

KING STREET BY ROB RIVERS

C. P. CALLOWAY, Ersal Mullins and Charles Winkler, local youths, went on a bear hunting trip down in the Globe section the other day, but Bruin managed to evade the local nimrods, however they found that the warm sunshine of the last few days had caused the snakes down on the south side of the mountain, to revise their former estimates, and sally forth again to bask in the waning warmth of these October days . . . As proof the lads returned to Boone with the head of a big mama copperhead and her 23 offsprings . . . The vipers are being used down at the college for laboratory experiments . . . Mountaineer gridders, undefeated, take a turn down Florida way, and give Tampa a shellacking, which wasn't in the cards . . . Good as the Dugginsmen are, they weren't slated to take this non-conference encounter . . . Jim Brown who has been in Texas lately, employed in the realty business, is back at home, and says he intends to return to the Lone Star State . . . Halloween rolls round and business men begin to anticipate the soaped windows, hoping the pranksters won't go further than that, and the youngsters rummage around for the spooky costumes of other years . . . In the march of progress looks like the punkin is taking a beating . . . Some enterprising manufacturer is turning out a jack-o-lantern, which is taking the day around town . . . and it lacks that dank heavy odor which characterized the punkin when the kids had it around for a while and burned a few wax candles inside.

FRED H. HODGES, one of our neighbor boys, who spent most of his life around Boone, where later he was one of the leading business men, succumbs in Winston-Salem, and his friends in these parts are grieved at his passing . . . Fred, a son of Sheriff John W., and the late Mrs. Hodges, came to Boone with the family when he was a lad, and we grew up together . . . As a child playing about the old Appalachian Training School, as a happy and generous youth, as a business man, shouldering his part of the responsibilities of the community, Fred Hodges stood four square with those of us who knew him intimately and well . . . Personable, generous and kind, with a ready smile, and a helping hand, he was a genuine good fellow . . . We shall miss his visits to town, but shall continue to cherish our memories of his comradeship and of his cheerfulness and of his worth to his community and country . . .

MORE OR LESS APATHE-TIC CAMPAIGN goes into final stages in Watauga county, as a few of the leading partisans on both sides of the well-known fence try to figure out the results of the local election, but none of the more willing to lay down a prediction on Watauga—noted for its neck and neck finishes at the ballot box . . . Most observers report a minimum of interest in the local contests, and many of those who study politics are making their bets and guesses on the national situation, in which some hot races over the nation will decide the control of the legislative branch of the government . . . So's we can say we never failed to stick our neck out, we venture the prediction that there will be slight change in the complexion of the congress, the majority party holding on to its present advantage or maybe increasing it . . . In Watauga, the voters are quiet, and a plumb good prediction would be a bit difficult . . . We hope the folks jar loose and vote, however, no matter how they choose to mark the ballot . . .

FORMER SENATOR UM-STEAD delivered a powerful political broadside at the Democratic rally here Saturday, and lots of the folks think the popular Durham man may have his eyes on the Governorship two years hence . . . people here like Umstead mighty well and hope he'll be in the running.

The 1950 lamb crop is estimated at 18.4 million head, about 3 per cent less than a year earlier and 43 per cent below the record crop of 1941.

Umstead, Doughton Join In Praising Job Done By Major Party

Democratic Rally Is Held Here on Saturday

The Democratic party down through the years has built a strong structure of sound government for the benefit of the people while the Republican party offers nothing constructive now or in the future, declared William B. Umstead of Durham, former State Democratic chairman, former Senator and Congressman, here Saturday.

Umstead was speaking at a county-wide Democratic rally in the courthouse, and more than 500 citizens filled the auditorium to capacity to hear his speech. Others present who were recognized were Congressman Bob Doughton, who made a rousing speech, State Senate nominee, W. B. Reeves of West Jefferson, member of the county Democratic ticket and organization.

Good government is something everyone is interested in and politics is the science of government, asserted Mr. Umstead. "It is not in premises lightly made and as easily forgotten that the people advance or that a party achieves, and it is not in devotion to special interests that a party finds its best opportunity of serving the people. The Democratic Party is a party which gets down to the people and their problems and tries to solve them in the interests of the people, while the Republican party has offered no hope in the past, has no program for the present except criticism, and has no aim for the future except to gain power for itself."

The former Democratic chairman praised the record of Congressman Doughton and declared he was one of the really great men in public life in America, "who had been true to every trust reposed in him and who had never forgotten the people whom he represented." He added that in half a lifetime spent in Congress Mr. Doughton "had aided in the passage of more sound legislation and defeat of more foolish legislation than any man in America."

Congressman Doughton, who has served the district for 40 years, thanked the voters profusely for their continuing support, and lauded the record of the Democratic party in the Nation, State and county. The veteran son, said that he runs on the Democratic ticket, is a Democrat, but that following an election he always serves folks of all parties.

He hailed the social security law as the greatest piece of legislation he ever sponsored in



Rabbi Liner To Speak Here

On Thursday and Friday, November 2 and 3rd, Appalachian State Teachers college will have, as a visiting lecturer on the campus, Rabbi Paul Liner of Knoxville, Tennessee. Rabbi Liner is presented through the cooperation of the Jewish Chautauqua with headquarters in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Rabbi Liner, a native of Boston, attended the Hebrew Teachers college in Roxbury, Mass. He received his B. A. degree, cum laude, from the Yeshiva University, and at the same time attended the Isaacs Elchanan Theological Seminary. He was ordained Rabbi in 1948 at the Hebrew Union college, Cincinnati, where he received the B. H. D. and M. H. L. degrees. While at the college, Rabbi Liner held bi-weekly pulpits at Henderson, Kentucky, and Fremont, Ohio. Also, he has held a pulpit at Columbia, South Carolina.

Rabbi Liner will talk at chapel at 10:10 on the two days he is on the campus, and also will meet with various classes for lectures-discussions. Among the subjects of his talks are: Judaism and Christianity; Jewish Beliefs and Practices; Judaism in the Days of Jesus; Talmud and Its Relevance; Reform Judaism; and Jewish Ceremonies.

Chicken Supper

The ladies of the Silverstone neighborhood will sponsor a chicken supper, at the Mabel lunch room Saturday from 6 to 9 p. m. The proceeds from the sale of the one dollar plates will be used for the benefit of the Silverstone parsonage fund.

Junior Order Meets

Daniel Boone Council, Junior Order will meet Monday evening at 7:30 at the Junior Hall.

Business Men Join In Endorsing Appalachian Booster Club Effort

Business and professional men of the community are strongly endorsing the Appalachian High School Booster Club. Originating last year, the Booster Club found favor with many, and this year club memberships are even more widely accepted.

Long handicapped by competition for game attendance with the fine teams representing the college, the High school athletic and recreational program has been forced to play a plaintive second fiddle as a sports attraction. Last year attendance at high school games increased considerably, this year better crowds are expected as the sports season progresses. Our teams, both boys' and girls', need adequate equipment if they are to compete successfully with those of other schools. To say that our teams are better equipped than some of our rivals does not state the case. Using a high school football player as an example, his equipment must be more than merely colorful in appearance—it must be purchased with at least minimum safety factors in view. In merely observing these minimum safety factors, a boy may be suited at a cost of from \$50 to \$55. Buying him the best might well run to three times that figure. Equipment purchased by the high school last year and this year was acquired with the definite purpose of giving the

boys the best gear possible with the money available. Paid admissions in the past have never been sufficient to pay for equipment—it's doubtful if they ever will be—hence, some type of solicitation was necessary and the idea of a Booster Club appeared as a possible solution.

Membership in the Booster Club is not mere contribution or gift. There are positive returns for those who become members, even for those who are engaged in the dental, legal, or medical professions. Professional ethics preclude certain members in sharing the occasional radio publicity given to merchants and others. However, season tickets for all home athletic events accompany the placard which states the possessor is a member of the club. All members are encouraged to display the placards in their offices or places of business.

Some businessmen have called the high school, requesting information concerning memberships in the Booster Club. The secretary of the club will be happy to call personally on anyone interested in club membership and explain the benefits, both for the present and future, accruing alike to the high school and the individual who invests dollar dollars in the Blue Devils Booster Club and the welfare of the youth of his community.

APPALACHIAN AND E.C.T.C. TO MEET HERE IN GRID CLASSIC

Saturday's Battle Described as Football "Natural"

The battle between East Carolina and Appalachian State Teachers College Saturday night is a natural. Both teams employ identical offensive formations, but each places its emphasis in a different department. The Pirates of Coach Bill Dole are a pass-happy bunch of very successful molekinners. They are once defeated for the year, having dropped a close decision to the formidable Elon Christians, while the Mountaineers are so far undefeated, with only a 14-14 tie with the aforementioned Elon team to mar their record. Appalachian of course does not rely on strictly a passing offensive, favoring a ground attack that is a dizzying spectacle.

The big gun in the Pirates attack is of course the much publicized Roger Thrift who has more than lived up to his press notices. Thrift is one of the best backs to face the Mountaineers this year, and is definitely the best passer. Frank Maennle and Dwight Shoe have been on the receiving end of most of Thrift's passes and probably their catching is the sharpest in the state this season.

Appalachian, with a host of fancy steppers, will not be hopelessly outclassed. Their Jack Groce, little sophomore speedster from Wilkesboro, has eaten up 616 net yards gained from scrimmage in the 84 times he has lugged the ball. If kickoff returns are counted Groce has well over 1100 yards to his credit for the year. The quarterbacking of Alvin Hooks was a superb thing against Temple University last Saturday night. There was not a mental error to be noted as Appalachian lambasted a heavily

Annual Scouting Meeting Slated

Plans are under way for the annual meeting of the Watauga District, Old Hickory Council, Boy Scouts of America. The Scout leaders of Watauga county will meet at 6:30 p. m. Tuesday, November 14, at the Skyline Restaurant to elect the district officers for the coming year.

Institutions and sponsoring groups from the entire county have been asked to elect a representative to serve on the Scout committee and to help in the supervision of the Scout program. These institutional representatives will meet four times a year at a planning meeting; the first of these meetings being the annual meeting of the election of officers.

Grady Farthing, district chairman, is expecting a large turnout of Scout leaders, parents and friends of Scouting.

Rites Held for Gaither Critcher

Gaither F. Critcher, 80 years old, prominent resident of the Mt. Vernon section, died at the home Sunday, following an illness of several months.

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon at the Mount Vernon Baptist Church by Rev. R. C. Eggers and Rev. Will Cooke, and burial was in the Critcher cemetery.

Mr. Critcher who was a native of Watauga county, was a retired farmer and builder, and was well known and held in high regard throughout this section.

The widow survives, with four sons and three daughters: Willie Critcher, Boone; Paul Critcher, Blowing Rock; Glenn Critcher, Akron, Ohio; Hubert Critcher, Boone; Mrs. Velma Painter, Akron, Ohio; Mrs. Lena Cooke, Boone; Mrs. Jessie Sheeler, Akron, Ohio. One brother, C. M. Critcher, of Boone, also survives.

Local Men To Serve On Federal Court Jury

Federal court will convene in Wilkesboro Monday November 20th, and the following Watauga county people have been summoned for jury duty:

F. F. Fox, Boone; Roby Vanduyke, Boone; G. K. Moore, Boone; Leonard Wilson, Zionville; Wm. J. Farthing, Valle Crucis; Owen Little, Zionville; Filmore Ford, Blowing Rock; Allie Watson, Deep Gap; E. G. Pitts, Blowing Rock; Howard Holshouser, Blowing Rock.

YDC Meetings To Be Held in County

There will be three important YDC meetings held within the next week in the county. The first will be held in Boone at the courthouse on Wednesday November 1. The next pre-election rally is scheduled for Green Valley School in the Meat Camp section on Thursday, November 2. Then on Monday, November 6, all Democrats of the area will gather at Rutherford school. All these meetings are set for 8:00 p. m. and everyone is cordially invited to attend.

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MOUNTAINEERS UPSET DOPE AND WIN OVER TAMPA SCHOOL

Inductees Must Have Appropriate Papers

Mrs. W. R. Lovill, clerk to the local selective service board, states that registrants reporting to Charlotte for induction should have the following papers to support claims for any dependents:

Marriage certificate, birth certificates from all children, separation certificates, adoption papers for adopted children, divorce decrees, dependency statements if mother or father, or both dependents, court orders for support of children or wife or both, medical statements pertaining to relatives if mentally or physically incapacitated.

Local Gridders in 36-19 Win Over Favorites

Philips Field, Tampa, Fla.—Appalachian State was blessed by the boony breeze off Tampa Bay last Saturday night and blasted the favorite University of Tampa Spartans, 36-19, before 7,500 fans.

The Mountaineers from Boone started the scoring early and did not slack the pace until just before the final gun.

Coach Frankie Sinkwich's Tampa eleven fought back for three touchdowns but it was not enough to overhaul the slashing Mountaineer attack.

Jack Groce took Holland Atlin's kickoff on the nine yard line and set sail to put the ball down on the Tampa 23. On the first play from scrimmage Cross picked up 13 yards through the Tampa line. Groce again hit for 7 yards then picked up on more. Moore smashed center to tally from the one. Cross converted and Appalachian led 7-0.

Tampa moved with five minutes remaining in the first quarter. Taking a bad boot on their own 43, Charlie hit center for a yard. Ray Jackson then spotted Atlin in the clear and hit him on the Appalachian 30. He out raced defenders to score. Cecil Perrette converted to tie the score 7-7.

With 15 seconds remaining in the first quarter Appalachian

Funeral Services for Fred Hodges

Funeral services for Fred Hopkins Hodges, 48, native of Boone who had resided in West Palm Beach, Florida, for three years, were held in Vogler's Chapel, Winston-Salem, on Saturday afternoon, and burial followed in Salem Cemetery.

Mr. Hodges died Thursday at the home of a brother-in-law, Mr. W. E. Bach, Winston-Salem, Route 6, after a three-months illness.

Mr. Hodges was born at Rutherswood, Watauga county, on July 31, 1902, the son of ex-Sheriff John W. Hodges and the late Mattie Hopkins Hodges. He was a registered pharmacist and operated the Hodges Drug Company in Boone for a number of years. For the past sixteen years he was connected with the Eli Lilly Company in several areas of the South.

On August 18, 1927, Mr. Hodges was married to Miss Mary Young, of Winston-Salem, who survives.

Other survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Ralph Patterson

Deep Gap PTA Holds Its October Meeting

The Deep Gap P. T. A. held its October meeting on October 23. The meeting was called to order by the president, Howard Steelman. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Plans were made for a combination pie and box supper to be held on Friday night November 3, at seven-thirty. This will be sponsored by the P. T. A. and the local Grange.

The P. T. A. was very fortunate in having Lawyer Wade Brown, Boone, as the speaker for the evening. Lawyer Brown's subject was, "All children are entitled to the Same Educational Opportunities." Lawyer Brown also presented to the school a United Nations Flag, which was made by the Deep Gap Home Demonstration Club.

The next P. T. A. meeting will be held November 29th at which time a picnic supper will be served.

At Nurses' Meeting

Mrs. Martha Fox and Miss Myra Mott, public health nurses here, attended the public health section of the State nurses' meeting in Winston-Salem last Thursday.

Medical Conference

A two day medical conference for health officers was held in Boone October 24-25. Dr. Mary B. H. Michael attended and spent the following day at the State Board of Health, Raleigh.

Valle Crucis PTA

The Valle Crucis PTA will meet Monday night, November 6th at 7 o'clock at the school. All parents are asked to attend.

Square Dance Slated

A square dance will be held Saturday night November 4th at the Valle Crucis Mission School. Proceeds will go for the benefit of the Valle Crucis public school.



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Gideon Moretz Dies on Sunday

Mr. Simon Gideon Moretz, 70 years old, of Boone, Rt. 2, died at his home October 29th following an extended illness. Funeral services were conducted on October 31st at 2:00 p. m. at the Tabernacle Baptist church, and burial was in the Moretz cemetery. The rites were conducted by Rev. Will Cooke, Rev. E. F. Troutman, Rev. F. M. Spangle and Rev. Nathan Greene.

The widow, Mrs. Virginia Moretz, survives, also four daughters, Mrs. Mary Hubbard of Asheville, Mrs. Hazel Dotson of Boone, Mrs. Ora Lee Pearson and Mrs. Ola Mae Greer of Lenoir, and five sons, Messrs. Blaine, Arlie, Herman, Avery and Cecil Moretz of Boone. Other survivors include three sisters and two brothers.

Watauga Represented At Grange Meeting

Watauga county was well represented at the North Carolina State Grange meeting held at Lumberton last week.

Deep Gap Grange was represented by Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Miller; Green Valley by Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Miller; Bethel by Mr. Smittherman, and Watauga County Pomaona Grange by Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Greene.

Speakers included Hon. Claude Wickard, administrator, Rural Electrification Administration; Hon. Stanley Andrews, Chief Office of Foreign Agricultural Relations, and Governor W. Kerr Scott of North Carolina. The theme centered around rural development and prosperity for all.

The next annual state meeting will be held at Hickory.

HUSBAND ON WAY HOME

Mrs. J. M. Deal has received word that her husband, J. L. James M. Deal, is on his way to the States from the Korean war. Lt. Deal is on the Worcester, a light cruiser. The Worcester left the Mediterranean by the Suez Canal for the Far East July 27.

Campaign Locally Is Described As Apathetic

Both political parties are mapping final plans for the general election next Tuesday, when it is expected that about the usual number of Wataugans will journey to the polls to cast their ballots for a full county ticket, for a Solicitor, a member of Congress and certain other State officials.

The campaign so far has been marked by apathy, it would appear, but in the last few days there seems to be more activity by both Democratic and Republican parties and perhaps a concerted effort will be made at the last by all the politically-minded to get the folks to the polls.

Registration books closed last Saturday, and next Saturday will be observed as challenge day. Meantime voters who are entitled to cast their votes under the absentee ballot law, may avail themselves of this privilege by applying at the election board office in the courthouse.

On the State ticket principal local interest is in the candidacy of Congressman R. L. Doughton, who is opposed this year by F. J. Beal of Lenoir.

The county ticket is as follows, the first named in each case being the Democratic candidate, the last the Republican:

For Solicitor: James Farthing, unopposed.

For State Senator: W. B. Reeves, Edison Thomas.

For House of Representatives: Wade E. Brown, S. C. Eggers.

For Clerk Superior Court: Leo Mast, Fred M. Gragg.

For Sheriff: A. J. Edmisten, Earl Cook.

For Coroner: Richard E. Kelley on both tickets.

For Surveyor: C. F. Thompson, Joe Miller.

For County Commissioners: H. M. Hamilton, Jr., W. M. Winebarger, Perry Farthing; Clyde R. Greene, Willie Proffit and Rufus M. Ward.

1951 PMA Allocation For Watauga County Set At \$73,996, Says Cable

The 1951 allocation for Watauga county is \$73,996.00, it was announced today by Dwight Cable, county PMA chairman. This is an increase of 5 per cent over the 1950 allocation. Assistance to farms under the 1951 Agricultural Conservation program is now being approved for farms on which the 1950 practices have been completed, a full performance report filed and a 1950 application for payment signed.

Farmers who received no assistance under last year's program are urged to file for assistance now in order that they may receive their full share of the benefits available.

Farmers who received assistance on late practices and farm-ings who have not made their performance reports should do so at once, as it is expected that all applications for payment will be submitted by December 1.

Farmers of Watauga county who are using the ACP are realizing they are in a partnership with all the people of the county in building a stronger and better nation.

This is how Mr. Cable looks on cooperation in ACP. He sees it as a partnership between the farmer and the consumer—the business man—the teacher and doctor and lawyer. He explains that a part of the cost of approved conservation practices is from public funds with the farmer paying the balance of the cost. In the former-consumer cooperative effort, says the chairman, "The land, upon which the consumer as well as the farmer must depend for a living, is protected against erosion and depletion and reserves of plant food are stored up against future needs."

Mrs. Cora South Taken by Death

Mrs. Cora Abagale Mary Cordella South, 72 years old, of Tamarack, N. C., died at her home October 27. Funeral services, conducted by Rev. Noah Johnson, were held at Elk Knob Baptist church at 11:00 a. m. on October 29th. Burial was in the Thomas cemetery.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Laura Hammond of Burns, Oregon, Misses Julia and Emaline South of Tamarack, and five sons, Messrs. Thomas, Eli and Sam South of Klamath Falls, Oregon, and Messrs. Dan and Frank South of Tamarack.