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KING STREET

BY
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THE UNUSUAL AMOUNT of vehicular traffic in Boone Monday noon . . . cars waiting for an indefinite period at side streets trying to find a break in the traffic on King . . . Rain brought busy farmers to town, Labor Day increased the traffic from the centers of population and the automobile inspection lane was a drawing card . . . Friend races through the red light, waves a greeting as he barely misses us, as we proceed on the green from the other direction . . . Ernest Lewis and Policeman Coy Greene in hot car trade . . . Federal employee, silenced by the Hatch act, listens to discussion of partisan politics and says 'nary a word . . . against the law for him to take part in matters of government, in a nation which boasts of personal freedom . . . particularly of the vocal chords . . . aged man asks coin for bus fare . . . one legged man passes around a card, and garners a few dimes . . . minister mentions the expansion of the local bootlegging syndicates and vows that stores would be better . . . Miss Rachel Ann Vance, efficient business manager of The Appalachian, gets ready for the first edition of the college newspaper . . . sidewalk preacher goes to and fro under awning, his exhortations unaided by amplifiers, offering little competition to the noise of the traffic.

GUESTS of the Bill France enterprises at the stock car races in North Wilkesboro Sunday . . . Good entertainment provided by the swaying battered racers as they slide around the curves and roar down the straightaway . . . Boone folks have been attending the races right along, and Frank Triplett Boone automobile mechanic, has entered his specially designed car on a number of occasions and placed in the money at least one time this season . . . Grady Cole, in his charming, but faltering voice, presided at the loud speaker, but never a word could be heard after the sputtery little motors were gunned to their extreme limit. . . Like most crowds, the folks of course were interested in the hazards of the gruelling motor grind, and seemed to feel it was a pretty good day, when two of the cars careened through the board fence surrounding the speedway . . . It was a good piece of sportsmanship on the part of everyone concerned, and were mighty glad the fellows suffered no serious injury in their efforts to promote a worthy sport.

BOONE'S NEGRO RESIDENTS, there are not many, comparatively speaking, due largely to the fact that they themselves have not sought or particularly welcomed others from their race from outside communities—have lived here in peace and harmony with their white neighbors for these many years, with a minimum of friction . . . They are, on the whole, enterprising people, who have fostered their churches and school, built creditable homes and taken their places in an orderly and friendly society . . . They have succeeded remarkably well through their own efforts and with the co-operation of the white folks, and there has been a noticeable lack of race trouble here . . . even since the nation's politicians, so many of them, have spread discord, in an effort to pass the negro vote back and forth like a football in the pivotal states of the east.

BUT THINGS DO HAPPEN, occasionally, which the local negro can't help and for which he is in no wise responsible . . . The other day, it seems, an outside negro, who had served a stretch on the gang, and who is said to be a rather ordinary hombre in about all respects, found himself a bootlegger, got gassed up, and made just a bit more than an outside bid for the well-known hempen crawl, by offering insults to two ladies of the community . . . He was lodged in jail on a drunkenness charge . . . the beneficiary of the emotional stability of the people of the city. Occurrences of this sort are rather unpleasant, and these few high and mighty type of negroes who occasionally happen in the community, with the idea that they can take the situation over, are not only crying out loud for personal extinction, but are rendering the loyal mem-

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VICTIMS OF WEIRD FIRES



About 200 fires have occurred on the Willey farm near Macomb, Ill. in a short period, destroying the farm house and two barns. The fires mystified the fire department and nearby counties and some believed that they might have been caused by radio ignited materials . . . that is until the 13-year old member of the family, a granddaughter of the Willeys, admitted striking the matches which caused the widespread damage. The family is shown in front of a tent, which is their temporary domicile.

6 Polio Cases Delay Opening Of Schools

Earl Greer Sergeant On Albemarle Force



SGT. EARL GREER The following which was recently published in the Stanley News and Press, under the heading of "People You Should Know" is of interest to the friends of Mr. Greer in this section. He is the popular son of Mr. and Mrs. John Greer of Boone.

A pleasant-faced fellow, wearing the badge of a sergeant with the Albemarle police department, is William Earl Greer. A native of Boone, Watauga county, he moved to Albemarle 12 years ago. According to some of his associates on the force, who are always more willing to give information about others than about themselves, he is a genuine mountaineer—and well he might be because Boone is right in the heart of the North Carolina hills.

Mr. Greer attended Boone high school, where he played football, basketball, baseball, and tennis. Following graduation he worked with the State Highway department for a while and in 1939 was married to Miss Jane Smith of Albemarle, who was a student at Appalachian State Teachers college at Boone. They now have two children, Phyllis Ann and Jane.

Upon coming to Albemarle in 1936, he worked with the Wiscasset Hosiery mill for five years and was a guard at Efrid mill for two years, joining the police department in May, 1944. It is perhaps Sergeant Greer, of all the Albemarle policemen, who has developed the art of giving an erring motorist a ticket, with a most pleasant smile on his face at all times. He says it is bad enough for a motorist to have to receive a ticket without having a sour-faced policeman breathing down his neck while delivering the unwanted slip of paper.

Hobbies of this well-known and popular policeman include swimming and badminton. He lives on North Cotton avenue.

Copper deficiency makes cattle ill, chemists are told.

Children Again Quarantined As New Cases Of Polio Develop in County.

Six new cases of polio in the county, have caused the board of education to postpone the opening of the county schools to September 20, and caused health authorities to announce a renewal of the voluntary quarantine of children, which had been lifted only last week.

County Superintendent W. H. Walker states that the school opening dates have been changed on the advice of the health department.

Dr. Len D. Hagaman, acting health officer, states that the recurrence of a number of polio cases makes it wise to again insist that parents keep their children out of crowds, as well as off the streets for the time being.

The new polio cases as reported by the health department are: Billy Stewart, 3½, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Stewart of Blowing Rock.

Barbara Farthing, 14, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Farthing of Boone.

Glenn Hodges, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dock Hodges of Boone.

Marie Wilson, 3, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Wilson of Reece.

Leonard Garges, 6, a visitor at the home of the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Greene, Blowing Rock. Jackie Greene, 23, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Com Greene of Blowing Rock, who had also been spending some time at the John Greene home.

The new cases brings the county total to sixteen for the current epidemic.

Mrs. Thomas is Taken by Death

Mrs. W. C. Thomas, 52, died September 2nd at the home of her daughter, Mrs. David N. Wilson, following a prolonged illness.

Funeral services were conducted at the Zionville Baptist church Saturday afternoon by Rev. R. C. Eggers, Rev. Edd Farthing and W. K. Wilson.

Active pallbearers were: E. G. Greer, W. O. Stephens, Edd Bumgardner, R. L. Trivette and Rufus Smith. Flower girls were: Mesdames R. C. Eggers, Will C. Miller, Howard Greer, W. A. Stephens, Chas. Greer, Harvey Wilson, W. K. Wilson, Reeves Holman, Edd Bumgardner, Clay Reece, R. C. Bumgardner, Mrs. Dora Penn and Miss Edna Thomas.

She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. David N. Wilson, of Reece, four brothers, Edward Potter, Richmond, Ore.; J. K. Potter, Jacksonville, Fla.; Ross Potter, Zionville; Lee Potter, Portland, Ore.; two sisters, Mrs. W. W. Roten, Richmond, Va. and Miss Sara Potter, Jacksonville, Fla.

Truman asked to defer teachers by educators' conference.

ROTARY CLUB FORMED HERE; HARRIS GIVEN PRESIDENCY

Eighteen Business Men Are Charter Members of Organization; The Slate of Officers; Rotarians From Blowing Rock, Lenoir, Attend.

The Boone Rotary Club was organized at a meeting of 18 business and professional men of the community. Meeting with Russell E. Zook, the men voted to apply for a charter in Rotary International, world-wide service organization, thus adding Boone to the list of more than 6,200 cities in some 75 countries and geographical regions of the world where Rotary has come to play a leading part in the progress of the community.

Stanley Harris, retired national Boy Scout executive, was elected president; Bert Ellis, Boone merchant, vice-president; Dr. W. R. Richardson, Boone druggist, secretary-treasurer and F. T. Waggoner, Boone hardware merchant, was named sergeant-at-arms.

Rev. E. F. Troutman, W. H. Gragg, Stanley Harris, W. R. Richardson and Dave Mast were appointed as a board of directors. Charter members present were J. Edgar Brown, Glenn Howell, L. E. Tuckwiller, D. L. Wilcox, W. B. Murray, W. H. Gragg, G. D. Barnett, Ralph Mast, Stanley Harris, B. W. Ellis, F. T. Waggoner, Dr. W. R. Richardson, W. A. Smith, Lester Carroll, George Greene, C. C. Wilcox, Rev. E. F. Troutman, L. H. Smith and Dave Mast.

Representatives from Blowing Rock, Lenoir, Valdese and Charlotte were present at the organization meeting.

Mr. Zook in an address at the meeting defined Rotary as "a fellowship of some 305,000 business and professional executives throughout the world who are united in the 'Ideal of Service,' which is thoughtfulness of, and helpfulness to others." "Members of Rotary clubs," said Mr. Zook, "endeavor to exemplify their motto 'Service above self' in all of their daily business, social and civic contacts by placing the obligation to serve others before the desire for profit for themselves."

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REA Members To Meet on Saturday

The eleventh annual membership meeting of the Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation will be held at the courthouse in Lenoir on Saturday, September 11, at 10 o'clock a. m. All members are urged to be present and the public is invited. Mr. George Haggard, assistant administrator of the rural electrification will make the principal address of the meeting. Mr. Haggard has been invited to speak on the value of an informed membership. Mr. Haggard is an outstanding speaker and it is hoped that everyone that can, will avail themselves of the opportunity to hear him.

The Honorable Robert L. Doughton will also appear on the program. Mr. Doughton has been entering in his efforts to get electric service to all the rural people and his influence in Congress has been very instrumental in getting the necessary loan appropriations for the cooperatives to carry on this work.

Also, Mr. Gwyn Price, chairman of the North Carolina Rural Electrification Authority, will be on the program. Mr. Price is a native of Ashe county and a member of the cooperative. Many of the members have made inquiry about the possibilities of getting telephone service in their home. Mr. Price will bring the latest information available on this subject.

Since the close of the war in 1945 the Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation has made vast strides in its expansion program. More than 790 miles of line have been built bringing electric service to 3267 additional consumers. Within the next twelve months the Cooperative expects to build an additional seven hundred miles of line to serve more than three thousand new consumers. This will satisfy all application for electric service now on hand.

HOMESTRETCH GROWN "CUKES"



Beautiful Hialeah race track at Miami, Fla., which resounds to the pounding of horses' hooves in the winter, is a vegetable garden in the off season. Here, Betty Wagner and Olga Pitterson gather cucumbers grown in the homestretch. Vegetable roots prevent the turf being blown or washed away. When the track is to be made ready for the racing season, special equipment plows the growth under.

Republicans Select Slate Of Candidates

NAMED TO HEAD MARCH OF DIMES



RALPH W. McDONALD

Ralph McDonald, prominent Winston-Salem educator and civic leader, has been appointed North Carolina state chairman of the 1949 March of Dimes, Basil O'Connor, president of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, has announced. It is Dr. McDonald's seventh consecutive year as head of the fund raising campaign in North Carolina.

The 1949 appeal will be held January 14-31. Mr. O'Connor, in announcing Mr. McDonald's acceptance of the March of Dimes chairmanship, revealed that when complete incidence figures for the year are tabulated the toll of infantile paralysis in the United States from 1943 through 1948 may well exceed 100,000 cases.

"While the final answer to the mystery of poliomyelitis—the discovery of a cure and a preventative for the disease—lies in the research laboratory," Mr. O'Connor said, "the generous support of the American people is now more vital than ever before if victims of polio, children and adults alike, are to receive the care they must have to achieve maximum recovery."

Wm. F. Davis Dies in Columbia

William Floyd Davis, 77, of Richlands, Va., died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Clayton C. Houck of Columbia, S. C., August 18th, following a long illness.

He was born in Watauga county, and is survived by his wife, the former Miss Flora Moretz of Boone. Also surviving are four daughters, Mrs. Clayton Houck, Columbia, S. C.; Mrs. Gladys G. Moretz, Boone; Mrs. Raleigh Moretz, Bristol, Va.; Mrs. Dale Greene, Canton, Pa.; and four sons, Alonzo, Boone; Calrence, Raven, Va.; Paul, Richlands, Va.; and Robert, Portsmouth, Va.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Speagle at old Mt. Pleasant Lutheran church August 20th, and burial was in the church cemetery, with Reins-Sturdivant of Boone, and Farmers Funeral Home of Richlands, Va. in charge.

Yugoslavia's treaties held "scraps of paper" by Communist bloc.

Courtroom Crowded as G. O. P. Leaders Start Fall Campaign.

The Republicans of Watauga county met in the courthouse Saturday afternoon, to name candidates for the assembly and for county office, and to hear State Republican leaders unloose the initial political oratory of the 1948 campaign.

A capacity crowd, estimated at four hundred, gathered for the convention.

Dr. A. P. Kephart, was nominated for the State Senate, winning handily over Prof. W. L. Winkler, who had announced his candidacy for the position. Representative S. C. Eggers, was nominated as a candidate for a third term in the House of Representatives.

Nominees for the three-member board of county commissioners are: R. M. Ward, A. G. Miller and E. D. Cook. Mr. Cook takes the place of H. O. Aldridge, member of the board for the past six years, who had withdrawn from the race. Others nominated are incumbents.

Mrs. Laverne Fox was nominated for register of deeds and Jack Storie for county surveyor a second time.

W. H. Gragg, candidate for State commissioner of Agriculture, introduced Sim DeLapp of Lexington, Chairman of the State committee, and J. E. Brodyhill of Lenoir, Republican national committeeman for North Carolina.

John Wilkinson, candidate for the U. S. Senate, was the principal speaker, and was introduced by Clyde R. Greene, candidate for Congress from the ninth district. Mr. Wilkinson urged the voters to send Mr. Greene and himself to Washington, saying that Congress and the national administration would be Republican, and that Democrats J. Melville Broughton and R. L. Doughton, would not be in a position to aid North Carolina.

Howard Bingham Dies In Tacoma

Howard Stanford Bingham, 48, former resident of Boone, died at his home in Tacoma, Wash. last Thursday. A heart attack was given as the cause of his demise.

Funeral services and interment were in Tacoma, but details are unavailable. Mr. Bingham was born March 28, 1900, a son of Robert L. and Mrs. Lula B. Bingham of Boone. He had lived in Washington for 19 years, where he was construction supervisor for a number of Tacoma building firms.

He was a member of the Elk and Rotary Clubs, and was a Methodist. The widow, the former Miss Kate Parker of Mount Olive, N. C. survives. The parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bingham of Boone and one brother, Dean, of Boone, also survive.

ELLISON GIVEN PAROLE BY GOVERNOR CHERY

Raleigh, Sept. 7.—Sam Ellison, sentenced from Watauga county last September to four to seven years for manslaughter, was among four prisoners paroled today by Governor Chery.

Ellison was convicted in the death of Howard Hockaday.

67 FACE TRIAL AS FALL COURT TERM OPENS 2 WEEK SESSION

Judge Pless and Judge Alley To Hold Sessions; Most of Cases of Minor Nature; A List of Those Who Will Do Jury Duty.

The fall term of Watauga Superior Court will convene on Monday September 20, for a two weeks term for the trial of both criminal and civil cases.

Judge J. W. Pless, Jr., will preside over the first week's session, while Judge Felix Alley will hold court during the second week.

Fred M. Gragg, court clerk, says that 67 cases are docketed for the State, most of them involving misdemeanors, prohibition law violations, etc. There are 45 civil cases.

Following are the names of those who have been selected for jury duty during the term:

First Week
Bald Mountain: Elbert Moretz, J. C. Miller.
Beaver Dam: E. J. Farthing, W. C. Eggers.
Blowing Rock: William B. Castle, Edward Moody, Charlie R. Spann.

Blue Ridge: Vance Cook, Stacy Ford.
Boone: Guy Hunt, C. C. Rogers, J. C. Cline, T. Milt Greer.
Brushy Fork: J. Frank Wilson, Claude Minton, Cleve Gross.
Cove Creek: Clarence Isaacs, Alfred Thomas.

Elk: Albert Greer, Arthur J. Wheeler.
Laurel Creek: McKinley Trivett, Tom Glenn, N. L. Glenn.
Meat Camp: E. Jones Burket, Forrest Greene.
North Fork: Walter South, Shawneehaw: Green R. Michael.

Stony Fork: Orville J. Miller, M. O. Greene, Lane Idol.
New River: F. Cecil Miller, Burl Hartley, Lawrence Van Dyke.

Watauga: Fred Yates, Ralph Church, J. Edgar Harbin.
Second Week
Bald Mountain: W. L. Byland.
Beaver Dam: R. J. Millsaps.
Blowing Rock: Fred Hartley.
Blue Ridge: Frank Ford.
Brushy Fork: Coy Bingham.
Cove Creek: Bynum Grogan, Dock Isaacs.

Elk: Grover Wheeler.
Laurel Creek: Wm. C. Pressnell, Roosevelt Pressnell.
Meat Camp: Larkin W. Miller.
New River: Frank Hodges, David P. Miller.
North Fork: Will Wallace.
Shawneehaw: Ira Townsend.
Stony Fork: W. A. Watson.
Watauga: Stewart Aldridge, Dr. A. P. Kephart.

Diphtheria Gains Foothold Here

Dr. Len Hagaman, public health officer, points out that diphtheria appears to be doing more damage in the county this year than polio, despite the fact that the former is one of the preventable diseases.

There have been fifteen cases of diphtheria in the county this year, he states, one less than the number afflicted with polio, the disease has been in its most fatal form and several deaths have occurred.

Dr. Hagaman insists that parents have their babies immunized against diphtheria at 6 months of age, and curb this needless suffering and death. Vaccines are available at the health department.

Attend Rites For Benj. Council

Don J. Horton, of Vilas; Mrs. Myrtle Buchanan and Ronda of Boone, were in Science Hill, Ky., Thursday, where they attended funeral services for a brother of Mrs. Buchanan, Ben (Tod) Council, who died there at the age of 53.

Rites were conducted from the Methodist church and interment was in the church cemetery.

Mr. Council was reared at Vilas, N. C., the son of the late James P. and Mrs. Council, and resided in Watauga until he was 22 years old. He had lived in Science Hill for the past 15 years, going there from Limestone, Tenn.

Surviving are the widow, three daughters and one son.