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KING STREET

BY
ROB RIVERS

B. W. STALLINGS, one of those who follows rather closely the reasoning found in this corner, comes through with an idea, in case anyone desires to set apart another week for any kind of observance . . . He suggests a seven-day period, free of all malicious talk about one's neighbor, a sort of gossipless period, when the faults of the individuals of the community would be allowed to rest undisturbed . . .

Either talk good about the fellow, or say nothing . . . Try to look at the other side of the picture, a "be kind to people week." . . . The man has something of course.

SMALL TOWNS are by the very nature of their make-up, prone to engage in a lot of talk . . . We know each other so well, all about his business, about how much income tax he pays, how his children progress at school, how much he lays in the plate if he goes to Church . . . How he votes come November, and whether or not he's the boss of the household . . . We know where his wife got the atrocious hat, how much it cost, how she handles herself when she loses at a game of bridge, and whether or not she rules the roost with a hand of iron or with a heart of gold . . . The other fellow's business, somehow, just becomes a part and parcel of everyday conversation, "cause it's the subject with which most folks are so familiar . . . Most of it is harmless . . . just observations about things which are really none of our business . . . But then, there is the occasional man or woman, who just has to be mean, and talk out of turn . . . Wander away from the funny little things which we laugh about in our neighbors, while they are laughing at us . . . and go right down into assaults on the motives and characters of our folks, without even hearing the other side . . . This sort of thing is perhaps what Mr. Stallings had in mind . . . and we would like a try at the gossipless period, in which maybe the purveyors of malicious tales about our folks would desist, and find out how much better they feel without giving constant expression to their dislike of a fellow being.

A FEW YEARS AGO we heard a man giving another citizen an awful going-over . . . The one being assailed, according to the man who held the stage in the living room, was about the meanest man in the whole world . . . He would do anything in the book, no doubt about it, and just about the time he had us convinced that maybe the accused ought to be hung by the neck for a little while, his wife, evidently pretty much the boss of the fireside realm, asked to be heard, and we figured she was going to completely finish the poor fellow . . . but she didn't . . . quoth she, "isn't here tonight. There is no one here to appear in his defense . . . Half the things you've heard, no doubt are false, the other half distorted . . . You've talked enough . . . It isn't fair to try, convict and hang a man with out his having a chance to offer his testimony" . . . The husband clamored again in a pleasant vein later on, and the remainder of the session was unstrained . . . Have never seen the lady since, but that we've thought of that trite speech, and treasured her friendship just a little more.

BUSINESS MEN lay final touches on income tax forms, and many of them sadly reflect they "did better than common" last year, and owe the government some more money . . . Number of folks seen on Monday, poring over the government forms, check book handy, getting ready for the final settlement, and didn't see a one sore about the thing, just wondering how the heck they managed to owe so much . . . A few years ago, land taxes were the talk of the community, during certain seasons, but this income tax business makes the others look so small, that the local levies are scarcely mentioned around town in these days.

MARCH, after blowing in "like a lion" and giving down with a few cold days, provides a few rainy days, as the first robins fly in from the deep south and give down with their happy songs . . . Number of Republican leaders go to Statesville Monday for the Congressional convention, and proceed to Charlotte for the State meeting . . . some four thousand baby chicks down at Wilson's feed store, chirping at the same time . . . Rex Hagaman delivering the mail about the town and always flashing a big smile . . . Farmers talk of the current lamb crop, and the strong position of the cattle market . . . Fertilizer, lime, phosphate, moving toward the farm as planting time grows near . . . (continued on page six)



VOICE OF LABOR—Prime Minister Clement Attlee, Britain's Labor government head, announced that his party would form a new government despite its slim margin in the recent election. The new government will have to walk warily.

Chicken Pie Supper Tonight

A chicken pie supper will be served by the Boone Parent-Teachers Association Wednesday evening, March 15, from 5 to 7 o'clock, and the proceeds from the sale of tickets will be used for school purposes. All patrons of the school are invited to participate.

Poultry Specialist Coming Tuesday

Mr. C. F. Parrish, in charge poultry extension, will be in Watauga county on Tuesday, March 21, to assist with poultry work. Two meetings are planned to give poultry men a chance to discuss their problems with Mr. Parrish. Tuesday, March 21, 10:30 a. m., county courthouse in Boone. Tuesday, March 21, 2:00 p. m., Stony Fork school.

Vets Should File Pension Claims Soon

Lionel Ward, veterans' service officer, states that the Veterans Administration has notified him to have all of the No. 1 war veterans file a claim for pension as early as possible.

Freshmen Plan Paper Campaign

The Freshman class of Appalachian High school has planned a project of collecting old newspapers and magazines to be sold for the benefit of a Freshman class picnic, which will take place in the spring. The exact day that the papers will be collected has not yet been decided, but it will be one day in the very near future. The towns people are asked to top lease save their old newspapers and magazines and they will be taken up at your home.

Burley Bed Test To Be Started Thursday

A demonstration tobacco plant bed, featuring the use of a weed killer, is to be conducted this spring on the farm of Stanley M. Harris at Sherwood.

Frank Waynick in Case Mat Tourney

Frank Waynick speedy little 121 pounder from Appalachian State Teachers College won 4th place in the consolation rounds of the Case Wrestling Tournament held in Cleveland on March 10-11th.

LOCAL FOLKS AT NCEA MEET: SOME CHOSEN AS OFFICIALS

Number of Collegians Attend Teachers Organization Meeting in Raleigh Last Week; Derrick, Casale, Others Are Named on Official Slate.

Appalachian State Teachers college was represented at the annual meeting of the North Carolina Education Association in Raleigh last week by a number of teachers and students.

Attending were Miss Helen Burch, Renato Casale, Leo K. Pritchett, F. R. Derrick, Dr. John C. Barden, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kirchner, Dr. John Workman from the faculty. Delegates from the Future Teachers of America were students Mildred Bradley, Mozelle Richardson, William R. Richardson, and Sarah Miller Matthews. Mr. Richardson and Miss Matthews were representing the college as "Mr. and Miss Future Teacher" from Appalachian.

Smith Woodring Taken By Death

Smith Alfred Woodring, 74 years old, died at the home in the Todd neighborhood March 8th.

Rites Held For Mrs. Campbell

Mrs. Margaret Lee Campbell, 61 years old, died at the home at Sugar Grove on Sunday.

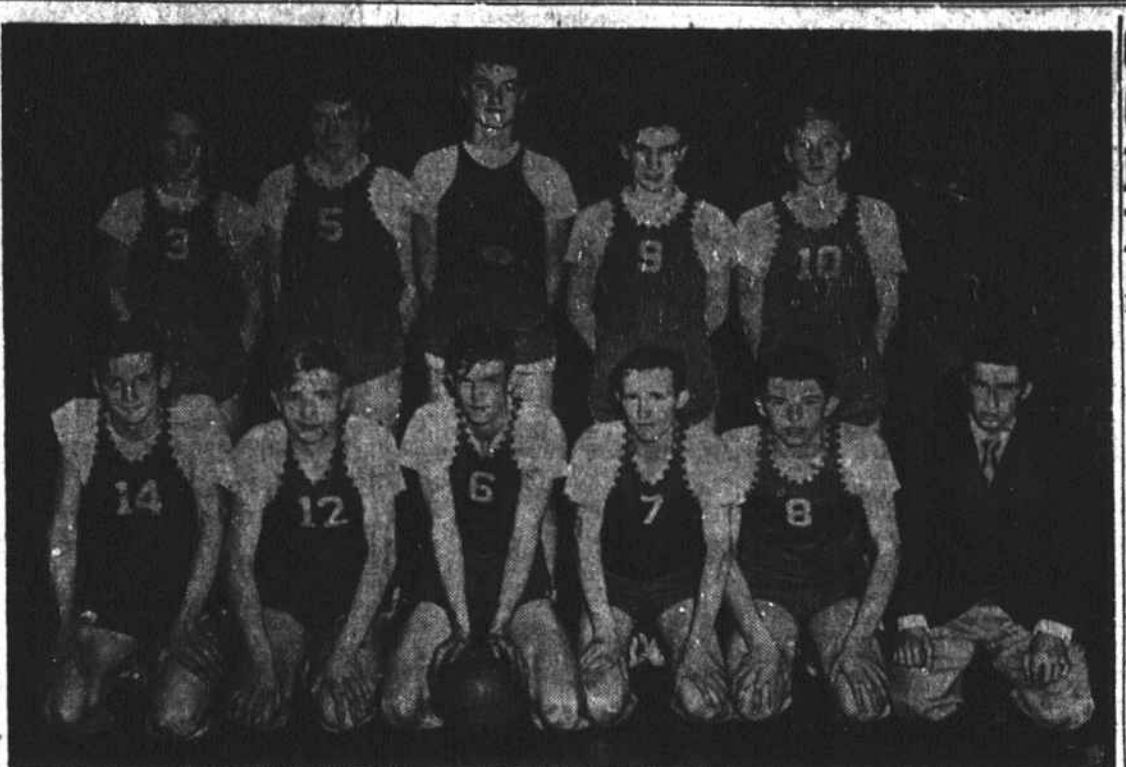
Citizens Act To Get Cub Scout Pack

A group of citizens and parents of Boone, interested in having a Cub Scout Pack for boys of 8, 9 and 10 years of age, have been meeting recently to organize such a group. In order to obtain a charter from the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America, the group must do the following things:

1. Obtain a local institution to back us. The Presbyterian church has agreed to do this.
2. Appoint a pack committee of at least 3 men.
3. Obtain a Cubmaster. Rev. E. S. Ranson has accepted this job.
4. Obtain a Den Mother for every group of 5 to 8 boys.
5. Hold a training and organization meeting for all parents who want their boys to become cubs. This meeting will acquaint parents with the Cub Scout program and their part in it.

Former War Prisoners To Receive Per Diem

Lionel Ward, veterans service officer, states that Congress has passed a law that all veterans who were prisoners of war, held by an enemy nation, will receive one dollar a day for every day they were imprisoned. If these veterans will come to Mr. Ward's office, he will be glad to file their claims.



TOURNEY WINNERS—The Rockets, from Blowing Rock High School, who won the first place trophy for the second time in the tri-county basketball tournament held here recently. High school teams from Ashe, Avery and Watauga counties participated in the tournament, and the Rockets defeated Fleetwood, Jefferson, seeded for first position. Crossnore and Appalachian to defend their title. In the winning lineup, front row, left to right: Ernest Banner, Jim Greene, Bob Walters, Billy Greene, Billy Bolick, Carter Lentz, coach; back row, left to right, Charlie Klutz, Taft Broyles, Merritt Coffey, Billy White and Bobby Shores. —Photo Palmer's Studio.

Scott Accuses Local Democrats Of Jockeying Primary Figures

Democratic Club Rally Saturday

A rally of the Democratic voters of Watauga county, called primarily for the purpose of organizing the Young Democratic Club, will be held at the courthouse in Boone Saturday, March 18, at 7 o'clock.

Lawyer Smith Is Nominated

Attorney L. A. Smith has been offered as a nominee in the courtesy campaign being conducted by the Boone Merchants Association. The letter placing the local attorney in the running for courtesy honors is as follows: "I nominate Lawyer Smith because when I go into his office he always acknowledges my presence and if busy, insists that I have a seat, and that he will be with me in just a few minutes. His approach is always cheerful. His office is always tidy. He shows an interest in the other fellow's troubles. He is very prompt and efficient in his profession. He is courteous."

Jacob L. Lewis Dies At Age 91

Jacob Leander Lewis, 91 years old, prominent citizen of Meat Camp township, died Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Michael of Boone following a long illness.

Local Republicans Attend Conventions

Among those attending the Congressional convention in Statesville Monday, and the State Republican convention in Charlotte Tuesday, were: Ivy B. Wilson, W. H. Gragg, Clyde Eggers, J. E. Holshouser, Dr. and Mrs. A. P. Kepbart.

Local Democrats Disclaim Knowledge of Any Irregularity in 1948 Primary, and Indicate Ire at Accusations of Governor.

Governor Scott, in a press conference in Raleigh Friday, cracked down on the alleged practice of compelling school teachers to make contributions to campaign purposes, and accused Watauga county Democrats of "jockeying" the figures to make the result right, in the primary election of 1948, when the Governor was opposed by Charles M. Johnson.

The Scott pronouncement, coming at a time when members of the administration are seeking support for the candidacy of Senator Frank P. Graham, fell like a bomb shell among Democratic leaders in this county, who aver they know nothing of any sort of scandal growing out of the '48 primary, that there were no complaints heard at the time, and that if there had been one, the statement of the Governor that the "situation has been cleaned up," makes an announcement inopportune, according to orthodox political reasoning.

Some of the lads who carry the political ball, both in May and November in these parts, are genuinely riled at the charges of the Governor, and there is a good deal of speculation as to their possible effect on the sentiment of Watauga voters in the May primary.

The quotation from the Raleigh dispatch, which sounded the sour note in local Democratic circles, follows:

"A group from Watauga called on him before the first primary and told him he would receive some votes in Watauga but would not carry the county. After the first primary when Scott trailed Charles M. Johnson in the state by a narrow margin, the group called on him again and told him: 'You're not going to carry the county, but you're going to get a good vote. Our job is to defeat the Republicans, and we can't afford to have a Governor mad at us.'"

"Then on election night, Scott continued, Watauga county reported that Johnson had carried the county by a few votes. But on Monday morning after the election, when Scott was definitely the winner, a report came from Watauga that a mistake had been made, that Scott had actually carried the county by 120 votes.

"They just jockeyed the figures to make the result right," he added.

"But the situation in Watauga apparently has been cleaned up," the Governor said, and it is not involved in the current investigation.

"Scott recalled that old politicians had told him that there are some 180 precincts out of 1,900 in North Carolina that can be tampered with."

The Scott statement came as the Governor revealed that an investigation was in progress of charges that school teachers are required to kick-back a part of their salary, are in effect told to "pay up or get out."

Scott said he was not sure whether these kick-backs went to individuals for their own use or were made as party contributions.

Local Democrats seem to feel that the Governor should have named names, and been specific in his charges, again the Democratic officials of the county.

Beal Gets Nod Of District GOP

Statesville—Ninth district Republicans this week nominated Fate J. Beal of Lenoir as their candidate for U. S. Representative.

The attorney received unanimous approval at the district GOP convention here.

Rep. R. L. Doughton of Laurel Springs, Democratic incumbent, is running again.

The Republicans named Clyde R. Greene of Boone as their executive committee chairman. McCall of Lenoir, Frank L. Smith of Lenoir was re-elected secretary.

Bynum Gross Dies On Friday

Bynum Harold Gross, 69 years old, well-known farmer of the Meat Camp section, died at the home Friday. Mr. Gross had been in poor health for a long time and his condition had been considered critical for the past several weeks.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday at 2 o'clock at the Meat Baptist Church by Rev. R. C. Eggers, Rev. Arlie Moretz and Rev. Mr. Stevens and interment was in the Hine cemetery near the ancestral home, one mile west of Boone.

Mr. Gross, who was a son of the late Isaac and Mrs. Gross, was born at Roaring River in Wilkes county, and the family moved to Watauga when he was a young man. He had lived in the Meat Camp section for 29 years, where he engaged in farming, and where he was held in the highest esteem by the people.

Republican Chairman

Charlotte.—North Carolina Republicans elected Jim Bailey, Jr., 38-year-old Marshall attorney, as their chairman at the State convention here Tuesday, but failed to name an opponent to Sen. Clyde R. Hoey.

They put up E. L. Gavin of Sanford, former senatorial candidate, as their senatorial candidate from the traditional East. He specifically was earmarked as the man to run against Dr. Frank Graham.

CONTRACT LET ON LAST UNIT LOCAL POWER PLANT WORK

Building Expected To Start Shortly on Expanded Utility Plant; Plant To Be One of State's Finest; Music, Art Building Is Next Project.

The last unit of construction on the power plant improvement program at Appalachian State Teachers college is expected to get under way shortly. The contract for pipe work and auxiliary power equipment recently was awarded to F. Holliday and Company of Greensboro. Contracts also went to Tichenor-Smith of Greensboro for insulation in the amount of \$4,300 and to Electric Service Company, Hickory, for electrical work amounting to \$8,550.

When it is completed, the power plant will have a cost of \$373,881.18. This was the first major item on the \$3,500,000 building and improvement project at Appalachian State Teachers college, money for which was appropriated by the State of North Carolina. The second item, a building housing the laundry, garage, and shops, already is in use, having been completed at a cost of \$114,447.68.

Carl Henson House Burned

A seven-room house, the property of Carl Henson of Vilas, and occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Lee Teague, was totally destroyed by fire, as a result of an explosion caused when Mr. Teague emptied a bucket of coal onto the glowing embers in a heating stove. Mr. Teague had the house completely furnished, and all the belongings of himself and family were destroyed. The house and contents were partially covered by insurance.

Tripp Article in National Magazine

The Clearing House, a journal for modern junior and senior high school faculties, carried an article in the December issue entitled "A Bit of Mass Conversion" written by Mr. Hillard C. Tripp, instructor at Appalachian High School.

Farmers Co-Op Has New Manager Here

Mr. Gales Scroggs has succeeded Mr. Spencer Miller as the manager of the Watauga Farmers' Co-op, Mr. Miller having resigned due to other business interests.

Mr. Scroggs is a native of Wilkes county and a graduate of North Carolina State College, where he majored in agriculture. He was formerly a field representative for the Farmers' Co-operative Exchange, Raleigh, N. C.

Basketball Score

Appalachian State Teachers College basketball squad lost a close game Monday afternoon with Brooklyn College in the NAIB Tournament at Kansas City. The score was 79 to 75.