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## KING STREET

BY  
ROB RIVERS

LACK OF ENOUGH HELP IN the back office of the Democrat for the past few days... the man who was to take over Willard Beach's machine failed to show... Bill Rush was stricken with pneumonia, but may be back next week... Ernest Lewis, who sets quite a good string of type, partially disabled by the birth of a daughter right in the midst of the print shop dilemma—he had of course anticipated a male heir... Rivers, weighted down a bit with some personal sadness, but splitting his time, as near as mathematically possible, between his duties as an alleged editor and publisher, and those of linotype operator, pressman, steno, ad man, make-up man, and doing a sub-standard job of all... Mrs. Rivers laying down her domestic duties and doing a shift in the front office, to make the difference in the only real labor emergency experienced by the local newspaper since jobs became plentiful and workers few.

Don't mind too much the double shift and the accompanying weariness but find a disquieting thought in the fact that we just can't do the right sort of job under this kind of pressure have fears that the Democrat's cherished custom of making the mails right on the dot each Wednesday with daily newspaper precision, may be upset—we hope not. Then too, the danger that "King Street" might give way to routine news of the community, state or nation is a decidedly less disturbing thought to the author.

ANYWAY, we'll get hold of enough help one of these days, get some of the grime from our fingers, and be back on the street, where we need to be—for the bits of rhyme and reason which constitute this journalistic monstrosity can't very well be gathered, while one is trying to make a typesetting machine set or a printing press print... Anyway the lanky individual who has perhaps made more tracks up and down King for more years than any other local business man—he just had to bellyache a bit today... On the brighter side though, he finds occasion to again testify to the quality of the friendships he has about the town... No newspaper man in any town in the country could ever have, on the whole, a finer bunch of patrons... For the past few days they have known of our untenable situation and have cooperated beautifully... We thank each one for their willingness to help out in every way possible—some have even offered to quit their duties, and try to be printers—we shall always cherish these manifestations of appreciation... you just can't find better guys than these fellows along King Street.

MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION is becoming concerned over the prevalence of punch boards in the county, and want to get rid of the illegal devices... say lad from Foscoe section in an effort to pay off \$65 worth of punch board losses, forged a series of checks... his father paid them off Monday... They say there are hundreds of the devices in the county.

SURE THE PUNCH BOARDS are here, plenty of them... illegal, to be sure—as are various types of machines in which coins are inserted, and which are not used for the purpose of vending merchandise. Most of the things the folks here dislike, are illegal—prohibited by State law—even including our pet hate—the carnival—and ever so often some well-meaning person insists that a law be passed by the town forbidding such things... We may be about to spill a bunch of ignorance, but it's our impression, just the same—that city officials, as well as county enforcement officers are sworn to enforce the laws of the State. The city has no law against murder, rape, burglary or arson, but it would certainly be the duty of a police officer to arrest one who committed one of these gas house crimes in town... The county makes no statutes—about the only thing a sheriff has to operate under is the State law.

WHATEVER of illegality the folks want to be done with... (Continued on page 8)

## BEATS BLIZZARD OF EIGHTIES



A typical scene in Manhattan as the city battled its way out of the throes of the worst blizzard in history. Many commuters were stranded and all flights in and out of the city were stranded.

## Michigan Solon\*



HON. FRED CRAWFORD

## G. O. P. PLANS DISTRICT MEET

Michigan Solon to Address Republicans; 20 From Watauga To Attend.

Concord—It has just been announced that Hon. Fred Crawford, Republican Congressman from Michigan, will address a meeting of Republicans of the Ninth Congressional District here on Saturday, Jan. 17th at 7:00 p. m. at the Concord Hotel. Mr. Crawford has been a member of Congress since 1935. In the 1946 election he received 73 percent of the total vote cast in his district.

This meeting is sponsored by the Republican Executive Committee of the Ninth District. Dave Rendleman of Salisbury is chairman of this committee and Frank Smith of Lenoir is secretary. The chairman of the local committee on arrangements is Hon. W. S. Bogle of Concord.

At this meeting the opening gun of an intensive Republican candidate in 1948 received 45.1 percent of the total vote cast.

Watauga county has been assigned 20 representatives for this gathering.

## More Funds Smokies Park Being Asked

Gatlinburg, Tenn.—The joint North Carolina-Tennessee park committee will make a formal request of Congress for more money for the Great Smoky Mountains National Park at a meeting in Washington, January 22.

Decision to seek the money to permit more rapid development of the park than is now contemplated by the National Park Service was made here yesterday at a meeting of the joint committee.

The request will be presented to four Congressional subcommittees.

## Merchants Will Ask Better Freight Service

The board of directors of the Boone Merchants Association held their regular monthly meeting Tuesday. Among the matters taken up was the inadequate freight service into Boone. A committee consisting of Mr. W. W. Chester, chairman, Mr. Guy Hunt and Mr. J. Conn was appointed to investigate this condition. They also decided to hold the employer-employee banquet some time late in February.

## ARGENTINE ENVOY VISITS THE COLLEGE

Ambassador Stops Briefly At College on Tour of Educational and Industrial Centers of the State; Lauds U. S. Educational Plants.

Pan-American goodwill made its way to the Appalachian campus Saturday afternoon as Dr. Don Ivanissivich, Argentinian Ambassador to the United States, stopped here briefly on a tour of the educational and industrial centers of this state.

President of the University of Buenos Aires and one of Argentina's most distinguished surgeons before his acceptance of the ambassadorial post, Dr. Ivanissivich was optimistic regarding the future peace of the world. "If the United States will furnish the necessary leadership," said he, "there is every reason to believe that peace and understanding with Russia and all other nations of the world can and will be maintained."

"The relations between Argentina and the United States are improving every day, and would improve even faster if the press of both countries gave more attention to the constructive side," Ambassador Ivanissivich said.

Shown about the Appalachian campus by Drs. Dougherty and Whitener, the ambassador was greatly impressed by the mature appearance of the student body, and was high in his praise of the educational system of the United States.

At the invitation of Lions International, Dr. Ivanissivich has visited throughout the state of North Carolina during the past week, accompanied by his wife, son, and Mr. Hugh Mitchell of Statesville. Mr. Mitchell is counselor for Lions International and chairman of a committee on arrangements for several conferences being sponsored in Statesville by Lions International and the Collegiate Council of the United Nations.

## Local Minister Heads Overseas Relief Drive In Watauga County

Appointment of Rev. James McKeown, Boone, as chairman of the overseas relief drive in Watauga county was announced today by the North Carolina council of churches, which is sponsoring the statewide "Fill a Ship With Friendship" campaign, Jan. 25-31.

Rev. Mr. McKeown is one of 100 county chairmen who will organize community collections throughout the state to gather clothing, bedding, shoes and household goods for shipment through Church World Service, official Protestant overseas relief agency.

To be packed for shipment, the materials will go to New Windsor, Maryland, where the Church World Service Center for this area is located. Oldest and largest of nine CWS centers scattered throughout the United States, the New Windsor Center has capacity for processing nearly a million pounds of relief supplies a month.

During the year just ended, 3,712,764 pounds of goods were processed at this center. Of that amount, North Carolinians, who have been in the front ranks of American giving since the war ended, contributed 661,641 pounds. Other donations were from Virginia, West Virginia, the District of Columbia, Maryland, Delaware, and Pennsylvania, as well as from scattered states outside the area.

Not content to rest on their laurels, the people of North Carolina are now out to build world friendship and save the lives of suffering millions by collecting a whole shiptoed of relief supplies.

Civic and service organizations are uniting with the churches of the state to make the drive a success. Gifts will be channeled through Church World Service to the destitute overseas. Distribution will be on the basis of need, not according to religious, racial or political discrimination.

Start buying your son's and daughter's college education now—continue buying United States Savings Bonds.

## OIL EXPLORATION IN DENMARK



When the Nazis occupied Denmark, efforts by Danish-American prospecting company were halted. This is the first deep test well, nearly 8,000 feet, which has been sunk in Denmark.

## BURLEY PRICES AT HIGH PEAK

Sales Continue Daily With Lowered Receipt Due To Bad Weather.

Sales are continuing daily on the floors of the Mountain Burley Tobacco Warehouses and while receipts are slowed by the cold weather, good sales have been held every day, and prices have hit the highest peak of the season, the operators say.

More than 600,000 pounds of burley has been sold since the holidays, it is reported, and farmers who yet have weed are urged to bring it in and take advantage of the splendid prices.

The date for the closing of the auctions hasn't been established, but it is definitely stated that there will be sales just as long as there is tobacco to sell.

## GIFTS MADE TO POLIO DRIVE

Number of Gifts are Received For Fight On Polio Before Official Campaign Starts

Even though the March of Dimes campaign does not officially open until January 15, contributions for the fight against polio are reaching Mr. R. E. Agie, the local chairman, daily. These early contributions total \$94.50. The quota for the county is \$1675.

Mr. Agie has mailed out letters over the county, asking for contributions, and would like for the remittances to be made as soon as possible. Coin containers have been placed in public places in Boone and over the county and the cooperation of the public will be appreciated.

"Your contribution," says Mr. Agie, "will help save some child from a life spent on crutches or ended at its normal beginning."

## B. H. Osborne Dies At Washington Home

Mr. B. H. Osborne, 58, former resident of Watauga county, died at his home in Washington, D. C. last Tuesday of a sudden illness.

He was the son of the late Bud Osborne and had worked many years in Washington as a barber. He is survived by four children, Helen and Richard of Sparks, Md., Jimmie and Franklin of Washington, D. C. and one sister, Mrs. William Costner of Sparks, Md.

## BOONE MASONS INSTALL OFFICERS FOR NEW YEAR

New officers of the Masonic lodge were installed at the regular meeting this week held Friday evening in the Junior Order hall. The new officers to serve during 1948 are:

A. R. Smith, master; Richard Kelley, senior warden; B. W. Stallings, junior warden; Edward Clay, secretary; Clyde R. Greene, treasurer; James Barnes, Sr., deacon; J. V. Caudell, Jr., deacon; Jack Hodges, Jr., steward; Tom Winkler, Jr., steward; and W. S. Christian, tyler.

Reinvestment of the TVA's earnings is proposed by directors.

## HUGE LIQUOR CARGO SEIZED NEAR BOONE

Two Hundred and Thirty-Two Cases of Whiskey Are Taken in Raid on 421; Driver of Truck Gives Bond for Appearance at Spring Term.

The largest seizure of liquor to take place in this county in history, perhaps, occurred last Wednesday, when State Highway Patrolmen T. G. Robinson and B. Parker captured two hundred and thirty-two cases of the alcoholic beverage.

The capture was made about 5 o'clock in the morning when the heavily-laden whiskey truck was discovered on 421 near the Wilkes county line. The cargo, which is said to have been consigned from Baltimore, Md., was being transported by Travis Triplett of Wilkes county, who was placed under a thousand dollar bond for his appearance at the April term of Watauga Superior Court.

The patrolmen stored the liquor in the county jail. Understanding is, that under the law, the fluid will have to be sold to the State A. B. C. system. The Judge will authorize its sale perhaps at the spring court term.

The inventory of the alcoholics, made by the State officers, indicated that the contraband cargo, contained only the so-called blended whiskey, and none of the higher priced brands were found. The list shows that Calvert's Reserve, Seagrams, Schenely's and Philadelphia, predominated. The cases contained fifths, pints, and a liberal amount of the one-half pint containers.

## BURLEY QUOTA MUST BE SET

Growers Must Ask For 1948 Tobacco Allotments By First Of Month.

Applications for new farm burley tobacco allotments for 1948 must be filed with the Watauga county AAA committee prior to Feb. 1, 1948, Ned Glenn, chairman, announced today.

The only exception to this ruling is the fact that the operator was discharged from the armed services subsequent to Dec. 31, 1947, in which case such application shall be filed within a reasonable period prior to planting tobacco on the farm.

Further particulars concerning the eligibility for these allotments may be obtained at the local AAA office.

Orders for 1948 limestone are now being accepted by the Watauga County Agricultural Conservation Association at the local AAA office. These orders are being approved to the extent of the funds available.

The cost to the farmer this year is \$1.45 per ton and is payable to the Association at the time the order is placed. Delivery will be made immediately if weather conditions permit. Farmers are urged to place their orders early to facilitate delivery in time for spring application.

During the past year the farmers of Watauga county have shared in the best agricultural conservation program this county has ever had. During the year that has just passed farmers of the county have received through this program 37,226 bags of superphosphate of various percentages, the total value of which was \$75,897.34. 5481 tons of lime were ordered and delivered to farms throughout the county. This limestone amounted to \$19,457.55. 52,031 pounds of crimson clover, meadow and pasture grass seeds were ordered amounting to \$16,667.32. The total value of these materials is \$112,033.21. As an incentive to soil conservation this program has induced farmers to purchase an additional \$25,000.00 worth of materials.

800 farmers have already filed their 1948 farm plan worksheet, and those who have not filed are urged to do so at once. Even with limited funds this year it is possible to have an excellent program in anticipation of greater programs in the years to come.

Men from 20 to 26½ and single, may become U. S. Air Force aviation cadets.

## COOGE, LOVILL DIES OF BURNS

Boone Man Dies in Coshocton Hospital; Rites Held There Sunday.

T. F. (Cooge) Lovill, 54 years old, son of Attorney W. R. Lovill of Boone, died in a Coshocton, Ohio, hospital last Thursday, from the effects of burns received some six weeks ago. Mr. Lovill was employed at a sawmill operation near Coshocton, and was lighting a fire with coal oil when his clothing was ignited. His condition had been grave since the accident, and one leg had been amputated in an effort to save his life.

Funeral services were held on Sunday from the First Baptist Church in Coshocton and interment was in the church cemetery.

Mr. Lovill was reared in Boone where in former years he had engaged in farming and lumbering. He was well known for his keen interest in local politics and had wielded considerable influence in local elections. He had been making his home with a brother, Rom Lovill and Mrs. Lovill in Coshocton for some time.

Surviving are a son and daughter, Edward Lovill, Bristol, Tenn.; Betty Reeves; the father, W. R. Lovill, Boone; three brothers, Rom Lovill, Fresno, Ohio; Bill Lovill, Greensboro; Robert Lovill, Detroit. There are two sisters; Mrs. Josephine Eldridge, Baltimore, Md., and Mrs. Quentin Johnson, Boone.

## Daniels Holds On In Grim Fight for Life

Raleigh — Josephus Daniels continued to hold on grimly to life tonight although his doctors and members of his family long ago had given up nearly all hope of his rallying from an attack of pneumonia.

A member of the family said tonight that Daniels, 85-year-old editor and former cabinet member, continued "just the same as he has been" and that his physicians are not discouraged by the long fight that Daniels has waged against his illness.

Daniels is editor and publisher of The Raleigh News and Observer. He served as Secretary of the Navy under President Woodrow Wilson and as ambassador to Mexico under President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

He became ill 10 days ago after catching a severe cold. The cold developed into an attack of bronchitis and then into pneumonia.

## Earth and Ores Of State Topic of Yoder

Last Tuesday Mr. Yoder of the college faculty spoke before the chemistry class on the earth and ores of North Carolina and the United States. Mr. Yoder brought a very good collection of mineral specimens with him and his lecture was enjoyed very much by the entire class.

Miss Hollifield who is doing her student teaching in chemistry under Mr. Tripp made the arrangements for Mr. Yoder to address the class as an introduction to the unit on chemistry of the earth's ores and soil.