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KING STREET

...By...
Rob. Rivers

Jack Frost arrives about on schedule, chilling, and killing tender vegetation, destroying the magnificent autumn flowers in local gardens, and bringing a sort of depressing feeling to the folks hereabouts, already worrying about just where to get enough coal or oil to warm the house during eight months before Old Sol again takes over the situation... how to get the money to pacify the purveyor, and food enough to last throughout the long winter months, at the present skyrocketing prices... Yes, winter is on the way, but borrowed troubles will vanish as the population becomes accustomed to the change in temperatures and scenery... While the frost takes away the flowers, he paints the fronds of the forests in scarlet, gold, in magnificent shades and hues, and brings the most colorful season of the year, soon to be followed by the mantles of crystal ice and gleaming snow. Yes, we always sort of dread the icy streets, the balking heating unit, the trips through town in zero weather to see the customers, and the other inconveniences, but the elements put on some mighty fine displays, and if one can stand the strain, the hundred and some days of warm weather, pay us back and by the time the robins nest again we are ready to vow it's the world's finest climate!

WE THANK YOU... We make our best bow to the scores of folks who, in person, by letter and by telephone, have lent strong endorsement to this column's remarks concerning the more sordid aspects of the carnivals, which local organizations regularly help to operate, and which we had about decided had been accepted by the community as an integral and necessary part of its existence... The folks, it is revealed, definitely want to be rid of the carnival, whose income is derived from lawlessness... they want the merry-go-round, all the other rides, and the good times for the kiddies, which we can't supply locally, but they're down on the rest... and if the laymen whose praise we gratefully acknowledge, want it that way, they can have it... all it takes is just to stick in and back up their expressed convictions come next year!

HERE AND THERE... Garnering a few pumpkins from genial George Wilson's bountiful crop, and exchanging news and views with him and the missus... Seeing "Duel in the Sun," and agreeing with some of the critics, that the production is over-rated, although the original tale is a pretty good, if rather sexy story... Listening to the rounds of conversation, along the street on the recreation tax issue, and finding the opinions mostly against the present proposal... Rounding up some adds for Dollar Days, and finding that the merchants really have the merchandise and the values... Going down to the college and enjoying lyceum number—Indian Princess Shaw. These programs cost you nothing, provide good entertainment, and are featured at regular intervals at Appalachian... Noting the different methods of eating employed by diners along restaurant counter. Enjoy those the best who lift a morsel deliberately to within close range, and execute a lightning oral "snatch"... Hearing antiquated automobile referred to as a "4-F"... Taking a gander at Emily Post's "Children Are People"... the title of which, alone, provides food for parental thought... The most enjoyable walk—in the direction of what our late friend, Luther Clay, named Democrat Hill.

THINGS WE REMEMBER... The showers of chestnuts, which used to come falling down, when rain followed frost... children of the community practically running a footrace to the woods at break of day to gather bushels of the delicious nuts... the produce wagons mired to the hubs on King street... the old "yellow house," which stood just west of the bank, where practically every new-comer to town lived for a while... the old jail on Depot street, fashioned of huge logs... seeing the first auto-
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PRESENT SITE OF HOSPITAL IS APPROVED

Medical Care Commission Recommends Approval of Local Hospital Plant in Expanded Program; Final Decision to Be Made Oct. 17

Representatives of the Medical Care Commission and of the U. S. Public Health Service have approved the local hospital to be used in the proposed expanded hospital program, it is learned from Smith Hagaman, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the local institution, and that final action may be expected at a meeting of the executive committee of the Commission on or before October 17th.

Following is the letter received by Mr. Hagaman from John A. Ferrell, executive secretary of the commission, which contains all the information available at this time on the local project:

"The representatives of the North Carolina Medical Care Commission and of the U. S. Public Health Service who inspected your hospital at Boone and the present site and its proposed enlargement have recommended approval of the hospital and its present site provided approximately an additional acre of land is acquired to the north of the hospital substantially as shown in the rough sketch you furnished the party at the time of its visit. The executive committee of the Medical Care Commission is expected to meet on or before the 17th of October and it will, I feel confident, approve the recommendations of the State and Federal staff members, following which you will be given official notice of the commission's action.

"I trust that the plans for expanding your hospital facilities and of staffing the institution effectively will soon materialize."

DOLLAR DAYS ON THE WAY

Members of Merchants Association Announce Fall Sales Promotion Event

A number of members of the Boone Merchants Association have joined together today in advertising the first community-wide sales event since pre-war days in the form of a dollar day event to take place next Thursday, Friday and Saturday, during which time the participating merchants are offering attractive values to the people of this area, with extra inducements for trading in the shopping center of the northwestern mountain region.

The local newspaper today is featuring a large number of advertisements of individual firms, and the merchants are explaining that this isn't a clean-up of antiquated merchandise, but a sensational offering of new fall merchandise at the lowest prices that have prevailed here for a long time.

The merchants have made careful preparation for this event, they have all the needs of the people, who no doubt will appreciate their efforts in offering them money-saving prices right while the need in many lines is so acute. A cordial invitation is extended by all the merchants to visit Boone for the special fall bargain festival.

Miss Jones is Public Health Instructor for Surry Schools

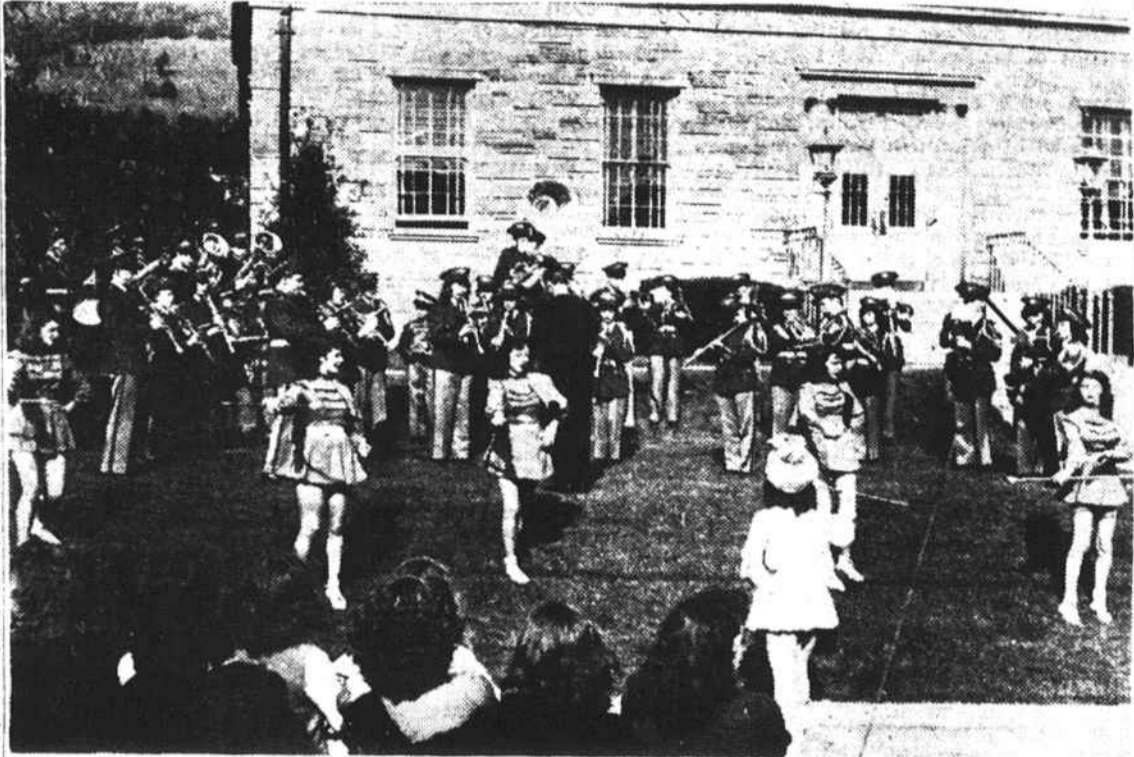
Mount Airy—Miss Mazie Jean Jones of Boone, has been assigned to Surry county schools as public health instructor, Surry School Superintendent John W. Comer announced last week.

Miss Jones will work under the direction of the county health department. She will make regular visits to all schools in the county and conduct classes on health and prevention of diseases.

Miss Jones formerly was with the health department at Fayetteville. She took special work in health education at the University of North Carolina.

She was a teacher in Winston-Salem schools before entering public health work.

LOCAL BAND ON RECENT PARADE



The Boone High School Band, shown on the postoffice lawn, during a recent parade of the business district in line with the vote on recreation. The appearance of the band on the streets creates great interest on the part of the people of the town, who gather along the sidewalks to observe the splendid organization, which is headed by Director Gordon Nash. (Photo by Blair)

LIONS TO SEEK AID FOR BLIND

Boone Club to Sponsor Sale of Seals and Badges for Handicapped People

The sight and blind aid committee of the Boone Lions Club will sponsor a sale of seals and badges to raise money for the blind and visually handicapped of Watauga county. The sale will start October 18 and run through the 30th.

The motto "Be Thankful You Can See" is a reminder to everyone with normal vision to lend a helping hand to the blind and those with defective vision. The "White Cane" pictured on the badge is a symbol of blindness, as many blind persons use such a walking stick for their guidance and protection.

Sheets of stamps will be distributed by mail and by members of the committee who are: Dr. Robert R. King, Jr., chairman, Dr. G. K. Moose, Reverend James McKeown, and Mr. M. R. Maddux. The badges will be distributed at convenient points and may be purchased for a dime or any other contribution.

The Lions Club helps to prevent loss of sight by sponsoring eye clinics for fitting glasses and helping to pay for surgery on the eyes. Direct contributions are made to persons already blind and to the state agencies for the blind which sponsor the State school for blind children and help to train and find jobs for blind adults.

Tobacco Grading Demonstrations

In order that farmers may receive the top price for each grade of tobacco, he will need to make as many grades as his tobacco allows. Each year farmers lose money because they have their grades mixed.

In order to help farmers have a better understanding of the different grades, a government grader will be in the county to give four tobacco grading demonstrations. The schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, Oct. 28, 10 a. m.—A. W. Greene, Meat Camp.
Tuesday, Oct. 28, 2 p. m.—W. M. Thomas, Mabel.
Wednesday, Oct. 29, 10 a. m.—D. F. Greene, Beaver Dam.
Wednesday, Oct. 29, 2 p. m.—Dwight Cable, Watauga River.

All tobacco farmers are invited to attend one or more of these demonstrations.

State Department affirms dropping of seven for disloyalty.

Inspector Says Residents Build Without Permits

Howard Cottrell, fire chief and building inspector, states that reports are that a number of Boone people are building houses and doing repair jobs without getting permits from his office, which is strictly contrary to law.

Chief Cottrell insists that all those building, contact him at once, get the proper permits, and save money and trouble.

Merchants Association Stages Dollar Day Sales Promotion

FARM BUREAU GETS REPORTS

Membership Campaign to Close Saturday With Receipt of Final Reports

The Watauga County Farm Bureau will end its current membership campaign Saturday, when at 2:30 o'clock, a meeting will be held at the courthouse when reports of the various canvassers will be received and the final results of the campaign tabulated.

Pending the final meeting, no figures on membership were given out, but it was thought that the goal of 600 had perhaps been reached. All solicitors are particularly asked to attend the Saturday meeting.

Merchants Go On Record To Ban Carnivals

At a general meeting of the Boone Merchants Association held last night, the recent "King Street" editorial of the local newspaper against carnivals which feature unlawful concessions, was given strong endorsement by various individuals, and in line with the position of the newspaper, the organization went on record as favoring a city ordinance forbidding the local exhibition of such a carnival in the town.

The merchants set November 29 as the day for the formal opening of the Christmas shopping season, and it is expected that Santa Claus, Christmas lights, etc., will feature the business section during the holidays. Further details of the holiday trade promotion event will be announced when formulated.

Distilleries To Close To Help Feed Europe

Washington—Practically the whole distillery industry has agreed to close down for 60 days at the end of next week to save grain for Europe, the Citizens Food committee reported Monday night.

Also in the aid-Europe drive pushed by President Truman, France won U. S. permission to use part of an \$185,000,000 reconstruction credit for emergency buying of coal and other essentials.

An estimate that the distillery close down would save 10,000,000 to 20,000,000 bushels of grain came from Charles Luckman, chairman of the President's Citizens Food committee. He announced the agreement.

Luckman said said 36 of 39 distillery companies agreed to the shutdown, which was opposed by the AFL Distillery Workers union on grounds of creating unemployment.

JUNIOR ORDER MEETING

There will be a regular meeting of Daniel Boone Council, Junior Order UAM, Monday evening October 20, at 7:30 o'clock.

LAST RITES FOR N. C. GREENE

Blowing Rock Man, Former Deputy Sheriff, Succumbs to Long Illness

Funeral services are to be conducted this afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Blowing Rock Presbyterian Church for Newton Columbus Greene, 68 years old, who died Tuesday morning after an illness, which had been considered serious for several months.

Rev. Walter K. Keys of the Presbyterian Church and Rev. Ben Lee Ray, Baptist minister conducted the services, and interment was in the Reformed Church cemetery. Members of the Masonic fraternity were in charge of the graveside rites.

Mr. Greene who was a native of the Blowing Rock section, was a former chief deputy sheriff under J. E. Young, and acted as jailer in Boone during the early twenties. Since returning to Blowing Rock he had engaged in business enterprises prior to his retirement because of ill health. He was a member of Snow Lodge No. 363, A. F. & A. M., of the Junior Order and of the Presbyterian Church.

The widow, the former Miss Netta Holshouser, survives, with three sons and one daughter: Donald Greene, High Point; Spencer Greene, Clarence Greene, Blowing Rock; Miss Doris Greene, Blowing Rock.

Wildlife Group Meets Thursday

The local Wildlife Club met last Thursday evening at the Skyline Cafe, when Ross O. Stevens, secretary of the State Wildlife Club spoke. Remarks were also made by Dr. Garvey of Winston-Salem, a special guest of the club.

Preliminary plans were announced for an essay contest to be conducted by the local club between now and the first of the year. Two first prizes of \$25.00 and two second prizes of \$15.00 each are to be awarded, according to tentative plans. Title of essays to be submitted, and rules of the contest will be announced later.

The club will meet again Thursday evening of next week. Russian "students" are reported missing in the country.

People Disapprove Recreation Project In Tuesday's Voting

GOOD CROP OF BURLEY SEEN

Coleman Highly Pleased With Market Outlook; \$40.00 Floor is Set

Mr. R. C. Coleman, operator of the Mountain Burley Tobacco Warehouses here, was up from Tabor City Saturday, looking over the tobacco crop, and states that the poundage of the weed will be good this year, considerably better than last, and that a hurried survey would indicate that the smoking grades are more plentiful, with resultant higher prices.

Mr. Coleman points out the government has placed a \$40 floor price on the season's crop. He also states that with the three large houses here, he expects to render the growers an even better service this season than ever before.

MOSS RETURNS TO BOONE WORK

Pastor of Methodist Church Reassigned by Conference; Rev. Starling Also Returns

Rev. S. B. Moss, pastor of the Boone Methodist Church for the past year, was reassigned to the local pastorate by Bishop Claire Purcell, in the closing hours of the Western Carolina Conference at Dilworth Church in Charlotte Monday.

Rev. Mr. Moss, who is extremely popular with the local congregation, had rather been expected to return. The Board of Stewards had urged this course of action in a letter sent to the Bishop.

Rev. R. J. Starling has been returned to the Watauga circuit. Rev. Ernest Stephens to Todd, while the pastor of the Boone circuit is to be supplied.

ROBT. LEWIS DIES TODAY

Boone Man, Veteran of Three Years in Pacific War Zone, Succumbs in Atlanta

Robert Doughton Lewis, 29 years old, a resident of Boone, died in Lawson General Hospital, near Atlanta, Ga., died this morning at 3 o'clock. Mr. Lewis had been ill for about 18 months with a multiplicity of ailments growing out of his long service in the Pacific, and his condition had been considered serious for the past several months.

No funeral details have been arranged.

Mr. Lewis was a son of Chas. L. Lewis and the late Mrs. Alice Johnson Lewis of Sherwood, and was born in that neighborhood. He graduated from Cove Creek high school, and prior to his entering the armed services was engaged by a structural steel company in St. Louis. He was married to Miss Lena Penick of Boone, and the family had established their residence here following his return from the war. He was in the army for three and a half years, three years of this time being spent in various sections of the Pacific theatre, returned home December 31, 1945, became ill shortly thereafter, and a great part of the time since has been spent in hospitals in Johnson City and Atlanta.

He was a member of the Cove Creek Baptist Church, was an upright citizen, and a cheery disposition created for him innumerable friendships.

The widow survives, with one son, David Lewis. The father survives, together with the following brothers and sisters: Wiley Lewis, Bristol, Tenn.; Carl Lewis, North Wilkesboro; Ernest Lewis, Boone; Mrs. Rob Rivers, Boone; Mrs. Blanche Tolliver, Elizabethton, Tenn.; Mrs. Glenn Davis, Akron, Ohio; Mrs. T. D. Hefner, Morganton, and Miss Louise Lewis, Bristol.

Proponents of Recreational Project Would Have Needed Only 30 Additional Votes to Have Won Victory in Close Voting; Considerable Interest Developed in Quiet Campaign

Voters of the municipality went to the polls in relatively small numbers Tuesday to turn thumbs down on the proposal to levy an additional tax to institute a summer-time program of recreational activities for Boone, but the rejection of the plan was by an unimpressive margin, since only 30 additional votes would have been needed to secure approval of the proposition.

The vote was against the registration, that is, qualified electors not presenting themselves at the polls, were in effect, voting negatively. There were 522 registered and proponents of the proposal would have needed 261 ballots to have won. They actually received 232, just 30 short of the required amount to enact the program. One hundred and forty-one voters marked their ballots against the proposal, making a total of 373 taking part in the voting.

The city council called the election some weeks ago on petition of various civic clubs and individuals, the proposition being whether or not a special levy of ten cents on the hundred dollars tax book valuation be made to start a small recreational program here. It was thought by those seeking the project that a fairly adequate summer-time program of activities could be worked out with the few hundred dollars made available in this way.

Little general interest developed in the election until near the close of the registration period, when comments became more numerous, with opinions sharply divided, numbers of good arguments being laid down to support the individual conclusion, but so far as is known no ill will was engendered during the campaign and election. Voting was conducted in a quiet and orderly manner, and the excitement which usually characterizes general elections in these parts, was absent.

High School Athletic Association to Meet

The fall meeting of the Appalachian High School Athletic Association will be held in the gymnasium of Appalachian State Teachers College on Saturday, October 18, at 9:30 a. m. The meeting has been called by R. W. Watkins, president.

Sixteen schools will be represented at the meeting, including schools in Ashe, Avery and Watauga counties. The football schedules for these schools will be completed. One important item on the agenda will be the organization of an officials' association, so that officials can be assigned for the games to be played in these three counties.

Among the speakers for the occasion are expected to be Dr. B. B. Dougherty and Dr. J. D. Rankin, president and dean, respectively, of the college.

Schools expected to be represented by their principals and coaches are: Boone, Blowing Rock, Cove Creek, Sugar Grove, Cranberry, Crossnore, Elkland, Healing Springs, Todd, Fleetwood, Crumpler, Jefferson, Lansing, Nathans Creek, Newland, Riverview, Fig, Virginia-Carolina, Grassy Creek, West Jefferson, Bethel.

Dr. Gaul to Hold Clinic for Cripples On Friday Morning

Dr. J. S. Gaul of Charlotte, will hold the clinic for crippled children at the health department offices in Boone Friday morning from 9 to 11 a. m.

Since this is the last clinic of the kind this year, those needing Dr. Gaul's attention are asked to attend.

Full use of "skills" of handicapped persons is urged.