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## KING STREET

BY  
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THOMAS BELL MOORE, one of the last of the old line printers of our acquaintance, has quit the realms of the roaring presses, the clicking linotype machines, the dusty typesets, the paste pot and the shears, to journey way out yonder in those ethereal regions beyond the mystical river of death, and we who have followed the art of Gutenberg and of Franklin for these many years, feel a pang of sorrow, when another whose veins carried a stain of printer's ink, reaches the "30" line and hangs his ink-stained apron upon the shiny nail in the back office. . . . Our acquaintance with Tom Moore runs back a long time, to the day when he accepted employment with the elder Bob Rivers, and labored diligently over a type case, in the publication of this "rag of freedom," many years before the linotype machines had made appearance in these small towns. . . . Then a middle-aged man, Mr. Moore brought a wealth of experiences to the lads who wandered about and occasionally lent a hand with the type. . . . There were stories of big editions in Georgia, of political intrigue in Louisiana parish politics, of the Texas rangers, and the Indian in Oklahoma, who, when elected sheriff stayed drunk for a month to celebrate his victory. . . . of the public hanging of those who had strayed from the path, of shooting antelope in the wilds of Wyoming of the risqué entertainment features of the stage in a frontier mining town, and of his one week sojourn with Ringling Brothers circus as boss hostler. . . . Wide travel had brought a well-rounded education to Mr. Moore and a talent for spicy conversation, which we greatly enjoyed.

A FEW DAYS AGO we stood by an automobile, in which Mr. Moore was sitting down on the street and talked for an hour with our venerable friend. . . . of the old days when the mud was huddled deep on King Street, of the dingy little Democrat office, and of Bob Rivers, Sr.'s ability to "set" a column of personal news, when it seemed there hadn't been that many folks in town in a month. . . . of "Miss Sallie's" generous outlook on life, and her wholesome interest in the welfare of humanity. . . . sharing experiences gained on our trips around the country in search of another job. . . . opportunities we had both missed along the way, and of others we had grasped. . . . of the hardships encountered in the printing business and of the streaks of unexpected good luck which came along. . . . of the folks we had known who were "lousy" . . . and of the multitude of people who had come along who were good and just and honorable. . . . We didn't see him again, and his last words to us, seemed a lot like a complimentary goodbye: "I always liked you Bob. . . . and you've done the best job with a small town newspaper of any man I know. . . . and I'm glad." . . . and we strode on up the street, quickened by the generous compliments of a trusted friend. . . . and he went away, with a smile and a wave of the hand, for a rest from his labors, reminding us of a few lines we had once heard: "When life's last page has been printed, And the presses are rusted and still; When the last slug's cast on the line, And there are no more forms to be killed; We shall rest. . . . and faith we shall need it. Lay off for an season or two—Till the super of all good workers Shall set us to work anew."

NATIONAL NEWSPAPER WEEK is being observed across the nation currently, and members of the fourth estate are calling attention to the value of a free press to the retention of the basic American pattern of living, and of the worth of the home town sheet to the enlightenment and progress of a community. . . . Of a certainty the town which has maintained a standard type of newspaper, has prospered out of all proportion to the locality, which has had interrupted news coverage, or a periodical which has fallen down on the job. . . . The daily newspaper is the big berth of modern publicity, with its expanded circulation and its world wide news coverage, and stands apart in its ability to disseminate the information in all its worldwide aspects. . . . However it remains for the small town journalist to grapple in the grass roots of public opinion, and to report the happenings, which in world wide news channels wouldn't rate a six point head in the want ad section, but which are part and parcel of the life of the folks in these small communities. . . . The tale of the prize-winning calf the 4-H boy had tended. . . . The big fish had

## UNDER A NEW FLAG



Eight-year-old Jacob Korman is looking from a window on pier No. 61 on New York City's waterfront a short time after he set his foot on American soil for the first time. Jacob arrived in the United States from Europe as a D. P.

## Annual Homecoming At College Saturday

Hundreds of Former College Students To Gather on Campus of Alma Mater.

Appalachian State Teachers college will celebrate its annual homecoming on Saturday, October 8, and hundreds of alumni are expected for the event from every county in North Carolina and from many surrounding states. The festivities will get under way with a football game on Friday, October 7, at 7:00 p. m., when the Appalachian "B" team plays East Tennessee State college. At nine o'clock that night, the homecoming dance will be held in the women's gymnasium. At 3:30 p. m., Saturday, October 8, general alumni meeting and election of officers will take place in the science lecture hall. The Appalachian varsity will play LeNoir-Rhynie in what is expected to be one of the closest football games in the North State Conference at eight o'clock that night. The college announces that tickets for football games may be secured after arrival from Francis Hoover, business manager of the athletic association. Because of the largest registration that the college has ever had (1254 students) no dormitory space will be available for entertaining visitors, and alumni are urged to make hotel reservations in advance. Clubs and campus organizations will have displays at various points around the college, all designed to be of particular interest to the alumni. The band will perform at the football games, and other events are planned to add to the enjoyment of the homecoming season. All alumni of the college are invited, and urged to attend.

## Army Reserve Home Occupied

The 3558th army postal unit, Boone's organized reserve corps, moved into its new home in the Winkler building Monday night, and the unit was host to a large number of citizens at the open house gathering. Lieut. Robie McCollum, the commanding officer, was in charge of the program, while Rev. Sam Moss offered the invocation. Lieut. McCollum introduced Major Cowan, unit instructor, who talked on the importance of the organized reserve corps. Wade E. Brown acted as master of ceremonies and introduced the following who made brief talks: Herman Wilcox, president of the Chamber of Commerce; A. W. Smith, commander VFW; Edgar Brown, Postmaster; Howard Cottrell, president of the Lions Club; Council Cooke, town councilman; Ralph Winkler, owner of building. Refreshments were served to the members and guests and a motion picture, "Baptism of Fire," was shown.

## Alumni Association To Meet Thursday

The Watauga Alumni Association will meet Thursday at 7:30 in the college science building auditorium for the reorganization of the county club. New officers will be elected at this time, and widespread interest among Appalachian alumni in this area is reported.

## STRUCK BY CAR, MRS. SHERMAN DIES FRIDAY AT AGE OF 79

Sister of the Late Dr. R. K. Bingham Was Member of Widely Known Family; Driver of Car Is Bonded; Funeral Rites Held Sunday Afternoon.

Mrs. A. R. Sherman, of Wilkesboro, a sister of the late Dr. R. K. Bingham of Boone, and a member of one of this area's best known families, met tragic death last Friday evening, when she was struck by a car driven by Baxter Hayes, on Cherry street, near the Sherman home. According to information gathered by the Wilkes-Journal Patriot, Mrs. Sherman left her home a few minutes prior to her death to spend the night at the home of a nephew, Mr. J. H. Somers, a short distance away. While walking near the east side of the highway, the Hayes car is said to have struck her, and carried the body more than a hundred feet. Investigating officers, Coroner I. M. Myers and Patrolmen Sidney Carter and C. R. Shook, stated that Mrs. Sherman apparently was killed instantly and that her body was badly mangled.

State highway patrolmen preferred charges against Hayes and he was placed under bond in the sum of \$1,000. He waived preliminary hearing and was bound over to the next term of Wilkes superior court.

Funeral service for Mrs. Sherman was held Sunday afternoon at the Wilkesboro Methodist Church, of which she had been a member for years. The service was conducted by the pastor, Rev. C. Jay Winslow. Burial took place later in the afternoon in the Oakwoods cemetery in Statesville. The beautiful floral tribute was an attestation to the love and respect of her many relatives and friends. Pallbearers were John Harvey Bingham, Jerry Derr, Jr., F. C. Hubbard, Jr., Buster Lewis, Done Story, and Charles Dockery. Mrs. Sherman was 79 years of age and was born in Watauga county, being the daughter of the late Major Harvey and Anne Miller Bingham. Her nearest surviving relative is a sister, Mrs. Annie Harvil, of Barium Springs. Mrs. Sherman had made her home in the Wilkesboro for many years where she was active in church and civic affairs.

## REUNION



Mr. and Mrs. John Frans are reunited with their five-year-old daughter. Janis, after Philadelphia police found the child and arrested the man charged with kidnapping her from her Trenton, N. J., home. Gerald Hunt, 35, of Bridgeport, Conn., the father of two children, was arrested in Philadelphia and brought to Trenton, where he pleaded guilty to the charge at his arraignment. He was held under bail of \$50,000.

## Hereford Sale Features Nation's Top Bloodlines

65 Head of Registered Herefords To Be Auctioned Friday for Local Breeders.

The spotlight of purebred Hereford interest turns to Boone on Friday, October 7, when the Watauga Hereford Breeders' Association sends through the auction straw an array of 65 head of registered Herefords. Patterns in the modern beef type, the 65 head of seedstock have been selected from outstanding Herefords in this section of the nation and will be representative of beef breeding in this area. The cattle offering includes 11 cows with calves at side, five bred cows 21 bred and open heifers and 17 prospective sires. The auction will begin at 12 o'clock noon at the Mountain Bury Warehouse in Boone. Chanting the cattle through the auction ring will be Harry M. Hamilton, Jr., who also is sales manager. President of the association is R. G. Shipley and secretary is W. H. Walker.

## Atlantan Is Heard By Lions

Ed Cherry of Atlanta, assistant manager of United States Chamber of Commerce, met with the Board of Directors Chamber of Commerce and National Affairs committee at the Daniel Boone Hotel, Tuesday night and was the guest speaker at the Boone Lion's Club at their regular meeting.

Mr. Cherry was interested in getting local members of the Chamber of Commerce to inform themselves in regard to national affairs and when properly informed, to use their influence with our representatives in Congress. Mr. Cherry discussed especially socializing medicine, Federal aid to schools, labor legislation, civic rights, and the minimum wage. Clyde Greene, Guy Hunt, and Ralph Winkler have been appointed National Affairs committee of the Boone Chamber of Commerce.

GRANGE MASTER TO SPEAK  
The State Grange Master will speak at Bethel School House Wednesday, October 12 at 8 o'clock. There will be a fish fry from 6:30 until all are served. A small charge per plate will be made. Public is invited to hear him.

## LIST OF PRIZE WINNERS AT COUNTY FAIR IS COMPLETE

- Taylor, Mrs. Dallas Hodges, Mrs. Susie Greer.
- Quart of Corn — Mrs. B. A. Hodges, Mrs. Baker Ward, Mrs. S. F. Moody.
- Quart of Lima Beans — Mrs. Howard Love, Mrs. Baker Ward.
- Pint of English Peas — Mrs. S. F. Moody, Mrs. Ralph Wilson, Mrs. Dallas Wilson.
- Quart of Carrots — Mrs. B. A. Hodges, Mrs. Susie Greer, Mrs. Baker Ward.
- Quart of Soup Mixture — Mrs. Baker Ward, Mrs. Don Hodges, Mrs. Ralph Wilson.
- Quart of Greens — Mrs. Baker Ward, Mrs. Charles Perry.
- Pint of Pimento Peppers — Mrs. Baker Ward, Mrs. B. A. Hodges, Mrs. Tommy Greene.
- Pint of Apple Butter — Mrs. Charles Perry, Mrs. Baker Ward, Mrs. C. B. Reese.
- Pint of Peach Jam — Mrs. B. A.

## MISS AMERICA



This is Miss Jacquie Mercer, Miss Arizona, who was crowned Miss America at the Atlantic City beauty pageant recently. She impressed the talent judge with her reading of Juliet's "potion scene" from Romeo and Juliet. She attributed her health to Arizona.

## Horton House Razed By Flame

The home of Atwood Horton, colored, was completely destroyed by fire early Sunday morning, and the homes of David Clayburn, Robert Haigler, Jr., Gus Grimes and Coot Haigler were considerably damaged in the fire which threatened a large part of the negro district of the town. The exact cause of the flame which originated in the Horton house, could not be determined. It spread rapidly to adjoining buildings in the thickly settled neighborhood, but was speedily quenched when the volunteer fire department arrived. It is understood that water hydrants had only recently been installed in this area. All the houses except that of Coot Haigler, it is said, had partial insurance coverage.

## State Hereford Group To Meet

The Watauga Hereford Breeders are acting as host at the annual meeting of the State Hereford Breeders here Thursday, October 6. The business session will be held in the Courthouse at 10:30 a. m. Commissioner of Agriculture L. Y. Ballentine will address the group as the featured speaker of the occasion. If time is available, a judging contest will be held. Dinner will be served in the College Cafeteria. After dinner a few of the herds in the county will be visited. Local Hereford breeders are cordially invited to attend the meeting. A number of the visiting breeders will stay over for the seventh annual Watauga Hereford Breeders sale the following day at 12 noon. EASTERN STAR MEETING There will be a regular meeting of Snow chapter, no. 220, Order of the Eastern Star, Monday, October 10, at 7:30 o'clock. All members are urged to attend.

## SCHOOL BOARD RECEIVES NEW BUSES; OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

Five Pieces of School Realty To Be Offered for Sale Along With Antiquated Buses; Two New Teachers Approved; All Employees Are Bonded.

The board of education, in regular session Monday approved two new teachers, announced the receipt of a fleet of new school buses, and decided to offer for sale five school properties, no longer needed. The additional teachers allotted to Watauga county by the State board, were Mrs. Lucille Barnett, Green Valley and Mrs. Hazel A. Barlowe assigned to the 8th grade of Cove Creek High School. Eight new school buses have been received for the county school system, and four more are expected to arrive in the next few weeks, replacing buses used the first month of school. These old buses and a 1947 special Buick sedan will be sold the first Monday in November. The board also decided to offer for sale the school properties at Riverview, Castle, Cook, Grandfather and Presnell. Bids will be received at the November meeting of the board. During the last few weeks, it is announced, the board has received from the government and delivered to the school lunch rooms 125 half-bushel baskets of fresh prunes and 120 bags of fresh potatoes. A shipment of dried eggs, honey and peanut butter is expected for this month. The board took out blanket bonds, otherwise known as "honesty" bonds for all teachers, janitors and other employees of the system. A survey of Watauga county schools was prepared and presented to the State board of education.

## Farm Supply Stores Merged

Announcement is made today of the merger of the Watauga Farmers, cooperative, managed by Mr. Dick Townsend, and the Watauga Farm Supply Co., managed by Mr. Spencer Miller into one organization which is doing business under the name of the Watauga Farmers Co-op, Inc. The building formerly used by the co-op, will now be used for fertilizer and heavy merchandise storage only, and the brick building formerly known as Watauga Farm Supply Co., will serve as the office and salesroom. Mr. Townsend and Mr. Miller are both continuing with the new organization.

## D. Hill Wright Dies On Tuesday

D. Hill Wright, 59 years old, a farmer, died at his home at Blowing Rock Tuesday, following a long period of impaired health. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday at the Advent Christian Church in the Boone's Fork section, by Rev. S. E. Gragg, and interment was in the Boone's Fork cemetery. Surviving are the widow, two sons and two daughters: William P. Wright, of Blowing Rock; Thomas H. Wright, of the Army; Fort Jackson, S. C.; James Coffey and Mrs. Jay Knight of Charlotte. One sister survives, Mrs. Roby Coffey of Happy Valley.

## Gutted Mufflers Are Taboo, Also Stickers

Local State highway patrolman have started a drive against the use of gutted and straight mufflers, as well as "dickie birds", advertising stickers, etc., on windshields, in an effort to reduce highway fatalities. In the future, it is stated, anyone stopped with a gutted, straight, or any other type of muffler which makes improper noises, will have to go to a garage immediately and change mufflers. Also he will be given a citation to appear in court and pay a fine. This is the last warning patrolmen expect to issue. Officers further state that motorists operating with defective lights, including signal and clearance lights on trucks, will be cited to court. This does not apply in cases where it is obvious the light had just gone out. The use of "dickie birds" or any other sticker on front or rear glasses of automobiles is also prohibited, as is the use of cardboard as a substitute where a glass has been broken, patrolmen state. Soviet atom news seen aiding Truman in pushing policies.