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KING STREET

BY ROB RIVERS

STREET PAVING IS on the way in Boone . . . city officials couldn't get contractors to take relatively small job until late in season, when the deadline is near for the placing of bituminous surfacing . . . accordingly work was started on the project last Sunday, in order that the work could be completed before frost shut off such activities . . . We are inclined to hold with the council that the ox was snugly in the ditch . . . and that every effort had been made to keep him out!

WATAUGA WOMAN, indicted for the selling of home brew some time ago, makes her final report to the court, and ends her probationary period. . . It's illegal to brew the pale distasteful suds — no question about that . . . but the purveyors of hard liquors . . . the bourbons, the rye, the blends, the Scotch, gins, and all the other fiery concoctions go on and on like the brook . . . unmolested. . . A small business institution often finds itself helpless when it makes a brief foray into the lush pastures of the captains of commerce . . . it can't get by with it!

MISS SALLIE RAY hands in a freak of mother nature in the form of a branch from a pear tree containing blooms and little pears . . . E. E. Earp discovers September blooms on a sarvis tree . . . small boy ties rope to slender limb for a swing . . . "I'm like Columbus . . . I'll do it or die!" . . . bough breaks, lad gets mighty fall, dusts self off, and hitches rope to a higher but stronger limb . . . Mrs. Jennie Critcher delights dinner group with humorous stories . . . lady diner, nearing the end of an elaborate dinner, says she's arrived at the "toying stage" . . . Don Shull, prominent Valle Crucis farmer, buying land posters, and trying to figure out some effective way of protecting the birds on his place . . . Neighbor W. B. York, Jr., leaves for the University . . . Young York hit the top rung of intellectual attainment at the local high school, and may be expected to distinguish himself at Carolina . . . Coot Haigler, one of the older colored residents of the town, lifting his hat, as he greets us on the street . . . Letcher Teague, handing out the community news from his spick and span taxi stand alongside the Winkler Motor Co. . . Man, who had just passed through an incident of considerable happiness, was asked if he opened a bottle for the occasion . . . "Plumb missed out on that," quoth he, "cause I happened to be on just a routine drunk at the time!"

FOLKS along the street joined in common sorrow on the occasion of the tragic death of five-year-old B. W. Stallings, Jr. . . Sometimes along the way, people seem cold, and just a bit too eager in their chase for coin . . . but when tragedy strikes . . . we all bow in a mutual grief, anxious to share the burdens of our fellow man . . . Mr. and Mrs. Stallings are comforted in their tragic sorrow, no doubt, by the genuine concern of the people of their community . . .

OUR GOOD FRIEND and long-time neighbor, David Wyke, went away the other night, and his demise brings back memories of the happy lad, who in childhood taught us to tie a bent pin to the end of a cotton string, tie it to a willow sprout and entice horny-heads and minnows from the dark pools in the W. L. Bryan meadow . . . We walked together for a long long time, and we shall miss the cherry greeting and the bits of accompanying laughter, which greeted us on our way to and from the house on the hill . . . Bearing a crushing affliction with fortitude, smiling when the deck was stacked against him, he was a genuine good fellow . . . uncomplaining, neighborly and generous . . . He could win or lose with equal grace . . . he grew in stature and in favor with the folks as the shadows lengthened . . . One always feels a poignant loss in the death of a good friend and a good neighbor.

ALONG THE WAY: The over-size pictures of Governor Dewey at local Republican headquarters in the Linney stone building . . . the neatly patched holes in the sidewalks . . . the crowds at the

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NEW CHIEF SCOUT EXECUTIVE



Arthur A. Shuck, left, of Brooklyn, is congratulated by first class scout Alan Kramer, member of troop 635, Manhattan, after he became chief scout executive of the Boy Scouts of America. At right is Dr. Elbert K. Fretwell, retiring chief scout executive. Mr. Shuck has been a leader of the Boy Scout movement for more than 25 years. He now holds the highest administrative post in the organization.

Stallings Child Dies In Motor Accident

B. W. Stallings, Jr., 5, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Stallings, Sr., was instantly killed Friday afternoon, when struck by a car driven by Cecil Murray of Sparta, near the Stallings home on highway 421, just west of the city limits.

The child sustained a severe cerebral fracture and other injuries. Information is that B. W. was playing with a younger brother at a sand pile near the highway, and that a small wheel was inadvertently rolled into the road. B. W. started to retrieve the toy when struck by the automobile. The accident was described as unavoidable.

Funeral services were conducted from the Baptist church Sunday afternoon, by the pastor, Dr. W. G. Bond; Rev. Sam Moss of the Methodist Church, and Rev. J. K. Parker, of the Presbyterian Church. Interment was in the city cemetery.

Active pallbearers were: Greer Hodges, Ted Hagaman, Vaughn Hagaman and Charlie Rogers, Jr. The honorary pallbearers were young men with whom Mr. Stallings had worked for many years in his capacity as local Boy Scout executive. They are as follows: Charles Harmon, Reid Cottrell, Raymond Smith, Landrine Eggers, Gene Howell, Bobby Harmon, Buddy Ayers, Joe Huffman, Jr., Bruce Angel, J. C. Canipe, Jr., John Tatum, John T. King, James Harris, Robert King, Thomas Graybeal, Baxter Howell, Dr. J. B. Hagaman, Jr., A. Y. Howell, Jr., Charles E. Younce, Jr., Arnold Brown, Billie Stallings, G. C. Greene, Jr., Phil Vance, Stanley A. Harris, Jr., Ned Austin, Gene Bingham, Richard Bingham, Jimmie Winkler, Steve Davis, Blaine Miller, Tom Winkler, Jr., A. E. Hodges, Jr., Earl Payne, Murry Craven, Baxter Miller, Max Robbins, Stacy C. Eggers, Jr., Denver Bryan, John S. Aldridge, Jr., John H. Bingham, Lloyd Isaacs, Jr., Geo. Timmons, R. D. Hodges, Jr., Jas. Storie, Junior Greene, Albert King, Ted Brown, George King, Tom Wright, Joe Gaitner, Grady Moretz, Jr., Jimmie McConnell, Fred Council, Stanley South.

In charge of the flowers were the little G. A. girls, under the direction of Mrs. W. G. Bond and Mrs. R. H. Harmon.

Surviving are the bereaved parents, and one brother, Andy Stallings.

RANDY D. NORRIS
 Randy D. Norris, 6 months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Duard Norris of Boone, died Sunday. Funeral services were conducted on Tuesday afternoon from the Meat Camp Baptist Church by Rev. R. C. Eggers and interment was in the church cemetery. The parents are the immediate survivors.

TAR BARRELL BLAST KILLS BOY
 Rutland, Vt.—Robert Lynch, 12, was de-capitalized in the flaming explosion of a tar barrel against which he was leaning while smoking a cigarette. Blazing tar splattered three playmates and spun the barrel "over the trees" before it landed 200 feet away.

Columbia Broadcasting System buys "Amos 'n' Andy" rights.

CLYDE PERRY IS GUEST WHEN REA LEADERS HEAR TRUMAN

Sugar Grove Man at Two Day Meeting of REA Leaders; Truman Lauds Work of the Group; Problems of REA Organizations Studied.

Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation representatives C. E. Viverette, general manager, and Mr. Clyde Perry, a director from Sugar Grove, Watauga county, were among 250 rural electrification leaders from the New England and Middle Atlantic states attending a banquet in Washington on September 16, at which the President spoke.

The banquet was part of a two-day meeting of eastern members of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association and other government agency officials.

In his last public appearance before going on his campaign tour of the country, the President made a non-political informal talk praising the rural electric leaders at the banquet for their accomplishments during the past thirteen years. According to C. E. Viverette the President said he knows how much electricity means to the farmer, because he lived on a farm when he was young and didn't get to use the things his nephew, also named Harry Truman, has now that the farm has electricity.

The president went on to tell the rural electric leaders that he hoped they would continue to actively fight for expansion until every farm in the United States has the necessary power, the necessary improvements and the necessary gadgets to make life as attractive on the farm as it is in the city.

The two-day meeting at the Washington Hotel on September 16-17 included open forums at which the nationwide shortage of electricity, rising power rates and what the co-ops could do about them were discussed.

A common problem upon which considerable time was spent was the failure of the co-op members to fully realize that they are the sole owners of their electric system. Various co-ops are repaying their loans from the Rural Electrification Administration and will in the future constitute a very valuable property and business with no obligations. Under plans generally adopted by the co-ops, each farmer's share in the ownership is determined by the amount he pays for electricity through the years.

Nation Rural Electric Cooperative Association, Tom Craddock of Seymour, Texas, and executive manager Clyde T. Ellis former Congressman from Arkansas, spoke at the two-day session on the national problems of the rural electric co-ops. The NREGA is a nation wide organization for rural electric systems, organized into ten regions, with the New England States, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, and North Carolina comprising region I. Gordon Loveless heads the region and chairmaned the Washington meeting.

Mr. Viverette and Mr. Perry left on Tuesday afternoon September 14, and returned on Saturday, September 18. While in Washington, Mr. Viverette and Mr. Perry visited the headquarters of the Rural Electrification Administration and looked into the possibilities of securing additional loans in order to completely electrify all the rural homes within its service territory. If the next Congress make available funds for the R. E. A. borrowers on the same basis as the last congress, it is felt that the Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation will be able to complete its job of taking electric service to all that desire it.

TOO SLOW
 South Bend, Ind.—Emerson A. Reese, 69, was charged with reckless driving and his driver's license suspended for 90 days because Reese was driving five to eight miles an hour on a street, causing a long string of cars to pile up behind him.

Astoria, Ore.—Of the first 54 men who registered at the selective service office in Clatsop county, 49 of them can't be taken, because they're veterans or married and the remaining five were rejected by the wartime draft.

TO ADDRESS LOCAL FARMERS



CONGRESSMAN MONROE M. REDDEN

Redden To Address Farm Bureau Group

A parade by the Appalachian High School band, an address by Representative Monroe M. Redden of the twelfth district, and free refreshments, will feature the annual meeting of the Watauga County Farm Bureau, which will be held at the courthouse Saturday afternoon.

The program will get under way with the band parade at 1 o'clock. Congressman Redden will speak at 1:30, on the subject of "Farm Programs for the Future", there will be music by the Thomas and Farthing string band, new officers and a board of directors will be chosen, and there will be free ice cream for everyone. All farmers and farm women are invited.

Congressman Redden made an outstanding record during the last session of Congress in the field of agricultural legislation, and he made an special effort toward the increase appropriations for the soil conservation program and the enactment of a permanent "farm price support plan. He also has favored adequate appropriations for the various agricultural agencies.

It is pointed out that when Senator McKellar introduced a bill to eliminate the TVA demonstration farm program, Mr. Redden arranged a hearing before the Senate Committee for a western North Carolina Farm Bureau delegation to oppose the bill. Mr. Howard Edmisten of Watauga County was a member of the delegation. As a result of the testimony of this delegation and others, the McKellar bill received an unfavorable report.

The importance of farmers being present for the address is emphasized by Farm Bureau officials.

860,000 Kiddies Start to School

Raleigh — Public schools are getting under way throughout North Carolina, and State Superintendent of Public Instruction Clyde A. Erwin said yesterday a total enrollment of about 860,000 is expected.

School officials said they believed most of the schools have opened although most of them were delayed from a week to a month because of the polio epidemic. Some schools will start their Fall term later in the week and a few have delayed their openings until about Oct. 1 because of the polio epidemic.

The school enrollment is expected to include about 690,000 elementary and 170,000 high school students.

SOCIALIST



Henry Quelle, radical socialist, who has been entrusted with the difficult job of trying to form a new French government, following the downfall of the Schuman cabinet.

David P. Wyke, Former Merchant Dies in Sleep

David P. Wyke, 55, retired Boone merchant, died Sunday night in his sleep at his home.

Belief is that a heart attack likely brought about his death. Funeral services were conducted at 2:30 Tuesday afternoon at the Oak Grove Baptist Church, Rev. E. F. Troutman and Rev. S. E. Gragg conducted the rites and interment was in the Hine cemetery, the arrangements being by Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home.

Mr. Wyke who was a son of the late Frank Wyke and Mrs. Wyke was born in Watauga county. For a number of years he was engaged in the mercantile business at Foscoe, later moving to Boone where he operated a food store prior to his retirement several years ago.

The widow, Mrs. Ethel Aldridge Wyke, survives, with one daughter, Mrs. Marvin Russell. There is one brother, P. C. Wyke of Boone.

CHANGE HOURS COUNTY SINGING

The county singing will be held at the Gospel Tabernacle here on Sunday October 3, and will start at 9:30 a. m., rather than at 1 p. m., as had been previously announced.

SPOTS ON LUGGAGE

Pittsburgh, Pa.—Noticing a piece of luggage a stranger was carrying, Robert Brozell suddenly realized it looked familiar. It was Brozell's—taken from his car a few minutes before. Police got it back and arrested the man.

COURT IS NOW TRYING CIVIL CASES; TO END WORK QUICKLY

Court Likely to End During This Week; Relatively Few Civil Cases To Be Heard; A List of The Judgments of the Court.

Watauga Superior Court convened Monday morning with Judge Pless presiding, and judgments have been handed down in a considerable number of criminal cases. The court expects to take up the civil calendar today, and although a number of cases are docketed, it isn't expected that the term will continue longer than the end of the current week.

Following are the judgments of the court:
 Charles Michael, violation of prohibition laws, \$200 and the cost; driving drunk \$100 and the cost.
 Ivan E. Church and Zack Icen-hour, gambling, \$50 and the cost.
 R. O. Greer, Jr., passing worthless check, assessed with cost, after making check good.
 David L. Clayburn, Jr., larceny, 6 months on roads.
 Ballard Harrison, assault on a female, \$100 and the cost.
 J. Bowers, speeding, \$25 and the cost.

Clarence Cole, driving drunk, \$100 and cost.
 Arthur Auton, driving drunk, \$100 and the cost.
 P. D. Ragan, driving drunk, \$100 and the cost.
 B. J. Estes, speeding, \$15 and the cost.
 Ronda Ray, speeding, \$15 and the cost.

Ralph Presswood, driving drunk \$100 and the cost.
 Baxter Hardy, driving drunk, \$100 and the cost.
 Robert H. Hollifield, speeding, \$15 and the cost.
 Roby Lee Shore, driving drunk, \$100 and the cost.
 Lewis Williams, driving drunk, \$100 and the cost.

Jack Ward, 2 cases driving drunk, \$100 and the costs in each count.
 Roland Pardue and Paul Pinnix, violation prohibition law, cost.
 Dave Witherspoon, assault on female, 2 years on roads.
 Lee Edmisten, resisting arrest, \$50 and costs.
 Jack Wellborn, speeding, \$15 and the cost.

Joseph C. Jarvis, reckless driving \$25 and cost.
 Max Vannoy, reckless driving, and speeding \$25 and cost.
 Clifford C. Hayes, speeding, \$15 and the cost.
 Allen W. Bryan, driving drunk, \$125 and the cost.
 Hubert Hardin, driving drunk, \$100 and the cost.
 Walter Hedgepeth, violation of prohibition laws, Cost.

APPS WIN GRID OPENER BY 21-14

Winston-Salem—Three touchdown sprints for half the distance of the field gave Appalachian State a thrilling 21-14 victory over Guilford college in a North State conference game before 3,000 spectators here last Saturday night.

The Mountaineers didn't wait long to score, shaking Herman Bryson loose for 51 yards on the third play of the game for a touchdown. Tom Murdock sprinted 45 yards for the second score in the late minutes of the opening period and then raced 60 yards in the third period for a touchdown. Tom Boyette place-kicked all three extra points.

Guilford scored in the first period when Maultsby climaxed a long drive by passing to Winner for eight yards and a touchdown. Johns passed to Topping for 35 yards and then tossed one to Feeney for 30 yards on the next to last play of the game for the Quakers' final score. Maultsby place kicked both extra points.

APPALACHIAN LINEUP
 Ends—Smith, Powers, Small, Felton, Hendricks, Caskey.
 Tackles—Grissom, Lyons, Wilson.
 Guards—Alford, Boyette, Long, Cantrell.
 Centers—Honeycutt, Bowman, Backs—Mills, Bryson, Cross, Boger, Murdock, Ragan.

Cleveland, O.—Richard Davis was standing too close to the curb recently and was caught by the waist by a passing trackless trolley's guide ropes. He was dragged for 20 feet before released, suffering cuts and bruises.