

School Opening Dates Fixed; Teachers Named

KING STREET BY ROB RIVERS

MR. J. L. HARTLEY, 80 years old, former resident of Watauga county who has been employed by the Linville Company for the past sixty years, was in town the other day and spoke of his deep interest in the proposed road from Boone to Linville, which he says is the most important highway project in this area, both from a commercial and tourist viewpoint. Mr. Hartley, incidentally, is the originator of the Grandfather singing, known far and wide as the "singing on the mountain" and which has drawn untold thousands of people, and many dignitaries to the slopes of the Grandfather for songfests, religious services and picnicking. Despite his age, he is still active and moves about with the agility of a teen-ager.

HE IS TIMBER INSPECTOR for his company, looks out after seven sawmills, is the caretaker of all the resort and other property of the Linville Company, keeps up the Grandfather trails, operates the Linville Gap Nurseries, runs his own farm, raises strawberries on a commercial basis and still has time to travel about over the Grandfather from time to time. He knows every trail on the big mountain, and tells of having found an "Indian house," about fifty feet square, covered with a slanting rock, and with a deep pit under the rock-paved floor. He is considerably interested in the history of the Grandfather as related to the life of the American Indian and says he would be glad to take anybody to the scene of his recent discovery.

STRANGER IN TOWN stops on crowded street Saturday and asks us directions. He knew a street and number, but couldn't find the thoroughfare. We explained to him how to reach his destination, which seems right simple to us of course, but which left him in poor shape. We tried another angle and got the visitor straightened out on his local geography, and he departed, highly pleased with our courtesies, but not before he quietly asked: "my friend, why don't you mark your streets? So many of us don't know your town." Some years ago the streets, most of them at least, were marked, but on some of the painted signs the reading has become illegible, others have been destroyed one way or another, and the stranger would be considerably aided by the erection of suitable markers on our streets. However we hadn't really given the matter much consideration until we met the man who couldn't find his way.

THE JAYWALKER of the city has been the but of many jokes, and is the source of a good deal of annoyance while he endangers his own life gaping at the skyline, without regard to personal safety or the rights of others. There's one thing that's just about as bad however, and that's the man from the city doing some jaywalking in a country community. The other day we drove down King in a bit of a hurry, fact is, the kids were about to be late for Sunday School. A well-groomed lad, not expecting to see automobiles in Boone, started through the line of traffic, his eyes glued on Howard's Knob, unmindful of the honking horns, and the ejaculations of the drivers. We got our buggy stopped in time to miss the fellow, who hasn't seen us yet, and who continued right on through the other lane of traffic as if he were taking a walk in a country lane.

CHIEF OF POLICE RICHARDSON remarks on the exemplary conduct of the people on the glorious fourth. (Continued on page seven)



AT CRAFTSMAN'S FAIR—Mrs. D. W. Cooke, of Boone, R. F. D. 2, is among those from this locality attending the Craftsman's Fair in Asheville this week. She and Mrs. Carrie Hodges of the same locality, will demonstrate the making of knotted spreads and tie fringes. Others attending from this section are Mrs. Annie Love, of Valle Crucis; Mrs. Arnold VanPelt, Miss Elizabeth Lord, Mrs. Nellie Miller and Mrs. Blanche Foster.

Over 500 X-Rays Made On First Day Of Survey

The tuberculosis x-ray survey which got underway in the county Saturday, has met with an enthusiastic reception, and more than five hundred people took advantage of the opportunity of getting the free chest examinations. Three-hundred and forty-two were examined in Boone Saturday, 50 at Deep Gap and 115 at Cove Creek, it was learned. One of the mobile x-ray units will be in Valle Crucis Friday and Saturday, according to word from the health department, while one will be at the Prison.

Dog Warden May Be Appointed

The County Commissioners will conduct a hearing on Monday, July 16, at 10 a. m., at which time all those interested are asked to attend and give their opinions on the appointment of a dog warden for Watauga county, under the terms of a bill passed by the last legislature. The bill provides that a warden may be appointed by the commissioners, and that the salary may be fixed by them, and paid from the dog tax money. The warden would make arrests and enforce dog laws in the county, serve as rabies control officer and operate a dog pound. If a warden is appointed, a dog pound must be established and maintained, tags must be provided by the county and given out when dogs are listed, and that the balance of dog taxes after payment of warden and pound expenses shall be used at the end of the year to pay any damages suffered by sheep growers from dogs. If the fund is not sufficient claims shall be paid proportionately as funds allow. The board to assess damages from dogs will consist of one member of the livestock industry; one from the fox hunters and one from the county at large. Mr. Clyde R. Greene, chairman of the board of commissioners says the hearing was arranged after a number of farmers requested the appointment of a dog warden.

At Music Camp

Mr. Guy W. Hunt, Jr., is spending six weeks at Brevard, N. C., where he is enrolled at the Transylvania Music Camp.

Consolidations Are To Go Into Effect In County This Year.

Watauga County schools will open in September with an allotment of 129 teachers, a loss of two compared to last year's number. Starting the 1951-52 term on Monday, September 3 will be Blowing Rock, Valle Crucis, Cove Creek, Bethel, Mabel and Boone Colored. Boone, Green Valley and Deep Gap will open September 4. All schools will operate five days a week and close December 21 for Christmas holidays. Bids on a new Parkway school building to be located on Highway 421 between Grant Greene's and Wiley Payne's will be received at 2:00 p. m. on July 10. The County Board of Education plans to purchase three additional school buses, making a total of 44 in operation. A number of consolidations will go into effect for the 1951-52 term. The Bamboo school seventh grade will go to Boone. Rich Mountain school and elementary children from Howard's Creek Road and Highway 221 will consolidate with Green Valley. Green Valley will take care (Continued on page six)

Band Concerts Start Tonight

The summer school band of Appalachian State Teachers College will present the second in a series of outdoor concerts Thursday evening at 7 o'clock, it is announced by Gordon Nash, the director. The concert will take place on the college campus between the fountain and the women's gymnasium. In the event of rain the college auditorium will be used. Featured in this week's concert will be a clever arrangement of "The Blue Tail Fly" by Clare Grundman; a musical story of Cinderella called "The Glass Slipper" by Yoder; the "Military Symphony in F" by Gossec and the Yugoslav Polka by List. The public is cordially invited to attend these concerts.

Go To Miami For Queen Contest

Miss Rachel Anne Vance, Miss Patsy Bolick, and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Wilfong left Sunday for Miami, Fla., where the two winners of the local Radio Queen Contest will compete for the title of Radio Queen of the South. They will return Monday, July 16.

Flower Show Party Being Scheduled

A flower show party for all the children in the county from the first through the eighth grades will be held at the Presbyterian Church on July 19 at 2:00 p. m. The party which will help the children practice for the Flower Show on July 26 will be sponsored by the Worthwhile Woman's Club. (Continued on page seven)

Scott Hints At New Bond Issue On Avery Trip

Governor W. Kerr Scott hinted last week that North Carolina might have to vote another bond issue for schools "if Supreme Court decisions turn out as they seem to be." The Governor addressed some 200 citizens of Avery and neighboring counties at a meeting of the State Highway Commission in Lees-McRae College Auditorium in Banner Elk July 6. The Governor did not elaborate in his talk on the statement regarding equalization but he later said that "if the Supreme Court says we have to have equal facilities, we will just have to comply." He said it would take an estimated \$80,000,000 to equalize facilities for white and Negro children, adding that he would not call a special session of the general assembly to consider bond issue "unless we have to." "I'd rather leave it for the next man," he said. Renewing his appeal for production of more power, Governor Scott predicted that "the next spurt of prosperity will come when we put the waters of North Carolina to work for the people of this country." "The power people fight these projects because they say the government cannot afford to do it. But private enterprise cannot do the whole job in control of water. You cannot attract big industry or even medium sized industry here," he said, "because you do not have the power." "The public officials have got to be watched that they are not elected by the monopoly interests of this state," Scott said. He also said that he was "not a candidate" for public office and that he planned to "go back to milking cows in Haw River in about 18 months."

Earlier, the commission awarded contracts totaling \$1,625,349 but rejected bids amounting to nearly \$2,000,000. Rejected was the project involving 6.15 miles of grading and paving on U. S. 321 between Lenoir and Blowing Rock which had run \$285,738 over estimated construction cost on the bid. Stanley A. Harris of Boone, secretary of the Blue Ridge Chambers of Commerce, asked the commission to consider new markings on state highways designating entrances to the Blue Ridge Parkway.

Two Boone Men On State Boards

Two Boone residents were among six persons named to State boards and commissions on July 6. Dr. William M. Matheson was named to the State Board of Dental Examiners along with Dr. Cleon W. Sanders of Benson, the other new appointee. Dr. Matheson will succeed Dr. Walter E. Clark of Asheville for a three-year term. Governor Scott appointed Mr. Ralph Winkler to serve on the North Carolina National Park, Parkway and Forest Development Commission, succeeding Percy B. Ferebee of Andrews. Mr. Winkler, who will serve a six-year term, was formerly with this board from July 1946 to July 1948.

Trout Season Closes

The trout fishing season closes in Watauga county July 15, it is announced by Tommy Osborne, district game and fish protector. Use of "phony" awards for publicity hit by business group.

18 Rams Average \$165

The North Carolina Purebred Sheep Breeders Association sold 18 Hampshire rams in the 8th annual Boone ram sale for \$2,980 or an average of \$165.55 per head. One hundred forty three grade ewe lambs were sold for \$3,070.50 or an average of \$35.35 per head. The honor of selling the highest priced ram went to Norris Brothers, Reese, on the ram that was grand champion at the 1950 N. C. State Fair. Mr. and Mrs. Wade E. Campbell, Taylorsville, N. C., paid \$375.00 for this outstanding yearling. The ram consigned by Vance Vines, a 4-H club boy, brought \$240.00 from Archie Coffey, Lenoir, N. C., to claim next highest price. Watauga farmers who purchased rams in the sale were Perry Farthing, Howard Edmisten and Bert and W. G. Farthing all of Sugar Grove, Shirley Caudill, Valle Crucis, and Dr. R. H. Harmon, Boone. The ewe lambs were grade lambs all sired by registered rams, and produced in Ashe and Watauga counties. The top pen consisting of six selected lambs weighing 110 pounds or more was bid off by Howard Stamey, assistant county agent of Iredell County for farmers in his county at \$47.50 per head. Dave Moore, Tarboro, N. C., took 36 lambs and Howard Stamey took 33 to claim the largest number of lambs of any other buyers. Others who purchased ewe lambs were B. P. Jenkins, Shelby; V. L. Allen, Mt. Holly; H. C. Nifong, Winston-Salem; Max Culp, county agent, Lenoir; H. E. Lovelace, Shelby; Paul Gibson, county agent, Sylvia; James E. Rozier, Marshville; Will Hayes, Boone; Charles A. Bridges, Shelby; E. M. Conrad, Lewisville; Lee Black, Cherryville and J. O. Ruffy, Stony Point, N. C.

County Tax Rate Down To 80c In New Budget



CHOIR COMING—The Youth Choir of the First Baptist Church, Newton, will present a concert of sacred music at the First Baptist Church Wednesday, July 11, at 7:30 P. M. The choir is under the direction of Hal Shoemaker, former athlete at Appalachian State Teachers College.

Mother Of Year Urges Fuller Participation At Ballot Boxes

College Enrollment Now At Record High Of 1322

Students who have come into register for the two-weeks course at Appalachian State Teachers college have raised the total number now enrolled at the college to 1322. A few others are to come in, the college administration said. This is the largest number ever to register at Appalachian State Teachers college for any quarter. Teaching in these two-weeks courses are Mrs. Chapel Wilson, on the regular education faculty of Appalachian; Ben Horton, student teaching supervisor; Miss Ethel M. Wood, in the library science department, now connected with the Oak Ridge, Tennessee, schools; Dr. Grace Peterson, biology, from Rutgers University; Dr. Ellison Smith, education, director of Teacher Education and Certification of the South Carolina State Department of Education, Columbia; Miss Mildred Hardester, science in primary and elementary grades. The second six-weeks term will open on July 24. The second two-weeks term will also open on that date and run concurrently with the six-weeks term for two weeks. To teach in the next two-weeks term will be Dr. Amos Abrams, associate editor of the NCEA Journal; Dr. John Springman of the Glenview City Schools, Illinois; in addition to the above-mentioned professors.

CONVENTION DAILY NEWSMEN SCHEDULED FOR JULY 25, 26

The convention of daily newspaper editors located on highways 321 and 421 in North Carolina and including some east Tennessee editors has been scheduled for July 25 and 26, according to Mr. Herman W. Wilcox, president of the Boone Chamber of Commerce. Boone and Blowing Rock will play host to the editors and their wives during the convention, the first of its kind in the South according to Mr. Wilcox. During this time they will be taken on a tour of many of the local scenic attractions while enjoying two days of "mountain hospitality." The meeting will begin with a luncheon at the Skyline Restaurant on Wednesday, July 25. On Wednesday afternoon the editors will be conducted on a tour along the famed Blue Ridge Parkway. Continuing on Thursday, the visitors will have an opportunity to see "Tater" Hill from which seven states can be viewed, and Grandfather Mountain. A tour of Blowing Rock's resort attractions and a banquet there on Thursday night will conclude the two-day program. The meeting will serve to emphasize the potentialities of Watauga County as "the future transportation center of western North Carolina," according to Mr. Wilcox, as well as providing an opportunity for the editors to see the mountain grandeur which every year attracts thousands of sightseers.

GARDENERS GET READY FOR SHOW

The flower gardeners of Boone and Watauga County are anxiously inspecting their gardens for each new blossom and anticipating just which ones will be at their very best the week of the flower show July 26 and 27. The show again this year will be held at the First Baptist Church by the Worthwhile Woman's Club and the Blue Ridge Garden Club. There is no entry fee for exhibits and everyone is urged to check over the classification list and plan to show the beauties of their gardens. Let's make this the most beautiful flower show ever held in Boone. She told something of the work of Crossnore School, of which she is head, and through which have been educated more than three thousand mountain children who would not otherwise have had an education. She paid tribute to Dr. B. B. Dougherty, president of Appalachian State Teachers college in Boone, and she said, "We look to Dr. Dougherty for the teachers to train our children at Crossnore." Herman Wilcox, president of the Boone Chamber of Commerce, presided at the meeting. Greetings were extended to the group by Mayor Gordon Winkler, and Dr. Sloop was introduced by Watt Gragg, secretary of the Watauga Building and Loan Association.

Dr. Sloop Speaks To Chamber Commerce of Boone Tuesday.

By EARLEEN G. PRITCHETT
Dr. Mary Martin Sloop of Crossnore, The American Mother of the Year, was the guest speaker at the regular meeting of the Boone Chamber of Commerce at the Skyline Restaurant on Tuesday. Speaking to the members and a large group of guests assembled for the meeting, Dr. Sloop said that two things have particularly impressed her this year as needing the help of women. The first of these, she said, is getting out the vote for the preservation of our liberty. "We are free people," Dr. Sloop said, "but we do not take advantage of it. Many of us don't care as much for that freedom as we do a short walk to the polls. Women are not willing to leave their washing, and men are not willing to leave their farm work, to vote. It takes continuous persistence to get your neighbors into the fram of mind to let things wait long enough for them to go to the polls. We must educate our children along these lines." Dr. Sloop continued: "Man is not taking responsibility for his children." Too long, she said, man has been content to let women do the housework and rear the children, while he has earned the money for support of his family. But, she stated, men must be willing to give up their precious evening's pipe and newspaper for time to become a pal and a real partner to their sons and daughters. "The American father is more interested, as a rule, in his bank account than in his boy's account," and this state of affairs must not continue. Dr. Sloop gave an account of her trip to New York to receive the citation of the Golden Rule Foundation in conferring upon her the title of The American Mother of the Year, and of how greatly she was impressed upon meeting mothers from forty-four of the forty-eight states and from many foreign countries and territories, and in hearing of the work that many of them have done to better the role of women in world affairs.

Valuation Real Property Is Raised To 18 1/2 Million.

The Watauga county tax rate for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1952 will be 80 cents on the \$100 valuation, rather than \$1.25 as previously, according to the budget estimate approved by the board of county commissioners recently. The poll tax levy has been reduced from \$3.60 to \$2.40. At the same time it is announced that under the revaluation program which has been carried out here, the valuation has been raised from ten and a half million dollars to eighteen and a half million. The 80 cent levy is designed to raise \$148,000, as against \$131,250 under the old arrangement. An amount equal to the increase of \$16,750 in property tax income, was given to furnish the Green Valley School, for school building maintenance, and for the purchase of three additional school buses, it is explained by Clyde R. Greene, chairman of the board of commissioners. In an analysis of the budget estimate, Mr. Greene explains that the division of the 80 cents is as follows: general county expense 15c, health and welfare 9 cents, debt service 12c, schools 26 c, public assistance 18 cents. Added to the property tax yield of \$148,000, is poll taxes of \$7,584 and dog tax of \$2,120, for a total of \$157,704. From this it will be necessary to subtract 10 per cent for uncollected taxes, or \$15,770. This leaves \$141,934. In order to give a full picture of the county fiscal structure, it is to be explained that in the receipts are State and Federal grants of \$280,267, which with the return of \$10,000 loaned to the school fund, brings the total to \$432,201. Miscellaneous income, from county home rent, court receipts, etc. amount to \$18,400 in the estimate, and a cash surplus of \$17,534 brings the grand total of contemplated receipts to \$468,135. This amount is to be spent as follows: General county fund \$51,020, health and welfare \$14,653, debt service \$34,315, schools \$157,947, social security \$211,100. The complete budget estimate is published in the Democrat today.

Moose Head Of Red Cross

Dr. G. K. Moose was elected chairman of the Watauga County Chapter of the American Red Cross at the annual meeting held in the Daniel Boone Hotel, Monday evening, July 2. Mr. R. W. Watkins was elected vice-chairman, Mrs. F. E. Warman, secretary and Mr. Paul Coffey, treasurer. Board members who will serve for the coming year are Mrs. Mae Miller, Mrs. Clyde Greene, Dr. W. M. Matheson, Mayor Gordon Winkler, Rev. J. K. Parker, and Rev. E. F. Troutman. Mr. E. S. Estes, field representative from area headquarters in Atlanta, Ga. was present and talked briefly on "Interpreting Red Cross Services." Mention was made of the letter which General Ridgeway of the Far Eastern U. N. Command wrote to the National Red Cross executive. (Continued on page six)

Huff Seeking New Industry

Mr. D. E. Huff of the Home Service Co., leaves today for Richmond, Va., where he will attend a special meeting of the promotion committee of the Wisco Precision Products Co., and will ask for the establishment of a Wisco plant in Boone. The proposed factory would manufacture storm windows. The proposal to solicit this industry had been approved by the industrial committee of the Boone Chamber of Commerce some time ago, and Mr. Huff is hopeful that this venture will culminate successfully. Half of teachers in lower schools called unqualified.