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## KING STREET

BY ROB RIVERS

RALPH G. GREER brings to the Democrat office an aging document, which gives an insight into the school system of the long ago . . . and causes us to peek away back to a day when schooling was done largely on a "subscription" basis . . . to a time when a schoolmaster had to know all the answers, and be somewhat of a fighting man along with his knowledge, so that the big boys of the hills and hollows, could be controlled. . . . Mr. Greer's paper, written in brown ink, is in the form of an account against Mrs. Greer's grandfather, J. H. McGuire, for "schooling" for the individual members of the family. . . . The bill, dated February 2, 1886, is signed by H. A. Davis, teacher, and covered 192 days "sent to school" at 3 3/4 cents per day for a total of \$7.20. . . . The statement was itemized. . . . J. T. McGuire went to Mr. Davis' school for 44 days, M. E. attended 49 days, M. J., apparently more anxious for an education than the others had attended for 53 days, while A. E. B. McGuire had been present on 50 days. . . . The sheet is verified by the teacher as a "true copy of the original," and the "tally" system was used in keeping the account. . . . Mrs. Greer's father, the late Will H. McGuire, a pioneer printer of Watauga, was born the year Mr. Davis taught the other members of his family. . . .

CECIL MILLER talking of old times around the breakfast table the other morning, right after we'd dined about half a dozen hot biscuits and some other vittles for an eye-opener. . . . "Back a few years ago," said Cecil, "a fellow could really get moving after about an hour's session around a generous-sized kitchen table. . . . There would be a platter of eggs, a dish of country ham, a heaping plate of hot biscuits, perhaps a stack of flapjacks, with big prints of butter and a pitcher of molasses. . . . Then of course we'd have blackberry jam, and apple butter and milk and coffee!" . . . We remember too, that fried chicken would often show on the early morning menu, on rare occasions when beef steak was available, it was always served before daylight. . . . and in those anti-conservation times lads down New River would catch a heap of fish in traps, which they'd sell along the streets of Boone, and these invariably aided in starting the day off right. . . . There've been a lot of changes in the culinary department in the last few years, but the folks who drink a cup of coffee, eat a piece of toast, and smoke a cigarette, seem to feel just as good and grow to be as large as those who had the banquet in the fore part of the day. . . .

JIM TAYLOR continues the March of Dimes campaign until the end of the week, and the Democrat joins him in the belief that the folks of Boone and Watauga county will readily chip in the small amount yet needed to bring the fund up to the full amount requested by the foundation. . . . There's a little more than three hundred dollars needed and we earnestly ask the folks to join in and help push the campaign over the top. . . . Meantime Jim and other workers are due high praise for their magnificent work and the outstanding success they have achieved in the campaign. . . . The Boone Demonstration School heads the list of all the contributors and deserves special praise for having contributed the sum of \$431.30. . . . A large portion of this amount came from contributions by the kiddies themselves, supplemented by collections on the dime cards supplied. . . . So anxious were the kiddies and their teachers to do their utmost, that no prizes were given. . . . Every single cent contributed went into the fund to help other little children who fell along the way. . . . The promoters of the singing Saturday night did a magnificent thing. . . . They dropped in \$420, and even the participants in the show bought tickets—no expense of any kind. . . . These folks really delivered the final blow which put the fund in.

## Local Scouts Take Part In National Observance

### Dairy School Will Be Held Here Wednesday

### Farmers Are Turning More to Livestock Raising.

County Agent L. E. Tuckwiler has announced that dairy school for all farmers and others interested in dairy cattle will be held on Wednesday, February 14 at the courthouse in Boone, beginning at 10:00 a. m.

Mr. Tuckwiler says that farmers in Watauga county are turning more and more to keeping livestock as a means of supplementing their incomes and maintaining soil fertility. This one day school is scheduled to give farmers more information on practical management of dairy cattle along with information on the outlook for dairying in 1951, and the control of diseases and parasites.

The program will include a discussion on "How Dairymen Can Control Mastitis" by Dr. C. D. Grinnell, "A Successful Calf Raising Program" by Dr. R. K. Waugh, both of the dairy department, N. C. State College. Other topics are "Controlling Cattle Insect Pests" by G. D. Jones, Extension Entomologist, "Breeding Cattle Artificially" by J. F. Brown, Extension dairyman, "Green Pastures for North Carolina" by F. R. Farnham, Extension dairyman, "Increasing Herd Income Through Good Management" by J. A. Arey, in charge of dairy extension, all from State College. Mr. Tuckwiler urges all farmers who can to attend.

### College Band To Present Program

The concert band of Appalachian State Teachers College will present a program in the college auditorium on Friday evening February 16 at 8 o'clock. Under the direction of Mr. Gordon A. Nash, the band will feature compositions by Bach, von Weber, Offenbach and Franck as well as compositions by the best known modern composers of band music. Featured soloist for the concert will be Miss Agnes Baldwin of Beckley, West Virginia, who is a clarinetist and music major at Appalachian.

The fifty piece Appalachian Band has been preparing the concert since the Christmas holidays and from all indications the prepared program promises to be appealing to all who enjoy band music.

Many visiting band directors will be on hand for the concert as well as former members and guests. The public is cordially invited to attend the band's first 1951 concert.

### C. of C. Sponsors Calf Sale Here

Plans for a feeder calf sale to be held in Boone this spring, took the attention of the board of directors of the Boone Chamber of Commerce at their meeting Monday.

It is expected that the event would draw entries from Watauga, Ashe, Alleghany, Wilkes, Avery and other counties, and it was indicated that \$250 in prize money will be offered in connection with the sale.

Those serving on the Chamber's agricultural committee are: B. W. Stallings, chairman; H. Grady Farthing, Grady Tugman, L. E. Tuckwiler, A. G. Miller, and I. B. Wilson.

Matters relative to the further promotion of Boone as a summer resort, came up for discussion, and plans are being made for advertising folders, newspaper and radio publicity.

### Mrs. Hodges Heads County Club Council

Mrs. T. C. Hodges of the Hodges Gap Club was re-elected president of the Watauga County Council of Home Demonstration Clubs at its first meeting of 1951. Other officers elected were Mrs. I. B. Wilson of the Silverstone Club, vice-president; Mrs. A. E. Vannoy, Hodges Gap Club, secretary; Mrs. R. D. Wellborn, Deep Gap Club, re-elected treasurer.

A committee composed of Mrs. I. B. Wilson, Silverstone Club; Mrs. R. D. Wellborn, Deep Gap Club; and Mrs. Clyde Williams of the Green Valley Club, was appointed to work with the home agent, Mrs. Betty M. Edwards, on securing a place to hold the District Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs meeting here on May 25.

The meeting, which was held in the office of Mrs. Betty M. Edwards, opened with the singing of America, followed by the club collect, Mrs. T. C. Hodges presided.

### Mrs. M. C. Brown, 52, Succumbs on Tuesday

Mrs. M. C. Brown, age 52, of Boone, Route 2, died at her home Tuesday night, January 30.

Funeral services were conducted at Meat Camp Baptist Church on Thursday afternoon at two o'clock. The Rev. Mr. E. C. Eggers and the Rev. Mr. Arlie Moretz had charge of the service and interment was in the Meat Camp cemetery.

Mrs. Brown was born in Watauga county, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Blackburn. She is survived by her husband and three daughters, Mrs. Albert W. Michael, Mountain City, Tenn.; Mrs. Vernon C. Deitz, Hickory; Mrs. Ernest C. Hodges, Boone; also two grandchildren. Four brothers, Joe Blackburn, Mountain City, Tenn.; Hamp Blackburn, Boone; Nute Blackburn, Boone; and Don Blackburn, West Jefferson, and two sisters, Mrs. Stewart Brown, Boone, and Mrs. W. G. Cooke, Todd.

German win world bobbed honors; U. S. pair close second.

### T. M. Covington Rites Held at Fayetteville

Funeral services for T. M. Covington, well-known Fayetteville citizen, who died Thursday morning, were conducted from Jerusalem Funeral Home by Dr. Samuel E. Howie, and burial was in Lafayette Memorial Park.

Mr. Covington, who was 45 years of age, was connected with Park Place Esso Service Station and was a native of Holke county.

He is survived by the widow, the former Miss Ruby Hodges of Boone, and one son, Tommy Gene.

### Father-Son Banquet Feature Of Week.

By JOE MINOR

The Scouts of Boone will highlight their Scout Week celebration tonight (Thursday) with a Father-Son banquet in Fellowship Hall at the Boone Methodist church at 6:30 o'clock. The banquet will be attended by members of all the troops in Boone, including the newly-formed troops of the First Baptist church and the Perkinsville Baptist church, and their fathers, along with troop committeemen of the various sponsoring groups.

A movie on Scouting will be shown after the meeting, according to Crayte Teague, who has been helping with the arrangements for Scout Week.

Thursday afternoon at 1:15 the Boone Chamber of Commerce will honor the Scouts over their radio program.

At the chapel programs Friday morning Scouts will give the programs in the two schools here. They are asked to be in uniform or wear any Scout identification which they may have at this and all the other special programs planned for the week.

On Friday the Scouts will be guests of the Appalachian Theatre at a theatre party.

All day Saturday, Scouts will alternate in performing the various municipal duties for the Town of Boone. They will act as mayor, commissioners, policemen, etc. Full cooperation and encouragement is requested from towns-people.

Sunday night a candlelight service at the First Baptist Church will be held at 7:30 o'clock. At the Sunday services in the various churches scouts are urged to sit in a group if possible and they will be recognized by the pastors from their pulpits.

Monday night the Scouts will gather in the Science Building at Appalachian State Teachers College at 7:30 o'clock to be addressed by Leo K. Pritchett on Lincoln's birthday.

This week is the celebration of the founding of Scouting in the United States. Scouts from the Cub age on through adult Scouts are participating.

### Fire At Winkler Building Sunday

Two used automobiles were burned, and considerable damage occasioned by smoke, in an early morning fire Sunday at the Winkler Motor Company repair department, South Depot Street.

The fire, believed to have been caused by a short circuit, originated in one of the old autos, and was discovered by June Russell on a visit to his store next door. Damage to the automobiles and smoke damage to the building has been estimated at \$2,000.

Mr. Russell's store was damaged to some extent by smoke.

### Mrs. Nora M. Greene Dies at Blowing Rock

Mrs. Nora M. Greene, 61, resident of Blowing Rock, died last Wednesday.

Funeral services were held Friday at the Blowing Rock Baptist Church by Rev. Mr. Thomas and interment was in the Reformed Church cemetery.

The husband, John Greene, survives, with the following sons and daughters: Charles, Harlan, Dennis, Thomas and Dee Greene, Blowing Rock; Mrs. Della Absher, Southern Pines; Mrs. Cora Kinker, Lenoir; Mrs. Pauline Morrison, Southern Pines; Mrs. Nell Gargis, Mrs. Dollie Ann Forbes, Blowing Rock.

Automatic pilot developed to guide jet planes in combat.

### Bartholomew captures U. S. speed-skating title 6th time.

### RESTRICTED MAIL SERVICE HITS BOONE IN WAKE OF RAIL STRIKE

Mail service restrictions, affecting outgoing mail to various parts of the country, were announced Tuesday by Postmaster John E. Brown, Jr., as a result of the railway tie-up in various sections of the country.

The restricted categories of mail, which will not be accepted here for the present, consist of all second class with the exception of daily newspapers, all third and fourth class matter, and matter of the first class exceeding eight ounces in weight. Restrictions will not apply to medicine, drugs, surgical instruments and dressings.

The local postoffice will not accept the restricted mail addressed for delivery in the states of Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Vermont or Maine.

No restrictions will apply to mail for local delivery, to air mail, or to mails operating in territory where no interruption in transportation exists.

### Mrs. Henson, 77, Is Taken By Death

Mrs. Caldonia Johnson Henson, 77, died Saturday at her home at Villa, and funeral services were conducted Sunday at the Forest Grove Baptist Church. Rev. Ed Farthing being in charge of the rites.

One brother, Harry Johnson, of Reese, survives, with a number of nieces and nephews.

## POLIO EFFORT TO CONTINUE TO END WEEK; GOAL IS NEAR

March of Dimes Contributions Reach \$2,600 in Past Week; Singing, Dance Add Impetus to Campaign.

The March of Dimes campaign has been extended through February 10th in a last desperate effort to raise the remainder of the \$3,000 goal established for Watauga county, it was announced today.

More than twenty-six hundred dollars has been raised thus far, and Jim Taylor, March of Dimes director, and other campaign workers believe that the relatively small additional amount will be promptly subscribed during the extended campaign period.

The March of Dimes ball yielded a net sum of \$102, the singing Saturday night an additional \$420, and Watauga appears to be well on the way to fulfillment of her quota.

It is urged that contributions to the March of Dimes be sent in at once, so that this county may be over the top by Saturday night.

## Coroner Says No Foul Play In Death Of McKeever Hollar.

Lenoir, N. C. Feb. 5.—McKeever Hollar, 50, of Blowing Rock, who died while riding in a jeep between the Friendly club and Ed Smith's Place on the Lenoir-Blowing Rock highway between five and six o'clock Sunday night—died of natural causes, Caldwell County Coroner Marshall Kincaid said today.

The coroner's announcement followed an autopsy on Hollar's body by Dr. John C. Reese, pathologist at Grace Hospital at Greer Funeral Home at 10:30 o'clock this morning.

The coroner ordered the autopsy because of rumors that Hollar and his companions had participated in a fight at the Friendly Club which is operated by Lee Cornett.

Coroner Kincaid and Sheriff George D. Greer, and Deputy Sheriff Eugene T. Kirby said that Hollar and his companions had gotten out of a jeep at the Friendly Club when Hollar staggered and fell to the ground.

His companions, James Wesley Young, 25, and Spencer Teague, 45, both also of Blowing Rock placed Hollar in the front seat of the jeep with them and left for Ed Smith's Place. On arriving at Smith's Place, they discovered that he was dead.

Three other Blowing Rock men, Carl Ford, 33, C. V. Ford, 18, and Kenneth McLean, 20, met the other three men at the Friendly Club, and all six were ordered by Cornett to leave his premises and it was reported that all left for Ed Smith's Place with three in the jeep and three in a 1938 model Ford.

Officers reported that some of the men had been drinking.

The jeep was owned by Herman Cone of 806 Country Club Drive, Greensboro, and was used by Hollar in his duties as caretaker for Mr. Cone's Blowing Rock estate.

Funeral rites for Hollar will be conducted at Sandy Flat Baptist church at two o'clock Tuesday afternoon. Burial will be in Cool Springs cemetery.

The body was removed from Greer Funeral Home to the late residence at Blowing Rock this afternoon.

He was born in Watauga county, May 23, 1900, the son of Richard Hollar and the late Nettie Hayes Hollar.

Surviving in addition to his father, are his wife, Mrs. Earlene Hollar, nine children, two brothers and seven sisters.

## BENEFIT SINGING IS SUCCESSFUL

By JIM TAYLOR

They came. From all over the county they came. The seats in the courtroom were filled. Then the balcony was filled. One hour before the program was scheduled, all available seats were taken. And still they came. People stood in every nook and corner of the courtroom and balcony. A hundred or more were turned away because there was not even standing room left. Then at 8:00 o'clock the walls of the courtroom rocked to the music of twelve quartets singing songs of joy and praise. The music was excellent and yet there was something more than music about the mammoth March of Dimes singing held at the county courthouse last Saturday night. The spirit of this tremendous outpouring of goodwill was contagious. The crowd sensed the overwhelming obligation to those less fortunate ones who have been stricken by infantile paralysis. Dimes and dollars poured into the March of Dimes treasury for the alleviation of suffering across the country. Before the evening was over, \$420 had been added to the local collections.

The entire proceeds of the event were presented to the local chapter at the end of the program. There had been no expenses. Allen Gragg, chairman of the singing, worked diligently for two weeks in making the necessary arrangements and handling advance ticket sales. Frank Triplett supplied and installed the sound equipment at no cost to the chapter. Alfred Adams served as master of ceremonies during the entire program. All the singers performed without charge and yet they did more—they voted to pay the regular price for their own admission. Richard Hodges had contacted the quartets and did immense promotional work.

No other event staged by the March of Dimes this year has been as successful as the county-wide singing. The hope has already been expressed by many of the participants and scores of the audience that this program may become an annual affair of the March of Dimes drive.

## Many Local Partisans At Lincoln Dinner

A number of local Republicans were in Winston-Salem Saturday for the annual Lincoln Day dinner, when Hon. Carroll Reese of Tennessee, and Senator Owen Brewster of Maine were the principal speakers.

Among those attending from this locality were: Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Eggers, Stacy Eggers, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde R. Greene, Mrs. Ray Greene, Conley Storie, W. H. Gragg, Ivy B. Wilson.

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## Assemblymen Take Action To Cancel Special Election

### Says Blowing Rock Man Died Of Natural Causes

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### High School Band To Give Concert

### Senate Vacancy May Not Be Filled This Term.

A resolution asking that the special Senatorial election be cancelled in the 29th district, is to be introduced in the House of Representatives today, the Democrat is informed by Representative Wade E. Brown, who states that the measure is being sponsored by him, Representative Gentry of Ashe and J. K. Doughton of Sparta, at the behest of the Democratic and Republican leadership in the three counties.

The election called by Governor Scott for February 17, was to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Senator-elect W. B. Reeves of West Jefferson.

No nomination had been made by either party, and there is said to be general opposition to the election on the grounds of inability to get voters to participate, as well as the high cost of conducting the balloting. It is also said that by the time a man could be elected and certified, most of the important business of the current Legislative session would be transacted.

Representative Brown points out that the only way to forego the election is by a Legislative enactment. Governor Scott, who called the election, is said to be agreeable to its cancellation.

### Ten Students Go To Methodist Meet

Ten Methodist students from ASTC will be delegates to the annual state conference of the Methodist Student Movement in High Point beginning Friday and running through Sunday noon. Approximately 300 Methodist students and adult leaders will convene in High Point for the three day conference at the First Methodist Church.

The theme of this conference will be: "New Testament—Blue Print for Today." The featured speaker of the meeting will be Dr. Lowell B. Hazard of Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, Ill. Dr. Harvey C. Brown of the Board of Education, Department of Schools and Colleges of the Methodist Church from Nashville, Tenn., will also be on the program.

At the first business session of the conference, state officers will be elected. Miss Marjory Dwigins, who is a rising senior from Winston-Salem and at the present time treasurer of the local Wesley Fellowship, will be nominated for the office of State president. Miss Dwigins has excellent qualifications for this position, having been very active in the local group for the past three years and having been very active in the MYF of the Green Street Methodist Church, Winston-Salem prior to coming to ASTC.

### Child Is Bitten By Rabid Dog

A rabid dog, the property of Sam Horton, colored resident of the town, died Sunday night, after having bitten one of the Horton children, nine years old, the Democrat is advised by Lyle Jones, sanitarian with the district health department.

Mr. Jones received a wire from Raleigh yesterday afternoon, stating that the Horton dog was rabid, and serum is being administered to the child.

Mr. Jones asks that dogs in the community be kept confined for two weeks as a safety precaution.

### Dr. Herbert Wey To Head Conference

Mr. E. N. Howell, president of the N. C. Principals Association, recently announced that Dr. Herbert Wey, principal of Appalachian High School, will serve as chairman of the Summer School Conference for Principals. Approximately 100 North Carolina principals are members of the association. These principals will be invited to spend one week in a summer work shop in an effort to solve some of the problems that are confronting schools.

June 25 through June 29 has been set as the tentative dates for the summer conference. The meeting will be held on the campus of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Final details for the meeting will be worked out by Dr. Wey and his committee by the middle of March.

### Julius Calloway Is Claimed by Death

Julius M. Calloway, 78, resident of the Shulls Mills section, died at the home Sunday and funeral services were held Monday at the Foscoe Christian Church.

Rev. S. E. Gragg conducted the rites and interment was in the Calloway cemetery.

The widow, six sons and five daughters survive: Albert, Frank, William, Steve, Robert, J. C. Calloway, Shulls Mills; Mrs. Ledford Reed, Winston-Salem; Golda Mae Calloway, Boone; Ima Jean, Mary Sadie, Norma Jean Calloway, Shulls Mills.

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