

KING STREET BY ROB RIVERS

CARL GOERCH, publisher of the highly esteemed State magazine, who knows more about his adopted State than any native born son we can recall, has just found out about polk "sallet", which delicacy he now aligns with the ramps of the south-western part of the State and the chittlins from all over, but vows abstinence from the delicatousness of the last named . . .

At any rate, we fell to reading Carl's discourse on poke, and memory went back to the savory kitchen of long ago, and after supper, we wandered away, and picked a pot of polk to grace the table at high noon—dinner to us . . . And right now we are considerably strengthened by this "mess" of poke, a he-man type of greens, which was popular before we found out that sallet could be bought in a store . . . Another item which graced our table some time ago was branch lettuce, and we recall many a happy trip up on the side of Rich Mountain, in the vicinity of the old Collins place, where we picked this delicious greenery from the banks of the ice cold spring branch, the first edible substance the good earth brought forth . . . And we've also had rather more than a passing acquaintance with dandelion greens along about the time the March winds began to carry on . . . You can tell something of how old a man is, and what periods of scarcity he inhabited, by his knowledge of the various "weeds" which conceivably can be used for "sallet" greens . . . But back to the start, polk really supplies the vitamins, ye'd forgotten just how good the stuff is till Mr. Goerch reminded us . . . and we want him to know, he doesn't have to go to Eastern Carolina for his first mess . . . Nowhere does this lusty plant thrive in all its tender goodness as it does in the rich coves and hillsides of Watauga, where for all time the youngsters have used the pinkish red juice from its many berries to put on the war paint of the Shawnee or the Creek, and to make a gory splotch where the bad man of the plains was supposed to have laid a bullet with the capshooter.

THOMAS MILLER says he bought a ledger down at Will C. Walker's one day, paid the bill, and Mr. Walker added that the book was sold under a positive guarantee . . . When questioned about the warranty, Mr. Walker said: "Son, if you take this book and use it long enough, and it don't break you up, I'll gladly return every cent of your money!"

SAM TRIVETT, 87 years old, one of the community's old timers, who can be seen about the streets most any day, rests on the fender of an automobile and picks a lively tune on a banjo of his own creation . . . "Uncle" Sam was a fine mechanic and gunsmith, and still manages to produce a banjo now and again . . . Increasing number of television aerials take their places on the chimney tops about town, as well as on business houses, as residents turn to this new medium of enlightenment and entertainment . . . Grownups and children alike sit for hours around a set, conversation is taboo, and visiting friends in the community is becoming a forgotten grace with those who watch the tv . . . It would appear that this marvelous contraption which funnels everything right into the living room is liable to change the whole social order . . . and keep the grown-ups and the kids alike at home every evening . . . We inquired from a visitor the other day about a friend he had visited in another city—"Oh, I visited him all right," he answered, "but the television was not all the time, and never did get around to saying a word . . . don't have any idea how he's getting along, but he looks fresh!"

SARAH REBEKAH RIVERS just back from Paris, where she had spent a couple of years, visits our house, and talks entertainingly of the Europeans, their trials and tribulations, their hopes and fears . . . The information she brings is heartening, for some of us through the years, have likened the Europeans to so many



Belk's Store Celebrates Finish Of Handsome Building Front



W. H. BELK
President Belk's Stores



W. W. CHESTER
Manager Belk's Store in Boone

Rites Held For Mrs. J. E. Young

Blowing Rock, May 14.—Mrs. J. E. Young, 69, died at her home here on Monday night at 5:45 o'clock, following an illness. Funeral services were conducted at two o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the Blowing Rock Reformed church. Burial was in the church cemetery. Rev. Mr. Mills of Charlotte and Rev. Mr. Eugene Nichols of Beckley, W. Va., conducted the services. Surviving are her husband, ex-sheriff J. E. Young; two daughters, Mrs. Leona Hartley and Mrs. Mary Helen Ford, both of Blowing Rock; four sons, Fred A., James A., and Roy W., all of Blowing Rock, and J. E. Young, Jr., of St. Petersburg, Fla.; two sisters, Mrs. Effie Bradshaw of Lenoir, route eight, and Mrs. Elsie Knight, also of Blowing Rock; a brother, Charles Trexler of Baltimore, Md.; 29 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren. The body was removed to the late residence Tuesday afternoon from Groer Funeral Home at Lenoir. She was born September 6, 1861, the daughter of David P. and Charlotte Holshouser, Trexler of Rowan county. Her maiden name was Sally C. Trexler.

Health Office Closes

Due to the necessity of the staffs attending the Western District Public Health Conference, the Health Department will close Thursday, May 24 at 12:00 noon and will be closed Friday, May 25 and Saturday, May 26.

Belk's Department Store is today celebrating the completion of its new store front, marking another step forward in the life of the popular establishment, and further enhancing the appearance of the down-town business district.

The remodeling project which has been underway for some time, by the B. G. Teams Construction Co., is now completed. The masonry below the show windows, and on each side of the entrances have been faced with Virginia green stone, while an attractive marquee has been built the entire length of the building. Above this the brick work has been stuccoed and the snow-white surface divided into squares. New plate glass doors enhance the attractiveness of the entrance.

In commenting on the new improvement Mr. W. W. Chester, store manager states that Belk's opened their store here in May 1935 and have grown with the community, taking part in movements calculated to build up both the community and the county.

"It is with great pride," says Mr. Chester, "that we formally open this new store front and thus keep pace with Boone and Watauga in their forward movement. We have great faith in the people of Watauga and are always striving to make our store a better store to meet the needs of our trading area."

"It is the policy of Belk's to employ local personnel, and the goods for the Boone store are bought by the people who work here, to meet the needs of the trade."

Belk's is managed by W. W. Chester, who is secretary and treasurer of the Boone store, as well as a stockholder. Mr. W. H. Belk of Charlotte is president and W. H. Belk, Jr., vice-president.

Mail Service To Elk Improved

Mail service was extended from Boone for 7 miles beyond Triplett, N. C., to the Wilkes County line Monday, May 21st giving patrons in that area their first mail deliveries on the road. Prior to this time they have had to walk the 7 miles for their mail.

Along with this extension a rearrangement of the star route was made for the mail to leave Boone at 10:15 a. m. and go to the Wilkes County line via Triplett and return to Boone by 3 p. m. This gives patrons in that area the advantage of receiving their mail 24 hours earlier and giving an advance of a dispatch by 24 hours.

\$456,000 Contract Let for Parkway

Washington—The Interior Department said this week it has awarded a \$456,200 contract for paving 27 miles of the Blue Ridge Parkway to Sam Finley, Inc., Roanoke, Va.

The three sections of paving will be part of an 80-mile unit of the Parkway from Beacon Heights, near Linville, N. C., in to Asheville.

At Lions Convention

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Crawford and Mr. and Mrs. Leo K. Pritchett attended a part of the Lions International State Convention in Winston-Salem Sunday and Monday. One of the affairs they attended was the Tailtwisters Breakfast on Monday morning. Mr. Crawford and Mr. Pritchett served as Tailtwisters of the local Lion's Club during the past year.

Summer School Enrollments To Tax Facilities At Appalachian

By EARLEEN G. PRITCHETT
Advance enrollments at Appalachian State Teachers college indicate that the summer school for this year will tax all available accommodations and facilities again this year. All the college dormitory rooms have been reserved for many months, and it is understood that available rooms in the town are rapidly filling. In addition, several hundred teachers and students will plan to drive in from the nearby towns and counties. The first term opens June 12. Last summer there were 2416 enrollments for both summer terms, represented by 1501 different individuals from sixteen states, one territory, and two foreign countries. The majority of them were in-service teachers, studying to improve their classroom procedures and techniques. Several additions have been made to the curriculum for this summer which will be of particular interest to teachers. The college is offering sufficient work in guidance and counseling for a teacher to obtain a graduate certificate in this field. At present these courses in guidance and counseling are offered only on the graduate level. There

are certain courses on the undergraduate level to be offered, however. Another important addition to the curriculum is the offering of the master's degree in the field of music. This covers the field from the fundamentals of music, music for children, individual lessons in various instruments, many music education courses, on through the more advanced courses in arranging, conducting, music workshops, and others. With the completion of the new music building, which is expected to be ready for occupancy near the latter part of July of this year, it is thought that the music department will grow into one of the most outstanding and most important at the college. Graduate work is given in library science, biology, social studies, English, mathematics, and music, as well as in primary, elementary and high school education. Undergraduate work is given in many other fields, sufficient for a bachelor of science degree. In addition to the regular college faculty, some of the country's best known teachers will be visiting professors at Appalachian during the summer. Among

these are the following: Dr. W. Amos Abrams, associate editor of the NCEA Journal; Dr. Ernest J. Ashbaugh, dean of the school of education, Miami University, Ohio; Dr. Joseph M. Wilson, head of the department of music, High Point college; Dr. Philip J. Green, professor of history at Queens College; Dr. James William Moffitt, professor of history at Furman University; Dr. Lilian L. Stevens, elementary teacher in the Lincoln School and the Horace Mann School; Miss Doris Davis, professor of speech at Culver Stockton College, Missouri; Miss Shirley Cox, professor of physical education, Washington State College; Dr. Henderson Grady Kincheol, associate professor of English, North Carolina State Teachers; Mr. Bernhardt H. Westlund, professor of music, Milton College, Wisconsin; Miss Frieda M. Heller, associate professor and librarian, department of University Schools, Ohio State University; Miss Helen A. McLaughlin, assistant professor of education, New York State Teachers college; Dr. Homer B. Greenholt, professor of history, Lenoir-Rhyne college; Miss Martha G. Johnston, supervisor, Salisbury city schools;

Mr. Victor B. Daneck, head of the music department, Judson college, Alabama; Miss Ethel M. Wood, librarian in the Oak Ridge (Tenn.) schools; Richard W. Farrell, guidance expert in the Rockland County (N. Y.) schools; Miss Barbara Koesjan, supervisor of music in the Amarilla, (Texas) city schools; Dr. Elva E. Knight, professor of education at Hunter college, New York; Dr. J. W. McCutchen, professor of English, Davidson college; Dr. Ellison M. Smith, director of teacher education and certification, South Carolina State Department of Education; Miss Mildred Herring, librarian of Central high school, Greensboro; Walter B. Sheppard, director of the Psychological Services Center, Syracuse University; Miss Ruth Robinson, supervisor of the Mecklenburg County Schools, Charlotte; Dr. Grace A. Peterson, assistant in the botany department, Rutgers University. There are also a number of other visiting faculty members who will participate in the various college programs and curriculums during the summer. The first term of the summer school opens on June 12 and extends through July 26. The second will be July 24 through Aug. 28.

Newsmen, Others From 10 States Tour Parkway

Parkway Tour Personnel

- Thomas J. Allen, Regional Director, National Park Service, Richmond, Va.
- Alec Bearov, Field Reporter, National Touring Bureau, American Automobile Association, Washington, D. C.
- Tom Broughton, Editor, "Go" Magazine, Carolina Motor Club, Charlotte, N. C.
- Miss Vera Buil, Branch Manager, Carolina Motor Club, Fayetteville, N. C.
- J. B. Burns, Executive Secretary, Georgia Motor Club, Atlanta, Ga.
- Jack D. Cabe, Patrolman, State Highway Patrol, Brevard, N. C.
- Robert F. Campbell, "Asheville Citizen," Asheville, N. C.
- Earl Crawford, "Charlotte Observer," Charlotte, N. C.
- Mrs. Genevieve Cross, East Tennessee Automobile Club, Bristol, Tenn.
- E. M. Dale, Chief Ranger, National Park Service, Roanoke, Va.
- Mrs. Ruth Donegan, Alabama Motorists Association, Birmingham, Ala.
- Mrs. Lucille Drago, District of Columbia Division AAA, Washington, D. C.
- Mike Frome, Public Relations Department, American Automobile Association, Washington, D. C.
- Mrs. Nina Gills, Automobile Club of Virginia, Roanoke, Va.
- B. W. Hakanson, South Florida Division AAA, Miami, Fla.
- Mrs. Mary Hale, East Tennessee Automobile Club, Knoxville, Tenn.
- John Hemmer, Photographer, State Advertising Bureau, Raleigh, N. C.
- Mrs. Jim Howard, East Tennessee Automobile Club, Gatlinburg, Tenn.
- Allen Jeter, Automobile Club of Virginia, Richmond, Va.
- Art Johnson, "Greensboro Daily News," Greensboro, N. C.
- John Laurino, Automobile Club of Virginia, Richmond, Va.
- Hugh Morton, President, The Linville Company, Wilmington, N. C.
- Charlie Parker, Director, State Advertising Bureau, Raleigh, N. C.
- T. Ed Pickard, Jr., Vice-President-General Manager, Carolina Motor Club, Charlotte, N. C.
- Jack Priedeman, President, Smoky Mountain Tours, Asheville, N. C.
- Paul Radford, Smoky Mountain Tours, Asheville, N. C.
- Mrs. Thelma Ryan, Branch Manager, Carolina Motor Club, High Point, N. C.
- Al Starger, Automobile Club of New York, New York.
- Mrs. Ruby Stuckey, Branch Manager, Carolina Motor Club, Columbia, S. C.
- E. J. Velenovsky, Managing Editor, "Waynesboro News-Virginian," Waynesboro, Va.
- Lou Weber, Cincinnati Automobile Club, Cincinnati, O.
- Sam P. Weems, Superintendent, Blue Ridge Parkway, Roanoke, Va.
- Miss Marie White, Travel Counselor, Carolina Motor Club, Charlotte, N. C.
- Dave Wilkinson, Branch Manager, Carolina Motor Club, Asheville, N. C.
- Conrad L. Wirth, Associate Director, National Park Service, Washington, D. C.
- Miss Margaret Stubbs, Bluefield Automobile Club, Bluefield, West Virginia.



BRUCE ANGEL, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Angel of Boone, whose death was reported in the last edition of the Democrat.

Several Gifts Are Received For Recreation Fund

Interest is growing in plans for a recreation program for Boone, according to Rev. Joseph T. Shackford, chairman of the Boone Chamber of Commerce Recreational committee. Already several donations of money toward the estimated minimum fund of \$500 have been subscribed to, and work is progressing on clearing space for the smaller children's playground between the local Baptist and Methodist churches, with Scouts from Squadron 109 helping with the work.

A softball game between the Rotary Wheels and the Roaring Lions was scheduled to be played this afternoon (Wednesday), on College Field, at 3:30. Members of the Lions Club and Rotary Club each predict a win by their respective teams. Proceeds from the game will be turned over to the recreational fund.

Youngsters under 20 years have issued a challenge to the winners of this game to be played the following Wednesday—if the winners have recuperated enough to play.

Donations from civic clubs have been listed as follows, through Tuesday noon: Lions Club \$50.00; Business and Professional Women \$50.00; Veterans of Foreign Wars \$35, or more. The Rotary Club, prohibited from making a club donation by its constitution and by-laws, will give, through individual members, at least \$50.00. Rev. Shackford stated that other clubs are showing an interest in the program and he hopes to be able to announce next week donations from these groups and individuals and business establishments in town.

Softball Deadline

Deadline on Softball Enrollments has been announced by Rev. Joseph Shackford, chairman of the Boone Chamber of Commerce Recreational Committee as May 28. Each team must have an adult sponsor. The team divisions are for boys, ages 6-8, 9-11, 12-14, 15 and up; girls 8-12, 13-18. Those intending to enter should notify Rev. Shackford or Howard J. Williams immediately so that games may be scheduled.

Insect pests are causing damage to ornamental plants in some sections of the State. Information on control measures may be obtained from county agents.

Civic Leaders Boone, Blowing Rock Are Hosts to Group.

Boone and Blowing Rock entertained travel and Parkway officials and newspapermen from ten states and the District of Columbia Monday night and Tuesday morning, while they were on a four-day inspection tour of the Blue Ridge Parkway and its facilities for the traveling public. Approximately 40 persons were making the tour.

The tour was sponsored by the Carolina Motor Club and the Blue Ridge Parkway Associated Chambers of Commerce.

The Blowing Rock Chamber of Commerce entertained the group at a dinner Monday night at the Wagon Wheel Grill, with Grover C. Robbins acting as master of ceremonies. R. B. Hardin, president of the chamber, welcomed the group, with response by T. E. Pickard, Jr., of the Carolina Motor Club.

A tour was made of various scenic spots in this section, including the Cone Estate, the Rock, Grandfather Mountain, Mayview Park, and other places in the two towns. Joining this tour from Boone Chamber of Commerce were Watt H. Gragg, H. Grady Farthing, Louis Smith, L. T. Tatum, W. R. Winkler, Herman Wilcox and Stanley A. Harris.

Part of the group spent the night in Boone and ate breakfast as guests of the Boone Chamber of Commerce at the Skyline Restaurant Tuesday. They spent

Miss Holshouser Given Honor

Miss Mary Holshouser, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Holshouser of Blowing Rock, has been awarded a fellowship through the World Council of Churches, to represent the Southern Presbyterian at the Gossner Mission and training center in Mainz, Germany this summer.

A rising senior at W. C. U. N. C. Miss Holshouser is on the Westminster Fellowship Council, Inter-faith council, Inter-Collegiate council, and is secretary-treasurer of State Westminster Fellowship council and is on the Y-State Conference planning committee.

She has served as Junior House president this year, is on the dean's list, the curriculum committee of executive council and chairman of the delegation of the student council of the Greater Universities of North Carolina and has recently been tapped for membership in Golden Chain, honor society in Woman's College.

Health Program

The regular 1:30 Health Department program for Monday, May 28, will present Mrs. Reka Shoemaker's first grade from Deep Gap School and accomplishments of this year's school.

Polio Suspected

Miss Sallie Brendall, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Brendall, was taken to the Orthopedic Hospital in Asheville Tuesday for an examination. Local doctors suspected polio.

MOBILE X-RAY UNIT TO COME TO COUNTY; FUNDS ARE SOUGHT

A mobile x-ray unit from the State Health Department is to be in Watauga county for two months to make free chest examinations, if plans of the Business and Professional Women's Club and the County Tuberculosis Association work out. Mrs. Kathleen Hodges, chairman of the special BPW committee, and also chairman of the last Tuberculosis seal campaign in the county, states that the success of the x-ray effort will

depend upon the cooperation secured. If the service is to be made available for two months and every person in the county given the chance for an examination, about \$350 will be needed. Mrs. Hodges says. This money is to be used to pay for two stenographers, who are necessary to make the records of the examinations. Those willing to make contributions may leave same with Mrs. Hodges at the Farmers Hardware & Supply Co.