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KING STREET

BY
ROB RIVERS

WATAUGA COUNTY, long noted for its outstanding contributions to worthwhile enterprises... for its felicity in getting the purse strings open whenever the call of distress is heard... has at long last, unthoughtfully, without question, forfeited its position of leadership, and taken its place down near the bottom of the list in its contributions to the March of Dimes Fund... Jim Taylor, who has labored long and faithfully in an effort to arouse public opinion in behalf of the fight on polio, still hopeful, has extended the campaign period, so that the folks may have another chance, or privilege, to give to the welfare of the boys and the girls who have been stricken, and whose sole dependence for restoration lies in the success of the March of Dimes.

WE, PERHAPS, don't mean to turn our backs on our children... those of them who would again like to roll hoops, play hop scotch and chase the butterflies off the reservation;... We, no doubt, in a negative kind of way, are grateful that the National Foundation is restoring many of these wasted bodies, and spending untold millions in trying to place a scientific snatch on the mysterious cripple, so that your child and ours may never be stricken... We know the hope of the country lies in the new generation, that our children are our most priceless possession... that there is no more agonizing thought than that of wasted limbs, of blasted hopes, and of little youngsters doomed to lives of helplessness and of misery... We no doubt had intended to help them with our times and our dollars... We are essentially charitable, whole-souled, understanding bunches of folks... of course we like the kiddies, and want to help them, specially when the little fellows are cast behind the eight-ball, and the going is tough... but the heck of it is our tendencies haven't materialized, generally speaking, into action... The coin hasn't hit the till, and those of us who haven't aided substantially in this work, ought to be downright ashamed and do something about it today.

THE NATIONAL FOUNDATION has poured far more money into the coffers of the local chapter than the county has contributed... The money we have given has been used for our own children, and other funds contributed by folks across the land, have been sent in to give further aid to our polio victims... Some of our children are still in treatment centers, and their expenses continue to mount, as medical genius strives to mend their bodies, and to return them to normal health... We have never "given" anything... We have only made a payment on the services we have received... Another summer may see others of our children stricken... T he need may become greater... Let's rally to the March of Dimes in these closing days, and see to it, that we do a reasonable share toward the restoration of the disabled children... our own children, if you please.

IN THE PAST FEW YEARS the people of Watauga county have contributed untold thousands of dollars to untold causes and purposes, and we don't recall the time there has developed any considerable difficulty in reaching a goal or a quota, till the March of Dimes comes along... but more than once this cause has been received coldly... We don't know why... Anyway let's snap out of it, give immediate and adequate aid and comfort to those fallen by the way... thus contributing to one of the fundamental phases of an aggressive and productive Christianity.

Dimes Square Dance Friday

A mammoth square dance has been arranged as the second social event of the current drive to raise funds for the war against polio. It was announced Monday by Jim Taylor, chairman of the local campaign.
The event will take place in the Boone High School gymnasium Friday, February 10, at 8 p. m.
Doc Watson and the Watauga Wildcats have been secured to provide the music for the dance, and Jerry Wilson will be on hand as the caller of the numbers.
Admission will be 75 cents per person, and Mr. Taylor cordially invites everyone to attend.
"Strong legs dance that weak ones may walk."



WEY GETS DOCTORATE—Herbert W. Wey, principal of Appalachian High School for the past eight years, received the degree of Doctor of Education at mid-year commencement at Indiana University, Bloomington, Ind., February 1. Mr. Wey's degree came at the completion of research study sponsored by Appalachian State Teachers College, and directed by Mr. Wey. The study consisted of analysis of difficulties of student teachers and first year teachers, with recommendations for improving teacher education courses at Appalachian. A copy of the research study is now at the college library. Dr. Wey has written perhaps a dozen articles for national educational magazines, is a member of the State survey committee for school construction, and a member of the Southern association evaluating committee for secondary schools.

Forrest Shuford To Speak To Local C. of C.

State Commissioner of Labor To Tell of Wage and Hour Law Tuesday Noon.

Mr. Forrest Shuford, State commissioner of labor, will be the principal speaker at the monthly meeting of the Boone Chamber of Commerce, which will be held at the Skyland Restaurant Tuesday noon, February 14.
The meeting will adjourn promptly at 1:15 and all members of the organization and friends are asked to attend.
Mr. Shuford will speak particularly of the Federal wages and hour law and how it relates to the business in Boone. Dr. I. G. Greer, Watauga native, will be a special guest and bring greetings.

Mr. Shuford was born in Cleveland county in 1897. He attended Cleveland county public schools, graduated from Piedmont High School at Lawndale. Attended Berea College, Kentucky, North Carolina State College, and Duke University. He was employed in North Carolina and Rhode Island textile mills 1921-24. Became principal of Ellenboro High School in 1924 and of Spindale school in 1925. Served as boy's commissioner of the city of High Point from 1926 to 1933. Served as chief inspector in the North Carolina Department of Labor from 1933 to 1938. Was appointed Commissioner of Labor by Governor Clyde R. Hoey in September 1938 to serve until general election in November that year. Elected Commissioner of labor by the people on November 8, 1938. Re-elected in 1940, 1944, and 1948.
He served in the Navy in World War I. Member of American Legion since its organization; past commander of Andrew Jackson Post, High Point. Past president of the North Carolina Conference for Social Service and the International Association of governmental labor officials. Appointed by President Roosevelt in 1944 as advisor to governmental delegates to the International Labor Organization Conference in Philadelphia. Appointed by President Truman in 1947 as advisor to governmental delegates to International Labor Organization Conference in Geneva, Switzerland.

J. F. Johnson Dies In Davie County

Mr. J. F. Johnson, one of Davie county's most prominent citizens, died in a Farmington hospital Saturday, following a long period of declining health.
Funeral services were conducted Monday from the Farmington Methodist church, where deceased had been Sunday School Superintendent, and teacher of the men's Bible class, as well as chairman of the board of stewards for 20 years. Burial was in the church cemetery.
Among those from Boone attending the rites were: Mr. and Mrs. Oscar May, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Winkler, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Edmisten, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Bingham, Mary Deane Bingham, Mrs. Lillian Hopkins, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Miller, Miss Sallie Ray, D. L. Ray, J. D. Ray.
Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Bertha Greene Johnson, formerly of Boone; one son, J. F. Johnson, Jr., of Appalachian College; one daughter, Mrs. Tom Winkler, Newport News, Va.; one brother, George M. Johnson, Macon, Ga.; three sisters, Mrs. J. W. Williams and Miss Vada Johnson of Farmington, and Mrs. J. C. Galloway of Greenville.

Ad Disposes of Farmer's Sheep

Mr. H. M. Edmisten of Sugar Grove wanted to sell some sheep, and inserted a want ad in the Democrat sometime ago. He disposed of the flock quickly and had his first inquiries even before he received his copy of the county newspaper.
Inquiries, about 25 of them, came from a wide area, including some from points in southwest Virginia.
More and more people are depending on Democrat want ads to bring buyer and seller together quickly and economically.



FORREST SHUFORD

Drive-In Theatre Is Being Built

Construction on a new drive-in theatre started Tuesday on the property of Mrs. E. D. Council two miles from Boone on the old Blowing Rock highway. The new enterprise is under the ownership and management of Messrs. A. E. Hamby, Jr., and John W. Hodges, Jr.
The owners say the very latest equipment is to be installed, including the Simplex X-L projector, one of the first such installations in the State.
The theatre will have a 250-car capacity and is expected to be open by April 1.

Dr. Jennings Taken By Death

Dr. Robert Douglas Jennings, 97, the second oldest practicing dentist in the State, died last Wednesday afternoon at the Banner Elk hospital, following a brief illness.
A native of Catawba county, Dr. Jennings had been active in civic and community affairs at Banner Elk for 50 years, and formerly operated the Klonteska Inn there.
He was married to the former Miss Margaret Abernethy, who died in 1930.
Funeral services were held Friday at 1 o'clock at the Banner Elk Presbyterian church and burial was in the church cemetery.

875 Seek Positions As Census Agents

Harry B. Moore, District Supervisor of the Census for the 9th Congressional District, announces that 875 applications for Crew Leader and Enumerator have been received for the nine counties in this district, and that no further applications will be received at this time.
Within a few days all applicants will be notified to meet the supervisors for personal interview and tests which are required of all applicants.
Mr. Heath Klutz, the Assistant District Supervisor, who has been in Washington two weeks taking training for Crew Leader instructor returned to the Statesville office Monday.
Secretary of State Acheson attacked in the Spanish press.

\$2,000 GIVEN AS PROSPECTS IMPROVE FOR MARCH DIMES

Director Now Hopeful That Goal May Be Reached with Heavens Surge of Contributions; March Dimes Extended as Plea for Aid Is Made.

A healthy surge of contributions within the last few days has pushed the local polio contributions from \$800 to almost \$2,000, giving Jim Taylor, campaign director, new hopes that the goal of \$4,000 may yet be reached, provided the spirit which was evidenced last week continues to be manifested.

Scores of people, says Mr. Taylor, who had already contributed, came in with additional gifts "but our greatest need now is for those people who have failed to make contributions, to act as soon as possible. It will be impossible, for the lack of time and lack of workers to personally solicit everyone, nevertheless your immediate contributions are urged."

The county organization has extended the March of Dimes through Tuesday, February 14. This was done to coincide with the closing of the State drive. A final report of the campaign will be published in the Democrat next week.

Mr. Taylor wishes to thank the following Appalachian High School students for their selfless service in making Tag Day last Saturday a success: Nancy Jane Norris, Mildred Jones, Betty Sue Norris, Barbara Farthing, Beth Eggers, Betty Ann Hagaman, Corinna Shull, Janet Maine, Nancy Dee Winkler, and Frances Jones.

Gray Is Named Carolina Prexy

Chapel Hill. — Army Secretary Gordon Gray this week was unanimously selected as president of the Greater University of North Carolina.

Gray, 40-year-old millionaire Winston-Salem publisher, immediately notified the university board of trustees that he was "deeply honored" by their action, and "I am happy to accept."

The new university president will step into the vacancy left last spring when Governor Scott appointed Frank Porter Graham, first president of the Greater University, to the U. S. Senate. The Greater University includes the University here, N. C. State College at Raleigh and Women's College at Greensboro.

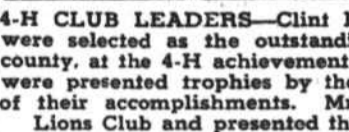
Gray, after being informed of his election by telephone, told the board he would be available to assume his new duties "no later than September 1, 1950, and as soon before that date as the requirements of the Department of Defense justify."

College Concert Band To Present Program

The ASTC concert band will present its first formal concert of the year on Tuesday evening, February 14, at eight o'clock, at the college auditorium. This will be the last concert until the one immediately preceding the annual tour. The program includes several difficult numbers for concert band, including Morning Noon and Night by von Suppe and The Barber of Seville by Rossini.
The program is as follows:
Concert March—Hall of Fame, Olivadotti
Overture—Barber of Seville, Rossini.
American Rhapsody—Cabins, J. R. Gillette.
Overture—Morning Noon and Night, F. von Suppe.
George Gershwin Selections—Transcribed for band by David Bennett.
Battle Hymn of the Republic—Arranged for band by Peter J. Wilhousky.
Bolero—Ravel—Arranged for band by M. Lake.
Stars and Stripes Forever—John Phillip Sousa.
The public is cordially invited to attend.

County Veterans Get \$109,638 Last Year

Veterans of Watauga county received Federal payments of \$109,638 during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1949, it was revealed by E. A. Russell, adjutant for the Miller-Wagner American Legion Post at Deep Gap.
Mr. Russell breaks down this total as follows: Pensions, compensation, subsistence allowance \$99,850.00; Tuition for farm trainees \$4,788; Institutional training \$4,800; Tools for trainees \$200.



4-H CLUB LEADERS—Clint Reese and Janice Ray Swift, who were selected as the outstanding 4-H boy and girl of Watauga county, at the 4-H achievement day exercises held recently. They were presented trophies by the Boone Lions Club in recognition of their accomplishments. Mr. W. R. Cottrell represented the Lions Club and presented the awards.—(See story page Ten)

Dr. Michal Named by District Health Dept.

New Public Health Officer Has Background of Wide Experience.

Dr. Mary B. H. Michal has been employed as health officer for the District Health Department, it was officially announced the first of the week.

Dr. Michal comes well qualified in that she has had seven years of public health service as health officer in the district health department comprising Haywood, Jackson, Macon and Swain counties in Western North Carolina. Dr. Michal received her AB degree from the University of Maine and her MD and public health training from Yale University. Dr. Michal is the present president of the Western North Carolina branch of the American Medical Women's Association and is affiliated with the American Medical Association, the North Carolina Medical Society, the American Public Health Association, North Carolina Public Health Association, and the Western North Carolina Public Health Association. She is an active member of the Waynesville Business and Professional Womens' Club and the Grace Episcopal Church of Waynesville.

Dr. Michal's family will remain in Waynesville for the time being where her daughter, Mary Lenoir is a sophomore in high school. A son, Joseph Lewis Jr. is a freshman at North Carolina State College, Raleigh and Mr. Michal is engaged in farming and cattle raising in Haywood county.

Clinics in the district health department will continue on present schedule for the time being and Dr. Michal will be in Boone for the Monday morning clinic, in Sparta for the Tuesday morning clinic, and in Jefferson for the Wednesday morning clinic. A more complete schedule will be announced at a later date.



DR. MARY B. H. MICHAL

Coy Greene New Police Chief

Coy Greene is new chief of Police for the town of Boone, succeeding Verne Greene, who resigned the position as of the first of the month.

With Mr. Greene's resignation the city added two additional police officers, Messrs. Walter Johnson and Dallas Hartley, and for the first time in its history the city is to have full-time police protection. City officials, in providing 24-hour police service, are meeting the growing demands of business men and others, who believe the benefits to be derived will outweigh the additional cost to the department.

Miss Bettie Horton, Mr. Huskey in Recital

The Music Department of Appalachian State Teachers College will present Miss Bettie Ann Horton, soprano from Ellerbe, N. C., and Mr. Wofford Huskey, pianist from Avondale, in a recital tonight (Thursday) at 8:00 o'clock, in the College Auditorium.
Miss Horton is a student of Mrs. Elsie H. D. Erneston. She will be accompanied by Mr. Giles Salvo. Mr. Huskey is a student of Mr. Bobby Wayne Cox.
They will present the following numbers:
Du Willst die Stolze Spielen, W. de Fesch, Canzonetta con Variazioni—Miss Horton
Sonata in E flat, op. 7, Beethoven, Allegro molto e con brio—Mr. Huskey.
Face, pace, mio Dio, Verdi, La Forza del Destino—Miss Horton.
Intermezzo, op. 117, No. 1, Brahms; Impromptu, Op. 29, Chopin—Mr. Huskey.
Clair de Lune, Joseph Szule, Op. 33 No. 1; Evening Song, Robert Schuman, Op. 51 No. 4; Al-leluiah from the Motet, Mozart; "Exsultate, jubilate"; Robin Song, Howard White—Miss Horton.

ON DEAN'S LIST

Miss Janieve Mast, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Mast, Rominger, has been placed on the Dean's List at Mars Hill College for the first semester of the current school year. To be eligible for a place on the Dean's List a student must have earned forty quality points, with no grade below 'C'. Miss Mast is a freshman at the college.

Bloodshed Boxscore

Killed Jan. 27 thru Jan. 30... 9
Injured Jan. 27 thru Jan. 30... 181
Killed thru Jan. 30 this year... 87
Killed thru Jan. 30, 1949... 57
Injured thru Jan. 30 this year... 899
Injured thru Jan. 30, 1949... 620

Estimates of Road Needs in ten years total \$41,000,000,000.

NEW SCHOOL TO BE BUILT FOR GREEN VALLEY FOR \$135,000.00

First Project Under State School Building Program Gets Approval of County School Board; Fireproof Structure To Have Twelve Classrooms.

The Board of Education Monday approved the building of a 12 classroom school building for the Green Valley district in Meat Camp township, as the first project to be constructed from the county's share of the State school building funds.

The building, which will be of masonry construction, and fireproof, will, in addition to the twelve classrooms, contain lunch room facilities, kitchen and the necessary offices, etc., and it is stated that an architect has been engaged for the completion of the plans for the building, which is expected to cost in the neighborhood of \$135,000.

Construction will begin when the action of the local board is approved by the Raleigh officials, and when bids can be received and contracts executed.

Mr. W. H. Walker, county superintendent, states that the second building project will be a consolidated school somewhere in the Deep Gap district. Some of the members of the board of education have visited possible sites in the district, but no action has been taken, pending complete investigation of the possibilities by the full board membership.

Merchants To Fete Employees

Boone retailers will be hosts to their employees at the annual merchants association banquet at the Baptist Church at 7 o'clock, Tuesday evening, February 14.

Dr. and Mrs. I. G. Greer will be on the program, and other interesting events, including special music, are being arranged by the program committee, headed by Russell D. Hodges. Every member of the Association is asked to ascertain as early as possible how many of their employees, their wives, and sweethearts can attend.

Membership Triples
At a meeting of the board of directors of the Merchants Association it was reported that the membership in the organization is about three times what it was six months ago. Invitations have been extended to all merchants in the town and county to participate in the activities.

Special sales events for the last week in March were approved. Guy Hunt, W. W. Chester and Fred Church were named as a committee to sponsor this activity.

Two other important items approved by the board to be worked out is a school of salesmanship, when in cooperation with the State Merchants Association, a man will come to Boone to conduct a series of discussion on, "What is Expected of a Salesman or an Office Employee." Also a courtesy campaign was decided upon, and a committee was appointed to work out the details. Each month in the year some person will be selected as the salesman of the month, particularly as it relates to courtesy.

Mr. Hoyt Wood To Speak to Rotarians

Mr. Hoyt Wood of West Jefferson will speak to the Boone Rotary Club Thursday night, 6:30 p. m. Mr. Wood is a special friend of Rev. Sam Moss, District Commissioner of the Boy Scouts, who will also be a guest of the Rotary Club and will introduce Mr. Wood.

This is Boy Scout Week and the subject of Mr. Wood's address will be, "The Youth in the Community and Our Obligation to Them."
Members of the Watauga District of the Boy Scouts are invited to attend the meeting in addition to the Rotarians.

Mrs. Ethel Davis Is Taken by Death

Mrs. Ethel Virginia Davis, 56, mother of Mrs. Agnes Shipley of Vilas, N. C., died Friday afternoon at the home in Harrisonburg, Va. Mrs. Davis had been in failing health for several years.

Funeral services were held Sunday at 2:30 from the Harrisonburg Methodist church, with the pastor, Rev. H. C. Blackwell, in charge of the rites. Burial was in the family lot, Woodbine cemetery.
Immediate survivors are four daughters: Mrs. Agnes Shipley, Vilas, N. C.; Mrs. Naomi Fuller and Mrs. Clara Weakly, of Harrisonburg and Mrs. Vallie Lee Myers, Edom.

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