenths of an acre.

That may produce a fight in the next session of Congress. Some congressmen argue that the smaller producers should have their acreages reduced by the same percentage as bigger growers when controls are needed.

Under quotas, each grower receives a planting allotment. If he overplants, he loses price support for his entire crop. In addition, he is subject to a heavy penalty tax on any tobacco sold in excess of his allotment. Other growers may sell all they produce.

Tobacco is the third of the so-called "basic crops" to be placed under production controls for next year. If the nation's farmers abide by their goals, total crop acreage in 1950 is expected to run about 30,000,000 acres less than in 1940.

## Local Cannery Will Be Open Tomorrow

The community cannery, which is located in the agricultural department at Appalachian High School, will open December 3 for the processing of meat only. The hours of cannery operation will be 9 to 3 daily. Those interested in canning should contact R. L. Tall, Phone 158-M.

U. S. makes \$907,212 in grants to spur cancer research.