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KING STREET

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POLIO EPIDEMIC continues without abatement, and fear continues to grip parents of little children, particularly . . . who envision straight little nimble legs and feet immobilized and destroyed by the crippler, who often leaves even worse than death in his saddening trail . . . Second case of disease reported in county, but there is no general alarm . . . Both cases are in extreme west portion of the county, and therefore should have little effect on the tourist business at Blowing Rock, which is farther away from the malady in Watauga than the cases which have developed in Western and central Caldwell county . . . Dr. Tate, chief surgeon at Banner Elk Hospital, and who takes time to head the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association, stops by on a business errand . . . Says polio definitely contagious and that in Banner Elk kiddies are being asked to stay away from public gatherings . . . The physician believes that preventative measures should be taken before polio shows up . . . Flies appear to be the most suspicious character in the spread of the paralysis, and war is being made on the pestiferous insects.

D. A. ("Eck") Brown, with whom we used to share a bewhittled desk during our long sojourn in the grammar grades . . . and who was a sort of sidekick of ours during the early days of manhood . . . comes by from Philadelphia, where he has resided for more than a score of years . . . Being of a long line of politically-minded folks, Eck has his eye on the November balloting, and hands in a bit of information rather different from that in local circulation . . . Says Harry will carry Pennsylvania and other of the populous industrial states . . . that labor and the little folks generally are finding no where else to go, since the Henry Wallace candidacy has been so firmly hitched to the Communist movement in the land . . . Eck's predictions sound rather fantastic in the South . . . but then, it's true that at this period in 1932 Herbert Hoover was given the inside of the track by most of the observers!

FIRE inflicts great damage to the Mrs. B. J. Council home at church time Sunday . . . The Council house has been one of the focal points of the community for many years, and during the summer months has entertained guests from a wide area . . . We hope that when the final damage is assessed it will be found practical to repair the damage, and return the hospitable home to its original state of beauty and charm . . . "Ma" Blackburn, we are informed is not 84, but 88 years old, making her remarkable vitality and mentality all the more noteworthy . . . Dr. Rowe, professor of Christian theology at Duke University, delights the Methodists with his sermon Sunday . . . The scholarly message was no more enjoyed than the Doctor's original but forceful manner of delivery . . . Piles of striped watermelons, fruits, and other luscious commodities at Hillard's Little Market . . . which it would seem is no longer "little" . . . Truckloads of peaches from below the hills begin to arrive, and canning goes into a quickened tempo in home kitchens.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Tatum on the opening of their Mountain Motel, the city's newest tourist court, which has been doing business even ahead of the formal opening . . . Mr. and Mrs. Tatum toured around over the country for a long time, looking over these motels, before designing their establishment, and have incorporated the best features found in their Motel . . . it's a valuable addition to the badly-crowded town, and is enjoying a lush patronage.

WOMAN'S CLUB lays plans for annual flower show, and ladies of the community and some men, as for that, already wondering if their blooms will be in prime condition on August 12 . . . While Boone hasn't gone in too much for the formal type of garden, most every home has a liberal space set aside for flowers and the blooms are lovely this year . . . The flower show is an event which kindles enthusiasm for flowers, which add immeasurably to the beauty of our town.

TO APPEAR IN LOCAL CONCERT



The Ambassador Male Quartet and Bell Ringers, who will appear in concert at the Appalachian College auditorium Saturday night, August 7, at 8 p. m. The public is invited.

Silverstone Child Is Second Polio Victim

PROTESTS



Dr. Arthur P. Coleman, member of the Columbia faculty for the past 20 years, has tendered his resignation to President Dwight Eisenhower. His protest was aimed against a \$5,000 grant accepted by Columbia from Communist-dominated Polish government as part of the \$30,000 to be given the university for a Polish chair.

Rites Held For Raymond Greer

Raymond Lester Greer, 47, died Monday evening at the home of his mother, Mrs. L. Greer of Zionville from a sudden illness. Mr. Greer, who had resided in Battle Creek, Mich., for a number of years, where he was in business, arrived at the old home Saturday for a few days visit. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Zionville Baptist Church by Rev. R. C. Eggers and interment was in the church cemetery, Reins-Sturdivant being in charge of the arrangements. The widow and two daughters, Mrs. Mary Kuper, Arlington, Va., and Miss Jane Greer, Elizabeth, Tenn., survive. The mother, Mrs. L. Greer of Zionville also survives, and one brother and one sister; Howard Greer, Mrs. Dora Penn, both of Zionville.

District Health Department Doesn't Suggest Closing Of Public Places.

The second case of polio has developed in Watauga county, the victim of the malady being Lonnie Isaacs, 20 months old, one of the twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Isaacs of Silverstone, in the western section of the county. The diagnosis was made last Sunday, and the Isaacs child was taken immediately to the Asheville Orthopaedic Hospital. Local medical men say his condition is serious. Carrol Mundy, 3 of Tamarack, the other local victim of polio, is also in the Asheville hospital. His illness is described as a "mild attack" The district health department hasn't suggested the closing of any public gathering places, but has repeatedly urged individual precautions against the disease.

Famed Quartet Appears Here

Summer school students and faculty of Appalachian State Teachers college and townsfolk of Boone will have a musical treat on Saturday evening, August 7, when the nationally known Ambassador Male Quartet and Bell Ringers make their appearance at the college under the summer lyceum series. The quartet is recognized as a group of highly accomplished musicians. Each member is a solo artist as well as a master of harmony in ensemble singing. Their rendition of such numbers as "Bells of St. Mary" and "Sunday Morning in London" with the Swiss bells is especially popular. The program to be given at Appalachian will include numbers from the classics, songs in a lighter vein, and well known Negro spirituals. The public is invited to the program, which will be given in the college auditorium at eight o'clock.

ACTIVITIES AT RECREATION PARK SLOWED BY RAINFALL

Attendance at Center Drops to 208 Persons As Rain Continues; Swimming Is Cancelled Due to Polio; Experiment Worthwhile.

Rain interfered with the activities of the local recreation project during the past week, and the center closed one afternoon and three evenings because of the weather. In spite of these difficulties the total attendance of the week was 208 persons. When the weather conditions are favorable the attendance at the little recreation park exceeds three hundred persons a week. One activity of the program has been called off because of the infantile paralysis situation. This was the swimming class that was conducted once a week at the college pool. Attendance at the swim period has been excellent, but has had to be discontinued completely. Thursday night will mark the beginning of an additional feature of the recreation program. Efforts are being made to provide an area for skating during the evening. The street in front of the demonstration school is to be roped off at the Howard street corner and at the College Bookstore to provide a skating area. This space will be available for roller skating from 7 p. m. until 10 p. m. on Thursday evening. It is hoped that both young and adults will use this time to skate, or to look on. The skating period will be supervised. The local Recreation Commission feels that its experiment has been worthwhile as a project for the summer. Plans are being discussed to enlarge and improve the project next year.

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Final Plans For Flower Show

The flower growers of Boone are looking forward to the annual flower show, sponsored by the Worthwhile Club, which is being held Thursday August 12, from 3:30 to 9 p. m. at the Daniel Boone Hotel. Mrs. W. C. Greer, general chairman, has appointed the following committees to assist her: Table arrangement: Mrs. Wiley Smith, Mrs. W. G. Bond, Mrs. Carlos DeLima, Mrs. J. D. Shoemaker. Listing and arrangement: Mrs. B. W. Stallings, Mrs. R. W. Watkins, Mrs. Ralph Mast and Mrs. Gordon Winkler. Entertainment and refreshment: Mrs. A. E. South, Mrs. F. E. Warman, Mrs. R. H. Harmon. Publicity: Mrs. Lee Reynolds, Mrs. Bert Ellis, Mrs. G. H. Phillips. Plans are progressing nicely for this event which promises to be one of interest to all flower growers and admirers. The regulations governing entries and classifications for exhibits were given in the last edition of the Democrat.

DRAFT BOARDS SET IN MOTION



Major General Lewis B. Hershey, director of selective service, met with members of his staff to set in motion some 4,000 draft boards after President Truman ordered peacetime registration of young men aged 18 through 25. Shown left to right, are: Col. Louis Renshaw, chief legislative officer; Col. George Irvin, chief field division officer; General Hershey, Lieut. Col. Irvin W. Hart, chief information officer, and Col. Joel D. Griffing, chief manpower division.

State Dentist Available For School Children

New Physician



DR. J. B. HAGAMAN, JR.

Dr. Hagaman, Jr. Starts Practice

Dr. J. B. Hagaman, Jr., has located in Boone for the general practice of medicine, following his notification Monday of having passed the State Board of Medical Examiners. Dr. Hagaman is associated with his father, Dr. J. B. Hagaman, Jr., at Watauga Hospital. The young physician, following graduation at Appalachian High School, took three years of pre-medical work at the University of North Carolina, and graduated from the Medical School of the University of Tennessee in June 1947. For the past year he has been in internship at the City Hospital in Winston-Salem. Dr. Hagaman, his wife, the former Miss Barbara Ann Gaither, of Carruthersville, Mo., and daughter, Barbara Diana, are residing with his parents temporarily, pending the completion of their new home on North Street.

House Destroyed In Motor Crash

A transport van, the property of the Harris Express Company of Charlotte careened from State highway 421 early Tuesday morning at a point just west of the county home farm, inflicted total loss on the residence of Paul H. Davis, destroyed a truck parked in the yard, without critical injuries to occupants of the trailer, and leaving the members of the Davis family, who were occupying the house, without bodily injury. Pending the arrival of insurance adjusters, the loss to the building and truck was not estimated, but Mr. Parker of the State Highway Patrol, who investigated the freak accident, said the building was damaged beyond repair, having been knocked 11 1/2 feet by the impact of the tractor. Mr. and Mrs. Davis and two children, who were occupying the house at the time of the crash were uninjured. The crash occurred at 6 o'clock a. m., as the tractor, drawing the large unloaded van, had just crossed the Rich Mountain Gap. (Continued on page 8)

TRUSTEES FOR COLLEGE HOLD ANNUAL MEET HERE FRIDAY

Trustees Hear Reports of the Progress of Appalachian; Graduate School Attracts Interest of Officials; To Ask Assembly Further Aid.

The Board of Trustees of Appalachian State Teachers college held its annual meeting in the president's office at the college on Friday, July 30, with V. D. Guire of Lenoir, president of the board, presiding. A number of routine business matters were transacted, and the annual reports of all departments of the college were studied in detail. One item that attracted a large amount of attention and favorable comment was the work of the graduate school, which, in the words of President B. B. Dougherty, "is based on the philosophy of improving the teaching in the public schools of North Carolina and the South." The Dean's report showed that 273 different individuals, all of them in-service teachers, have been enrolled in the graduate school this summer, from 60 different colleges and universities. During the summer there have been 1395 individual students enrolled, the largest enrollment in the history of the college. There were 1123 for the first term, and 840 have registered for the second term. 1099 students came from 88 of North Carolina's one hundred counties, and only 296 students came from outside the bounds of the state, from fifteen other states and one territory. During the year the college has graduated 204 students. With two exceptions, all of these individuals are remaining in the teaching field, either teaching this year or continuing their study for a master's degree in their respective fields so they may teach next year. One young man is a reporter for one of the state's largest newspapers, and another is in industrial chemistry for the United States government. Special effort has been made through the years to encourage the students to take training for service in the elementary school. As a result, sixty of those graduated received their degrees in primary and grammar grade education. In addition to those enrolled in the graduate school, the Dean's report shows that there are approximately three hundred students, or almost half the students enrolled, with degrees from other institutions, who are training at Appalachian for improved efficiency in teaching. The Board of Trustees passed a strong resolution urging the next General Assembly of North Carolina to provide more adequately for the Appalachian summer school, especially in view of its widespread influence in the teaching field throughout the State.

Dr. Koonce Will Be Here For Four Weeks for Dental Aid For Kidies.

Dr. and Mrs. E. T. Koonce of the Oral Hygiene Division of the State Board of Health arrived in Boone Sunday and will be available for dental work for children up through the age of 15 years. Dr. Koonce has set up his office for work at the Demonstration School and will remain there for the next four weeks. Parents or teachers in the county wishing an appointment for a child should contact the Health Department or Mr. John T. Howell at the Demonstration School for a schedule. Dr. Koonce is a very fine dentist, especially trained in caring for children's teeth and all parents should avail themselves of the opportunity to get their children's teeth looked after without cost. Early attention, it is reminded, often saves a tooth that if neglected, will be lost.

Council Home Scene Of Fire

The Mrs. B. J. Council house, a large frame structure, containing fifteen rooms, was seriously damaged by a Sunday morning blaze, which it is believed, originated from a kerosene hot water heater in an upstairs room. Prompt action on the part of the local volunteer fire department quenched the flames, and but for the efficient work of the firemen, nearby residences would likely have been destroyed. The upstairs of the building was almost totally destroyed, while flames and water contributed to severe damage on the ground floor. No estimate has been placed on the amount of the damage to the building and furnishings. The loss is partially covered by insurance. The house, which was built 50 years ago, was one of the better homes of the community, and had been kept in an excellent state of repair. Only this year a comprehensive remodeling program had been carried out, and the building had been redecorated. The structure was under lease to Miss Mary D. Summerell, of Charlotte, whose loss of personal property was considerable. No decision has been made regarding rebuilding.

Eggers Again Heads Loan Body

Mr. S. C. Eggers of Boone, the president of the North Wilkesboro Farm Loan Association, was reelected to the top position in the organization at the meeting held in North Wilkesboro Friday. Max Wilson of Lenoir was named vice-president, and O. H. Bracy, of North Wilkesboro, secretary. Mr. Scarborough, president of the Federal Land Bank since 1934, attended the meeting and it was stated that the Association which was formed in 1917, has paid all borrowers their stock in full. Money is now available, Mr. Eggers says, for money to buy farms, stock, farm equipment or pay farmer's debts, as well as erect farm buildings. The money can be borrowed from a period of 5 to 30 years at 4% interest, and the borrower may pay back the money at any time, without penalty.

Lumberton—A \$100,000 fire destroyed two buildings and most of 85,000 gallons of fuel oil and gasoline at the Gulf Oil company bulk plant before being brought under control after a four-hour battle. The fuel, two trucks and an automobile, all destroyed by the blaze, were covered by insurance, a company official said.

GRAND CHAMPION LAMB AND OWNER



Douglas Clawson and his grand champion 4-H Club lamb shown at the Tri-County Junior Lamb Show held in Boone. Douglas is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wade Clawson of the Meat Camp section. —Photo by Palmer Blair.

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