

KING STREET BY ROB RIVERS

FREEZING TEMPERATURES usher in the Easter season, and fears for the safety of the apple crop, allayed when we were assured "there's little danger, when the moon is old." ... Cherry blossoms not so pretty this spring as usual ... too cold perhaps ... and not nearly so many of the big old trees as in the days gone by when the street was dotted with them ...

PROUD PAPA chiding daughter for failure to drink all the glass of milk provided at the lunch counter ... "Don't you know," quoth he, "that most all the vitamins are contained in the last little bit ... when you start drinking, the vitamins are possessed with the idea of self-preservation and they drive to the bottom ..."

MCKINLEY AYERS rounds out twenty-five years of service with the local power and light company, and the folks should appreciate Mr. Ayers' fidelity to his job ... He has established a record of uninterrupted electric service in the community, which would be hard to duplicate ...

PROSPEROUS BUSINESS men confide that he has acquired a circle of chums among the so-called "little folks" from whom he gains considerable pleasure and a good deal of sound philosophy ... "Tendency is," says he, "to build up friendships only among those who have the coin ..."

"COMFORT STATION" suggestion you made some time ago, said our visitor, caused quite a giggle about town, but it just wasn't a bit funny to me ... You see, there is little satisfaction in the discomfort of a visitor to the community, which owes its visitor certain conveniences ...

COME TO THINK OF IT, we perhaps have not been quite as graciously inclined toward our visitors as we might be ... Business houses could (Continued on page 4)

LIONS' CLUB SWEETHEART CONTESTANTS



Pictured are those who competed for the title, "Lions Club Sweetheart" at the recent talent show held here. They are, front row, left to right, Ellen Culler, Rich Mountain school; Betty Brendall, Boone Demonstration school; Fay Critcher, Bamboo school; (second place winner); Shirley Triplett, Elk school; Leslie Mast, Cove Creek Elementary school; Catherine Taylor, Valle Crucis school; (third place winner); Margaret Steelman, Deep Gap school; Back row, left to right, Shirley Williams, Mabel school; Mary Nell Tester, Bethel High school; Barbara Jones, Boone High school; (first place winner); Betty Moody, Blowing Rock High school; Mary Thomas, Cove Creek High school; Thelma Phillips, Rutherford school; Jean Lewis, Green Valley school. —Photo Palmer Blair.

Clean-Up Effort Started in City

The annual clean-up campaign or the community started Monday and will continue throughout the remainder of the month, and city officials are insisting that the people co-operate in making the town slightly for the summer season.

With plans for the centennial celebration going forward it is believed that record numbers will come to Boone for the celebration, and of course many hundreds of teachers will be at Appalachian College for the summer terms, in addition to the tourist travel. It behooves the community to be spick and span for the arrival of these guests.

With another new truck on the job and additional city helpers the town is in a position to move the rubbish promptly. It is asked that the debris be placed where trucks can reach it, and it will be promptly disposed of without the necessity of calling the city hall.

Great Britain Notes Aid Local Red Cross

Rev. E. F. Troutman, retiring president of the Watauga county Red Cross chapter, has received a certificate of appreciation from Great Britain, acknowledging the help of the local people during the war years.

"His Majesty's government in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland most warmly thanks the members of the chapter of the American Red Cross in Watauga county, North Carolina, for the valuable help which they have given towards the relief of suffering in the United Kingdom caused by enemy action during the war of 1939-1945.

Stream Closed For Spawning

The South Fork of New River from Castle Ford to the junction with Middle Fork will be closed from May 1 to June 30, having been designated by the Wildlife Resources Commission as a spawning area.

Drivers Asked To Renew Licenses

All persons, whose surnames begin with either of the letters H, I, J, or K, are asked to come to the courthouse in Boone on Thursdays and Fridays from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. and renew their drivers' license, as they only have until June 30, 1949 to comply with the law in this connection.

CITY COUNCIL PLEDGES HELP TO COMMITTEE ON JULY FETE

Resolutions Are Passed Endorsing Centennial Celebration, and Citing the Rapid Growth of the County; Full Support Given.

A resolution, supporting Watauga County's Centennial, was passed Friday night by the Boone Board of Aldermen and mayor, Gordon Winkler. Similar resolutions, Mr. Stanley A. Harris, secretary of the local Chamber of Commerce, said, are before 16 civic organizations in the county.

Text of the resolution passed by the Board follows: THAT WHEREAS, 100 years ago Watauga county began its official existence with due form and ceremony from the legislature of North Carolina and during the intervening 100 years has grown from a remote and sparsely settled mountain wilderness to one of the greatest agricultural and grazing counties in the mountains of Eastern North America and is now a thriving and prosperous community attracting not only those who desire to establish a home and make valuable contributions to the welfare of our state and nation, but it attracts thousands of visitors each year from all sections of our country and foreign lands.

AND WHEREAS, it seems fitting and proper that due recognition be given to impress upon our own citizenry the long and steady growth of the county to the end that it might inspire them to greater achievements in the years to come, as well as to inform the world as to the achievements attained by our people;

AND WHEREAS, through the leadership of a number of our public spirited citizens the Boone Chamber of Commerce, the Boone Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Blowing Rock Chamber of Commerce have formed the Watauga Centennial, Incorporated and have undertaken to provide a fitting and proper celebration commemorating the 100 years of progress of Watauga County;

Superior Court Opens Monday

The regular spring term of Watauga Superior court convenes next Monday for a one week session, and it is expected that about 100 criminal cases will be tried during the term.

Unconscious Man Found On 421

A man, who Tuesday gave his name as G. D. Triplett of Morganton, was found on highway 421 in the vicinity of Mable, in an unconscious condition Monday evening, apparently either the victim of a hit and run driver or suffering from the effects of a fall.

Local High School Wins in Debating

Appalachian High students distinguished themselves in the past week and brought additional glory to the high school. Miss Joanne Aldridge and Miss Joanne Hardin won the District Debating contest and are now eligible to compete in the state contest at Chapel Hill.

Fire Damages Old "Tweetsie" Station

Linville.—The general store of Tabor G. Greene here caught fire about 4 p. m. Saturday. The flames were extinguished by a bucket brigade using water from the Linville River, which flows behind the building. Loss to building contents was estimated at \$2,500.

IN RECITAL



MISS RACHEL ANN VANCE

Miss Vance To Sing In Recital Here

Miss Rachel Ann Vance, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Vance, of Boone, will appear in senior voice recital on Friday night, April 22, in the college auditorium at eight o'clock.

She has given freely of her time and talents, not only to college activities, but to the churches, social and civic organizations of Boone.

93-Year-Old Woman Works for Red Cross

The following letter together with a nice hand-made quilt was sent to the Red Cross during the recent campaign for funds. Sugar Grove, N. C. Feb. 14, 1949

Ministers Aid In Celebration

The ministers of Watauga county met Monday night at Willow Dale church, under the leadership of Dr. W. G. Bond, pastor of Boone First Baptist church, to discuss the part of the churches of the county in Watauga's Centennial celebration in July.

Local Students Will Become Members FTA

Five Boone students have been invited to become members of the Future Teachers of America Chapter at A. S. T. C. They are Erma Norris, Mary Moss, Verdola Keller, Mary and Martha Austin. The club is organized for the purpose of promoting professional leadership among future teachers.

FURTHER NEED AT HOSPITAL IS CITED AT MEETING HERE

Report of Officials Indicate That Over Twenty Thousand Dollars Has Been Pledged to Expansion Program; More Funds Are Needed.

A group of persons interested in the expansion program at Watauga hospital met at the Skyline Restaurant last Thursday at noon and heard reports from C. Yde Greene, chairman and Alfred Adams, treasurer of the fund raising committee. It was shown that \$20,136.00 has been pledged and of this amount \$16,936.00 has actually been paid in.

Dr. Lawrence Owsley of the hospital staff, was present and spoke interestingly of the new equipment already in use at the hospital and of the urgent need for additional registered nurses. The shortage of registered nurses is said to be nation-wide and at least three more are needed at the local institution, it is said.

Fred Gragg Heads Financial Group

Fred Gragg, county court clerk, has accepted chairmanship of the financial committee of the Watauga Centennial. His associate is Miss Ellen Coffey. Richard Kelley has accepted chairmanship of the ticket sales committee and season tickets for the Centennial which will be available in the next few days.

J. Walter Wright, 82, Passes Sunday

James Walter Wright, 82, outstanding business man and financier of Bristol and the Appalachian area, died at 3 a. m. Sunday, April 10, at his home, 124 Solar street, in Bristol. He had been in declining health for some time.

Local Student Honored Wake Forest College

Several Western North Carolina students have been honored at Wake Forest College. Bob Sherrill of Asheville has been nominated for president of the Junior Class, Alex Kiser of Brevard and George Greene, Jr. of Boone have been nominated as senior candidates on the student council and Bob Crouch of Asheville has been nominated as junior candidate.