

WATAUGA DEMOCRAT

An Independent Weekly Newspaper
EVERY THURSDAY
Established in 1888 and published for 45 years by the late Robert C. Rivers, Sr.

R. C. RIVERS, Jr. - Publisher

SUBSCRIPTION RATES IN WATAUGA COUNTY
One Year \$1.50
Six Months 1.00
Four Months .75

OUTSIDE WATAUGA COUNTY
One Year \$2.00
Six Months 1.50
Four Months 1.00

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS
In requesting change of address it is important to mention the OLD, as well as the NEW address.

Cards of Thanks, Resolutions of Respect, Obituaries, etc., are charged for at the regular advertising rates.

Entered at the postoffice at Boone, N. C., as second class mail matter, under the act of Congress of March 3, 1879.

"The basic of our government being the opinion of the people, the very first objective should be to keep that right, and were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without government, I should not hesitate a moment to choose the latter. But I should mean that every man should receive these papers and be capable of reading them."—Thomas Jefferson.

THURSDAY JULY 8, 1948.

GOLDEN GLEAMS

Men would not long live in society were they not the dupes of one another.—La Rochefoucauld.

Though the world contains many things which are thoroughly bad, the worse thing in it is society.—Schopenhauer.

Society is always diseased, and the best is the most so.—H. D. Thoreau.

When a man meets his mate society begins.—R. W. Emerson.

It is not from top to bottom that societies die; it is from bottom to top.—Henry George.

Society is the madhouse whose wardens are the officials and police.—August Strindberg.

KING STREET

(Continued from page 1)

legal aridity, the all right to have the bootlegger, it's illegal. Personal opinion is that if we are going to be doused with spirits, anyway, might as well set up a state store . . . offer the double-price bootlegger a race for his money . . . and divert the proceeds from the traffic to badly-needed street paving, extensions, etc. . . . There is little need to pretend we are a dry community . . . we are only hiding our heads from the evil in the shifting sands of a synthetic prohibition . . . which has reached the local climax of its long period of utter ineffectiveness.

STATE POLICE CAR streaking through the evening theatre traffic at about a mile a minute with siren screeching . . . should a motorist from a side street have failed to hear the warning, would have been a mighty gory mess . . . Bleary-eyed celebrant halts uncertainly on the curb at end of the hot holiday . . . old friends tour the mountains and drop by for a chat . . . trying to coax a bit of dust from an insect powder gun and looking for a flower sack from which to shake the lethal dust . . . wasn't any of course. The advent of the paper flour bag, moved from the household one of its most often-needed necessities . . . asphalt oozing from the pavement, where it failed to show last year, gives testimony to the severity of the heat wave . . . bird-lovers of community continue to tell us of the clear sweep the cats are making on the young songsters . . . don't know the remedy . . . to own a cat as a household pet is one of our human rights . . . the homeless ones ought to be disposed of . . . Little organized support of bird-dom, since Mrs. W. M. Burwell left the community . . . Monday night a sheet on the bed was a mite too much cover . . . cooler Tuesday and overcast skies bring signs of rain . . . when it comes we all go to swearing the place will wash away . . . the narrow entrance to depot street choked with cabs . . . bus fills up the remaining space . . . the popularity of the Drive-in-Soda Bar next to the high school . . . the long lines before the theatre box office, and the brand new, spick and span taxi stand of Letcher Teague on Depot Street.

A BUNCH OF FOLKS were doing a bit of singing one day . . . just a few of the boys who had worked up to the belief that they rivaled Mr. Corsock and Caruso, and among those who gathered was the

one who couldn't speak plainly . . . He was hungering for "Bringing in the Sheaves," but pronounced the last word, "thieves." The self-styled master of ceremonies eyed the gathering, and with a chuckle, "Darned if it don't look as if they are all here, but we'll sing it anyway!"

NO PERFECT DEFENSE
The people of the United States should not overlook the tendency of defense experts, including some civilians as well as military men, to insist on perfection in much the same sense that there are some generals who would "fortify the moon."

There is no system of pre-war defense that will be absolutely perfect and it is too much to expect the people of the United States to spend billions of dollars to "defend" themselves against what some of the experts think might be a powerful weapon in the hands of the enemy.

It is generally assumed that the Arctic region is of vital importance to the defenses of the United States but the Foreign Policy Association, through a report by Blair Bolles, says that it is a question whether a bomb-laden plane "could regularly attack the United States across the Pole and return to its base."

It is one thing to assert that the United States should be on the alert to prevent an enemy power from occupying vital regions in the Arctic but it is quite another to suggest that we need, in the year 1948, a means of defense against aerial attacks from far off countries which "might" send their planes via the North Pole.

MAN IN THE STREET MIGHT KNOW

It is hardly fair to a politician to go back and quote what he says before a convention, especially when he is a candidate and may be talking for the purpose of bolstering his wavering adherents.

Nevertheless, it might pay the public occasionally to compare predictions and events, in order to get an idea of the sincerity of public utterances and the correctness of political predictions.

These observations apply to newspaper writers, radio commentators and so-called political prognosticators. Like the sports writers, who never fail to make predictions on the probable outcome of athletic events, the clan has a habit of laying down very positive conclusions as to what is going to occur and also the reasons for the occurrence.

From a more or less serious study of the subject during the past thirty-five years, we have come to the conclusion that most of the stuff that is printed is buncombe.

In fact, if we wanted to get an opinion as to the probable outcome of the Democratic National Convention, for example, we would have just about as much chance to ascertain the probable course by talking with ten or twenty individuals on the street as by taking the composite conclusions of the so-called experts.

NO RIGHTS FOR ANYBODY

An organization has been formed to persuade Negro men to go to prison rather than obey the draft law recently passed by Congress.

The opposition is based on the failure of Congress to eliminate all segregation in the armed forces and the proponents of the movement say that unless President Truman issues an order prohibiting segregation, that young men of draft age will be urged to join in a civil disobedience movement.

We doubt if the movement gets very far. Certainly, there could be nothing more foolish than for young men to refuse to register because they do not agree with all the laws passed by Congress. If every citizen took this view, upon all public questions, and reserved the right to determine the laws to obey, there would be no government and there would be no rights for anybody.

E. R. P. SHIPMENTS

Approved Marshall-plan shipments, through June 26th, reached a total of \$730,783,993, as the Economic Co-operation Administration neared the end of its first quarter of recovery operations. Total shipments approved will amount to about \$900,000,000 by the end of June, well short of the \$1,350,000,000 originally scheduled.

U. S. PAY ROLL

When the Eightieth Congress took over in January 1947, there were 2,330,000 workers on the records. At the end of December, 1947, the total had been reduced to 1,995,388, a post-war low. By the end of April, this year, however, the figure had risen to 2,050,420 and when the 80th Congress quit, the figure was still rising.



Church Announcements

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Rev. E. F. Troutman, Pastor
Sunday School at 10:00 a. m.
Worship at 11:00 a. m.
Sermon Topic: "The Compassionate Christ."
Luther League at 6:30 p. m.
Dr. D. J. Whitener will address the Brotherhood in the Church at 7:30 p. m. His topic, "The Power of the Printed Word," is the Brotherhood topic for July program. Come and hear him.
Choir rehearsal on Friday evening at 8:15, with Mr. Hoyt Safrit directing.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
J. K. Parker, Jr., Pastor.
Sunday School at 10 a. m.; Morning worship 11 a. m.; Wesley-Westminster Fellowship at 7:30 p. m.; Wednesday evening service at 7:00; Bible study at 7:45 p. m.; Choir rehearsal at 8:30 p. m.
Our Daily Vacation Bible school will begin Monday, July 12, and will be held each afternoon from 2:45 p. m. to 4:45 p. m. throughout the week.

PRESBYTERIAN HOUR
The next speaker on the Presbyterian Hour will be the Rev. Dr. John R. Richardson, pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church in Spartanburg, S. C. Dr. Richardson is one of the most successful evangelistic preachers and pastors in the church.
This program may be heard in this territory over Radio Stations WSOC, WSJS, and WCYB Sunday, July 11, at 8:30 a. m. (EST).

LUTHERAN SERVICES
Sunday School at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Deep Gap at 10 a. m.; Divine service at 11, followed by Holy Communion.
Old Mount Pleasant: Sunday School at 2; Divine services at 3. Bible school is now in session and will continue through Friday evening. Next week the Bible school will open at Mount Pleasant and the public is invited.

BOONE BAPTIST CHURCH
Dr. W. G. Bond, Pastor
9:45 Sunday School; 10:55 morning worship, sermon: "Into the Mountains to be Changed"; 7 p. m., Training Union; 8 p. m. evening worship, sermon: "Jericho Road of Service"; Wednesday 6:30, choir rehearsal; 7:30, mid-week prayer service in auditorium.

BOONE METHODIST CHURCH
S. B. Moss, Pastor
Friday July 9, 2:00 p. m., junior choir practice.
Sunday July 11, 10 a. m. church school; 11 a. m. morning worship. Sermon: "Satayagraha" by Rev. S. B. Moss; 6:30 p. m. M. Y. F.; 7 p. m., student group meets at the Presbyterian Church.
Prayer meeting each Wednesday evening at 7:00 p. m.
Choir practice, Friday evening 7:15 p. m.

WEDGED BETWEEN TWO WALLS

Jersey City, N. J.—While chasing a ball, Eugene Demarest, 14, fell between the walls of two one-story buildings and could not wiggle out. A police emergency squad worked for an hour to demolish part of the wall of one building before the boy could free himself. He was unhurt except for minor cuts and bruises.

President Signs Pension Measure

Washington, July 2.—Widows, children and dependent parents of veterans who died in service are eligible today for pension boosts totaling more than \$30,000,000 a year.

A bill setting up the increased benefits was signed into law by President Truman yesterday. It also raises payments received by widows and dependents of veterans of the regular military establishment who lost their lives because of disabilities resulting from the war.

Here, in order, are the old rates and the payments provided by the new measure:
Widow, \$60 and \$75; widow with one child, \$78 and \$100; widow and two children, \$93.60 and \$115; widow with three children, \$109.20 and \$130; widow with four children, \$124.80 and \$145; widow with five children, \$140.40 and \$160.
One orphaned child, \$30 and \$58; two children, \$45.60 and \$82 (total); three, \$57.60 and \$106; four, \$69.60 and \$126; five, \$81.60 and \$146.
One dependent parent, \$54, and \$60; two dependent parents, \$30 and \$35 (each).
If the veteran lost his life during peacetime, the benefits will be 20 per cent less in each case.

Announcing the opening of CHILDREN'S SHOP

MONDAY JULY 12th
located next door to Craven Furniture Co.
We will carry apparel for infants up to 6 years old. . . . A corsage will be given to the first twelve mothers visiting our store.
MRS. GUY T. HAMPTON

The U. S. Department of Agriculture has amended its frozen egg export sales program to permit exporters to dry the eggs in this country before they are shipped to foreign countries. Farmers sold about 10.4 billion dollars worth of crops and livestock in the first five months of 1948, slightly more than last year. Marketings were down but prices were higher.

GOING AT AUCTION

Saturday July 10
AT THE OLD BEAN MARKET NEAR SMITHEY'S STORE
FIVE LIVING ROOM SUITES (used)
Furniture of all kinds: Stoves, Trucks, Cars, 1 Model A pickup; Men's Suits, Clothing of all kinds; Men's and Ladies' Wrist Watches; Hundreds of other things. We buy and sell. Call Smithey's or write me at Adams or Boone.
JIM BROWN, Auctioneer

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

Property of delinquent taxpayers of Watauga County will be advertised for sale to satisfy taxes, during the month of August.
I am anxious for all those due taxes for the past year, to pay them during this month and save the costs of advertising.
Your cooperation will be appreciated.
CLAUDE GARLAND,
Tax Collector, Watauga County

For Sale

We can locate you in most any section of our city in a nice house or on a beautiful lot
Nice stone house—modern.
Nice brick house—modern.
Several nice modern houses, close in.
25 acre farm, good 6 room house \$1800.
33 acre farm, good five room house, not finished, \$1800.
17 acres, nice brick house, modern.
50 acres, nice house, orchard, good road, etc.
45 acres, good buildings, orchards, etc.
Several nice building lots near the College.
If you want to buy a farm we can help you finance it at 4% interest, long terms.
If you want to buy a house in town we can help you finance it at 5% interest, long terms.
Come by and let us give you the benefit of our 20 years experience.
In the near future we will sell one of the best farms in this county, sub-divided, at auction. Watch for our ad.
S. C. EGGERS & COMPANY
BOONE, N. C.

Auction Sale

ON
Saturday,
JULY 10th
starting at 10 a. m. sharp

We will offer the best assortment of all kinds of household furniture and hundreds of other items that you will be interested in.

OUR GRAND PRIZE WILL BE A \$79.50 PLATFORM ROCKER, UPHOLSTERED IN DUPONT DURAN . . . Also A \$10.00 CASH PRIZE

A. C. MAST

Farmers Burley Warehouse
S. C. Eggers, Auctioneer