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KING STREET BY ROB RIVERS

HALLOWEEN passes away and leaves its soap marks on the windows. . . Kiddies have a good time parading about the town in their outlandish costumes, and after the tiny tots are tucked, neat the sheets the firecracker lads add a new touch to the occasion with discharges of the noisy gadgets throughout the night. . . First time we've known of the crackers to be called upon to do duty in connection with the night of the goblins and witches, and pumpkins and corn fodder, and apple bobbing. . . Fact is, the crackers are liable to come more popular all along since the legislature passed the ban on their use. . . Grown folks and children alike, at least a good portion of them, want to do the things they are told not to do. . . First real freeze of the season does its work Saturday night and lays the flowers low. . . High winds and traces of snow accompanied the frigid weather, which gave way to warm temperatures for the election. . .

THE GUY who had lost in an affray was describing the incident, which had bordered on the critical, and was quoted as saying: "He choused me in the back, and then spouged me with his knife," which left us wondering just what the heck did happen to the poor fellow, after all. . . Lady visitor to the Democrat says her church congregation was trying to decide where to conduct baptismal rites, when a four-year old boy in the congregation, spoke right out: "Let's take 'em down to the ribber!" . . . Layman delivers a sort of fist and skull sidekick sermon, laden with the priceless gems of the Christian doctrine. . . Last minute campaigning on the part of the candidates and their champions injects some fire into the contest which had been marked by apathy, and the polls opened with the prospects of a good turnout.

THE OTHER EVENING we ambled over to our house on the hill, fellowshiped a bit with the wife and kids, took a turn at the radio, read a magazine in a left-handed kind of way. . . just leafed through it you know, and settled back to figure out the deal before getting set for slumberland. . . The fine, thought we, to be able to monkey about the house and rest, and sleep, and enjoy one's self in perfect safety. . . There's no place like home, no sir-ee. . . We reached for the paper again, and first thing caught our eye was a batch of statistics, released by the U. S. Public Health Service, which set us back a couple of notches. . . We were, at the time, so the figures stated, in the most dangerous place in the country. . . the home. . . We learned that every sixteen minutes someone is killed in a home accident. . . that every four minutes someone is permanently disabled in a home such as ours. . . that in one year four and a half million Americans were either killed or injured in the "preventable" type of accidents. . . and that the annual cost of preventable home accidents is about 650 million dollars, when one takes into account the wages lost, medical expenses and higher insurance premiums. . . The government report continues that this rate has been almost unchanged for 15 years, while the industrial accident rate has been cut 50 per cent. . . It appears the home is the most dangerous place in the world—most anything is liable to happen—but we laid aside the paper, got ready to retire, entered the bedroom, where "more than 25 per cent of the fatal home accidents occur," and with a brayado born of fatigue went promptly to sleep.

A FELLOW from over in Beaver Dam township was talking the other day. . . He was justly proud of the fine record his township had made along agricultural and cultural lines. . . "We are raising more stuff to eat than any township in the county, I believe," the man said, and added, "We likewise have less lawlessness than most, and move along in a pretty orderly fashion." . . He added that the township (Continued on page four)

Six Fires Hit Watauga To Inflict Big Loss; \$14,000.00 Damage

Robert Honeycutt House Last in Series Blazes

Six fires in the past three weeks, three of them in Boone, have brought losses of close to \$15,000, it is estimated by local insurance agents.

The last, and most destructive of the series of fires came last Wednesday when the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Honeycutt of Hodges Gap, burned with a loss estimated at a minimum of \$10,000. The family was absent when the fire started and its origin is unknown. The house was completely furnished, and everything was destroyed, including clothing and large stores of food supplies. The loss is said to have been partially covered by insurance.

Jack Edmisten's garage in Perkinsville was burned, with a loss of about \$3,000, while an unoccupied filling station in the Adams neighborhood, burned with a loss of around \$1,500. The building was the property of Joe Trivett.

The home of Virgil Miller of Meat Camp was destroyed, with a loss of \$1,000. Dean Norris' home was damaged to the extent of \$600, while the home of Walter Davis of Foscoe was totally destroyed.

According to Paul Winkler, local insurance agent, the Miller and Davis homes carried no insurance and the other properties were underinsured.

4-H Club Group Holds Meeting

The Watauga 4-H Club County Council held its first meeting of the year Saturday, October 28, at the Legion Hut. The following officers were elected for the coming year.

President, Milton Moretz, Boone Sr. Club; vice president, Francis Davis, Cove Creek Sr. Club; secretary, Betty Brendall, Boone Demonstration school; treasurer, Leonard Greer, Boone Sr. Club; reporter, Janice Winebarger, Bethel Sr. Club; song leader, Joan Carroll, Rutherford Club; assistant song leader, Joan Welch, Cove Creek Sr. Club; pianist, Ala Hodges, Boone Sr. Club; assistant, Douglas Clawson, Boone Sr. Club.

After the business meeting and election of officers the last hour was spent playing games and singing.

Pi Kappa Delta Chapter Formed

Dr. D. J. Whitener, faculty sponsor of Forensic Club, has just been informed that Pi Kappa Delta has approved the petition made by Appalachian State Teachers College for a chapter here. This came in a letter received from the secretary, D. S. R. Toussaint, Greeley, Colorado. "It is my great pleasure," wrote Dr. Toussaint, "to inform you officially that Pi Kappa Delta has approved the petition made by Appalachian State Teachers College that a chapter be granted to your institution. It will be known as Chapter Number 219, North Carolina Epsilon."

CENSUS SHOWS 4,995 HOUSES ARE INHABITED IN WATAUGA

An increase in the number of dwelling places in Watauga county in the past 10 years is reported by the Atlantic regional office of the U. S. Department of Commerce.

The report, based on current figures released by the Commerce Department's Bureau of the Census from its 1950 census of housing, showed that in April of this year there were 4,995 dwelling places in the county, compared with 4,146 in 1940.

The number of dwelling places recorded for the county this year represented an average of 3.7 persons per dwelling place based upon the recent census of population issued by the Census Bureau which gave Watauga county a total of 18,295 residents



COLEEN GRAY—Motion picture star, who will fly from Hollywood to Charlotte to be the honorary queen of the colorful Carolinians' Carrousel on Thursday, November 16. To encourage the sale of War Bonds, Miss Gray will make a number of public appearances in Charlotte at industrial plants and business offices where pay roll deduction plans are now being introduced.

Homecoming Set At High School

Homecoming activities at Appalachian High school will get under way on Thursday night, Nov. 9, at 7:30, with the presentation of a 3-act comedy, "Bashful Bobby." The leading role in the play, Bashful Bobby, will be played by Coaker Triplett, Jr.

The supporting cast includes Joanne Aldridge, Betty Burkett, Patsy McGuire, Rebecca Shoemaker, Beth Eggers, Jean Templeton, Corinna Shull, Jimmy Johnson, Dixon Qualls, Hugh Hartley, and Guy Hunt, Jr.

The play, written by James C. Parker, is under the direction of Mr. William Ross, dramatics director of the high school.

Immediately following the play the graduates of Appalachian High school and the parents of students will be guests of the faculty and student body at open house and a reception.

On Friday, Nov. 10, there will be a parade of the Appalachian High school band, starting promptly at one o'clock. The band, under the direction of Mr. Roy Blanton, will also play during the homecoming football game which starts at 1:45 p. m. At that time Coach Bob Nolan's Blue Devils will meet Coach Asa Reece's football eleven from Crossnore on the college athletic field for the homecoming game.

On Friday night, the homecoming dance featuring Rush Cole's Swingsters, will conclude the homecoming activities. The dance, which will begin promptly at 8:00 p. m. and end at 11:00 p. m., is sponsored by the Appalachian High school Student Council.

All graduates of Appalachian High school, parents of the students and friends of the school are cordially invited to attend all homecoming activities. Admission charges to the homecoming play on Thursday night will be 25 cents for students and 35 cents for adults. Admission to the dance on Friday night is 50 cents per person.

FALL SESSION UNITED SYNOD HELD FRIDAY MT. PLEASANT

Large Number Pastors, Delegates, Visitors Attend

The Fall session of the Western Conference of the United Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina met Friday at Mt. Pleasant Lutheran church near Boone, the Rev. F. M. Speagle, pastor, with a large number of pastors, lay delegates and visitors in attendance. The one-day meeting was opened with a worship service and the administration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, the confessional sermon being delivered by the president, the Rev. J. Arthur Linn, pastor of Mt. Olive church, Hickory.

The guest speaker for the morning session was Kiyoshi Yamada, outstanding Lutheran layman of the Japanese Lutheran church, who is touring the United States in the interest of the Lutheran Laymen's Movement operates, with the idea of returning to his native country and devoting all of his time to the promotion of the Kingdom of God through working among the laymen of Japan.

During the election of officers for the coming year, the Rev. G. Dwight Conrad, pastor of Bethany church, West Hickory, was elected president; the Rev. J. E. Walker, St. Martin's, Maiden, vice-president; the Rev. Cline Harbinson, St. Luke's, Hickory, secretary; and Henry Herman, St. Timothy, Hickory, treasurer.

To Meet At Brevard
The conference voted to hold its next meeting with the newly organized Lutheran congregation of Brevard. Standing committees and conference committees presented reports during the business sessions.

Afternoon devotions were conducted by the Rev. Mr. Conrad, with a special prayer of thanksgiving and gratitude for the successful promotion of Christian Higher Education being offered by the Rev. V. R. Cromer, D. D., president of Lenoir Rhyne College.

Nurses Meet For Nutrition Study

Thursday afternoon, November 2, the nurses of the District Health Department, Mrs. Jolly of Alleghany, Mrs. McNeil and Mrs. Owen of Ashe, and Miss Mott and Mrs. Fox of Watauga with Dr. Michal, met with Miss Winston Osborn, district consultant nutritionist, in the first of a series of classes as a refresher in nutrition. This series of discussions will serve as the basis for a step-up in nutrition as a part of the public health program of the district as it relates to the cooperation of the department in the teaching of nutrition in the schools, as well as that phase of the varied public health program. The department is most anxious to cooperate with other agencies of the county in assisting individuals, families, and other local groups to work out their individual problems in nutrition. The office will be glad to answer any inquiries.

FFA Leader Wins In Stock Show

Kenneth Perry, Watauga youth who is president of the State Future Farmers of America organization exhibited a baby beef at the Asheville Fat Stock Show last week and won second prize in showmanship, over 102 other FFA boys.

The Skyland Restaurant and Craver Furniture Store of Boone, jointly bought the baby beef for 60 cents per pound, dressed weight, and the youth and his sponsors appreciate this cooperation in the part of the local firms.

Scouts To Organize At Perkinsville

There will be an important organizational meeting of the Boy Scouts at the Perkinsville Baptist Church on Thursday, November 9, at 7:30 p. m. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

Edmisten Leads in Race for Sheriff; Republican Commissioners Elected



CHRISTMAS SEALS—Gordon Gray, president of the Greater University of North Carolina and former Secretary of the Army, will head the Annual Christmas Seal Campaign in North Carolina to be conducted from November 20 to Christmas day, according to an announcement this week by Dr. Herman F. Eason, president of the North Carolina Tuberculosis Association and medical director of the Eastern North Carolina Sanatorium in Wilson.

Bazaar Slated For Thursday

The annual Harvest Bazaar and Turkey Dinner will be held Thursday, November 16, in the Boone Methodist Church basement. The event is sponsored by the Womens Society of Christian Service of the church. The bazaar hours are 3 to 7:30 p. m., with dinner being served from 5 to 7:30.

This year the bazaar will carry a United Nations motif. The booths and tables are to be decorated to carry out this theme. The decorations committee plans to use articles representative of UN countries.

Aprons, toys, gifts, fancy-work, candy and baked goods are being prepared by the women for sale at the bazaar.

The ticket committee for the turkey dinner announced this week that tickets for the dinner members and at the Carolina Pharmacy. No tickets will be sold at the door for the meal. Those anticipating eating at the church that night are urged to purchase their tickets early.

Mock Wedding At Bethel Friday

On Friday night of this week at 7:30 o'clock a womanless wedding will be presented at Bethel school. Parents of the community make up the characters in this enjoyable play. Mr. Eldridge Trivette is the bride, and Mr. Johnny Greene, the groom. Mr. Dean Hodges is Miss Ubika Scratchfeed, the jilted sweetheart. Mr. Jim Sherwood will play the part of Poppy Rock'n Rye, and Mr. David Farthing is Granny Rye, his wife. Mr. George Smitherman is Adam Turnipseed, the official officier. Mr. Ned Trivette is Sis Eater Oats, and Larry Sherwood is Aunt Hominy Grits, her colored nurse.

Mrs. Johnny Greene and Mrs. J. H. Gentry are directing the play, and a large attendance is expected to see this all man show.

There will be a small admission charge.

Korean Vel To Speak To C. C.

Harold Stansberry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Stansberry of Route 1 Boone, who was injured in action in the Korean conflict will be a special guest of the Chamber of Commerce at the Skyland Restaurant at 12 noon next Tuesday, and will tell of his experiences in the far away battle theatre.

Mr. Cratis Williams of Appalachian College will also be present in a program of folk ballads.

NUTRITION CONSULTANT TO WORK WITH HEALTH DEPT.

Dr. Mary B. H. Michal, health officer, announced this week that Miss Clare Winston Osborn, nutrition consultant, with the State Board of Health has joined this district to work with the health department and the schools for better nutrition. The appointment was effective November 1.

The Nutrition Section of the North Carolina's State Board of Health is directed by Dr. Bertlyn Bosley, and has eight nutrition consultants, each assigned to an area of the state and two consulting dietitians for the state at large. Miss Osborn, assigned to 14 Northwestern counties, will make her headquarters in Boone, but will work throughout the entire area.

Miss Osborn comes here from Michigan State College, East Lansing, Michigan, where she has been teaching in the Foods and Nutrition Department of the School of Home Economics. She is a native of Osage, Iowa; received her education from the College of St. Teresa, Winona, Minn., the State University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa, and



MISS OSBORN
served an internship in hospital dietetics at Cook County hospital, Chicago, Ill. Miss Osborn has had extensive work experience in hospitals and college teaching.
Miss Osborn and her mother, Mrs. W. S. Osborn, will live in the Fox Apartments.

Sale of Ungraded Raw Milk Is Prohibited in Watauga County

It has come to the attention of the District Health Department that ungraded raw milk is being sold in considerable quantity in Watauga county. Since this is in violation of the milk ordinance adopted by this health jurisdiction in 1946 and in force since that time, it is most necessary that this practice be discontinued, a department official stated this week.

The milk ordinance states: "Section 2. The sale of adulterated, misbranded, or ungraded milk or milk products prohibited.—No person shall within Alleghany, Ashe and Watauga counties or its police jurisdiction, produce, sell, offer, or expose for sale, or have in possession with intent to sell, any milk or milk product which is adulterated, misbranded, or ungraded. It shall be unlawful for any person, elsewhere than in a private home, to have in possession any adulterated, misbranded, or ungraded milk or milk product."

The health official stated that the Health Department is anxious to help the public understand what the regulations are and why they have been adopted, as well as how to best comply with them. Such regulations and ordinances are adopted on the basis of wide experience in what has been found necessary to be sure that people drink only safe milk. The Health Department will be glad to answer any questions.

Expert To Aid Burley Graders

J. H. Cyrus, tobacco marketing specialist, with the State Department of Agriculture, will be in the county Wednesday November 15th to conduct tobacco grading demonstrations, as a special service to the growers in this area, who, it is said, often lose money by improperly grading their leaf.

Mr. Cyrus will conduct these demonstrations at Mr. Redwine's home at Vilas at 10 a. m. November 15; at Wilson Hodges' in Laurel Creek township at 1 p. m., and at Woodrow Wilson's in the Silverstone community at 2:30.

JACK GROCE SPEARHEADS WIN OF APPS OVER EAST CAROLINA

Jack Groce, a fleet-footed 170-pound halfback from Wilkesboro, ran rings around East Carolina's Pirates here last Saturday night as the Appalachian Mountaineers grabbed a 20-0 victory and all but assured themselves of at least a tie for the North State conference crown.

Groce, who is credited with over half of the Apps' yardage on the ground this season, ran his total to over a half-mile as he romped over with all three touchdowns.

Neither the Pirates or the severe cold weather could stop the flying Wilkes boy as he broke open a scoreless contest on the first play from scrimmage in the second half with a 67-yard gallop through tackle, reversing his field and picking up some brilliant blocking.
Later in the same period he sparked a 36-yard march for the next score. He got 31 of the yards

Wade E. Brown Has Slight Edge

Close Vote Shown in Unofficial Returns From Tuesday's Election

A. J. Edmisten, former Democratic sheriff of Watauga county, staged a political comeback in Tuesday's voting and perhaps won by about 135 votes over E. D. Cook, according to wholly unofficial returns tabulated at midnight Tuesday, while the Republicans, it seems, took over control of the board of county commissioners by electing Clyde R. Greene and Willie Proffit to serve with Democrat incumbent W. M. Winebarger by margins of perhaps 50 to 100.

Wade E. Brown's lead over Representative S. C. Eggers for the seat in the lower house of the assembly is set at 21, in the returns which have so far been tabulated, while Fred M. Gragg, Republican Clerk of the Superior Court has defeated Leo Mast by about 300 votes.

W. B. Reeves is figured as being about 30 ahead in the Senate race.

Figures on the coroner's race, where Democratic incumbent Richard E. Kelly was nominated on both tickets, are unavailable at this time, as is the tally on the surveyor's race.

Due to the large number of mixed tickets cast in the county race, the count Tuesday evening was slow and it is to be explained that the figures given here are in no wise official, and it is likely that some of the races may not be actually decided until the official canvass of the votes, on Thursday of this week.

Early Wednesday morning there are no reports available on the State ticket, and in some precincts, it may be that the count of the State, amendment, county and township tickets hadn't been completed until early this morning. Some sections cannot be reached by telephone to gather the unofficial news on these races.

As usual the Democrat will carry the official returns of the election when the board canvasses the vote.

Alleghany Democrats Lead SPARTA — Democrats were sweeping to victory in Alleghany County on the basis of returns from four of the seven precincts in the county.

P. C. Collins, Democrat, was ahead in the race for sheriff over his Republican opponent, Roy Brooks. The vote was: Collins 708; Brooks 617.

Democrats in Ashe Ahead

West Jefferson — Democrats took an early lead on all fronts (continued on page six)

Kephart Speaks

Dr. A. P. Kephart, of Yonahlossee Camp, made a very interesting travel talk at the chapel program Tuesday at Cove Creek High School.

Postoffice Hours for Armistice Day Given

Postoffice hours for Armistice Day, Saturday, Nov. 11, were announced by Postmaster John E. Brown as follows:

General delivery and stamp window open from 10:30 a. m. to 12 noon. Other windows closed.

City delivery service as scheduled.

No rural free delivery.

Merchants To Witness Game

The board of directors of the Boone Merchants Association has adopted a resolution suggesting that all stores possible close Thursday afternoon from 2 to 4:30 in order that everyone may have an opportunity to witness the home football game between the Appalachian gridders and those of Presbyterian College, Clinton, S. C.

It is very rare that Appalachian plays in the afternoon and the board feels that once a year the merchants should recognize the fine work being done by Coach Unglesheim and his team, and take time off, at least during the period of actual play.