

## KING STREET BY ROB RIVERS

RECENT WARM WEATHER brought a tinge of green to the brown lawn grass, and warm rains literally "flooded" hundreds of fish worms from the topsoil, where they had come as the good earth warmed. . . . Early robins plentiful about town, pin pointing the fine judgment of the birdies which are still in the deep South. . . . Miss Crettie Bingham, who resides out in the Rutherford neighborhood, tells of a flock of eighteen wild geese battling the gale last Wednesday, heading North—an old sign that spring is near. . . . Farmers tell of the almost impassable condition of the rural roads, as the first furrows of the planting season are turned many weeks late.

BACK IN DEPRESSION DAYS it was customary for desolate daddies to rob, or more politely, to "borrow" small sums from the baby's piggy bank, in order that the amount needed for week-end groceries might be rounded out. But in these days of plentiful currency, the pennies of the bitzy ones have been, as a rule, plumb safe, for after all, it is something of a chore to get the coins back through the slot. . . . The person, however, who entered Mrs. T. M. Greer's home the other day, was more ruthless than these pilferers of the panic. . . . he (or she) just took the piggy bank, in toto, and vanished. . . . The coin container rested beside the family Bible, and the Book, which contained all the admonitions against wrong-doings, wasn't molested at all. . . . The culprit needed the Divine teachings, obviously he did, but it didn't occur to him to take the volume. . . . which besides the gems of Christian doctrine, contained a material value in the form of a crisp twenty-dollar bill, which Mrs. Greer had deposited within the covers of the Holy Book.

A GROUP OF THE FELLOWS were discussing the weather, that topic which saves the day along the Street, and which can draw more interest than the Korean war, the economic situation or current political gossip. . . . They were trying to decide at what point the rain commenced to fall on the evening previous. . . . One suggested it had rained practically all night, another introduced the information that the stars were bright at 2:30 with not a cloud, north, south, east, or west. . . . The third said that the wind quit blowing at 3:38 a. m., while, the other one said, near as he could tell, the rain began peppering down about four o'clock. . . . The mooted question was "checked" to us, and we had to "pass" since we didn't know until along about daybreak that it was raining at all. . . . We couldn't qualify for we had been asleep. . . . but as we walked away from the weather discussion we meditated upon the subject. . . . Five men had been together, and four of them appeared to know just what the weather was at any given hour during the night in question. . . . Neither of them had sickness in the family, nor a new baby with the colic, nor the toothache, they were no doubt just lying there trying to find out whether there would be rain, wind, snow or frost. . . . And it's always that way, anybody you meet will tell you when the rain or the snow started, leading us to believe that this community has established a record for insomniacs, or that we just have so much curiosity about things in general that we prefer to stay awake the whole night through lest we miss the timing of a zephyr, or lose out on the minute the rain changed to sleet and to snow, and the hour the moon found the rift in the clouds.

BALMY WEATHER of the week-end brings touch of spring fever, and general predictions that "since the early part of the winter was so rough, spring may be here." . . . Russell Hodges is of the sound opinion that you'd better never lay your money down on March behavior, and while at this distance we can't say whether she came in like a lion or a lamb, generally speaking she's unpredictable, and quite often dishes up the worst weather of the season.

## DIRECTS CAROLINA ORCHESTRA



DR. BENJAMIN SWALIN

## Little Symphony Slated To Appear At College

### Eleven Men Are Called To Colors

The following Watauga county men left Monday for Charlotte for induction into the army under the selective service law: Joe C. Wood, Ralph E. Hodges, Vaughn H. Carroll, John C. Pitts, Jerry B. Coffey, James M. Moretz, J. B. Norris, Bobby Greene, James L. Matheson, Paul E. Shepherd, Lloyd H. Johnson.

### ACE MEETING IS HELD FRIDAY

The local unit of the Association for Childhood Education held a dinner meeting at the Skyline Restaurant Friday evening. The guest speaker was Miss Carrie B. Phillips, who is state ACE president. Miss Phillips holds a position as principal of the Brooks School in Greensboro.

The theme of Miss Phillips' message centered on the child, urging teachers and parents to avoid bringing too much pressure on children. Understanding should accompany information. The child can best face his problems if he is taught to feel rhythm of poetry, and to see the beauty of nature. Officers for the ensuing school year were submitted by the nominating committee. They were elected: Mrs. Lucille Wallace was elected president; Mrs. Desie M. Edmisten vice president; and Miss Mary Ellen Gibbs secretary.

### Joe Moody Is Taken By Death

Joseph Ernest Moody, 42, resident of Vilas, died suddenly last Wednesday in Lenoir, where he had been employed. Death was attributed to a heart attack.

Funeral services were held Friday at the Brushy Fork Baptist Church by Rev. Victor Trivett and Rev. A. C. Moody and interment was in the Adams cemetery.

The widow, Mrs. Hazel Moody of Vilas, survives, with two sons and two daughters: Leonard and Joseph Edward Moody, Zora and Linda Moody, all of the home.

Quaker Town, Pa.—Valentine Day had a special meaning for Mrs. Emma Smell and Mrs. Ida Weikel, 79-year-old twins. They celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversaries. The sisters and their husbands, Asher Weikel, 82, and Frank Smell, 83, entertained at a family gathering.

Longer work-week is authorized by General Marshall.

## 3-Year Optional Course Is Being Given At College

Appalachian State Teachers college will continue its policy of offering accelerated courses to all students who wish to graduate within three years, it has been announced by the administration. This policy has been in effect at the college since 1929, by giving a full summer quarter every year.

The program, which offers freshman, upperclass and graduate courses for every quarter of the year, also makes it possible for honor students to graduate with only eleven quarters of residence instead of the usually required twelve.

Students who are finishing high school this spring will be able to enter summer school on June 12 and will complete one quarter's work by August 27.

Appalachian also will continue to offer courses designed particularly for students who plan to transfer to technical schools after one or two years of work, and for students who are taking preparatory courses for the healing arts, such as medicine, dentistry, and the like.

The college administration stated that it would urge all students to remain in college and to continue their studies as long as possible, so that, if they are called into military service, they may take up their work again, when they re-enter, at the same place the studies were interrupted.

### ACCEPTS CALL TO BLOWING ROCK

Reverend Sam S. Cappell has accepted a call to become pastor of the Ruple Memorial Presbyterian church at Blowing Rock. Rev. Cappell with his wife and nineteen months old daughter, will arrive March 5.

Rev. Cappell is a native of Louisiana, and received his A. B. degree from Louisiana School of Technology. A veteran of World War II, he spent almost four years in the Navy. He will receive his B. D. degree from Columbia Seminary, Decatur, Ga., on March 1.

Mrs. Cappell is a graduate of Erskine College, Due West, South Carolina, where she majored in Bible. For three years prior to her marriage in 1948 she taught Bible in the Asheville City schools. She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. H. B. Dendy of Weaverville, N. C.

### Bank Gets New Coverage in FDIC

Dr. B. B. Dougherty, president of the Northwestern Bank, today announced receipt from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Washington, D. C., of a new certificate of membership giving effect to the recent increase in insurance coverage to \$10,000. The local bank has been a member of the FDIC since 1937.

Dr. Dougherty pointed out that this insurance does not cost depositors of the bank a single penny. The surplus of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation which now exceeds \$1,300,000,000, in addition to all deposit insurance losses and operating expenses of the Corporation has been paid in by the 13,650 insured banks of this nation in the form of annual assessments based on their total deposits.

"Under the leadership of its chairman, Maple T. Hard, and his predecessors," Dr. Dougherty said, "the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation has made a great contribution to the soundness and solvency of our banking system and to the safety and security of bank depositors. It has been seven years since any depositor of an insured bank suffered a loss, a new record of depositor safety in this nation."

### Dr. Perry Attends Memphis Meeting

Dr. H. B. Perry, Jr., attended a three-day National Conference on Rural Health in Memphis, Tenn., last week. The conference was attended by more than six hundred people, many of whom were national figures in the fields of medicine, public health, farm groups and related organizations. Dr. Perry was accompanied by Mrs. Perry.

Dr. Perry states that the work done in Watauga County in organized health care is being maintained. (Continued on page five)

# Dog Quarantine Acts To Curb Spread Of Rabies

## VOCALISTS MAP ANNUAL SPRING CONCERTS



APPALACHIAN COLLEGE A CAPPELLA CHOIR

## Choir To Start Concert Tour

### Local Red Cross Chapter Starts Campaign Monday

#### Rev. J. K. Parker Is Chairman Annual Effort.

The Watauga Chapter of the American Red Cross will launch its annual fund-raising campaign next Monday, to get its share of the amount needed for next year's operations, and the effort is to be continued throughout the month of March, the preliminary announcement indicates. The Reverend J. K. Parker, Jr. is chairman of this year's campaign and has enlisted the aid of a number of the county's leading citizens, including Mr. W. H. Gragg, Rev. E. F. Troutman, and Mrs. Betty Matheson Edwards. The campaign will get under way Monday morning at eight o'clock when the key members of the campaign committee meet at the Skyland Restaurant for a kick-off breakfast.

"For many years," says Mr. Parker, "the Red Cross has been regarded as both the symbol and the source of aid to the distressed in great disasters of peace or war. But never in its long history has it faced a larger test of its responsibility than it does today."

#### WILSON MAKES PLEA

The nation has chosen to seek peace through strength. The American Red Cross is the symbol of the strength and unity of a free people. When we give of our strength to help the weak, the sick, the homeless, the hungry, the wounded, we actually grow stronger thereby. The Red Cross is the symbol of the dignity and the value of the human life. It is part of the American strength. — Charles E. Wilson, Director of Defense Mobilization.

### HOME CLUB MEET BEING PLANNED

Future plans for the District Federation meeting of the Home Demonstration clubs will be discussed at the County Council meeting to be held in Boone at the office of the home agent, on Friday, March 2, at 2 o'clock, according to an announcement by Mrs. Betty M. Edwards, home agent.

Miss Nell Kennett, Western District Home Agent, will also attend the meeting. All officers of the clubs in the county are urged to attend and all other club members are invited.

Dairy specialists at State College say that cows fed liberal amounts of good-quality roughage need not be given large amounts of bulk in the concentrate mixture.

#### Red Cross Leader



REV. J. K. PARKER

### Rites Held For Dr. Robt. Garvey

Winston-Salem.—Funeral services for Dr. Robert R. Garvey of Stratford Apartments and Blowing Rock were conducted Saturday at 2 p. m. at the First Baptist Church by Dr. Ralph A. Herring and the Rev. James M. Hayes. Burial was in the Forsyth Memorial Park.

Pallbearers were Sanford Martin, Luther Bagnall Sr., Charles Siewers, Harry Dennis, Wade Gilliam, W. G. Weaver, Clyde Hardy and Charles Linville. Members of the Forsyth County Medical Society sat in a group at the church.

Dr. Garvey died at a local hospital at 11:35 p. m. Thursday after several years of declining health. He had been seriously ill 10 days.

Born November 23, 1888, in Ashe County, he was the son of William H. and Sarah Howell Garvey. He spent his early life in Ashe County.

He graduated from Appalachian. (Continued on page five)

### John M. Lyon Dies at Age of 90

John Mitchell Lyon, 90 years old, a resident of Burnsville, died at the Blowing Rock hospital last Wednesday.

Funeral services were held Friday at 2:30 at the Burnsville Presbyterian Church and burial was in the city cemetery there. Surviving are two sons and two daughters: J. P. Lyon, Blowing Rock; R. B. Lyon, Knoxville, Tenn.; Mrs. R. E. Burton, Weaverville; Mrs. W. C. McNew, Knoxville, Tenn.

## Health Department In Statement Refers to Situation As "Serious"

Dogs continue to go mad in different sections of Watauga county, according to information from the health department, at least seven dogs having been found to be rabid since the start of the current epidemic.

A dog killed in Perkinville Monday was believed to have been rabid, but it was shot, and the head couldn't be examined. The same day the head of another dog was sent to the State laboratory.

The quarantine of all dogs in the town, including the town of Boone, will be continued through the month of March, on order of the county health officer, Dr. Mary Michal. This means that all dogs must be confined on the premises of the owner except when on leash or under the control of the owner or other responsible person. By this time, says Dr. Michal, no dogs, owned by responsible people should be at large within the county.

The health department statement quotes chapter 106, article 34, part 7, section 106-376, State laws, in the matter of the quarantine:

"When quarantine has been established and dogs continue to run at large, uncontrolled by the owners or persons responsible for their control, any police officer or deputy sheriff shall have the right, after reasonable effort has been made on the part of the officers, to find their owners, to kill said dogs and properly dispose of their bodies."

The law is further quoted as saying that every animal having rabies or known to have been bitten by an animal having rabies shall be killed immediately by its owner or police officer, unless it has recently been vaccinated, when he shall be confined in quarantine until released by the veterinarian or health officer. A sick dog should be seen and diagnosed by the veterinarian, and if he has rabies, killed, and the head sent to the Laboratory of Hygiene at the State Board of Health.

The health department adds: "This is a serious situation that endangers the lives of our citizens and children. Protect our children by reporting stray dogs. Call for help if your dog is sick. Do not handle sick dogs and examine them about the mouth but keep closely confined. Rabies is a deadly disease. Pet cats are a serious menace. Kill all cats."

### Blowing Rock Acts In Rabies Emergency

Miles Forbes, chief of police, Blowing Rock, tells the Democrat that the dog quarantine order of the health department is being enforced in the neighboring town, and is insisting that all the people cooperate in complying with this important edict. Chief Forbes states that arrangements are being made by the city council at Blowing Rock to have a general vaccination of dogs there at the earliest possible time.

### Movie Premiere Asked For Boone

"Queen for a Day," a new movie feature based on the Mutual radio program of the same name, will have its world premiere in Boone, if the efforts of the Chamber of Commerce, WATA, and the Appalachian Theatre are fruitful.

Cards have been distributed through the various schools of the county, and those securing them are asked to sign, and address to "Queen for a Day," Hollywood 20, Calif. The response to this appeal will determine largely the chances Boone has of getting the initial showing of the film, which is expected to be released about the middle of April.

West pushes Big Four talks despite Stalin's statement.