

## KING STREET

BY  
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WE'VE HAD A LOT OF FUN meeting up with the chums of the long ago, who have wandered back into the home pasture for some summer browsing . . . We don't remember ever to have seen so many of the old timers in one season. Many of them had been gone so long, we couldn't recall their names, but when we got squared up, reminiscences of school days on the Appalachian campus, of fishing trips down Boone Creek, and of childish excursions with members of the fairer sex, were pleasant interludes in the relentless grind which constitutes country newspapering . . . We saw old teachers of ours, old printer friends, old girl friends, and just friends, but there just had to be that fellow who wanted us to guess who, and as might be expected he showed during that tense moment just before the Democrat's press was due to start turning.

"Don't know me, do you?" he beamed in an exalted sort of way, while he laid a bone-busting grip on the hand on which we most rely for the bread and butter.

We gazed long into the face of our visitor, wilted a bit under his scrutiny, and the cold sweat popped out on our chest as we thought of the need for speed in doing those last chores before press time, and finally admitted we didn't know the man.

"Guess!" he chided, and we admitted we wouldn't have even an outside chance of guessing his name.

"Well you remember the old Academy building don't you, and the time John S. Williams taught school in the back room . . . and you remember Tracy Council, Jim Lovill, Steve South, Jeffrey Winkler, Ed Hodges, Bower Hodges and David Greene, don't you?"

"I know you must remember the time Bill Jones got his breeches dusted on account of the six-gun which dropped from same during 'jogafy' class . . . and of course you know the little houses which set down next the creek where the power plant now is, and the spigot out front of the building, and how you held up one finger if you wanted to go for water, and two if you wanted to just go?" . . . and we remembered all these details of our somewhat narrow educational experience.

"And the blonde girl you liked, and the notes which passed to and fro, one of which the teacher caught as it was journeying from . . . and the tin stoves, and the endless quantities of cordwood the state farm yielded?"

Yes we remembered all these things, but we definitely didn't remember our visitor who finally gave down with the nickname "Pudgy" . . . and after another period of fruitless guessing the family name "Pridgen."

Good old Pudgy, surely we should know, and we claimed we did as the handshaking was resumed, and as we heard the press starting to turn, sans our last-minute perusal of certain portions of the pages.

We remembered the Old Academy building, and our old friend and tutor, John S. Williams . . . We remembered all the old schoolmates mentioned, knew when they were born, and thus when a birthday party might be expected . . . We remembered the time that Jones had the fanning with the hickory limb, and the Iver Johnson gun which caused it all . . . We recall with displeasure the recitation bench and the three r's, and the little houses down by the creek, and the Sears Roebuck catalogs which one could read there on the warmer days . . . We know about the spigot which set atop a big box-like arrangement, and which was frozen most all winter, and the signals used when we lifted our hands . . . After a while there was only one, for one didn't have to have water immediately, and that one got to be impotent . . . And we remember some of the pretty little girls of the day, and our bashful approaches as those silly little romances budded . . . Yes, in those days we

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## Eclipse Of Sun To Attract Many To Watauga; C. of C. To Be Host

### Appalachian Fall Term To Start September 11

### Shaw To Address Farm Bureau Here



R. FLAKE SHAW

An important meeting of the Watauga County Farm Bureau will be held at the courthouse in Boone Wednesday, August 22, at 10 a. m., and also at 2 p. m., it is announced by C. A. Clay of Vilas, president of the local organization.

Mr. R. Flake Shaw, of Greensboro, president of the State Bureau, is slated to speak, along with Will H. Rogers, also of Greensboro, director of organization for the Bureau.

Mr. Clay insists that there be a full attendance of Farm Bureau members, since matters of vital concern to the farmers are to come up for consideration. He states that Congress is ready to act in the interest of an adequate farm program, provided the farmers will unite on one of the proposals. Other farmers interested in the organization and its purposes are also invited.

### Injured In Fall From Hay Stack

Clyde Brown, resident of the Meat Camp section, was seriously injured last Thursday in a fall from a haystack. Two fractured vertebrae are said to have resulted from the fall.

Mr. Brown is a patient at Watauga Hospital, where it is said his condition is improved.

### In Chapel Hill

Mr. Walter F. Edmisten, of Boone, supervisor for the Wildlife Resources Commission, is in Chapel Hill, attending an officers' training school being conducted by the Institute of Government.

## NUMBER OF APPOINTMENTS ARE MADE TO COLLEGE FACULTY

The administration of Appalachian State Teachers college announces several appointments to its faculty for the year 1951-52.

Added to the music faculty is William G. Spencer of Orangeburg, New York, as specialist in woodwinds and music education. Mr. Spencer attended the Eastern Oregon College of Education, the University of Oregon, and received his Bachelor of Music Education degree from Northwestern University. He holds the Master of Arts degree from Teachers College of Columbia University. He has held the position of supervisor of music in the elementary and secondary schools of Nooksack, Washington, and last year was supervisor of music education in the public schools of St. Petersburg, Florida. He has had two years experience directing a church choir. He is an accomplished skier, and is a pilot in the USAF Reserve. He is married and has one child, a little girl.

Miss LaVert Walker of Mendenhall, Mississippi, has been added to the demonstration school faculty, and will teach

### Moon's Shadow To Hit First At Deep Gap.

By LAURA JUDY

The eclipse of the sun to be visible in parts of Northwest North Carolina and Southeast Virginia on the morning of September 1, is expected to draw hundreds of watchers, and to entertain them while they wait for the celestial show, the Boone Chamber of Commerce has arranged an eclipse dinner.

Invitations have been issued to leading magazines, newspaper editors, the Governors of North Carolina and Tennessee, members of the Astronomical League of the United States, press service representatives and photographers.

The dinner will be held on August 31 at 7 p. m., at the Skyline Restaurant. No estimate as to the attendance is yet available.

Mr. H. W. Wilcox, president of the Boone Chamber of Commerce has offered to find reservations for the visiting sky-watchers in either Boone or Blowing Rock.

The annular eclipse, said to be the only one of its type to be seen in this area during the twentieth century, will find North Carolina in the central part of the moon's shadow. Not until the beginning of the twenty-first century will another annular eclipse be visible from here, say astronomers.

Deep Gap, where the moon's 95 mile wide shadow will first touch the earth, and Grandfather Mountain are said by authorities to be among the best spots in the nation from which to view the phenomenon.

Visible for only two minutes and 40 seconds, the eclipse will come a few minutes after sunrise.

In an annular eclipse a thin halo of sunlight appears around the disc of the moon, which distinguishes it from a total eclipse. The sun will be just clear of the horizon as the eclipse occurs. The brighter stars will remain visible throughout the spectacle.

The moon's shadow will travel eastward from Deep Gap across the Piedmont and into Virginia where it will sweep out over the Atlantic near Norfolk. The eclipse, which started some 9,000 miles to the west will end over the island of Madagascar at sunset.

Interested spectators from all parts of the country are expected to pour into this area August 31. Astronomers, newsmen, photographers, and just plain watchers are promised a never to be forgotten sight.

### Grand Matron OES Visitor In City

Snow Chapter No. 220 was honored on Thursday evening, August 4, by an official visit from Mrs. Maude Baynor Foy, Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina, Order of the Eastern Star.

Presiding were Mrs. Nina Martin, past Matron and T. Milt Greer, Worthy Grand Patron.

Distinguished guests were Miss Hazel Tompkins, District Deputy Grand Matron of the 18th district, Mrs. Nellie B. Stine, Grand Treasurer and Mrs. Anna Shaw, Past Grand Chaplain of the Grand Chapter of Florida.

Following the meeting, a social hour was enjoyed by all those present.

Prior to the meeting a dinner in honor of Mrs. Foy was given by Snow Chapter at the Gateway Restaurant. Covers were laid for the distinguished guests and 15 members.

### Farm Bureau

The North Carolina Farm Bureau has called a special district meeting at the County Court-house in Boone for Wednesday morning, August 22, at 10:00 a. m. Both men and women should attend this meeting if possible.

### Homecoming

There will be a homecoming at the Blue Ridge Advent Christian Church Sunday, August 19. Everyone is invited.

Plentiful supply of food forecast; containers may run short.

## Rev. Leon Gray To Tell Story Of Oxford Home

Rev. A. D. Leon Gray, superintendent of Oxford Orphanage, will be the speaker at the stated communication of Snow Lodge No. 383 A. F. & A. M., on Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Work will be done in the Second Degree also at that time.

Rev. Gray will tell the story of the Oxford Orphanage. He has the reputation of being a gifted speaker, and is doing a good job at the orphanage. Rev. and Mrs. Gray are spending the week at Daniel Boone Hotel as guests of Snow Lodge.

Recently Rev. Gray was appointed by Hubert M. Poteat, of Wake Forest, who holds the office of Imperial Potentate, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, to the office of Imperial Chaplain. "The Orphan Friend and Masonic Journal," organ of the Oxford Orphanage, has this to say about Rev. Gray:

"One of the first duties performed by the Most Illustrious Imperial Potentate was that of appointing an Imperial Chaplain. For this honored position he chose the Reverend Noble A. DeLeon Gray, superintendent of Oxford Orphanage, who has served as chaplain of Sudan Temple, New Bern, for several years. This appointment was also joyously hailed by the wearers of the red fez in 'The Old North State.'

### Watauga Leads In X-Ray Survey

Since the X-ray survey conducted by the State Board of Health drew to a close on August 8, the figures have been tabulated and complete totals are now available.

In the whole district composed of Watauga, Ashe and Allegheny counties, 13,751 X-rays were made.

Broken down into counties compared with their population, the totals are as follows: Watauga county, population, 13,296, 6543 X-rays; Ashe county, population, 21,866, 4729 X-rays; and Allegheny county, population, 8101, 2479 X-rays.

Watauga county thus surpassed the rest of the district in the number of people X-rayed in relation to its total population, since approximately one-third of its residents had films made, and only about one-fifth of the people in Ashe and one-fourth of those in Allegheny took advantage of the survey.

The mobile unit in Allegheny county was retained for the remainder of last week, and the time of the survey was extended for another week in Ashe because of the poor percentage of its population who were X-rayed.

## Appalachian Has Record Summer School Terms

### Hickory Air Service Adds Speed Mail From Boone

Boone residents can now mail a letter air mail by 7:00 a. m. and it will arrive in Los Angeles by 4:55 the afternoon of the same day.

Improved air mail service is the result of the service over Capitol Air Lines available to Hickory and surrounding towns which began August 13. Two stops are scheduled for Hickory until further expansion of the program, one at 1:31 p. m. to Atlanta, Ga. and the second at 6:13 p. m. to Washington, D. C.

For the best service the people of Boone should get their letters in the mail by 7:00 a. m. or by 1:30 p. m.

This means faster delivery to near-by points such as Charlotte as well as to all parts of the nation and throughout the world.

Letters mailed here at 1:30 p. m. will reach Charlotte by 6:38 p. m., Durham at 7:41 p. m., London at 10:55 a. m. of the next day, and Rome at 3:40 p. m. of the next day.

### Farm Test Plan To Be Expanded

A plan has been worked out to increase and expand the unit test demonstration program in Watauga County. Fertilizer may be obtained through the agricultural relations dept. of T. V. A.

The program will be conducted very much like the old unit test program except that the home side will receive more emphasis. The new program will be a family project. The farm family will keep some records that will be used to measure the results of the fertilizers used.

Farmers who are now on the unit test program may be continued until they complete at least five years, and longer if the demonstration farm committee approves.

Applications to become farm and home demonstrations should be made to Mr. D. F. Greene, chairman of the demonstration farm committee or to the home or county agent.

### Sheep Dipping Dates

Norris Brothers, Reese, August 20, 9:30 a. m.; Jim Sherwood, Bethel, August 20, 1:00 p. m.; Lee Gardner, Scales, Matney, August 28, 9:30 a. m.; Aud Ward, Valle Crucis, August 29, 1:30 p. m.

### Winebarger Cemetery

All persons interested in the Winebarger cemetery at Meat Camp are requested to gather Saturday morning, August 18 at 8:00 for the purpose of cleaning and decorating the cemetery.

### FARMERS TO DISCUSS PHASES OF DEPT. AGRICULTURE PLANS

At a meeting held by the County Agricultural Mobilization Committee on Monday, arrangements were made for holding meetings in each community in the county to discuss with farmers the programs administered by the various branches of U. S. Department of Agriculture. At these meetings farmers will be asked to make suggestions for improving the operation of those programs and to criticize freely any part of the program operations which they think could be improved.

The preliminary meeting arranged for Watauga county, the representatives of the various State and Federal farm agencies comprising the County Mobilization Committee discussed plans for community meetings with

### 2,524 Students Are Enrolled This Summer.

By EARLEEN G. PRITCHETT

Figures on the summer school enrollment at Appalachian State Teachers college show that the college has had the biggest first term enrollment, and also the biggest second term enrollment, of any summer session in its history.

There were 1327 enrolled for the first term, and 1197 enrolled for the second term, making the total number of enrollments 2524. Of these, 917 were duplicates. Deducted from the total, this leaves 1607 different individuals who have been studying at the college during this summer.

There were 993 enrollments in the graduate school, represented by 654 different people. 76 of these already held the master's degree, 114 different colleges and universities had graduates in the graduate school.

North Carolina led in the number enrolled with 83 counties, represented by 2075 enrollments. This was followed by South Carolina with 171 from 36 counties; Florida with 98 from 23 counties; Georgia with 78 from 28 counties; Virginia with 34 from 16 counties, Tennessee with 37 from nine counties; and Alabama with five from three counties. Other states represented by one or more students included Connecticut, Illinois, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Michigan, Mississippi, Texas, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin. Also, China, Costa Rica, Colombia, South America, and Hawaii, and Honolulu and Wahiawa, Oahu.

The administration of the college says that it considers it is just closing the most successful summer school that it has ever had.

### Rites Held For W. J. Farthing, 83

Services for William J. Farthing, 83, of Sugar Grove, who died Saturday, August 11, were held Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock in the Bethel Baptist church with Rev. Henry Crisp and Rev. C. O. Vance officiating. Interment was in the Greer cemetery on Watauga River.

Mr. Farthing, a prominent citizen of his community, active in civic and church affairs, was Baptist Training Union director and historian for the Baptist Association. He held the former post for some 15 years. Mr. Farthing taught school for approximately forty years and was a former county treasurer.

He is survived by four sons, B. W. Farthing and R. A. Farthing of Valle Crucis, Dr. Thomas E. Farthing of Hillsboro, Calif., and George C. Farthing of Asheville; and four daughters, Stella and Gladys Farthing of Sugar Grove, Mrs. Della Franklin of Asheville and Mrs. Elsie Powers of Wallace, N. C.

### Wins Radio Prizes; Can't Use Awards

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Mr. Winkler's story was accepted and read over the air by Walter Mason on August 13. The program, which is heard over the Mutual Broadcasting System, features incidents, anecdotes and stories contributed by people throughout the nation.

For the use of his story Mr. Winkler received 100 pounds of dog food, a fishing rod and reel and a cigarette lighter. Although pleased that the story was accepted for use on the program, Mr. Winkler confided that he doesn't smoke, isn't much of a fisherman and has no dog.

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### Miss Bolick Is R E A Winner



MISS PAT BOLICK

Miss Pat Bolick copped the title of "Miss Blue Ridge Electric" at the district meeting of the Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation held last Friday.

The winner, who answered the requirements for both beauty and poise, was presented with a blue ribbon embossed with the State seal.

Miss Bolick, who was sponsored by the Yonahlossee Theater, will represent Watauga County in the REA meeting in Lenoir on September 8.

### Edgar L. Payne Rites On Tuesday

Services for Edgar Lee Payne, 63, of Boone, who died August 11, were held Tuesday at 2:30 p. m. at the First Baptist Church in Boone. Dr. W. G. Bond officiated.

Mr. Payne was maintenance foreman for the State Highway Department for some 25 years. He served in the army before and during World War I and was one of the first from this county to go into service at that time.

Interment was in the city cemetery. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Blanche B. Payne; a son, Earl B. Payne of Boone; one daughter, Mrs. Edna P. Holubek of New York City; three brothers, Rev. W. C. Payne of Blowing Rock, A. C. Payne of Marion, Va., and Colman Payne of West Jefferson; and five sisters, Mrs. Sam Austin and Mrs. P. M. Winkler of Shulls Mills, Mrs. A. B. Greybeal of Marion, Va., and Mrs. Dempsey Wilcox and Mrs. Larn Harrison of Boone.

### Football Practice

All boys interested in coming out for the 1951 Appalachian High School football team are asked to report to the high school on Monday morning, August 20. It will be necessary for each boy to supply his own shoes. All other equipment will be furnished by the school.

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