

KING STREET BY ROB RIVERS

LOOKING THROUGH some old copies of the Blowing Rock et the other day, and ran across a column, a heck of a good column, I thought, written by Jack Bell, a Miami newspaperman, who has been living in Blowing Rock during the summers for many years. Mr. Bell likes this section which "gives one the feeling that it still belongs to God," and "where they haven't cut down all the trees to make way for progress" . . . the folks like him, and we believe our readers will like his observations:

I WENT UP to Blowing Rock. That happens to be my summer love, as many years as Miami has been my home love. I was falling down the mountains, wading the streams, shootin' for squirrel, wandering down Bright Angel trail long years before Blowing Rock became the Mecca for Miami.

When I first went up to Blowing Rock we used to gather in Myra Mebane's Greystone Lodge reception room (about the size of a football field) and hear tell how she shot down the animals, the skins of which adorned wherever you glanced—up, down or yonder. That takes one 'way back—back to the era when cotton mill gentry started moving out of New England into the semi-deep-south to get cheap (child and Negro) labor; and Myra's husband spent a quarter million dollars to build Greystone.

Ever since I've been going to Blowing Rock a few misguided folks have fretted because the town doesn't become urban. They don't happen to realize its charm lies in the fact that God so carved the mountain top that tourists just can't get a firm foothold and the do-gooders skid down into the ravines every time they try to whip up a zoning code.

Phoo To Progress
This year, to help me some characters have put up a stop light. In Blowing Rock, with the park on the west and a tiny street running two blocks east, that stop light is about as comfortable as a Maharaja in Moscow. The traffic at that spot is no greater than at seven other spots. All the stop light does is louse up the few motorists who remember to stop.

But it's there. It's the do-gooders' idea of Progress with a capital P. We aren't going to let those other towns get ahead of us. We can say, "Why of course we've traffic lights."

We've also moved the post office to an inconvenient location on a side street and sider hill. Used to be, everybody wandered down to the post office 'bout 10 o'clock in the morning to wait for the mail truck. Many a great yarn was spun those mornings, waiting for the assistant postmaster (she ran the joint) to sort the mail. Many a housewife wound up her day's quota of gossip there, and got ammunition for the next 24 hours. Mailtime was interesting, chummy, American. Now, you gotta have one leg shorter than the other or you miss the post office 19 feet to the northeast by east.

But thank God they can't change Blowing Rock. My watch stopped and the shoemaker got it running again. I dropped and broke my glasses, and the man in the drugstore said, "Take 'em down to the garage and Pete'll fix 'em. I did and he did."

Love That Rock
Y'know, there's a reason why Floridians, especially those of us from the Miami area, love the Carolinas. That country gives one the feeling that it still belongs to God. They haven't cut down all the trees to make way for Progress. The lawns are green and even the poorest shack along the road is surrounded with flowers. The lunch in the elite Cafe may be a mass of pokedchopped mashed potatoes covered with greasy gravy, and the waitress is sure to come with that "What'll y'all have, honey?"

But there's a bouquet in an abandoned jam jar in the center of the table, and the scent of honeysuckle comin' through the window where the Miami operator would have an air-conditioning unit.
Down into the landscape fields
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ACE Holds Meeting; Students From Other Countries Are Heard

Association For Childhood Education Makes Plans.

Over twenty-five members and prospective members of the Watauga chapter of the Association for Childhood Education met in the library of the Boone Elementary school for the first meeting of the year on October 16 and heard four A. S. T. C. students from other countries contrast and compare educational methods and practices here and there.

Plans for future meetings, as announced by Mrs. Lucille Wallace, program chairman, include visits from Miss Julia Wetherington from the North Carolina Department of Education, and Miss Carrie Phillips, the state ACE president.

Following the short business session, led by Mrs. Sarah B. Horton, president, Mrs. Grace Council presented the visiting students, Misses Jutta Meyfarth and Anneliese Schoeder, from Germany, spoke on differences in American and German schools. Ways and methods of teaching reading are somewhat alike, they said, but with more emphasis in the kindergarten in Germany. The German high school is different from ours in that one may attend either a practical, scientific or technical type of school. English, Latin, Greek and French are studied in high school, they said. By request, the Brahms' "Lullaby" was sung in German by the speakers.

Hector Soes, the student from Argentina, spoke about the school system in Argentina. The first nucleus of Argentinian education came from North America, he said. The schools are now state supported.

Francisco Fernandez spoke on education in Puerto Rico in which both Spanish and American culture are both found. America now controls the school system and all classes are taught in English. English is taught as a subject throughout the school. All students take either agriculture or manual training.

Refreshments were served by the refreshment committee.

Business Deals Made At Rock

Mr. J. M. Burns, who for 15 years has owned and operated the Burns Grocery at Blowing Rock, has sold the business to Mr. Clarence Greene, who is now in charge.
At the same time, Mr. Burns announces the purchase from Mr. Greene, of the Greene Soda Shop, which he is now operating.
Steel output record is set for nine-month period.



—Photo Palmer's Studio
GLENDA SUE WHEELER

Wheeler Child Wins In Show

Glenda Sue Wheeler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Wheeler of Zionville won the prize at the baby show held at the Cove Creek School last Thursday evening, under the sponsorship of the Junior class.

Saturday Is Last Day To Register

Saturday October 28th, is the last day to register in order to be eligible to vote in the election November 7th, and election officials as well as leaders in both parties are urging those who have not previously qualified, to register so that there may be a large vote cast.
It is pointed out that there is no general new registration being required, but that numbers of those who have reached their majority since the last election, as well as others who have moved into this section and become qualified will have to register. Registrars will be at the usual polling places Saturday.
Saturday November 4th will be observed as challenge day.

Marine Enlistments

Winston-Salem.—Married men are now being accepted for immediate enlistment in the Marines, according to a recent announcement of Master Sergeant J. L. Barnes, non-commissioned officer in charge of Marine recruiting in this area. Any married men interested in an enlistment in the Marines, are urged to phone, write or visit the United States Marine Corps Recruiting Station, Post Office Building, Winston, Salem, N. C.

There are now more than 11,000 frozen food locker plants in the United States. The number of such plants doubled between mid-summer, 1945, and January 1 of this year.

Organized Counseling Program Is New Feature At High School

This year an organized counseling program is being initiated at Appalachian High School.
The purpose of this program is to make each student conscious of his interests, aptitudes, and potentialities and acquaint him with the opportunities for his future which can be made available to him. This is an attempt to help each individual student become better adjusted to the life activities into which he may enter. It is an attempt to fit each individual into the type of life work into which he or she will be happy and successful.
The counseling department is also doing much work with students to help them to be successful in and to enjoy their present day activities both in school and

APPS GARNER AN EASY WIN OVER PANTHER TEAM IN CITY

Mountaineers Find No Strong Opposition In 35-0 Victory.

Appalachian State's unbeaten Mountaineers sloshed through ankle-deep mud to score an impressive 35-0 victory over High Point College before 2,000 spectators here last Saturday night.
The Mountaineers rolled for two touchdowns in each of the first two periods and added a fifth score in the fourth quarter.
The fast-charging Mountaineer line completely bottled the High Point attack and the nearest the Panthers advanced was to the Mountaineer 31-yard line late in the fourth period. A passing attack bogged down at this point and the High Point eleven was hurled back in a scoring bid.
The Mountaineers rolled for a touchdown the first time they gained possession of the ball.
Taking over on their own 34, Jimmy Moore launched the attack with a 20 yard dash around left end. Jack Groce picked up 15 on a sweep, and then Alvin Hooks passed to Don Felton for 23 yards to reach the Panther three. Groce smashed through the line on the second back to score.
Appalachian State moved again after receiving a punt. It was Jimmy Modre, the Winston-Salem rambler, who paced this attack with dashes of 16 and 10 yards and three drives of seven yards each. He crossed the line on the final seven yard-plunge.
The Mountaineers crashed through for the third touchdown in the second period. They took over a punt on the High Point 48 and edged to the 37. Then Cross found Tom Hendrix on the High Point 20 with a pass and he went the rest of the way to score.
A High Point gamble turned into an Appalachian touchdown late in the second period.
The Panthers, with a yard to go and fourth down, elected to run and missed the first and 10 by inches as the Mountaineers took over on the visitors' 35.
Gabriel passed to Felton who raced across, but a penalty nullified the play. On the next effort Gabriel found Felton for 22 yards and then, after Triplett was spilled for a seven yard loss, Gabriel made it up with a nine yard dash. Triplett then tore through center for 12 yards to the four and on the next play he crashed the line for the touchdown.
Jack Groce engineered the Mountaineers' final touchdown in the fourth period.
Gabriel passed to Groce for 15 to reach the High Point 44. Groce then picked up four and on the next play broke through the line for a 34-yard run to reach the six. He went across on the next plunge.
Groce, Triplett and Moore were the offensive stars for Appalachian while Jim Everidge and Dixon Roberts stood out in the line play. Bill Loyd was the big threat for High Point with Russell Jones doing an outstanding job at end.

Hodges Gets Fair Awards

Bun A. Hodges, of Vilas, was one of the top winners in individual farm displays at the 1950 N. C. State Fair, held last week at Raleigh.
Hodges' entry won \$150 in the event designed to represent the individual farm and farm activity of the exhibitor.
Some of the requirements of farm display exhibits were that they be attractive, that each item be a miniature exposition and should carry the proper relationship in showing a well-balanced farm and farm program.
Scoring for the entries was based on the following points: home industry and farm management, livestock products, field crops, fruits and vegetables, and appearance of the exhibit.

4-H Thrift Program Model for Nation

A nation-wide 4-H Club thrift project is to follow the plan North Carolina 4-H leaders developed during the past year. Using the slogan "Earn, Save, and Serve," the program will be launched on a national scale this fall.
Purpose of the thrift project is to further emphasize the thrift factor that has always been an important principle in 4-H work. The nearly two million club members in the country will be encouraged to practice thrift in all their activities and to use wisely the savings which result by purchase of U. S. savings bonds, establishing savings accounts in local banks, investing in life insurance, and in other practical investments.
L. R. Harrill, North Carolina 4-H Club leader, was a member of the committee which developed the national program. Sponsors include the Extension Service of the U. S. Department of Agriculture and the State college of agriculture, the Agricultural Commission of the American Bankers Association, and the Savings Bond Division of the U. S. Treasury Department.
National 4-H Achievement Week, November 4-12, has been chosen by a number of states as an appropriate time to launch the program, although the starting date is optional.
Specific thrift goals for the boys and girls in the 84,000 4-H Clubs will be decided by the members themselves with the advice of their leaders. Suggested forms of thrift, include: better money management, savings through improving health habits, better care of clothing, economical operation and care of equipment, as well as in scores of other daily activities.

District Legion Meet Set at Blowing Rock

The 30th district of the American Legion will meet at the Watauga Inn at Blowing Rock Wednesday, November 1, at 7:30 p. m., according to an announcement by the district commander, Howard Steelman, of Deep Gap.
All Legionnaires and their wives are urged to attend.

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Fall Achievement Day, Home Club Meet Planned

Rev. W. D. Ashley Rites On Sunday

Rev. Wesley David Ashley, 67 years old, prominent Baptist pastor, died at the home, Blowing Rock, RFD 1, last Saturday, following an illness of about six months.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday at 2 o'clock from the Middle Fork Baptist Church, and were in charge of Rev. W. C. Payne. Seven other fellow ministers were present and took part in the rites. Interment was in the church cemetery.
Mr. Ashley had been a minister of the Gospel for twenty-eight years, and was one of the leading preachers of his denomination in this county. He had been pastor of most of the churches in Watauga and at the time he was stricken was pastor of Mt. Vernon, Rutherford, Willow Valley and Brushy Fork Churches. He had also done considerable evangelistic work both in North Carolina and Tennessee.
The widow is the only immediate survivor.

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TO SPEAK SATURDAY—Hon. R. L. Doughton and former Senator W. B. Umstead who will speak at the Democratic rally to be held at the courthouse in Boone Saturday afternoon, October 28, at 2 o'clock.

Collegian Critically Hurt At Water Falls

Appalachian Student Slips Over Ledge at Dutch Creek.

Miss Jackie Craven, student at Appalachian College, and a resident of Troy, N. C., received serious injuries Sunday afternoon, when her foot slipped, and she fell eighty feet from the top of Dutch Creek Falls at Valle Crucis.
Information from the Watauga Hospital is to the effect that Miss Craven was suffering from head injuries, but had regained consciousness, and was otherwise improved.
Miss Craven was a member of a Methodist Church picnic group which had visited the scenic waterfalls. Information is that she lost her footing when she attempted to wash her hands in the stream just before it catapults from the lofty ledge. Other members of the party rushed to the foot of the falls, and rescued her from the deep pool.
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Craven, parents of Miss Craven, arrived early Monday.

SPEAKS AT NEWLAND—Commander Otis N. Brown, director of the Department of North Carolina, Veterans of Foreign War, who will speak at the Pat Ray Post No. 4288 at Newland Thursday, October 26, Commander Brown is former national commander of the VFW.

Spiritual Rearmament Program is Outlined

New York—A nationwide program of "spiritual rearmament at a time of great moral crisis" was forecast today by Charles E. Wilson, chairman of the Religion In American Life program, in an announcement that more than 3,000 communities are organizing special religious campaigns throughout November.
"The people of America are seeking a renewal of the spiritual life as a solution to many of the problems which plague us and the world today," Mr. Wilson said in discussing the national, non-sectarian program to stress the importance of religion in personal and community life.
The Religion In American Life program is sponsored by a National Laymen's Committee headed by Mr. Wilson, president of the General Electric Company. It is supported by 21 national religious bodies and provided voluntary support by American business and the advertising industry through their public service organization, the advertising council.

Medical Care Commission Gives Licenses To Watauga Hospital

Announcement has been made from the North Carolina Medical Care Commission at Raleigh, that a license to conduct and maintain a general hospital has been issued Watauga Hospital, Inc., of Boone, North Carolina.
In issuing the license it was pointed out that "no person or governmental unit, acting severally or jointly with any other person or governmental unit shall establish, conduct or maintain a hospital in this state without a license." For licensing purposes a hospital is defined as any place which keeps or accommodates patients overnight.
Under the laws of North Carolina a hospital must have:
1. A properly functioning administrative unit.
2. An active and qualified medical staff.
3. Adequate facilities for surgical procedures.
4. A complete and separate obstetrical department.
5. Proper facilities for the care of children having them separated at all times from the adult patients.
6. A clinical and Pathological Laboratory with a competent laboratory technician available at all times.
7. Instruments and facilities for the proper administration of anesthesia in surgical cases.
8. A department of radiology with a qualified person in charge.
9. A space with the proper facilities and equipment for the immediate treatment of emergency cases.
10. Available room for the use of medical staff.



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Professor David R. Hodgkin, of the Appalachian State Teachers college English department, recently was presented an award in a state-wide poetry contest for a poem entitled "Give Me Your Hand."
The award was given under the auspices of the North Carolina Poetry Society and the Asheville branch of the National League of American Pen Women, at the autumn meeting of the State Society held in Asheville at Asheville-Biltmore college.
Professor Hodgkin's poem won second prize, the first having been won by Mrs. Perry Chunn of Asheville for a poem on Thomas Wolfe, entitled "The Grave." Third prize went to "In-souciance" by Paul Bartlett of Charlotte.
Mr. Hodgkin's poem reminds the reader that the atomic age is not the first age of great stress and potential disaster in the history of our planet; that out of brute existence, through savagery and barbarism, man has risen—
—from Cro Magnon to the Son of Man.
While God was born and rose the Parthenon.
And the poem ends:
"You are soft, you are shamed.
Come, give me your hand:
Over this hill is Man!"
Mr. Hodgkin recently had published "The Ballad of Tall Tom Wolfe" which has attracted wide attention in literary circles.

Reports Record Yield of Spuds

Harvesting probably a record yield of the Essex variety potatoes in Watauga county, Jack Hampton of Bamboo dug 2220 bushels on four acres for an average yield of 555 bushels per acre.
Jack planted 21 bushels per acre of certified seed and used 2400 pounds of 4-10-6 fertilizer per acre. Since Jack, a veteran farm trainee, grew the certified seed, he dusted 7 times. He used 800 pounds of dust or 200 pounds per acre. He says his bumper yield can be accounted for by the use of good seed of the right variety, liberal fertilization, and regular dusting for blight and insects.
Baruch calls free press essential against Communism.

Dr. Owsley Attends Clinic in Boston

The medical staff of Watauga Hospital, Inc., has announced that Dr. Lawrence Owsley will attend a clinical conference on fractures and other traumatic conditions held at the Harvard Medical School in Boston, Massachusetts from October 30 until November 4. One hundred surgeons from widely scattered parts of the country will attend. It is felt that the representation of Dr. Owsley to this conference will greatly benefit the people of Boone and surrounding territory. Dr. Owsley will fly to and from Boston.

Mrs. Laura E. Isaacs Dies in Winston-Salem

Mrs. Laura Elizabeth Isaacs, 80 years old, resident of Beaver Dam township, died at the Baptist Hospital October 6.
Funeral services were conducted at 2 o'clock October 7 at the Green Valley Baptist Church by Rev. N. M. Greene and interment was in the Bethel cemetery.
The husband, Erander Isaacs, survives, and three daughters: Mrs. Raymond Cook, Miss Helen Isaacs, Winston-Salem; Miss Margaret Isaacs, Boone.

Outstanding Home Clubs of County to Be Named.

The annual Fall Achievement Day and Federation meeting of Watauga County Home Demonstration clubs will be held at the Presbyterian Church in Boone on Tuesday, October 31, at 1:00 p. m. At this time, Mrs. Tom Moxley of Laurel Springs, Alleghany County, will give a report on her recent trip as a North Carolina delegate to the international meeting in Denmark. Mrs. Moxley plans to have colored slides to illustrate her trip.
Mrs. A. E. Vannoy, Hodges Gap club, will also make a report on the national meeting held at Biloxi, Mississippi, October 16-20. Mrs. Vannoy represented North Carolina District 5, composed of Alleghany, Ashe, Avery and Watauga counties.
The most outstanding clubs in the county will be named and a gavel awarded to them. Reading certificates will also be presented.
The Cove Creek, Timbered Ridge, Sands and Green Valley clubs will be hostesses.