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KING STREET

BY
ROB RIVERS

HERD of fat cattle being ushered through the business district by Avery W. Greene and Sherman Holler... first time we've seen any number of bovines walking to market since the motor truck was accepted by the mountain folks... A few years ago, large droves of cattle, sheep, and sometimes geese were often seen on the streets, with the dogs keeping the animals in formation... Lieutenant Horton Gragg, who has spent seven and a half years in the Air Force, and who presently is located at Fayetteville, passes the time of day with us... Horton, who likes the army, expresses the hope that the economy knife which is being wielded by Secretary Johnson, will pass him by, and that he will be allowed to continue his air force career... "The Democrat really does the job," beams Willlys Chester, down at Belk's who adds, "That 88c sale advertisement brought all the business we could handle for about four days."... Paul Coffey returns to the Parkway Hardware Company, and is now sole owner of the business, while Joe Conderman buys the Barnett Grocery down on King Street, east... Harry Hamilton, reports bang-up good business in the farm auction business... "sold \$30,000 worth of dairy cattle yesterday afternoon," he remarks, and adds that he has yet to discover any sign of a depression "hard as some folks have tried to promote one."

POSTMASTER BROWN posting a bill in the federal lobby offering two hundred thousand dollars reward for the shotgun assailant of Walter P. Reuther, United Automobile Workers, a union leader who is definitely anti-Communist... Brief emergency campaign for polio funds takes form, as disease reaches epidemic proportions in some areas of the country, and as hospital expenses continue to mount for some of Watauga's own children stricken heretofore. The demand for funds heretofore for every sort of purpose, has been, we admit, insistent this year, but we should never let down the kiddies... the ones who are helpless, as well as those who may be stricken... Let's all invest a little more in the welfare of these kiddies... The grants we have already received are far in excess of our contributions... We should make another payment on the debt.

PROFESSOR HOWELL, principal of the Boone Demonstration School says that an emergency exists at the local institution, due to the record number of first-graders who have shown up this year... This army of six year olds, now numbers one hundred and ten, after scores of the little fellows have been shifted to surrounding schools, through a reshuffling of the bus service... Two teachers each have about fifty-five of the youngsters, and obviously the tutors would do mighty well to even keep a majority of the children quiet, to say nothing of trying to make a start on the three R's... Mr. Howell is making every effort to get some sort of emergency quarters rigged up, to take care of this unprecedented influx of children... Reports indicate that Blowing Rock has practically the same situation, and doubtless other schools of the county are in the same shape, as the record war time birth rate is reflected on the buses and in the cramped schoolrooms.

LADY SUBSCRIBER praises the fidelity of the city carrier, who lays her "Democrat" right on the spot every Wednesday afternoon at the same time, regardless of the weather... "He's one of the most indispensable men I know... could never do without him..." and another fellow, whose visits are right regular is of inestimable benefit... Carl Teague, who takes away the garbage, and keeps the town clean, in the meantime, offering the solution to about any perplexed housewife... And about that time another fellow came along wanted to know what would happen in some future generation, when everyone, save the weak-minded, would have some sort of college degree... We didn't know, to be sure, but readily agreed that the man who mixed the mortar and laid the bricks, and fired the furnace, and produced the food, was quite as useful as the man who taught in the University, or toiled in the laboratory, or spoke in the Congressional forum... "Of course we would hardly expect a man of letters to set the type, or carry the mails, or haul away the garbage, or man the machines of industry and commerce... but if the economic lot of the educator doesn't appreciably improve... he may do some of these things in the days to come, in order to get his just..." (Continued on page 4)

BACHELOR'S END



Film star Jimmy Stewart and bride, Gloria Hatrick Stewart, depart from Los Angeles on their honeymoon trip aboard plane. Stewart, before his marriage, had been listed as the most eligible bachelor in the film capital.

Entry List For Blue Ridge Fair is Released



JAMES TAYLOR

New Attorney Opens Office Here

Mr. James Taylor, of Elkin, who passed the State bar examination in August, has opened an office in the Chamber of Commerce building and he, and Mrs. Taylor have established residence in Cherry Park... Mr. Taylor was graduated from the Jonesville high school and Mars Hill College, and received a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of North Carolina in 1947, gaining a bachelor of laws degree from the same institution in 1949... At Mars Hill he was president of the Philomathian Literary Society, a member of the debating team and won the southern collegiate oratorical championship in 1945... At the University he was president of the Philanthropic Literary Society, member of the debate team, secretary of the debate council, and won the national collegiate oratorical championship in 1946.

Darius J. Houck Taken By Death

Darius Josiah Houck, 89 years old, died at the home of a son, Wade Houck, in the Valle Crucis section August 30... Rites were conducted from the Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church on September 1, at 2 o'clock, by Rev. F. M. Speagle and Rev. E. F. Troutman and interment was in the church cemetery... Mr. Houck is survived by the following sons and daughters: Claude Houck, Grand River, Ia.; Clayton Houck, Columbia, S. C.; Robert Houck, Waterloo, Neb.; Wade Houck, Valle Crucis; Harold Houck, Lexington; Mrs. J. T. Norris, Turner, Ore.; Mrs. John Poucher, Atlanta, Ga.; Mrs. Fred Price, Mrs. Powell Jones, Wauchoula, Fla.; Mrs. Bessie Blackburn, Goldsboro; Mrs. Mamie Cruse, Columbia, S. C.; Mrs. Fred Shumate, California... There are 54 grandchildren, 51 great grandchildren and 4 great-great grandchildren.

Mrs. Leach New County Librarian

Mrs. W. C. Leach of Valle Crucis has been appointed acting librarian of the Watauga county library, it was announced by Mrs. R. H. Harmon, chairman of the library board. Mrs. Leach will replace Mrs. Wendell Thomas, of Celso, who is now working in Avery and Yancey county libraries... Mrs. Leach is a trained librarian and has been working on the county bookmobile this summer.

INTENSE DRIVE FOR HOSPITAL FUNDS SET TO BEGIN MONDAY

County Commissioners and Mayor Winkler Join in Designating Next Week As Hospital Week; List Given Of Canvassing Group.

The county commissioners and the Mayor of Boone have joined in designating next week, September 12-18, as Hospital Week, and are urging all citizens of Watauga county to support the campaign for additional funds with which to further the modernization program at the local institution.

Preliminary meeting of the captains for Boone was held Friday noon and plans were made for an intensive campaign in Boone starting Monday morning at 7:30. Eight teams are being organized: one from the Rotary Club, two from the Lions Club, one from the Business and Professional Women's Club, one from the county employees, one from the Worthwhile Women's Club, one from the Hospital Guild, and one from the school folks. The following captains were designated: Wayne Richardson, Rotary Club; Mrs. Gill Phillips, Worthwhile Women's Club; Gurney Brinkley, county employees; Mrs. Kathleen Hodges, Business and Professional Women's Club; John Howell, Demonstration School; Herbert Wey, High School; Mrs. Herman Eggers, Mrs. A. R. Smith, McKinley Ayers, Appalachian College; R. E. Agle, Lions Club; Bill Hodges, Junior Chamber of Commerce; Mrs. J. C. Goodnight, Hospital Guild. Each team is supposed to be composed of six workers, and all the workers are to meet at the Skyline Restaurant at 7:30 Monday morning for breakfast when territory will be assigned and full instructions given.

In addition to Boone, a small committee is being organized in every township in the county. The following individuals have been asked to serve as chairman of their township and urged to secure a number of additional workers: Wade Norris, Bald Mountain; Clyde Perry, Beaver Dam; S. C. Ford, Blue Ridge; C. A. Clay, Brushy Fork; Mrs. Mary Harris, Cove Creek; Stewart Simmons, Elk; Ray Farthing, Laurel Creek; Troy Norris, Meat Camp No. 1; Will Barnes, Meat Camp No. 2; A. N. Thomas, North Fork; Fred Critcher, New River; Mrs. W. H. Wagner, Shawnee; Hayes Wellborn, Stony Fork; Howard Mast, Watauga. It is hoped to give every person in the county an opportunity to make a contribution in accordance with their means. At least a thousand people ought to contribute. Sunday, September 18, is designated as Hospital Day in the churches and every church is urged to present the facts about the Hospital and take up a collection.

A special meeting of the township chairman is called for Thursday night at 7:30 at the Skyline Restaurant, along with as many of their workers as is practical to meet for instruction in the work in the county.

Farm Loan Group Meets Bank Officials

Directors of the North Wilkesboro NFLA met with officials of the Federal Land Bank here on August 25, for the purpose of reviewing the past year's operation and outlining a program for the coming year. One of the major actions taken was adoption of a contract between the association and the bank covering the making and servicing of Federal Land Bank loans during the coming year. Under the new plan the association will have an opportunity to further build up its reserve and surplus.

Mr. S. C. Eggers of Boone, the president of the association, presided at the meeting. Other directors attending were: Max C. Wilson of Lenoir; Donald C. Poplin, Ronda; Eugene S. Shatley, of Jefferson and Carlis Lee Mitchell of Sparta.

Old Hymns Will Be Feature of Singing

The semi-annual Watauga singing convention will be held at the Tabernacle in Boone on October 2, it is announced by S. C. Eggers, chairman of the popular event. The program will be featured, it is said, by the singing of the hymns of 100 years ago, particularly those found in the "Old Christian Harmony."

CANNERY DATES GIVEN
The Boone community cannery will be open Tuesday of each week, for the time being, it is announced, and it is asked that foods for canning be brought in the forenoon. The cannery will remain open as long as patronage justifies.

TOMB FOR 60 CHILDREN



Stricken by the earthquake that struck most of Ecuador, the walls of the cathedral of Ambato caved in on 60 small children who were inside the cathedral at the time of the quake.

Annual REA Meeting In Lenoir On Saturday

GRADUATES



Brian C. Aldridge, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Aldridge of Shulls Mills, received his AB degree in political science from the University of North Carolina August 27. Mr. Aldridge had been enrolled in the University since his discharge from the Army Air Forces in 1945.

A. B. Cook, 88, Succumbs Sunday

Mr. A. B. Cook, retired farmer and pioneer citizen of the Rutherford neighborhood, died at the home there Sunday, after an illness of one week, following a stroke. He was 88 years old.

Funeral services are to be conducted Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Rutherford Baptist Church, by Rev. W. D. Ashley, the pastor, and Rev. S. E. Gragg, of the Advent Christian Church. Burial will be in the Cook family cemetery.

Surviving are eleven sons and daughters, as follows: Mrs. Geo. Keyes, Mrs. J. A. Keyes, Lenoir; E. D. Cooke, Boone; T. B. Cook, Big Timber, Mont.; Mrs. H. T. Vannoy, A. B. Cook, Jr., Route 1, Boone; W. C. Cook, Joliet, Mont.; J. H. Cook, Grey Cliff, Mont.; G. S. Cook, Route 1, Boone; Mrs. J. S. Winkler, Lenoir; Mrs. W. G. Fuller, Newport News, Va. Mr. Cook was born in the Rutherford section, a son of the late Thomas D. and Mrs. Cook. He was married to Miss Alice Sherrill of Lenoir, who died in 1937. Prior to his retirement 15 years ago, he was a farmer, and returned to his ancestral home four years ago, after living in Boone for 12 years. He had been a member of the Advent Christian church for more than thirty years, and had been active in the work of the church.

Directors Merchants Group Elect Harris

The new board of directors of the Boone Merchants Association has named Clyde R. Greene its president, and O. K. Richardson vice-president. Stanley A. Harris has been elected secretary and an office has been established in the Wade E. Brown building in connection with the Chamber of Commerce. The officers are now studying program of activity which the association should follow and in the near future hope to announce a complete program for the year. O. K. Richardson, Howard Cottrell, and D. M. Edmisten have been appointed to the membership committee, and other committees will be named soon.

MONEY SOUGHT TO AID IN FIGHT ON POLIO; FUND IS EXHAUSTED

First Emergency Effort for Money Announced by National Foundation; Cottrell Makes Appeal for Help of Watauga People.

Confidence that the entire community will give whole-hearted support to the polio epidemic emergency drive, was expressed today by Mr. Howard Cottrell, the chairman of the Watauga chapter of the national foundation for infantile paralysis. The campaign, announced by Basil O'Connor, national foundation president, is being held as a last resort because "in no other way can the national foundation continue to aid increased numbers of polio patients without slowing up scientific research and professional education," he said. It is the first emergency drive in the history of the fight on polio in the United States.

"All of us are deeply touched by the pathetic plight of those afflicted with this cruel disease," Mr. Cottrell said. "In our own midst we have seen polio striking our children. We have been alert to the signs of danger, secure in the protection of March of Dimes funds, guaranteeing that no one would be deprived of the best available medical care for the lack of money. But today that security is shaken—by a financial crisis. The high cost of polio throughout the nation has depleted the epidemic aid resources of the national foundation. But it hasn't exhausted the sympathy and generosity of the American people. No one would condemn any child to a life of prolonged suffering—for lack of money to pay the bills for his medical treatment and care. We'll get the money and give it, to help our children walk again."

Contributions are needed at once, Mr. Cottrell emphasized. "We shall try to reach everyone personally in the short week allotted to the emergency drive," he said. "Money may be sent in envelopes addressed to POLIO, care of your local postoffice."

Commissioners Urge Support of Hospital

The following resolution was passed by the board of county commissioners at their meeting held Tuesday:

Whereas, Watauga Hospital is a non-profit organization for all of the people of Watauga county, and

Whereas, its kitchen and heating plant need enlargement and repairs (these repairs will cost \$20,000) and

Whereas, the Duke endowment has set aside \$10,000 to assist in these repairs, provided \$10,000 additional be raised locally and, finally,

Whereas, the board of Watauga Hospital has set up a campaign to raise this \$10,000, the week beginning September 12, therefore,

Be it resolved, that we declare that week Hospital Week and urge every citizen of Watauga to liberally support the Hospital Improvement Fund and provide the \$10,000 required to match the Duke endowment's grant of \$10,000.

H. M. HAMILTON, JR. Chm.
W. M. WINEBARGER
C. A. CLAY.

Appalachian High Has Enrolled 437 Students

Appalachian High School started off the 1949-50 school year with the largest enrollment in its history. Four hundred and thirty-seven students enrolled during the first week and the enrollment is expected to reach 450. To take care of this large enrollment Appalachian High school has the largest faculty it has ever had. All teachers were on duty the first day and since students' schedules had been made out during the summer vacation, classwork began on the second day. With this large student body and an excellent faculty Appalachian High is looking forward to the best year in the history of the high school.

Bookmobile Schedule
The bookmobile schedule for the coming week has been announced as follows:
Wednesday, Sept. 14: Shulls Mills, Shore's Filling Station, 9:30 a. m.; Shulls Mills Postoffice, 10:00 a. m.; Foscoe, N. F. Church's store, 11:00 a. m.; Grandfather School, 11:30 a. m.; Cool Springs School, 2:30 p. m.; home of Ed Yates, 2:30 p. m.; Matney, Gilbert Edmisten's store, 3:00 p. m.
Stops at Valle Crucis, Dutch Creek and Clark's Creek will be made on Thursday, October 6th, instead of as originally scheduled.
Brannan sees farm "revolution" creating many problems.