

## KING STREET

BY ROB RIVERS

JOE HARTLEY, one of the old-timers of the community, who wandered off the home reservation many years ago to establish his home down in Hickory, visited with us the other day, and brought back memories of the old days with his reminiscences of the horse and buggy era . . . He reminded that it was he and Jesse F. Robbins, who pulled the first power-propelled printing machine across from Lenoir with four straining horses, to supplant the old Washington hand press in the Democrat office . . . The little machine, which was powered by a gasoline engine, weighed only about a couple of tons, but it took two days to bring it over the hill . . . Mr. Hartley says the load mired down solid in the mud at the Wade Rogers place, a mile from its destination, and was pulled on into town the next morning . . . The gasoline press was used for a number of years . . . automobiles hadn't brought about any gasoline pumps in the area, and five gallon containers were sent over the hill to the publisher from the Lenoir Hardware Co., along with an occasional bit of lubrication . . . B. T. Brannock had bought a big gasoline threshing machine, and sometimes he loaned a bit of gas from his can for the press run down at the Democrat office . . . It being Watauga county's centennial, we came to reflect a bit on Boone of a few years ago, . . . the talk of the old printing press, and other small gossip about the old days, caused us to take a rather long look back along the way at a sleepy little village, which later grew up . . . and to think of the friends of long ago, whose places have been filled by the inhabitants of a hustling little city, which in no way resembles the smug little neighborhood of our elders.

THERE WAS THE BLACKBURN Hotel, the center of community life . . . the big general store, where every manner of merchandise was desired up to that time could be bought for cash or on the cuff . . . Mr. Blackburn telling a good joke, and giving down with sage advice and sound logic . . . The pointed roof of the old courthouse, where the "Magic Lantern" show packed the house, and was the talk of the town for days . . . Court Clerk Thomas Bingham, with his spectacles resting across his forehead . . . Sheriff Bill Baird with the well-barbered chin-beard . . . The old Methodist Church with its pointed spire, just below the Blackburn house . . . The Lovell law office with Captain Lovell, and William R. defending the folks who had done wrong . . . Lawyers Dick Fletcher and E. S. Coffey and F. A. Linney . . . The old public well out in the street near the courthouse, and our ancestral home, which had never seen a paint brush, and which has housed four generations of Riverses . . . The old Horton house across from the Democrat office . . . Mrs. Edith Horton, who knew all the good Civil war tales, and her neighborly family . . . The old Democrat office with our dad tolling over his type cases, and running a town farm on the side . . . J. M. Moretz's store and residence . . . The Bryan House, and Squire Bryan calling the hands from the fields with a blast from his hunting horn . . . The Linney law office and home, and the old Crack Council house where the postoffice stands . . . The Blair hotel, with Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Blair entertaining the guests . . . the big dinner bell above the kitchen part of the house, and the "yellow house" just below, which had housed the village saloon before our day . . . The Councill blacksmith shop, and the ring of the big hammers on the anvil . . . the old log jail on Depot Street, the Critcher hotel, and the "brick row," used as a hotel annex . . .

ON DOWN THE STREET Jones' Cottrell's store, and the R. M. Greene house and variety store . . . J. C. Fletcher's home, and Cook Brothers store, and St. Luke's Church on the corner of King Street and the Blowing Rock turnpike . . . the old school building in the chinapin bushes somewhere behind the Methodist church lot . . . Watauga Academy, and the stern discipline of the school masters . . . The Baptist church with the fish on the spire, invariably referred to by the negroes as "Mr. Coffey's Church" out of deference to W. C. Coffey, on whose land it was built . . . The old Methodist parsonage, where Rev. J. H. Brandell, Rev. B. H. Hargett and other able circuit riders lived . . . The Dougherty mill, and the Daniel Boone Oak, and the big trees along the street . . . The wagons stuck in the mud . . . the old plank sidewalks, built around the shade trees . . . walkways later made of white sand and gravel . . . (Continued on page 4)

## HE PREFERS HERMITHOOD



"Civilization? You can have it! I'll stay right here," 33-year-old Paul Makushak says in effect as he is questioned by District Attorney Miles McDonald in his hermit "hideaway" in a Brooklyn tenement in which he had spent 10 years as a recluse. His high school year book photo (inset), taken 12 years ago, shows how he looked two years before he decided to eschew the world and go into voluntary seclusion.

## Winkler, Baird To Head Road Drive

### Finals Set At Appalachian Hi

Fifty-four are candidates for graduation at the commencement exercises to be held for Appalachian High School at the College auditorium Friday May 27, at eight o'clock. The following members of the senior class are expected to graduate: Nora Austin, Betty Ruth Barnes, Annie Cooke, Hazel Cornett, Elsie Greene, Irene Greene, Kathleen Greene, Reba Greene, Mary Sue Greer, Mary Jo Gross, Nell Gross, Lovonne Hampton, Rosella Hampton, Evelyn Hartley, Margaret Hayes, Fairy Hodges, Sylvia Hollars, Betty Honeycutt, Joan Hughes, Barbara Jones, Gladys Jones, Mary Frances Klutz, Juanita Norris, Nell Norris, Ava Lee Payne, Reba Smith, Lois Townsend, Betty Jo Turner, Betty Vannoy, Mary Lee Watson, Lawrence Barden, Ted Barnett, James Beshears, James Bradshaw, Roscoe Brown, Bill Buchanan, Claude Carlton, Marvin Casey, L. M. Cook, Herb Davidson, Paul Edmisten, Ray Greene, Lawrence Greene, Dale Gross, Phil Hughes, Donald McCracken, Paul Miller, V. J. Moretz, V. C. Payne, Lawrence Phillips, Dennis Teague, Howard Tugman, Hal Vannoy, Donald Warman.

The baccalaureate sermon will be preached by Rev. Sam Moss Sunday May 22, at 8 o'clock at the Baptist Church.

### Pre-School Clinic Immunizes 169

To date 169 children have received examinations and immunizations at the Pre-School Clinics; 118 were vaccinated for Smallpox, 107 for Diphtheria and 65 for Whooping Cough.

If your child is unable to attend a Pre-School Clinic please take him to your family doctor or bring him to the local health department on a Wednesday or Saturday morning for a check-up.

No child will be allowed to enter until he is immunized either by having had the disease or the vaccination for Whooping Cough, Diphtheria, and Smallpox.

### Talent Contest Set For Blowing Rock

An amateur talent contest will be held at Blowing Rock, on Saturday May 28, at 8 o'clock at the school. The proceeds will benefit the American Legion Auxiliary.

Larry Walker of W. B. T. will be master of ceremonies and Mrs. Walker and two other competent persons will be judges.

Any person or persons desiring to enter should address their application to Luda C. Gragg, Sec. American Legion Auxiliary. No entry fee is being charged.

Boone talent is welcomed to the show. Cash prizes will be awarded.

### Piano Students To Give Recital Monday Night

Students of Mrs. Boone will be heard in recital Monday evening May 23 at 7:30 o'clock in College auditorium. The program promises to be entertaining and includes a dance number by Mollie Agle. All friends of music are cordially invited.

Newspaper is called backbone of advertising for all products.

### Boone and Valle Crucis Men Have Accepted Leadership For Scott Program

Raleigh.—The names of those who have accepted co-chairmanship of Watauga County's Committee for Better Schools and Roads were announced here this week by John Marshall, executive secretary of Better Schools and Roads, Inc.

They are Frank Baird, Valle Crucis, and W. R. Winkler, Boone.

The chairmen will spearhead a county drive for voters' support of the Better Schools and Roads program which faces its biggest test on June 4 when the people of North Carolina will vote on the issuance of bonds for schools and road building.

Their appointment and acceptance as leaders of the local effort marks another step in the State-wide program to inform all the Heels of the need for better schools and roads and to impress upon all voters the significance of the June 4 election for the economic and social life of North Carolina.

By their acceptance of co-chairmanship they also became directors in the non-profit, non-partisan citizens' organization, Better Schools and Roads, Inc.

The co-chairmen took as their first job the encouragement of voters to register for the election. In this connection, however, they pointed out that no special registration is required. Any citizen now on the registration books can vote, and citizens who are not already registered may do so on May 21 at their polling places, they said.

### Many Attend Meeting Of Citizens' Group

The Watauga County Citizens' Committee met last Tuesday night at the Gateway Cafe. Twenty persons were present, including representatives from the Town Board of Boone, a representative from Blowing Rock, and six of the law enforcement officers of the town and county.

An informal discussion on the general theme of law enforcement in the county took place. The group tried to discover ways and means of implementing the enforcement of the county dry laws that have been passed in the recent referendum. The general sentiment of the group was one of commendation for the efforts and the work of our present officers. It was stressed that loyal citizens must cooperate if the laws of the county are to be enforced.

Several specific suggestions were made. It was stressed that in order to enforce our dry laws citizens must be willing to report any known violations and sign warrants when necessary. The issue is one involving a great measure of individual responsibility and enforcement. It was also suggested that the committee make definite efforts to check on all persons receiving suspended sentences for violations of the liquor laws and be prepared to report at the next session of court concerning the way in which the sentences have been observed. Efforts will be made to secure information in such instances.

The committee will meet again when the officers designate the need for a meeting and the time.

### Join the "Bonnet Club" Is Urged

Last Thursday the members of the Home and Garden club on their trip to the Biltmore estate at Asheville were 100% in the Bonnet club. They attracted much attention.

Bonnets are beginning to appear on the street, both the poke bonnet and split bonnet. The 1849 type was the poke bonnet. Many variations, lace and ruffles were used. Colors were pastel prints in small sprays, and thin materials were most common. Bonnets and dresses were often of the same material.

Bonnets are on display in the Fashion Shop. They are being made by members of the Home and Garden club for \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$2.00 each. For special orders call Mrs. R. H. Harmon, telephone 238-W.

Rise in total employment seen in second quarter of this year. Steel shipments reached peak in March.

## MANY BEING ASKED TO GO TO ASHEVILLE PARK HEARING

Congressional Committee To Hold Hearings in Asheville; W. R. Winkler, Member Park Commission, Anxious For Completion of Parkway

Mr. W. R. Winkler, of Boone, member of the State Park Commission has invited a number of town and city officials, representatives of civic groups and others to attend the public hearing of the House Public Lands Committee in Asheville May 21.

Mr. Winkler states that Wade E. Brown will be the spokesman for the local delegation, when the twenty-five member congressional committee, headed by Chairman Peterson of Florida will hold hearings on matters pertaining to the parkway and parkway property in general.

The meeting of the congressional group, the first such gathering ever to be held in the area, was arranged by Representative Monroe Redden, at the insistence of the State Park Commission, in its efforts to secure the early completion of the scenic parkway, and additional funds for the Smoky Mountain National Park. A number of witnesses from this immediate area are expected to testify.

Democratic members of the Public Lands Committee are: Peterson, chairman; John R. Murdock, Arizona; Clair Engle, California; Redden; Toby Morris, Oklahoma; Ken Regan, Texas; Lloyd M. Bentsen Jr., Texas; Compton I. White, Idaho; Walter S. Baring, Nevada; Reva Beck Bosone, Utah; Fred Marshall, Minnesota; Harry P. O'Neill, Pennsylvania; Wayne N. Aspinall, Colorado; John E. Miles, New Mexico; E. L. Bartlett, Alaska and A. Fernos-Isern, Puerto Rico.

Republican members are: Richard J. Welch, California; Fred L. Crawford, Michigan; William Lemke, North Dakota; Frank A. Barrett, Wyoming; Dean P. Taylor, New York; Jay LeFevre, New York; A. L. Miller, Nebraska; Wesley A. D'Ewart, Montana; Norris Poulson, California; John Sanborn, Idaho, and Joseph R. Farrington, Hawaii.

## Avery Officer Is Fatally Injured

Elk Park.—Max Daniels, chief deputy sheriff of Avery county, for the past six years, died in a hospital here shortly before 4 p. m. Monday. He was 45 years of age.

Daniels was fatally injured Saturday night when an unidentified driver of a speeding automobile resisted arrest and started his car, dragging the officer a short distance along the highway before he was thrown clear.

Daniels, driving a pick-up truck owned by James Farthing, overtook and halted the speeding automobile. The occupant scuffled with the officer, pulled clear and drove away. Farthing, who was driving Daniels' automobile, witnessed the scuffle.

The automobile, a blue Chevrolet, reportedly was bearing Louisiana license plates.

Farthing took Daniels to the hospital here, where examination disclosed his sixth vertebra was broken. He had been paralyzed from the chin down.

Daniels had been wounded in another arrest attempt near Newland about three weeks ago.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Della Hopkins Daniels; two sons, Bill and Phil; the mother, Mrs. F. W. Gaines, all of Newland; a brother, Bruce Daniels, mayor of Newland; five sisters, Mrs. R. H. Massey, Mrs. S. B. Lacey, Sr., Mrs. Finley Banner and Mrs. Sam Ray of Newland and Mrs. Ted Blagock of Rock Springs, Wyo.

## Local Merchants To Attend Charlotte Meet

The Boone Merchants Association directors met in the Skyline Cafe Tuesday, and made plans to attend the State Merchants Association Convention in Charlotte next Monday and Tuesday. Among those planning to go from Boone are Mr. and Mrs. Howard Cottrell, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cline, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde R. Greene, Mr. and Mrs. Cobb Cline.

President Cottrell appointed Woodrow Greene, D. M. Edmisten to a special committee to a plan to try and keep the Watauga county trade in Watauga county and Boone.

"We should keep our money here in this county where it will work to build a better home community for us, rather than sending it to other towns to work for them, as we do when we shop away from home," said Mr. Cottrell.

Woodrow Greene was appointed to work with other civic organizations in ridding the town of some unsanitary and unattractive practices.

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Highway Commissioner Mark Goforth of Lenoir, will speak at the monthly meeting of the Chamber of Commerce to be held at the Skyline Restaurant Thursday evening at 7 o'clock.

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## DEFENSE UNDERSECRETARY



Stephen T. Early, press secretary of the late FDR, is sworn in as undersecretary of defense by Defense Secretary Louis A. Johnson in the presence of officials and Early's immediate family. Left to right are Early, Mrs. Early and Johnson.

## Books To Open As City Election Nears



Charleston, S. C. — "Tarry at Boone until your beards be grown," is the order of the season at that western North Carolina town as it makes preparation for celebrating the 100th birthday of Watauga County. Daniel Boone made his headquarters there from 1760-1769. To remind the thousands of tourists already flocking to the Watauga section of the mammoth celebration to be staged July 5 through July 10, Watauga men have pledged themselves to grow beards. One of the finest "crops" has been achieved by Lt. Wade E. Brown, USNR of Boone, former state senator, county attorney and attorney for that town, who did not let his annual two-weeks Naval Reserve training duty at the Sixth Naval District legal office here interfere with the cultivation of his distinguished beard. (official U. S. Naval Photo.)

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## No Candidates Have Yet Been Placed in Field for Election on June 21.

The election for the town of Boone will be held Tuesday June 21, and registration of those who have not hitherto participated in a municipal election will start next Saturday, and remain open at city hall each Saturday including June 11. June 18 is challenge day.

Mrs. W. G. Harzog is the registrar and the books will be open at city hall on the dates indicated. J. C. McConnell and Russell D. Hodges are the judges of the election.

A mayor and members of the three-man city council will be elected. Neither political party has called a nominating convention at this time.

## 143 Collegians To Get Degrees

Friday at 10:30 a. m. Dr. B. B. Dougherty, president of Appalachian State Teachers College, will confer degrees upon a class of 143 graduates, 135 whom are from 54 North Carolina counties. The commencement address will be given by Dr. Clyde A. Erwin, State superintendent of public instruction.

The commencement program will include the processional, the traditional hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy" which is always used at Appalachian commencements; the invocation by the Rev. Sam Moss, pastor of Boone Methodist Church; an anthem "Listen to the Lambs" by the Appalachian cappella choir under the direction of Virginia Wary Linney; the graduation address by Dr. Erwin; the "Hallelujah Chorus" by Handel, sung by the choir; the conferring of degrees and awarding of diplomas by Dr. Dougherty; the benediction by the Rev. J. K. Parker, pastor of James I. Vance Memorial church of Boone and the recessional.

## New Parkway Link Is Open For Travel

The Craggy Gardens section of the Blue Ridge Parkway and the dead-end section of the Parkway from Wagon Road Gap westward from the Waynesville-Brevard Highway, will be opened to the public on Saturday, May 28, it was announced this week by Sam R. Weems, superintendent of the Parkway.

Both sections, however, will remain open only during the duration of rhododendron and laurel blooming time along each route.

Parkway officials said that construction work along the Craggy Gardens section would continue during the period the road is open and warned motorists of heavy road equipment that will be travelling over this route. They urged motorists to operate their vehicles with caution in that section.

The Craggy section will be closed to traffic after 9 p. m. each day because of the fact the Parkway crosses the Asheville watershed. The Parkway will be closed beyond Craggy Gardens.

The only available approach to the Craggy Garden section from Asheville at present is via Elk Mountain Road and Parkway officials have asked that motorists drive carefully over this stretch because the road there is not of standard highway width.

The Wagon Road Gap section is approximately four and one-half miles long and is said to be one of the most beautiful along the Parkway. It may be reached also via the old Pisgah Motor Road, an extension of N. C. State Highway 112 out of Candler.

## SCOTT, REECE, GREER SLATED TO SPEAK AT JULY AFFAIR

Leaders Accept Invitations To Supply Oratory for Centennial Celebration; Whitener Writes County History; Other Committees Are Named.

Governor W. Kerr Scott has accepted an invitation of the Watauga Centennial, Inc., to speak during the celebration of Watauga county's 100 years of existence, according to an announcement by Stanley A. Harris, president of the Centennial. Tentative date for his appearance here is July 6, second day of the celebration on the ASTC athletic field.

Others who have accepted invitations to speak during the celebration include Dr. I. G. Greer, executive vice president of The Business Foundation of North Carolina, native of this section, and former head of Mills Home Orphanage at Thomasville; and Carroll Reece, ex chairman of the National Republican Committee. Mr. Reece will speak Tuesday, July 6 and Dr. Greer will probably make his address Saturday, July 9.

Mr. Harris stated that Dr. D. J. Whitener, historian for the Centennial, has submitted 144 typewritten pages of history to the Publicity division, which includes Wade E. Brown and Marvin Culbreth, along with himself. This history will be published in the official programs. The writings include a complete history of the county, the Appalachian State Teachers College, names of the first settlers and first officers of the community and a list of the families who lived in Watauga in 1790.

The Centennial committee met Tuesday when reports of the sale of advance tickets were made. It was reported that more than 500 season tickets have been sold in Boone alone. The committee decided to continue sale of advance tickets at reduced rates until 700 had been sold in Boone or until June 4, whichever is the shorter. Mr. Harris stated that no season tickets will be sold at the reduced rates after that time.

Mr. Harris attended the century celebrations of Forsyth and Alamance counties last week. The dramatization of their foundations were produced by the same company which has been secured for the production of "Echoes of the Blue Ridge." He returned home enthused over the successes of these celebrations, and said that if the people of Watauga county are as interested in their celebration here July 5-10 it will "be a marvelous success." He estimated more than 150,000 witnessed the parade in Winston-Salem Saturday.

He said both the spectacle "Forsythorama" and "Almanace Heritage" were complete sell outs, with standing room being sold in both instances.

The following committees have been appointed by Mr. Harris: Finance Division, Fred Gragg, Miss Ellen Coffey; Official Program, Bob Agle; Novelty committee, W. R. Richardson; Queen and Pioneer Contest committee, Watt Gragg; Advance Ticket sales, Richard Kelley, Alfred Adams; Reserve Seats, W. W. Chester; Concessions, Russell Hodges, Sr.; Publicity Division, Wade E. Brown, Marvin Culbreth; Press committee, Rob Rivers, Mrs. Ruby Ellis, Joe Minor; Speakers committee, Gordon Winkler; Spectacle Division, Dr. J. T. C. Wright, W. W. Williams; Talent committee, Howard Walker, R. W. Watkins; Costumes and make up, Mrs. B. W. Stallings, Mrs. Wm. Matheson, Miss Lucy Brock; Properties committee, S. F. Horton, John Howell; Construction, Perry Greene; Special Events, Howard Cottrell, Robert Hardin; Hospitality committee, R. D. Hodges, Jr.; Traffic and Safety, Chief of Police Verne Greene; Housing, Mrs. Eric Adams.

Dr. John S. Gaul will be at the local health department office on Friday morning, May 20 at 9:30 a. m. to conduct the Crippled Children's Clinic.

We would like to have every crippled child in Watauga county attend this clinic.

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