

KING STREET BY ROB RIVERS

IN WELCOMING the editors and other distinguished visitors to the county today, the Democrat recalls that this is the third time within the century when a newspaper gathering was held in Boone. . . . Back in 1911, the North Carolina Press Association held its summer convention in Lenoir and the late Bob Rivers spearheaded the movement to have the newsmen come over to Boone for one day during the convalescence, which was scheduled to include both Blowing Rock and Linville. The local gathering was held on the campus of the Appalachian Training School, and our memory of the big occasion is sharpened by reading the files of the Democrat, which tell of the mountains of food prepared by the women of the community, and served on long picnic tables under the pines, and of the tremendous publicity which followed the visit of the editors.

SOLICITOR FRANK A. LINNEY was chosen to deliver the address of welcome, and prefaced his eloquent deliverance with these words: "We welcome you high up in our mountains, close to the sun in His burning, where the altitude changes the heat of the noon day sun into the soft mellow light of the twilight; where the tempered light of the forest is like a perpetual morning; where the pressure from without is the least and the pressure from within the greatest and the soul becomes self-expressive. . . . May your visit be a pleasure and a profit to you and to us."

AMONG THE OLD TIMERS present in that day, when the horse and buggy still bore the burdens of the folks in this area, were: Josephus Daniels, of the Raleigh News & Observer, Col. Wade Harris, editor of the Charlotte Evening Chronicle, both old friends of the pioneer publisher of the Democrat. There was H. C. Martin from Lenoir, and Editor Sherrill of Concord, who was the secretary of the association, H. B. Varner of Lexington; J. H. Caine of the Asheville Citizen; J. T. Fain of the Greensboro Telegram, and many others whose names did not slip into the news of the day. . . . After the dinner in Boone, the party left town for Blowing Rock, where at 8:30 a luncheon was served at the old Watauga Inn by Mrs. W. P. Pendley and Mrs. T. H. Coffey. . . . Friday morning the editors left for Linville, and we recall the departure of the elder Bob Rivers and Mrs. Rivers in our Babcock buggy, which had been well-shined for the occasion. . . . The party made it one of the cold springs on the Yonahlossee road by noon, where Col. Nichols, general manager of the C & N W Railway and Mrs. Nichols greeted the newsmen. . . . While the railroader whispered the information that the pool under the rocks was filled with beer, Mrs. Nichols spread lunch for the group. . . . The Democrat reveals that the party arrived at Esoclea Inn in time for dinner, spent the night, and left at 7 o'clock next day for Edgemont, where they boarded the train for the return trip home.

TELLING OF THE DRIVE around the Grandfather. Publisher Rivers said: "What a day for such a drive! Not too warm nor yet too cool. Ever and anon clouds floated across the sky and for a short while the rays of the sun would be shut in. . . . At every turn in the road new scenes greeted the tourists. The scenery on every hand brought exclamations of delight from the lips of our friends who had never seen the grandeur of these everlasting hills. Truly it seemed to us who had seen it often, that it was all grander than ever before. In the language of the sainted Bishop Marvin: 'Beauty nestled in the lap of sublimity and loveliness smiled on the brow of grandeur.'"

SO FAR AS WE KNOW, that marked the first mass pilgrimage of newspaper men to the area, and most of them in that day of horses and carriages and buggies, had never been on the mountain.

Second Summer Term Started At College; Workshops Planned



FLOWER SHOW EXHIBITOR—The men are having their own flower show this year, although it will be held in conjunction with Worthwhile Woman's Club annual show on July 26 and 27. The two divisions will be separate for the first time. Stanley Harris, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, plans to offer all contenders competition with his Peach and Butterscotch roses, a sample of which he shows above.—(Photo Courtesy Winston-Salem Journal.)

Blooms Go On Display As Annual Show Starts

Plans Are Made For Calf Sale

The 1951 Watauga County feeder calf show and sale, is to be held in Boone, Monday, October 1, under the sponsorship of the Boone Chamber of Commerce, and preliminary plans are being made for the event, which will likely become an annual affair.

The following committeemen have been named by B. W. Stallings, member of the agricultural committee of the Chamber of Commerce, to take care of the many details incident to the show and sale:

Sales committee: L. E. Tuckwiller, chairman; B. W. Stallings, H. M. Hamilton, Jr.

Advertising: Alfred Adams, chairman; Bill Murray, Stanley Harris.

Selecting committee: Lynn Norris, chairman; Henry Taylor, L. E. Tuckwiller.

Finance: Clyde Greene, chairman; Estel Wagner, I. B. Wilson.

The following beef cattle growers have been selected by the farmers to cooperate with the Chamber of Commerce in the feeder calf sale:

Henry Taylor, chairman; Howard Edmisten, A. W. Greene, Lynn Norris, Ned Glenn, R. G. Shipley.

A complete set of rules and regulations for the show and sale has been drafted and will be published in a later edition of the Democrat for the benefit of the farmers of the area.

Frank J. Hartley Dies in Wilkes Co.

North Wilkesboro, July 23. — Frank J. Hartley, 89, well known Wilkes County resident, died at 6 p. m. yesterday at his home near North Wilkesboro. He had been in ill health for some time.

Mr. Hartley was born in Caldwell County, son of James and Julia Coffey Hartley. He had farmed in the western part of Wilkes County for many years before moving to his present home. He was also in the lumber business.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Elizabeth Steele Hartley; two sons, Jay S. Hartley of North Wilkesboro and Harold Hartley of Boone; and three daughters, Mrs. Ray Hobbs of Charlotte, Mrs. Isaac Duncan of North Wilkesboro and Mrs. Eddie Anderson of Hyattsville, Md.

Registration Count Not Available; Abrams To Teach.

Registration for the second six-week session of summer school at Appalachian State Teachers College took place July 24. No official figures are as yet available concerning the number attending the session.

Although the student body is usually smaller than during the first six weeks, last year the total for the second session was only 100 less than for the first.

Teachers wishing to renew their certificates also registered Tuesday for a two-week course from July 24 to August 4. During this regular special session Dr. Amos Abrams will teach public relations and poetry. Dr. John Springman, superintendent of the Glenview city schools in Illinois, will teach education, and Miss Ethel Wood of the Oak Ridge schools in Tennessee will be the instructor in library science.

Two workshops are scheduled to take place from August 6 to 18, both of which will carry three quarter hours credit. The first will be a supervisors' workshop to be conducted by Miss Ruth Robinson, supervisor for the Mecklenburg County schools.

A student teaching workshop conducted by Dr. Herbert Wey, and the high school staff at Appalachian High School will run simultaneously with the supervisors' meeting.

These workshops can count toward the six semester hours credit which teachers must have to renew their certificates.

To Get TV Test In N. Y. Monday

Mrs. James Malcolm, the former Miss Rachel Anne Vance and winner of numerous awards in the Radio Queen contest in Miami Beach, will go to New York City on July 30 for the radio and television auditions which her talent won for her in the Florida pageant.

The dates of the proposed programs are still indefinite, and will not be released until after the auditions on Monday, July 30.

Mrs. Malcolm may appear on a program broadcast over the Mutual network in addition to Ted Mack's and Arthur Godfrey's shows, according to Mr. Charlie Wilfong, program director of station WATA.

In the event that Mrs. Malcolm's auditions are favorable, blanket coverage of other network is being arranged so that any programs which she may appear on will come through the local radio station. If the local singer should appear on television Boone, people will see the program over WBTV in Charlotte.

The Cherokee Historical Association has arranged to recognize Mrs. Malcolm during the showing of the pageant "Unto These Hills" on Wednesday night, July 25. John Parris, public relations director, and Carroll White, general manager of the Association, arranged to have her introduced to the audience during the intermission.

Turpentine is a livelihood to 40,000 families in the South.

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Dairy Co-op Elects New Directors

The Yadkin Valley Dairy Co-operative at Wilkesboro held their 1st annual meeting at Elkin, N. C. on July 17th and elected five directors to serve for the next three years. They were: Ben Reeves of Alleghany County; Durant Robertson of Alexander County; Worth McNeil of Ashe County; Grant Greene of Watauga County and C. L. Weston of Iredell County. Ten of the directors' terms did not expire at this meeting.

Following the annual meeting the Board of Directors organized and re-elected P. E. Burch of Boone as president; Ben Reeves of Alleghany County, vice-president; Paul Vestal of Wilkes County, secretary-treasurer.

er. R. G. Lytle of Greensboro will act as manager until a permanent manager can report for his duties.

According to P. E. Burch, president, good progress has been made in completing the signing up of cows. He stated, however, that more grade C as well as grade A products were needed. The board believes they can complete the sign-up and be prepared to take over operation on July 31. Mr. Burch stated that already buyers of manufactured dairy products as well as buyers of grade A milk are contacting the Yadkin Valley Dairy office in Wilkesboro to try to secure supply.

The plants being purchased by

To Ask New Bids On Highway From Boone To Lenoir

Raleigh—The State Highway Commission will re-advertise for bids on a highway project in Caldwell and Watauga counties at its letting in Raleigh on July 31.

The project involves the grading and paving on 6.15 miles from a point on US 321 approximately 15 miles northwest of Lenoir to Blowing Rock near the Caldwell-Watauga County line and from the end of pavement on US 321 approximately 2.2 miles northeast of the Caldwell-Watauga County line at Blowing Rock toward Boone for approximately 1.27 miles.

The Commission rejected bids received on the project at its June 26 letting. Low roadway bid came from W. E. Graham & Sons of Cleveland, N. C. at \$781,108.60 and low moving buildings bid was submitted by G. E. Crouch of Asheville, N. C. at \$6,740.00.

Also at the July 31 letting the commission will receive bids on a \$200,000,000 secondary road project in Caldwell County. It involves grading on 7.77 miles from a point on US 321 approximately 3.2 miles southeast of Granite Falls north to a point on a 16-foot paved road approximately 1.4 miles southeast of Grace Chapel Church, from a paved intersection approximately 0.1 mile northeast of Dudley Shoals northeast to an 18-foot paved road at the Alexander County line, and from a point on US 321 approximately 0.8 mile northwest of Granite Falls northeast to a point on an 18-foot paved road approximately 0.6 mile north of Granite Falls.

The total letting, one of the largest single lettings ever conducted by the commission, comprises 53 projects covering 728 miles of road improvement in 45 counties. Low bids received will be reviewed by the commission at its next regular meeting on August 2.

Aid Is Sought For Flood Areas

President Truman, honorary chairman of the American Red Cross, after a survey flight over the flood-stricken areas of Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma has issued an appeal to the nation for a special fund of \$5,000,000 to help the Red Cross carry on its work of relief and rehabilitation. In a letter to Mr. Harriman, National chairman of the Red Cross, Mr. Truman said:

"I was appalled at what I saw. The extent and the violence of the destruction to homes, farms and industries was tragic. But at the same time there was a heartening thing to be seen. I speak of the relief work carried out by the various federal, state and municipal governments and the Red Cross.

"But the real work of the Red Cross in the flood area is just beginning. Its heaviest task is still ahead. Months from now, long after the memory of these floods is slipping from the minds of the people in other sections, the Red Cross will provide in rebuilding a house or refurbishing it or in helping a family to find the means to help itself, will be given outright, not lent. I call upon all Americans now to contribute as generously as they can through their local chapters to aid our flood stricken fellow citizens in

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Daily Newspaper Group On Tour Of Watauga

Traffic Laws Are To Be Enforced, Says Officer

Defense Official Guest At College

By R. C. CRISSMAN

The Honorable Dan K. Edwards, Assistant Secretary of Defense, and former Durham, North Carolina mayor, spoke last Wednesday at the A. S. T. C. auditorium in Boone.

State Senator Hugh B. Mitchell introduced the speaker.

The youthful Tar Heel statesman, recently appointed by President Truman to his Washington post, made an impressive appearance as he stopped here during a whirlwind tour of his native South.

Secretary Edwards' message to North Carolina educators here was brief and touched on the paradox of centralization of government and the necessity of keeping our basic concepts of freedom intact.

He explained that, "In our dealings with other nations it is vitally important that this country distribute aid on a high level—our aim being to revitalize the economy of other nations."

He asserted that although governmental machinery need be capable of smooth and efficient functioning in the event of all out war, military strength was not alone the most necessary factor. "A measure adopted to establish Universal Military Training would disrupt the lives of our young people and thus destroy one of our most basic concepts—liberty."

He continued, "Through the necessity of gaining the power of a strong national defense, we must not give up the power of freedom."

Edwards, who attended Harvard, is a former mayor of Durham as well as North Carolina representative. He served as a lieutenant colonel in World War II, receiving extraordinary commendation. His decorations of bravery in the military service of his country include: the Distinguished Service Cross; the Silver Star; the Bronze Medal; and the Purple Heart.

New Street Is Being Opened

Work started Monday on the opening of Faculty Street extension, from a point near the home of Bernard Dougherty to the street leading to the Hodges Gap road in east Boone, it was stated by a town official Monday.

The new street, which is to use the space formerly taken as a roadbed by the Linville River railway, is to be black-topped when the grade is ready for the pavement.

It is also stated that Queen Street, between Grand Boulevard and North Water Street, will be re-worked and paved during the summer.

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The parking meter ordinance in Boone, and all other traffic regulations, are to be rigidly enforced after August 1st, it is learned from Police Chief G. D. Richardson, who asks the full cooperation of the people in the efforts of his department to facilitate the movement of traffic in this locality.

Chief Richardson states that starting the first of the month, one man will be assigned to check the parking meters, and that tickets will be given violators. He further states that double parking will be prohibited and that special attention will be given to the enforcement of the one-way driving law on Appalachian Street. Those driving through red lights will face the penalties of the law henceforth, the officer stated.

Greene Named To FHA Committee

Mr. Avery W. Greene of Route 2 Boone, was appointed to a 3 year term as a member of the Watauga County Farmers Home Administration committee at a meeting held here recently. Mr. Greene succeeds Mr. George A. Wilson of Boone whose term expired June 30 this year. Other members of the county committee are Mr. Tom Lawrence of Sugar Grove, Mr. Ben W. Farthing of Valle Crucis. Mr. Lawrence was elected chairman of the committee for the 1951 fiscal year.

The committee is appointed to advise with the County FHA Supervisor concerning agricultural problems and conditions in the county and the overall activities of the Farmers Home Administration.

In addition the committee has the specific responsibilities for (1) determining the eligibility of applicants for all types of assistance, (2) Passing upon farms being considered for purchase, enlargement, or development under the farm ownership program or for improvement under the farm housing program, (3) Reviewing applications for the

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Watauga County Boys In Raleigh Contest

Four Watauga County boys won sixth place in the State 4-H Club livestock judging contest held at North Carolina State College in Raleigh on July 19.

The four boys, three team members and an alternate, were Douglas Clawson of Meat Camp, Clyde Austin of Winkler's Creek, and Ivan Wilson and Joe C. Williams of Beaver Dams.

Fourteen teams judged brood sows, ewes, fat lambs, beef breeding heifers and fat heifers from college herds in the competition.

Eastern Carolina teams won the first four places in the contest, with first place honors going to the Edgecombe County team which scored 1,193 out of a possible 1,500 points. This team will represent North Carolina in national livestock judging competition this fall at the 4-H Club Congress in Chicago.

The Perquimans County team came in a close second, followed by Johnston and Pasquotank in third and fourth places.

Watauga, Nash, Polk and Alamance teams took sixth through eighth places.

Visit Smokies

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred T. Adams and family spent two days last week in the Smoky Mountain park area. Mr. Adams says he noted cars from 27 states and the District of Columbia on the trip, as well as some vehicles from Honolulu and Ontario, Canada. Anxious to see a bear, Mr. Adams and family had to change their picnic plans when a big Bruin smelled the food and was lumbering toward the repast.

Luncheon Today Starts Two Days of Festivities.

More than thirty editors and other representatives of daily newspapers in North Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia, together with State highway officials and others, are gathering in Boone this (Wednesday) morning to be guests of the Boone and Blowing Rock Associated Chambers of Commerce on a tour of the most scenic spots of the area, and a round of entertainment which will end Friday morning.

The editors and other visitors will assemble upon their arrival at the Skyline Restaurant, where they will be entertained at a luncheon through the courtesy of the Watauga Democrat, at 12:30. Mr. Herman Wilcox, president of the Boone Chamber of Commerce, will preside at the luncheon session, a feature of which will be an address by Mr. Marvin Krieger, of Harlan, Ky., president of the 421 Highway Association. Following the luncheon the directors of this organization, headed by S. C. Eggers of Boone, will hold a business meeting.

Dr. B. B. Dougherty, president of Appalachian State Teachers College, will deliver the address of welcome.

Following the luncheon the party will board a bus, tendered without cost for the occasion by the Queen City Trailways, and will spend the afternoon at Doughton Park on the Blue Ridge Parkway. They will return to Camp Yonahlossee for dinner.

Thursday will feature an early-morning trip to Tater Hill. Leaving Boone at about 6 o'clock the party will be escorted to the scenic area, returning to Boone for breakfast at Appalachian College Cafeteria at 8:30.

After breakfast the newsmen and other visitors will be taken to Banner Elk, Newland and on to Linville, where they will be the luncheon guests of Linville Resorts, Inc., and Mr. Hugh Morton at Esoclea Lodge. After a visit to Grandfather Mountain, the party will go to Blowing Rock for a general banquet at Mayview Manor. All members of the Boone and Blowing Rock Chambers of Commerce are eligible to attend this banquet, but each will be required to pay his own way, it is said. Reservations may be made at the Chamber of Commerce office, either in Boone or Blowing Rock.

The editors and others will be guests of the people of Blowing Rock Thursday night, and the convention will close with breakfast there on Friday morning.

The Visitors

Among those expected to be present are:

The publisher of the Journal-Virginian, Abingdon, Va. Mr. J. D. Fritz, assistant publisher.

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Health Department in Staff Meeting in Ashe

The Ashe, Alleghany, Watauga District Health Department held a staff conference at the Community Building in West Jefferson on Thursday, July 19.

The highlight of the conference was Dr. Mary B. H. Michal's report on the Mental Health Institute she attended at Wrightsville Beach.

Local mental health problems were also discussed.

To Attend Meeting

Coach R. W. Watkins will attend a meeting of the Recreation Commission in Raleigh on Monday, July 30. In addition to discussing Boone's present recreational program, Coach Watkins plans to recommend to the commission a special election in order to obtain a paid director of recreation for Boone.

Goes to Germany

Miss Mary Walker, former member of the faculty of the elementary school in Boone, has accepted a teaching position in the American schools in occupied Germany and will leave the states between August 1 and 15. She will report to the authorities in Heidelberg, where she will be given her assignment.