

## KING STREET

BY  
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JERRY COE, who handles insurance, real estate, etc., tells us of an unusual suit brought against one of his clients... Jerry had the liability insurance on a truck owned by the Farmers Hardware & Supply Co., which, while in Bristol, Tenn., about a year ago, had trouble with a dog... The truck didn't strike the dog, or anything of that sort, but it seems it just worried the canine a heap, perhaps caused him to lose some sleep and some weight, and all—so his owner brought suit, and of course the insurance company was the target of the fellow, and — Fido. Jerry says that Turner Storie was driving the truck and that in manipulating the big vehicle at the end of the run, a piece of piping protruding from the truck almost grazed the side of an auto occupied by the dog... The dog, described as just an ordinary kind of long legged perp, didn't like the looks of things, and jumped through the open window, taking off as if he were in quest of the last cat on earth... Turner, says Jerry, tried manfully to catch the dog which had gone berserk, but to no avail... The dog, the story goes, traipsed around over Bristol and vicinity for a couple of weeks and returned, footsore and weary, to his owner... The man, in turn, immediately instituted suit, asking damages on behalf of the pup, and the insurance company, after rather extended litigation, "coughed up" \$250 for "mental anguish" suffered by the dog as a result of his fright and ensuing absence from the family circle, which, we respectfully submit, is a brand new gesture in behalf of man's best friend.

BILL RUSH, approaching the end of a hard day in the Democrat's composing room, wearily reflected on the State of the Union, with particular emphasis on the cheapening of the dollar, which it is alleged, is beginning even to perplex the eagle and said, "Instead of giving two dollars for a bushel of faters, time's coming when we'll be giving two taters for a bushel of money!"

CITY WORKERS moving the snow from the curbs Monday morning. Warm rain and streams of water from the hydrants rapidly carried away the piles of snow left last week's heavy fall... Friend of ours who is gifted at mixing in forceful but rather unorthodox words in his conversation, says he's trying to quit swearing... "Have been doing pretty well lately," he confides, "by trying not to get too mad—am now just cussing by dribbles"... That embarrassed feeling as we seek to pass someone on a wide sidewalk, and both turn the same way... Both become confused and finally a close passage is negotiated.

REV. J. N. ATKINS, a good friend of ours, and a constant reader of the Watauga Democrat for more than forty years, has our thanks for telling us of a grave error which occurred in this column last week. In calling attention to date on which Easter falls, we stated that it was determined by the Nicene "creed" rather than the Nicene "council"... One of the perplexing errors which can get by in the presstime rush. The Nicene Council, drew up the Nicene creed, also seizing the date for Easter back in the year 325, hence the confusion.

THE ACQUAINTANCE who persists in calling us Mr. Waters... Have never bothered to set him straight, since he's fairly close... Took a fall the other day in the presence of some good friends, the best of whom was plumb sorry we had taken the skid... He said so, and to prove it, laughed and laughed!... Another came forth with the time-honored, double-barreled query: "didn't hurcha did it?"... Spring officially ushered in today with cooler temperatures, and retarded blossoms... Bunny rabbits, colored eggs, and brand new clothing in the limelight as the folks prepare for Easter and the gay parade... and look forward to the balmy spring days which will soon be here... about a dozen or so of which are ample pay for the chills and the inconveniences of the long hard winter.

## Final Plans Mapped For Sunrise Service

### Choir Rehearsals For Easter Services In Final Stages

Rehearsals are now in their final stages for the Easter sunrise service which will be held at the Manor House in the Moses H. Cone Memorial Park near Blowing Rock. The massed community choirs, under the direction of Mrs. Virginia Linney, are now in practice and the Appalachian high school band, which will play the antiphonal music under the direction of Roy R. Blanton, also is practicing the full program.

An impressive service, depicting the brilliantly-lighted tomb, has been worked out by the participating ministers. A figure, clothed in white, Peter and the other disciples, declare "Christ the Lord is Risen," and the congregation responds, "Christ the Lord is Risen Indeed." The music to be used, both the anthems and the hymns in which the congregation will take part, fit into this theme of the risen Lord.

Dr. W. G. Bond of the Boone Baptist Church, and the Rev. Joseph Thomas of Blowing Rock, will lead the responsive reading and the prayer. The last musical number will be the "Hallelujah Chorus" by the choir. Rev. E. S. Ransom of the Boone Advent Christian Church will pronounce the benediction.

The detailed program for the Sunrise Service will be found on page one of the second section of this edition.

## Local Collegian Gets High Honor

Miss June Rachel Davis of Charlotte, senior at Appalachian State Teachers College, has just received word that she has been granted a graduate fellowship by the Danforth Foundation of St. Louis, Mo. The letter stated that Miss Davis was chosen from "an exceptionally large number of applicants." It is understood that hundreds of students representing dozens of colleges and universities over the United States competed for the honor, and that Miss Davis is one of the sixteen chosen from the entire nation.

The Danforth Foundation has as its main objective the fostering of religious values in the schools, colleges, and universities. The qualifications for a Danforth Graduate Fellow are very high, among them being the following: Being a Christian and a church member; of unquestioned intellectual and moral integrity, having a creative, imaginative, sensitive alert, adaptable personality; and possessing the ambition to promote the Christian religion.

Miss Davis is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will W. Davis of Route 2, Charlotte. She is a graduate of Sharon high school. She is to receive her degree in English and Literary Science at Appalachian.

## John Hodges Is Taken By Death

Mr. John Wesley Hodges, 80 years old, died at his home in the Adams neighborhood March 18, following a short illness. Funeral services were held at Oak Grove Baptist Church on March 19, and burial was in the Hines cemetery. Rev. Ed Hodges Rev. R. C. Eggers and Rev. C. O. Vance conducted the services.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Polly Adams and Mrs. Letcher Barnes of Boone, and one brother, Mr. Jim Hodges, of Boone. There are also six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

## Easter Cantata

An Easter cantata will be given by the Boone Demonstration school at the Baptist church Sunday evening at 7:30. All seven grades will participate in the program, and the public is cordially invited to attend.



MISS FRANCES FARTHING

## Miss Farthing On State Nurse Board

Miss Frances Farthing, daughter of Mr. Ben W. Farthing and the late Mrs. Farthing of Valle Crucis, was recently elected a member of the State Board of Nurse Examiners.

Miss Farthing is educational director at Cabarrus Hospital School of Nursing, Concord N. C. and is a graduate of Cornell University-New York Hospital School of Nursing, New York City.

Other members of the board are: Miss Miriam Daughtry, educational director for Schools of Nursing in North Carolina, Raleigh; Miss Ethel Fay Burton, educational director at Memorial Hospital in Charlotte; Dr. Moir S. Martin, Mount Airy; and Dr. Louten C. Hedgepeth, Lumberton.

## Ashe-Watauga Road Contracted

A combination road project in Ashe and Watauga counties is included in the State Highway Commission's letting of March 29. The project will be financed under the \$200,000,000 bond issue program.

## Attack Is Fatal To Mrs. Reece

Mrs. Opal Robinson Reece, 29 years old, of Cleveland, Ohio, formerly of Zionville, died of a heart attack at Watauga hospital in Boone March 19.

Funeral services were held at the Zionville Baptist church at 2 o'clock Wednesday, conducted by Rev. Victor Trivett, and interment was in the Reece cemetery.

Survivors include the husband Mr. Lon Reece of Cleveland, O.; one daughter, Carolyn; the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Landrine Robinson, Shouns, Tenn.; three brothers, Claude, Lloyd, and Frank Robinson; four sisters, Viola, Cleo, and Glenda, all of Shouns, Tenn., and Mrs. Wallace Leonard of Bristol, Va.

Offices to Close  
The county offices in the court house are to be closed Easter Monday, March 26.

## Work Red Cross Solicitors Slowed By Bad Weather

Reports from Mr. Alfred Adams, treasurer for the Watauga County fund campaign in behalf of the American Red Cross, have a dark cast as bad weather in the mountains keep the volunteer workers from making their calls for donations. Campaign officials are hopeful that a break in the slow rise of funds in the treasury will send the figures soaring toward the \$2700 quota set for Watauga County.

The Red Cross emblem is in evidence all over town as merchants display the symbol of mercy; Mr. C. K. Marion, owner of the Gateway Cafe, has volunteered the fish pond in front of his cash register as a place where patrons may drop their change to be donated to the Red Cross.

Watauga County is asked to give \$2700 in the 1951 fund campaign; it would be well for Watauga county to think back eleven years to August 1940, the year that is harkened to as "the year of the big flood." When flood and landslides laid a path of devastation down through the valley at Deep Gap, leaving families homeless, penniless, and without hope, the Red Cross poured more than \$50,000 into a reconstruction and rehabilitation program that reached every family touched by the tragedy. Those who remember will give to this strong and merciful agent that lends its strength wherever there is tragedy and disaster freely, without being asked.

## Better Pasture Stops Erosion

Improved pastures provide about the most effective protection against soil erosion, says Dwight Cable, chairman of the Watauga County PMA Committee. At the same time, acre for acre, they may produce as much feed for livestock as corn.

According to studies made by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, there are many instances where improved pastures have produced as much livestock feed per acre on comparable land as high-yielding corn crops and considerably more than other grain crops. On the other hand the per unit cost of production is lower.

These studies showed that the cost per 100 pounds of total digestible nutrients from improved pastures is less than a third of the production cost of corn for grain, about a third of the cost of corn for silage, and only about a fourth of the production cost of oats for grain.

## Local Dramatists Get A-Plus Rating

"Smokescreen," the one-act play presented by members of the Appalachian High School dramatics group at Lenoir-Rhyne College last Saturday, received an "A plus" rating in the Northwestern Carolina Dramatics Association festival.

The cast includes: Dixon Qualls, Coaker Triplett, and Joan Aldridge. Mr. Bill Ross is the advisor of this group.

## Miss Cora Parks Succumbs Here

Miss Cora Parks, 84 years old, died of pneumonia at Watauga Hospital March 17. She had been ill four weeks.

Funeral services were held at Boone Baptist Church Monday at 11 a. m., conducted by Dr. W. G. Bond, and burial was in the city cemetery.

# High School Band Given Top Rating at High Point

## APPALACHIAN HIGH SCHOOL BAND



## Local Musical Group Under Direction of Roy R. Blanton.

The Appalachian High School Band, under the direction of Mr. Roy R. Blanton, Jr., received a Superior rating at the District Band contest held at High Point, Saturday, March 17. This is the highest rating a band can receive.

The band received excellent comments from the judges. Each of the three judges rated the band superior. The band received plus ratings on intonation, tone quality, blending, balance, expression, marks, general effect, and stage deportment.

As a result of the superior rating in the district contest the band will enter the state contest April 9, at Greensboro.

Members of the band are: Flute, Betty Rye Greene; clarinets, Dixon Qualls, Jimmy Holsinger, Ann Cottrell, Betty Ann Swain, Betty Jane Calloway, Jyce Cowles, Charles Taylor, Laura Holsinger, Buddie Wey, Barbara Winkler, Barbara Storie, and Dempsey Wilcox.

Saxophones, Marjorie South, Hugh Hartley, Lynn Brown, Milton Barden; Horns, Evelyn McCracken, Joy Brown; Trumpets and cornets, Martha Council, Bobby Cook, Dickie Hunt, Jean Templeton, Sonny Keplar, Jimmy Johnson, Johnny Hodges, Tom Lawrence, James Burris, Frankie Hamilton, and Joe Moretz.

Baritone, Harry Farthing; trombones, Guy Hunt, Bobby Watkins, Harris Greene, and J. W. Welborn, Jr.; Basses, Jerry Troutman, Armfield Coffey, Bill Jones; Tympani, Landy Brown; Percussion, Bill Crawford, Edward Culler, Frankie Coffey and Connie Casey.

## Baptists Map Revival Crusade

### Bob Agle Is Appointed As Civil Defense Director



ROBERT E. AGLE

The first step in organizing the town of Boone in the interest of Civil Defense was taken Saturday by Mayor Gordon H. Winkler when he appointed R. E. Agle, Sr., to the post of Civil Defense Director for the community.

## Health Council To Meet Today

The Watauga county health council will hold its quarterly meeting in the Cove Creek club-room, located in the Cove Creek elementary school building, at 7:30 p. m. March 22.

## FARM BUREAU TO BE REORGANIZED

Greensboro.—The reorganization of the North Carolina Farm Bureau into five principal commodity branches and the appointment of W. H. Rogers of Fuquay Springs as director of organization were announced here by R. Flake Shaw, executive vice president.

## Would Postpone Revaluation Here

A bill which would extend the time for making the quadrennial revaluation and reassessment of real property in Watauga county, for tax purposes to the year 1953, was introduced in the State Senate by Senator Price of Rockingham county last week and referred to the Senate finance committee, where it has been given a favorable report.

## Theatre Tickets To Reward Safe Drivers

Two passes to the Appalachian Theatre are to be given each week by Mr. R. T. Agle for safe driving in the community. Chief G. D. Richardson will observe and two license numbers will be published in the Democrat every week.

## 23 Watauga Churches To Hold Revivals Simultaneously.

Twenty-three churches of the Three Forks Baptist Association have joined in the Southwest simultaneous revival crusade, and will hold meetings during the months of March and April.

Most of the 18,000 Baptist churches of the Southern Baptist convention have joined together in this revival effort, and this is perhaps the most intensive evangelical effort ever attempted by any group of churches.

"Christ is the answer for all the world" is the theme for the revival effort.

The Three Forks Ministerial Association under the leadership of Rev. C. H. Kincaid, is making an effort to promote the crusade throughout the Association, and many other local churches are expected to join.

## Wm. B. Graybeal Dies in Tennessee

Funeral service was held at Washington College, Tennessee, on March 12, for William Baxter Graybeal, member of a prominent Ashe county family, and former resident of Watauga county.

Mr. Graybeal moved, with his family, to Washington College in 1906, and made his home there until his death on March 10.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Maggie Austin Graybeal. His immediate survivors are the present Mrs. Cora Carson Graybeal and the following children of his first marriage: Mrs. Mamie D. Shull, Shulls Mills; Mrs. Lucy Lovill and Mrs. Pearl Farthing, Boone; Mrs. Grace Rauhof, Telford, Tenn.; Mrs. Ruby Norris, Austin C. Graybeal and Roger W. Graybeal, Johnson City, Tenn.; Fred D. Graybeal, Washington College; and Frank R. Graybeal, Sumter, S. C.

## Stores to Close Easter Monday

Most of the stores of the city will likely be closed Easter Monday, it was revealed yesterday. The Merchants' Association has recommended the closing date, and doubtless most of the merchants will observe the holiday. Shoppers are asked to anticipate their needs, and do their shopping in advance, so that none may be inconvenienced.

## ONE HOUR VIGIL ON GOOD FRIDAY

The churches of Boone will join in observing a one hour vigil Friday, commemorating the three hours during which Christ hung upon the Cross.

A union service, in which all the churches of the city are to participate, will be held at the Presbyterian Church from one until two o'clock. The central theme of the service will be "The Seven Last Words of Christ," with brief meditations upon each word by one of the local pastors. Appropriate hymns will be sung and prayers offered during the service. Special music will be by the Appalachian High School choir under the direction of Mrs. Nicholas Erneson.

## Green Pastures Contest Friday

The winners in the Green Pastures speaking contest from each high school in the county, will meet in a county-wide contest at the Boone High School auditorium Friday, March 23, at 2:30 p. m. to determine the county winner. The public is cordially invited to attend this event.

The winner of the contest here will represent Watauga county in the district contest in Taylorsville March 30.

## "Mr. Teacher" Chosen In College Elections

The student body and faculty of Appalachian State Teachers College, in a series of elimination elections, have chosen two of the college's outstanding students to be "Mr. and Mrs. Representative Student Teacher," who are to represent the college at the state-wide meeting of the North Carolina Education Association in Asheville next month.

Margaret Braswell of Moore and James Evans of Boardman were chosen for this highest honor among graduating seniors.

The elections were held under the sponsorship of the Future Teachers of America chapter at Appalachian, whose president is Miss Mabel Richardson of Haysville, Mo.