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KING STREET

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MONDAY marked the last day of winter, according to official calculation, and the old king of the frozen whiskers and frosty breath, did himself right proud on the day which, according to the almanac, was to mark his exit from the stage, upon which he had breathed frigidly at intervals during the past several months...

SOME LATE WORK being done in the composing room at the Democrat office the other evening... front of the building was dark... Police officer Walter Johnson, came along, tried the front door, found it unlocked, and snatched on back into the rear to find out what was going on...

WHEN A FELLOW IS RIGHT QUICK on the uptake and has an accompanying degree of sound judgment, it is customary to refer to him as being endowed with "horse sense"...

4-H Council In Meet On Saturday

The 4-H County Council was held Saturday, March 18, in the Legion Hut. The program was varied considerably from the regular routine type that has been followed to include familiar songs, new 4-H songs, stunts and singing games in addition to a safety program...

Brown Is New Owner Of Maddux Station

Mr. Walter H. Brown has bought the business of Mr. M. R. Maddux, hitherto known as Maddux Esso Service, and is now in charge of the business. The station is located at the intersection of the Blowing Rock Road and East King Street, and is a popular automobile servicing center...

CENSUS TAKERS to begin making the rounds on April first, and getting all the facts and figures about the some one hundred and fifty million folks who now inhabit this bastion of democracy and of self-government...

Ted Hagaman Named To Head County's YD Club

Young Democrats Reorganize at Spirited Meeting Held Saturday Night; Other Officers; Over 300 Charter Members of Club.

At one of the most rousing political rallies ever held in Watauga County on Saturday night, the Young Democratic Club of Watauga County was organized, and officers elected to serve for one year. The officers include Ted Hagaman, young Boone businessman, president; Mrs. Earleen G. Pritchett, Boone, first vice president; Jim Taylor, young Boone attorney, second vice president; Mrs. Bonnie Jean Rivers, Boone, secretary; and Lloyd Hayes, Boone, treasurer.

Count Of Noses Starts April 1

Mr. D. M. Edmisten, crew leader for the 1950 Federal census, states that the actual work of enumeration will start here on Saturday, April 1.

DR. DOUGHERTY IS AWARDED CITIZENSHIP CERTIFICATE

A citation for distinguished public service was presented to Dr. B. B. Dougherty, president of Appalachian State Teachers college, by the North Carolina Citizens Association, at a recent meeting in Raleigh.

CORONER'S PANEL SAYS RAGAN KILLED BY UNKNOWN PERSON

Henry Ragan, aged Boone man, met his death at the hand of a person or persons unknown, according to the decision of a coroner's jury handed down last Thursday.

SIX SOLONS TO GET FREE RIDE IN PRIMARIES SET FOR MAY 27

Doughton One of Those Opposed for Major Party's Nomination; A Complete List of Candidates Given as Filing Time Ends.

Raleigh. — Six of North Carolina's Congressmen won the Democratic nomination for reelection last week when the deadline for filing found them without opposition.

Less Burley To Be Grown In '50

Raleigh. — North Carolina burley tobacco growers plan to plant about 12 per cent less acreage this year than in 1949, the Federal-State Crop Reporting Service estimated this week.

Hospital Guild To Meet Friday Evening

There will be an important business meeting of the Watauga Hospital Guild, Friday night, March 24th, at the Boone Baptist Church, at 7:30 p. m.

Senior Class Play Slated at Bethel

The Senior Class of Bethel High School announces its play "George in a Jam," at the school auditorium, Friday night, 8 o'clock, March 24.

Navy Enlistments

The U. S. Navy has increased its enlistments in this area. Enlistments are unlimited in the United States Navy for young men between the ages of 17 and 31 who are non-veterans.

County Churches, Civic Groups Plan for Easter Sunrise Service

Chamber Believes 4,000 Live Here

Students at Appalachian State Teachers College are to be counted in the census this year as residents of Boone. The Chamber of Commerce very genuinely believes that if everybody is counted, the official population of Boone will show 4000 or more.

Rotary Sponsor Easter Seal Sale

The Easter Seal Sale for crippled children will be conducted in this area under the sponsorship of the Boone Rotary Club, and Mr. Kent K. Brown of Blowing Rock has been named chairman of the campaign.

ENROLLMENT AT ASTC REACHES ALL-TIME HIGH

The enrollment for the year at Appalachian State Teachers college has climbed to the all-time high of 1959, with the opening of the spring quarter, according to H. R. Eggers, registrar.

County Churches, Civic Groups Plan for Easter Sunrise Service

Moses H. Cone Memorial Park To Be Setting for County-Wide Observation; Committees Are Named To Work Out Details.

On Easter Sunday morning, a sunrise worship service will be held at the Cone mansion in the Moses H. Cone Memorial park. This service is being sponsored by the churches and civic groups of Watauga county and is a continuation of the Easter service conducted last year by the churches and community of Blowing Rock.

STATE PRISON CAMP BLAZE BURNS SUPPLY HOUSE, FOOD

The supply house and laundry at the State prison camp near Boone, was destroyed by fire Monday morning, with a loss which Superintendent Carter Farthing says will run into several thousand dollars, although no exact estimate is possible at this time.

Jones Takes Job At Blowing Rock

H. G. Jones, former editor of the Appalachian, and well-known in Boone, where last summer he assisted the Watauga Democrat in the preparation of its centennial edition, has accepted a position as director of public relations for the Blowing Rock Chamber of Commerce.

One ORC Nurse To Be Called To Duty

It is the desire of the Commanding Officer, North Carolina Military District, Third Army Area, Raleigh, to call to active duty one ORC nurse, during the period of March 25 to May 1, for a tour of active duty in the Office of the Local Unit Instructor, located in the ORC Armory, 1241 8th Avenue, Hickory.

"Echoes of the Blue Ridge" Plans Given

"Echoes of the Blue Ridge," which was granted a charter December 31, 1949, will be produced this year under the direction of Pat Alderman of Mountain City, Tennessee and will be staged here from June 30 to July 4.

DR. BARDEN SPEAKS IN NORTH WILKESBORO

Dr. John G. Barden, professor of education at Appalachian State Teachers college, addressed the members of the School Masters Club at the regular dinner meeting at Hotel Wilkes in North Wilkesboro Monday night.

Pie Supper at Mabel

There will be a pie supper at Mabel School on Friday night, March 24, at 7:30 o'clock. Dick Farthing will furnish string music. Contests will be held. The proceeds will go to Mabel School for better equipment. The public is invited.

WAR ON INSECTS

Farmers and gardeners are expected to expand millions of dollars in their fight against bugs which annually take a \$4,000,000,000 toll from food and fiber products.