

## KING STREET

BY  
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COLDER WEATHER shows up leading some of the citizens to remark about the "short summer" we had, while we fret a bit about the chances of our string beans surviving the chill . . . Apple blooms supply gorgeous displays about the town, while the dogwoods bring rare beauty, and the warning that its corn planting time . . . Rob Hayes who lives atop the hill, near the old Masonic picnic ground, wants us to add to the signs of spring, the renewed and stifling odor of the refuse on the city dump, near the heart of town . . . Rob says the thing's stench reaches its foulest height with the blossoming of the flowers . . . Grapevine information is that the time is not far off when something's going to be done about the civic nuisance . . . Officials are wrestling with the problem, and it is to be expected that a solution will be forthcoming before too long.

WE WOULD LIKE to join in felicitating Mr. and Mrs. T. Len Cooke on their fiftieth wedding anniversary . . . These fine folks have contributed a full share to the well-being of the county and community, and we hope they may find increasing contentment along the way ahead, and enjoy many more happy anniversary celebrations.

COMMENCEMENT at Appalachian College and the mass exodus of the hundreds of students from the campus . . . Always a bit of sadness attaches to these farewell parties—both on the part of the students and the townspeople . . . We shall miss the cheery smiles of the relatively small number of these young folks whom we know, and likewise the presence of the many we did not know . . . We shall look forward to their return, for a good bit of the life goes out of the old town when a College term ends, for after all education is in fact the basic industry of the community . . . To those who graduate, this corner extends sincere good wishes for their successes in the days ahead. Those who think we still have a long ways to go, are reminded that, after 'all, the young men no longer parade about in the springtime with bouquets of spring flowers tucked in their hat bands!

SMITH HAGAMAN, former State Legislator, Watauga County school superintendent, and starter-upper of the Federal welfare activity here, more recently a resident of Winston-Salem, drops by for one of his hurried visits with the Democrat and as usual, we square away and garner some of the low-down on matters of public concern from our good friend, who makes it a point to keep well informed on what happens, from the grass roots to the international realm of war and rancor and political intrigue . . . We always enjoy immensely these chats with Mr. Hagaman, and invariably gather some bits of priceless wisdom from his discourses . . . We shall continue to hope that one day he will again establish residence in his old home town, and mix daily with the folks along the street, where his friendships are so deeply established.

NON-DAILY NEWSPAPERS are more concerned with the news of the home neighborhood and the country roundabout, with the small-time doings of the homefolks, than with the cavorting of the leaders of the Nation. . . "Country" newspapers should insist on their readers taking one of the good State dailies, for details of the national and international news, and should continue to contain themselves in the local field, without trying to offer even token competition to the metropolitan press. . . In this connection an item from the Dahlonega, Ga., Nugget is of interest and found itself on the AP wires. Publisher Jack Parks operates in a town of 1,300 and as might be suspected, Yahoola and Frogtown are nearby hamlets. At any rate the Nugget says:

WE HAD PLANNED to write a thunderous editorial this (Continued on page four)



THE NEW REFUSE LOAD-PACKER truck recently placed in operation by the City of Boone to cut garbage collection costs and eliminate unsanitary conditions. The new machine, through hydraulic pressure, compresses the waste into the smallest possible space, and collectors may now take away all the refuse in less than half the number of trips required by the old open truck method. Fully enclosed, the refuse cannot be spilled in streets, and it is believed that the cleanliness of the town will be further promoted by the use of the new equipment.

## Watauga Teachers Will Hold Final Meeting Next Friday

### Taylor To Head Defense Effort



JIM TAYLOR

Because Watauga county is comparatively small in area and population, civic leaders of Boone and Watauga county feel that civil defense work for the area should be put under one director. Therefore, Mayor Gordon H. Winkler of Boone has accepted the resignation of R. E. Agle, recently appointed civilian defense director for Boone, and Mr. E. Z. Jones, state director, has accepted the resignation of Mr. H. W. Wilcox, county director, to make way for the appointment of Mr. James Taylor who will head the effort for both the town and county.

Mr. Taylor, one of the prominent young lawyers of Boone, has his office over the Watauga Building and Loan office, having recently moved from the Wade E. Brown building on West King Street. His new office will make an ideal headquarters for the civil defense work as it will be within easy reach to all who have business in this connection. Mayor Winkler has expressed gratification that a man of Mr. Taylor's ability has accepted this responsible position, and Mr. Wilcox, president of the Boone Chamber of Commerce, also expresses his happiness over the appointment, and states that his organization will give Mr. Taylor its full co-operation. Mr. Taylor came to Boone in 1949 and has become widely known for his work with the annual March of Dimes of which he was chairman in both 1950 and 1951.



DR. W. M. MATHESON, prominent Boone dentist, who has been elected a member of the North Carolina Board of Dental Examiners. There are six members of the board and they will serve for three years, taking office in July 1952.

### Art Workshop Will Feature Gathering Of Tutors.

On Friday evening, May 11, the Watauga Unit of the NCEA will hold its final meeting of the school year. All members, and all county teachers who may not be members, are invited and urged to attend.

A short general session will be held, beginning at 7:30, in the Appalachian High School auditorium at which time officers will be elected for the ensuing year and other business taken care of.

Following the general session an art workshop will be given, sponsored by the local ACE.

The following six phases of art will be offered, with the following designated leaders and meeting places:

Finger Painting: Leader, Mrs. Grace Council. This will be held in Mrs. Council's classroom, which is on the ground floor of Boone Demonstration School.

Block Printing: leader, Miss Kathryn Smith. Miss Smith, who heads the College Art Department, will conduct this division of the workshop in the College Art Department, located over the college Book Store.

Metal work: leaders, Mrs. Betty M. Edwards, Watauga County Home Demonstration, and her assistant, Miss Mary Helen Neff. The actual work will be done with aluminum bracelets and illustrations of copper and silver will be available. This is one of the art activities that few, if any of our schools are employing, and we feel that at least one member of each faculty will want to take advantage of this opportunity to become acquainted with this process. This will be held in room No. 301, on the second floor of the Demonstration School.

Weaving: leaders, Mrs. Dare Strother and Miss Elizabeth Lord. In this division each participant will have the opportunity to create a design and weave that design into a finished product. Handlooms will be furnished by the Cove Creek Industrial Arts Department and the Watauga Handicraft Shop. Materials will be furnished by the ACE. This group will meet in the Library of the Demonstration School.

Display arrangements, including bulletin board, library, subject matter projects, etc., leaders: Miss Clyde Mae Goodman and Mr. Everett Newell. Several display arrangements will be shown and studied. Arrangements will also be worked out by those participating. Mr. Newell's and Miss Goodman's classrooms, on the second floor of the Demonstration School will be used.

Papier-Mache: leader, Miss Mary Ellen Gibbs, room 101, basement floor of Demonstration School. Miss Gibbs will help in the actual use of both paper and sawdust products and all persons participating will have an opportunity to model with these products. A display of finished products will be provided. With such a wide variety of offerings we feel sure every teacher and principal can find an activity he will be interested in and from which he will profit.

### Ayers New Head Of Lions Club



McKINLEY AYERS

McKinley Ayers was elected president of the Boone Lions Club at the regular meeting held Tuesday night, May 1. Paul A. Coffey was elected first vice-president, L. K. Pritchett, second vice-president, Dr. John G. Martin, third vice-president, Richard E. Kelly, secretary, O. K. Richardson, treasurer, W. W. Williams, lion tamer and Wade E. Brown and Guy H. Hunt, tailwisters. S. Grady Tugman and T. Milton Greer were elected directors.

Ayers, the new president is a native of Boone. He has worked for New River Light & Power Company of Appalachian State Teachers College for 26 years. He is active in civic and religious affairs of the town, and was a member of the Kiwanis Club. He replaces Rev. J. K. Parker as president. The new officers will be installed June 19.

### Corriher New Farm Agent



CLYDE F. CORRIHER

Clyde F. Corriher, native of Rowan county, entered upon his duties as assistant farm agent in Watauga county, succeeding Woodrow Richardson, who had been recalled to army duty some time ago.

Mr. Corriher, who is 25 years old, was born and reared on a dairy farm, and attended elementary and high schools at Landis, N. C. He graduated from N. C. State College, where he majored in animal industry. He spent one year with the army in the Pacific area.

Dulles says U. S. policy in Japan news to MacArthur lines.

## Plans For War On Vermin Are Being Pushed

Continuation of the clean-up campaign in the planning for eradication of rats and insects is moving forward satisfactorily. Mr. Stanley A. Harris reports that his contacts with the city aldermen were most satisfactory. This group agreed to finance the spraying of outside areas of the residential section and the business section once, and a continuous program at the city dump for the summer, along with one complete poisoning for rats throughout the city with continuation at the garbage dump. The consultant engineers from the State Board of Health will furnish some equipment in the form of a pickup truck equipped with spraying facilities and some boxes for the poisoning in the rodent control program. Further cooperation is noted in that the shop classes in the schools will help with construction of other boxes to meet the needs for the area and the Boy Scouts are being asked to aid in the spraying for insect control. Home owners are urged to continue the spraying and poisoning to keep down the pests. The city's efforts are geared primarily towards ridding the area of the present fly and rat population, but unless we the citizens continue waging the war against these pests it will be a futile effort. One rat or fly escaping the initial poisoning would be sufficient for seed for a new crop of the pests.

The sanitarians of the local health department will aid in this program along with the State Consultant Engineers in providing supervision of the work in the campaign. The Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring this effort as a continuation of its clean-up campaign. Rats and flies use unclean areas for breeding; thus, the cleaner the premises, the better the garbage is cared for, the less poisoning is necessary. If rats and flies have no place to breed and no food to eat, we will have no pests.

Through the continued cooperation of all the citizens, the Chamber of Commerce, the city officials, the health department and the State Board of Health, we can have a city free from these pests and a more desirable and healthy place to live.

### Police Chief Gives Parking Warnings

Police Chief G. D. Richardson calls attention to the fact that the parking spaces in town have been re-marked, and asks motorists to cooperate by parking their vehicles within these lines, and to avoiding double parking.

Chief Richardson also asks that coins be placed in the meters, and states that more strict enforcement of the parking laws may be expected. He would appreciate the cooperation of the public in these matters.

### Bake Sale

Saturday from 10:00 a. m. to 4:00 p. m. the Fidelis Sunday School class of the Baptist church will hold a bake sale at Edmisten's Furniture Store, West Main St. and at Joine's Furniture Store on Main St. Delicious home made cakes, pies and candy will be offered. Get your Mother's Day cake from us.

### Legion Meeting

There will be an important meeting of Watauga Post American Legion at the Legion hut in Boone Friday May 11th at 7:30. Officers will be elected and other important business transacted.

### Cemetery Working

Those who have relatives buried at the Gragg cemetery near the W. W. Gragg home-place on Route 2, are asked to gather there on Saturday May 19, to clean-off the cemetery and beautify the premises.

### At Scout Meeting

Dr. Lee Reynolds, H. Grady Farthing, Stanley Harris and Crayte Teague attended the Wilkes - Watauga Boy Scout training course held at Oxford Lake in Wilkes county Sunday.

More than 10 million pounds of organic fungicides were used in the United States in 1950.

## Recreational Program For City Seems Assured

### "CRAIG'S WIFE" WILL BE STAGED

The senior play, "Craig's Wife," is to be presented in the college auditorium on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, May 9 and 10, at eight o'clock. An admission price of fifty cents for adults, and twenty-five cents for students will be charged.

Nina Annas and Carl Clarke will play the leads, as Mrs. Craig and Walter Craig, respectively. Other members of the cast are Jackie Craven, Miss Austen; Joan Wheeling, Ethel Lambreth; Eugene Nelson, Billy Birkmire; Sue McGrady, Maizie; Bobbie Joynes, Mrs. Harold; Betty Prestwood, Mrs. Frazier; Jack Idol, Joseph Catelle; Claude Holcombe, Harry; and Clayton Swicegood, Eugene Fredricks.

The play is being produced under the direction of Mr. Cratis Williams.

### Local Lads At Shearing Fete

Boys from Watauga county made a grand showing in the State 4-H sheep shearing contest held at Laurel Springs on May 2. Watauga county was well represented at the contest with around 28 youths and adults attending and five Watauga county 4-H club boys entering the contest.

In the final placing Vance Vines, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Vines of Sugar Grove, won first place, Glenn Reese, son of Mr. and Mrs. Asa Reese, won third place, and Bobby Gene Norris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Norris, won fourth place. Joe C. Robinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Robinson and Larry Sherwood, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Sherwood, participated in the preliminaries.

The event at Laurel Springs was an all-day affair with a sheep shearing school held in the morning under the supervision of Mr. Ed Warner, representative from the Sunbeam Corporation. The 4-H contest began at 2:00 in the afternoon. Vance Vines, along with Walter Jones of Allegheny county, will represent North Carolina in the national 4-H sheep shearing contest held at the International Livestock Exposition in Chicago in November of this year.

The 4-H sheep shearing program has meant much to the farmers of Watauga county in getting their sheep sheared and has meant much to the 4-H boys through experience.

### PTA Meeting

A PTA meeting will be held at the Green Valley School Thursday night May 10 at 8 o'clock. All interested persons are asked to attend.



THE BIG ONE—Ben Rosenbalm, Jr., 12 years old, is shown holding the mammoth brown trout he caught from the waters of New River last week. The big fish was 24 1/2 inches in length and weighed five and three quarters pounds, to set something of a record in local trout-fishing circles. — (Photo Palmer's Photo Service.)

### Duke Professor To Address Grads



Dr. Malcolm McDermott, professor of law at Duke University, Durham, who will deliver the address to the graduating classes at Appalachian State Teachers college Friday morning, May 11, at 10:30 o'clock. Mr. McDermott, former Dean of the College of Law at the University of Tennessee, was visiting lecturer at the Universities of Krakow and Warsaw, Poland, in recent years.

### County Singing Plans Are Made

The county singing convention will be held at the Gospel Tabernacle in Boone on June 3, starting at 11 a. m., according to an announcement by S. C. Eggers, chairman. All choirs, quartets and soloists in the area are invited to participate.

### Negro Severely Cut In Encounter Here

Albert Anderson, Boone negro, received severe cuts about the body and face, in an affray in which he and Ronda Horton of Vilas, took part, according to Police Chief Richardson.

Anderson was taken to the hospital where a number of stitches were required to close the gashes. Horton is under bond for appearance at Superior Court on a charge of assault with deadly weapon.

### Hospital Open House Event Is Scheduled

Sunday, May 13, from 2 p. m. until 4, will be observed as open house at Watauga Hospital. This event is in observance of National Hospital Day on May 12.

This community will remember the very fine reception given last year and it is felt that a better one will be had this year. Many improvements have been made which should prove of interest to everyone. The Hospital Auxiliary will conduct groups to each and every department of the hospital explaining the function of each one.

This year marks the 31st consecutive year that the birthday of Florence Nightingale has been commemorated by the nation's hospitals.

The trustees of Watauga Hospital cordially invite everyone to make a tour of their community hospital. Refreshments will be served.

### Johnson Co. Papers Have Been Merged

Mountain City, Tenn., May 3 —The two newspapers published in Johnson County have been combined and today is the first issue of the combined newspaper, the Johnson County News-Bulletin.

The combination came about through the purchase of the Johnson County News by Mac Wright from D. M. Surgeon, who has published the News for the last nine years.

Wright is the publisher of the Johnson County Bulletin, which he founded two and a half years ago, and which is being combined with the News. Wright will be editor and publisher of the new newspaper.

### Plans Announced By Chamber Commerce Committee.

Boone is soon to have a well-rounded recreational program if plans announced by the Chamber of Commerce this week are carried out. Joe Shackford, chairman of the Chamber's Recreation committee, reported that efforts are being made to achieve a program including all age groups and all the natural recreational interests of this mountain resort area. The program is to get underway immediately.

The program, to be successful, will require the co-operation of a number of persons who will be responsible for oversight of specific interests. Mr. Shackford made an urgent appeal that anyone in Boone who will participate as an overseer of a specific phase of the program, to contact him immediately or communicate with the Watauga Democrat or radio station WATA.

The several phases of the program for which Mr. Shackford states limited supervision will be needed are: Softball, horseshoes, ping-pong and other indoor games; swimming, hiking, photography, fishing, scenic tours, croquet, children's playground, and others as they develop.

Mr. Shackford pointed out that there are no funds available for carrying out this program, and that business establishments and individuals will be solicited for the funds necessary to acquire essential equipment.

Softball leagues are in process of formation. It is hoped that leagues can be organized for ages 6-8, 8-11, 12-14, and 15 and up for men, and possibly 10-15 and 15 and up for girls. Churches, civic clubs, and other groups desiring to enter teams are asked by Mr. Shackford to notify him this week or at the earliest possible time. The Young Adult Class of the Methodist Church is the first to enlist a team in the adult league.

Mr. Shackford also stated that permission has been granted by the Dougherty family to use the lot between the Methodist and Baptist churches as a playground for pre-school children. As funds are made available, sand-boxes, and light playground equipment will be placed in the area enclosed by a secure fence able to contain the children. The Air Patrol of the Boy Scouts under Mr. Crayte Teague has chosen the cleaning up of this area as their clean-up project which they expect to begin this week.

### Larry Kerley Voted Student Prexy



LARRY KERLEY

Larry Kerley was elected last week to serve as president of the student body at Appalachian High School for the year 1951-52.

A member of the rising senior class, Larry has been active in student council work and in other school activities during the past few years. He had been elected by the council to serve as a continuing member for the coming year. He had been elected by the faculty to membership in the National Honor Society. He is a son of Mrs. Bina K. Kerley, Route 1, Blowing Rock. The opposing candidate in the race for the presidency was Jerry Troutman, also a rising senior, a Student Council member, and a member of the National Honor Society.