

KING STREET BY ROB RIVERS

THOSE WHO LIKE to keep up with the special observances of the different days and weeks in the year may be interested to know that the current week is flag week, national bow tie week, father and son week, luggage and leather goods week, 4-H Club camp week, and that next Saturday is a new one to us—expectant Father's day, Sunday being observed as father's day, expectant or not, pop's day just barely getting out of the way of Swim for Health Week, and in time for the proper observance of the final two weeks of ragweed control month, which could conceivably be of paramount importance to the millions of allergic papas in the land. . . . At any rate next Sunday the folks will take note of the old man and we are interested in the suggestion of some organization that the dandelion should be used as the official father's day flower, 'cause it continues to grow, come what may, and has the "staying" power of the normal sort of dad, its color suggesting the gold he craves for the family, and the quantity of the pestiferous plants measuring the abundance of most dads' affection for the members of their households. . . . The Masonic "Trestle Board," incidentally, publishes a gem in the form of the definition of a happy man, which might be apropos of the occasion:

"THE HAPPIEST MAN in the world is the common, everyday guy who makes his own living, pays his bills, has a little money as he goes along, but doesn't strive to get a corner on the local output, and is a slave neither to ambition nor society. He loves his God and his fellow man, never has to sit up nights to polio his conscience, believes in the doctrine of live and let live, and, when he encounters one of the needy, he doesn't stutter with his pocketbook. His kind of chap is happy to be satisfied, and does not spend the best years of his life yearning for things about four sizes too large for him."

STARS AND BARS of the Confederacy flutter from both ends of car parked on the street, as a final reminder that the last reunion of the men who followed Lee has passed, and that no Civil War soldier of the South now resides in North Carolina. . . . Passerby queries us: "Got a watch on ye?" . . . We did and dispensed a reasonably accurate estimate of the time of day. . . . Lady waiting for service in Boone store, flips "loafer" to floor, stretches forth shapely bare leg, wiggles toes and cools tired foot. . . . Leaves of apple trees dying in some sections. . . . Rumor has it that an insect of some sort has laid hold of the clusters of leaves about the young apples. . . . William A. Cessna, from the editorial department of the Chicago Tribune, pays 'The Democrat a visit. . . . Mr. Cessna has bought an inn at Blowing Rock, and commutes from the windy city, holding down his desk at the Trib and looking out after his interests at the Rock all at the same time. . . . Fellow standing on the corner greets us, and gives us a fish hook, the sort upon which a red worm is impaled and sept diving for suckers. . . . The man perhaps thought that a session on a creek bank would help us a bit, and of course it would. . . . Mack Luttrell, Boone's last active railroad man, still working for the East Tennessee Railway, whose lines now reach only to Elizabethton, and which is a standard gauge set up, gives us the news of the former narrow gauge road. . . . Mack says engine 9, which hauled the trains into Boone most of the time for twenty years, was "cut up" last week and hauled away to the scrap dealers.

AND WE SHARED MACK'S SADNESS in the knowledge that the faithful little locomotive, which provided our only dependable transportation for so long, was on the way back to the fiery crucibles of the foundry to be reborn into a gun, a tank, a printing press, a flying machine, or something. . . . Engine nine labored manfully in hauling the bricks and the steel and the cement which

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140 Spanish War Vets, Wives At State Encampment Here



HOPEWELL METHODIST CHURCH

Four Churches Being Dedicated Same Day



WINNER—Miss Patsy Ann Dowling, the winner of the Boone Lion's Club Queen contest, held in connection with the organization's annual talent show. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Dowling of Boone, and was winner over contestants from all the elementary and high schools in the county. (Photo by Palmer's Photo Service.)

Greer To Speak At Noted Singing

Dr. I. G. Greer will be the principal speaker at the twenty-seventh annual singing on Grandfather Mountain June 24. The singing, which draws great crowds every year, takes place on the Yonahlossee Road, Highway 221, at the foot of the Grandfather Mountain.

Meat Camp Cemetery

There will be a gathering to clean off the cemetery at Meat Camp Church next Friday morning beginning at 8:00. All who are interested in helping will be welcome. The cemetery will be decorated next Sunday, June 16, at two o'clock.

Band Courses

All persons interested in taking beginner's band, high school band, or concert band work this summer, please report to the bandroom at the Boone Methodist Church on Thursday morning, June 14th, at ten o'clock a.m.

Bishop Harrell Will Be Present Sunday On Todd Charge

Dedication services will be held for four Methodist churches, Hopewell, Blackburn's Chapel, Stephens Memorial, and Calvary, on June 17 with Bishop Costen J. Harrell officiating. Reverend Ernest Stephens is the pastor of these churches.

The schedule of services is as follows: Hopewell, 9:45, sermon by Reverend Cecil W. Robbins; Blackburn's Chapel, 11:00, sermon by Bishop Costen J. Harrell and a picnic dinner on the grounds; Stephens Memorial, 3:00, sermon by Reverend Joseph S. Hight; and Calvary, picnic supper at 7:00 and sermon by Reverend John Hoyle, Jr. at 8:00.

These four churches are members of the Todd Charge which in 1944 had eight churches. The pastor's salary was \$900. Some of the buildings were fifty years old or more; all were one room frame buildings in need of repair. The estimated value of all the buildings including the parsonage was \$8,800.

At the annual conference in 1944 Reverend Ernest Stephens was appointed Supply Pastor. Deciding that not much progress could be expected with just one service a month at each of the churches, he began to preach

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City Recreational Program In Stride

With the opening of the pre-school playground and the beginning of the ten-team adult softball league, the Boone Recreation program entered the second week. Equipment for the playground arrived and has been installed. Summer School and other summer visitors who may not have read earlier information are reminded that they may participate in the softball games by appearing at the fields back of the high school or in front of the high school at 8:15 p. m. each day Monday through Friday, and informing the manager of one of the two teams of his availability for play. The playground is open to all pre-school children of Boone and Watauga county.

The great lack, according to Joe Shackford, chairman of the Recreation Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, which is sponsoring the program, is registration of the school age softball teams. Mrs. Charles Wilfong is in charge of the girls' teams, ages 8-12, 13-18, but so far only one or two teams have been enrolled. All teams must have adult supervision in order to qualify in the program.

Mr. Shackford announced that Horace Felton, Appalachian State Teachers College student enrolled in Summer School, has volunteered for supervision of the school age boys league. Teams, however, for these leagues are to be enrolled with Mr. Shackford by phoning 22. Teams are sought for the boys, ages 9-11, 12-14. So far only teams enrolled for these groups are ages 9-11, Methodists, Bob Agle, sponsor; 12-14, Methodists, Jack Melton, sponsor.

In the playground area, Mrs. James Taylor, supervisor, and

Officers Are Elected As Veterans Hold Final Session.

Approximately 140 veterans of the Spanish-American War and their wives met here for the 28th annual encampment of the United Spanish War Veterans on June 11 and 12.

Delegates from both veterans and auxiliary organizations throughout the state made the Daniel Boone Hotel their encampment headquarters for the two day convention. Also represented were Spanish-American War Veterans organizations from Virginia, Georgia, South Carolina, and Tennessee.

The chief business of the encampment was the election of new officers. This was done Tuesday morning after nominations were made at a meeting on Monday. The new officers of the Department of North Carolina are: State Commander, C. J. Satterwhite, Granite Falls; Senior Vice Commander, J. V. Griswold, Charlotte; Junior Vice President, L. C. Sevier, Asheville; Chief of Staff, Thomas A. Price, Charlotte; Adjutant and Quartermaster, J. R. Stradley, Asheville; Chaplain, S. E. Rochelle, Durham; Historian, J. D. Wagoner, Asheville; Inspector, Julius Rudolph, Wilmington; Judge Advocate, J. Sprunt Hill, Durham; Patriotic Instructor, M. C. McLaurin, Asheville; and Marshal, D. S. Sykes, Charlotte.

These new officers were installed immediately by L. L. Merchant, the former department commander.

New officers elected by the auxiliary were Mrs. Mary Eilum, President, and Mrs. Georgia Nesbitt, Senior Vice President.

The only Spanish-American War nurse in North Carolina, Mrs. Alice Perry, who meets with the veterans and has the same status as one of them, attended the encampment.

Sunday night a memorial service for veterans who died during the year was held in the Boone Methodist Church. A banquet and dance Monday night followed the meetings of the day. After the installation of officers on Tuesday the encampment came to a close.

The delegates expressed their thanks to the people of Boone for their friendly reception. One of the group remarked, "I've met some of the finest people here in Boone that I have met anywhere, and this is the best reception we've ever had for a convention."

Funeral For Roby Biggs Held on Third

Funeral services for Roby W. Biggs were conducted Sunday June 3rd at the home church, Miller's Gap in Avery county. He was 62 years old and was a World War I veteran. He died in an Asheville hospital Friday following a short illness.

He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. James B. Biggs of Avery county.

Surviving are three brothers and five sisters: Mrs. John Aldridge, Boone; Mrs. Bill Fisher, Toledo, Ohio; Albert Biggs Bartley, W. Va.; Will Biggs, Nora, Va.; Ambrose Biggs, Newland; Mrs. Ette Johnson, Newland; Mrs. Henry Rash, Newland and Mrs. Emmet Tester, Newland.

Rev. Millard Lambert, Rev. James Cornett and Rev. Pugh were in charge of rites. Burial was in the home cemetery.

Memorial Service

Annual memorial services are to be held at Meat Camp Baptist Church next Sunday at 11 o'clock. The pastor, Rev. R. C. Eggers will be assisted by Rev. A. E. Moretz.

Kindergarten Classes To Be Conducted

Kindergarten classes will be held for nine weeks this summer from June 26 to August 29 in connection with the summer term at the Demonstration Elementary School. Mrs. Elizabeth Austell will conduct the classes. Parents of pre-school age children who are interested may contact Mrs. Austell by phoning 289-J.

City Election To Be Held Tuesday; One Slate In Field

Local Republicans Thus Far Have Failed to Nominate Municipal Ticket.

The biennial election of municipal officials of the town of Boone will be held next Tuesday, June 19.

Thus far only the Democrats have placed a ticket in the field. At press time no announcement had been made concerning Republican nominees or a possible date for a Republican convention.

At the Democratic convention held June 4 Gordon H. Winkler, four times mayor of Boone, was renominated. Guy Hunt and Grady Moretz, both incumbents, and Grady Tugman were nominated for aldermen.

Twin City Man In Jail, Dope Charge

Clarence Tickle, 129 N. Spruce Street, Winston-Salem, was brought to Boone Saturday to face State narcotics law violation charges.

Police Chief Richardson, and Watauga Sheriff A. J. Edmisten went to Winston-Salem for Tickle, who was arrested at his home late Friday night. The warrant charged that Tickle, allegedly a deliveryman for Wauhtown Drug Store, delivered a quantity of paregoric to Lee Teague, of Boone, on about May 24, his arrest having followed investigations by local officers.

Tickle is being held in the Watauga jail in default of a \$2,000 bond. Information from Winston-Salem is that Tickle has served two terms in Federal prisons for narcotic violations.

The owners and pharmacist of the drugstore in Winston-Salem, for which Tickle allegedly worked, have already been bound over to federal court on narcotics charges.

Tri-County Lamb Show Held Friday

The Tri-County fat lamb show was held Friday, June 8th, at the Livestock Market. Although the weather was bad, a good number of interested persons turned out to see the 4-H boys and girls from Ashe, Alleghany and Watauga counties show their fat lambs.

Watauga county 4-H boys and girls entered 16 lambs in the show and made a good account of themselves taking the entire class of registered ram lambs and coming out in second place in the county group of five and the pen of three lambs.

An auction sale was held after the show in which many of the fat lambs were sold. Harry M. Hamilton, Jr. was the auctioneer.

The Tri-County show will be held next year at Sparta in Alleghany county.

This county's part of the show was sponsored jointly by the Boone Chamber of Commerce and the N. C. Extension Service with the American Hampshire Sheep Association contributing \$20.00 for registered ewe lambs.

Watauga Conservation Efforts Being Mobilized in Interest of Defense Plan

Through recent consolidation of the U. S. Department of Agriculture's soil and water conservation programs in Watauga county, conservation efforts are being mobilized to meet the defense needs of the country, says Dwight Cable, chairman of the county PMA committee.

According to the chairman, services of the Soil Conservation Service and the Production and Marketing Administration having to do with soil and water conservation are now being concentrated on meeting current defense needs and at the same time maintaining farm production plants in good condition for continued high level production in the future.

Under PMA's Agricultural Conservation program assistance is provided in the form of materials, and financial aid to help farmers carry out approved conservation practices.

Boone Club Wins State "Model Mile" Award



NEW YORK—Pictured above is part of the cargo of American luxury merchandise included in the baggage of Alexander Panushkin, Soviet ambassador to the U. S., which he took with him (June 8) when he sailed for home. The New York "price war" was responsible for many of Panushkin's purchases. One can only speculate as to the effect of these capitalistic luxuries on the victims of Moscow's enforced poverty.

Judge Susie Sharp Is Holding Court In City

Former Scout Leader Given Bronze Star



JOSEPH D. EDWARDS

Mr. Joseph D. Edwards, Senior Field Executive of the Old Hickory Council, Boy Scouts of America, has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement in Ground Operation against the enemy in the European Theatre of Operation.

Mr. Edwards, then Lt. Edwards of the Parachute Infantry, received the Citation and Medal this past week at his home in North Wilkesboro. He is widely known throughout the Council area, having served as Field Executive in this area for some two and one-half years. Scouts and leaders have enjoyed the camping sessions at Camp Lasater where he has been camp director for the past two years and where he will serve again this summer.

Mr. Edwards gives direct field service to Ashe, Alleghany, Watauga, Wilkes, Yadkin, and part of Surry counties.

United States surplus falls below \$3,000,000,000 level.

First Week Of June Court Being Held By Woman Jurist

Judge Susie Sharp, the first and only woman judge in North Carolina is presiding over the first week of the June Civil Term of the Watauga Superior Court which began Monday.

Judge Harold G. Goodwin will preside the second week beginning June 18.

There are 37 cases on the docket for the first week. The calendar for the second week will be published at the end of this time.

Of the 37 cases only one is a divorce case.

The jury list for the first week follows:

- Bald Mountain: James Castle
- Beaver Dam: Will D. Harmon, Willard Dishman
- Blue Ridge: Frank Fork
- Blowing Rock: Randall Foster, W. W. Austin
- Boone: J. Allen Gragg, Fred Hayes
- Brushy Fork: Spencer Miller, Jack Hicks
- Cove Creek: Tom J. Banner, Dawson Fletcher
- Laurel Creek: Dave P. Mast, Talmadge Watson
- Meat Camp: Lloyd Winebarger, Grady Beach
- New River: William P. Norris, W. C. Downs
- North Fork: Dave Main
- Shawneehaw: Lester Byrd
- Stony Fork: Hayes Welborn, Arthur G. Moretz
- Watauga: J. E. Maltba, Julius Yates

Second Week

- Bald Mountain: James J. Miller
- Beaver Dam: Spencer Warren, George Roark
- Blue Ridge: Marion Ford, Arkie Hampton
- Blowing Rock: Eugene Lentz, Ben H. Moody
- Boone: John Farthing, T. Milt Greer
- Brushy Fork: H. F. Dotson
- Cove Creek: Raymond Isaacs, Lawton Grogan
- Elk: Charlie Simmons
- Laurel Creek: Grady Johnson
- Meat Camp: J. Frank Proffitt, Clarence Miller
- New River: Burl Hartley, Malcolm McGhee
- North Fork: Archie Wilson
- Shawneehaw: Spencer Watson
- Stony Fork: Clyde Moretz, Joe L. Coffey
- Watauga: L. R. Earp, Linville Aldridge

VET TRAINING DEADLINE SET

July 25 is the deadline for any veteran wishing to enroll in a training or education course under the G. I. Bill. Veterans who have not had G. I. training or who have discontinued a course for any reason cannot get the benefits of the Bill after this date. Veterans wishing to enter training should see Lionel Ward, Veterans Service Officer, at once.

Garden Club Takes Top Honors For Work on 421

First prize in the Model Mile Contest sponsored by the State Garden Clubs of North Carolina was awarded to the local Blue Ridge Garden Club at the state convention in Wilmington last week. Boone's Model Mile is five miles of mountain beauty between the Blue Ridge Parkway junction and the old West Jefferson Road on Highway 421.

The prize was awarded on the basis of points, those especially commended being the neatness of the farms and the painted houses combined with the natural effect of the shrubbery along the roadside and the absence of any woodpiles or farm tools in sight. The Model Mile also has grassy banks at the sides and no large billboards.

Although it received first prize, there is need for further improvements such as uniform painted mailbox stands, neater fences and posts, and an evergreen screen for the car graveyard just outside the limits of the Model Mile.

The prize money will be used to make the Model Mile even more beautiful, and continuing the program, the local club will again offer a ten dollar prize to the family making the most improvement this summer. Visits to families will be made throughout the summer months, the awards being presented in October.

Plans are being formulated for two wayside parks as well as more shrubbery and plants by the roadside.

Residents along the road are to be commended for the improvement of their property, for they are responsible for making the most-traveled road into Boone more attractive. If the program could be enlarged to include every highway in the county, Wataugas would benefit both materially and in the pleasure of having a more beautiful county.

HEALTH COUNCIL HOLDS MEETING

The executive committee of the Watauga County Health Council met at the Skyline Restaurant at noon, June 11, for completing plans for the June 28 meeting. The meeting will feature the film "The Tar Heel Family" that has been produced by the service agencies of North Carolina.

Nominations will be made at this meeting for officers for the coming two years. A report from the State Rural Health Conference in Raleigh will be given. All citizens are invited to attend this meeting that will be held in the Valle Crucis Mission School. Attending the meeting June 11 were: Mr. Clyde Greene, president; Dr. H. B. Perry, Jr., Dr. Jack Martin, Mrs. Mont Glover, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Edwards, and Miss Madeleine McCain.

Rites For Dr. Journey Held On Thursday

Dr. P. C. Journey, 76, Iredell county physician, businessman and farmer, died Wednesday at the home, following a heart attack. A brother of the late Mrs. R. C. Rivers, Sr., of this city, Dr. Journey was known by many Watauga people.

Funeral services were held Thursday at the late residence in Turnersburg, and burial was in Oakwood cemetery, Statesville. A nephew, Rob Rivers, and Mrs. Rivers of Boone, attended the obsequies.

A native of Olin, Dr. Journey had practiced medicine for nearly 50 years. He was a member of the Methodist church, a Mason, a Shriner, a member of the Red Fez Club, and had been active in public affairs.

Survivors include the widow, the former Miss Grace Steele; two daughters, Miss Helen Journey of the home, Mrs. Frank J. Brown of Falls Church, Va.; two brothers, Sam R. Journey of Olin and William R. Journey of Elkin.