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KING STREET

BY ROB RIVERS

ALONG THE WAY: Fresh paving on Blowing Rock highway oozes road oil in the heat of the day and bespatters the vehicles which zoom along the straightened artery. New road by-passes town of Blowing Rock which takes the through traffic off the crowded main street of the resort town. Boone in urgent need of such an arrangement. Truck loaded with furniture, bedding, etc., and the family cow contentedly chewing her cud amongst the plunder. Lad sits in parlor chair, with head of Shepherd dog in his lap, both gazing sadly backward toward the old home. Groups of tourists having picnic lunches along the highways. The site of the old watering trough on the old section of highway below Green Park, where we used to give the flivver her last cooling draught, before chugging over the crest of the mountain. Three kids on a bicycle. And huge loads of cabbage making their way to the local kraut factory.

SALISBURY MAN emerges from Charlotte ABC store, with his short quart in one of those long slim paper bags. Says he'll be buying at home by late fall since his county has voted to set up the alcoholic dispensaries. "Incidentally," quoth he, "I guess I carried Rowan county. You see, an election always goes contrary to my way of voting. So I, the wettest man in the county, casts a dry ballot, and wet she goes. So long as I voted for the stores the prohibitionists began voting the Republican ticket about twenty years ago. You should know what sort of luck I've had with that. I just can't be on the winning side if I follow my natural inclinations. Wish Pete Murphy could have lived to see me win."

SALESMEN whom you couldn't even reach on the telephone back in those hectic days of scarcity, come around right regularly, and plead for a small order. Visitors cool in the shade of the old maple tree, near the Democrat, and tell of the 100 degree readings down below the hills. Rows of cars with the Blowing Rock stickers, others with signs indicating the occupants had journeyed through the Linville caverns. Cars from five different states parked side by side down town. Katydids chirp at eventide, their cadence interrupted by the plaintive quivering note of the diminutive screech owl. Solicitors busily engaged in chasing up another ten thousand for the expansion program down at the hospital. The holly trees at the postoffice, thriving, despite the fact that they are not supposed to live here. Crowds gather at local show windows in evening and watch television program, which comes in clearly and the new Buick, displayed at Watauga Sales and Service, being viewed by the motor-mind.

A GROUP of local politicians had gathered to discuss the momentous matter. The proper person was being selected to influence another who could pull the desired string. "I don't think he can influence the man," quoth one. "He may become influential. I'll tell you a story." "Once a man was poised on the Brooklyn bridge all ready to make the fatal jump into the murky river. A policeman grabbed him by his coat tails and drew him back to safety. 'You can't do that, my good man. Come over here, and tell me your troubles. There's always a better way!' The cop and the suicide-minded one went into a huddle for about five minutes, then took their places side by side and both jumped from the bridge."

BRADLEY WELFARE, head of the circulation department of the Winston-Salem Journal, who has been in the newspaper business for 52 years, smelled the ink at the Democrat office yesterday and dropped in to renew old acquaintance, and to gossip a bit over the little things that are common to all newspapers, daily, weekly, and otherwise. We reminisced a bit on the time when Boone readers received their daily newspapers the day following publication, and both recalled the Journal having been the first to put a fresh newspaper at the breakfast tables in Boone. Others quickly followed suit. But the Journal paved the way. The Democrat at the time lauded the progressiveness of the daily of the tobacco city, and has always maintained an especial interest in the newspaper, which has worked so manfully and fruitfully for the northwestern tier of counties, which had formerly been known as the Lost Provinces. It's a good newspaper published by a good bunch of folks, and the

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UNC CAMPUS SEASIDE CAPERS



Dancing is a popular course at the Roanoke Island fine arts center of the University of North Carolina at Manteo. The unique school, with classes held mostly outdoors, provides youngsters a chance to have their vacation and learn too. Courses include painting and composition, music appreciation, sight singing, voice training and dramatics. Courses give regular credit toward a degree.

Baptist Association In 109th Annual Meet

MODERATOR



REV. R. C. EGGERS

Church Gathering Represents 44 Churches with Membership of 7,379.

The one hundred and ninth annual session of the Three Forks Baptist Association will be held with the Forest Grove and Zionville churches on August 30 and 31, it was revealed by Clyde R. Greene, association clerk.

Organized in 1840, the Three Forks Association embraces 44 churches, with a current membership of 7,379. Of interest is the fact that six of these churches were organized more than one hundred years ago. Three Forks Church, from which the association derives its name, is 159 years old. Others founded more than a century ago are Antioch, Cove Creek, South Fork, Stony Fork, and Zionville.

Rev. R. C. Eggers is moderator of the Association which holds its first day's session at Forest Grove, with the annual sermon by Rev. Ronda Egan.

On the second day the sessions will be held at Zionville church, where the sermon will be delivered by Rev. C. O. Vance. Dr. L. G. Greer, native of the Zionville section, and former superintendent of the Baptist Orphanage, is also expected to appear on the program.

Wey, Wilson On School Panel

Mr. Chapell Wilson and Mr. Herbert Wey have been appointed as members of the State survey panel board to investigate and approve county and city building plans. The State Superintendent, Clyde R. Erwin, appointed a 25-man committee to meet in sections all over the state and review the county and city superintendents' building plans. Plans must be approved by the panel before any of the fifty million dollar state building aid can be received. Members of this committee will also be on call to help out on county surveys which will be necessary before the building plans can be made.

Harold Quincy Resigns As Athletic Director

Mr. Harold Quincy, after six years as physical education teacher and athletic director, has resigned to accept a position in Miami, Florida. Employed to replace him is Mr. Bob Nolan who received his B. S. Degree from Guilford College and his Master's Degree from Springfield College. Mr. Nolan was an outstanding athlete while at Guilford starring in football and baseball. He received the best all-around athlete award during his senior year at Guilford. He was serving as assistant coach at Guilford when he went into service and there he continued his coaching experience. Mr. Nolan's graduate work at Springfield College was in health and physical education and he is well qualified to continue the outstanding program of health and physical education that Mr. Quincy has built up at Appalachian High school.

James Leak Appointed Assistant to Mr. Wey

Mr. James Leak who taught Geography and commerce last year will serve as assistant principal during the coming year. He will assist in the supervision of teachers and help with the guidance program in relation to the student body. Mr. Leak has his Master's Degree in Administration and Guidance from Indiana University and is well qualified to handle this position.

PIE THIEF
Pittsburgh, Pa.—A thief stole a delivery truck loaded with about 500 pies in assorted flavors. The truck and the pies belonged to the Pittsburgh Pie Company.

MOBILE X-RAY UNIT CLAIMS ATTENTION OF HEALTH GROUP

County Health Council Meets Saturday, and Discuss Benefits To Be Derived from X-Ray Service; No Cost To Get X-Ray Test.

The Watauga County Health Council met Saturday afternoon, August 13th, in the courthouse in Boone for the purpose of planning the work for the council members.

Mr. Clyde R. Greene, president, called the meeting to order and stated the purpose of the meeting. Mr. Wade E. Eller of the local health department commented on the service of the x-ray to the people of the county and explained that this service is possible through the cooperation of the Tuberculosis Control Division of the State Board of Health. Miss Madeleine McCain, secretary of the council, distributed posters and bulletins to be used in all the communities. The schedule for x-raying by communities was explained and the importance of following the schedule to balance the work of the mobile unit and get as many people x-rayed as possible in the allotted time for Watauga county was pointed out to the representatives attending. The x-ray unit will operate from 10:00 a. m. to 4:00 p. m. daily, Tuesday through Saturday, beginning in Boone August 26th. It will be possible for approximately 350 persons, 15 years of age or older, to receive their free chest x-ray each day. Your community chairman will call on you or make an announcement as to the day assigned for your communities x-rays. This survey will be successful in proportion to the response that citizens of every community make to the announcement of the date for the x-ray. Every citizen who is old enough should avail themselves of this opportunity and have a free chest x-ray made and be sure of the absence of tuberculosis. It will only take a minute or two to be x-rayed. You do not have to undress to be x-rayed. It is free. Every person x-rayed will be notified of the results of the x-ray.

Hospital Drive Meets Success

Members of the advanced gifts committee, Watauga hospital, had an interesting meeting Friday, August 12, they were greatly encouraged that fifteen units of the \$250.00 club have been secured. They are now preparing to solicit a large number of people listed as able to give \$25.00 or more, and it is hoped they may secure at least \$7500.00 toward the \$10,000.00 required to match the Duke Endowment by Friday, August 19, when they will meet again for report.

Vance and Whitener To Appear in Recital

The first student recital of the Appalachian Summer School will be heard Thursday evening, August 18, in the college auditorium. Miss Rachel Ann Vance, soprano, and Rogers Whitener, bass-baritone, offer a program of light classical and musical comedy selections. Both duets and solos will be heard on the evening's program, with the music of Friml, Youmans, Kern, and Gershwin being featured.

Rummage Sale Set For Friday Afternoon

A rummage sale will be held in front of the Pastime Theatre Friday, August 19, by the music and art club. Articles to be sold will include clothing, hats, shoes, dishes, etc. All will be sold at below cost.

AUTO COSTS
As if you did not already know it, officials come out with the information that the overall cost of buying and operating a new automobile today has just about doubled since prewar days. The biggest single factor in increased costs is the higher selling price of cars. However, repair costs, gasoline prices and auto insurance premiums also have risen substantially.

NEW EQUIPMENT AT HOSPITAL



The picture above shows the Hawley Table at Watauga Hospital in use for application of cast in spinal condition. This heavy piece of equipment is necessary in the successful treatment of fracture of the spine and large bones as well as in other major orthopedic work.

Mrs. Miller Takes Top Prizes at Show

Hi School Has Bigger Faculty

Appalachian High school will open its 1949-50 term with its largest faculty in the history of the school. Three additional faculty members have been added to last year's teaching staff. The new members are Miss Blythe Hampton from Asheville, who has her Master's Degree from the University of Kentucky, will replace Mrs. Smyre in the language department; Miss Thea Wells from Columbia, S. C., who received her Master's Degree from the University of South Carolina, in the English department; Mr. John F. Randall from Whiteville, who will complete work on his Master's Degree at the University of Michigan at the end of this summer, will be added to the staff to teach Biology; Mr. Fred T. Hollis from Gold Hill, who has his Master's Degree from Peabody, will replace Mr. Snyder in the Social Studies department; Miss Charlotte Adams, from Columbia, S. C., who has her Master's Degree from Ohio University, will teach Social Studies and Commerce; Mr. Edgar Beatty from Smithville, Tenn., who has his Master's Degree from Peabody College, has been added to the staff to teach Mathematics and Social Studies; Miss Mabel Brister from Jackson, Mississippi, who is completing her graduate work at Appalachian State Teachers College this summer, will replace Miss Barber as librarian; and Mr. William Ross, graduate assistant from Appalachian State Teachers College, will handle the work in dramatics.

In all, the faculty will include nine new teachers. In addition to the three new teachers there will be six who will be replacing teachers who have resigned. The members of last year's faculty returning this year are Mrs. Margaret Gragg, Miss Van-Orsdell, Mr. Golden Buckland, Mr. Hillard Tripp, Mr. Paul Bingham, Miss Flora Alexander, Mrs. Mary Hamby, Mrs. Martha Hawkins, Miss Kathleen McDonald, Mr. R. L. Tait, and Mr. Herbert Wey.

CROP Organization Slated in September

A county CROP meeting for the organization of Watauga county for the 1949 North Carolina Friendship Food Train will be held on September 6, at 7:30 p. m., in the First Baptist Church. It was announced this week by G. D. Barnett, who is acting as convener for the meeting. Special invitations for the meeting have been sent out to leaders of church and farm groups throughout the county.

Mr. Barnett will preside over the meeting and will introduce Reverend W. Walter Jones, of Lenoir, CROP district director, who is in charge of CROP organization in Ashe, Avery, Caldwell, Mitchell and Watauga counties. Mr. Jones will present plans for the Friendship Food Train in the state and in the nation. A CROP film, "Operation Mercy," will be shown, picturing the overseas distribution of food and farm commodities contributed last year. County officers for 1949 will be elected, and plans and goals for the county for this year set.

TOO FISHY
Calcutta—Convinced there was something fishy about a customs officials here opened his bag, found it contained a large fish. When they opened the fish, they found it contained about \$750 worth of illegal Indian currency.

CONRAD HEADS TRUSTEES FOR COLLEGE; AS BOARD MEETS

New Board of Trustees for Appalachian Meets; New Building Program To Be Pushed; Confidence Is Expressed in Dr. Dougherty's Ability.

The Board of Trustees of Appalachian State Teachers college met at the college on Friday. Those present included W. J. Conrad, Jr., of Winston-Salem; Mrs. J. M. Lackey, Taylorsville; C. C. Faw, Sr., North Wilkesboro; D. W. M. Roberts, Lenoir; B. C. Brock, Mocksville; Mrs. Harry B. Caldwell, Greensboro; S. P. Jones, Statesville; and W. W. Mast, Valle Crucis.

Mr. Conrad was elected president of the board, and Mrs. Caldwell, vice president, both by unanimous election.

All acts of the old board were approved, and the faculty approved. The president, Dr. B. B. Dougherty, was authorized to employ teachers and fill vacancies.

The dean's report showed that the college has had 2425 students during the past year, 1056 during the regular year and 1369 in the summer term. Of the students enrolled, 2021 have been from North Carolina, 400 from other states, and four from outside the United States. 81 of North Carolina's counties is represented. Graduates of 108 colleges and universities from the United States and Canada are studying at the institution. 338 are working for the master's degree.

The college will have graduated 232 including the August class. 30 of these have been in the field of primary education, 28 in grammar grade education, and 158 in high school work. The board considered and discussed the new building program at length. The president was authorized and directed to push the building program as fast as possible. The action of the former Board in employing a landscape architect to help lay out the new developments was approved.

There is to be an expenditure of \$3,650,000 at the college within the next few years. Some of the new buildings and improvements include an apartment house, 15 teacher homes, a boys' dormitory, girls' dormitory, laundry and shop building, music and arts building, athletic field, gymnasium, remodeling and enlargement of the demonstration school, enlargement of the library building, improvement of lighting in all buildings, four all-weather tennis courts, and improvement of roads, walks, and drives.

The Registrar reported that every room in every dormitory has been filled since before the close of the spring term, and all signs seem to indicate that the largest student body in the history of the institution will enroll in September.

One member of the Board told Dr. Dougherty that the most interesting thing discussed during the day was his statement that the principal aim of the Appalachian State Teachers college is to develop better teaching in North Carolina and the South.

By unanimous vote, the Board passed a resolution "expressing complete confidence in the administration of Dr. B. B. Dougherty, its president, and his associates in the past, present and future conduct of the institution." The resolution further stated that the Board "heartily approves all actions taken by the preceding Board in endorsing and encouraging the rapid expansion of the college in line with the appropriations now available."

Dr. Dougherty said that the meeting, from beginning to end, was harmonious and everyone seemed happy and surprised at the wonderful growth and development of the college.

Blythe To Aid Local Airport

Senator F. J. Blythe from Charlotte, who landed his plane at the Blair airport last week, expressed himself as being greatly interested in the further development of local airport facilities, and promised Chamber of Commerce officials to intercede with CAA officials in the interest of its further development.

Messrs H. W. Wilcox and Stanley Harris, who were at the field when the twin-engine, seven-place plane, occupied by Senator Blythe, landed, stated that there is great interest in the future development of the local field. It is proposed to add length to the air strip, and secure CAA approval, to the end that Federal funds may be secured for the construction of a standard field here.

Worthwhile Woman's Club Holds Annual Flower Show; A List of Winners.

Mrs. Mae Miller received top honors at the flower show sponsored by the Worthwhile Woman's club which was held last Thursday at the Daniel Boone hotel. Mrs. Miller's lily was judged the outstanding item in the show, for which she received the \$5.00 award given annually by Mrs. Charles Sykes of Blowing Rock. Second outstanding item was a fan shaped arrangement of mixed gladioli entered by Mrs. Floyd Hagaman, while third place was given Mrs. Jack Hodges for a bowl of Peace roses.

Mrs. Miller also received the most points of any exhibitor in the show with second place going to Mrs. Jack Hodges. Mrs. C. E. Ulery received first place on artistic arrangement, and Mrs. Herbert Adams second. In the children's arrangement Imogene Triplett placed first, Janie Cline second, Donna Perry third. Stanley South, R. W. Watkins, A. E. South and C. H. Kirkman were winners in the men's exhibit.

Prizes were donated by the following local merchants, Dixie Home Stores, Stallings Jewelry Store, Farmer's Hardware, Boone Drug Store, Home Jewelry Store, Watauga Hardware, Newton's Dept. Store, Boone Tire and Bargain, Belk's Dept. store, Western Auto, Crest 5 and 10c, and Hunt's Dept. Store.

A complete list of placings follows, with first, second, and in some cases, third, listed in order: Dahlias—giant: Mrs. D. L. Wilcox, Miss Mae Greene; cactus: Mrs. A. E. South, John Barden; ball: Mrs. John Horton, Mrs. Emily Maxwell; pompon: Mrs. Stallings, Mrs. John Horton.

Three blooms of one kind—Mrs. Kirkman, Mrs. D. L. Wilcox, Mrs. John Horton.

Single specimen—Mrs. D. L. Wilcox, Mrs. John Horton. Gladioli—arrangement one color: Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Cicero Greer; mixed colors: Mrs. Floyd Hagaman, Mrs. Watt Gragg; single specimen: Miss Carolyn Blair, Rebecca Chamberlain, Mrs. A. E. South.

Zinias—giant: Mrs. A. E. South, Mrs. Lee Reynolds; pompon: Mrs. Lee Reynolds, Jack Luttrell. Marigolds—giant: John Barden, Mrs. D. L. Wilcox; dwarf: Mrs. J. L. Goodnight, John Barden. Roses—Arrangement, mixed colors: Mrs. Cicero Greer, Mrs. Jack Hodges; one color: Mrs. Jack (Continued on page eight)

Miss Hardin Wins Magazine Contest

Miss Jo Ann Hardin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Hardin, won \$52 in prize money, by virtue of having placed first in the contest conducted by the Progressive Farmer, wherein contestants submitted 25 words or less on the greatest need of the nation.

Miss Hardin claimed first place with the following: "Seeing the condition of the world, I think the nations should unify. Our greatest need, therefore, is for a federated world government."

Advance Grid Tickets Off Sale September 1

Advance sale of season football tickets will go off sale September 1. Persons interested are urged to purchase these cut-rate, reserved seat tickets as soon as possible. Sales have been heavy for the past week and it is not known how long the present supply will last. This offer will not be reopened when all tickets are sold. Contact Howard Cottrell, Book Store.