

Leading agricultural and tourist area. Livestock, dairy and truck farms of paramount importance. Blue Ridge Parkway traverses county, and touches Blowing Rock, one of the principal summer resorts of Eastern America.

The educational center of Western North Carolina. Home of Appalachian State Teachers College, which attracts thousands of students annually from all parts of the nation. Medium business district. A good place to live.

KING STREET

BY ROB RIVERS

WE MET OUR PAL just as we emerged from Smithy's Store, and started a store to store canvass of the South side of King Street, and suspecting that the fellow was all wound up like a photograph, and ready to break loose on all cylinders, we started to ease on down the street after a brief handshake... but nope, this fellow just wouldn't turn loose.

"Had been wanting to see you for a long time, and get your opinion on a few things. You know the world's in a helluva shape, and figured as how you may have arrived at the answers to some of the questions facing the folks."

"Well," says he, "don't know."

"You know," interrupteth he, "Russia keeps acting up. Wanted to know what you thought about her attitude and whether or not they'll attack. Look's to me as if we are going to have to be served a few atoms, and a hydrogen or two, before they quit their quarreling. Don't you guess so? ... Or do you reckon we ought to go right on down the middle of the international path, paying no heed to old Joe. I think we ought to smack him down right away, as I was saying, but I could be wrong."

"Could be that—" we bravely tried to start.

"Well so much for that, and to get down to some things closer home. Whom do you suppose we should nominate for Senator in the May primary? I had been thinking of taking off with Bob Reynolds again, then was for Smith a couple of days and have about decided that we ought to settle down and vote for Graham... seems like he has more of a Democratic approach, or do you think so?"

"Well, def— We had gotten down as far as the old Smithy's bean market, and hadn't been able to break in on the conversation."

"Do you think the Democrats are going to stay in the White House for another generation or what is the situation just now... personally I have spells of being sort of upset at the national administration, and sometimes I think we ought to get back to a more statesmanlike sort of administration... like Coolidge or Hoover... There's so many things going on that don't suit me... but on the other hand do you think there is a chance of the New Deal and the Fair Deal, etc., being defeated anytime soon?"

"No, we—"

"Well, I though you'd know what the score is. County politics should be warming up now pretty soon... Do you know yet who the Democrats expect to nominate, and if the Republicans have picked their men? ... Guess it'll be a pretty spirited campaign... What's going on around town... Do they hold a city election this year or next, never can keep up?"

"In town," we ventured.

"Well, I'm glad to see you again. Always like to have your opinions on these matters. You keep informed, and appreciate hearing you talk."

"Well, good—"

"Be seeing you," and our chum jumped into a nearby automobile and was gone in a flash, perhaps to seek other avenues of information.

CHILL DAYS bring wave of complaining about the weather, as farmers and home gardeners get ready for balmy weather, before Old Sol makes way for sunny days... "Used to figure on four seasons," said an unhappy one, spring, summer, fall and winter... now we have only two—winter and July!"

Lions Club talent show most successful event, fiscally speaking in the history of organization... Blind fund gets snug sum, while participating schools share in the proceeds... Spring court term gets under way, with big list of defendants... most of them first offenders, guilty of misdemeanors... few trials, most of those who ran afoul of the law, plead guilty, and await the judgment of the court... Thirty-year old Rolls-Royce limousine, parked downtown, draws attention of the folks... The shiny black vehicle appeared to be in first-class condition, looked as though it might carry the original factory paint job, and of course the steering wheel was on the right-hand side... Those who saw the car, which likely cost 15 or 20 thousand in its day, take off, said it purred like a kitten... Model T Ford touring car chugging along bring back happy memories of other days.

Preachers, Theatre Operators To Meet

The preachers of the county are requested to meet with the operators of the theatres in the county Monday 2:00 p. m. at the First Baptist Church in Boone.



BIG LEAGUE—This is a new photo of North Carolina's Senators, Frank Graham, left, and Clyde R. Hoey, who have been termed "a Big League team" in the U. S. Senate. On 14 major issues facing the Senate during their year together, Hoey and Graham have voted together 10 times and split only four times. This record of better than 71 per cent unity is about average for the two senators of any state. Hoey characterized Graham as a "great American" in a Senate speech following Graham's appointment.

Census Takers Near End Job; Few Missed

Courtesy Contest



MRS. DEAN CARROLL

Following is a current nomination in the merchants' association courtesy contest:

"Since she possesses all the characteristics of a courteous employee, I desire to nominate Mrs. Dean Carroll of the Dixie store in the courtesy contest. "When I enter the store, Mrs. Carroll invariably greets me with a smile, and helps me to fill my list quickly. Often she reminds me of some item I had forgotten, and her spirit of friendliness and helpfulness brings me back to the store again and again. "Mrs. Carroll is neat in her personal appearance, and is loyal to her employer as well as to the customers. I think she is one of the most uniformly courteous saleswomen in the community."

Demos To Meet In Convention

The Democrats of Watauga county are asked to meet in convention at the courthouse in Boone on Saturday, May 6, for the purpose of naming delegates to the State convention, which will be held in Raleigh on May 11, and for the transaction of other party business.

Clean-Up Drive Starts Monday

Boone's annual beautification program, the 1950 Clean-Up, Paint-up, Fix-up campaign, will get underway next week. From May 1 until May 6, local residents will undoubtedly spend a good deal of their "away from work" energies in cleaning up the yard or doing some other job that has needed attention for a considerable length of time.

Open House Planned

Remodeling and enlargement of the Watauga hospital kitchen is almost completed. After a few minor jobs it is planned to hold open house at the hospital on American Hospital Day, May 12. Complete announcement will be made of this later.

STORES JOIN IN DISPLAYING WARES IN LINE COLLEGE WORK

Child Hygiene Classes Are Given Aid as Merchants Display Goods at College; Mrs. Jack Hodges Sponsors Event Including Four Hundred Collegians.

In a cooperative undertaking at Appalachian State Teachers college last week, the merchants of the town of Boone and the child hygiene classes of the physical education department of the college held one of the most interesting expositions seen here in some time.

Begun under the sponsorship of Mrs. Jack Hodges, a teacher of child hygiene, the project grew to take in all four hundred freshmen who are taking child hygiene. The merchants of the town brought to the gymnasium at the college, and placed on display, the items for baby care that they keep in their stores.

On display were hundreds of items from twelve business establishments. They included many unusual things, such as folding play pens, orthopedic mattresses, the latest in baby beds, bathinets, strollers, chairs, bassinets, carriages, and the like. Also displayed were every conceivable kind of clothing, prepared baby food products, jewelry, baby books, lamps, blankets, toys, dishes, baby photographs, and hundreds of accessory items. Musical nursery rhymes were played over the loud-speaking system during a large part of the day.

Cooperating with the child hygiene classes were Edmisten Furniture Co., Boone Drug Co., Boone Tire and Bargain Store, Palmer's Studio, The Children's Shop, Hunt's Department Store, Bell's Department Store, Stallings Jewelry Store, Crest Store, C. & E. Home & Auto Supply Co., Home Jewelry Co., and Craven's Furniture Store.

It was estimated that more than seven hundred people from the college, the town, and visitors from campus viewed the exposition. It is planned to make this an annual event, according to Mrs. Hodges.

The college administration stated that it wished to express sincere appreciation to all the business establishments who cooperated in this undertaking, and who very generously gave the time of their sales representatives to be with their exhibits and explain them to the classes. It is a very fine and friendly thing for the mercantile establishments to do, and the college is grateful for it, the administration said.

Young GOP Stages Statewide Rally

The North Carolina Young Republicans are sponsoring a statewide rally in Morganton on May 6 that is expected to be the largest affair of its kind ever attempted in the party's history.

The full program will feature Jerry Ford, the young Michigan Congressman, a professional baseball game, a dollar box supper, and hillbilly and college bands.

Clothing Drive Set For May 4

On Thursday, May 4, members of the Appalachian High school student council will call at various homes in town between the hours of 9 a. m. and 2 p. m. to collect good used clothing. This clothing will be distributed through the student loan fund to worthy high school students.

Winners Lions Contest Given

Marilyn Triplett of Bamboo school, and Shirley Mast of Appalachian High school, were winners in the Lions club queen contest, held recently in connection with the club's talent show last Friday. They won the honors over a field of ten contestants from the various schools of Watauga county.

Judges picked Deep Gap elementary school and Blowing Rock High school as having the best talent program in their respective classes. This is the second successive year Deep Gap has taken that honor.

A large crowd witnessed the performance in the college gymnasium last week.

Americans held misinformed despite record radio possession.



Marilyn Triplett, left, of Bamboo elementary school, was selected Lions club queen in the elementary division, and Shirley Mast of Appalachian high school, as queen of the high school group, last Friday night. They reigned over the talent show sponsored by the local Lions, and were awarded gifts appropriate for the occasion.

One Mail Delivery Per Day in Boone

Pre-School Age Clinic Slated

The members of the Health Department will hold a pre-school clinic at the Boone Demonstration school, Thursday, May 4, beginning at 9:00 o'clock. A child who will be six years old by October 1, 1950, should attend. A parent or some one who knows something of the child's history should accompany him. Bring or send a birth certificate and records of vaccinations.

If you cannot attend this clinic, call the office at the Boone Demonstration school. (Phone no. 143) and give the name of your school child.

The school is now registering pupils for next year. Space is limited and it is very important that every child attend this clinic or send the information needed to enroll next year in the first grade.

The health law of North Carolina requires every child to be immunized against diphtheria, smallpox and whooping cough, before entering school in this state.

Registration Of Voters To Start

Registration books will be open at the various voting places in the county next Saturday for the purpose of registering new voters for participation in the May 27 primary. The books will remain open through Saturday, May 13, and Saturday, May 20 will be observed as challenge day. Election officials explain that there is no general re-registration of voters required, and that only those who haven't hitherto qualified to vote in the primary will need to register.

MENTAL HEALTH OBSERVANCE NEXT WEEK SET ASIDE AS N. C.

When the National Mental Health Act was passed in 1946 the responsibility for combating mental illness was accepted and the goal set to give every American the opportunity to achieve good mental health—to help him to live in peace with himself, his neighbor and the world.

North Carolina, along with other states, has joined in the crusade against mental illness. This year, the week of April 23 to 29 is set aside as National Mental Health Week to provide a means of informing the public on mental health issues, developing greater recognition of the problem, arousing general interest and stimulating community responsibility for mental health.

"Health is a state of complete physical, mental, and social well-being, and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity." Mental health means more than absence of disease; it is the ability to live with other people happily, productively and acceptably. Mental health is for all of us, young and old, normal and abnormal. Not only are we crusading for better care of the mentally sick, but our efforts are turned to forces for the common good of every field of human activity. Mental health in North Carolina is a big problem.

At the beginning of 1950 there were 9967 North Carolina patients in the state hospitals and schools for the feebleminded. Many of these require years of care. In 1949 there were 1862 first admissions into these institutions of the state. Despite the recent increase of space for these handicapped

JUDGE CRISP PRESIDES AS SPRING TERM COURT OPENS

One Hundred and Eighty-Four Cases on State Docket; Most Violators in Years; Many Submit to Misdemeanors as Term Starts.

Judge A. R. Crisp of Lenoir is presiding at the spring term of Watauga Superior court, which convened Monday morning, and started to work on clearing away a docket of 184 cases, which is the heaviest in recent years, according to court officials.

Judge Crisp is holding the court for Judge Frank Armstrong, who would have been here, but for the pressure of other business matters, it is said. Hon. James Farthing of Lenoir, district solicitor, is prosecuting the docket.

Thirty-one, submitting to operating automobiles while intoxicated were given standard fines of \$100, and ordered to pay the costs in the action, in the meantime surrendering their driving licenses for one year, while three paid \$200 and the cost, and had their licenses revoked for 2 years.

Six charged with reckless driving were fine \$25 each and the cost. Thirty-three charged with speeding, drew maximum fines of \$20 and the cost, some of the number being excused on payment of the cost only.

Eleven arraigned for driving after license had been revoked and driving without license, were fined \$25 each and the cost. Carl Ricker, charged with arson and larceny of an automobile, and the instigator of the big man hunt in Watauga some time ago, drew a nol pro, when it was found that he is now serving a 25 to 30 years burglary sentence from Bladen county. When that is completed, he is wanted by Federal authorities.

Clerk of the Court Fred M. Gragg, stated Tuesday afternoon that the business of the court would likely be completed by Thursday noon.

Association To Meet On May 2

The spring session of the Three Forks Baptist Association will be held with Pleasant Grove Baptist Church Tuesday, May 2, beginning at 10 a. m. The theme for the meeting will be "Evangelism," and the following program has been released:

Devotion—Rev. Barney Oliver Presenting program—Mr. Wade E. Brown

Personal evangelism through cottage prayer meetings. Speaker—Mr. Gene Sherwood

The Brotherhood as an evangelistic agency. Speaker—Rev. C. O. Vance

Evangelism—Rev. Woodall Adjoin for dinner

Devotion—Rev. Oscar Harris Promoting evangelism through the Women's Missionary Union. Speaker—Mrs. A. E. Moretz

Promoting evangelism through reading. Speaker—Mrs. Don Perry

Promoting evangelism through camp activities. Speaker—Mrs. Nora Wilson

The place of women in the evangelistic program of the church. Speaker—Rev. H. S. Songer.

Stony Fork Y. D. C. To Meet on Monday

A meeting of the Young Democratic Club of Stony Fork township will be held at the Deep Gap school on Monday night, May 1, at 7:30 p. m. The speaker will be Prof. Leo K. Fricke, of the history department at Appalachian State Teachers college.

All Democrats in Watauga county are invited to be present. The club extends a special invitation to all members of the Young Democratic Clubs of Watauga county.

Jack Idol of Deep Gap is president of the Stony Fork club. Max Hardin of Laxon is chairman of the program committee.

V. F. W. Meeting

There will be a dinner meeting of the V. F. W. Post, Friday evening, 7:30 p. m. at the Boone Trail Grill on the North Wilkesboro highway, between Boone and Perkinville. All members are asked to be present.

The V. F. W. meets every 2nd and fourth Thursdays of each month instead of Tuesdays and Thursdays as was stated some weeks previous.

INSURED DEPOSITS

Assets of the 1328 banks insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation reached an all-time high of \$170,000,000 at the start of 1950, according to Maple T. Hall, FDIC chairman.