

KING STREET BY ROB RIVERS

THE BUILDING AND LOAN announces the opening of its handsome new offices next Friday, and large numbers of people will likely gather to look at the bright new quarters, meet with the officers and directors of the institution, and learn more about the Building and Loan, which has done such a large share in the building of this latter-day Boone and Watauga county. . . . The Watauga Democrat has always loyally stood by the Building and Loan, which for so long, was the only method by which folks with small fixed incomes could hope to finance the construction or purchase of a home. . . . We have been a right regular customer of the institution for all these long years, and know first-hand of the worth of the institution which has had such a big hand in constructing both the business and residential sections of this city. . . . President Grady Farthing, Secretary Watt Gragg, and all the officers, and directors of the building and loan are to be congratulated upon the completion of the fine new building, and upon the record of service to the people which the organization has written across the years. . . . We predict for the institution the continued confidence of the people, and an increasing measure of service to the folks of the town and county.

BLUE RIDGE FAIR winds up one of its most successful exhibitions Saturday evening. . . . The quantity and quality of the agricultural exhibits said to have been better than those of previous years, and plans are already being talked to enlarge the fair more by next year, to include outside entertainment features, as well as to even more fully reflect the tremendous progress of the farming industry in Watauga. . . . Those who have worked so tirelessly in promoting the fair are to be congratulated on their achievement.

THE DEATH OF MARION THOMAS, a familiar figure, not only along the street, but throughout this section of the State, marks the passing of one of Watauga's county's most worthy and popular citizens. . . . This corner feels a personal sense of loss, since our friendship with Marion dated all the way back to childhood. . . . Possessed of a radiant personality and ready wit, he made friends easily, and held them by his outstanding qualities of comradeship and human understanding. . . . Marion Thomas lived unselfishly, and in his ministrations and helpfulness to the people in poorer circumstances throughout the country. . . . in his words of advice and of wisdom and condolence. . . . He exemplified an active and productive Christianity. . . . Generous, sympathetic and kind, he gave freely of his means and time to all those in need and in despair, and did a vast amount of good along the way. . . . We shall miss him.

FINLEY P. HODGES and son R. D. entertained a group of their friends, including the Riverses at a fish fry held at the delightful lakeside picnic area near his home on Howard's Creek. . . . We have never enjoyed more delightful food, or a more congenial evening's entertainment. . . . Finley, who is one of the county's better farmers, and who specializes in high grade Hereford cattle, has built a resort for his personal use and that of his friends, which is particularly fine. . . . The lake is filled by a pipe from a cold spring on the north side of Howard's Knob, and a number of sturdy picnic tables are spaced about the shoreline, while a big open-air furnace is used for the cooking. . . . A strong believer in the improvement of the soil, Mr. Hodges farm is outstanding, and even at the picnic spot, ladino clover formed a thick soft carpet of green. . . . Generous and entertaining hosts, the Messrs Hodges entertain royally. . . . We had a great time.

ODDS AND ENDS Willard Beach, who started his printing career on the Watauga Democrat a long time ago, and who has

Radio Station WATA To Open On Sunday



Marion Thomas Dies Saturday

William Marion Thomas, 61 years old, prominent farmer and business man of Mabel, N. C., died suddenly last Saturday from what is believed to have been a heart attack.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at the Union Baptist Church in the home neighborhood, and interment was in the church cemetery.

The widow survives, with three sons and one daughter: Otto, Frank and W. B. Thomas, Mabel; Mrs. Robert Thomas, Trade, Tenn. There are four brothers and one sister: R. A. and G. H. Thomas, Mabel; Robert Thomas, Trade, Tenn.; Marvin Thomas, Chilhowie, Va.; Mrs. Graydon Campbell, Mabel.

Mr. Thomas was born in Watauga county, a son of the late Jasper and Mrs. Thomas. He was educated at Appalachian Training School, and taught in the schools of Watauga county prior to his army service in the first world war. He was deputy collector of U. S. Revenue for 12 years, headed the Blue Ridge Mortgage Corporation, the liquidating agency for the defunct Watauga County Bank, and in recent years had been devoting his attention to farming and stock raising, maintaining a part-time income tax office in Boone. Mr. Thomas was a leader in his church, in his community, and county, and was widely known and held in the highest regard.

Cove Creek Cannery Open Fridays Only

The Cove Creek community cannery will be open on Fridays only until October 6. At that time the cannery will close unless there is sufficient business to justify its remaining open longer.

Brannan urges curb on speculators "gambling in food."

Clyde Greene Is Named Secretary Of Republican State Committee

Stateville, The State Republican Executive Committee elected Clyde R. Greene of Boone, secretary last week at a meeting here to map strategy for the coming campaign.

William I. Ward of Statesville, was named assistant secretary, and Dr. J. W. Davis, also of Statesville, was elected treasurer.

The executive committee adopted a nine-point program to follow in the campaign and named a committee to draft a policy statement on the party's attitude toward the "unfair tactics of the majority party in North Carolina and an appeal to fair play."

The meeting was presided over by J. M. Bailey, Jr., of Marshall, State GOP chairman. Some 60 committeemen were present.

Senators To Be Invited

Mr. Bailey submitted a report on activities of the party since the State convention in Charlotte in March and a financial report in which he proposed a \$28,000 State headquarters budget, which would include funds for a headquarters in Raleigh during the 1931 session of the General Assembly.

Regular Broadcasts To Start Over New Facility; Mutual Network Affiliate; Dedication Ceremony Planned

Radio station WATA, Boone, will begin regular broadcasts Sunday morning September 24, at 7 a. m., it was announced here today.

WATA will operate on 1450 kilocycles and will be affiliated with the world's largest network, the Mutual Broadcasting System, with day and night service. The local station will be under the supervision of Mrs. Doris B. Brown and Mr. Roland B. Potter. National and international events, it was said, will be covered, in addition to local, county and state news.

The radio studios are located over the Boone Bus Terminal. Dedication ceremonies will be broadcast from 3 to 4 p. m. Sunday.

Mrs. Teams Is Most Courteous

Mrs. Ethel Teams, of the Boone Drug Company, won the Merchants' Association courtesy award for the month of August, with a score of 1438 out of a possible 1500.

Others running above 1400 were Mrs. Frank Miller, Newton's Department Store; and Mrs. Mildred Tugman of Bare's Department Store. Anna Mae Hodges, Bobbie Henson, Coleen Bolick and Velma Burnley all scored above 1300.

The courtesy award for August is given by Hunt's Department Store. Boone Drug Co. will give the award for September.

Parents To Fete Local Teachers

Faculty members of Appalachian High school and Boone Elementary school will be guests of honor at the annual covered dish supper given by the Parent-Teacher Club Monday night, September 25, in the high school gymnasium; husbands and wives of faculty members will share the honors. Paul A. Coffey, chairman of the event, has announced that supper will be served at 6:30 and that parents should bring their covered-dish shortly before that time so that the tables may be laid in order.

Immediately following supper the club will convene for the first time this year; the program will sound the keynote for the year's theme, "What is the Parents' Place in Our School."

GREEN VALLEY GRANGE

The Green Valley Grange will meet at the schoolhouse Thursday night, September 21 at 7:30. All members are urged to be present.

LOCAL TUTORS TAKE TRAINING IN SCHOOLS OF OTHER AREAS

Student Teachers at Appalachian Are Given Chance of Taking Teaching Training Courses in Off-Campus Institutions.

This past week twenty-five seniors of Appalachian State Teachers College left the campus to do their student teaching in schools throughout North Carolina. These student teachers will live in the community where they do their student teaching and will spend the full day learning and experiencing activities that go to make up the teaching profession. These young people will have the opportunity to carry a full load of teaching under the supervision of an experienced and successful teacher in one of the off-campus schools.

During the past two years the administration of Appalachian State Teachers College has been in the progress of changing the one-hour-a-day student teaching program to a full-day teaching program. For the first time this year all of the college seniors will be doing their student teaching under the full day plan.

At present, twenty-eight student teachers are doing student teaching at Appalachian High school, eleven at the Boone Demonstration school, and twenty-five others have been sent to the off-campus centers. The following schools have been set up and approved for student teaching and are now being used: Cove Creek, Miller's Creek, North Wilkesboro, Jonesville, Elkin, Mt. Airy, Lewisville, Mineral Springs, Walkertown, Statesville, Shelby, Gastonia, Thomasboro, and Oakhurst of Charlotte, Rutherfordton, Spindale of Rutherfordton, Concord and Wincoff of Concord, Hudson, Lenoir, Marion, Lee Edwards of Asheville, Rock Springs of Denver, Park Creek, J. W. Cannon High of Kannapolis, Kernersville, Burnsville, Hanes Elementary of Winston-Salem, Valdese, China Grove, Harris, and Cherryville.

Ben Horton, who has been critic-teacher in the Demonstration school, will spend full time in supervision of student teachers in the off-campus schools. Mr. Horton has had experience as both as elementary and a high school teacher and as a high school principal. He received the Master of Arts Degree from Appalachian State Teachers College where he did special work in the supervision of student teachers.

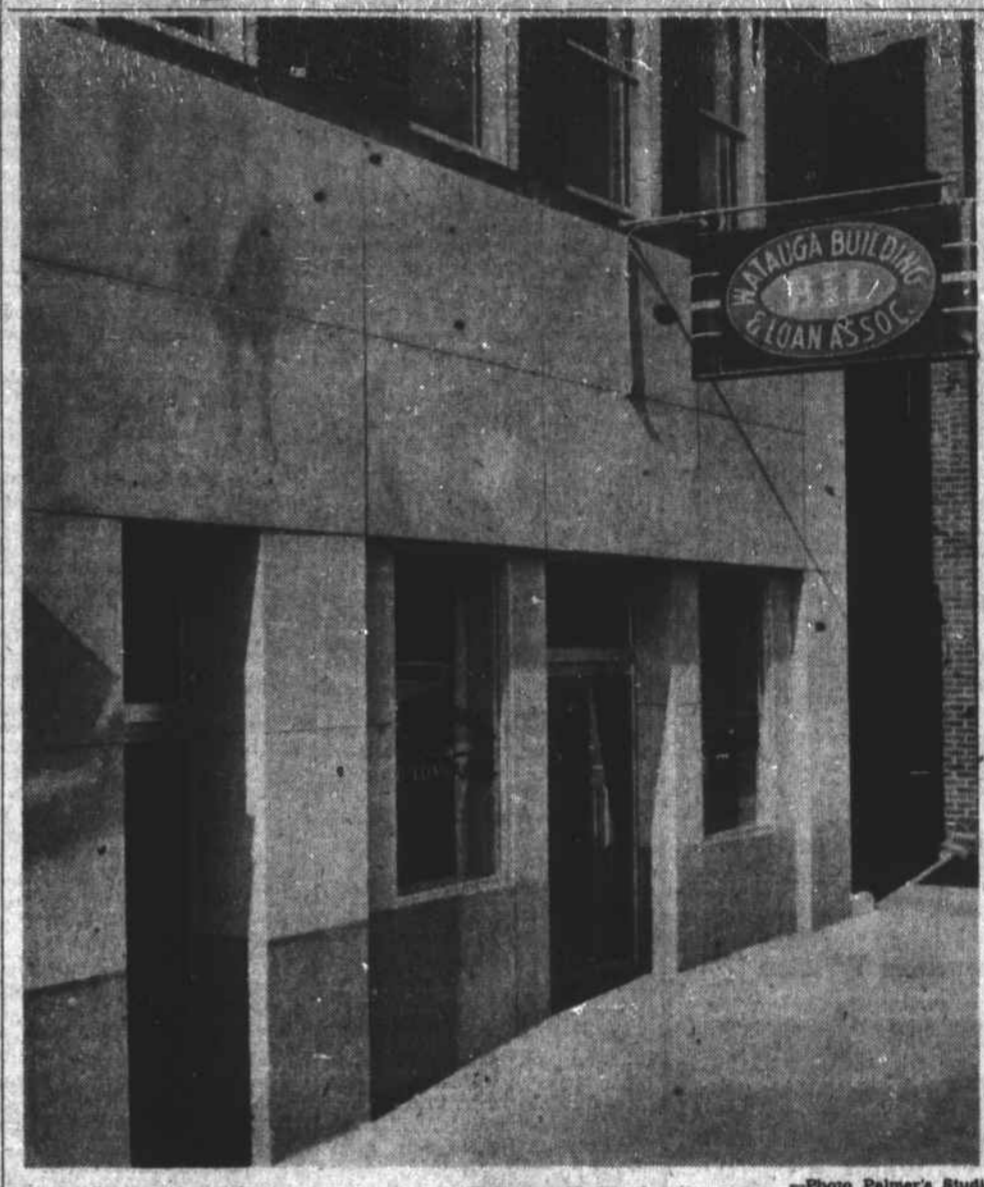
The full time student teaching program has been in operation long enough to prove itself of great value to the future teachers. It is certainly a decided improvement over the old one-hour-a-day student teaching program, student teachers who have taken part in this program during the past two years have been well pleased with the program and are the best advertisers of it. Appalachian State Teachers College is one of the first teacher training institutions in the nation to set up their student teaching experiences so that it will more nearly approach the actual teaching experiences of the regular teachers.

This program offers the student teachers first-hand experience in the many activities the teacher carries on outside the classroom as well as inside the classroom. It has a decided advantage over the one-hour-a-day program, in that it gives student teachers an opportunity to work with boys and girls in extra-curricular activities, in study halls, in cafeterias, in homerooms, in the library, on the playgrounds, and at school parties. It enables student teachers to become acquainted with the organization and administration of the secondary school and to see how a school relates its program to the life of the community.

Boone Cannery Dates

The Boone community cannery will operate on Friday September 22nd. It will be open again Tuesday September 26. Thereafter the cannery will be open only one day a week, on Tuesdays. It is urged that anyone who has canning will bring it in as soon as possible. The cannery to date has not paid operating expenses.

Building and Loan Opens Elegant Office Building



Front view of the new offices of the Watauga Building and Loan Association.

County's Oldest Corporation To Have Open House Event On Friday; Building Is Modernly Appointed

The Watauga Building and Loan Association will open its new offices in former postoffice building, recently purchased by the organization, Friday September 22, with an open house event, extending from 9 a. m. to 9 p. m., and all the people of the area are invited to attend the opening, see the handsome new quarters, meet the officials of the organization and learn more of the Building and Loan plan of savings and home ownership.

The Building and Loan has thoroughly rebuilt the structure, located just opposite the new postoffice building, a Perma-stone and plate glass front has been installed, and the offices are thoroughly modern. On the ground floor are the public lobbies, the bookkeeping department, the directors meeting room, fireproof vaults for the corporation's records, and a new heating plant will occupy an addition to the south of the present building.

The offices are lighted with the newest type of fluorescent lights, have asphalt tile floors, are newly decorated throughout and are receiving much favorable comment.

On the second floor of the building five modern offices have been made available, have been redecorated throughout and are ready for occupancy.

The Watauga Building and Loan Association, which is Watauga's oldest corporation, was founded in June 1921, with George M. Sudderth, secretary and D. J. Cottrell, president. Mr. Henry Greene, succeeded Mr. Sudderth as secretary, and in 1922 Mr. W. H. Gragg took over the secretaryship and has since been actively engaged in building and loan work. Others who have served as president of the organization are Dr. R. H. Hardin, L. A. Greene, and the incumbent H. Grady Farthing.

The building and loan has been a potent factor in the development of the town, and has financed the construction of most of the business houses of the town and a large number of homes in Boone, Blowing Rock, and rural Watauga county. The Watauga Building and Loan is known as one of the strongest small-town associations in the State and has current assets of \$1,564,586.26.

Special Scout Meet Called by Farthing

A special meeting of the Watauga District, Old Hickory Council, Boys Scouts of America, has been announced by Grady Farthing, district chairman. The meeting will take place October 2 at the Skyline Restaurant in Boone. There will be a Dutch supper at 6:30 p. m., with the regular district meeting following at 7:30.

Scout leaders in the district are proud that they will be able to have Mr. Herbert Stuckey, deputy regional Scout executive, from Atlanta, Ga., to meet with them. Mr. Stuckey, who serves all the Boy Scout Councils in North Carolina, will help the district officials in setting up the district committee for 1931.

A large number of Scout leaders and friends of scouting have been asked to attend.

Judge Bobbitt Holds Week of Court Here

The fall term of Watauga Superior court convened Monday with Judge William H. Bobbitt, of Charlotte, presiding, and the term, which is called for the trial of criminal cases only, is expected to be adjourned before the end of the week.

Up until Tuesday afternoon, the most of the time of the court had been taken with handling submissions involving cases of operating automobiles while intoxicated, and similar misdemeanors, 95 such cases had been disposed of.

A total of 130 cases are docketed for trial, according to Court Clerk Fred M. Gregg.

Mountaineers Win Over Guilford In Spirited Tilt

Murray's Esso Place Is Open

Bill Murray, well known to the people of Watauga county, has announced the occupancy of his new Esso Servicenter at the corner of East Howard Street and the Blowing Rock road, and an advertisement in the Democrat today calls attention to the formal opening of the place which is to be held Saturday.

The station is one of the most modern to be found, and Mr. Murray says the public response to the automotive depot and the products handled is most gratifying.

A cordial invitation is extended to everyone to attend the opening Saturday, which is to be climaxed with a street dance. Refreshments provided.

Farm Bureau Has Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Watauga unit of the Farm Bureau was held last Friday, when a large number of farm leaders laid plans for the start of the fall membership campaign.

C. A. Clay, president of the Watauga Farm Bureau, presided and delivered the welcoming remarks; G. G. Farthing, field representative, introduced David L. Kelly, secretary of the North Carolina Farm Bureau, who was the principal speaker.

The membership quota for the county was set at 350, and the campaign will continue to November 1. During November of following prizes awarded to winning membership canvassers:

One thousand pounds fertilizer, Farmers Hardware & Supply Co.; 1000 pounds fertilizer, Goodnight Bros.; 1000 pounds fertilizer, Hollars Produce Co.; 500 pounds dairy feed, Wilson Feed Store; 500 pounds dairy feed, Mrs. Claude Beach; third place, Betty Dianna Horton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Horton; fourth, Audrey Lee Henson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Henson; fifth, Patricia Ann Roper, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Roper, all of Watauga county.



Miss Myra Mott Health Nurse

Dr. Mary B. H. Michal, district health officer, announces the appointment of Miss Myra G. Mott to replace Mrs. Virginia B. Smith, who recently resigned from the staff of the Watauga County Health Department. She assumed her duties with the local department September 11.

Miss Mott, a native of Raeford, received her nurses' training in Watts Hospital, Durham, being graduated with the class of 1948. Following graduation she worked in the Pediatric ward of the (Continued on page four.)

Baby Show Winners At Fair Are Chosen Last Saturday

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Appalachian Gridders Take Smashing Victory Over North State Foes in Season's Opener

Appalachian State's Mountaineers, riding offensively with the finesse of mid-season, wore down a fighting Guilford College squad in the final period to win a 22-2 victory in the annual meeting of the North State foes at Bowman Gray Stadium, Winston-Salem, last Saturday night.

A crowd of 6,000 saw the Mountaineers, trailing 2-0 at the end of the first period, smash back for a touchdown in the final minute of the second period and then open the flood gates for two touchdowns and a field goal to gain the victory.

It was a dog-fight for three periods but the heavy reinforcements of the Mountaineers told in the final analysis between the two squads.

Appalachian State surprised veteran North State Conference observers with their smart and hard-hitting offensive attack in the season's opener and it was this driving power that finally decided the game.

The Mountaineers unwrapped four starting backs that were terrific in their charge.

Claude Eldridge, quarterback and a veteran of the North State wars, handled the team smartly and made every break he could for his team.

Guilford, well conditioned but lacking the manpower shown by their powerful foes from the (continued on page eight)

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