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KING STREET

BY ROB RIVERS

CROWDS FLOCK TO HILLS
Sunday to gaze upon the wide vistas of autumn beauty, and unhappily, found the area pretty well shrouded in fog. . . . Endless streams of automobiles on the Lenoir Blowing Rock highway Sunday morning. . . . About 150 counted from the resort town to the foot of the mountain. . . . Besides those who had parked in fog-shrouded nooks eating picnic lunches. . . . The fog was most dense in the vicinity of Boone, and cleared away as one progressed down the mountain. . . . Newspaper men and columnists have about cleared away their annual encomiums on the beauties of the forests when Jack Frost has given them the kiss of death, and many have gone into the exact hues the various varieties of trees assume as summer-time dies, and winter hovers near. . . . A stroll round the place indicates that many of them don't know their trees. . . . The fronds of the forest are pretty when they are dying. . . . no question about it. . . . but they can't compare with the glories of the springtime, that magic period, when the buds are bursting, the daffodils are blooming, the birds mating, and the whole universe is coming to life. . . . With our seed catalogs, and garden guides, etc., we shall live in happy expectancy during the next few months. . . . Perusing one of the stories of the old South, which we have always liked. . . . Think perhaps it was "House Divided". . . . Anyway we retained this little sketch, which takes a little different seasonal tone:

"RICHMOND, beautiful on rolling hills, had not yet felt the harsh touch of coming winter, but here and there the trees began to put on brighter colors. . . . just as a woman, conscious of encroaching age, chooses new cosmetics and becomes more beautiful for a while before she fades."

POLICE CHIEF GREENE, with a milk can half full of nickels and pennies taken from the parking meters along the street. . . . an occasional dime, which yields the motorist nothing, is seen in the gallons of coins collected. . . . Religious-minded folks along the street talking of denominational matters. . . . of controversial passages from the Book, with never a reference to the plain, common-sense philosophy of the Prince of Peace. . . . Joining in with a group of local business men and women in a Monday-morning discussion of the radio give-away programs. . . . Some vowing that winners had experienced the biggest headaches of their lives, trying to liquidate a car load of merchandise so that they might pay the income tax man. . . . While we haven't for some time encouraged a hurting in the cranium, we would take a chance on one of these \$50,000 pains. . . . A. W. Smith, former court clerk, and veteran of the Spanish-American war, taking considerable interest in the affairs of the VFW, and doing the clerical work for the local post. . . . Dwight Edmisten, showing furniture to his customers, and taking a generous outlook on life. . . . Boone Drug Co., employees busy engaged in preparing for one cent sale, while the Farmers Hardware announces participation in a two million dollar national contest, open to the folks here. . . . B. W. Stallings, passing pleasantries, en route from the postoffice. . . . Football fans journey to Winston-Salem Saturday afternoon to see the Mountaineers wallop Catawba, to continue their streak of winnings. . . .

W. B. YORK, who wields the butcher knife and cleaver, down at the City Market, gives us a picture of a meat counter at which he worked in West Virginia back in the dim past, when there was downright cheap. . . . there was plenty of it, but the folks couldn't lay their hands on the coin required. . . . The price cards show up in the photo which indicates that breakfast bacon was fetching 17 1/2 cents, cured ham 18 cents, frankfurters 17c, pork chops were offered at 20c, dressed fowls at 22c, while some kind of a super cut of beef steak was marked at 27c. . . . Other items of meat were marked as low as 9 cents. . . . Sounds good to the thrifty-minded housewife, a little too young to remember the want and misery which stalked the land, when prices were so reasonable. . . . We prefer the present mass consumption of food, even at the prevailing high prices.

ALFRED ADAMS giving down with some tales of his school days at Mars Hill college, reminding Clyde Greene of a tale he had heard of some of our mountain folks back when Hitler was riding roughshod over Europe, when France and the low countries had been crushed by the blitzkrieg, organized by the mad paper hanger, and the conquer-

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3,346 Lambs Sold This Year In Pool

Five Shipments Are Made; Top Grades Sell for Average Of \$27; 55% Choice.

The Watauga Lamb Pool handled a total of 3,346 lambs and sheep in 1949 for Watauga and surrounding counties. In the five shipments the price varied from \$27.00 for choice lambs in the July 9th pool to \$23.00 in the October pool.

The 3,346 lambs weighed a total of 285,138 pounds and brought \$66,100.67 to the 295 farmers. 55.1% graded choice and brought an average of \$25.17 per hundred, 30.7% graded good and brought the average of \$23.21 per hundred, while 11.2% graded medium and brought \$19.35 per hundred.

Interest in the sheep industry seems to be improving in the county. Two hundred fifty-three head of ewe lambs were purchased by farmers and returned for breeding or other purposes. In addition, one car load of Western breeding ewes were sold in the county and a number of native ewes were imported from other counties.

Changes Made In Highway Dept.

North Wilkesboro, Oct. 17.—A number of changes in the engineering staff of the 8th highway division have been announced at the division office here by J. C. Walker, division engineer.

Charles G. Ashby, who had formerly been district engineer for the second district of division 8, is transferring to the division engineer as office engineer. The move was made to have an experienced field man as office engineer. In the capacity of office engineer Mr. Ashby replaces Joe Windsor, who is transferring back to the construction department, where he may resume his training in that field.

J. Frank Bivins is replacing Mr. Ashby as district engineer in Elkin and will have charge of the second district, which is comprised of Alleghany, Surry, Wilkes and Yadkin counties.

The changes, Mr. Walker said, will give him and J. H. Council in opportunity to spend more of their time in the field, and secure the most efficient setup for the division.

Tuckwiler Urges Farm Heating Be Checked

With cold weather approaching farmers were advised today by L. E. Tuckwiler, county agent for the State College Extension Service, to check their heating equipment and condition it for safe winter service.

Fire strikes without warning, he pointed out, and it destroys about 90 million dollars worth of farm property annually—or about four farm buildings every hour.

The National Safety Council recommends a systematic check-up of heating equipment before a fire or injury occurs. Check the chimney to see that all joints are tight and that there is a spark arrester to protect combustible roofs. See that all stove or furnace pipes are in good condition and a safe distance from combustible walls, ceilings, curtains, or paper. Use a metal floor cover under wood or coal-burning stoves. Use metal containers for ashes.

The misuses of petroleum and its products causes many farm fires. Every time you use gasoline, kerosene, or even tractor fuel to start or hasten a fire, you invite disaster. Don't gamble with leaky connections, defective equipment, or poor adjustments on kerosene stoves or oil-burning furnaces.

Tank heaters, feed heaters, and other types of heating equipment around the farmstead should be checked carefully. See that they are in good condition and installed safely. Defective tank heaters, installations too close to buildings, and flammable materials may lead to costly winter fires.

Pfc. Ted Harmon In Air Transport School

Privates First Class Ted Harmon of Beech Creek, N. C., was recently sent to Air Transportability School to learn the technique of landing down equipment in army gliders. Pfc. Harmon is now serving with Company D of the 13th Engineer Combat Battalion of the Eighth Army in Japan as a squad leader. He was serving with the 1st Cavalry Division Tokyo, before entering the Engineers.

Pfc. Harmon is the son of Mr. Will Harmon of Beech Creek. His enlistment is up in the summer of 1951.

Dulles calls for "intelligent economy" in the Government.



SENATOR WHERRY

Senator Wherry Speaks At Lenoir

Senator Kenneth S. Wherry will be on hand to deliver the main address at a Republican rally on October 22, L. Worth Little, president of the North Carolina Young Republicans, announced today after consultation with the Senator's office in Washington. The meeting will be held in Lenoir in the new \$100,000 American Legion building with its seating capacity of over 1,000. Plans are for the meeting to start promptly at 7:00 p. m. The meeting is under the sponsorship of the North Carolina Young Republicans. The program, however, will feature Senator Wherry as well as Young Republicans, and many members of all ages are expected to gather for the event. Included on the program will be J. Ed Brodyhill of Lenoir, North Carolina National Committeeman; Sim A. DeLapp of Lexington, State Chairman; Charles R. Richey of Ohio, Executive Secretary of the Young Republican National Federation; L. Worth Little of Albemarle, Young Republican State president; and Anne K. Hickman of Lenoir and Winston-Salem, director of Republican activities in seven southern states comprising region seven.

Senator and Mrs. Wherry are expected to visit at the home of committeeman Brodyhill during their stay in Lenoir. Mr. Brodyhill and Mr. Wherry visited Europe together in 1947 for a study of postwar business and economic conditions. The two Republican leaders have for several years worked closely and effectively on Republican matters both state and national.

B. & P. W. Club To Hear Chinese Native

The Business and Professional Women's Club will hold its regular monthly meeting on next Monday night, October 24, at the Skyline Restaurant.

The club will devote its meeting to the observance of United Nations Day, which is October 24. A special program is planned for the occasion, under the direction of Miss Helen Burch, chairman of the International Relations Committee.

The program will give a brief review of the United Nations organization, and a summary of accomplishments to date. A feature of the meeting will be a talk by Miss Ming Yang Sung of Shanghai, China, who is a student at Appalachian State Teachers College. Miss Sung has many interesting things to tell of her life in China and the conditions forcing her departure from the country. Residents of Boone who are natives of foreign countries will be invited to the meeting as guests of the club.

United Nations Week is being observed nationally October 17-24, with United Nations Day, sponsored by the American Association for the United Nations, the National Broadcasting Company and the National Education Association, with the cooperation of over 60 national organizations.

The committee of the Business and Professional Women's Club which is assisting Miss Burch in preparation of this special program includes Miss Madge Rhyme, Mrs. Dore Strother, and Miss Gail Clay.

BOX SUPPER

A box supper will be held Saturday night, October 22, at the Howard's Creek School under the auspices of the Intermediate Sunday School Class of Howard's Creek Church. The proceeds to be used to the benefit of new benches at Howard's Creek Church. The public is invited.

Milk cows on North Carolina farms produced an estimated 159 million pounds of milk during August.

LOCAL CHURCH IS SCENE FOR AREA MEETING; 225 ATTENDED

Marion District Conference Is Held at Boone Methodist Church Last Wednesday; Session Is Called by District Superintendent Hoyle.

More than two hundred twenty-five persons were in Boone last Wednesday, October 12, to attend the meeting of the Marion District Conference of the Methodist Church. It is a little unusual to have Methodists meet at the beginning of a conference year for a District Conference, but this meeting was called by Rev. John Hoyle Jr., the district superintendent, in order to bring the objectives for the year ahead to representatives of all the churches of the district.

The routine business of the annual District Conference was transacted, except for the mid-year reports which would have been premature. The various causes and special emphases of the months ahead were considered, and objectives chosen. These resolutions were then sent directly to one of the secretaries of the conference who mimeographed them and placed copies of the resolutions and other data in the hands of each pastor and delegate as he left the meeting. This conference will be followed by quarterly check-up meetings in various parts of the district.

The characters were passed and the licenses renewed for the following local preachers: A. T. Abnerth, J. E. Bolich, C. W. Brown, M. J. Byers, J. W. Caudwell, J. S. Gibbs Jr., G. C. Green, J. William Hoyle, Wesley Joiner, J. W. McCoy, J. L. McGalliard, J. L. Melton, Golden Thompson, A. L. Lytle, C. R. McKinney, and K. Rufus Graybeal (D), W. K. Houck (E), J. D. Rankin (E). The following were recommended for the status of Accepted Supply: J. C. Barden (D), J. A. Fitzgerald, Paul Heafner, M. T. Hinshaw, G. L. Lovett, Ernest Stephens, G. B. Tomlinson, J. F. Bowers.

Boone Methodist Church was host to the conference. The Circles of the Woman's Society of Boone served lunch.

L. L. Critcher Taken By Death

Lemuel Lafayette Critcher, 82 years old, retired merchant of Boone, died at Watauga Hospital Saturday from an illness with pneumonia.

Funeral services were conducted from the late residence Monday at 11 o'clock by Dr. W. G. Bond and Rev. Victor Trivett and interment was in the family plot in the community cemetery. Reins-Tudor being in charge of the details.

Nearest surviving relatives are two brothers: G. F. and C. M. Critcher of Boone. There are several nephews and nieces.

Mr. Critcher was born March 30, 1867, and was the eldest son of the late William J. and Martha Carolina Critcher of this county. He was married to Miss Lillie Howell of Boone, Wilkes County, and to the union one daughter was born, Royster, who died several years ago. For three weeks prior to his death he resided at the home of a niece, Mrs. A. J. Edmisten and Mr. Edmisten.

Mr. Critcher, for more than fifty years was engaged in the retail mercantile business. He conducted a retail store on Howard's Creek before coming to Boone, where he built a store on the site of the present Appalachian Book store, which he operated for many years. He later erected another store on Howard Street, which he operated until his retirement.

County Corn Growing Contest Entries Due

All entries in the 1949 Watauga county corn growing contest must be reported at once. This contest is sponsored by the U. S. D. A. Council, Watauga County Farm Bureau and the Watauga county fertilizer dealers. These cash prizes are offered totaling \$100.00. To be eligible for the contest, the corn must be estimated by the county committee while still standing, then the high estimates must be left standing to be harvested by a committee havin, an out of county chairman.

VIRGINIA BEAUTIES

Mr. Charles C. Farthing brings the Democrat a bag of fine Virginia Beauty apples, which are appreciated by the publisher. The fruit grew in Mr. Farthing's fine orchard just outside the city limits, and is of a quality calculated to take the top award at an agricultural fair.

Addition To Hospital Is Nearly Done; Gifts

Top Hereford Fetches \$575

A record number gathered recently for the annual sale of the Watauga Hereford Breeders association, when 52 head of registered cattle sold for an average price of \$271.00.

The top animal in the sale, a heifer, consigned by Council and Hamilton of Boone, sold to W. E. Webb of Statesville for \$575. While the high bull, a yearling, also consigned by Council and Hamilton, went to Joseph E. Byrd of High Point for \$505.

A cow and calf combination, sold by E. E. Earp of Vilas brought \$460, John Taylor of Cranberry buying the cow and Vannoy Brothers of Boone, the calf.

The second highest priced bull was also consigned by Mr. Earp and brought \$415. The buyer was Wade E. Campbell of Taylorsville.

The average for the females sold was \$298, and for the bulls \$220.

Thirty of the animals were bought by Watauga county people. Most of the bulls offered were calves.

School Buses Are Inspected

The State highway patrol is engaged in monthly inspections of local school buses, with a view to having mechanical defects corrected, as a safety precaution. Patrol officers are also making a stringent effort to enforce the law against passing school buses while they are discharging or receiving passengers.

The overloading of buses is also called to the attention of the patrolmen, who state that under the law no more than 25% of the capacity of the bus may stand at any time.

Miss Marion Bowler New Acting Librarian

Miss Marion Bowler will be acting librarian at Watauga County Library until January. Mrs. Ruth Leach, who has been in charge since the resignation of Mrs. Dorothy B. Thomas, has returned to Valle Crucis because of home and parish duties at Holy Cross Rectory. Miss Bowler has been librarian at West Springfield for 25 years. She left New England to spend the winter in the South and will take over the trips with the Bookmobile with Mrs. Mary Brown and Mr. Dewey Davidson and will be at the library at the courthouse on Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a. m. until 4 p. m.

Four new books have been recently added to the shelves "It Happens Every Spring" a story of baseball and the St. Louis team, by Valentine Davies; "The Golden Apples" a love story and book of dreamlike and sound folk quality by Eudora Welty; "A Little Sheep, a Little Slumber" by Norman Katov in which there is tears, burning anger and the deep love of a simple man for his family and of an immigrant for his new country; and "Your Most Humble Servant" the amazing story of Benjamin Bancker, free Negro, a friend of Thomas Jefferson and adviser to Major L'Enfant, who planned the city of Washington.

Conferences on the Parkway Are Held

Asheville, Oct. 17.—Representatives of North Carolina and Virginia will meet at Bluff Park in Wilkes County today and tomorrow to plan joint promotion of the Blue Ridge Parkway.

Representing North Carolina interests will be Charles Parker, director of the State Advertising Division, and Arthur M. Jones, general manager of the Asheville Chamber of Commerce.

Virginia representatives will be Verbon E. Kemp of Richmond, executive director of the Virginia Chamber of Commerce; William Lashley of Richmond, public relations director of the Virginia chamber; B. F. Moomaw, executive director of the Roanoke Chamber of Commerce, and Edward H. Ould, president of the Roanoke chamber.

Sam P. Weems of Roanoke, Va. parkway superintendent, will meet with the group.

Traffic will flow directly into Asheville from the parkway next tourist season with the completion of an eight-mile link now under construction between Balsam Gap and Bee Tree Gap.

ONE CENT SALE IS NOW IN PROGRESS

The original Rexall one-cent sale is now in progress at the Boone Drug Company, the local Rexall store, and the management points out that the usual wide range of home remedies and household necessities will again be offered at two for the price of one, plus one cent. It is also reminded that many of the items being offered, make suitable Christmas gifts, and that it is not too early to start holiday shopping.

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Few More Days Will See Roof On Structure; Heating Installed; Gifts

Brick work is nearly finished on the new addition to Watauga Hospital, and in three or more favorable days the roof will be on, and the new kitchen may be finished, regardless of weather conditions. The new heating plant is in operation and giving splendid service.

It is noted that a number of those who subscribed to the hospital fund, have not yet made their payments, and the hospital board is anxious that all these pledges be paid by November 1, if possible.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Brodyhill of Lenoir sent \$500 as a special contribution honoring Dr. I. G. Greer. This is regarded as a splendid compliment to "The Greer, and a most generous gesture on the part of Mr. and Mrs. Brodyhill. This contribution makes a total of thirty units in the \$250 Club, which is most encouraging to the board of directors.

Cove Creek Tops In Bureau Drive

Cove Creek township is the leader in the number of new members written, during the opening days of the Farm Bureau campaign, it was revealed at the initial report meeting of the organization held Saturday afternoon.

Cove Creek reported 21 members. The standings of the other townships are as follows: Beaver Dam 1, Boone 14, Brushy Fork 12, Laurel Creek 6, Meat Camp 1, Shawneehaw 1, Stony Fork 2, Watauga 8.

The next report meeting will be held next Saturday, October 22, at 2:30 p. m., at the courthouse. All members of the committee are urged to attend and make report.

The members reported to date are as follows: Wm. Winebarger, Vann Farthing, E. C. Triplett, D. P. Mast, Mrs. V. D. Stanberry, Conley Glenn, V. E. Mast, B. W. Farthing, Ned Glenn, Joe L. Coffey, C. H. Blackburn, G. D. Barnett, Dr. H. B. Perry, Jr., W. R. Cotwell, Dr. H. B. Perry, W. H. Gragg, H. Hamilton, Jr., G. D. Farthing, Clyde R. Green, W. D. Farthing, Wade E. Brown, S. G. Tugman, D. L. Wilcox, D. M. Edmisten, R. C. Rivers, John K. Perry, W. G. Sherwood, Russ B. Farthing, C. Mast, Dave Henson, Ben Tester, M. L. Warren, O. M. Little, D. E. Church, Lewis Burkett, C. G. Lewis, D. T. Brown, C. C. Beach, J. Moody, S. F. Horton, Paul Phillips, Don Horton, Stanley Harris, Blain Norris, W. T. Isaacs, W. H. Walker, H. W. Mast, Jr., Clint Baird, Frank Taylor, Howard W. Mast, J. E. Harbin, Frank Baird, T. C. Baird, Mont Teague, Andy Greer, Frank Eggers, R. G. Shipley, S. C. Eggers, A. Y. Howell, Lionel Ward, James Greer, Willie Cole, Clint Mast, W. R. Billings and R. S. Brown.

Last Rites For Mrs. McGuire, 51

Funeral services were conducted Sunday at the Perkinsville Baptist Church for Mrs. Luther McGuire, 51, of Boone Route 1. Services were conducted by Rev. Hugh Kincaid and Rev. Ira Hodges and burial was in Pleasant Valley cemetery.

Mrs. McGuire died Friday in the Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem, from an extended illness. Mrs. McGuire was a former resident of Elk Park and had moved here about a year ago. She was a member of Pleasant Valley Baptist Church in Avery county, and was active in her religious affiliation.

The husband and three children survive: James McGuire, Valle Crucis; Miss Beatrice McGuire, and David McGuire of the home.

Appalachian High Plans Homecoming

Students of Appalachian High School are busy completing plans for Homecoming, which will be held for the first time this year on November 3 to 5. All former students and parents of the students are cordially invited to attend the festivities.

On Thursday, November 3, there will be a pep meeting and bonfire on the school playground at 6:30. At 8:00 p. m., the school's Dramatics Class will present a play in the high school auditorium; and at 9:00 p. m. the students and faculty will welcome the alumni at a reception.

On Friday afternoon, November 4, the high school band will stage a parade with classes and clubs of the school participating in the event. The Appalachian Blue Devils will play Cove Creek in a football game on the college athletic field at 8:00 p. m.

The Homecoming event will be climaxed by a semi-formal dance and the crowning of the homecoming King and Queen in the high school auditorium on Saturday night, November 5, at 8:00 p. m.

ATTENDS ASHEVILLE MEET

Miss Elizabeth Lord of Watauga Handicraft Center attended the annual meeting of Southern Highland Handicrafts Guild, held Oct. 14 and 15 in Asheville, marketing center for Guild members, as hostess group. She carried an exhibit from Boone craftsmen. 10,000 people attended the Guild Craftsman's Fair held in Gatlinburg, Tenn., this summer and plans were made for the Fair of 1950.

YOUTH CENTER TO BE OPENED THIS WEEK AT BLOWING ROCK

Gathering Place for Teen-Agers of Resort City Made Ready for Formal Opening; Civic Groups Sponsor Center; Trust Funds Aid Operation.

After about a month of preliminary planning, a youth center will be formally opened in Blowing Rock this week. The building formerly used by Hardin Hardware Co. will be the location of the center and the young people are busy this week getting the room cleaned up and fixed the way they want it. The center will provide a place where the teen-agers of the community can meet and play such games as ping-pong, shuffle-board, chess, checkers, bridge, have informal dancing, group singing, dramatics and any other activities that they want.

The project is being sponsored by civic groups in the community and the churches. Through the R. A. Dunn Memorial Fund, a fund left in trusteeship of the N. C. Presbytery, money is available to provide rent, utilities, some equipment and a full time director of activities. Although the money is coming through the Presbyterian church, the center will be available to all teen age youth in the vicinity. It is felt that more need is present in the winter months for such an activity program, because everything is closed during these months.

On Thursday night of last week a meeting was held of all youth interested and officers were elected as follows: Bob Walters, president; Norma Banner, vice-president; Merritt Coffey, secretary and Ernest Banner, Jr., treasurer. At this meeting, Dr. Harold Meyer, director of the North Carolina recreation commission spoke to the group briefly on the development of youth centers in the country and offered some very valuable suggestions as to how to make the project a success. Mr. M. T. Culbreth, who is co-director of Camp Sky Ranch during the summer months, will serve as director of the center.

Liberty Round-Up for Scouts in Progress

The 1949 Liberty Round-Up of the Boy Scouts of America is in full swing in this area, according to an announcement made today by D. C. Thompson, publicity director.

In all districts, Cub Scout Packs, Boy Scout Troops and Explorer Units are going forward with an intensive program of fun and activities. With the lowering of the entry age of Cub Scouts to 8, thousands of boys are now joining this great nationwide program who were not previously old enough.

The program for the area-wide Liberty Round-Up includes a formal roll call in each unit, a Liberty Camporee, and a series of Leadership Training Conferences. All of these activities are geared to the 1949 theme of "Strengthen the Arm of Liberty," a Nation-wide Crusade instituted by the Boy Scouts of America last February. Established in 1910, the movement will celebrate its fortieth anniversary next year. A high point of this great celebration will be the Second National Jamboree to be held at Valley Forge, Pa., from June 30 to July 7.

There are three local Scout troops, and Mr. Thompson is arranging a down-town window display to feature Scouting during the round-up.

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