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## KING STREET

By...  
Rob. Rivers

Summertime is carnival time in Boone, and perhaps the last of the colorful caravans of the gypsy trails has folded its tents to seek the regions of less frigid temperatures, and of fresher suckers, the ranks of which, according to P. T. Barnum, are replenished every hour of the year.

The King Street didn't do quite as good a job of "taking in" the last carnival as is his custom... The frosty night air had penetrated to his bones by the time a couple of bright-eyed youngsters in his care, had completed the rounds of the ferris wheel, the tilt-a-whirl, the octopus, the merry-go-round and what have you... and he didn't quite get the right sort of peek at the more sordid aspects of the performances, the ones which bring in the most of the Federal lettuce and for which the rides of the happy children are only a front... After taking the kids home, and getting the frost from his graying whiskers, he couldn't forego his customary drop into the open arms of the chair in which no one else reclines, the inevitable exchange of opinions with the madam, and the quick round-up of the daily newspaper... Just couldn't get cranked up again for a solo sojourn among the other men folks around the gambling tables, or in the shabby atmosphere of the side show... so don't know much about the hidden sections of the last of the carnivals, but rate as an authority on the others... We want to know what's going on!

But whether one takes in that show, before which the scantily clad dancer appears, or merely takes a stroll along the midway, he can see plenty. Every form of gambling device which the mind of man can devise is spread out for the folks... everything from dice shooting, or craps if a negro convict was tried on the charge... to the controlled wheel of fortune, chuck-a-luck, and others, presided over by professional gamblers provide a ready flow of money to the operators and a percentage to our worthy organizations, including at times the schools.

All these rackets are "contrary to the law made and provided therein and against the peace and dignity of the State," yet they have the sanction of the best folks in the community... are smiled upon by worthy officials representing the State, county and town, are enjoyed by all, including the scribbler, who has also made forays in to the second sections of the dancing shows, where the routine in many instances is accompanied by vulgarity which would turn an eyebrow, and where it was once noted, one female performer was partly clothed... she had a tiny red rose in her stringy hair. These nude performances are common with these carnival troupes, they're a big drawing card... but we were unable to witness such unrestrained conduct in the hot spots of San Francisco and Chicago during the rip-roaring twenties, when orderly conduct was rarer in some sections perhaps than at any time in our national history... we have seen our little city of churches, of God-fearing people, of honest men and women... a center of education and culture... countenance widespread, flagrant, illegal and unspeakable conduct for a percentage of the take.

We may be "all wet", we don't know... but we sorta wanted to know whether or not the folks here had thought just exactly in a straight line about the carnival business. Some towns have banned such performances... only last year a neighboring town refused to allow one of them to operate which gave us such a fine time the week before, and that community has never boasted of its culture as have we.

If we allow promiscuous gambling here, are we going to bring a man in court for playing poker or shooting craps... If we allow female disrobement, with the accompanying orgy of unspeakable verbal (Continued on page 7)

## 500 Citizens Quality To Cast Ballots In Recreation Election

### India Delegates at U.N.



Mrs. Vijaya Lakshmi, Indian delegate to the United Nations, is shown as she addressed the general assembly. Mrs. Lakshmi is her country's ambassador to the Soviet Union.

## LOCAL N.C.E.A. MEETS FRIDAY

Large Number Teachers Attend Session; Redmond Named Vice-President

The Watauga chapter of the North Carolina Education Association met Friday at the high school with Mr. R. G. Shipley, new president, presiding over the meeting. A large number of the local teachers and principals attended.

Mr. Douglas C. Redmond was elected to the office of vice-president of the local chapter upon the resignation of the officer who was elected last spring.

Mr. D. C. Thompson, treasurer, gave a report of the membership in the local, state and national educational associations. The president announced the appointment of chairmen and committee members of the various groups within the local organization.

Mr. Redmond, chairman of the program committee, introduced Rev. Mr. Troutman, who conducted a brief devotional period. Mr. W. H. Walker, county superintendent of schools, explained statewide rules and regulations in connection with the schools and teachers. Dr. Lee Reynolds reported to the group on a meeting which he attended at Salisbury. His remarks emphasized the need for further taxation for the schools in this county and state in order to meet the present crisis in education.

## FOLKS WARNED AGAINST FIRE

County Agent and Home Agent Issue Statement on Fire Prevention Week

"Every day, one hundred farm fires take the lives of ten farmers. One farm fire in ten results in death," says the National Fire Protection Association.

Sponsor of Fire Prevention Week, October 5 to 11, the NFPA, in cooperation with the U. S. Department of Agriculture, the home agent, Mary Hamby and county agent L. E. Tuckwiller, urges farm people to take part actively in guarding themselves and their farmsteads against fire.

According to the NFPA "at least ninety per cent of all farm fires are preventable. Unlike fire fighting, fire prevention is not hard. There are few farm fires which cannot be prevented by carefulness."

"Confirming in the fact that most farm fires can be prevented, there is a noticeable decrease in the number of severity of farm fires during and for a few weeks following Fire Prevention Week. Then, the curve of fire losses once more resumes its upward trend. The reason is obvious. For a few short weeks farm people remember what they have heard about the destructiveness of fires and are alert to its causes. Then they forget that fire and (Continued on page 8)

## HOME COMING BRINGS GRID TILT TO CITY

Undefeated Mountaineer Team to Face Lenoir Rhyne on College Field Saturday Night, as Climax of Homecoming Event

Bringing an undefeated team before the alumni on Homecoming, Coach E. C. Duggins is hoping to capture his fourth win and third conference victory when the Appalachian State Mountaineers meet the Lenoir-Rhyne Bears under the lights Saturday night. This is the first home game for the Mountaineers this year.

With two star performers injured in the Elon game Saturday night Coach Duggins will have to reshuffle his squad to meet the emergency. Ralph Walters, back, sustained a broken leg, and Preston Powers, end, suffered a back injury. Neither man will see service for the rest of the season.

To show for the home folks will be Little-All-American candidate John Hollars, 205 pound half-back, who gathered in 152 more yards against Elon to bring his total up to 491 yards for an average of 10 yards per try. Not added in is a 62 yard touchdown jaunt through the Guilford Quakers which was nullified by an off-side penalty. Hollars is ahead of his average last season which figured him as a unanimous choice for the All North State Conference eleven.

Providing plenty of fireworks for the opposition this season has been halfback Tom Murdock of Statesville. Piling through for a touchdown in each of the first three games Murdock has provided an extra punch in the Mountaineer backfield.

Anticipating a barrage of passes Saturday night Coach Duggins has stressed pass defense in workouts this week.

## Sgt. Phillips Attends Non-Com. Officers School in Austria

Sergeant Russel G. Phillips, of 2907 Page Drive, Dundalk, Maryland, attended the non-commissioned officers school of United States forces in Austria, zone command.

The school of standards, situated in the impressive surroundings of the mountain region near Salzburg, Austria, is designed to develop leadership and instruct picked men in their duties as non-commissioned officers with USA.

Sergeant Phillips, son of Robert H. Phillips, of Route 1, Blowing Rock, entered military service in September, 1944, in Baltimore, Maryland. He is currently serving with company E, 16th infantry regiment, in Vienna.

## Huge Spuds Being Brought to Town

Farmer friends of the Democrat are continuing to bring in to the publisher, potatoes of record-breaking size, gathered from the most bountiful crop of the tubers remembered in this county. Those who have recently given the publisher oversized spuds, and whose kindness is appreciated, are:

Miss Stelray Hodgson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Hodgson of Meat Camp, two potatoes weighing a total of six and a quarter pounds.

Mr. R. L. Storie of Shulls Mills, a potato weighing two and a quarter pounds. Mr. Storie planted 15 bushels, has already harvested 107, and expects to dig another 30 bushels.

Mrs. Bessie Brown Underhill of Valle Crucis, four potatoes, weighing eight pounds, with the addition of a nice pumpkin.

## Mrs. Butler Dies At Tennessee Home

News reaches Boone of the death of a former citizen of the community, Mrs. Roy Butler, which occurred at the home in Mountain City, Tenn., last week, but details as to the death and funeral of Mrs. Butler have not been learned.

Mrs. Butler was the widow of the late Dr. Butler, and resided in Boone for a number of years, where the aged lady had a wide circle of friends, who learn of her death with genuine sorrow.

## Town Folks Asked To Walk to Game Saturday Night

Unprecedented crowds are expected to attend the first home football game on Appalachian field Saturday night, when the Mountaineers, with three straight victories to their credit, will attempt to hold their record against the Lenoir Rhyne aggregation. Accordingly, it is respectfully asked that where at all possible, townspeople leave their automobiles at home and walk to the game. The narrow street provides little parking room, and the co-operation of Boone people may prevent a serious traffic tangle.

## RECREATION IS TOPIC OF LIONS

Civic Club Gives Both Sides of Recreation Issue in Tuesday Debate

A debate featuring the pros and cons of the forthcoming ballot on recreation in the city, featured the Tuesday evening meeting of the Boone Lions Club.

Lions Reynolds and Kirchner upheld the affirmative side of the question and Lions Stout and Moore spoke in opposition to the project. It is explained that the debate was not necessarily the presentation of the personal views of the speakers, but constituted an effort to enlighten the members on the pros and cons of the civic proposal, which is to be voted on October 14.

The affirmative speakers stressed the need of the recreational program, and that the cost of the project would be small, about one half dollar per person. North Carolina, it was stated, is leading all other states in the establishment of municipal recreation programs. The present program should be small, covering the summer months only, but could be increased as other means of securing funds could be found. It is estimated that a very good program could be administered on \$1,400 for the three months; \$500 could be paid the director, \$400 the assistant director, and \$500 for equipment. Volunteer assistants could be expected from the college students. If additional funds were needed this could be accomplished by other activities, such as raffling a car, etc. The possibilities of a community, the speakers said, lie in the minds of its citizens, and not altogether in its resources. If a town progresses, it must have an open mind and work, it was said.

Negative speakers countered with the statements that the program is not practical in a rural community such as Boone, for the surrounding countryside is a park within itself. If parents would take the time they could make use of our natural playgrounds for their children. The program is definitely not a necessity here, but there are other things which are, such as a filtering plant for our water supply, and improvements on our streets. The town is already badly in debt, so why undertake unessential projects? It was stated that a maximum of \$1,200 would be the most that the small tax levy would produce, and that this amount would be sadly inadequate. This being true, the taxpayers would be displeased with the results obtained. They further stated that for the number of children in Boone the present facilities of the churches, schools, together with the Scout activities, are sufficient, so why an increased tax? The local community has no slums or juvenile delinquency of consequence.

The debate was cleverly presented and each side had good points. It was felt that each member benefitted by the open discussion of the municipal issue. Present as a guest was Johnny Hollar, local boy and college student, who worked on a similar program last year in Rome, Ga. He spoke on recreational programs and brought out many points of interest.

## JOY CAUSES PAIN

Washington—Delighted when his girl agreed to marry him, James H. Davis, 22-year-old Marine, put the ring on her finger and took her for a stroll. Buoyantly, he jumped for a low-hanging tree limb, caught it, then slipped. The fall fractured his ankle.

## Annual Farm Picnic Draws Big Crowds; Doughton Is Speaker

### Aids Farm Drive



George G. Farthing, regional director for the State Farm Bureau, who has been in the county recently aiding the local organization in furthering its current campaign for memberships.

## CHILD VICTIM MOTOR TRUCK

Clifton Kent Holman, 8, Fatally Injured by State Highway Vehicle

Clifton Kent Holman, eight years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Holman, of Meat Camp, township, was fatally injured Monday afternoon, when struck by one of the maintenance trucks of the State Highway Department on Highway 221, a few hundred yards north of the Green Valley school in the home neighborhood.

The Holman child suffered fractures of both legs, together with internal injuries and died at the local hospital Tuesday morning.

An official investigation is to be made into the accident Thursday, but County Coroner Richard E. Kelley says reports indicate that the accident was unavoidable. The child, it is related, was riding on a wagon load of hay, which had been stopped on the highway so that the truck could pass, and allow the wagon to make a left turn. Just as the truck reached the wagon, it is said, the child slid or jumped from the hay and went directly in front of the truck.

Funeral details haven't been arranged, but the services will likely be held Thursday.

The bereaved parents are the only immediate survivors.

## FOSCOE MAN FOUND DEAD

No Foul Play Suspected in Death of Henry P. Fox; Heart Attack Blamed

Henry P. Fox, 59 years old, died sometime Monday at the home. While the body was not found until Monday afternoon, it was believed that death occurred during the morning hours. Sheriff Watson conducted an investigation at the request of Coroner Richard Kelley, and there was no evidence of foul play. A heart attack is believed to have been the cause of death.

Funeral services were conducted at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning from the Watauga Baptist Church by Rev. Ronda Earp, and burial was in the McLean cemetery.

One brother, Clarence Fox, survives.

## RECRUITS

The American Legion has begun a nation-wide campaign to help the Army and Air Force obtain recruits. The Legion's program, known as the "Unified Security Aid Plan," is "to arouse popular awareness of the armed services' needs and attractions."

Banks in soundest condition in history, ABA president says.

Chinese consider shift toward Moscow if we do not aid.

Farmers Hear Addresses by Farm Bureau Official and by Congressman Doughton; Committees Are Named; Membership Campaign Ends With Meeting on October 18th

About three hundred and fifty farmers gathered at the courthouse last Saturday to hear addresses by Carl T. Hicks, chairman of the tobacco market committee of the Farm Bureau, by Congressman Robert L. Doughton, and to partake of a sumptuous picnic dinner provided by the Watauga Farm Bureau, as a climax to its campaign for 600 members in this county.

Our national economy can prosper only if agriculture shares equitably with industry and organized labor in the national income, and agriculture has shared in its proper ratio only during 11 years out of the past 37, Mr. Hicks asserted.

Representative Doughton, himself one of the outstanding farmers of the western half of the state, threw in a powerful plug for soil conservation as well as a general support of the farmer's stand for his share in the economic dollar.

Soil conservation, he said, together with restoration of the soil where it has been depleted, profitable cultivation of the soil, and satisfactory marketing of what it produces are imperative if the country is to enjoy even moderate prosperity.

Clyde R. Greene, president of the Watauga Farm Bureau, was master of ceremonies for the celebration, which was held in the county courthouse.

The Boone High School Band, directed by Gordon Nash, and the Thomas-Farthing String Band furnished music. A picnic dinner with fried chicken, creamed potatoes, slaw, hot coffee, rolls and ice cream finished off the event.

Only partial reports were in hand for the celebration, but G. D. Barnett, membership chairman, indicated that the campaign had been highly successful. A goal of 600 members, old and new, had been set. A crowd which filled the courthouse attested to the support of the organization in the county.

Mr. Hicks supplied figures to show that in only 11 years since 1910 had farm products brought prices which equalled or exceeded the "parity yardstick."

Industry regulates its production, he said, to keep from creating a drug on the market with its goods. Industry discharges workers if supply appears likely to exceed demand, he said. He concluded his argument for agriculture by declaring the only way out was to pattern its program after that of industry.

"Unlimited production will mean starvation prices for us farmers again," he declared, "if the farmers don't save this country, it will never be saved..."

The county president named two committees for the year. On the roads committee he named B. W. Farthing, Clyde Perry, R. F. Vannoy, J. B. Greene, S. C. Ford, Stewart Simmons, I. B. Wilson, R. H. Vannoy, G. D. Barnett and Grady Bradley.

On the rural telephones committee he named Howard Gragg, Fred Krider, E. G. Greer, W. A. Smith, J. W. Bolick, N. F. Church, R. G. Miller, Walter Hampton, C. A. Clay, W. H. Gragg and E. Y. Edmisten.

Campaign Successful  
Clyde R. Greene, president of the Watauga Farm Bureau and George G. Farthing, field representative for the State organization, are highly pleased with the progress of the membership campaign in this county and predict that the goal of 600 members will have been reached by the time the campaign closes on October 18th. Fragmentary returns indicate that there are now 267, and on the 18th, the members of the Bureau will gather at the courthouse to receive final reports of the membership effort.

It is pointed out that Don Isaacs of Mabel and Wiley Perry of Beaver Dam township, are members of the membership committee, and that their names (Continued on page 4)