

## KING STREET

BY ROB RIVERS

WATT GRAGG, whose name is synonymous with the history of the Watauga Building and Loan Association, sits back in his easy chair in the fine new offices of the local institution, and happily tells of the new \$10,000 insurance now in force on the funds of each stockholder. . . . Marking another forward step on the part of the building and loan, which has spearheaded the physical growth of the town and county for thirty years. . . . Mr. Gragg, who is an authority on the building and loan system of home financing and savings, takes great pride in the progress of this institution, which is shared by the officers and directors, and looks back over a long period of effort with a feeling of deep satisfaction. . . . The Watauga Building and Loan has reached an all-time high in strength and in safety, and is to be congratulated upon this latest step in insuring the funds of its patrons. . . . The folks are going to appreciate it, and the institution may be expected to assume an expanded role of usefulness to the people of the community and the surrounding country.

R. F. GREENE tells us of 150 bushel an acre yield of corn from a small garden plot, and reflects on the benefits which have been derived from the use of the improved hybrid strains of corn. . . . A farmer may supply his needs for grain, and have many more acres available for other uses than was the case a few years ago. . . . However State College experts point out, certified seed from "adapted" varieties only should be used, and add that in case of uncertainty, one had better consult the county farm agent for a list of the hybrids which may be depended upon for any given area.

THE ANNUAL CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN takes shape as Chamber of Commerce leaders and representatives of the various clubs of the city make preliminary plans for this year's program, and name a committee to carry on the campaign which is set for the last two weeks in April, to be featured by a colorful parade inaugurating the campaign on April 16. . . . A good start has been made in a good cause, and the committee members are due the complete co-operation of the residents of the locality in their efforts to clean-up and beautify the town this spring. . . . It is to be confidently predicted that a fine job will be done, one which will inure to the further advancement of the town, and give it added prestige with the summer visitors who become more prevalent in the locality each year.

AT THE SAME TIME farm agents and other agricultural leaders are urging the clean-up of farm properties, both as a profitable business venture and to enhance the appearance of the countryside. . . . Clubwomen are busily engaged in their Model Mile project, and time's coming when along the principal highways, at least, Watauga will have the appearance of a well-husbanded garden.

GRADY FARTHING, who goes in for farming and livestock raising on his beautiful farm on the Wilkesboro road, brightened the appearance of the farm immeasurably with a neat fence, all painted white, beyond which may be seen herds of thoroughbred Hereford cattle, feeding on the broad acres. . . . Grady has set a mighty fine example to the rest of the county in making the place so attractive, and there should be a lot more of these pretty white fences, to replace the patchwork barriers around so many farms. . . . His handiwork stands out, and makes one of the outstanding beauty spots on the Model Mile.

### WONT PAY TAX

Palo Alto, Calif.—Anton Nelson, a real estate man and a member of an organization known as the "Peace-makers," has refused to pay \$1,300 in 1950 Federal income taxes because he has "no confidence in the present government."

## Hospital Gives Facilities To Red Cross For Use In Local Blood Campaign

### Bloodmobile To Be In Boone During Week April 10-11

By MARGARET E. AGLE

Watauga hospital will give half its second floor space to the American Red Cross for use during the blood procurement drive April 10-11 when the mobile unit of the blood bank will be in Boone for the purpose of securing whole blood to be added to the stockpile of blood products for civil defense and the armed forces. In addition to furnishing the location, the hospital will give the use of its facilities, the service of three graduate nurses and will serve refreshments to the donors. It was previously announced that the mobile unit would be housed at the Baptist Church, but further investigation proved that the hospital would be the more convenient location.

April 10 has been set as the day for residents of the county and town to make blood donations. It should be understood that this is a project that involves the entire county, and for complete success will require the cooperation of every able citizen of the county. If there are those who have not been contacted, who would like to be among the blood donors from Watauga county, they may send their name and address on a postcard to Red Cross, Boone, N. C., and they will be notified as to time to report to the hospital April 10. Students from Appalachian State Teachers College (Continued on page three)

## Stokes Williams Taken By Death

Stokes Williams, 71, resident of Mabel, died March 20 at Watauga Hospital, following a paralytic stroke.

Funeral services were held at Forest Grove Baptist church in Beaver Dam township on March 22, at 2 p. m. Rev. Ed Farthing was in charge of the rites and burial was in the church cemetery.

## Funeral Tuesday For Coy Yates, 56

Coy Alfred Yates, 56, died unexpectedly at his home at Vilas, last Saturday.

Funeral services were held at Bethany Baptist church Tuesday at 2 o'clock and burial was in the Michael cemetery. The rites were conducted by Rev. W. C. Payne.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Carrie Yates, of Vilas, four sons and three daughters: Conley of Boone; Albert, Lenoir; Johnny, Vilas; Joe, Fort Jackson, S. C.; Mrs. Paul Isaacs, Vilas; Mrs. Bill Isaacs, Lenoir; Miss Annie Yates, Vilas.

## DEEP GAP GRANGE JOINS IN "MILLION MEMBERS" EFFORT

There's a new slogan along the RFD route these days; it's—A Million Member Grange. Yes, the Grange has set a membership goal of a million members by the middle of next year. The membership drive is being conducted by the Grange as a living memorial to the leadership and high purposes of the late Albert S. Goss, National Master from 1941 until his death last fall. Members of the Deep Gap Grange have pledged their full support and active participation in order to make the drive a success.

A. G. Miller Master, said that the membership drive comes at a most crucial time. "Never before," he said, "has there been



REV. HERMAN F. DUNCAN

## Rev. Mr. Duncan Revival Speaker

Greensboro District Superintendent Herman F. Duncan will be the guest minister for the revival at the Boone Methodist Church April 1-8, according to an announcement made this week. Mr. Duncan, a product of the Methodist parsonage, has been popular for many years as a leader and speaker to youth and student leaders over North Carolina and in other conferences. He was a student leader in college, being both president of the W. N. C. Epworth League Conference, and a popular football player and baseball pitcher in college days. He has a ready understanding of the youth mind and language.

In announcing the guest minister, Rev. Joseph T. Shackford, pastor, emphasized that the appeal was equally great to children and adults. Before being elevated to the Bishop's cabinet last year, Mr. Duncan had served in the very responsible conference post of Secretary to the Conference Board of Missions for nine years. He has also been active in evangelistic preaching in Georgia, South Carolina, Virginia and Missouri.

Before entering upon training for the ministry, he served as teacher and athletic coach at Sumter, S. C., for two years.

In addition to the preaching mission, a program of visitation will be carried on among the Methodist students and townswomen with regard to Christian decisions. Teams will go out from the church each evening following the revival to visit in the homes and dormitories inviting Christian decision or fuller church participation.

On Sunday night, when the revival opens and before Mr. Duncan arrives, the Rev. Fletcher Nelson, president of Lees-McRae College, will preach at the service designated as Student Night. The students will precede the service with installation of their officers for the new year and Communion Service at 6:00 p. m. At the regular 7:00 o'clock service the students will participate in the program and will furnish the choir for the evening.

Other special nights will be: Church School, Family, The Word, Christian Service, and Evangelism, Monday through Friday, respectively.

The revival will continue through Sunday night, April 8. (Continued on page three)

### APRON SALE

An apron sale will be held Saturday morning, March 31, at the Skyline Restaurant, by Snow Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

## Cancer Committee Meets To Lay Plan For Fiscal Effort

The executive committee of the American Cancer Society met Friday to lay plans for the 1951 campaign which begins April 1. Many suggestions were made to help further the cancer educational program already in progress in Watauga county.

The committee is composed of Mrs. W. G. Bond, Dr. Lawrence Owsley, Miss Madeline McCain, Mrs. Len D. Hagaman, Mrs. Connie M. Phillips, Mrs. Dave Mast, and Dr. O. K. Richardson.

Many people in Watauga county have been helped by the American Society. It was learned at the meeting of the executive committee every application has been accepted which has asked for aid from our county.

Since cancer is the second highest cause of death, claiming more than 200,000 lives each year, it is our hope that Watauga county become informed and conscious of the danger signals of cancer.

A program can be arranged for P. T. A. groups, clubs, or organizations interested in cancer by contacting Mrs. W. G. Bond, Boone.

### SAFE DRIVING AWARDS GIVEN

The weekly safe-driving awards consisting of passes to the Appalachian Theatre, go this week to the holders of license numbers R-19816 and 729,469, and the winners may get the prizes by calling at the Coe Insurance Agency, sponsors of the safety competition.

In the future the license numbers of the cars which the Police Chief thinks should win the safety prizes, will be published in the advertisement of the Coe Agency in the Democrat.

## Panel Discussion At PTA Meeting

Those who attended the Boone Parent Teacher Club's monthly meeting Monday night at the high school participated in a lively discussion directed by the welfare committee of the club.

Mrs. H. R. Eggers, chairman of the committee, introduced a panel of speakers who, under the leadership of the Rev. E. F. Troutman, delivered short talks on the various phases of child welfare. Radio station WATA broadcast the talks that were given by Mesdames Louise DeLima, R. E. Agle, G. P. Eggers, Tracy Council, Fred Gragg, Miss Mary Ellen Gibbs and Mr. Bob Nolan. A group discussion followed the speakers with most of the audience participating.

During the business session a nominating committee to prepare a panel of candidates for the election of officers was elected consisting of Mrs. Len D. Hagaman, Mr. Frank Payne and the Rev. E. F. Troutman. The election of officers will take place at the April meeting.

## 20 Wataugans Called To Army

Boys who went for induction into service March 21, are as follows:

- Red H. Trivett
- Ernest S. Hamilton
- John D. Brodyhill
- Ralph A. Aldridge
- Donald L. Hagaman
- Larry G. Moretz
- Gene R. Stewart
- Millard M. Trivette
- Coy U. Bolick
- Hoover Eggers
- Howard C. Critcher
- Arvie V. Miller
- Lawford Critcher
- Avery L. Moretz
- William R. Buchanan
- Ray G. Stanberry
- Jack G. Hollars
- James E. Aldridge
- Vaughan A. Brown
- Joe C. Yates

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An apron sale will be held Saturday morning, March 31, at the Skyline Restaurant, by Snow Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

The aprons which are to be offered are practical and reasonably priced, it was stated.

## 1,600 Gather At Blowing Rock For Impressive Easter Services



ARCHITECT'S DRAWING NEW WOMENS' DORMITORY AT APPALACHIAN COLLEGE BUILDING PROGRAM HITS STRIDE; DORMITORIES ARE BEGUN

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### PARKWAY CHAMBER COMMERCE GROUP TO HOLD MEETING HERE

The Blue Ridge Parkway Associated Chambers of Commerce, a federation of all the Chambers of Commerce within 30 miles of the Blue Ridge Parkway, from Bryson City, N. C. to Charlottesville, Va., will hold its annual meeting Saturday March 31, at 12:30 p. m., according to Stanley A. Harris, chairman of promotion and advertising of the organization. Grover Robbins of Blowing Rock is president of this association. Ben Moonmaw of Roanoke is vice-president, Arthur Jones of Asheville is secretary-treasurer. Each Chamber of Commerce is supposed to have one representative on the Board of Directors, and the meeting Saturday will elect officers for the coming year.

The official opening of the Blue Ridge Parkway, which was

### Dormitories For Men And Women Are Being Built

Two units have been completed, another is in the final stages of construction, and two more have been started as the \$3,500,000 permanent improvement program at Appalachian State Teachers College gets into full swing.

Most recently completed and now in use, is the \$273,000 power plant. It includes a new building, a brick stack 13½ feet in diameter and 150 feet high, and equipment to supplement it. The building of this unit rules out the danger of a power shortage in this community in the foreseeable future.

Laundry in Use. The combination laundry building, machine shop and garage has been in use for a year. It houses woodwork shop, a garage, store rooms, and a new laundry double the capacity of the old one.

Expected to be finished in late July is the music and arts building. It has facilities for auditoriums where concerts and public programs may be given, display rooms, studios, practice and rehearsal rooms, offices.

This building which will cost more than \$300,000 replaces the structure destroyed by fire four years ago.

Excavations are complete for two new dormitories, one for women and one for men. Masonry work will start on the buildings as soon as the danger of a freeze is over.

The women's dormitory will house about 215 students. It will also include a lobby, lounges, a snack bar, an office, an apartment for the dorm supervisor, facilities for hand laundry, rest rooms, drinking fountains and storage space.

To house 375 students, the (Continued on page three)

## Winkler Attends Auto Gathering

W. R. Winkler, of the Winkler Motor Co., was in Charlotte last week, where he attended a meeting of the advertising committee of the Ford Motor Co., of which he is a member.

Mr. Winkler's committee buys the advertising for the Ford dealers in North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia. He is also a member of the board of directors of the National Automobile Dealers Association, and district co-chairman of the State NADA.

## Ivan Cook Dies In Pennsylvania

Ivan George Cook, 57, former resident of Watauga county, died at his home at New Freedom, Pa March 19.

Funeral services were conducted at the Poplar Grove Baptist church March 23 and burial was in Mt. Lebanon cemetery. Rev. Roby Eggers and Rev. W. C. Payne, conducted the rites.

A veteran of world war I, Mr. Cook is survived by the widow and six children.

## Fatally Hurt In Auto Accident

Newton Everett Tester, 60, of Reece, was fatally injured in an automobile accident near Marion, Va., last Monday.

Funeral services were held at the Timbered Ridge Baptist church at Reece Wednesday at 2 o'clock and burial was in the Greene cemetery. The rites were conducted by Rev. Nathan Green and Rev. W. C. Payne.

He is survived by the widow, Mrs. Una Tester of Reece four sons and four daughters: Fred N. Tester, Baltimore; Albert Tester, Peece; Charles E. and Wiley Tester, Reece; Mrs. W. A. Sevier, Mrs. Harold Ward, Baltimore; Mrs. J. H. Howe, Akron, Ohio; Miss Mary Tester, Reece.

scheduled to be held last August with President Truman as principal speaker, was postponed until June, 1951. The meeting Saturday will determine whether or not the official opening will be held this year.

Other important business to come before the meeting is the question of plans for the coming year; how best to promote tourist travel and tourist accommodations along the Parkway; how to make use of the directory which lists names of tourist accommodations in towns adjacent to the Parkway, and the question of employing an executive secretary for the coming year. The meeting is to be held at the Skyline Restaurant in Boone. All Chambers of Commerce or similar organizations are invited to be present.

## Rites Held For Jack Hampton

Jack Hampton, 44, resident of RFD 1, Boone, died March 23 at Watauga hospital, following a short illness. He was a veteran of the last world war.

Funeral services were held on Sunday at 2:30 o'clock at the Friendship Baptist church at Aho. The rites were conducted by Rev. Charles McKinney, assisted by Dr. John G. Barden.

He is survived by the widow, the mother, Mrs. James Hampton, Boone; four brothers and five sisters: Wade Hampton, of Boone; Roma Hampton, Sophia, W. Va.; Hugh, Bascomb Hampton, Blowing Rock; Miss Edith Hampton, Boone; Mrs. Ethel Holder, Mrs. Nell Storie, Mrs. Wilma Critcher, Blowing Rock; Mrs. Carrie Keever, Lincolnton.

## LOCAL NADA OFFICIAL VOICES CONCERN OVER AUTO TAX PLAN

Mr. W. R. Winkler, Boone, local area chairman of the North Carolina Automobile Dealers Association, expressed concern this week in regard to the U. S. Treasury's proposal to triple excise tax on automobiles and warned that "superimposing this burden on the already exorbitant tax load on passenger cars would bring automotive taxes dangerously near the point of diminishing returns.

Mr. Winkler, also an area representative of the National Automobile Dealers Association, said that "taxes already constitute 24 per cent of the cost of a new car and in the case of even a low-priced car, this amounts to \$475 of the total purchase price of about \$2,200."

"If the proposal becomes law," he said, "the purchase price of a new car will be about \$2,200—\$675 of which would be taxes. In other words, instead of paying 25 per cent in taxes, the wage earner will be forced to pay approximately a third of the re-

## Risen Lord Central Theme For Sunrise Service

By Marvin T. Culbreth and Joseph T. Shackford

A sharp, cold March wind was blowing as the first of 1,600 persons who attended the Easter Sunrise Service at Cone Mansion at Blowing Rock, began arriving at 4:30 o'clock Sunday morning. There were a few scudding clouds racing across the moon, but the skies gave promise of a bright, sunny day. By 6:15 a. m., the appointed hour for the service, the winds had subsided considerably, and the throng was gathered on the spacious lawns that spread below in front of the Mansion House. The glory of the sunrise was unparalleled, and led one spectator to say, "It's the most wonderful I've ever seen."

The service began with anti-phonal music rendered by the Appalachian High School band, under the direction of Prof. Roy R. Blanton. Following, the Community Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Virginia Wary Lintney, sang "Low in the Grave He Lay. The choir was accompanied by the organ, played by Miss Margaret Vance.

Suddenly, Peter appeared, followed by other Disciples approaching the darkened tomb. A brilliant light shined out as an Angel clad in white stepped forth from the empty tomb, announcing, "He is risen!" The Disciples exclaimed to one another, "Christ the Lord is risen!" and a startled multitude took up the cry, "Christ the Lord is risen indeed!" bursting joyfully into the resurrection hymn, "Christ the Lord is risen today!"

A short interval of band music was followed by solo and choral readings of the familiar Easter Scripture passages by the several ministers of Blowing Rock and Boone.

In hushed memory, the choir sang the lovely anthem, "They Have Taken Away My Lord," and Dr. W. G. Bond of the First Baptist Church of Boone led the congregation in the Responsive reading. A prayer followed, led by Rev. Mr. Cappel of Rumples Memorial Church, Blowing Rock. The remainder of the service included a hymn by the congregation, "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name," the triumphant "Hallelujah Chorus," by the choir, and the union benediction led by the Rev. E. S. Ransom of Boone Advent Christian Church.

This service has become one of the most significant and reverent celebrations of the Easter Season in the State. People from six states were in attendance. Cars were noted by the park rangers from North Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee, West Virginia, (Continued on page three)

## Parkway Paving Bids Are Asked

Gatlinburg, Tenn.—Bids have been asked for paving 27.8 miles of the Blue Ridge Parkway from Black Mountain Gap, at the foot of Mt. Mitchell, to U. S. Highway 70 near Oteen, it was learned at the office of the Bureau of Public Roads here. Paving of this section, for which the bid deadline is April 17, will provide a continuously paved stretch of the Parkway from near Asheville to Adney Gap, near Roanoke, Va., except for short links of U. S. Highway 221 around Grandfather Mountain and at Highway 221 crossing. The distance is about 247 miles.

Contractors may obtain detailed plans for the new paving link at the Bureau of Public Roads offices in Roanoke or Arlington, Va. About 40,000 tons of Type H-I asphalt will be used.

The Parkway link from Black Mountain Gap to a point near Asheville, was opened with temporary surface last fall. It is now closed for several weeks because of a rock slide. Grading has been in progress some time on the link connecting with Highway U. S. 70.