

KING STREET BY ROB RIVERS

ONE OF THE STRANGE THINGS is that of the millions and untold millions of human beings, no two are identical...

IN ALL THE TALK from the political minority about the welfare state, the Santa Claus government, and the premise that individual initiative is of no further value...

JOHN HOWELL, brought this forcibly to the attention of the patrons of the local elementary school the other day, when he sent out a note by the students, seeking surplus clothing for the children...

SOMETIME AGO we were trying to help the ox out of the ditch... maybe of course we hadn't tried hard enough to keep him from falling...

Appalachian Given Publicity In Texas

Texas Newspaper Says Dr. Dougherty Oldest in Point of Service.

The Houston Press, one of the leading newspapers of the southwest, picked Appalachian State Teachers College as the unique college in the South at the recent meeting of the Southern Association of Colleges.

Dr. Dougherty, spry and alert at present, is in Houston to attend the 54th annual meeting of the Southern Assn. of Colleges and Secondary Schools at the Rice Hotel.

Prior to beginning his teaching career, young Blanford Barnard spent 12 years getting a college education. And in four different colleges.

But Dr. Dougherty has stayed faithfully with his first school job—at the then-Watauga Academy.

Mountaineer Matmen To Meet Marines

The Cherry Point Marines will meet the Mountaineers in a wrestling match at Appalachian College Monday December 12th at 8 o'clock.

The Marine group represents former university men from all over the country and expect to give Coach Watkins' matmen a tough fight.

Upper Elk School Is Destroyed By Fire of Undetermined Origin

A fire of undetermined origin completely destroyed the upper Elk School at Triplett Monday night, local school officials were notified Tuesday.

Social Security Aids 77 in County

In Watauga county, 77 persons received \$938.00 in monthly Social Security benefits during June 1949, according to a statement released this week by Mr. Louis H. Clement, manager of the Salisbury field office.

Survivors benefits are payable to widows who have attained age sixty-five, to widows who have children entitled to benefits in their care, unmarried children under age eighteen and who were dependent upon the wage earner and to parents who were chiefly dependent upon and supported by a deceased wage earner.

Mr. Clement advises persons who live in this county to write the field office of the Social Security Administration, 3030 Postoffice Building, Salisbury, N. C. in order to ascertain the date when a representative of the field office expects to visit this area.

College Men Attend Meeting in Houston

Dr. B. B. Dougherty, Dr. J. D. Rankin, Professor Chappell Wilson, and Professor Edwin Dougherty spent last week at the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools in Houston, Texas.

Mrs. Lee Edwards To Speak to A. C. E.

There will be a dinner meeting of the Watauga county and the A. S. T. C. branches of the Association for Childhood Education at the Daniel Boone Hotel Friday evening at 7 o'clock.

Navy Medals Are Now Being Given

The Navy recruiting office in the office building in Lenoir has for issue to ex-navy men of World War II, "The China Service Medals" and the "Occupation Service Medals".

700 Pound Porker

Rev. Tipton Greene recently killed a hog for the Appalachian College which netted 700 pounds. The giant spotted Poland China swine had won a blue ribbon at the recent Watauga County Fair.

DROWN LIKE COUSIN

Little Ferry, N. J.—Little Cecile Bird, 3, was found drowned in Wild Lake, just two years after the child's cousin drowned in the same lake.

POLIO LEADER



Jim Taylor, Boone attorney, who has been named the director of the March of Dimes campaign in Watauga county.

Tobacco Ball Friday Night

The annual tobacco ball will be held in the high school gymnasium Friday evening December 9th, under the sponsorship of the high school assembly club.

Gifts Sought for Stocking Fund

The Worthwhile Woman's Club is again seeking contributions for the benefit of the club's empty stocking fund, which has been doing a fine job for the past several years in providing Christmas cheer as well as clothing for the underprivileged children of the immediate area.

Farm Bureau Passes Quota

The Farm Bureau membership campaign has closed in Watauga, with a total of 382 members, against the local quota of 350.

Watauga Team in Chicago Contest

Watauga county 4-H livestock judging team represented North Carolina in the junior livestock contest at the International Livestock Exposition in Chicago and won tenth place on all classes with a score of 1546 out of a possible 1800 under strong competition.

FARMERS WILL GO TO POLLS TO NAME NEW PMA LEADERS

Farmers in 14 Agricultural Communities of County To Choose Members of PMA Committee; A List of the Various Voting Places.

Who will administer such national farm programs as agricultural conservation, price supports, acreage allotments, and marketing quotas in Watauga county in 1950? The ballot box, traditional bulwark of democracy, will decide.

On December 15 farmers in the county's 14 agricultural communities will be choosing neighbors and friends to represent them as community production and marketing administration farmer-committeemen for the coming year.

A referendum committee will be in charge of the polling place in each community where farmers can cast their ballots. Nominations for community committeemen will begin promptly at 8:00 a. m. December 15 and close at 9:00 a. m. Balloting will begin promptly at 9:00 a. m. and close at 5:00 p. m.

"Any person is eligible to vote or hold office who is an owner, operator, tenant or sharecropper on a farm that is participating in any program administered during the current calendar year through the county and community PMA committees," says Dwight Cable, present county committee chairman.

"Heavy participation of farmers in their committeemen elections is one of the best methods of demonstrating their support of the farmer-committee system of local administration of national farm programs," the chairman points out.

Polling places for the various communities in the county are as follows:

- Bald Mountain, W. G. Cook's store; Beaver Dam, Donly Hagaman's store; Blowing Rock, Town Hall; Blue Ridge, M. O. Coffey's residence; Brushy Fork, Moody & Anderson's store; New River, Cook & Elrod's store; Elk, Simon's store; Laurel Creek, V. D. Ward's store; Meat camp, Alex. South store; North Fork, Howard Thomas' store; Shawneehaw, Rominger's store; Stony Fork, Deep Gap P. O.; Watauga, Howard W. Mast's store.

Local Purebred Hereford Breeders Sell Cattle in Winston-Salem Sale

Twelve purebred Hereford cattle from Watauga county were sold at the annual sale of the State Hereford Breeders Association in Winston-Salem Saturday, when a total of one thousand head were auctioned for a gross sum of \$32,000, representing the largest state Hereford sale in history.

Most of the animals offered were this year's calves. H. Grady Farthing of Boone sold the second highest bull calf of the sale for \$550; three heifer calves for \$360, \$300 and \$285. The Diamond S Ranch, B. W. Stallings, owner, sold heifer calves for \$400, \$405 and \$240.

Harry Hamilton sold a heifer for \$480. Elmo and Milton Moretz sold a heifer for \$285, a bull calf for \$190. The latter was bought by Don Lantz, of Tazewell, Va.; the president of the Va. Hereford Breeders Association.

Cattle were sold into Va., Tenn., North and South Carolina. H. M. Hamilton, Jr., of Boone, was the sales manager and auctioneer.

Clint Reese Winner At Chicago Contests

BURLEY PREXY



Mr. R. C. Coleman, operator of the Boone tobacco market, who was recently elected president of the N. C. Burley Warehouse Association for the third year.

Average of \$45.00 Paid for Tobacco

Although the figures from the Wednesday's sales are unavailable, it is estimated that this evening total season sales on the floors of the Mountain Burley Warehouse Co., will exceed three-quarters of a million pounds.

The season average is approximately \$45.00 per hundred, it was learned yesterday. Light sales are continuing due to the dry weather, which has prevented any extensive grading of the powdery leaf.

Farmers are able to bring their tobacco to town, sell it and return home within a short time, and those who have their weed graded are taking the advantage of the opportunity to get immediate sales, while the receipts are light.

Good smoking grades are still bringing top prices and warehousemen insist that growers grade their crops carefully in order to secure the best possible figure.

State Taxpayers Urged To File

The State Department of Revenue is instituting a crack-down on those who are supposed to pay income taxes, and who have not filed, says Wade H. Lee, of Lenoir, deputy collector with the department.

Those who haven't filed, says Mr. Lee, are given the opportunity of filing these delinquent returns by the end of December and save the penalties provided. Only the interest will be added. Further delay, however, will result in the assessment of the 25 percent penalty, or not less than \$5 in any case.

Mr. Lee says that a great many people are not familiar with the State income tax laws which were enacted by vote of the people in 1920. He points out that all married people with an income of \$2,000 or more, are required to file, and that single persons earning \$1,000 or more yearly must file. Women, married or single, are required to file if their income is as much as \$1,000. A \$200 exemption is allowed for each dependent relative.

Beaver Dam Youth National 4-H Sheep Shearing Champion; Kansan Second

Cool, confident Clint Reese, 18 year old high school senior of Reese, won top honors in the national 1949 sheep shearing contest held at the International Livestock Exposition, Friday, December 2. Reese's speed, technique and quality of workmanship enabled him to outpoint 26 competitors from 18 wool-producing states and win a \$200 college scholarship donated by Sunbeam Corporation.

Young Mr. Reese gave a shearing demonstration for the national sheep shearing association Monday night November 28. Thursday afternoon his demonstration featured a television broadcast, seen in 27 states, and marking the first time a 4-H demonstration has been televised.

Reese, who lives on a 105-acre farm, has been active in 4-H club work for three years. He is a senior at Bethel High School and will enroll next September at North Carolina State College, Raleigh, where he will major in Animal Husbandry.

Reese, who represented his state in the 1948 event, finishing fifth. "I sure am proud to win this honor," said the personable, quiet farm lad. "I owe a lot to Mr. E. A. Warner, livestock specialist who taught me how to shear three years ago," he added.

Clint, a wiry lad who is completely free of nervous tension when he shears, is fond of all forms of sports, excelling in basketball and baseball. Clint, along with Ben Norris, also of Reese, who placed eighth in the national contest, belong to the Bethel High 4-H club, where (Continued on page four.)

Apps To Appear In Pythian Bowl

The Appalachian State Teachers College Mountaineers will meet the Catawba College Indians in a post-season football game in the first annual Pythian Bowl, to be held in Salisbury, Saturday. It is being sponsored by the North Carolina Knights of Pythias, and the proceeds will go to the Pythian Orphanage in Clayton, N. C.

The participation of the Mountaineers in the Pythian Bowl will mark the second bowl invitation within two years, the first having been the Burley Bowl at Johnson City on Thanksgiving Day, 1948.

Western Carolina Teachers College, the North State Conference Champions had been previously invited to participate in the Pythian Bowl, but the selection committee was unable to secure an opponent. Catawba College then volunteered to oppose WCTC, and an agreement could not be reached, and as a last resort, the Pythian's asked WCTC to release them from their contract.

This game will be the first that Appalachian and Catawba has played on the Catawba field since 1942, the games since the war having been played in Winston-Salem. The Mountaineers defeated the Indians in a regular season match this year 12-6.

Many attractions will highlight the festivities of the day, and such dignitaries as Governor W. Kerr Scott, Lt. Gov. Pat Taylor, U. S. Senators Frank P. Graham and Clyde R. Hoey, Rep. R. L. Doughton, College Presidents B. B. Dougherty and A. R. Koppel, and others.

At 10:30 a. m. a mammoth parade consisting of over 75 units will be held. The Bowl game selection luncheon will be at noon, with candidates for queen and visiting dignitaries present. The football classic will begin at 2:00 p. m. on Shuford Field, Catawba College, and at half-time the coronation of the Pythian Bowl queen will take place. At 7:00 p. m. the trophy banquet will be held at the Yackin Hotel, and the bowl dance will be held at the Salisbury Armory at 9:00 p. m.

Local Men Attend Scout Gathering

Messrs. Clyde R. Greene, Stanley A. Harris and H. Grady Farthing attended the annual meeting of the Old Hickory Council, Boy Scouts of America, held in Winston-Salem, last week.