

KING STREET

BY
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THE OTHER DAY a lot of folks along the street laid down their usual work, and went to pay their respects at the bier of a fellow townsman—Mr. Robert Lee Bingham—and as we laid him to rest near the brow of a hill in Mountlawn Park, we thought of the long years, eighty-four of them, during which this rugged son of the mountains had lived among us, and radiated a sort of inborn goodness, a wholesome kind of selflessness, which made of him more of an institution than an individual.

"UNCLE BOB", as we affectionately knew our aged townsman, seemed to get a heap of pleasure out of his way of life . . . He lived a life of righteousness, without losing his love for those who had trouble staying on the straight and narrow path . . . He believed in the Christian way of life, practiced the teachings of the Nazarene with meticulous care, but did not find it in his generous heart to dislike those who hadn't found the way . . . His life reflected a striking love of the Lord, exemplified by his love of people, all sort of people, an unflinching faith in his God, and a willingness to endure whatever this life had to offer, with high courage and happy submission.

MR. BINGHAM was possessed of a remarkable set of moral values, one of the most noticeable of which was his optimism . . . not a Polly Anna sort of feeling, but a sincere genuine belief in the eternal goodness of God and man, and that everything would turn out all right . . . We have stood at his side when pleasant things had happened, and when adversity had reared her head . . . We have talked with him when members of his immediate family had made the long journey, and in each case, his attitude was the same . . . "Everything's all right," he would say as a tear brimmed in his eye, "Just all right." . . . During the long years when Mr. Bingham occupied an office in the Democrat building, we saw him many, many times each day . . . Things were always happening . . . unpleasant things taking place in the community . . . Invariably we'd ask Mr. Bingham's opinion, but we've never heard him utter an unkind word about a fellowman . . . When it looked as if some fellow had broken down all the rules of society, and committed an act outside the pale of human decency, he would say, "I'm sorry . . . I hope it turns out all right." . . . When advancing age and impaired health were beginning to tell on our old friend, when he began to tire of his duties, we marveled at the faith which sustained him . . . And if we had to figure out just the sermon which had meant the most to us, we might have to admit that it wasn't really a sermon at all . . . just Uncle Bob's shy pat on our shoulder, the joy in his eye, and the words . . . "Everything's all right . . . just all right!" . . . We are happy that we knew him!

THE GOOD EARTH, mellow and fragrant, full of fish-worms, robins, and gardeners, carries promise of a brand new crop of "sass", and we have visions of rosy red tomatoes, hefty taters, string beans.

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THE FIRST OF SEVERAL HUNDRED STUDENTS of the Boone Elementary School, with brooms and banners, who participated in the gala parade, which was a feature of the first week of the Clean up Campaign in Boone. Below, the Appalachian Band, one of the two bands which marched in the parade.—(Photos by Palmer's Photo Service.)

Cleanup Drive Ends Saturday

Plans Are Being Made For Anti-Rat Campaign

Pest Campaign To Embrace Entire County.

In connection with the cleanup campaign being sponsored by the Boone Chamber of Commerce, it is learned that plans are being made for a county-wide rat eradication campaign.

Mr. James Jones, consulting engineer on rodent control, and Mr. W. P. Warner, consultant on insect control, both from the State Board of Health, are now here to assist with this program, and are planning for simultaneous insect and rodent eradication campaigns.

Messrs. Jones and Warner are meeting with representatives of the towns, neighborhoods, and businesses of the county, to the end that the campaign may be as effective as possible. It is felt that through united efforts the county can be rid of these pests, to a great extent.

Superior Court Now In Progress

The spring term of Watauga Superior Court convened Monday with Judge Allen H. Gwyn of Reidsville, presiding, and indications are that the term will continue at least through Friday, when most of the 200 cases on the docket will have been disposed of.

As this is written Tuesday, a number of submissions to misdemeanors have been heard, principally involving violation of the prohibition laws and driving automobiles while intoxicated, and a number of fines have been assessed in these cases. The court is making good progress, attaches state, and details of the term will appear in the next edition of the Democrat.



SANITARIAN—Mr. James E. Brown of Statesville, who assumes his duties as sanitarian with the District Health Department on May 1. Mr. Brown, a native of Cullowhee, graduated from Western Carolina Teachers College. He spent three years in the Marine Corps and more recently has been Sanitarian with the Iredell County Health Department. Mr. and Mrs. Brown and their two children will establish residence on Orchard Street.

Telephones Are Topic Of Meeting

Mr. Gwyn Price, State REA administrator, will discuss rural telephones with farm people in a meeting at the courthouse in Boone on Thursday, April 26, at 7:30 o'clock.

Mr. L. E. Tuckwiller, who announced this meeting, stated that Mr. Price will report on the progress made, in the state on rural telephone programs, and outline the necessary steps to secure telephones in Watauga County.

Prizes To Be Given At End Of Civic Effort.

Boone's annual cleanup, paint-up, fix-up campaign comes to a close Saturday with the awarding of prizes, and those in charge of the campaign believe the effort is proving to be a highly successful one.

Today, Wednesday, is being observed as Boy Scout Day, while Thursday features the Chamber of Commerce with "Report to the People" over radio station WATA. Friday will be final inspection day, and the prizes will be given Saturday.

Parade Prizes

Mr. Earl Greene's sixth grade won first prize in the clean-up parade; Miss Isabel Mason's fifth grade, second, and Mrs. Joe Crawford's third grade was given honorable mention.

Dr. Charles Shaw Lyceum Speaker

The lyceum series at Appalachian State Teachers college will present Dr. Charles Bunsen Shaw, nationally known author, lecturer, librarian, in a program at the college auditorium Thursday evening, April 26, at 7:00 o'clock. Dr. Shaw's lecture will be illustrated by slides.

Dr. Shaw, a native of Toledo, Ohio, holds the bachelor's and master's degrees and the degree of Doctor of Letter of Humanity from Clark University. He has been professor and librarian in some of the country's outstanding colleges and universities, including a seven-year period as librarian of Woman's College of University of North Carolina. He has been librarian of Swarthmore College since 1927.

The public is cordially invited to hear Dr. Shaw, on Thursday. No fee will be charged for admission.

Poultry is rapidly becoming one of the major enterprises on many farms in Western North Carolina.

Health Leaders At Staff Meeting Held On Thursday

The District Health Department's monthly staff conference was held in Boone, Thursday, April 19th, with representatives from each county present and participating. Miss Frances Thomas, audiometer technician, gave a report of her work in the district by counties and a discussion followed of plans for follow-ups to help those found with hearing difficulties get adjustment and relief. Miss Winston Osborn, nutrition consultant led a group discussion on nutrition work in the district. Miss Myra Mott reported on the two weeks course on the care of the premature that she has just finished at Duke Hospital.

Miss Faye Reeves reported on the secretary's conference and short course recently held in Chapel Hill. Plans were reviewed for the immediate work of the next month and long-range plans of action were discussed and promoted.

Those attending were: Dr. Mary B. H. Michal, health officer; Mr. James Jones, rodent control consultant for the division of engineering, State Board of Health; Mr. Bower Campbell, sanitarian from Ashe county; Mr. J. E. Brown, sanitarian for Watauga county, effective May 1st; Miss Myra Mott and Mrs. Martha Fox, nurses of Watauga county; Miss Maude Lee Lucas, nurse from Ashe county; Mrs. Grace Jackson, secretary in the Ashe office; Mrs. Faye Reeves, secretary in the Alleghany office; Mrs. Margaret Styers, secretary in the Watauga office; Miss Frances Thomas, audiometer technician for the district; Miss Winston Osborn, nutrition consultant in this district from the State Board of Health; and Miss Madeleine McCain, health educator.

Marketing Problems To Feature Dairy Meeting

SCOUT CHARTERS TO BE PRESENTED

Mr. Jim Leek, Watauga District Scout Commissioner, will present charters to three Scout troops recently formed in the county at a short ceremony tonight (Wednesday), at the Boone Baptist Church, 7:30 o'clock. He will also present merit badges and awards to Scouts in this district who have earned them.

Troops to get charters include the one sponsored by Boone Baptist Church, Perkinsville Baptist Church, and Boone Methodist Church.

Scouts from these three troops, Scout committeemen, parents, and all those interested in Scouting are invited. The ceremonies are not expected to be lengthy.

Kerr C. Ramsey To Speak to YDC

Hon. Kerr Craige Ramsey, of Salisbury, former speaker of the House of Representatives will be the principal speaker at a meeting of the Watauga county Young Democratic Club to be held at the courthouse Saturday April 28, at 8 p. m., at which time plans will be made for the annual election of officers which is to take place in May.

Mr. Ramsey has long been active in North Carolina Democratic circles. He has served in four sessions of the North Carolina General Assembly. His work as an attorney in Salisbury and a prominent civic leader of Rowan county and the state has been outstanding. He will speak Saturday on the important topic: "The Vital Role of the Democratic Party in this Crucial Hour." Mr. Ramsey is a popular speaker to young peoples groups and he is expected to bring an inspiring address. All members of the club as well as the general public are cordially invited to attend.

At ACE Meeting

Members of the Association for Childhood Education of the Watauga county branch who attended the State meeting, which was held in Greensboro, Saturday, April 21 are as follows:

Mrs. Sarah B. Horton, retiring president; Mrs. Lucille Wallace, incoming president; Miss Mary Ella Gibbs, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Ruby Mickeal, Mrs. Grace Campbell, Mrs. Ennis R. Davis, Miss Lenore Young, Mrs. Grace Council, A. C. E. college advisor; and four girls from the college.

New Office Hours

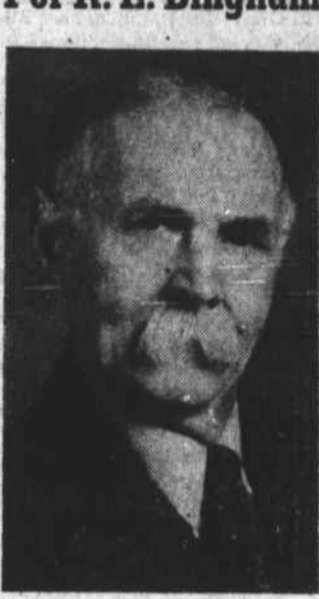
The Farmers Home Administration office located in the county courthouse have office hours as follows: Monday through Friday from 8:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m. and Saturdays from 8:00 a. m. to 12:00 noon.

Attending Conference

Mr. Grady Farthing of Boone, and Messrs. Bill Sturdivant and Joe Edwards of North Wilkesboro, are attending an Executive Board Scout meeting in Atlanta. They will return home Saturday night.

Civil War pensions now total 7.7 billion dollars.

Last Rites Held For R. L. Bingham



ROBERT L. BINGHAM

Funeral rites were held at the Boone Methodist Church last Thursday afternoon for Robert Lee Bingham, 84 years old, prominent resident of the community, who died early Wednesday following a long illness.

The pastor Rev. J. T. Shackford, Rev. Edwin Troutman, Pastor of the Lutheran Church, and Rev. Mr. Widenhouse, former pastor of the deceased, conducted the rites, and interment was in Mountlawn Memorial Park.

Immediate survivors are the widow, and one son, Mr. Dean Bingham of Boone.

The floral offering was in charge of members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. (Continued on page four)

MRS. LINNEY RITES THURSDAY

Mrs. F. A. Linney died Tuesday evening in a Charlotte hospital where she had been ill for several weeks.

At prestime funeral plans were not complete, but it was stated that rites would likely be held sometime Thursday at the Boone Methodist Church.

Willis Burwell Dies

Mr. Willis Burwell, former resident of Boone, died in Asheville Tuesday and funeral services are to be held today (Wednesday) at 2 o'clock at the Trinity Episcopal Church in Asheville.

Ceiling Price Clinic

There will be a representative from the Charlotte office of Price Stabilization at the agriculture building at Lenoir at ten o'clock on Thursday morning to hold a ceiling price clinic for the merchants of this area. This clinic will include all groups of merchants, grocery, furniture, jewelers, etc.

Pre-School Clinics

The Pre-School Clinic for the Valle Crucis School will be held Thursday, April 26, beginning at 9:00 a. m.

The Clinic for Cove Creek will be held Friday, April 27, beginning at 9:00 a. m.

Parents are urged to carry their children who will start to school next fall to their respective clinics.

Farmers Asked To Attend; Coble Invited.

A special dairy meeting will be held at the courthouse in Boone on Friday night, April 27, at 7:30 o'clock, to discuss marketing problems and proposals with milk buyers and others, according to an announcement by L. E. Tuckwiller, county agent.

Mr. George Coble has been especially invited to attend and talk about the marketing problems as he sees them.

Mr. R. G. Lytle, manager of North Carolina Milk Producers Federation, Inc., will explain milk marketing in North Carolina.

Representatives of North Carolina Farm Bureau, N. C. State Grange, and N. C. State College Extension Specialists will be present.

This is a very important meeting for all dairy farmers, both Grade A and Grade C. Come prepared to offer your suggestions for solution of marketing problems.

Paper Drive Is Set For May 5th

The Sophomore Class of Appalachian High School will sponsor a paper drive on Saturday, May 5, beginning at 8:00 o'clock in the morning.

Townpeople are asked to bundle their old newspapers and magazines if possible and leave them in plain view so they may be collected.

The class would like to thank the townspeople for their wonderful cooperation in previous drives.

Proceeds from this drive will be used to finance class projects.

Safety Awards Being Given by Jerry Coe

Jerry Coe of the Coe Insurance Agency states that prizes are being given two drivers each week for outstanding safety observance, and that the auto numbers of these drivers are to be found in his firm's ad in the Watauga Democrat each week. Drivers should read the ad and check the numbers. Winners are asked to call at Mr. Coe's office for their prizes.



JUDY LANE MORETZ
Winebarger School

Queen Candidates To Compete in Annual Lions Club Talent Show Friday, May 4



NANCY JEAN CRITCHER Bamboo School
BETTY WILLIAMS Cove Creek High
REBA GREENE Deep Gap School
BRENDA MAST Boone Demonstration
CHARLOTTE MILLER Green Valley School
LINDA GEORGE TRIPLETT Blowing Rock Elementary
SARA MILLER Appalachian High
ELLENE ELLISON Mabel School