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KING STREET

ROB RIVERS

ODDS AND ENDS: Man feed ing coins into parking meter, as his lady companion hands him penny after penny from purse, inquiring each time, "Want more?" . . Housewife bemoans the rapid rise in the cost of vittels in the raw, and says there's no sense in such . . "Just plain hellishness, "twould appear to me."... New display rooms of the Winkler Motor Company taking form, as strollers watch the work . . . Another patient group of sidewalk engineers hangs out right regularly at the Building and Loan building which is undergoing extensive remodeling . . . Group of children play in Boone Creek, as oth ers engage in wrestling and even a touch of fist fighting, as the glorious insitution of childhood carries on, a wholesome and unchanged carrypver from a less harried era . . . Boats of most every description seen to pass through town this summer as Watauga dam provides a mecca for boatmen and fishermen . . Lots of these little outboarders

are seen trailing motor cars, some smaller ones are inverted over the tops of the sedans, but the other Sunday a huge trailer pulled by one of those mighty Mack moguls dragged through a beautiful little ocean going cruis er, being shipped from the builders in Detroit, to Eastern Carolina . . . Earl Norris and other highway workers repair the Poplar Grove road at the old laundry corner, and bridge crew re-floors the crossing of Boone Creek nearby . . . Both these improvements are of more than passing importance to one who regularly uses this stretch in his saunterings to and from work

. . . Slightly nearsighted one plumps into plate glass door down at C. K. Marion's Cafe, . . a rare tribute to the lad who does the glass polishing down there.

"UNTO THESE HILLS" continues to draw large numbers of Boone folks to the Cherokee Indian reservation . . . The spectacular outdoor pageant of the sufferings and tribulations of the Cherokees is good, decidedly so, and the stadium in which native stone is used predominantly, and the backdrop is the Great Smokies, enchances the worth of the stage presentation . . . Local folks are particularly interested because the cast contains a Boone boy ... Blanton Miller is one of the stellar performers with his professonal portrayal of Tecumseh, fiery Shawnee warrior . . . Those who haven't seen the show should make a trip over that way . . . There is no more spectacular ride than from Boone to Cherokee . . . Incidentally, we find that a number of Piedmont and eastern Carolina people are making the trip to Cherokee via Boone, on their return completing a sort of grand circle

IN THE OLD DAYS it was considered that when a man wore "Sunday clothes" on week days he had definitely "arrived" in so far as economic security was concerned . . . In later years the status of his wealth came to be measured by what sort of automobile he piloted along the pavement, or how many gadgets his home contained, . . . We have found however, that a man's financial troubles are most certainly over when he takes to chairman of the local selective writing his signature, deliberately, so that no man on earth can these have reportedly failed to decipher it . . . Trucks loaded with coal, parked along the street, while out of state vendors stop passersby and try to make sales, . . . Onlookers try to figure out whether the standard six ton load is nearer four than five . . . Staccato bark of rifles Sunday afternoon at city dump, right smack in town, despite the fact there's always been an ordinance ... Need for truck lane around town grows greater as commercial traffic through the place increases . . . "leartening to know that such an artery is in the planning stage.

BOB AGLE, who in his capacity as district executive for the Sams movie enterprises, is one of the town's most consistent buyers of space in the Watauga Democrat, sends us this highly appreciated note: "May I take this opportunity to congratulate you on your new (continued from page four)



LOCAL YOUTH IN CHEROKEE ROLE-Blanton Miller (right) talks with Robert Wahnetah, Cherokee Indian youth, and W. P. Covington of Winston-Salem backstage as they prepare to go on lead roles of the outdoor drama, playing the part of the warlike Tecumseh. Mr. Covington is cast as a mountaineer and the Cherokee lad is one of the dancers. The drama is now playing

Anderson To

The commencement address at Appalachian State Teachers colin the evening, will be delivered State Superintendent of Education of the State of South Caro-

monsville, holds the B. A. degree monsyille, holds the B. A. degree from Furman University, the M. A. degree from the University of South Carolina, and has done additional graduate work at the sent in Kermit Hunter's Cherokee ed nis early scene and nis taken a quick shower to get rid of this mass of Indian war paint, he son, S. C., returned home on a short furlough, and then was assigned to the 5th Cavalry compared to the 5t the University of Chicago and George Peabody College for Teachers. He was principal and ina schools from 1914 to 1918, of education in Florence county. South Carolina from 1929 to 1947 when he became state

Mr. Anderson is past president of the South Carolina Education Association, and of the county superintendents. He is secretary of the State Board of Education, and member of the school book commission. He is a member of the board of trustees of the University of South Carolina, the Citadel, Winthrop College, and the South Carolina Medical College. In addition he holds membership in the South Carolina Education Association, the American Association of chief school officers, Phi Beta Kappa; Kappa Phi Kappa, Delta Sigma Phi, the Lions Club, the American Legion, the Forty-and-Eight, and is a Mason and Shriner. Mr. second lieutenant in World War

18 Year Youths **Asked To Register**

Youths are now required to register under the military draft law, upon reaching their eighteenth birthdays, and Joe Todd. service board, states that some of comply with the law.

Mr. Todd insists that these youths register promptly, as it is not the desire of the local office to invoke the severe penalties of the law, unless it becomes absolutely necessary.

Full cooperation of the people s asked by Mr. Todd.

Boone Fire Department To Sponsor Show Soon

The Boone Fire Department will sponsor a hillbilly show in the courthouse Thursday night, August 17, at 8 p. m., featuring Curley King and his Tennessee Hilltoppers. Proceeds will go to-ward buying new fire hose and, other needed equipment. The public is invited to participate in the upkeep of their volunteer fire department by attending

College graduates having larger families, research shows.

Blanton Miller Featured Pfc. Louis Hayes Speak To Grads In Pageant Of Cherokees

Mrs. I. S. Miller of Oak St. and a to tell his plan. the evening, will be delivered and college dramatic productions into the council stump and during his high school years at Boone, is cast this summer in plan!" what is perhaps the most color-ful role of his career.

playing all summer at the Mountainside Theatre at Cherokee. Miller first attracted attention

at Chapel Hill last year with his fine work as Jason, in Robinson Jeffer's "Medea," and since goscene two of the drama comes the Boor in "The Boor."

Blanton Miller, son of Mr. and when Junaluska asks Tecumseh

Director Davis has used this quiet and hard-working actor in Chosen by Director Harry Davis to play the part of Tecumseh in Kermit Hunter's Cherokee was who conceived the idea of a fee during the 1830's, and apgreat Indian confederation reaching from the Great Lakes to the when the aging Wilani is killed ing from the Great Lakes to the Gulf of Mexico about the time of by white soldiers, he helps to superintendent in South Caro- the War of 1812. His visit to the carry her body from the stage in Cherokee country, where he one of the most moving scenes of and was county superintendent tried to persuade the southern the play. Later he is seen in the Indians to join his plan for driv- various crowd scenes as one of ing out the whites, is one of the highlights of the pageant-drama hard to see that the Indians were treated with decency and respect during the stirring days of the removal.

Boone audiences will remem-

ber Miller for outstanding performances with the Appalachian ing to Cherokee he has more than Playcrafters under the direction justified the confidence placed of Antonius Antonakus. Partiin him by Director Davis. His cularly impressive were his in-colorful costume and hideous terpretations of Dr. Haggett in war paint are impressive, but "The Late Christopher Bean," most stirring of the moments in Dr. Spender in "Post Road," and

More Than 400 Spectators Hail Flower Show As Best Ever Rock's 1949 "Man of the Year."

have been the best in the history Julian Ragan, third . Anderson was a private and a of this annual floral exhibition In the men's entries, R. W. Wat-Club, was witnessed by over 400 second, and Gill Phillips ,third. children were introduced. people Thursday in the Boone | Mike Dent placed first in chilentries—typica lof the beautiful second, and Nancy Qualls, third. flowers grown in Boone and Watauga county-were counted.

> arrangement in a Victorian tea A. E. South; specimen, Mrs. Jupot to suggest memories of an old lian Ragan, Mrs. Ralph Greer, shades of gold, rust, and brown, Mrs. Floyd Hagaman, Mrs. Ralph and Mrs. Mae Miller, fourth, with Greer. waterlily arrangement.

Mrs. Mae Miller received the

The complete list of placings outstanding entry of the show order: Dahlias, giant-Mrs. D. L. went to Mrs. Ed Hall for a floral Wilcox, Mrs. Ralph Greer, Mrs. fashioned garden. Mrs. Ed Qualls Mrs. Russel Hampton; cactus with a kitchen arrangement in Myrtle Rominger; three blooms,

> Gladioli, 1 color-Mrs. Hale in the program. (Continued on page four)

Missing In Korea Pfc. Louis R. Haves, 25 'vear

The blazing old son of Mr. and Mrs. Roby lege on August 23 at eight o'clock veteran of numerous high school Shawnee drives his tomahawk Hayes of Sugar Grove has been reported missing in action in Korea since July 25, according to a telegram received last week by his parents from the Secretary of the Army. Enlisting in service in the

spring of 1948, young Hayes pany in Japan. The last letter received by his parents had been written from Japan and was dated July 12.

Grandfather Home

was given to Grandfather Home uary of 1949. Buchanan is in outfor Children in Banner Elk during the 31st annual Grandfather Home Day program at Rumple Memorial Presbyterian Church here Sunday morning.

The offering totaled \$9,486.11, and additional contributions are expected to push the amount over the \$10,000 mark.

The traditionally generous of fering followed an appeal for the orphanage by David Ovens, Charlotte business man and Blowing

Donald College who first instituted the orphanage day program sponsored by the Worthwhile kins placed first, W. C. Greer, in 1919. Three of the Home's

John Baker, Metropolitan Op-First Baptist Church. Over 277 dren's entries, Bobby Reynolds, era baritone; Ernest McChesney, tenor; Miss Genevieve Rowe, soprano; and Miss Helen Olheim, contralto, presented the program The sweepstakes ribbon for the follows in first, second, and third of sacred music. Stewart Ross, nationally known planist, was accompanist, and Miss Margaret Vance of Blowing Rock was org-

Dr. W. M. Tate, president of was second with her Peace Rose Mrs. A. E. South; ball, Mrs. R. the Edgar Tufts Memorial Asso- appeal to the overflow audience, arrangement, Mrs. Ed Hall, third, W. Watkins, Mrs. George Greene, cistion of which Grandfather urged continuous support of wor-Home is a part, and the Rev. thy institutions and causes, stat-Fletcher Nelson, president of ing that the only thing that man Lees-McRae College, participated can carry with him in death is

Classes for Grade Beef Heifers and Grade Dairy Heifers Are Added; A List of the Departments and Superintendents,

Plans were completed at meet ings held Saturday and Monday for the 1950 Fair, and officials state that the fair will be expended to include classes for grade beef heifers and grade dairy heifers to be shown at halt-

The departments of the fair, and the superintendents of each, were released as follows: Preparation of exhibit space:

Stewart Barnes, chairman. Department "A'-Garden and

Field Crops: Ned Glenn, Milton Moretz, Zeb Farthing, H. J. Wil-

Department "B"-Farm and Garden display: Johnnie Greene,

Billy Cook, J. B. Robertson. Department "C"-Fruits: D. T. Brown, Albert Watson, Dennis V. Ensley.

Department "D" - Canning: Mrs. Dean Reese, Mrs. I. B. Wilon, Mrs. Cecil Swift.

Department "E"-Pantry and Dairy: Mrs. George P. Edminsten, Mrs. A. E. Vannoy, Mrs. Clint Department "F"-Flower Show:

Mrs. Odes Wilson and Mrs. B. W. Stallings.

Department "G" - Veteran armer Department: Hayes Well-(Continued from page one.)

YDC To Hold Meet Saturday Night

The regular August countywide meeting of the Young Democratic Club of Watauga ounty will be held on this Sat urday August 19 at the courthouse. The speaker of the evening will be Mr. Marcellus "Buck' Buchanan, attorney and president of the Jackson County Young Democratic Club. Mr. Buchanan attended Western Carolina Tecahers College and the Gets Big Sum Money University of North Carolina, receiving his Bachelor of Laws de-Blowing Rock.-Almost \$10,000 gree from the University in Janstanding Democratic leader of Western North Carolina and public speaker of note.

In addition to this outstanding address, committees will be named and final arrangements made for the Ninth District Young Democratic meeting in Boone on (Continued on page two)

D. M. Edmisten Is Surveying Housing

financing, Watauga and Avery counties, recently instigated by the United States Census Bureau.

training period in Asheville. His work will consist primarily in alding designated home owners in filling out census bureau questionaires designed to offer a tion figures, Appelachian State Dr. Evan Pattishall in the de cross section of the housing situation in the two counties. Mr. Edmisten expects to complete the survey within thirty days.

the satisfaction of his generosity Ovens, in making his annual to his fellow man,

Coffee Query: To Raise or Not To Raise? quo cannot be maintained in the | Then there are always those ec- | ing slightly the overall prices on

Ten cents for that cup of cofproblem facing local restaurant count books each time the pot and soda shop owners these days, gurgles forth its precious fluid. what with prices on America's favorite beverage ranging from To to 80 cents per pound and poising for another-advance.

Most restaurant proprietors report that the hope of realizing close to two and a helf cents. But any profit on coffee disappeared this is only the beginning. Sugar, months ago with the first up-surge of the Brazilian market, they being content simply to side of the ledger and multiplied break even on each serving since by two, tince the everage custhat time. But even this status tomer is a two-cup com

cording to several operators, litfee? Well, maybe. That's the tle red figures appearing on ac-

> such a statement allowing 75 to 80 cups per pound of coffee at prevailing prices, each mug of the liquid black costs the server

face of recent price hikes, according to several operators, litter sugar instead of the other cents—a move that the general such an individual gets through shoveling the sweet sand (mixed Statistics tend to bear out with generous quantities of extract of bovine) another good restaurant owner has determined to become a good farmer.

Go up, then, to eight or ten cents per cup? Rater ticklish "It all depends on market prices business when the customer may already be smarting over having pat if coffee does— anoth price jump and we'll have that "good five cent cigar" of yore. Most owners, therefore, have played things safe by lift- worth?

way around, and by the time public seems to have accepted without protest. Soda shops, where coffee al-

ready cmes "extre," are holding fast for the most part on both coffee and sandwich items. One operator, when asked about the from here on out. We'll stand

COUNTY FAIR Sheriff Watson TO BE BIGGER Dies at Age 64; SAY OFFICIALS Funeral Is Today



C. M. WATSON

G O P Convention **Next Saturday**

The Republicans of Watauga county will hold their nominating convention at the courthouse in Boone Saturday, August 19, according to a call issued by the chairman, Mr. I. B. Wilson.

The primary purpose of the convention is to name candidates for the various county offices. and Mr. Wilson states that there will be no outside speaker for the occasion.

The chairmen of the various precincts are asked to hold neetings Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock for the purpose of nam-

Walter J. Ragan Is Cove Creek Coach

Walter & Ragan of Boone has een selected athletic coach the Cove Creek High School, by the school committee and district principal.

Ragan finished at Appalachian College last spring asd was awarded his BS degree in physical education and social studies. He has an outstanding record in athletics, having played basket-ball, baseball, softball, football and engaged in boxing in both high school and college.

Mr. Ragan served three years in the army and is a member of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

95th Infantry Meet Any ex-servicemen in Watauga

county who were members of the 95th Infantry Division and attached units are asked to contact Maj. General Harry L. Twaddle, Flower Show As Best Ever

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Clerk for the survey of residential envelope or return postage will for the 22nd, annual convention be appreciated with your inquiry. of the state organization,

Sheriff of Watauga county for over seven years, died in a Statesville hospital Monday. The local officer had been in poor health for the past several months, and his condition had been worse for several weeks. He had re-entered the hospital three weeks ago.

Funeral services are to be conducted this (Wednesday) after-noon at 2 o'clock from the Laurel Springs Baptist Church. The rites will be in charge of Rev. R. C. Eggers, Rev. G. A. Hamby, and Dr. W. G. Bond, and burial will be in the church cemetery. The body will lie in state in the church for an hour prior to the funeral.

Survivors include five sons Clarence Watson, Sugar Grove; Claud, Lloyd, Allie and Guy Watson of Deep Gap. There are three brothers and four sisters: Filmore, Tom Watson, Route I, Boone; Richard Watson, Deep Gap; Mrs. Jeff Winebarger, State of Oregon; Mrs. Grant Miller, Laxon; Mrs. Roy Greene, Deep Gap; Mrs. June Greene, Brown-

Mr. Watson, who was born and reared in Watsuga county, was elected Sheriff of Watsuga county in 1942, and was re-elected for a second four year term in 1046. He was a popular law en-forcement officer, was uniformly courteous and kind to the people with whom he came in contact, and made many friends during his tenure. He was also engaged in the mercantile busiess, and farming enterprises.

No Successor To Sheriff Yet Named

H. M. Hamilton, Jr., chairman of the board of county commis-sioners told the Democrat Tuesday that no action by the board in filling the vacancy caused by the death of Sheriff Watson, will be taken for the time being.

Under the law, it is under tood, the commissioners have the power to appoint a sheriff for an unexpired term, and un-til this is done Richard E. Kelley, coroner, has the responsibility of the office. Meantime, Deputy Sheriff G. M. Watson, remains in charge of the jail and is carrying on the work of the Sheriff's of-

Kenneth Perry Named President State FFA

Kenneth Perry, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Perry of Cove Creek was last week elected president of the North Carolina Associa-

Mr. Edmisten returned to Boone last week from a week's Appalachian College Makes Way For Its Largest Enrollment

According to advance registra- from the University of Florida

during the year.
It is also expected that a large number of graduate students will Alabama, in music; John Si first six-weeks term, 1110 for the second six-weeks term, making a total of 2416 enrollments, repre-sented by 1591 different individuals. There were 533 studying for the master's degree. In addi-tion there were 260 people with degrees studying at Appalachian, 49 of whom already hold the

moster's degree,
At the graduation exercises to be held on August 23 the college will gradusce 64 with the bachefor of science degree, and 71 with the master of arts degree. In only of New members to be added to year, in a

the faculty in September will include the following: Dr. Arnold to these cur Van Pult in the department of biology, holding the Ph. D. degree

Teachers college will have the partment of education, holding largest enrollment in its history the Ph. D degree from the Uni when the new term opens on versity of Michigan, Returning September 5. Registrar H. R. Eg- from a year's stuly to complete gers says that advance figures requirements for the Ph. D. de-are running ahead of those of gree will be Carrie Lee Farthing last year, when the largest fresh- Dickerson and Cratis D. Williams man class in history enrolled. A both in the department of Eng-total of 1367 students enrolled lich. Graduate assistants will include Miss Nadine Gragg, Boone, in English; Mark Arnold, Troy, register, During this summer the Charlotte, in mathematics; Miss college had 1306 enrolled for the Elizabeth McManus, Hamlet, in science; Miss Ruth Barnard, Andrews, in library science; Ewell Hopper, Jr., of York, S. C. in physical education: and Miss Elizabeth Guy, Banner Elk, physical education.

Major curriculum changes will

Major curriculum changes will include the changing of musi and library science to single-major courses. Appalachian gudu ates usually reach certification requirements in two fields upograduation, but music and illegal and the course of the

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