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KING STREET

BY
ROB RIVERS

BRAND NEW AUTO parks by street. . . Vehicle well spotted with Bon Ami, "Just Married" appearing here and there between the splashes of white on the shiny red surface. . . Youthful bridegroom tinkering with motor, while his childish looking bride, tries her best to look comfortable, and falls, as the curious pass by, note the bespattered machine, and smile. . . Guy Hunt lends agreement to our suggestion that the men folks along the street discard the neckties for the season and use sport shirts altogether, thereby both looking and being comfortable. . . Spud Whitener tells of the University professor, who is so inborn contrary that when he fills in his income tax form he writes the little blank square plumb full. . . The one with the notation "this space for collector's use." . . Visitor to the Democrat office is given merchandise of trifling amount. . . goes away without a word of thanks for the small favor. . . Same man comes back in a couple of days, and we charge him. . . He thanks us cordially, passes the time of day and leaves happy. . . "I ain't no count either," says wayfarer as he compares ailments with a companion. . . Bob Agle, always on the alert for a new advertising angle, places street-side seats, with containers on either end for show cards, thus promoting the movie business while giving us a chance to rest a minute while we give down with a bit of gossip to a passerby.

NEW DELIVERY TRUCK is received by local postoffice to improve the mail service in the community. . . The new machine is the last word in a mail truck, and takes the place of the venerable truck which had been sent here by the department in its declining years, but which gave fair service after a new motor had been installed. . .

THE DEMOCRAT takes the first step in a long range expansion program next Wednesday, when the old newspaper press is to be moved out to make way for the new machine which is being built for the Democrat by the Goss Printing Press Co., of Chicago, contract for which was executed the first of the year. . . Few buildings have been constructed along the street large enough, and the Democrat is already outgrowing its relatively new building, at least to the extent that the old press has to go before the new one can be received. . . Through the cooperation of Mr. Jones who rents the old Democrat building, the present machine will be installed on its old base in the building next door, reassembled and placed in operation and the page forms taken back and forth during the time the press foundation is being built, the machine, erected and tested out. . . So for the next few weeks we will be laboring under a considerable disadvantage, but with the fine cooperation of our advertisers and other customers, we hope to be able to carry on during the emergency, and have the paper out right on time each week as usual. . . It is hoped that the new press will be turning out the Democrat shortly after the middle of July, and that the back shop will have settled down to normalcy following the dreaded tearup.

LOCAL POLITICOS beginning to gather in small groups here and there to lay plans for the second senatorial primary, called by Willys Smith when he trailed Senator Graham by more than \$3,000 in the initial balloting. . . Considerable interest expected to be generated in the June 24th voting here, and fully as many votes should be counted as the 1,700 tallied on May 27.

EDITOR GOES FISHING
Kewanna, Ind.—The following notice appeared on the door of the office of Bill Lyon, publisher of the Kewanna Observer, recently: "The office of the Observer will be closed June 1, 2, and 3 due to good fishing conditions. The office door will be left open and paper and pencil will be on the counter for accommodation of patrons who wish to leave advertising or seek estimates on job work."

Mr. and Mrs. James Marsh and son, Jimmy, returned home Saturday after spending a week in Detroit, Michigan, with Mr. Marsh' sister, Mrs. Leon Yates and Mr. Yates.



STANLEY SOUTH

Local Vocalist Is Given Praise

Stanley South, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. South of Boone, received high praise recently for his role in the Greensboro Opera Association's production of Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Gondoliers." The production, under the general direction of Dr. Clifford Bair, received unanimous acclaim by music lovers and critics of Greensboro and vicinity. South will be remembered as an outstanding voice pupil of Mrs. Virginia Linney of the Appalachian State Teachers College music faculty. He was an active participant in musical and dramatic productions during his four-year stay at the college. He is at present a teacher in the Greensboro public school system.

Paul Weber To Play For Pageant

Background music for the pageant, Echoes of the Blue Ridge, will be done again this year by Paul Weber, outstanding organist, who performed for the pageant last year. Weber and his organ are well known throughout the entire United States. He was connected with the moving picture industry for a number of years, but went back on the professional stage after "talkies" came into being. He was, for years, one of the most popular organists with various hotels, clubs, and other fashionable institutions, to be found in the county. Weber (whose name is Paul Weston, but he uses the other professionally) was with Radio Station WSB in Atlanta on a sustaining program for over two years. His performance for the pageant last year was superior in every way, and, according to Pat Alderman, director of the pageant, and Stanley Harris, president of the organization, the corporation is fortunate indeed to have one of Weber's talents to play for the pageant.

Variety Bakers To Open Here on Friday

Friday, June 16th marks the opening of the Variety Bakery in Boone, at the former Moore Bakery location. Mr. Charles Moody of Elizabethton, Tennessee and owner of the Variety Bakery of that city has purchased from Mr. Roy Moretz the equipment of the Moore Bakery and will retail his baked products through a department at the Boone Super Market on East Main Street. Mr. Moody's Variety Bakery enjoys the reputation of producing some of the finest quality baked goods in the south and Boone is indeed fortunate to have him locate in this city.

FIVE ADDITIONAL BANDS TO TAKE PART IN GALA PARADE

Pat Alderman, director of Echoes of the Blue Ridge, pageant to be presented in Boone June 30 through July 4, announces that the five additional bands of outstanding merit are to participate in the pageant.

The Elizabethton, Tenn., band, sponsored by the Elizabethton Lions Club, will participate in the parade, and will play a thirty minute concert at the program honoring Dr. B. B. Dougherty and Appalachian State Teachers college on Friday, June 30. The band is under the direction of Melvyn Kelly.

The Langley High School band, colored, from Johnson City, Tenn., also will be present. Arrangements are being made by Prof. J. Neil Armstrong, principal of the high school, and Prof. E. P. Caruthers, the director. This unique aggregation of musicians was the only band east of Knoxville to perform with honors at

HUBBARD SAYS HEALTH NEEDS ARE PROBLEMS OF COMMUNITY

North Wilkesboro, Physician Says Health Is Everybody's Business and That Medical Profession Has No Monopoly. In Address Here.

Dr. Fred C. Hubbard, president-elect of the North Carolina State Medical Society, stressed cooperation and co-ordination of health services through local health councils in an address to the Watauga county health council Thursday evening, June 8, in the county courthouse. Speaking on the topic "Health Councils as the Democratic Approach to Our Rural Health Problems," Dr. Hubbard pointed out Watauga county's pioneer role in the organization of a rural health council and praised its efforts toward solving health problems at the community level. "Health is everybody's business," said Dr. Hubbard, "and the medical profession has no corner on it."

He noted the increased interest in health displayed by the local communities and the revelation of the overall need for a concerted effort on the part of both health agencies and individuals in alleviating the state's health problems. Again and again he emphasized the importance of attacking health needs at the local level, believing this to be the focal point toward the eventual extension of medical care to all mankind.

Dr. Hubbard's talk followed introductory remarks by Clyde R. Greene, president of the Watauga Health Council, and an activity report by Miss Madeleine McCain, secretary. The speaker was introduced by Dr. H. B. Perry Jr., local physician.

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SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT IS SEEN AS NEED BY SPEAKER

"Plan carefully the economic attractions of your community, but do not fail to develop your spiritual resources or your efforts are in vain," Steve Lacey, former coach and Dean of Milligan College, told the Boone Chamber of Commerce Tuesday at a luncheon meeting in the Skyline Restaurant.

Lacey, a prominent business man of Elizabethton and Johnson City, Tennessee, stressed Boone and Watauga county's ideal location and rich natural resources as being particularly attractive to the increasing number of summer tourists in this section of the United States. He paid high tribute to Appalachian State Teachers College and its contribution to the community and urged unselfish planning toward nurturing its growth along with other physical and spiritual assets of the county and town.

Prior to Lacey's address a short business session was held at which it was decided to have only a board meeting of the Chamber of Commerce for July, due to an evening meeting of the Merchant's Association on that date. It was voted to invite Thomas Carroll of Charlotte to deliver a talk entitled "Two Guys Named Joe" at the August meeting of the Chamber.

Singing On The Mountain June 25

The 26th annual "Singing on the Mountain" will be held the 4th Sunday in June on Grandfather Mountain, according to J. L. Hartley of Linville, chairman for the event.

Governor Kerr Scott will be principal speaker at the occasion, and thousands of singers and visitors are expected to be on hand to participate in the all day program.

A band of Cherokee Indians will be present to add color to the song, and picked groups of singers from western North Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee, and South Carolina have been invited to take part in the program.

As is customary, visitors and participants are asked to bring their lunches and share in the mammoth picnic on the grounds.



MISS McLANE

Noted Soprano To Appear Here

Louise McLane, lyric coloratura soprano, is to be presented in a lyceum concert at the Appalachian State Teachers college auditorium Friday evening, June 16, at 8:15.

Miss McLane holds the bachelor of music degree from North Texas State college in Denton, Texas, and has appeared in concert, opera and oratorio throughout Texas and the Southwest. She was a two-year scholarship winner at the Juilliard School of Music in New York City, and holds an artist's diploma from that institution. She has appeared as soloist with the Wichita Falls, Texas, Symphony Orchestra and was guest soloist this year with the Juilliard String Quartet in an appearance at Times Hall in New York City, and also on tour.

Miss McLane has sung leading soprano roles in many operas, including "Rigoletto," "Faust," "The Magic Flute," "The Marriage of Figaro," and "Fidelio." One critic has said of her singing, "Comparable to any soprano now singing at the Metropolitan."

The public is invited to hear Miss McLane on Friday evening.

Many Vie For Queen Honors

The final and official list of candidates for the title of queen of the Echoes of the Blue Ridge pageant has just been released by Watt Gragg, chairman of the queen committee. No further entries may be accepted.

The entire list of nominees follows, along with the sponsoring organizations: Rebecca Moose Boone Rotary Club; Rachel Ann Vance, Business and Professional Women's Club; Billie Badgett Parker, Chamber of Commerce; Barbara Jones, Merchants' Association; Peggy Greer, Veterans of Foreign Wars; Tonie Buchanan, Newland Lions Club; Majorie Mast, Cove Creek Community Club; Pearl Brown, Howard's Creek Home Demonstration Club; Maude Wilson, Beaver Dam Home Demonstration Club; Juanita Norris, Green Valley Home Demonstration Club; Jean Hauser, Hodges Gap Home Demonstration Club; Sara Miller, Deep Gap Home Demonstration Club; Martha Qualk, Worthwhile Women's Club; Joan Aldridge, Boone American Legion; Martha Council, Boone Lions Club; Marjorie Ann Jones, Mt. City Rotary Club.

Voting booths are located in the Post Office, Carolina Pharmacy, Boone Drug Company, and the Skyline Restaurant.

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WATAUGA BOYS WIN IN EVERY CLASS OF LAMB SHOW FRIDAY

Watauga 4-H Club Members Make Spectacular Showing In Tri-County Lamb Show At West Jefferson; List of Winners Is Given.

Watauga county 4-H club boys won every class in the tri-county junior lamb show held at West Jefferson on Friday, June 9.

Bob Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Wilson, Sugar Grove, took grand champion and reserve champion with a set of twin lambs which weighed 112 and 102 pounds respectively. These lambs were sired by a registered Hampshire ram, so Bob also took 1st and 2nd in the class sired by registered Hampshire ram. Douglas Clawson placed 1st in the class of 3 lambs owned by one club member. Watauga also won first in the county group of five lambs. Lambs used in this class included Bob Wilson 1, Vance Vines 1, John Vines 1, and Douglas Clawson 1. Freddie Wineberger also made a very creditable showing. In the registered ewe lamb class Bobby Gene Norris placed 1st and Glenn Reese second.

Prize money for the class of lambs sired by registered Hampshire ram and for the class of registered ewe lambs was put up by the American Hampshire Sheep Association. Other prize money was put up by the following business firms of Boone:

Northwestern Bank, Farmers Hardware & Supply Co., Barnett Motor Co., Boone Drug Co., Bus Terminal (Queen City Coach Co.), Craven Furniture Co., Hol-lads Produce and Fertilizer, Hunt's Department Store, Sky-line Restaurant, Watauga Hardware, Wilson's Feed Store, Carolina Pharmacy, Crest 5 & 10, Boone Super Market, Watauga County Co-op, Appalachian Theatre, and a friend.

The sale followed the show with both individual and packer buyers bidding off the choice grain fed lambs. Dr. W. M. Matheson, Boone dentist, purchased the grand champion for 35 cents per pound. Swift and Company bid top on the reserve champion at 34 cents. Dr. L. H. Owsley, Boone surgeon, secured two beautiful lambs produced by Vance and John Vines. Other Watauga lambs went to Swift and White Packing Co. at 32 cents.

Harry Hamilton, Boone auctioneer, contributed his services for the sale.

The 1951 lamb show comes to Boone.

Spud Whitener With Democrat

Rogers (Spud) Whitener has accepted a position with the Watauga Democrat and will do news reporting during the summer months.

Mr. Whitener, who formerly edited The Appalachian and who has previously done work on the Democrat, graduated from Appalachian College with a BS degree in 1948, and received his Master's degree from the University of Florida this summer. He will return to Florida next fall, where he has accepted a position of English instructor in the South Florida College at Lakeland.

HIGHWAY POSTOFFICE RAZED BY FLAME; ON WAY TO BOONE

Laurel Springs, June 9.—Post authorities were continuing to investigate and the truck immediately burst into flames, preventing them from re-entering the vehicle.

The fire department at North Wilkesboro was notified immediately and a truck was sent, arriving one hour and 15 minutes later.

The highway post office, which was reduced to a smoking skeleton by the blaze, was on its regular run from Greensboro to Boone by way of Winston-Salem and the Jeffersons. It was loaded with incoming mail for part of Allegheny county and the greater part of Ashe and Watauga counties.

The new truck had just been placed in operation. Postal authorities estimated the loss at more than \$20,000, but said another highway post office would make the run today.

College Enrollment To Set New Record

More Than Twelve Hundred Already Registered; Late Arrivals May Swell Total To at Least 1250.

A record-breaking summer school enrollment is in prospect for Appalachian State Teachers College, according to preliminary figures released by Registrar Herman R. Eggers.

At press time Tuesday, 1223 students had registered for the first summer term with a number of late registrants expected to swell the total to at least 1250. This is an increase of approximately 128 over the number for the same period last summer.

The graduate enrollment is already more than double that of last summer, the figures standing at 411 students in comparison with the 193 of last year, an increase of 218.

Registration was held open through Tuesday, June 13, in order to allow Florida teachers, whose schools were late in closing, to register.

Eggers Given G. O. P. Honors

Stacey C. Eggers, Jr., Boone, has been appointed as the Young Republican congressional leader of the ninth district, it has just been announced by William E. Cobb, Morganton, president of North Carolina Young Republican club.

He is a graduate of the University of North Carolina Law School. Until recently he has been assisting his father Stacey C. Eggers, Sr., who has long been a key figure in Republican politics. As congressional leader in his district Eggers will have the responsibility of coordinating the efforts of the individual YR clubs with those of the congressional candidate.

During the war Eggers served in the Army Air Force.

Legion Names New Officers

Watauga Post No. 130 of the American Legion met at the Legion Hut Friday, June 10, nominated Joan Aldridge as queen for the Echoes of the Blue Ridge pageant and elected the following officers to serve for the coming year:

Fred M. Gragg, Commander; Stacy C. Eggers, Jr., first vice-commander; Cameron Danner, second vice-commander; J. L. Storie, third vice-commander; R. E. Kelley, adjutant; Clive Gross, finance officer; Lionel Ward, service officer; Homer F. Brown, assistant service officer; John H. Hollar, athletic officer; Charlie Dougherty, sergeant-at-arms; Wade E. Brown, chaplain; Russell D. Hodges, Sr., guardship; Edwin Dougherty, historian.

The following committee chairmen were appointed:

R. E. Kelly, membership; Grady Farthing, boys state; Homer F. Brown, child welfare; Lee Reynolds, school awards; B. M. Farthing, graves registration; Stacy C. Eggers, Jr., oratorical; Clive Gross, Americanism; R. D. Hodges, Jr., boy scouts; Ralph Greer, sons of the Legion; and Wade E. Brown, public relations.

Red Cross Meeting

The annual meeting of the American Red Cross will be held on Thursday, June 15 at 12:30 p. m. in the Daniel Boone Hotel.

Mrs. Council Taken By Death

Mrs. Cora L. Council, 79 years old, died Sunday evening at her home here from a brief illness with a heart ailment.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 10 o'clock in the chapel of Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home, Dr. J. C. Canipe, of Hendersonville, being in charge of the rites, and interment was in the Bryan cemetery in the Green Heights section.

One daughter, Mrs. June Russell of Boone survives. There is also a granddaughter, Mrs. Homer Critcher, and a great granddaughter, Carole Lee Critcher.

Mrs. Council was a member of one of the community's pioneer families and a daughter of Boone's first Mayor, W. L. Bryan, Esq., and Mrs. Bryan. She was well-known throughout this section and held in the highest esteem. She was the widow of the late Richard Council of Boone, and before her retirement several years ago was engaged as hotel hostess in Asheville, Columbia, S. C., Akron, Ohio and Keystone, W. Va.

Lions To Attend State Meeting

A number of Boone Lions Club members have made plans to attend the state Lions convention in Charlotte June 18-20, according to Lion Secretary Richard E. Kelley.

Between 1,000 and 1,500 Lions and their wives from the 250 Tar Heel Lions clubs are expected to take part in the convention, it has been announced. Outstanding features of the three-day event will include a spectacular Lions parade up Tryon street, the annual beauty contest, a Lions male quartette contest, and a special ladies contest of table games in which hundreds of dollars worth of valuable prizes will be awarded.

Principal convention speaker will be Edgar M. Elbert of Maywood, Illinois, third vice president of Lions International. A district governor's ball will climax the convention on Tuesday night, June 20.

The Boone Lion delegates are expected to be Dr. D. J. Whitener, A. R. Smith, Richard Kelly, Howard and Raleigh Cottrell, W. W. Williams, Dr. G. K. Moore, T. M. Greer and Joe Williams, with other members tentatively scheduled to accompany this group.

Dr. R. H. Harmon To Reopen Office Here

Dr. R. H. Harmon returned Saturday from New York, where he had been for the past nine months taking graduate courses at the Poly Clinic Hospital, and will in the future limit his practice to diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat.

Dr. Harmon is having the Rankin place on East King Street rebuilt to meet his particular needs, the offices are being equipped in the most modern way, and will be open to the public on July 1.

Turkeys should be vaccinated against fowl pox soon after they are eight weeks old.

Japan's rising shipbuilding threatens to top U. S. output.