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KING STREET

By Rob. Rivers

The voters of Asheville, the queen city of the Carolina mountains, turned out en masse the other day to vote for the establishment of legal liquor stores, following the example of Mecklenburg county, which has been dispensing firewater within the pale of the law for some weeks, marking the first time that legal booze has been handed over the counter in Piedmont or Western North Carolina, so far as we know, since the labeled goggle-water took the count back in 1908. . . . Some say the breakdown of law enforcement as regards liquor in these two cities changed the sentiment of the folks . . . that the bootleg rings became too powerful, and the folks wanted them to have competition . . . wanted their talons clipped . . . others say organized prohibition sentiment in the State is on the wane . . . but anyway it is of more than passing interest when the so-called wets triumph deep in the State's bootleg belt.

However, in making a comparison of Charlotte and Boone, we find that citizens of the State's metropolis evidently don't have quite the thirst which has been generated by we folks who inhabit the hinterland . . . Officials wanted the ABC system to provide liquor for everybody, without too much travel, and finally decided that seven stores, operating upon something like a nine hour shift, would do the trick, and so far as has been learned, nobody down Mecklenburg way has had any trouble at all twining their fingers around a bottle neck. With its 1940 census of 100,899, seven stores give the town one outlet for each 14,271 population and still relieve the parched throats of more than a million others living within a radius of sixty miles . . . Boone folks could never get along with a situation of such distressing aridity. . . . Our spies tell us we now have in Boone and immediate vicinity five liquor stores, which, based on our population of 1,788 in 1940, gives us one grog shop for each 357 of our inhabitants . . . information goes on to say that these establishments will hand out the hooch 24 hours a day to all comers, whereas in Charlotte, one must trust to luck from 9 p. m. to 8 a. m. . . . They have more liquor warehoused in the State's largest city than we have . . . their business is vastly greater in total volume . . . but when it comes to having beverage alcohol on tap at all times, without having to be bothered with bookkeeping and profits . . . we've got 'em beat . . . we can generate a far larger percentage of headaches among our folks, and the service is said to be the best . . . you can get that hurrying around the hand and any time you wish . . . we have the ideal set-up, perhaps . . . the abstainers have the embattled statures, those who like to wander into the make-believe world of laughter and song, of inflated ego, and false courage, of frivolity and foolishness . . . have the likker . . . the folks seem to want it that way!

PERSONAL PIFFLE . . . Traipsing down to the college to hear the Guardsmen Quartet, Hollywood entertainers . . . many in attendance recalled their appearance in Blue Skies and other screen triumphs . . . with their concert pianist . . . The best entertainment we recall seeing in Boone . . . Appalachian is bringing big-town entertainment to a small town stage . . . you don't know what you're missing by not attending these free lyceum numbers . . . we never want to miss another . . . getting a few more apples in, and thinking of fireside stanching on snowy days . . . watching Dr. Martin doctor a bovine with ease and professional certainty . . . Chasing livestock and sort of remembering there used to be a stock law . . . enjoying trip to Roaring Gap with Grady Farthing, and the view which in our judgment hasn't been equalled . . . passing time of day with Congressman Dough-ton . . . if anything he grows more competent and alert . . . knows the score . . . getting up on wrong side of bed and doing a good deal of "spouting off" along the street about different things . . . have those spells . . . getting (Continued on page 7)

APPALACHIAN AREA CENTER NEW PROGRAM

Local Institution Area Headquarters for State Program in Resource-Use Education; Initial Program Nov. 15; Thirteen Counties Served

Appalachian State Teachers College is one of six teacher-training institutions which have agreed to serve as area headquarters for the state program in Resource-Use Education. The initial program will be held at the college on November 15, at 10:30 a. m. The area to be served by Appalachian covers the thirteen counties of Alleghany, Ashe, Watauga, Avery, Mitchell, Yancey, Yadkin, Surry, Wilkes, Caldwell, Alexander, Burke and McDowell. Highlighting the occasion on November 15 will be a talk on "Education and Social Action" to be given by W. J. McGlothlin, chief of training and educational relations divisions of the Tennessee Valley Authority. Also appearing on the program will be prominent state educators, including Clyde A. Erwin, state superintendent of public instruction, Dr. J. Henry Highsmith, of the state department of education, and Dr. Richard L. Weaver, of Chapel Hill, who serves as the resource-use program director. Resource-use refers to man's drawing on his environment—natural and social—to meet his life needs. Everyone in the territory served by ASTC is invited to come and participate in the discussion as to how conservation and resource-use education can be emphasized and included in the school programs. Some of the important elements of any sound resource-use education program, according to state headquarters, are the source of income of the people and industries; the status of the health and general welfare of the people; the quality and source of food, shelter and clothing; the practices employed in producing and harvesting the products of the land, forests, and bodies of water; the cultural life of the people; the recreational possibilities of an area; the effectiveness of the social institutions—schools, clubs, churches, government; the attitudes of the people toward their environment, their neighbors, and their government; and the quality of living in any area. Dr. B. B. Dougherty, president of the college, extends an invitation to all school people, health, welfare, extension, forestry, soil agencies, civic leaders, editors, ministers, industrialists, and all others interested to attend the conference at Appalachian on Saturday, November 15, at 10:30 a. m.

Vet Training Officer Now On Duty In City
Mr. W. A. Schillette, veteran administration training officer, has opened an office adjoining that of Lionel Ward in the courthouse, which he will occupy from 8 a. m. to 4:45, Mondays through Fridays. Mr. Schillette will cooperate in any way possible with the veterans on vocational training.

Courtesy Contest
In every high school in Watauga county this week students are voting on their choice of courteous classmates to represent their school in the courtesy contest that is being co-sponsored by the Boone Lions Club and the Appalachian Theatre. Winners of the various schools have been invited to attend the Lions Club meeting on Tuesday night, November 18th, where they will give short talks on "Courtesy" and receive prizes of twenty-five passes to the Appalachian Theatre.
GRIDDERS GUESTS OF THEATRE
On Monday, November 10, the football squads of Appalachian State Teachers College and Appalachian High School were guests of the management of the Appalachian Theatre for the showing of "The Spirit of West Point."

HOLLYWOOD



Hollywood writers and producers summoned to appear before the house un-American activities committee are shown in Washington before the hearing called them in.

BAPTISTS SEE PUBLIC CRISIS

Convention Cites Menace of Pressure Groups and Asks for Racial Tolerance

Winston-Salem, Nov. 11.—The North Carolina Baptist convention censured serious conflict between labor and management, expressed doubt as to the beneficial results of Federal aid in education, called for an all-out campaign against intemperance, and took a stand for racial tolerance in its afternoon session here today. All of this was embodied in a report by the Committee on Social Service and Civic Rightnessness chaired by Rev. Phil Elliott of Boiling Springs. The report was adopted by the convention. Decrying what it termed un-Christian attitudes in industrial relations the report said: "As we face the imminent possibility of industrial conflict in our era your commission believes that the role of the church should be clearly defined. We do not believe that the church can take sides in the struggle. We cannot give aid to the organizing of labor unions. We cannot give aid to management in any struggle against unions. Nor can we be identified with the cooperative movements. To do so would be to negate the greater mission of the church. The Kingdom of God cannot be coerced into the narrow confines of labor unions, industrial management or co-operatives. Rather must all these patterns be brought under the judgment of the Kingdom of God. We ask furthermore that our people examine carefully the frightening manner in which we are losing our individual freedom under group pressure. The industrial faces it in his association of manufacturers. The laborer faces it in his union, the farmer in his co-operative. Such organized groups are a part of our mechanized society but their dominance over the individual conscience must be resisted. We must by teaching and preaching defeat any influence that would divide us into groups belligerently opposing each other. We are challenged to promote unity and understanding in the face of a threat to divide us into warring factions and to make the good office of the church through its Christian leadership always available for mediation."

In the section on the teacher problem the report noted that although disavowing any purpose "to engage ourselves in partisan issues of political and economic nature, we deplore the discrimination in salary scales against those engaged in the character building professions. "The finest, best-trained personnel must be attracted by State-supported and denominational schools for the all-important task of teaching and training today's youth for citizenship in God's one world. Our society must re-evaluate more nearly in terms of His worth the services of its teacher. "However, we do not believe that Federal aid in education will help to achieve that if in any way such aid regiments or influences the operation of our schools. "Nor do we believe that program of universal military training will help us."

Benes fears a "second Munich," warns East, West to agree.

ARMISTICE DAY IS NOTED

Realities of Strife-Torn World Dominant Themes in Talks By Nation's Leaders

Somber realities of a strife-torn world more than two years after the end of World War II were the dominant themes in Armistice Day talks throughout the nation Tuesday.

Military leaders, the principal speakers at most of the solemn observances, warned that American military strength must be maintained to guard the nation's security. Some declared ways must be found to preserve the peace lest the trust of men who died in two world wars be betrayed. Heavy rains fell at the country's most hallowed Armistice Day service, held at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington cemetery near Washington.

Truman Stands Bareheaded
Despite the downpour, President Truman stood bareheaded with others as the national anthem was played at this service. The traditional one-minute of silence then was observed at 11 a. m., the hour at which World War I ended 29 years ago. The President placed a huge wreath of yellow chrysanthemums at the tomb. General Mark Clark, wartime Fifth Army commander, speaking at San Francisco, coupled his plea for preparedness with an assertion Communists "are making the greatest effort of all time to enslave the peoples of the world." "Today, only two years after the successful termination of our long, hard fight against Nazism and Fascism, we are face to face with the insidious propaganda and infiltration of yet another evil ideology—communism," Gen. Clark said.

Universal Training Urged
In a talk at Philadelphia, Secretary of the Army Kenneth Royall declared the United States must adopt universal military training because the world is in a state "which we cannot sensibly face without adequate military force." Secretary of the Navy John Sullivan said at Arlington cemetery, "the price of peace will continue to be preparedness" and added that "in the months since V-J day we have pared" our military strength "to but a shadow of its former size."

TRUMAN SETS THANKSGIVING
Washington — President Truman, issuing a proclamation designating November 27 as Thanksgiving Day, asked the nation yesterday to observe it "by generously sharing our bounty with needy people" of other countries. "May our thanksgiving this year be tempered by humility, by sympathy with those who lack abundance, and by compassion for those in want. "As we express appreciation in prayer for our munificent gifts, may we remember that it is more blessed to give than to receive."

First Snow Visits Area Friday Evening
The first snow of the season fell last Friday evening, practically covering the ground, and bringing temperature down to about 40 degrees. The weather remained cool until Monday evening when rain again began to fall.

APPS TO MEET MILLIGAN IN ANNUAL TILT

Several Hundred Fans Expected to Follow Mountaineers to Elizabethton Saturday to Meet Team Who Held Locals Scoreless Last Season

Appalachian student and town football faithfuls—some half a thousand strong—are expected to journey to Elizabethton Saturday night to follow the fortunes of the Mountaineers as they engage the Buffaloes of Milligan College in their annual encounter on the gridiron.

The game will be played in Childress Stadium, new municipal field, constructed to house sports activities of all kinds in the Elizabethton area. And from all reports a capacity crowd will be on hand to witness the wide-open tactics employed by these strong teams from Tennessee and North Carolina. Special seating arrangements have been made for the student groups from both colleges and the cheering sections will add to the color of the game. Milligan was the only opponent on the Appalachian schedule last year to hold the Mountaineers scoreless, administering a 6-0 drubbing to rob the Booneans of a bid to the Burley Bowl at Johnson City. This will be uppermost in the minds of Coach Duggins' gridders as they match wits" trickery against the half dozen offensive formations employed by the charges of Coach "Red" Yancey.

Tickets of all varieties—student, general admission, and reserve—will be on sale at the College Book Store until Saturday noon. Tarhell Togs in Boone will handle reserve and general admission tickets which will sell for \$2.00 and \$1.85 respectively. The college band will accompany the team to Elizabethton and carry out its intricate marching formations during the half.

Library Places Book Stations At Various Points in County
In accordance with the North Carolina Library Commission regulations and for the convenience of the patrons in the county, book collection stations have been placed in various sections of the county. The books are free to all citizens who are willing to sign the borrower's card, be responsible for the book and return it promptly to the station from which it was borrowed. Collection stations are located at the following places: Baird's Creek, at the home of Mrs. Smith James. Middle Fork, at the home of Mrs. Maude Wheeler. Bamboo, at the home of Mrs. Irene Northern. Triplett postoffice, Stuart Simmons. Lovell, at Moody Bros. store. Rominger, at the home of Mrs. Coy Rominger. Sugar Grove, at Tom Mast's store. Mast, at James Mast's store. Todd, at McGuire's station. Meat Camp, at Ellison's store. On West Jefferson road, at the home of Mrs. Hamp Clawson. Demonstration clubs, through the co-operation of Miss Matheson: Deep Gap, Mrs. R. S. Luther, club librarian; Riverview, Mrs. L. L. Norris; Sands club, Mrs. C. G. Hodges; Silverstone, Mrs. Tom Wilson; Windy Gap, Mrs. Ula Trivette; Timbered Ridge, Mrs. W. C. McGuire; Howard's Creek, Mrs. Homer Lane, and Willow Valley, Mrs. Dare Isaacs. Schools having collections: Windy Gap, Howard's Creek, Winebarger, Grandfather, and Valle Crucis S.D.A. school.

Traffic Booming On N. C. Highways
Raleigh—Traffic movement is booming on North Carolina's highways. Twenty full-time counting stations at strategic points recorded an average of 54,632 for each day in October, compared with 54,040 for the prewar high. The August peak was 58,858. Engineer James S. Burch said that "football and harvest time traffic, as great as they are, do not quite replace the loss of Summer vacation movement."

Tobacco Festival To Combine With Gala Christmas Opening

Star Farmer



Ray Gene Cinnamon, 19, Garber, Okla., who was crowned Star Farmer of America, at the Kansas City American Royal. He netted \$2,454 from 120 acres of wheat last year and \$1,400 from his herd of cattle. His total income was \$5,000.

The Burley Tobacco Festival and the gala opening of the Christmas shopping season in Boone will occur simultaneously Saturday, November 29th, when the King and Queen of the occasion will be chosen, when the Christmas lights will be turned on, and when the folks will get the first glimpse of the array of holiday merchandise which the stores and shops are assembling for the season of Santa Claus. The Mountain Burley Warehouses are cooperating with the Boone Merchants Association in an effort to make of the occasion the most outstanding one in the history of the community. The King and Queen of the Festival will be chosen from the high schools of the county at a dinner given for the contestants at 12 o'clock. The king and queen will be designated from the group by a set of judges who are unknown to either contestant, at Mountain Burley Warehouse No. 2 at 1 o'clock. At 2 o'clock a colorful parade will form on east main street at the Blowing Rock road. The procession will be headed by the High School Band, some floats will be featured, and the parade will pass through town, and back to the Bank corner, where it will be joined by the Thomas and Farthing string band in a program of Christmas music. The many-colored Christmas lights, strung along garlands of evergreens, will be turned on that evening. Merchants are busily engaged with tobacco warehouse officials in working out the detailed program, more of which will be published when available. It is announced that in case of bad weather the Christmas program will be held at Tobacco Warehouse no. 2 near the bus station.

NEW RETAIL STORE OPENS
C. & E. Home and Auto Supply Name of City's Newest Firm; Opening Today
The C. & E. Home and Auto Supply Company is the name of Boone's newest retail store, which opens its doors Thursday morning, following a preview opening this evening, which will be attended by a number of residents of the area who have received cards. The store is owned by Messrs. Council Cook and Ray Estes and will be under the management of the former, at the location of the former Home Electric Co. Mr. Estes will continue to operate his electric repair shop and contracting office from the same place. The new firm will feature Firestone tires, auto accessories and supplies, radios, toys, G. E. and Westinghouse traffic appliances and many other items.

Reins-Sturdivant Has New Funeral Vehicle
Mr. Richard E. Kelley returned Sunday evening from Freeport, Ill., where he took delivery of a new Packard combination ambulance and funeral car for Reins-Sturdivant Funeral home. The new vehicle, says Mr. Kelly, is the last word in funeral car design, and was bought in line with the company's policy of providing the best possible service to the community. Two ambulances are now available at the local funeral home.

CARRIES 700 SOLDIERS
The giant \$25,000,000 plywood transport plane, recently given its first and preliminary test by Howard Hughes, is described as "the largest airplane ever built." Some idea of its size may be gained from the wingspread, which is slightly longer than a football field, and a tail empennage which stands off the water as high as an eight-story house. The theoretical capacity of the plane is 500 passengers or 700 troops.

HEAVY WEIGHT
Joliet, Ill.—It took seventeen men, including ten policemen, to move Mrs. Elizabeth Ebner, 70, from her bed to a hospital. Mrs. Ebner, who weighs 700 pounds, has been bedridden for twenty years. A few days ago, she fell out of bed and broke her hip. Unable to place her in an ambulance, the men placed her on a basket cart and took her to the hospital in a hearse. She was placed in two hospital beds, which had been bolstered up with lumber. Control of insects on livestock is one of the measures necessary to get the greatest benefit from feed consumed, according to USDA. Democratic convention bonus or South to increase.

King and Queen of the Festival To Be Chosen in Connection With the Opening of Christmas Shopping Season Here; Shopping District to Be Resplendent With Evergreens and Christmas Lights

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Samuel Calvin Watson Succumbs Thursday
Samuel Calvin Watson, 72 years old, died at the home at Brownwood, last Thursday, from an extended illness. Funeral services were conducted Friday from the Gap Creek Baptist Church, Rev. Levi Greene, Rev. Mr. Eller, and Rev. G. A. Hamby, taking part in the rites, and interment was in the church cemetery. Reins-Sturdivant took care of the burial details. Survivors include the widow, Mrs. Bessie Phillips Watson, one son and eight daughters: Howard Watson, Purlear; Mrs. Joe Phillips, Deep Gap; Mrs. Dallas Younce, Lenoir; Mrs. Burl Church, Deep Gap; Misses Arlee, Louise, Violet, Mary, and Evelyn Watson of the home. There are four brothers and three sisters.

Harvest Bazaar
The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Boone Methodist Church will hold its annual Harvest Bazaar Friday evening, November 21, from 4 to 8 p. m. at the church. Sandwiches, salads, desserts, and coffee will be served. "Hear yourself as others hear you." Have a recording of your voice made. Another attraction is the fish pond which is operated for the enjoyment of both old and young. Come try your luck—you are certain to catch a "fish." Select your Christmas gifts from the fancy work, aprons, and novelties which will be on sale. There will also be delicious home made candy and cookies. At 6:30 a bedspread and other articles will be auctioned off to the highest bidders. The USDA reported that the Commodity Credit Corporation bought 117,420 bales of cotton for export to Japan under purchase announcement No. 9 made on October 2.