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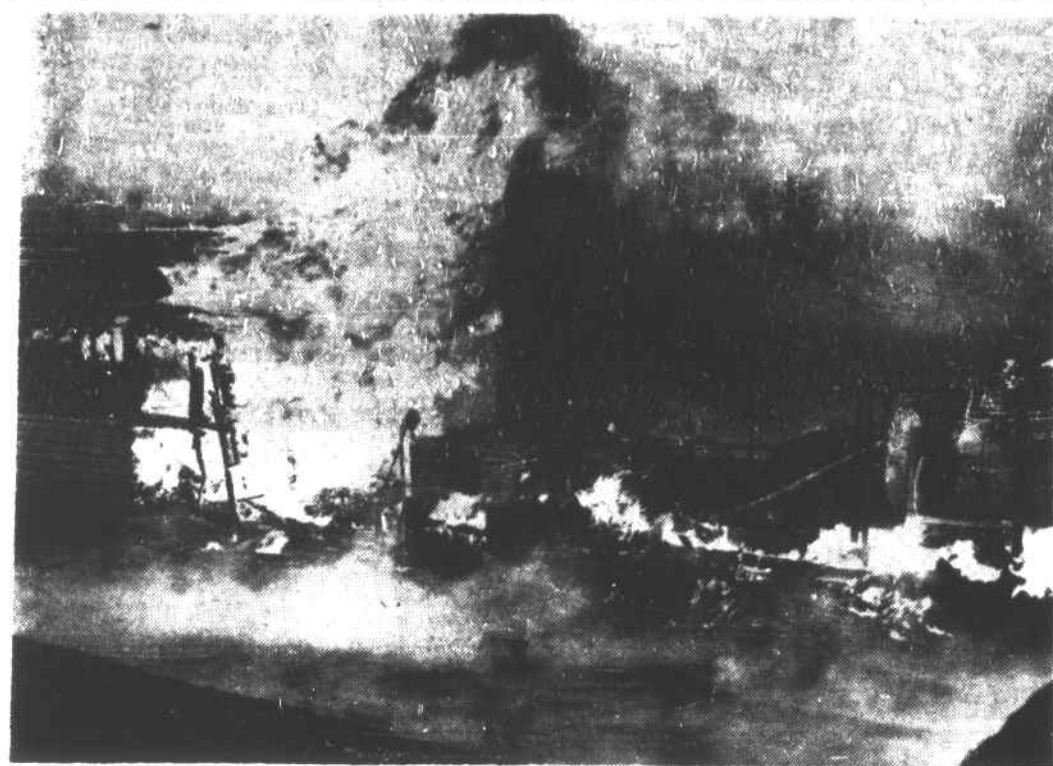
# WATAUGA DEMOCRAT

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FIVE CENTS



PRISON CAMP BLAZE.—Scene at the prison camp conflagration last week, when the supply house, and laundry were destroyed by a fire of unknown origin. (Photo Palmer's Photo Service.)

## KING STREET

BY  
ROB RIVERS

ALONG THE WAY... Jud Barnes, on the job every day for the Bush Transfer Co., giving polite efficient service to the shippers of the community, in both fair weather and foul... Frank Triplett, who makes a specialty of lifting heavy things with his wrecking equipment, passes by with a big truck in tow... and agrees to move out the Democrat's old press when the new one comes from the builders later on... Long-handled wooden union suit flapping in the heavy wind from a clothes line... Sand, used to cover fresh asphalt patches in pavement, blows with March winds and cuts faces of pedestrians... Edwin Troutman, who now resides over at Jerry Coe dog story was featured prominently on radio station WNCN, Asheville, Friday morning. Chamber Commerce urges folks to "stand up and be counted" as final plans made for taking of census. Think there is a distinct possibility that the population of the city will be somewhere in the neighborhood of four thousand... Since students at the College are to be enumerated... Widened vistas of Nylons as gales catch skirts, already growing shorter, as fashions change, permitting the hem line to be fourteen to fifteen inches from the pavement... Thunder rolls and lightning flashes during progress of snow storm, which so far as we can recall, is something unusual in the behavior of the weather.

COURTESY CONTEST being sponsored by the Merchants Association draws forth some nominations from time to time, and all those selected, are without doubt, due credit for their fine spirit of friendliness, understanding and cooperation toward the public... Others are invited to submit recommendations for the courtesy contest honors, in an effort to give honor where honor is due, and to promote courtesy among the tradespeople of the city... Aside from contacts growing out of personal friendships, courtesy in business relations, perhaps grows from the proper sort of evaluation of the customer, or the right set of attitudes toward the public. In this connection, the following, quoted from the United Business Service defines a customer:

"WHAT IS A CUSTOMER? A customer is the most important person ever in this office—in person or by mail. A customer is not dependent on us—we are dependent on him. A customer is not an interruption of our work—he is the purpose of it. We are not doing him a favor by serving him—he is doing us a favor by giving us the opportunity to do so... A customer is not an outsider to our business—he is a part of it. A customer is not a cold statistic—he is a flesh-and-blood human being with feelings and emotions like your own, and with biases and prejudices. A customer is not somebody to argue with or match wits with. Nobody ever won an argument with a customer... A customer is a person who brings us his wants. It is our job to handle them profitably to him and to ourselves."

VISITORS TO THE YDC MEETING in Asheville, which provided a sort of springboard for all the candidates for the United States Senate, were amused by the placards posted at convention headquarters on behalf of those who want ever

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## Red Cross Campaign Slated To Close 31st



STACY CLYDE EGGERS, JR.

### Eggers Passes The State Bar Exam

Stacy Clyde Eggers, Jr., son of Representative and Mrs. S. C. Eggers of Boone, passed the bar examination held in Raleigh recently, and he and his family will return to Boone May 1, from Asheville, where Mr. Eggers will practice law.

### J. Crit Greene Dies At Age 85

James Crittenden Greene, 85 years old, prominent resident of New River, and a retired farmer, died at the home Sunday. Mr. Greene had been in poor health for several years.

Funeral services were conducted at the Three Forks Baptist Church Monday. Rev. Victor Trivett and Rev. Raymond Hendrix were in charge of the rites and interment was in the Ray cemetery.

The widow, Mrs. Mary Wilson Greene, one son and two daughters survive: Ralph Greene, Cleveland, Ohio; Mrs. Frank Johnson, Farmington, N. C.; Mrs. Oscar May of the home.

## Local Election Board Is Named

R. T. Greer and Lester Carroll, both of Boone, Democrats, and Clyde R. Greene, Boone, Republican, have been chosen as members of the Watauga County Board of Elections, Greer, Wiley G. Hartzog and J. E. Holshouser comprise the retiring board.

Mr. Carroll was appointed last Thursday when D. M. Edmisten of Boone, who is head of the Federal census work in Watauga, resigned.

### NO REST

Titusville, Pa.—Just 42 hours after taking the job of local dog catching, the man quit, explaining, "I don't get a chance to rest. There were too many phone calls."

## GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE WILL BE SHARED BY ALL CHURCHES

Boone Ministers Join in Holding Good Friday Service; Stores Asked To Close One Hour During Union Services, Everyone Invited.

The Ministerial Association of Boone announces the Annual Good Friday service, to be conducted this year at the Methodist Church. The service will begin at one o'clock on Friday afternoon, April 7, and will close at two o'clock. It was not felt wise to conduct the traditional three hour service.

Rev. S. B. Moss, chairman of the local minister's organization, has announced that the cooperation of the community is requested. It is hoped that the business establishments will close for one hour during the service and give all persons of the town an opportunity to attend the service. It is felt that this service can be of great significance if the public will participate freely.

## Winkler Again On Ad Group

W. R. Winkler, of the Winkler Motor Co., has been appointed to a fourth term as a member of the Ford advertising committee for the Charlotte division, and attended a meeting of the group there recently, where a program of publicity for Ford products was mapped for the States of North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia.

The advertising committee deals for all the Ford advertising in the three states—newspaper, magazine, radio—however, Mr. Winkler states that newspaper advertising is now taking first place in the Ford budget. "The general opinion of dealers is that newspaper advertising, both weekly and daily, is the most effective medium of sales publicity," said Mr. Winkler.

## Easter Seal Sales Started

Five hundred dollars for crippled children! That is the goal set for the 1950 Easter Seal drive of the Watauga Chapter League for Crippled Children, which began March 25, and continues to April 9, under the sponsorship of the Boone Rotary Club.

Announcement of the goal set for the campaign was made by K. K. Brown, drive chairman, after the first meeting of his committee chairmen and officials of the society.

Mr. Brown declared that a higher goal was set for this year's campaign than ever before because the need for assistance to crippled children and adults is constantly increasing and can only be maintained and expanded with adequate funds.

"Not only do we have more requests for services for already existing facilities," he said, "but we see every day the need for new services and facilities. This program takes money and under present-day conditions they take more and more money. We have not only set ourselves a higher goal for our Easter Seal campaign which is the chief means of support for our activities, but we intend to go over the top in our appeal for funds."

"The people of Watauga county are known as warm-hearted, generous people who refuse to let their own neighbors go without help when they need it. They know too, that there is never a time when a neighbor needs more help than when a little child is crippled and wants to learn to walk or talk and to become independent and ultimately self-sustaining."

The Watauga Crippled Children's society is an affiliate of the N. C. Crippled Children's league, one of more than 2,000 member units of the National Society for Crippled Children and Adults. Easter Seals help finance not only the services of the local and state societies but also national programs to benefit the cerebral palsied and other neglected disabled groups.

## County Council Be Held Friday at 2 p. m.

The second quarterly meeting of the home demonstration county council will be held on Friday, March 31st at the home agents office at 2 p. m. This will be one of the most important meetings of the entire year and it is hoped that a full attendance will be had.

The following items are to be discussed:

1. Attending the district federation at Sparta on May 11th.
2. The awarding of the gavel at the county federation meeting.
3. National Home Demonstration Week.
4. Essay contest on "Twelve Reasons Why I Belong to a Home Demonstration Club."

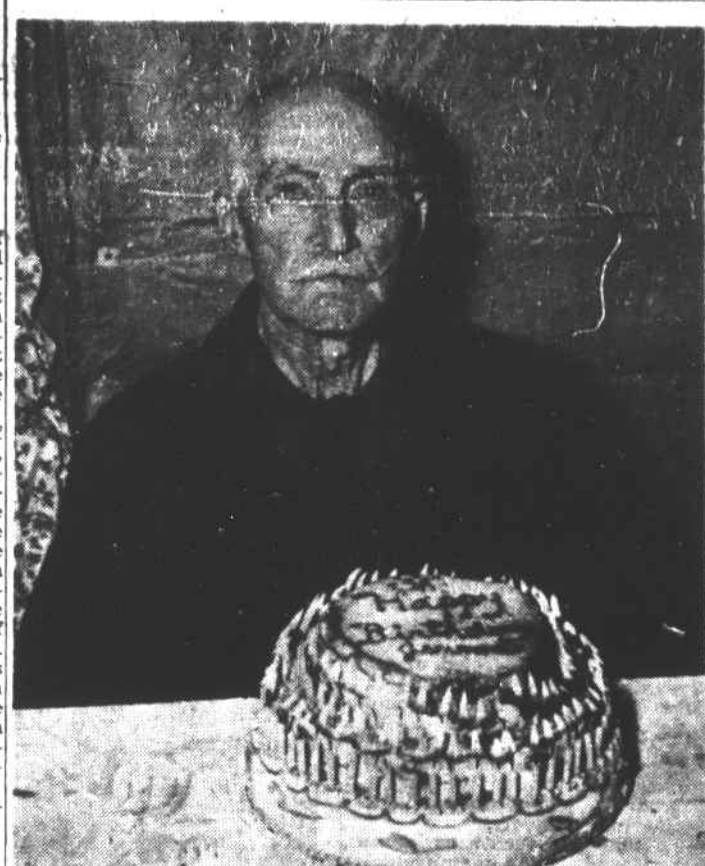
Mrs. Cling Hodges of the Hodges Gap club is president of the county council.

## County-Wide Grange Conference Slated

A county-wide Grange conference will be held Thursday, March 30 at 7:30 p. m. at the Gateway Cafe.

All Grange officers are urged to attend the meeting. Any Grange member will be welcome. The program includes fun and refreshments.

## Census Workers Attend School; Enumeration Begins Saturday



100 YEARS OLD.—Friends and relatives of Uncle Jerome Presnell of Adams, gave him a surprise birthday dinner at his home on February 25, on the occasion of his one hundredth birthday. Mr. Presnell, a native of Watauga county, has spent his entire life here, where he has engaged in farming. He tells of having been captured by Stoneman's men in 1865, and carried to Virginia, later escaping. He is in good health and says he hopes to live at least another twenty-five years.—(Photo Palmer's Photo Service.)

## LIONS TALENT SHOW PLANNED; QUEEN CONTESTANTS CHOSEN

### Choral Groups in District Contest

The Appalachean High school groups, under the direction of Elsie H. D. Erneston, participated in the Winston-Salem district contest held at Mineral Spring High school on March 24th, winning ratings of superior, excellent and good in all events entered.

It is possible to receive a rating of from I to VI, such as: superior, excellent, good, average, below average and poor; and as the judging was very strict this year, and many schools received ratings of IV, V, and VI, it is felt that Appalachean groups made an exceptionally good showing in the contest.

Of the vocal solos entered, Beth Eggers, soprano and Neva Norris, alto received excellent ratings. Jimmy Harrison, tenor, and Jerry Troutman, baritone received ratings of good. The Girls' Trio and the Mixed Quartet both also received ratings of good. The Boys' Quartet, sung by Maurice Templeton, Jimmy Harrison, Jerry Troutman, and Dale Hodges received a rating of superior.

The Girls' Glee Club, The Boys' Glee Club and the Choral Ensemble class each received rating of excellent, with Boys' Glee Club being given a superior from one of the three judges.

Chorus personnel of the three choral groups include: Neva Norris, Jimmy Harrison, Beth Eggers, Maurice Templeton, Jerry Troutman, Harry Farthing, Jimmy Johnson, Joan Phillips, Betsy Hughes, Jane Rivers, Peggy Teague, Clara Teague, Ala Hodges, Jane Keplar, Jo Ann Aldridge, Pat Aldridge, Patsy McGuire, Betty Sue Norris, Betty Jo Miller, Martha Council, Eleanor Geer, Peggy Gross, Evelyn McCracken, Bob McConnell, Joe Edmisten, Patty Hodges, Isabel Eggers, Harry Brendel, Jimmy Holshouser, John Bingham, Kate Vannoy, Elsie Nichols, Bill Blackburn, Romona Jones, Dixon Qualls, Landy Brown, Bill Crawford, Jo Ann Houser, Guy Hunt, Jr., Marjorie South, Betty Burkett, Dale Hodges, Ernest Lyons, Billy Hartley, Jimmy Idol, Frank Coffey, Jimmy Cline, Donald Lyons, Bobby Cook, Kermit Dacus, Bobby Ray, Armfield Coffey, Dick Lavender, Graydon Greer, Dempsey Wilcox, Milton Moretz, Charles Ransome, Billie Storie, Jimmie Graham, Nancy Coffey, Lynn Brown, Shirley Watson, Frances Jones, Connie Casey, Joan Brookshire, Peggy Klutz, Barbara Farthing, Shirley Cook.

## Easter Sunrise Service Plans Being Completed

Final plans are being made for the Sunrise Service on Easter morning at the Cone Estate in Blowing Rock. The service will be the cooperative enterprise of church groups and other interested individuals and organizations throughout Watauga county. It is the hope of the sponsors that the service will become an annual affair.

From the standpoint of physical surroundings the event will have no equal in the eastern part of the country. From the front of the Cone Mansion facing east is some of the most magnificent scenery to be found anywhere. There will be ample parking space. A public address system will carry the voices of the choirs and ministers to the people who attend, and others will be able to hear the program by radio. The service will be broadcast through Hickory.

A welcome is extended by the sponsors to anyone who may wish to attend this Easter service.

## PLANE RUNS AWAY

Memphis, Tenn.—Just as Charles H. Hardesty, pilot, was about to park his little sports plane, the plane's engine, which had been idling, suddenly spluttered to a full-throated roar. Hardesty was knocked unconscious by the plane which zoomed over the field at a height of 30 feet and crashed into an apartment building courtyard near the airport.

### Queen Contestants Chosen

The Lion's Club will sponsor a school talent show and queen contest to be held April 21 in the high school auditorium. A similar show was held last year with a great deal of interest being shown throughout the county. Proceeds of the show are used for the Lions club work among the blind people in the county.

All the county schools are being asked by the Lions Show committee chairman John G. Martin to send their talent groups to the show.

For the queen contest each school will select a queen to represent it in the queen's contest. From these contestants a queen for the high schools and a queen from the grade schools will be selected to be the Lions club queens. Each of these winners will be awarded a complete outfit, including dress, hat, shoes, bag, hose, and lingerie of the best quality.

Any proceeds over and above the operating cost of the show and Lions club blind fund will be divided equally among the schools participating.

Schools which have already announced their selection of their queen include Appalachean High School, Shirley Mast; Cove Creek High School, Norma Lee Townsend; Boone Demonstration School, Betty Brendall; Mabel Elementary, Betty Bell Mitchell; Deep Gap, Susie Hampton; Cove Creek Elementary, Sylvia Robinson; Valle Crucis Public School, Laura Milton Church; Green Valley, Virginia Greene; Bamboo, Marilyn Triplett.

## Seven Last Words at Presbyterian Church

"The Seven Last Words of Christ," a cantata, will be presented by a chorus under the direction of Mrs. N. G. Erneston in the Presbyterian Church Thursday evening, April 6, at 8:00 o'clock. The public is cordially invited.

## D. M. Edmisten Local Crew Leader; Aid of Individuals and Organizations Sought As Big Job Gets Under Way.

Mr. D. M. Edmisten, census crew leader for Watauga county, is in charge of a training school for enumerators being held in the Baptist church basement, which comes to a close Friday, on the eve of the starting of the census next Saturday.

Census officials met Monday with local civic and business leaders in an effort to secure the fullest cooperation in getting a complete and accurate census of the community and county taken. The Chamber of Commerce and other organizations are joining in an effort to aid the enumerators in every way possible, so that future census reports may reveal the exact population status of Boone and Watauga county.

The Enumerators

Mr. Edmisten gives out the following list of enumerators, who will be employed in the county during the month of April:

Mrs. Leota N. Swift, Mrs. Louvena Ward, Thomas H. Coffey, Mrs. Eula M. McGhee, Arthur C. Williams, Miss Alice Mast, Woodrow W. Winebarger, Mrs. Catherine G. Greer, Harold M. Hendon, Miss Annie H. Smith, Mrs. Ruby F. Baird, Miss Gladys Taylor, Mrs. Faye B. Hodges, Mrs. Addie B. Scott, Mrs. Elizabeth P. Eggers, Ralph L. Hayes, R. C. Greene, Evans W. Miller, Sam S. South, Marvin T. Culbreth, E. B. Harbin.

## P. T. A. Program Held On Monday

A large number of parents and teachers enjoyed an interesting and entertaining program Monday night. Mrs. Elsie Erneston presented several musical numbers which were representative of those entered last week in the music contest at Winston-Salem. Students who took part in the program were Beth Eggers, who rated superior in piano and excellent in voice in the contest; Harry Farthing, with a superior rating, played a baritone horn solo, accompanied by Reba Smith; Martha Council, who rated excellent in senior piano; and Neva Norris was excellent in her contralto solo.

Mrs. Julian Yoder, program chairman for the evening, introduced Miss Madge Rhyme who presented two college boys, Bob Baird and Leonard Barber in talks on "How to Raise a Brat."

Coach R. W. Watkins spoke, urging more home guidance for boys and girls. Mr. Watkins very emphatically pointed out the need for recreational facilities, play grounds etc. for the boys and girls, and young people in Boone.

Mrs. Bob Agie announced plans for a big Square Dance to be given soon at the high school, with music furnished by "Frog" Greene and his string band.

## Recital at College On Friday Evening

The Music Department of Appalachean State Teachers College presents Miss Bettie Brickhouse, soprano, from Warrenton, and Miss Peggy Farthing, pianist, from Sugar Grove, in recital Friday at 8:00 p. m. in the College auditorium.

Miss Brickhouse is a student of Mrs. Elsie Donald Erneston. She will be accompanied by Miss Bettie Ann Horton. Miss Farthing is a student of Mr. Bobby Wayne Cox.

They will present the following numbers:

O Santissima Vergine Maria, Gordigliani—Miss Brickhouse

Sonata in C Major, K. 284b, Mozart—Allegro

Hark! Hark! the Lark, Schubert—Liszt—Miss Farthing

Caro Nome, from "Rigoletto," Verdi—Miss Brickhouse

Improvisu, op. 90, No. 1, Schubert; Prelude, op. 28, No. 21, Chopin; Prelude, op. 28, No. 24, Chopin—Miss Farthing

The Second Minuet, Berby: A Pastoral from "Rosolinda," Veracini; Pierrot, Rybner; My Johann, Grieg—Miss Brickhouse.

## Bloodshed Boxscore

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| Killed March 21 through March 23   | 5     |
| Injured March 21 through March 23  | 67    |
| Killed through March 23 this year  | 199   |
| Killed through March 23, 1949      | 170   |
| Injured through March 23 this year | 2,392 |
| Injured through March 23, 1949     | 1,736 |

Total livestock numbers on farms in North Carolina, January 1, 1950, excluding chickens and turkeys, were only 2 per cent less than the number on hand January 1, 1949.