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## KING STREET

BY  
**ROB RIVERS**

LEWIS HODGES, of the city police force calls attention to the fact that last Saturday appeared to be a kind of red letter day for sobriety in the city, since not one person was arrested during the day or night . . . Officer Hodges states that on the previous Saturday six were arrested (about the average) for public drunkenness . . . Fred Gragg, Clerk of the Superior Court, states that no cases are on the docket for larceny at the coming term of Suprior Court, and adds that seldom are Wataugans up before the high tribunal for stealing . . . We mountain folks, it would appear, trifle about a bit with the moonshine, sometimes set down an uncertain foot on the gas, fight a bit in a pinch, but the record shows that, generally speaking, we don't think it fittin' to be takin' other folks' stuff . . . Another little pastime, which used to be engaged in to some extent has been abandoned, it seems, by popular consent . . . the practice of laying a row of nails in the road to see the tires go down . . . Once upon a time we caught 13 of these flat headed nails, on a bridge 'tween Boone and Blowing Rock.

**BUILDING BOOM CONTINUES** in this community, and on every hand one sees new buildings, extensive remodeling jobs, paint jobs, or excavations being made ready for the pouring of footings . . . Boone continues to grow, to flourish and to prosper in an expanded measure day by day, and builders have their hands full in meeting the requirements of the people for improved business structures, new homes, apartment buildings, garages and what not . . . Indications are that the demand for new structures will increase during the autumn as folks try to get delayed construction started ahead of rigid war controls, which may be expected at the latest, soon after the election.

**INCESSANT RAINS** of the summer grow big cabbages in this land where a big part of the cole slaw and sauer kraut and boiled cabbage originates, and workers up at the North State Cannery say that the heads have grown to unusual size this year, some weighing 15 to 20 pounds each . . . Produce dealers say that the record yield of cabbage has brought the price down and that the demand hasn't been at all brisk . . . Some improvement, however was noted the first of the week . . . Farmers, likewise, receiving less this year for their string beans, which were grown in abundance throughout the area . . . Merchants display their new felt hats as the straws find their way into the garbage cans, or into the clothes closets for an eight months stay.

**MRS. M. B. BLACKBURN**, one of the town's most venerable ladies, who at ninety greets her friends and fully enjoys about every minute of every day, tells us about a trip she and the late Mrs. R. C. Rivers, Sr., made to a district Sunday School meeting in Asheville some forty-odd years ago . . . Mrs. Blackburn says the trip was made by surry and train . . . That is they went to Lenoir by a horse drawn rig, took the train for Hickory, changed there, and went on to Asheville perhaps the next day . . . It is recalled that George Vanderbilt's mansion had just been built a few years earlier, and Mrs. Blackburn tells of having seen the elaborate summer home the New York capitalist erected near Asheville, and of the talk going the rounds about its magnificence . . . "Ma" as she is affectionately known, is among Boone's first citizens and her easy conversation and ready wit, make pleasant the visits of her many friends.

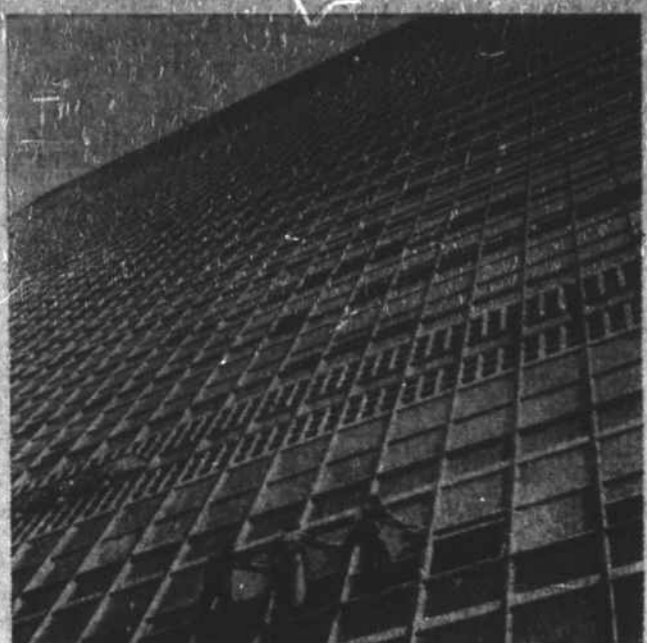
**COUNTY SINGING** Set for October 1

The Watauga county singing convention, which is eagerly looked forward to by the people of Watauga and adjoining counties, will be held at the Gospel Tabernacle Sunday October 1, starting at 10:30 a. m.

The announcement is made by Mr. S. C. Eggers, chairman of the singing, who states that church groups of every denomination, and vocalists from throughout the area are invited to participate.

**Science Teachers Of State to Organize**

Mr. F. R. Derrick, president of the science division of the North Carolina Education Association met Saturday in Burlington with a group of science teachers, to draft a constitution for a proposed science teachers' association. When the organization is formed, it will likely become affiliated with the national association.



**SOILED VISTA . . . To some, the UN means hope of world peace. To these three men, washing windows on the new secretariat building in New York, it means a wide expanse of dirty glass.**

## New School in Town Gets Attention PTA

Nineteen officers and committee chairmen comprising the executive board of the Boone Parent-Teacher Club met last Thursday night at the high school to formulate plans for the year's work and chose as the program theme: "What Is the Parents' Place in Our School?"

The question of "when will the elementary school be built" took priority over all other discussion at the board meeting and the group was gratified to learn that Dr. B. B. Dougherty, president of Appalachian State Teachers College, has agreed to meet with the Parent-Teacher Club in the very near future to discuss this topic. In order to have a concise report on the condition of the elementary school now in use, the board instructed the appointment of a Citizens' Committee to inspect the school and make the report at the next meeting of the executive board; the committee is made up of Mr. Perry Greene, chairman; Mrs. B. W. Stallings and Dr. H. B. Perry, Jr.

Mrs. R. C. Rivers, treasurer, announced that a number of parents have sent in their names to add to the growing list of new members; it should be pointed out, however, that anyone interested in the school, whether he is a parent or not, is eligible for membership in this organization. Membership fee is one dollar per person.

Monday, September 25, will mark the first meeting of the club; it will follow the annual covered-dish supper that will be held this year in the high school gymnasium under the direction of Mr. Paul A. Coffey who will have as co-workers Mesdames Gordon H. Winkler, Wiley Smith, J. C. Cline, Dempsey Wilcox, Roy Kepler, Dean Cook and Al Mack.

R. E. Agle, club president, announced the following panel of committee appointments, the first name in each group will serve as chairman:

World Citizenship: Mr. Fred Hollis, Mr. J. W. Norris, Mrs. E. (Continued on page six.)

**DR. GREENE IS MAIN SPEAKER AT MEETING OF HEALTH GROUP**

Durham Man Talks of Hopes For Health; Vastly Expanded Medical Service in Next Fifty Years Predicted.

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Clyde R. Green presided at the meeting, and Miss Madeline McCain reported on the executive committee meetings of the council. The possibility of a picnic or dinner for the December gathering was favorably discussed, the details to be worked out later. Miss McCain reviewed the organization of the local health council, pointing out that most such organizations are founded by civic, rather than by community representatives, as is the case here.

In concluding the report, Miss McCain urged the council members to solicit more local participation in the movement to improve the general health of the people of every community.

Dr. H. B. Perry, Jr., introduced the speaker, Dr. C. Sylvester Green as the former pastor of Watt Street Baptist Church in Durham, and Grove Park Avenue Church in Richmond; past president of Coker College; advisor of religious activities at Duke University; for six years editor of a Durham daily paper; member of the State Board of Conservation and Development; and at the present time is the Executive Vice-President of the North Carolina Medical Foundation, Inc., with offices at Chapel Hill.

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"There will be more health insurance. The people are demanding, as their right the ability to pay for the medical care which they will be given or which will be available to them, and the only way to do that is through health insurance." Dr. Green expressed a "conviction that this health insurance will come voluntarily and it need not come through Federal Aid. This is the answer that will make it possible for people to pay for medical care that they need for themselves and for their families, a magnificent hope for the last half of the twentieth century."

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## Casale Returns To Boone From Europe

Mr. and Mrs. Renato Casale, of the faculty of Appalachian State Teachers College, have returned to the campus after a summer in Europe. After visiting relatives in Rome and Milan and touring Italy, Mr. Casale matriculated at the University of Madrid and Mrs. Casale joined a French Study Tour, conducted by the University of Washington. At the end of the summer Mrs. Casale also visited England.

While in Paris Mrs. Casale spent some time with a former student, Rebekah Rivers, Miss Rivers, who was a French-English major at Appalachian, now has a secretarial position with the American Embassy in Paris.

## Models Chosen For Style Show

Additional models for the fashion show to be held Thursday evening September 14, at 8:45 at the Appalachian Theatre, have been chosen. It is announced by the Woman's Club, co-sponsor of the event, in which the theatre management and the merchants are participating.

Additional models chosen are: For the Children's Shop: Linda Mast, Kathryn Kelley, Janie Price, Rachel Rivers, Barbara Matheson, Jane Hodges, Donna Perry, Jennie Lou Zenzell.

Other models are: Mrs. Ronda Hardin, Billy Jean Storie, Sally Brendall, Peggy Greer, Cynthia Stiles, Sally Crowell, Maxine Sink, Patsy Swift.

## Doughton Says He Won't Quit

Winston-Salem — Rep. Robert L. Doughton emphatically denied tonight that he is planning to retire from Congress before the Nov. 7 general election.

Reports were current in Raleigh over the week-end that the veteran representative would step down from his Ninth District post in favor of a choice of the district Democratic Executive Committee.

From his home in Washington, D. C., Doughton, now 88, told F. O. Carver, Jr., news director of Radio Station WSJS by telephone. "I have no plans to retire from Congress until December, 1952, at least. That would be at the close of the term for which I am the Democratic nominee in the election this November."

The veteran Laurel Springs legislator, who has been in Congress since 1911, denied that his son, Horton Doughton of Statesville, is trying to persuade him to retire in favor of John R. McLaughlin, Statesville attorney and former solicitor.

## Marriage Licenses

Marriage licenses have been issued by Miss Helen Underdown, register of deeds, to the following couples:

Eugene S. Blackburn of Boone and Margaret T. Horrigan, Roy Bay Jones Route 2 Boone and Kathleen M. Greene of Stony Fork, Robert Clayton Woolwine of Abingdon, Va. and Mary Elizabeth Ferguson of Bristol, Tenn.

**DIGS "BAKED" SPUDS**

Springwater, N. Y.—Spinding a spot in his potato patch, where the vines had withered overnight, Joseph Nichol, Livingston county potato grower, found that lightning had struck and cooked the spuds in the ground "soft enough to mash."

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## Fall Term Enrollment At Appalachian Sets Record



**TAXI IS HOME FOR FAMILY OF SEVEN . . . Benjamin Fox, his wife and five of their seven children occupy Benjamin's cab, which has been their home since they were burned out of their dwelling in New York more than a month ago. The best that housing authorities could offer was an apartment for \$80 a month, which Fox says he can't afford.**

Eleven Hundred and Seventy Four on Campus, Passing the Record Set in 1949; New Faculty Members Listed.

The enrollment at Appalachian State Teachers college has gone beyond any fall term enrollment ever registered at the college, according to figures just released by the office of H. R. Eggers, registrar. The figure at present is 1174, as compared with 1158 for the same term last year, which was the previous high. The enrollment in the freshman class is slightly lower than that for last year, but other students are yet to register.

Two extension courses in the graduate school will begin during the fall term at North Wilkesboro and at Hickory, which are expected to swell the enrollment considerably. Last year two off-campus extension divisions brought the fall term enrollment up to 1228, and it is expected that they will bring this year's enrollment past that figure.

Among the new faculty members are the following: Dr. J. R. Melton in education and psychology, holding the doctoral degree from the University of North Carolina; Dr. Evan Pattishall also in education and psychology, holding the Ph.D. degree from the University of Michigan; Dr. Arnold Van Pelt in the department of biology, holding his degree from the University of Florida; Dick Longenecker in business education, holding the master's degree from the University of Colorado; Miss Arlene Williams in the department of Home Economics, with master's degree from the University of Tennessee; John Kirk in the department of physical education with the master's degree from Appalachian State Teachers College.

Returning to the college after a year of study are the following: Mrs. Carrie Lee Dickerson, in English, having completed the residence requirements for her Ph.D. from Duke; Gordon Nash, in music, having obtained the master's degree from the University of Kentucky; Cratis Williams in English, who has just completed residence requirements for the Ph.D. at New York University. Two members also have received degrees since last year—Herbert Wey, principal of the high school, received his Ph.D. degree from the University of Indiana; and Mrs. Carrie Winkler, in the social studies department, received her master's degree from Appalachian State Teachers College.

Several members of the faculty have been studying during the summer months at other institutions. Miss Helen Burch was at the University of North Carolina; Dr. Elizabeth Casale traveled extensively in France, Italy, and England; Renato Casale studied at the University of Madrid, Spain; John Justice at the University of North Carolina; Sturgis Stacy at Purdue University; and G. F. Kirchner at University of Indiana.

The graduate extension courses that are to be taught off-campus will begin shortly. The North Wilkesboro center will have registration at the North Wilkesboro high school building on Tuesday, September 19, from 7:00 to 9:00 p. m. Registration for the Hickory center will be held at Hickory High School on Thursday, September 14, from 7:00 to 8:00 p. m.

## PTA Square Dance Set for September 22

Sponsors of the Parent-Teacher Club square dance, to be held next Friday night, September 22, at the high school gym, are urging those who attend to come dressed in jeans and calico, or other clothing which will make the dancing easy. Frog Greene's string band will be on hand to furnish the music for sets that will be called by a club member whose talent in that field is widely known throughout this section.

The festivities are being planned for children and grown-ups alike, with special sets for the youngsters. Tickets will be fifty cents for adults, twenty-five cents for high school children.

## 136 To Face Trial As Fall Term Court Starts

### Blue Ridge Agricultural Fair To Get Under way In Boone Today

The Blue Ridge Agricultural Fair opens today in the tobacco warehouse near the bus station, and the sponsors of the event state that it will be the greatest and most comprehensive exhibit of agricultural products, livestock, every shown in the community.

For several days groups of men and women have been busily engaged in readying the big warehouse for the displays of the products of the home and farm, and the event is said to include all the feature attractions of the larger fairs in other counties.

All exhibits will be entered on opening day except dairy and beef cattle and flowers, which will be entered Thursday and Friday. School children will be admitted free on Friday as usual and the baby show will be held Saturday. Entries will be only from Watauga and adjoining counties, and no entry fee will be charged.

### Judge Bobbitt to Preside at Regular Term Watauga Superior Court.

One hundred and thirty cases are docketed for trial at the fall term of Watauga superior court, which convenes next Monday for a one-week session, says Fred M. Gragg, court clerk, who adds that no civil cases are expected to be tried, with the exception of perhaps half a dozen uncontested divorce actions.

Judge William H. Bobbitt, of Charlotte, will preside.

Most of the cases to be tried, says Clerk Gragg, involve the commission of misdemeanors. A large number of those to face the tribunal have been accused of driving automobiles while intoxicated, a number for violations of the prohibition laws, with several charged with driving too fast on the highways. There are no larceny cases.

### Needs Of County's Children Will Be Theme Of Meeting September 22

An impressive roster of Watauga county citizens will take a searching look at projects and activities underway on behalf of the county's children and youth at a meeting set for September 22 at the Courthouse, it has been announced.

In a grass-roots meeting preliminary to the Midcentury White House Conference on Children and Youth, similar to many now being carried on throughout the United States, civic and public officials and many interested individuals, under the chairmanship of Mrs. R. H. Harmon, will survey facilities available for strengthening the lives of children and young people and discuss the still-unmet needs of the county in this field.

### J. A. Dacus, Age 86, Dies in Arkansas

Mr. J. A. Dacus, 86, died at the home of his brother, A. P. Dacus in West Memphis, Ark., September 5, following an illness of several months.

Funeral services were held on the 8th, and interment was in the Dacus cemetery there.

Surviving are three sons: B. C. Dacus, Hawthorne, Calif.; Aubrey Dacus, Knoxville, Tenn.; Kermit Dacus, Boone. The widow, who lives with Kermit, in Boone, also survives.

### Pomona Grange Organized Here

A Pomona Grange of Watauga County was organized at Greene Valley Thursday night, September 7. The Grange was organized from the county's three subordinate granges, Deep Gap, Beyer Dam and Green Valley.

Worthy Master, A. G. Miller; overseer, W. R. Vines; lecturer, Mr. Speagle; steward, Earle Greene; assistant steward, David Farthing; lady assistant steward, Mrs. David Farthing; chaplain, H. C. Moretz, Jr.; secretary, Juanita Norris; treasurer, Mrs. Mona Norris; gate keeper, Edgar B. Hardin; Cerev, Mrs. Edgar B. Hardin; pomona, Mrs. John Miller; flora, Mrs. W. R. Vines.

### IN KOREAN FIGHTING

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Winkler have received a letter from their son, Pfc. Robert C. Winkler, stating that he landed in Korea August 24 and is now in combat with the first cavalry division. Pfc. Winkler was in service for 33 months in the last war, 22 months of this time being spent overseas.

Local meetings, similar to the one planned in Watauga county, are being organized by the North Carolina Conference for Social Service, under local leadership, all over the state. These meetings will feature reports on the progress (continued on page six)

### The Jurors

Following is a list of those who have been summoned for jury duty during the term:

Bald Mountain—Fred Holman, Emery Ragan.

Beaver Dam—Geo. Robinson, Newton Tester, James Love.

Blowing Rock—K. K. Brown, Thos. Coffey Jr.

Blue Ridge—Fred Critcher.

Boone—C. C. Rogers, Vance Cullers, Howard Cullers.

Brushy Fork—Ed. Sherwood, Tom Hicks, W. E. Shipley.

Cove Creek—All Adams, Olen Brown, R. Alfred Thomas.

Elk—Wade Hampton, Charlie Simmons.

Laurel Creek—Howard Harmon, Ben W. Farthing, Dillard Greene.

Meat Camp—Walter H. Davis, Henry Beach, Luther Miller.

New River—Henry Austin, Brian D. Clawson, Boyd Cook.

North Fork—Sam Ellison, Shawneehaw—Lee Carrender, Dale Michael.

Stony Fork—Clifford Farler, C. D. McNeil, Frank Welch.

Watauga—Coy Earp, Howard Mast Jr.

### Narrow Gauge To Abandon Lines

Washington.—The East Tennessee and Western North Carolina Railroad has been authorized to abandon 22.6 miles of narrow gauge line between O'Brien, Tenn., and the end of the railroad's line at Cranberry, N. C.

In authorizing the abandonment, the ICC said the branch line has operated at a substantial loss for four years.

Government to buy lumber for the armed forces by auction.