

## KING STREET

BY  
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LAST SATURDAY the Democrat bade farewell to an old friend, a ponderous printing press which had hammered out the local journal for many long years, finally giving away to a larger and a simpler and faster machine. There was a bit of sadness about the place when Old Betsy quit the local environs and went up West Virginia way, where along the banks of the Kanawha River, she is to be set to work anew, printing the pages for Editor Carl B. Miller's "Putnam Democrat" . . . It's a good safe bet that she will begin her new labors with the same grim certainty and determination she displayed here, and that her record of never causing an edition to be missed, will be sustained.

THE BIG CYLINDER PRESS seemed loath to leave, for it took about all the folks available and a couple of wreckers to get her heavy parts loaded for the long haul to her new field of activity . . . Bill Rush, who for seventeen years, fed mountainous piles of paper into the machine, and who never could seem to quite satisfy her appetite for pulp, had presided while some four or five million sheets had run between the big cylinder and the cold type pages, aided Editor Miller in supervising her removal, and seemed just a bit sad all day, and fact is, we grew a bit pensive as the old machine went away down the long road.

IN A MOMENT OF NOSTALGIA we recalled the coming of the cylinder press from Gastonia, where the "Gazette" had made the same sort of change the Democrat made last summer, and sold us the outgrown machine . . . Bob Rivers the elder, and his two sons aided in getting the big machine in operation in that lean but happy day, and the Democrat came forth twice as large as formerly, and a new era in the life of the local newspaper began . . . We recall the good friends of the newspaper who dropped by to view the big machine, by far the largest and fastest ever to invade the northwestern Carolina mountain region . . . and which followed by only ten years or so a brand new but smaller power press . . . Lots of these folks have gone away, including M. B. Blackburn, F. A. Linney, E. S. Coffey, Capt. Lovell, Dr. Jones, M. P. Critcher, W. L. Bryan, Crack Council, Ben Council, John F. Hardin, Joseph Hardin, W. R. Gragg, and A. W. Beach . . . But they were there watching the home-town newspaper expand and improve and promote a bigger and better community.

MUCH HAPPINESS was recorded in the pages which came from the south end of the Democrat's third press . . . There was the story of Boone's first paved street, of the water system, and the Democrat's solid support of both . . . There was the coming of the first paved roads to the hill country and the expansion of motor traffic into Boone . . . Appalachian had been made into a standard four-year college, and the people of the community had built a modern new hotel . . .

ON THE DARKER SIDE was recorded the depression, the second world war, and the death of many sons on far-away fields of battle . . . A complete change of faces in the business section of the town took place as the grim reaper went about his work . . . The old press rumbled on, and Franklin Roosevelt took over the government, and a new order of society was born . . . Green pastures, and electric power came to the rural areas of the county, and the folks were prosperous . . . An uneasy peace followed the second great war and one of the last editions which rolled from old Betsy told of the start of the current conflict . . . Hers was a busy hectic life, she chronicled the history of a town and county for a number of years, and on (Continued on page four)

## 200 Will Face Trial At Spring Term Superior Court April 23

### Grange Master Speaks Friday



HARRY B. CALDWELL

Mr. Harry B. Caldwell, Master of the State Grange will be the principal speaker at the meeting of the Watauga County Pomona Grange meeting, to be held at the Deep Gap School, Friday night April 13, at 7:30. A program for the occasion is being arranged by the Deep Gap Grange, host to the Watauga county organization. All Grangers in the county are invited to attend, as well as the general public.

### ROAD BID HELD UP ON RIGHT OF WAY

A highway project in Ashe and Watauga counties, advertised for letting by the State Highway Commission on March 29, is being held subject to clearance of right-of-way negotiations. Action was taken by the State Highway Commission in regular session last week. A \$200,000,000 secondary road program project, it involves grading, paving and structures on 9.98 miles from the end of pavement on US 421 approximately 0.2 mile southeast of Deep Gap thence north to US 221 approximately 0.5 mile northeast of Baldwin. Low roadway bid during the letting came from H. R. Stewart & Co., of Asheville, N. C. at \$339,832.50, low structure bid from John H. Brinkley of Thomasville, N. C. at \$155,207.45 and low moving buildings bid from G. E. Grouch of Asheville, N. C. at \$4,950.00.

Reserves gain under new Army officer promotion policy.

## DISTRICT ROTARY MEETING IN LENOIR DURING THE WEEK

Lenoir, April 5.—Arrangements have been completed for the annual conference of the 280th District of Rotary International which will be held in Lenoir on April 12, 13, and 14. R. Barton Hayes, host club president, and Lloyd M. Rash, general conference chairman, announced this week. The highlight of the conference will be the governor's banquet on Friday night at the American Legion Home following a busy afternoon of conferences, group discussions and addresses. At the governor's banquet which is expected to be attended by approximately 400 Rotarians and Rotary Anns, Porter Carswell, of Waynesboro, Ga., a past director of Rotary International, will make the principal address. Carswell is the official representative of Arthur Lagueux, of Quebec, Canada, president of Rotary International.

The district governor-elect will also be presented at the governor's banquet. Special music and entertainment features are included on the banquet program. On Friday morning a breakfast for incoming officers will be held, and following a morning's business session a farewell luncheon will be held. Among a long list of well-known Western North Carolina

### Judge Gwyn Presides; List Those Named For Jury Duty.

The regular spring term of Watauga Superior Court will convene on April 23rd, and Clerk Fred M. Gragg states that by the time the day arrives there will be at least 200 cases on the docket for trial. Most of these cases are for the commission of misdemeanors, chief among which are violation of the prohibition laws, and driving automobiles while under the influence of intoxicants.

Judge Allen H. Gwyn of Reidsville will preside over the one week's term, at which only criminal cases are to be tried, and following are the names of those selected to do jury-service during the term: Bald Mountain: J. L. Miller. Beaver Dam: Otis Norris, Spencer May. Blue Ridge: Bloom Triplett, Aaron Coffey.

Blowing Rock: Dewey Mitchell, W. B. Castle, F. W. Rainey. Boone: J. E. Joines, A. C. Shoemaker, Collis Parlier, Russell D. Hodges. Brushy Fork: B. F. Hodges, Mrs. L. M. Hodges, Ronda Earp. Cove Creek: Smith Issacs, Grady, Perry, Monroe Greer. Elk: Mrs. Mansfield Miller. Laurel Creek: Don Trivett, Clark Presnell, Paul Bingham. Meat Camp: Waldo Tugman, Frank Culler, M. Clyde Brown, Reece Lookabill. New River: John A. Greene, Greenville Smith. North Fork: J. M. South. Shawneehaw: John L. Davis. Stony Fork: Glenn Moretz, Charles M. Miller, Arthur A. Greene.

### Pasture Program Closes On April 16

The spring pasture program will close April 16, and all purchase orders will expire on that date. No purchase orders for seeds will be renewed. A full report of all pasture practices is expected by May 15.

### Band Week Postponed

Appalachian High School Band week, originally scheduled for the week of April 23, has been postponed until the first week in October, at which time it will be necessary to raise \$2250.00 for band purposes, it was announced the first of the week by R. E. Agle.

### Conference Slated At Advent Church

Rev. Everett S. Ransom, pastor of the "Little Rock Church" of Boone, announces that a Deep-er Life Conference will be held at the church April 19-22, with Rev. Victor Harrison of Charlotte as speaker.

Rev. Harrison is no stranger in Boone, having preached here in many services before this. His lectures will be on prophecy, deeper life for Christians, and the deeper meaning of salvation. He is noted for having built a beautiful church in Charlotte, starting with just a few members in just five years. At present his church has a good membership, is located in a new section of the city, and is growing rapidly.

Services will be held every night at 7:30. Rev. Harrison will also speak on WATA at 9:30 Friday and Saturday mornings, with the morning service being broadcast from the church on Sunday at 11 a. m. The public is invited by Rev. Ransom to hear Rev. Harrison at all these services.

### Drama Festival Is Being Held

The annual drama festival is to be held at Appalachian College Wednesday, Thursday, Friday of this week at 7 o'clock p. m. and nine high and elementary schools are to participate. Cups are to be awarded for the best production, the best actor and actress, and medals will be given the runners-up in each instance.

### SENIOR PLAY AT COVE CREEK HI

Rehearsals for the senior play at Cove Creek High School are in progress. The play chosen is "The Closed Door" by William Brown, a three-act comedy. The cast includes the following students: Marjorie Mast, Sue Vance, Doris Love, Bobbie Lou Henson, Lottie Stout, Margaret Welch, Lawrence Love, Jack Billings, Kenneth Perry, Benny Mast and Edward Norris. Friday evening, April 20 has been set for the production date.

## MUSIC AND ART CONTEST FOR COUNTY SLATED FOR APRIL 14

The annual music and art contest for the school children of Watauga county will be held Saturday, April 14, from 2:30 to 5:00 p. m. in the basement of the Boone Baptist Church. Entries from elementary and high schools all over the county will participate in the contest. The grade school contestants will be judged separately from the high school. Music majors from Appalachian State Teachers College will judge the music numbers and local experts in public school art will act as judges of the drawings.

Vocal solos, duets, trios and quartet numbers will be entered in the music section. Contestants will be judge on points for rhythm, enunciation, poise, time, interpretation, tone, posture and breathing. Children will be given a list of songs to choose from and will be required to sing two stanzas from memory. Solos in the list

### Tuckwiler New Rotary President



L. E. TUCKWILLER

L. E. Tuckwiler was named president of the Boone Rotary Club last week, succeeding Dr. Ray Lawrence. Other officers named were Dr. Lawrence Owsley, vice president, and Jim Thompson, secretary-treasurer. The new board of directors for the club are Dr. Len Hagaman, Dr. Owsley, Mr. Tuckwiler, Fred Church and Bill Murray, and Dr. Lawrence, ex-officio member of the board.

Several members of the Boone Rotary Club and their Rotary Anns will attend the Governor's banquet on Friday night, during the Annual Conference of District 280, which will be held in Lenoir April 12, 13, and 14. The district is comprised of 35 Rotary clubs. Dr. Lawrence will deliver the final address at the farewell luncheon Saturday.

### Conley Dancy Has Fatal Stroke

Mr. Conley Dancy, 65, of Silverstone, died at Watauga hospital Monday, following a stroke of paralysis. Funeral was held Wednesday at 10 a. m., at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church and burial was in the Mast cemetery. Rev. Mr. Gore was in charge of the services.

Survivors include four daughters, Mrs. Addie Brown, Boone, Route 1; Mrs. Mabel Isaacs, Lenoir; Mrs. Jaunita Sanders and Mrs. Junior Gant, of Zionville; four sons, Denver Dancy, of Lynchburg, Va.; Bernie Dancy, Cleveland, Ohio; and Ernest and James Dancy of Zionville. Six brothers and six sisters also survive.

## Gala Parade To Feature Start Cleanup Campaign

### OFFICIAL CLEAN UP SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 14 . . . Proclamation by Mayor Gordon Winkler  
Sunday, April 15 . . . "Cleanliness Next To Godliness"  
To be stressed in the churches  
Monday, April 16, 2 p. m. . . . Parade  
With school children carrying products of merchants with Clean Up theme, sign placards indicating where goods may be purchased; officials of Town, automotive and industrial leaders; newspaper, radio station, high school band, college band, Boy Scouts, etc. Paul Winkler, co-ordinator of parade. Mrs. Len Hagaman, and Messrs. Roy R. Blanton, Gordon Nash and Cratis Teague will be in charge.  
Tuesday, April 17 . . . Radio Broadcast  
Wednesday, April 18 . . . Speech by Mayor Winkler  
Thursday, April 19 . . . Truck available in City for pickup, one week  
Friday, April 20 . . . First Inspection Day  
Saturday, April 21 . . . Churches to continue Clean Up theme  
Sunday, April 22 . . . School Essay Winners announced (PTA)  
Monday, April 23 . . . Boy Scout Day  
Tuesday, April 24 . . . Report to the People  
Wednesday, April 25 . . . Chamber of Commerce Day  
Thursday, April 26 . . . Final Inspection Day  
Friday, April 27 . . . Awarding of Prizes  
Saturday, April 28 . . .

## College Gets A Reduced Sum From Legislature

Dr. B. B. Dougherty, president of Appalachian State Teachers College, has returned from Raleigh where he has spent considerable time recently in the interest of the college.

Dr. Dougherty says that though he is not elated over the actions of the legislature, which failed to raise the college's appropriation to the amount requested, he is not deterred. A larger appropriation had been requested because of the fact that the enrollment has grown to the largest figure in the history of the college and that the graduate school enrollment is increasing every term.

In spite of the cut in the appropriation requested, Dr. Dougherty says that he is confident the college can still make progress. He said his greatest difficulty in dealing with the legislature was in convincing the individual

members that Appalachian State Teachers college has passed the days of the "training school" and is now carrying on a full-scale program of undergraduate and graduate work at a high level for the preparation of public school teachers. He says that numbers of people, who have not visited the college campus in many years, have difficulty in visualizing its rapid growth, and in realizing that the cost of operating a graduate school for teachers is more, much more, than the undergraduate school that the college has carried on in the past.

President Dougherty says that the college will go forward on the appropriation allowed, by tightening all economic lines, by conserving every effort toward this end, while at the same time offering services commensurate with Appalachian's wide-spread good name.

### Fishing Season To Open Sunday

The trout fishing season opens in Watauga county Sunday April 15, according to Tommy Osborn, of Boone, district game protector, who states that the season will end on July 15.

Mr. Osborn states that the streams have been well-stocked and successful angling may be expected by those who venture forth to the trout streams of the area.

Mr. Osborn further states that fishing will start in the Daniel Boone and Mount Mitchell wildlife refuge areas on the 15th, and fishing will be allowed on Wednesdays and weekends until August 31. Other information about fishing in these areas may be secured from Mr. Osborn.

### Carson-Newman Choir To Visit City

The a cappella choir of Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn., has announced that it will appear in a presentation of sacred music at the First Baptist Church in Boone on April 22 at 11 o'clock. The concert will consist entirely of sacred music, "ranging from the magnetic strains of Bach and Grieg, to the beautiful arrangements of pulsating and harmonious negro spirituals."

### Attend Conference

Mrs. T. M. Greer and Mrs. Aileen Taylor of the local Welfare Department were in Winston-Salem Monday and Tuesday, attending the annual North Carolina Conference for Social Service.

## DAVIDSON COLLEGE BAND TO PRESENT CONCERT MONDAY

The Davidson College Concert Band, under the direction of James Christian Pfohl, will present a concert in the college auditorium Monday evening, April 16 at eight o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend.

The Davidson Band is one of the finest concert bands in this section having gained this reputation several years ago. As an

indication of the reputation of this organization, they will leave Boone Tuesday for Richmond, Virginia where the band performs for the Music Educators' National Association meeting. James Christian Pfohl, director of the band, is one of the south's leading musical directors. Aside from being head of the music department at Davidson, he is director of the Charlotte Symphony and head of the Transylvania Music Camp and Bervard Music Foundation. He is in demand as a guest conductor, judge and director of clinics. Mr. Pfohl was the director of the state band clinic which was held on the college campus in January.

Members of the Davidson Band will be entertained by the college and townspeople. The college is furnishing the meals and traveling expenses for the group and members of the Presbyterian Church, high school band and other townspeople are housing the band members.

### Mayor Winkler Will Issue Proclamation Saturday

Mayor Gordon H. Winkler will issue a proclamation next Saturday, officially ushering in the annual clean-up, paint-up, fix-up campaign in the community, and a thorough-going effort is to be made to have the town in its most sightly condition by the end of the campaign on April 28. Charles Wilfong and Dr. W. G. Bond head the committee in charge of the clean-up promotion, and three cash prizes of \$10 are being awarded to those who excel in cleaning up the home, business establishment, or vacant lot.

Churches have been asked to stress the cleanliness theme next Sunday, and the campaign will get under way in big style Monday at 1:15, when the high school, and college bands will lead a spectacular parade, in which various organizations and individuals will participate. The complete schedule for the campaign, appearing herewith indicates a full line-up of activities throughout the period, culminating in the final inspection day on April 27th and the awarding of prizes on April 28.

### Parent Teacher Club Has Cleanup Contest

R. E. Agle, president of the Boone Parent Teacher Club, announces that a contest is being conducted in the local elementary and high school and prizes are being offered to the student in each school writing the best essay on "Why We Should Observe Clean-up Week." This contest is being sponsored by the Parent Teacher Club in cooperation with Dr. George Bond and Mr. Charlie Wilfong who are heading up the effort to try to get our town and county cleaned up for the coming tourist season.

### Mrs. Mary Smith Succumbs Sunday

Mrs. Mary Elsie Elier Smith, 32, of Stony Fork, died at her home Sunday following an extended illness. Funeral services were held Monday at 2:00 p. m. at Stony Fork Baptist Church. Burial was in the Smith cemetery. Rev. Roscoe Greene, assisted by Rev. Theodore Hendrix, was in charge of services.

Mrs. Smith is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Lily Lambert, Bristol, Tenn.; two sons, R. W. and Charles Smith of Stony Fork, two sisters, Mrs. J. T. Greene, and Mrs. Annie Williams, both of Bristol, and a brother, Mr. D. J. Eller, of Cleveland, Ohio.

### Rites Saturday For Mrs Sudderth

Funeral services for Mrs. James N. Sudderth, 75, who died at her home in Blowing Rock April 5, were held at 10:00 a. m., April 7 at Blowing Rock Baptist Church. Rev. Dan Thomas, pastor, conducted the services, and burial was in the city cemetery.

Survivors include her husband, seven daughters, Mrs. D. D. Farthing of Newland, Mrs. John L. Guemer, Mrs. R. L. McGee and Mrs. J. B. Gayloy of Philadelphia, Pa., Mrs. A. M. Farley, Jr. and Mrs. F. L. Lynch of Charlotte, Mrs. John R. Dean of Florence, S. C.; two sons, W. N. Sudderth of Belmont and J. A. Sudderth of Blowing Rock; 16 grandchildren, 3 sisters and 1 brother.

As recently as 1945, the use of chemicals for weed control in agriculture was highly restricted. Last year, farmers applied herbicides to more than 30 million acres of cropland in the United States.