

# WATAUGA DEMOCRAT

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WATAUGA COUNTY  
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## KING STREET BY ROB RIVERS

**BUNTING AND BANNERS** gaily decorate fronts of the business houses of the town, and long lines of streamers are suspended across King Street, as the town gets ready for the gala celebration which starts Friday . . . The historical pageant "Echoes of the Blue Ridge," the featured attraction, is believed by many to be better than was the case at the centennial a year ago, many additional entertainment features have been provided, and the sponsors of the mid-summer event feel that a record number of visitors will be present to enjoy the varied programs which have been arranged . . . Fourth of July vacationists will likely contribute materially to the attendance . . .

C. H. KIRKMAN, tells of the 4-H club house at Waynesville, which has been constructed by the boys and girls of western North Carolina . . . Cabins and swimming pool, will be completed during July . . . 4-H groups in Watauga and other counties in the western section of the State raised the money for this regional project through various entertainments, demonstrations, food sales, contests, etc . . . The 4-H boys and girls deserve the commendation of their elders for their constructive activities, and our hats are off to them for being able to swing a big project without button-holing every body in this section for direct cash contributions . . . Perhaps some of us adults along the street should seek some advice from these fine youngsters on painless methods of financing.

WILLYS SMITH upsets the political apple cart by taking the Senatorial nomination from incumbent Senator Frank Graham, and local politicians of all grades are offering many reasons for the unexpected behavior of the voters last Saturday . . . Many opinions are being advanced as to why Mr. Smith is going to Washington, as to why his organization was able to dish up a resounding defeat to the State and National Democratic organizations, but we like the trite answer of a mine run voter, when queried as to why Mr. Smith won . . . Said he: "appears as if he got the most votes!" . . . Teenagers giving all-over wash tub bath to many and unwilling pooch . . . Large crowds on main highways Sunday headed for the Grandfather mountain singing . . . Lady feeling bad, tells of lively party the night before . . . "Course to heck, I have a hangover, you know I have . . . just learned that I'd driven all the way to Boone with the emergency brake on."

THIS EDITION of the Democrat comes forth under adverse circumstances, and if it misses some of the mails, it will due to a general tear-up in the composing room, as space is made for our new newspaper press, which is to be installed in the next two or three weeks . . . In the emergency the old press has been torn down and reassembled in the old shop across the creek, where Mr. Jones' shoe shop is located, and the Democrat is being printed in its old haunts, while the base for the new machine is poured, the cement hardens, and the new equipment installed . . .

PROMINENT FARMER who lives in one of the most beautiful sections of Watauga county complaining that visitors to his section are cluttering up the highway and the adjacent land in many instances with picnic boxes, papers, tin cans, and all manner of garbage, and wishes the folks who come to the hills would be a little more considerate in where they dump their trash . . . Says he wants to extend every courtesy to the people who visit Watauga, but would like for them to leave the countryside clean and attractive when they go away . . . Lee Teague, pioneer taxi man, who started in business back when the model T's were in vogue along the muddy roads of the county, and who has a fleet of brand new cars, has moved into his new taxi station opposite the bus terminal, one of the most attractive little buildings along that busy street . . . Postmaster Brown takes a turn at driving mail delivery truck while "Rabbit" Moretz passes out the parcel post . . . Incidentally, deficit or no deficit, we want the old mail service back . . .



THE WINNER . . . Willys Smith, Raleigh attorney, who on Saturday won the Democratic nomination for United States Senator, defeating the incumbent, Senator Frank Graham, by a majority of around 20,000 votes.

## Graham, Beaten in State Increases Watauga Lead



EDUCATION DAY SPEAKER . . . Shown above is Dr. Henry H. Hill, President of George Peabody College for Teachers, who will speak at a special mass meeting honoring Dr. Dougherty and the ASTC lower athletic field Sunday afternoon, July 2. In addition to Dr. Hill's speech there will be music by a number of choruses, choirs, and quartets from western N. C. and eastern Tennessee.

## Mrs. Parker Leads As Echoes Queen

At the first tabulation of votes in the queen of the Blue Ridge contest, Billie Badgett Parker is leading the field of 16 candidates with 26,400 votes to her credit. Runner-up is Rebecca Moore with 9,800. Five more days of voting remain, the polls closing immediately after the curtain rises for the Monday night performance of Echoes of the Blue Ridge. During the performance all ballots will be counted and the winner determined in time for the crowning by Charlie Justice at the Coronation Ball, immediately following the pageant showing. Queen chairman, Watt Gragg, requests that voters refrain from placing slips of paper and other unauthorized ballots in the various boxes allotted for voting. The only acceptable ballot is the stub from each admission ticket or book of tickets to the Echoes pageant. A \$3.00 purchase of four tickets entitles the holder to 900 votes; a single ticket is worth 100 votes. Complete standings on votes cast thus far place the contestants in the following order: Billie Badgett Parker, 26,400; Rebecca Moore, 9,800; Martha Council, 2,400; Joan Aldridge, 1,800; Barbara Jones, 1,800; Martha Quill, 900. Moscow budget reveals plans to improve military economy.

Contrary to the general trend throughout the State, official figures show that Watauga county increased its majority for Senator Frank Graham over Willys Smith in the second Democratic primary June 24. Added to this is the fact that 188 more voters turned out to swell the total vote to 1921 as compared to the 1753 ballots cast May 27.

Graham, diminutive former University of North Carolina head, carried 14 of the 16 Watauga precincts, amassing a total of 1334 votes to the 487 of his Raleigh opponent, a majority of 847.

Following is a record of Saturday's vote by individual township:

| Township              | Graham      | Smith      |
|-----------------------|-------------|------------|
| Bald Mountain         | 19          | 14         |
| Beaver Dam            | 287         | 9          |
| Blowing Rock          | 64          | 62         |
| Blue Ridge            | 1           | 15         |
| Boone                 | 297         | 113        |
| Brushy Fork           | 118         | 32         |
| Cove Creek            | 195         | 10         |
| Elk                   | 10          | 0          |
| Laurel Creek          | 121         | 1          |
| Meat Camp No. 1       | 77          | 15         |
| Meat Camp No. 2       | 10          | 0          |
| New River             | 56          | 185        |
| North Fork            | 13          | 0          |
| Shawneehaw            | 42          | 2          |
| Stony Fork            | 55          | 6          |
| Watauga               | 69          | 23         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>1434</b> | <b>487</b> |
| First Primary Totals: |             |            |
| Graham                | 1217        | 514        |
| Smith                 | 18          | 18         |
| Reynolds              | 4           | 4          |
| Boyd                  | 4           | 4          |

## Red Cross Names New Set Officers

The annual meeting of the American Red Cross was held in the Daniel Boone hotel recently. A review of the work for the past year given by the executive secretary showed that some of the Red Cross services which had been inactive since the war had been revived and others had been enlarged. All officers were re-elected for the coming year. The president, Mrs. Mae Miller, has reappointed also all committee chairmen who have served for the past year. These are: Junior Red Cross, Mrs. L. L. Bingham; Production, Mrs. Willie Smith; Canteen, Miss Elizabeth Bridge; Home Service, Rev. J. K. Parker; Disaster, Mr. Russell Hodges; Home Nursing, Mrs. E. T. Glenn; Safety Services, General Chairman, Mrs. Jack Hodges; First Aid, Mr. R. W. Watkins; Water Safety, Miss Gail Clay; Nurses Aid program, Mrs. A. R. Smith; Blood Bank Service, Rev. E. F. Troutman. Under the leadership of the above chairmen the officials confidently expect a further enlarged program of Chapter Red Cross (continued on page ten)

## LOCAL FOLKS JOIN THROGS TO HEAR SCOTT OPEN MT. SING

Brown Introduces Governor As Gragg Makes 26th Trip To Grandfather Celebration; Scott Praises Event.

Two Watauga citizens played prominent roles in the twenty-sixth annual "Singing on the Mountain," held Sunday at the foot of mighty Grandfather Mountain. The Rev. S. E. Gragg, eighty-nine, of Shulls Mills, made his twenty-sixth appearance as preacher and singer in the event, while former state senator Wade Brown introduced the principal speaker, Gov. Kerr Scott.

Governor Scott praised events such as Sing on the Mountain and the Cherokee drama, Unto These Hills, saying both are fine contributions to North Carolina's number three industry—tourists.

The governor said all in the mountains should do their best to show tourists to the State every courtesy in order to further develop the tourist business.

He spoke briefly on electrification, telephone and other improvement programs.

More than 50 singing groups from as far away as Beckley, Va., took turns rendering Gospel songs of the mountains.

Seventy-nine year old Joe L. Hartley of Linville, founder and chairman of Singing on the Mountain, termed the program a complete success.

One of the musical highlights during the beautiful summer day was provided by Hillbilly Headliner Arthur Smith and his Crackers from the Columbia Broadcasting System and Radio Station WBT, Charlotte.

The group gave several religious selections and instrumental numbers that made them popular.

The noted Cherokee Indian Quartette, under the direction of Vice Chief McKinley Ross of Cherokee, sang several religious selections in the native Cherokee tongue.

Highway patrolmen reported that during one period around noon, the highways leading to the convention were crowded by cars bumper to bumper, stretching four miles in one direction and three in the other.

A considerable portion of the afternoon's events was filmed and sound-recorded by staff members of the Washington (D. C.) Times-Herald for television presentation in the Capitol city.

## Parade Plans For Celebration Made

Floats and marching groups are now practically completed for the opening day parade, June 30, in connection with the Echoes of the Blue Ridge celebration.

The following organizations and business places have notified the Rev. Sam Moss, general parade chairman, that they will have entries in the Friday cavalcade: Lions Club, Rotary Club, American Red Cross, Watauga Industries, Junior Order, Echoes of the Blue Ridge, Inc., Parkway Hardware, Bare's Fair, Colvard Service Station, Arcady Feed Store, Vance Re-Capping Service, Western Auto Store.

The various automobile agencies in Boone will furnish transportation for the queen as well as for the dignitaries and various guests present for the celebration.

The parade will assemble at 1 p. m. under the direction of local police and patrolmen on the old Bristol road, with the children's section joining the procession at the courthouse.

Late entries may contact either the parade chairman or law officials for a designated spot in the parade.

## Blowing Rocket Will Appear During Week

Blowing Rocket—William Liddle, Jr., of Waynesboro, Va., and Roscoe Puskett, Jr., of Richmond, have assumed editorship of The Blowing Rocket, weekly newspaper published here during the summer vacation season. The first issue of the tabloid is scheduled to come off the press June 30. Both men attended school at the University of Virginia. Liddle is a first year medical student and Puskett a third year journalism student. Liddle served as city editor and Puskett as feature editor of The Cavalier Daily, the university newspaper.

## Full "Echoes" Program Is In Readiness For Opening Day



CROWN FITTER . . . Charlie Justice has forsaken his All-American football duties at the University of North Carolina for new responsibilities with the North Carolina Medical Foundation. Monday night he will step into still another role as he crowns the winner of the Queen of the Blue Ridge contest at the Coronation Ball.

## Minor Building Boom Seen Along City Streets

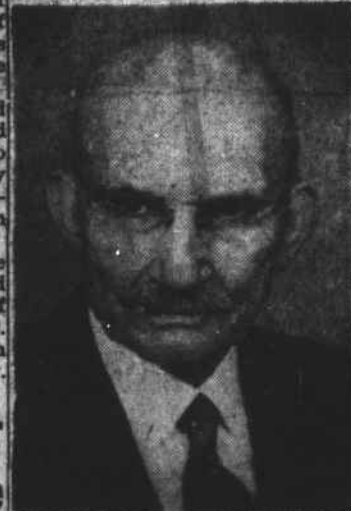


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## Friends To Honor College Prexy

Friends of Dr. B. B. Dougherty will honor this outstanding schoolman with a dinner Friday, June 30, at 6 p. m. at the C. K. & M. Gateway Cafe. The attendance will be limited to 100 people, and it is urged that those who would like to attend make reservations without delay. Dinner tickets may be purchased at the ASTC business office and book store.

## Longview Motor Court To Be Open Saturday

Boone newest tourist facility, the Longview Motor Court, located two miles east of Boone on the Blowing Rock road, will be open for business next Saturday, according to Messrs R. B. Shull and W. A. Shull, owners of the new development.

The building is of brick construction and consists of eighteen units, each with private bath. Steam heat is provided, and everything is thoroughly modern. A cafe is to be open in the building at a later date.

## "VICTIM" PULLS SURPRISE

Middletown, Ohio—When the cellar of a house, Harold Heath was building caved in, it was believed that Heath was buried under the debris. His wife, who was looking on horror-stricken, as rescuers started to dig to recover his body, heard his voice, turned around and faintly, it turned out that Heath had gone to visit a neighbor a few minutes before the cellar collapsed.

## Final Dress Rehearsal Set for Tonight as Townspeople And Visitors Await Second Watauga Historical Celebration

Interest in and enthusiasm for the pageant "Echoes of the Blue Ridge" is mounting as the time for the first performance approaches. According to Pat Alderman, director, dress rehearsals were held on Tuesday and Wednesday nights, and all is in readiness for the opening performance on Friday night, June 30.

The pageant is expected to draw a large attendance, not only from Boone and Watauga county, but from the whole Blue Ridge section, including southwest Virginia and east Tennessee.

All the performances will be staged at the lower athletic field of the Appalachian State Teachers College. Preliminary Events begin at 7:15 with the pageant performances beginning at 8:30 o'clock.

The five-day celebration will include the following events:

Friday, June 30—College Day  
Special day honoring Dr. B. B. Dougherty, president and co-founder of Appalachian State Teachers College—The Carolinian of the Half Century. Opening parade, 2:00 p. m.

First performance of the pageant, with special events program, 7:15 p. m.  
Square dance, Boys' gym, 10 to 12 p. m.

Sat. July 1—Farmers' Day  
Great agricultural parade, special events, band concerts, 2 p. m. Second performance of the pageant, Mother Goose night. Special preliminary program presented by the elementary schools preceding pageant, 7:15 p. m.  
Square dance, boys' gym, 10 to 12 p. m.

Sunday, July 2—Worship Day  
Attend the church of your choice.  
Great inter-faith worship with music, 2 to 4 p. m.

Monday, July 3—Circus Day  
Crowning of Junior Queen.  
Circus Jamboree, Clowns, acrobats, comedians, bands, trapeze artists, tumblers, baton whippers, special features, 7:15 p. m.

"Herman Joseph," nationally known clown and comedian, will be a feature on the program. Joseph was leading clown with the Ringling Brothers and Barnum Bailey circus for over twenty years.

Tuesday, July 4—Patriotic and Tri-State Day  
Big patriotic and hobby parade, 2 p. m. Scout shows, concerts.

Final performance of the pageant, preceded by "The Parade of the Nations," staged by various high school groups, 7:15 p. m.

## Gala Street Dance At Blowing Rock

Blowing Rock—A gala street dance, one of Blowing Rock's favorite forms of entertainment, will climax the fourth annual Blowing Rock Field Day scheduled for July 4. The dance will be held along Main street and will close the day's activities.

A baseball game between Blowing Rock and Furler will get the day off to a start at 10 a. m. on the local field. At 2 p. m. the annual gymkhana, featuring novelty games on horseback and pet show, will be held in Broyhill Park, and recreation, including horse shows, shuffleboard, tennis, and checkers, will be provided in Municipal Park.

The evening's program will begin with a community sing at 8 p. m. in Municipal Park, under direction of Dr. H. E. Spence of Duke University. Rev. Oscar Harris, Mrs. John Reinking, and Miss Estelle Pardue. The street dance will follow the sing. Main street will be roped off from Watauga Inn to the bank for the dance. Admission to all events is free.

## Green Valley Grange To Meet Thursday

The Green Valley Grange will meet at the school house Thursday night, July 6, at 8 o'clock. All members are urged to be present. New officers are to be installed and several items of interest will come up for discussion. Russia's war-making power is held by no means insuperable.

## Business Houses To Close for Holiday

The Merchants' Association requests that all business establishments in Boone close during the 4th of July in order that all personnel may participate in the holiday celebration activities.