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KING STREET BY ROB RIVERS

W. E. SHIPLEY, pioneer stockman of the Vilas neighborhood, spends a while with us on Saturday, talks over things political and otherwise, and nurtures a sound philosophy of life. . . . Mr. Shipley is included in our earliest recollections, and by the time we could read, perused long letters from him appearing in the Democrat, pleading with the folks of the county to raise cattle, good white face stock, quit plowing the hills and enjoy new prosperity and contentment. . . . Year after year, Mr. Shipley plugged away for better cattle, kept bringing in better bovines from down Texas way all along, and as a pioneer in the advocacy of Hereford cattle, he has contributed a lion's share to the development of the beef cattle industry in the county. . . . The pioneers in the purebred cattle business had hard-sledding trying to convince the folk that the stocky broad English types of cattle should supplant the rangy mongrel breeds, but somebody had to keep advocating green grass and white-headed cattle, and a broadened prosperity for the hill people. Fellows like W. E. Shipley, G. C. Winkler, Alex Woody and others of the pioneer cattlemen of the county, had to live a long time before the rest of the folks caught up with their advanced thinking along agricultural lines.

BEING FOND OF RED NECKTIES, and using no other sort, except an occasional green one, we have one particularly bright crimson creation, which just exactly coincides with our idea of what red ought to be. . . . The Missus brought the flaming cravat up from downtown one day, and we wore it along the street with a right gay shirt, and there was a lot of comment along the way. . . . A very few folks said the neckwear was just "ducky", but most, to tell the truth, looked with down right disfavor on the tie, which would make a June apple look a bit anemic, and we reflected on the attitude of the folks. . . . Just why, we pondered, is it that a man isn't supposed to look gay. . . . How come the male of the species, is by common custom supposed to wear subdued shades of most everything. . . . The suits go in browns and blues, and in grays, and dull mixtures of the three, while there isn't any good reason for not having a scarlet suit, or a pea green costume, or any other color. . . . Fact is, in the old days, the men wore the powdered wigs, the silk pants of bright colors, and all the glad trappings, but finally the changes in the economic order forced the poor fellow to lay aside his gay raiment and go to work. . . . Fancy sport clothes are becoming more fashionable with the increase in leisure time, but we've still a long way to go before we regain our rightful place in the sun. . . . A flaming tie still brings forth (with apologies to the Cherokees, etc.) a sort of collective "Ugh!"

SEEN IN PASSING: Howard Steelman, who has carried the rural mail route from Deep Gap for nigh on to twenty years, giving the news from his section. . . . Rev. Eber Gragg, doubtless the oldest active minister of the Gospel in this section of the State, talking with a group of friends on the bank corner. . . . Group of children dig out the roller skates, have a lot of fun, and the oldsters willingly endure the slight interruption in traffic along the sidewalks. . . . Television enthusiasts talk of the various programs they are enjoying. . . . W. D. Farthing, retired bank cashier, apparently enjoying visit to the scene of his long labors, as others shoulder the responsibilities which were his for so long. . . . Jim Sherwood, over from Beaver Dam with a new supply of jokes. . . . and Mrs. Pat McGuire giving us the "lift" of the week with the observation, "Saw you coming down the next block, and thought you were one of the College lads!" . . . and since she didn't laugh when she said it. . . . Thanks a lot!

Easter Sunrise Service Is To Be Held At Cone Park

Stanley Harris' And Marvin Culbreth Map Program.

by EARLEEN G. PRITCHETT
The third annual Blue Ridge Easter Sunrise Service will be held this year at the Mansion House in the Moses H. Cone Memorial Park at Blowing Rock. The program is being prepared by a committee headed by Stanley A. Harris, secretary of the Boone Chamber of Commerce, and Marvin Culbreth, youth secretary of the Boone Methodist church.
The complete program for this year's observance has not yet been formulated, but there will be band music by the Appalachian band, vocal music from a massed choir directed by Mrs. Virginia Wary Linney of Appalachian State Teachers college, and the entire program will be carried over Radio Station WATA in Boone.
History of Service
On Easter morning in 1949, a group of interested people gathered at the Blowing Rock on the crest of the Blue Ridge to participate in the first Easter Sunrise Service that had been held at that location, and under the joint sponsorship of the churches and townspeople of Blowing Rock. About 150 people braved the cold sharp wind of that Easter morning.
As the Easter season approached the next year, plans were begun for a repetition of the observance. (Continued on page six)

HARRY FARTHING GIVEN 'SUPERIOR' BAND RATINGS

Harry Farthing, baritone player in the Appalachian High School Band, won a "Superior" rating at the District and State Contest for soloists. This is the highest rating that can be won by high school students. The contest was held at Lincolnton, on Saturday, March 3. Miss Beth Eggers played the piano accompaniment. Mr. Farthing played "Emmet's Lullaby" by T. V. Short.
He received excellent comments from the judge for his interpretation of the selection, his fine tone quality, and his excellent musicianship. Mr. Roy Blanton, director of the high school band, had high praise for the work Mr. Farthing did in the contest.
The Appalachian High School Band is rehearsing for the district contest for bands to be held at High Point March 16. The band will play three selections: "Alpine Holiday Overture," by C. P. Barnes, "Harvest Home," by Paul Yoder, and a march, "De Molay Commandery," by R. B. Hall. Extra rehearsals are being scheduled for the next two weeks in order to prepare the band for the contest. The band received "Excellent" last year. Forty-five members will make the trip to High Point. If the band receives a "Superior" rating at the district, they will be eligible for the state contest at Greensboro in April.

Hereford Expert To Speak Here

Mr. B. C. Snidow, eastern representative of the American Hereford Association, will visit Watauga county Hereford breeders March 13-14, and deliver an address to the cattlemen at 7:30 p. m. Wednesday, March 14, at the county agent's office.
Mr. Snidow was editor of the Breeder-Stockman for many years and resigned this position to accept a post with the Hereford Association.
All Hereford breeders should plan to hear Mr. Snidow.

Beef Cattle Men Make Sale Plans

The beef cattle producers of Watauga county have elected a "farmers' committee" to work with the county agent and agricultural committee of the Boone Chamber of Commerce on the feeder calf sale, which is being sponsored by the civic group.
The farmers will assist with the selection, grading, penning and advertising of the calves for the sale.
The committee members are as follows:
Henry Taylor, Valle Crucis; Howard Erdman, Sugar Grove; Avery Greene, Route 2, Boone; Lynn Norris, Reese; Ned Glenn, Sugar Grove; Robert Shipley, Vilas.

Old Clothing Collection To Be Made By Scouts

New Schedule Of Rabies Clinics Is Given For County

A new schedule of rabies clinics to be held by Dr. John G. Martin, veterinarian rabies inspector for Watauga county, is announced by Dr. Mary Michal, district health officer.
The new schedule will make it possible for all the people to get their dogs to a local clinic to receive the annual rabies vaccine required by State law.
Since reports continue to come to the department of mad dogs and other animals, Dr. Michal again stresses the importance of all citizens keeping the dog quarantined, which is in effect during the month of March in the entire county, keeping dogs confined, or on leash when accompanied by the owner, and gives the following direction for combatting the rabies epidemic:
If a dog appears sick, have him seen at once by Dr. Martin or by the sanitarian from the health department; If bitten or scratched by an animal that may be mad, closely confine the animal where he can be watched, but do not kill it. It is absolutely necessary to determine definitely if the animal is mad before having it killed; The animal must be really sick from the disease before a positive diagnosis can be found by the State laboratory; If the animal cannot be caught, without being shot, try to kill the animal without injuring the head; that is, try to shoot the animal through the heart. (Continued on page six)

Morton to Speak At Chamber Meet

Hugh Morton, president of the Linville Company, president of the Carolina Press Photographers' Association and a prominent resident of Wilmington, will be the featured speaker at the noon meeting of the Boone Chamber of Commerce which is to be held at the Skyline Restaurant Tuesday, March 13.
Mr. H. W. Wilcox, president of the organization, in announcing the meeting, says that in addition to Mr. Morton's address, important civic matters are to be discussed. He asks a full attendance of the members.

Farm Repair Shop To Open Monday

The Cove Creek Agricultural shop will be open Monday to Friday night inclusive from 7 to 10 o'clock, until March 16, so that farmers may repair their farm equipment. It is stated that harness leather and oil are available at the shop to those who use the facilities.

Local Solon Asks Booze Money For State

A bill which would give the State of North Carolina one-half the net profits from the sale of whiskey in the ABC stores of the so-called wet counties of the State was introduced in the Legislature last week by Representative Wade E. Brown, and has been referred to the Finance committee of the house for action.
Under present procedure, it is understood, the counties which permit the sale of whiskey, under the State's local option laws, get the entire profits from the ABC stores they establish. Mr. Brown's bill would result in the division of the \$6,207,581.70 liquor store kitty with the State. He explains that the measure is introduced solely for the purpose of providing additional revenue

James Benfield Is County's First To Die in Korean War

Pfc. James Harold Benfield, 22, was killed in action in Korea on February 15, it was learned from a telegram received by his mother, Mrs. Mary Pennell of Blowing Rock. No details concerning his death were contained in the official notice.
Jimmy, as he was called by his many friends, was born on January 10, 1929 in Summitt County, near Akron, Ohio. He was the only son of Mrs. Pennell and the late Letcher Benfield, and attended school in Blowing Rock, graduating from high school there in 1947. He was especially interested in journalism and served on the staff of the Blowing Rocket before entering Berea College at Berea, Ky.
He enlisted in the army March 18, 1948, and was soon sent to Tokyo. He was with the first cavalry division.
Mrs. Pennell received a letter from her son, written two days before he was killed, in which he stated he had been in the thick of the fighting for six days.
He is survived by his mother, one sister, Miss Jane Benfield, of Charlotte, and his step-father, Mr. Cloy Penell, of Blowing Rock.

College Orchestra To Give Annual Concert Sunday

The College Orchestra will give its annual concert Sunday evening, March 11, in the college auditorium, under the direction of Nicholas Erneston. The orchestra, now in its third season, has grown steadily, and now has 40 members.
Among the selections to be presented are the following: Russian Choral and Overture, based on Tchaikovsky's Op. 29, No. 24, and Russian Folk-tunes, by Isaac Londonderry Air, by Zamcenik; Chinese Procession by Crist; Poem by Fibich; Procession of the Sardar, from "Caucasian Sketches" by Ippolitow-Iwanow; Pavane Pour Une Infante Defunte by Ravel; Themes from "Romeo and Juliet" by Tchaikovsky; and Triumphal March, from "Sigurd Jorsalfar," by Grieg.
To be featured on the program is an original composition by an Appalachian music student, Louie Deviney. Mr. Deviney has shown an intense interest in modern composition, in the style established by Stan Kenton, and this composition, which is entitled Autumn Morning, is of this type. Mr. Deviney will conduct this number.
Attention is called to the fact that, due to evening church services, the program will not begin until 8:15 p. m. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Thomas Greer Dies at Age 92

Mr. Thomas Greer, 92, of Deep Gap, died at the home on March 2.
Funeral services were held on March 4, at 11 a. m. at the Laurel Springs Baptist Church and burial was in the cemetery near the church. Rev. Victor Trivett and Rev. R. C. Eggers conducted the rites.
Surviving is a sister, Mrs. Julia Trivette, of Boone, Route 1.

Brown Acts to Increase Pay Clerk And Register Deeds

Ministers To Canvass Town For Red Cross

County's Quota in Red Cross Effort is Set at \$2,700; Examples Given Of Red Cross Work

by MARGARET E. AGLE
The ministers of Boone will be carrying a message in addition to their gospel tidings this week, a message as they cover the town door-to-door, in the name of the American Red Cross; this is the great share of work that has been assumed by the Boone Ministerial Association that has lined up 'oldly behind the Rev. J. K. Parker, Jr., chairman of this year's drive to raise the \$2700 quota set for Watauga County. As the ministers are covering the residential sections Mr. Watt H. Gragg will have his workers calling on the business establishments, Mrs. Earleen Pritchett will have her committee working in every department of the college, and the schools in the county and town will be falling in line as the march toward the goal gets underway.
To mark the rising tide of donations coming in for this drive, the big thermometer used last year will again be set up on the postoffice lawn and will be supervised by Mr. Clyde R. Greene. The red mark on this thermometer will need to rise higher this year to take care of the increase in quota from \$1700 that was the amount called for last year; this (Continued on page three)

Howard Bohner Succumbs Friday

Mr. Howard Bohner, 56, brother of Mrs. Joe Conderman of Boone, died of a heart attack at Miami, Fla. last Friday.
Funeral services were held on Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock at Combs chapel in Miami and burial was in Woodlawn mausoleum.
Mr. Bohner was president of the Bohner Sheet Metal and Roofing Co., of Miami. He was a member of the Lions' club, the American Legion and Central Baptist Church.
Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Lillian Bohner; two daughters, Mrs. Mildred Heatherly, Savannah, Ga.; Mrs. William Marvel, Miami; the mother, Mrs. Margaret Bohner, of Miami; and a sister, Mrs. Joe Conderman of Boone.

Sheep Producers Name Committee

Following the livestock school at the courthouse in Boone on Friday, March 2, the sheep producers met and elected the following committee of farmers to assist with the wool and lamb sales in 1951:
T. C. Baird, Valle Crucis; Ed Love, Sugar Grove; Lewis Norris, Reese; Dwight Cable, Sugar Grove.

Former Sheriff Of Allegheny New Chief Of Police



GLENN RICHARDSON

Glenn Richardson, of Sparta, former Sheriff of Allegheny county, who is known as one of this area's most competent enforcement officers, has been employed as Chief of the Boone police department, it is learned from Mayor Gordon H. Winkler.
Mr. Richardson assumed his new duties March 1, succeeding Mr. Walter Johnson, popular and competent police officer, who had been acting chief since the resignation of Chief Coy Greene some months ago.

Draft Board Head Gives Few Rules

Selective Service registrants of this county should observe a few simple rules in presenting their cases to the Draft Board. Mr. Joe Todd, chairman of the Watauga County Board, stated that registrants and interested persons could help the Draft Board and themselves if they will observe the following three suggestions:
1.—Present in writing a statement of all facts which they believe will entitle the registrant to deferment. This should be presented at the time the questionnaire is returned. Any subsequent change in status that might warrant reclassification should be reported in writing.
2.—File within ten days after (Continued on page six)

Paper Collection In Perkinville

The Perkinville Baptist Church Scout troop will make a scrap paper collection in the Perkinville area Saturday morning, according to Mr. Boyd Cooke, Scout committeeman.
Anyone in this area having old newspapers and magazines are asked by Mr. Cooke to place them in a conspicuous place, so that the collectors may find them. Papers should be tied in bundles that may be handled easily.
The Scouts are working on a project to try to equip each Scout in this new troop with a uniform.
These Scouts are also available for helping householders with spring cleaning and other odd jobs which boys of their age are capable of doing. Anyone desiring to aid the troop by giving work to the Scouts may contact Mr. Cooke in Perkinville.

Legislation Gives Officials Boost in Pay, In Addition Fees.

The Clerk of the Superior Court of Watauga county will receive a salary of \$200 per month and the Register of Deeds \$150 per month, in addition to their usual fees under the terms of a bill introduced in the Legislature by Representative Wade E. Brown of Watauga.
Representative Brown states that under the new salary law, the \$50 salary heretofore received by the Clerk for services as Juvenile Court judge, is to be included, and the net effect of the bill will be to give each official an increase of \$150 per month.
Heretofore, Mr. Brown says, the net pay received by the two officials has been practically the same.
Following is the text of the local salary bill:
A bill to be entitled an act to fix the compensation of the clerk of the Superior Court and the register of deeds of Watauga County:
The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:
Section 1. From and after March 1st, 1951, the Clerk of the Superior Court of Watauga County shall receive as compensation for the performance of his official duties, including his duties as Judge of the Juvenile Court, the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) per month, and in addition, said Clerk shall receive all official fees and commissions now fixed by law for the performance of his duties. The compensation fixed by this Act for said Clerk shall be effective as of the 1st day of March, 1951.
Sec. 2. From and after January 1st, 1951, the Register of Deeds of Watauga County shall receive as compensation the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00) per month for the performance of all of his official duties, including the duty of acting as Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners, and in addition (Continued on page eight)

Mrs. Ameen Dies In W. Virginia

Funeral services for Mrs. Sarah York Ameen, 70, of Iager, W. Va., who died on the 22nd, were conducted on the 24th from the Iager Methodist Church, with Rev. Tally Hana, the pastor, in charge.
Assisting Rev. Mr. Hanna in the rites were Rev. W. S. Barbery, pastor of the Davy Methodist church, and Rev. J. L. Mann, pastor of the Iager Baptist church.
Mrs. Ameen had been a resident of Iager for the past 20 years, and with her husband, K. Ameen, she formerly owned and operated the Silver Grill. A member of the Iager Methodist Church, she also belonged to Lotus No. 80, of the Order of the Eastern Star at Iager, and the Mt. Olive White Shrine of Welch.
She was preceded in death by her first husband, F. B. York, two daughters and one son.
Mrs. Ameen is survived by her husband, a daughter, Mrs. Virginia York Spangler, Sharon, Pa.; a son, William Brantley York, Boone, N. C.; two sisters, Mrs. Fannie Tabor, of Sweet Springs, W. Va., and Mrs. T. R. Shupe of Bramwell.

Watauga Legion Post To Meet On Friday

Watauga Post American Legion will meet Friday at 7:30 at the Legion hut for the purpose of transacting regular business and also to devise a program for aiding the men now being called to the colors. It is the desire of the post to help these service men in the solution of their personal problems.