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KING STREET

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WATAUGA COUNTY is to have centennial celebration, and quite a few ideas are being advanced to make the event a unique one . . . Down at Winston-Salem, where a century of progress is to be noted, the men folks have laid away the razor for the remainder of the year, but the idea doesn't seem to be making progress here . . . only a couple of sets of chin whiskers have been noted . . . A few specks of frost in the hair perhaps doesn't look too bad . . . but we just couldn't quite stand becoming a "greybeard" . . . might even be taken for a "rugged individualist" . . . rainy weather of past week gives way to sunshine on Sunday as residents take to highways, or saunter about streets or home premises . . . Easter flowers blooming, golden bells putting forth their dainty blossoms, and lilacs leafing . . . toads sally forth, and angle worms near the surface, seen in profusion as warm rain soaks them from their shallow habitats.

BIDS BEING ASKED for new walkway and steps up to the postoffice . . . The old ones, never good, growing worse . . . Postmaster also seeking to have service area behind the building extended a distance of fifteen feet . . . This is particularly needed since the highway postoffice arrived . . . The long vehicle has to be backed to the loading deck from the main street, with one man "flagging" for the driver . . . like spotting a box car in a railroad yard . . . Strangers always admire postoffice building, its native stone walls, and pleasing contours . . . roof barely beginning to take on the green sheen . . . that distinctive and beautiful shade which comes only on old copper.

Dr. DOUGHERTY drops by and talks of the building program at Appalachian which is just now being activated . . . contracts totalling three hundred thousand have just been let, and the multi-million dollar appropriation will be spent as rapidly as practical . . . Advance in building costs delayed program for two years . . . Supplementary appropriation seems likely to be passed . . . Otherwise size of buildings would have to be pared to get by with original grant . . . If a depression is to come, the building program at Appalachian will keep its full effects away from this community for perhaps several years . . . Like all big institutions, or individuals who grow great, the college comes in for off-the-cuff criticism at times by those who have never quite realized that the only reason Boone is a progressive growing little city . . . the only reason why it is different from the usual one-horse county seat town, is that Appalachian College was established here . . . it's the blood stream of the community.

WATAUGA COUNTY will return to full prohibition status next Tuesday . . . Most of the folks think the cause of temperance will be furthered by this action . . . A small minority believe it won't . . . At any rate the malt and fermented beverages, which have been dished up in the county since 1933, are going to be counted in the list of legal contraband . . . As in the case of partisan elections, personal opinion is that every qualified voter should go to the polls . . . No one, in this last strong citadel of democracy should ever lose a chance to mark a ballot . . . vote as you will . . . but vote . . . it's a privilege, and a demand of good citizenship.

LADY talking at meeting of a woman's club, after the session had settled down to informalities . . . Took occasion to speak in high terms of her husband, which many would maintain, makes news . . . This guy, it seems, was the stuff, he was just about a standard of perfection, it was related, and the lady just felt plumb fortunate in selecting a mate of such outstanding qualifications . . . He was just most too good to be true . . .

"I NEVER HAVE TO WORRY about my husband," the clubwoman is reported as saying . . . "He doesn't drink to any amount, brings in the bacon with dispatch and regularity, helps around the house after work hours, and knows well (Continued on page 4)

NEW TRAVELING LIBRARY



The new Bookmobile, which has been put in service by the Watauga County Library, and which is scheduled to bring standard library service to all sections of the county. Regular bookmobile stops were announced this week.

3-County Basketball Tournery To Be Held

NEW DIRECTOR



Dr. Lawrence Owsley of Opelika, Ala., who recently became surgeon and medical director at the Watauga hospital. Dr. Owsley and family have established residence in the Conn house in Daniel Boone Park.

Hospital Fund Report Is Made

The hospital expansion fund has reached the sum of \$18,884.97, according to Clyde R. Greene, chairman, who expresses appreciation to those solicitors who have made their reports and asked that others complete their canvasses quickly and submit reports.

Following is the status of the fund by townships:

Bald Mountain	\$ 119.00
Beaver Dam	517.10
Blue Ridge	427.43
Boone	14,377.54
Brushy Fork	319.85
Cove Creek	1,083.55
Elk	228.00
Laurel Creek	100.00
Meat Camp	303.50
Meat Camp 2	17.00
New River	192.00
Shawneehaw	135.00
Stony Fork	10.00
Watauga	1,055.00
Total	\$18,884.97

Senate Expected To Kill Auto Inspections

Raleigh.—The State motor vehicle inspection program, in its present form at least, is now rapidly moving toward its last days. This is the consensus of members of the Legislature who saw the House neatly lay the axe to this 13-month-old aggravation last Friday morning.

While those who have played leading roles in the fight on the inspection lane admit privately that, theoretically, it is a good law, the feeling in Raleigh and throughout the State seems to be that the millions of dollars it is costing motorists and the inconvenience and misunderstandings which have arisen from its enforcement have largely negated any benefits it was intended to effect.

As the bill putting the inspection law to death moves over to the State Senate there will be further debate. However, the members of this body, like their brothers in the House, know their constituents are determined that the inspection program must be brought to an end.

Three Counties To Participate In Annual Sports Event, Starting March 2.

The Annual Tri-County High School Basketball Tournament will get under way in the college gymnasium Wednesday, March 2 and continue through Saturday, March 5.

Three counties will participate in the tournament with the boys from West Jefferson and Healing Springs seeded from Ashe county, Cove Creek from the Watauga-Avery county area, and Boone High from the Boone area.

In the girls division, the Virginia-Carolina and West Jefferson girls share the top Ashe county spot. Cranberry from the Watauga-Avery division, and Wilkesboro are seeded.

The Wilkesboro High School boys and girls are replacing the Avery county representative from Newland.

The tournament, under the direction of R. W. "Red" Watkins, has received notification of entrance from thirty-two teams. West Jefferson, Healing Springs, Jefferson, Riverview, Lansing, Nathans Creek, Virginia-Carolina, Todd, Fleetwood, Boone, Cove Creek, Blowing Rock, Bethel, Cranberry, Crossnore, and Wilkesboro High boys and girls will participate in the four day session.

Government Class Sees State Capital

The State government class of Appalachian State Teachers college, taught by Dr. D. J. Whitener, was in Raleigh this past week for the purpose of visiting various state agencies and observing governmental procedures at first hand.

They attended a hearing before the Appropriations Committee, a session of the General Assembly, visited the office of Dr. Amos Abrams, associate editor of the NCEA Journal, the state prison, the state library, and the state museum. The trip home included to tour of inspection of Duke University.

In addition to Dr. Whitener, those making the trip were Julian Rogers, Clarkton; Bryce I. Gordon, Winston-Salem; William C. Parrish, Summerfield; Eloise Marlowe, Marion; Daniel C. Rowe, Nebo; Keith Wilson, Davidson; Lemuel McMahan and Charles D. Owens, Forest City; Clarence Martin, Mt. Airy; Edith Maine, Boone; Carlton Swift, Sugar Grove; John Tugman, North Wilkesboro; James Brandon, Yadkinville; J. C. Lamm, Bailey; and Coleman Hanson, Lancaster, S. C.

Music Students To Enter Local Contest

Music students from Appalachian and Cove Creek High Schools will participate in an elimination contest to be held in the college auditorium, Saturday, February 26, beginning at nine o'clock. Winners in each event will represent their respective schools in the district division of the State Music contest to be held in Winston-Salem, March 23 and 24.

Mr. Oliver Cook, director of music at Harding High School, Charlotte, will be the adjudicator. The choral work is under the direction of Mrs. Elsie Erneston and the piano students have been trained by Mrs. Esther Boone and Mrs. R. L. Tate. Mr. O. M. Hartsell is general chairman for the contest.

LOCAL DAIRY BUSINESS IS SUBJECT CITY CIVIC GROUP

Officials of Coble Dairies Discuss Possibilities of Milk Industry at Boone Rotary Club; Number of Local A Grade Dairies Increases.

The Boone Rotary Club had as guest last Friday night, Mr. Gaylord Hancock and Mr. Paul Naive of Coble Dairy Inc. ten or twelve farmers who operate Grade A Dairies and several business men. Mr. Hancock is production manager for Coble Dairies Inc. and was the main speaker on the program. He gave a history of Coble Dairies and brought out the fact that the co-operation of farmers had brought about the growth of such a plant. He emphasized the necessity of more Grade A Dairies in the county. There is certainly a need for the production of more milk products since there is approximately 75,000 lbs. still being shipped into the state yearly. He indicated that Grade A Dairies were worthwhile for the farmers who have land to develop for grazing, growing of hay crops, ensilage and grain. He also stressed the need of silos in connection with the operation of dairies. Farmers that can produce feed and milk from 8 to 12 cows could have a sizeable income.

Mr. Hancock highly recommended the use of the artificial insemination program in the county by farmers for the purpose of raising calves by the best sires in the nation. The breeding program certainly has a controlling factor in production. The county needs more good calves from the dairy type cow and farmers should learn methods of feeding and care of young heifer calves by good sires. It is the hope of Cobles, county agricultural.

Collegians To Have Four-Day Holiday

Students of Appalachian State Teachers college will have a four-day holiday between quarters, beginning February 25 and ending March 1. Final examinations for the winter quarter will be held February 23 to 25, ending at noon Friday.

Registration for the spring quarter is scheduled for Tuesday, March 1, with classes beginning the next day at 8:20 a. m. Applications for degrees to be conferred at the spring commencement must be filed by April 5. Mid-term examinations for spring quarter will be held April 7 to 9, and comprehensive examination reports are due April 20. Final examinations for seniors will be held in the week ending May 14, and for other students May 18 and 19. Commencement exercises are to be held on Friday, May 20, at 10:30 a. m.

March 5 Last Payday For State Legislators

Raleigh.—Those members of the General Assembly who have been receiving their pay at the end of each day's session will find themselves off the State payroll a week from Saturday.

North Carolina legislators are paid \$600 for the term, as provided by the State Constitution. However, many of them are being forced this year to take advantage of an enabling act which permits any member who wishes to draw \$10.00 at the end of the day's work. The Legislature will end its 60 days on March 5. Thus, technically, the solons will receive no pay after that date. The Constitution provides that members of the Legislature will receive the \$600 and whether they stay in session for two days or two years makes not the slightest difference.

Some of the members, and this is particularly true in the Senate, wait until adjournment of the session before receiving their pay.

School Drawings To Be Shown at Library

Freehand drawings by students of Rich Mountain school will be on display at the County Library this week. The pencil and crayon drawings are by students from the 1st to the 7th grade, and were lent for exhibition by Mrs. China Lavender, teacher.

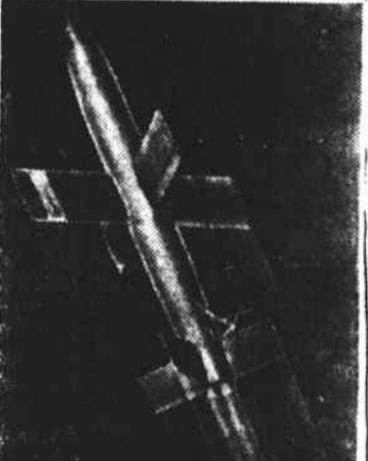
DEATH YACHT SOLD



After 14 months as an attraction on the amusement pier at Long Beach, California, the yacht, "Mary E." on which wealthy Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Overell were killed in a mysterious explosion in 1947 at Newport Beach, was auctioned off for \$500 recently, the bid reportedly going to a Los Angeles attorney who plans to send the yacht to New York for exhibition at Coney Island. The Overells' daughter, Beulah Louise, and her fiance, George Gollum, were charged with murder after the fatal explosion, but were acquitted after a dramatic trial.

Appalachian Hi Gets National Publicity

IT'S A "LARK"



This is a "Lark" in flight—a secret rocket-powered guided missile unveiled recently by the United States navy at the naval air missile test center, Point Mugu, Calif. Although shown in artist's sketch, no details of performance or construction have been divulged. This and other guided missiles like it were developed for the navy by the Fairchild Engine and Airplane corporation's pilotless plane division, Farmingdale, Long Island, N. Y.

Bookmobile Stops Are Arranged

The Watauga county library bookmobile schedule for the next two weeks has been announced as follows, weather and roads permitting:

Wednesday, Feb. 23: Meat Camp, Ellison's Store, 10:00 a. m.; Winebarger school, 10:30 a. m.; Howard's Creek school, 11:30 a. m.; Bamboo school, 1:00 p. m.; Bamboo, home of Mrs. Irene Northern, 3:00 p. m.

Thursday, Feb. 24: Rutherford school, 9:30 a. m.; Stony Fork School, 10:30 a. m.; Mt. Paron school or home of Mrs. Zerah Greene, 11:30 a. m.; Deep Gap school, 1:00 p. m.; Deep Gap, home of Mrs. Stewart, 3:00 p. m.

Wednesday, March 2: Blowing Rock School, 9:30 a. m.

Thursday, March 3: Windy Gap, Home of Mrs. Eula Trivett, 10:00 a. m.; Windy Gap school, 10:30 a. m.; Rominger, home of Shelby Rominger, 12:30 p. m.; Rominger school, 1:00 p. m.; Victor Ward's store, 2:30 p. m.; Willow Valley, home of Mrs. Fred Greene, 3:30 p. m.

People who live near any of the bookmobile stops are invited to come to choose books to read. The service is free. Books are for a period of one month, or until the next trip of the bookmobile to their community. Any books in the county collection may be requested and reserved for a borrower.

P.-T. A. Meeting Is To Be Held Monday

The Parent-Teachers Association will meet Monday February 23, at the High School. The anniversary of the P.-T. A. will be observed with short talks and special music.

Clearing House Journal Uses Article by Principal Wey on Local Methods.

In an article written by Mr. Herbert Wey, the local high school again received national recognition.

This article, written on the subject "Democratic School Administration", was published in the February issue of the Clearing House Journal. The article discussed the faculty-student committee method of democratic school administration, and pointed out the importance of the necessity of offering pupils a democratic environment to live in while in high school.

This is one of approximately thirty articles that have been written and published by the faculty of Appalachian High school in the past ten years. Most of these articles are descriptions of the educational program of the local high school. Additional articles are now in the process of being written. Many of these articles, including (Continued on page eight)

Statesville Is Named Warlick Headquarters

Statesville.—Federal Judge Wilson Warlick said this week he planned to make Statesville his official headquarters.

Warlick, a resident of Newton, was sworn in last Monday as Western North Carolina District Federal judge to succeed Judge E. Yates Webb of Shelby, who had retired.

Judge Webb had made his headquarters in Shelby. Warlick said he has sent a recommendation to the U. S. Justice Department in Washington for approval of this city for his official office.

He added he would continue to live in Newton, however. U. S. Marshal Charles R. Price of Asheville, said he would assign a full-time deputy marshal here immediately.

Problems Confronting Merchants of State

Raleigh.—Enormous and burdensome taxes rate as the major problem confronting North Carolina retailers during 1949, according to a survey just completed by the State Merchants Association.

The second major obstacle, in the opinion of representative merchants in every section of the State, is the problem of "maintaining balanced inventories, and this was followed by the difficulties attending credits and collections.

The survey, which was conducted among hundreds of store owners and executives selected to represent a cross section of alert thought and opinion, indicated that other major problems are: increased operating expenses, securing and keeping experienced, efficient and courteous store help, obtaining wanted merchandise at prices customers are willing to pay, cut-price competition, customer expectation of lower prices, and uncertain business connections.

WINE AND BEER VOTING NEXT TUESDAY TO BE IN FAVOR DRYS

First Prohibition Vote in County Since 1933 Finds Opinion in Favor of Taking Legal Status Away from Wine, Beer; Rallies Being Held.

Watauga county voters will go to the polls next Tuesday, March 1, in their first expression on the legalized sale of alcoholic beverages, since the question of the repeal of the eighteenth amendment was submitted to them sixteen years ago.

Monday's vote has to do with the question of whether or not the sale of wine and beer will continue to be legal in the county, and the general consensus is that the county will vote for prohibition by a top heavy majority of something near three to one—some say even more.

The prohibition movement is being conducted largely through the leadership of the ministers of the county, and there has been considerable activity. A dry rally is to be held Sunday at the Boone Baptist church, when Dr. I. G. Greer and Hon. Odus Mull will appear, and indications are that there will be a reasonably heavy vote. Those who oppose the legal ban on wine and beer, are, so far as is known, unorganized, and many it is said, will not even go to the polls.

The election will be held in the various precincts of the county under the laws governing general elections, except there is no provision for voting absentee ballots. The registration books have been open for three Saturdays to register new voters, and those who have participated in general county elections do not have to re-register.

Four propositions will be included in the ballot: For the legal sale of beer. Against the legal sale of beer. For the legal sale of wine. Against the legal sale of wine.

New Social Security Plan Is Introduced By Rep. Doughton

Washington.—President Truman's program for a vast broadening of social security benefits, bringing additional millions of persons under the system and increasing the payments and taxes, was unfolded on Capitol Hill this week.

The legislation would bring an additional 20,000,000 Americans into the old-age and survivors insurance system, making a total of 50,000,000 under this step. The retirement age for women workers would be reduced from 65 to 60.

The maximum insurance benefit would be boosted from \$85 to \$150 a month and in addition the bill would provide direct Federal aid for all needy persons.

It would also raise the old-age insurance tax rate from the present one per cent to 1.5 per cent on the first \$3,000 of an employee's paycheck and the employer's payroll next July 1. Under the present law, the increase is not due to begin until January 1, 1950.

The rate would jump to two per cent against the first \$4,800 of an employee's pay and employer's payroll next January 1. The Administration's proposals were embodied in two bills covering more than 100 pages. The measures were introduced by Chairman Doughton (D-NC) of the House Ways and Means Committee.

Chamber Commerce Postpones Meeting

Due to other important gatherings, the Chamber of Commerce meeting announced for Thursday night February 24, has been postponed until Thursday night March 3.

Mr. Stanley A. Harris, secretary of the organization, asks that there be a full attendance at the meeting. Mr. J. C. Baskerville of Lenoir, has been asked to speak on this occasion.

Chicago — Faking a "faint," Irvine Kapper, 49, who was being held up by three gunmen, fell to the floor and a customer screamed, "Call a doctor." The holdup men fled, taking \$773 from his cash register, but failing to get \$1,500 in the safe.