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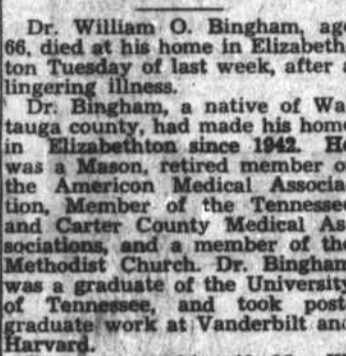
KING STREET

BY ROB RIVERS

WES J. G. BARDEN, who taught during the past year down at Winebarger school in Meat Camp township, where we have some mighty good friends, hails us on the street, mistaking us for Dr. Barden, and since she had us all slowed down, told us a story . . . During the closing days of school Mrs. Barden was turning out a splendid discourse on the opportunities this mighty nation of ours makes available to its citizens, and suggested that a future president could, very possibly, be seated among her students . . . that a First Lady of the land might be present . . . that a member of Congress could easily emerge from her class . . . While on the subject she mentioned a number of folks who had reached the pinnacles of fame in this land, many of whom had started on the road from the rural schoolhouses of the country, then began to recount some of these people who has become leaders . . . There was Abraham Lincoln, beloved Civil War President, whose memory is cherished by each succeeding generation . . . Cordell Hull who rose to prominence in the international field and who came from the Cumberland mountain section of Tennessee, and Robert L. Doughton, our ninth district Congressman, who has made an imperishable record of distinguished service to his people . . . 10 year-old Henry Proffit, bless his heart, broke the attentive silence of the students, with "then there's Mr. Rob Rivers!" . . . and we thanked Mrs. Barden for the story, we thank little Henry for placing us in such high company, and feel a bit of extra strength since we have found such a staunch defender on our side . . . We don't care a lot about what some adults think of us, but we don't want to be in bad with any of the youngsters, and so we list Henry's friendship as one of our most priceless possessions.



REA HOME EC WORKERS—Mrs. Pauline Hodges, left of the Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation in Boone, who is to assist Miss Lillian Gilbert, right, home economist, of the Lenoir office, with her work in Watauga county. Mrs. Hodges is a native of Watauga and has worked with the REA for a year. In cooperation with the home agent, various home demonstrations will be given. Miss Gilbert, a native of Rutherfordton, is a graduate of WCUNC, and served as assistant home agent in Caldwell since June 1948.



Dr. W. O. Bingham Taken By Death

Dr. William O. Bingham, age 66, died at his home in Elizabethton Tuesday last week, after a lingering illness.
Dr. Bingham, a native of Watauga county, had made his home in Elizabethton since 1942. He was a Mason, retired member of the American Medical Association, Member of the Tennessee and Carter County Medical Associations, and a member of the Methodist Church. Dr. Bingham was a graduate of the University of Tennessee, and took post-graduate work at Vanderbilt and Harvard.

Survivors are his wife Mrs. W. O. Bingham, three daughters, Mrs. George Farthing, Asheville, Mrs. Ned Glenn, Sugar Grove, Mrs. George Trivett, Elizabethton, Tenn.; two sons, Robert and John Bingham, Elizabethton, one grand-daughter, four sisters, Mrs. Clyde Greene, Boone, Mrs. Joe Stevenson, Alexandria, Va., Miss Edna Bingham, Alexandria, Mrs. J. C. Mast, Sherwood.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday afternoon at the Benson's Chapel Methodist Church with Rev. J. E. Bingham and Rev. R. A. Taylor officiating and interment was in the church cemetery.

Active pallbearers: Paul Bingham, Finley Bingham, Edward Love, Howard Love, Roy, Sam and Buster Bingham, Bob Bingham and Walter Bingham.

Honorary pallbearers: Dr. Burton Shook, Dr. W. G. Frost, Dr. Paul S. Williams, Dr. E. L. Caudill Sr., Dr. E. L. Caudill Jr., Dr. R. O. Glenn, Dr. E. Glenn, Dr. H. B. Perry, Dr. Len Hagaman, T. R. Allen, G. K. Moose, Walter Bingham, Mast Ward, Hencil Ward, Ellie Carriger, Ed Webb, Clifford Allen, M. E. Trivett, W. O. Osborne, Fred Hayes, Fred Stout, Walter Church, H. O. Slaughter, E. F. Heaton, Plato Garland, Frank Church, W. O. Hampton, Elijah Hampton, C. R. Graybeal, Coy Billings, Conley Glenn, A. C. Mast, R. A. Farthing, Howard Edmisten, Howard Walker, J. Y. Walker, Edgar Edmisten, S. F. Horton, Russell Henson, and Charlie Clay.

Flower bearers were cousins of the deceased.

Purchasing agents say industrial prices are on upturn.

GLOVES CAUSE DEATH
Mt. Pleasant, Pa.—As Demetrius Harhal, 27-year-old coal miner, left the mine, he realized he had forgotten his work gloves. He dashed back into the mine to get them. Co-workers found his body a short while later, crushed under a fall of slate from the mine roof. It was the exact spot where he had been working all day.

JOHN E. BROWN, JR. takes a bit of time off from his duties as postmaster to pass around the cigars, honoring his new-born son . . . Jones Hollar predicting continued favorable cattle prices . . . He is one of the area's leading cattlemen, and likely inherited his knowledge of the business from his father, the late L. E. Hollar, who was one of the pioneers in the livestock business in this section . . . Jones raises cattle, buys cattle, trades cows, and operates leading retail meat outlets . . . He knows his business . . . Mr. Marion's remodeling job down at the Gateway Cafe nears completion . . . His restaurant is to be one of the most handsome in the area, and the work on the front of the building has attracted throngs of the curious, to watch the marble cutters and other mechanics ply their trades . . . Boone Drug Company gets new paint job . . . Motorist parks on the sunny side of King at high noon, throws a half-hitch around the neck of a little blond, and gives her a smooth, unmindful of passer-by . . . Overalled lad makes inquiry as to where he might contact a purveyor of hootch . . . Loudspeakers on autos etc., becoming more and more of a nuisance . . . Much as we defend freedom of speech, we can't believe in down-right aggravation of the public . . . These highpitched discourses come from those purveying various sorts of merchandise, provide the noisy amusements for hill billy shows, and enable the itinerant preacher to distort his voice beyond understanding . . . Whatever the purpose, these sound wagons do an awful lot to promote confusion and general unhappiness along the street.

JUDGE CRISP TO PRESIDE AT JUNE TERM OF CIVIL COURT

Forty Cases Are To Be Tried at Summer Court; Term to Last Two Weeks; A List of Those Who Will Serve as Jurors.

The June term of Watauga Superior Court will convene on Monday June 12, with Judge A. R. Crisp of Lenoir presiding, and Fred M. Gragg, Clerk of the Court, states that there are forty cases to take the attention of the court.

The term is set for a two weeks session, and only civil cases will be tried.
Following are the names of those who have been selected for jury duty during the term:
First Week
Boone: A. J. Edmisten, Mrs. John Greer, S. C. Eggers, Joe W. Cowles.
Blue Ridge: Hammond Hampton.
Blowing Rock: L. M. Frye, H. G. Custer.
Bald Mt: James Lewis.
Beaver Dam: T. J. Matheson, Joe Keller.
Brushy Fork: Miss Floy Cannon, Willie Cole.
New River: Joe Conderman, Raymond Hendrix.
Cove Creek: Dean Cook, Greene B. Miller.
Elk: Clyde Triplett.
Laurel Creek: J. M. Mast.
Meat Camp: Walter Coffey, Ronald Ragan.
Shawneehaw: L. D. Ruppert.
Watauga: Claude Garland, Oscar Danner.
Stony Fork: Mrs. Arthur Green.

Second Week
Bald Mt.: James B. Miller.
Beaver Dam: Americus Pope, Spencer May.
Blowing Rock: Charles Brown, A. K. Buxton.
Blue Ridge: Dorman Cook.
Boone: Roy Hagaman, J. E. Joines, J. R. Craven.
Brushy Fork: Mrs. Ralph Wilson.
Cove Creek: Albert Wilson, Harley Dancy.
Elk: Clay Hodges.
Laurel Creek: Dayton Harmon.
Meat Camp: Lee South, Fayette Potter, Waldo Tugman.
New River: Miss Maggie Moritz, Clyde Hoke.
North Fork, Frank Main.
Shawneehaw: Conley Pressnell.
Stony Fork Glenn Moretz.
Watauga: Henderson Gragg, Sarah G. Wagner.

"Echoes" Actors Are Needed Now

The casting committee of the "Echoes of the Blue Ridge" invites every person, man or woman, boy or girl that will take a part in one of the episodes of the historical pageant to be present at 8:00 Friday night, June 2, at the Boone High school auditorium. Attendance at rehearsals will be required only one night each week until the combined rehearsal of all episodes.

There will be only one episode cast assembled per night for rehearsal. The committee urges those who will to come this Friday night for assignment to one of the episode groups. Any person in any section of the county is welcome to come this Friday night, 8:00 o'clock, Boone High school auditorium. If unable to come name should be given to Mrs. E. W. Stallings or Mrs. Kathleen Hodges.

Joines Owner Burgess Store

Mr. J. E. Joines has purchased the interest of Messrs G. O. and W. F. Burgess in the business known as the Burgess Furniture Co., and the firm is now known as the Joines Furniture Co., the new owner having assumed complete control of the business.

The firm has been in business in Boone for many years, and Mr. Joines has been manager of the store for several years.

Graham Given Large Majority in Watauga; Has Lead in State



HAS IMPRESSIVE LEAD—Senator Frank P. Graham who amassed a 50,900 lead over his nearest opponent, Willys Smith of Raleigh, in the Democratic primary last Saturday.

Democratic voters of Watauga county turned out in unexpectedly large numbers Saturday to give Senator Frank Graham a thumping majority over candidate Willys Smith, ending the local phase of a torrid State primary in which more than six hundred thousand voters participated.

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Merchants Slate Business Meet

The annual business meeting of the merchants' association will be held July 11, it was announced at a meeting of the board of directors held recently, and a board of directors and slate of officers are to be elected at that time.

Mr. J. J. Ray, vice-president of the North Carolina dairymen's association, will be the featured speaker.

President Clyde R. Greene has appointed the following as a committee for making nominations for the board of directors: B. W. Stallings, chairman; Guy Hunt and Jay Goodnight. Members of the association are asked to let committee members know of their preferences for officers and directors.

Dollar Days were approved by the board, which regrets that plans were not made previously so that all members in Watauga county might have participated.

Nimitz cites need for speed in ships of merchant marine.

Ben Norris takes top honors in sheep shearing contest.

Lead of Senator in Watauga Seven Hundred; Smith Behind 50,000; Hasn't Announced Plans

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In the State Graham amassed a 50,900 vote lead over his nearest rival in the four-cornered race, and the State was impatiently waiting to see whether or not Mr. Smith will ask for a second primary, since Graham did not get a clear majority of all votes cast. He has until June 12 to make up his mind.

Official returns from 1,924 of the State's 1,990 precincts gave Graham 295,342; Smith 245,080; Reynolds 56,018 and Boyd 5,865.

Intensive under-cover campaigns gained momentum in Watauga on the eve of the primary and produced perhaps a record turnout of voters. Interest centered on the Senatorial fight, since Watauga does not name her candidates for county office in the State primary.

In the race for Insurance Commissioner Wataugans favored Waldo Cheek, the incumbent, giving him 845 votes as against 213 for Hoke Bostain.

For Associate Justice of the Supreme Court Denny received 545 and Efrid 502.

Watauga's Official Vote

Following is the official vote of Watauga county as canvassed by the election officials Tuesday:

Township	Graham	Smith	Reynolds	Boyd
Bald Mtn	27			
Beaver Dam	294	5		
Blow's Rock	51	38		1
Blue Ridge	2	19		
Boone	247	80	7	1
Brushy Fork	117	36	4	
Cove Creek	121	127	2	1
Elk	7			
Laurel Creek	89	0	1	
Meat Camp	46	6	3	
New River	53	147		
North Fork	10			
Shawneehaw	28	2		
Stony Fork	44	16	4	
Watauga	76	27		1
TOTAL	1217	514	18	4

Dollar Days Feature Week

Merchants of Boone are busily engaged in getting ready for the annual Dollar Day sales event, which gets under way in the community Thursday of this week and continues through Monday.

Information is that all the stores of the city have made special preparations for this town-wide merchandising event, and that the values being offered are outstanding in every instance.

Cooperating merchants have used liberal space in the Democrat this week, listing their dollar day offerings, and attention is directed to these messages.

BEN NORRISTAKES TOP HONORS IN SHEEP SHEARING CONTEST

Laurel Springs, May 25—Ben Norris, 18-year-old 4-H Club member of Watauga County, took first honors at the State sheep shearing contest held at Upper Mountain Experiment Station yesterday.

Bob Wilson, another Watauga 4-H member, placed second.

Watauga county thus kept top honors for the second consecutive year. Clint Reese of that county last year won top place in both the State contest and the national contest held in Chicago.

Dollar Days Start Today - Trade At Home