

KING STREET

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J. MONROE MORETZ, passing the time of day with old friends down at the Bank . . . The aged citizen, former prominent Boone merchant, was reared in Watauga county and has lived in Boone more than fifty years . . . A former Mayor and Elections Board Chairman, Mr. Moretz has contributed a full share to the growth of the community, but his most signal contribution came about thirty years ago, when he piped the water down from the old Troy place on the slopes of Howard's Knob, and single-handed, gave Boone her first water supply. For a good many years the sparkling spring water, amply supplied the needs of the town, and ushered in a new era of domestic convenience and progress, as the springs and the old oaken bucket gave way to the faucets . . . Few men can be found who have made so great a contribution to the growth of the community, and we wish for the fine citizen increasing happiness as the years go by.

"I JUST CAN'T LET IT HAPPEN TO ME!" writes Doc Abrams from down Rolly way. "The Democrat is my crutch and came in time of trouble . . . Enclosed you will find a check for two years' subscription . . . Don't count me out—include me in!" . . . Prof. W. M. Sleadman, from Moncure, who was one of our tutors down at Appalachian Training School some thirty years ago, and whom we hadn't seen since, drops by and renews old acquaintance . . . Prof. Sleadman is amazed at the growth of the city . . . and the progress of the Watauga Democrat . . . John Farthing leaves his mail on desk at post-office. His first class mail, and his favorite magazines and daily newspapers were left, but the Democrat was taken by some passerby.

HERE AND THERE . . . Some of those disagreeable, mouthy sort of drunks aggravate late travelers on the street Saturday . . . City employees who are doing a good job of cleaning up the town, are proud of their new garbage truck, and spend couple of hours Sunday washing it inside and out . . . Pennsylvania man drives nonchalantly through red light, and interstate bus, believe it or not, does likewise . . . Mr. R. F. Greene says he has appointment to gather blackberries, and that the fruit is most plentiful in the spot where the biggest blacksnake has his being . . . Will Carroll, from down on Elk Creek, tells of his bumper corn crops, and of the old bear pens and bear traps of Luke Triplett and other Elk township pioneers . . . Says he plans to give the Democrat the information for some feature stories of the old days on Elk . . .

OUR VISITOR looked at us sadly, and shook his head . . . "Was it you," he said, "who passed down by the bank corner this morning?" . . . We admitted that we perhaps had ambled by the financial institution earlier in the day, as had perhaps several hundred other folks . . . "I thought so," he continued, "and in the sunlight your hair looks so white . . . what's the matter?" . . . You look older than Rip Van Winkle, and nearly as aged as Santa Claus? . . . We allowed as how we had no pains, wasn't bothering the physicians of the town, and felt rather gay about our physical condition . . . The cheerful one went up the street and we went down, meeting a happy young thing as we went along . . . "Hey Rob . . . how's it going . . . What you doing to yourself . . . You look younger than you did in the T-modeler days . . . Something's really brought you out of the kinks!"

COUPLE OF CHOIR SINGERS from two different congregations happened to mention to us in the last few days, how come their vestments of the vocal lofts had to be of such heavy material. Just why it had been considered sometime way back, that a singer should be made uncomfortable before he or she could come forth with a sacred note . . . And we wondered too, and also gave some thought as to why the robes (Continued on page four)

Judge Phillips To Preside Over Fall Term Of Superior Court



SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA.—Sister Elizabeth Kenny, 64 (left), who won fame helping others fight polio, disclosed she is treating herself for a disease she described as incurable. She is pictured here visiting an unidentified polio victim.

169 To Receive Degrees At Appalachian Finals

Appalachian State Teachers college expects to graduate 93 with the degree of Master of Arts, and 76 with the degree of Bachelor of Science at its summer commencement exercises on the evening of August 28. The program will be held in the college auditorium.

To receive the master's degree are the following: Helen Raymond Abbott, Columbus, Ga.; William Fred Adderholdt, Lenoir; Mayme Frances Askew, Falkston, Ga.; Frank L. Anstin, Concord; Ruth J. Barnard, Andrews; Howard S. Barringer, Maiden; Eva Borom, Perry, Ga.; Frank Terman Braswell, Newland; Grace Young Buckland, Boone; Clarence Marion Butler, Jr., Winston-Salem; Elizabeth Guy Calhoun, Harmony; Wayne C. Church, Wilkesboro; Jean Thelma, Clyburn, Miami, Fla.

Katie Lee Conley, Charlotte; Annie Mae Corn, Lexington; John Frank Crawford, Hickory; George Cusaw, Roxboro; Nellie Darracott, Clover, S. C.; Robert Davis, West Jefferson; James Monroe Dry, Stanfield; Charles C. Elledge, Rutherfordton; Lina Flynt, Hamlet; Worth Elijah Frady, Rutherfordton; Paul Harvey Garland, Buladean; Nannie Mae Gilchrist, Troy; Louisa Gillum, Winston-Salem; Nadine Gragg, Boone; Frank B. Greer, Boone; Paul W. Gregory, Hays;

Ruby Rivers Hall, Roseboro; Eleanor S. Harilee, Tampa, Fla.; Charles Everett Harris, Norfolk, Va.; John Hampton Harris, Rutherfordton; Nettie Cornell Harris, Rutherfordton; James Newell Hawkins, Suit; E. W. Hopper, Jr., Rock Hill, S. C.;

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FARM BUREAU LEADERS HOLD DISTRICT MEET HERE TODAY

Farm Bureau leaders from Ashe, Alleghany, Avery, Caldwell, Mitchell, and Watauga Counties, are holding their annual district meeting today (Wednesday) at the Watauga County Courthouse, Boone, at 10:00 a. m. C. A. Clay, Vilas, president of the Watauga County Farm Bureau, is presiding during the day-long session.

Among the outstanding speakers appearing on the program are: R. Flake Shaw, Greensboro, executive vice-president of the North Carolina Farm Bureau; Will H. Rogers, Greensboro, Farm Bureau director of organization; Mrs. Irby Walker, Sumnerfield, administrative director, Farm Bureau Associated Women; E. Y. Floyd, Raleigh, chairman of the Agricultural Foundation's Enabling Act committee; L. L. Ray, Raleigh, director of foundations, N. C. State College; Dr. James Hilton, Raleigh, Dean of the School of Agriculture, N. C. State College; and George G. Farthing, Asheville, Farm Bureau field representative.

President Clay said that the purpose of this meeting is to organize county Farm Bureau groups for the 1951 membership drive which is scheduled to be held this fall. Each county present is to be presented a tentative membership quota which will go to make up the State-wide membership goal of 80,000 farm family members for 1951.

The principal address, "Who Will Speak for Farmers," is being delivered by Farm Bureau Vice-President Shaw.

Director of Organization Rogers will explain Farm Bureau objectives and accomplishments to the county delegates present, along with overall membership plans for the fall drive.

Mrs. Walker is speaking on behalf of the Farm Bureau Associated Women, and is expected to outline plans for the women's part in the Farm Bureau program.

Representatives of the Agricultural Foundation of State College will explain the Enabling Act Referendum to the delegates, and will set up temporary work-

150 Cases on Docket; Names of Those Slated For Jury

Judge F. Donald Phillips of Rockingham will preside over the superior court term scheduled to begin September 17.

Approximately 150 cases are on the docket for trial during the one week term. Misemeanors form the major portion of these cases with violations of the prohibition laws and drunken driving leading the list.

The jury list for the term is as follows:

Bald Mountain: Leslie F. Norris.

Beaver Dam: Dean Reese, Roy E. Brown, Mack Johnson.

Blowing Rock: Charlie Fostef, Mrs. Carrie Johnson, Jarvis Greene.

Blue Ridge: Stokes Miller, Conor Triplett.

Boone: J. C. McConnell, Crate Teague, Fred C. Wilson, Marvin R. Russell, Gordon Taylor.

Brushy Fork: Roy F. Williams, J. Wilson Norris, Doughton L. Greene.

Cove Creek: John P. Combs, Vernon Castle, Willard Eller, Estil F. Greene.

Elk: Henry Triplett.

Laurel Creek: Ned Glenn, Mack Tester, Albert Watson.

Meat Camp: Lee South, Frank Winebarger, Harvey Trivette.

New River: Stewart J. Barnes, Gurney Norris, Willie F. Miller, Lee Greene.

North Fork: David Main.

Shawneehaw: John Stanley, D. S. Oliver.

Stony Fork: Rosseau Watson, Billy Wellborn, Elbert B. Shirley.

Watauga: J. C. Shook, Letcher Byrd, Claude Byrd, Thurman Gragg.

Boone Schools To Open Sept. 4th

Tuesday, September 4, at 8:40 o'clock the Boone Elementary and Appalachian High Schools will open their doors for the school term of 1951-52. The high school has at the present time enrolled 469 students with a few more being expected to enroll before the fall quarter opens.

Young people who have moved into the community since last spring are urged to call by the high school office and work out their schedules for the coming year. It is very important that this be done as soon as possible so that each new student may get the courses in which he is interested.

The schedules of all students who registered last spring have been completed except for a few who have conflicts. These students have been notified to come by the high school office and if they have not done so already should attend to this at once. Other students who are interested in checking the choices made last spring may come by the office at any time and check on these.

New Science Laboratories

When the high school opens this fall, it will have both a physics and chemistry laboratory and a biology laboratory complete.

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Goes to Purdue

Lawrence Barden, son of Dr. and Mrs. John G. Barden, of Boone, will be among the 5,000 delegates expected at the fifth quadrennial National Convocation of Methodist Youth to be held at Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana next week.

High school and college students are coming from 48 states, Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico and Cuba, representing their local church youth fellowships or state and regional chapters of the Methodist Student Movement.

Vet Farmers Make Annual Tour

The veteran farmers of Appalachian High School, under the supervision of Mr. R. L. Tait, conducted their fourth annual farm tour Wednesday, August 15. One hundred and fifty veterans were on the tour and saw farm programs set up on eight farms operated by veteran farmers.

It was stated by many that the tour was the most interesting and educational of any the school has ever conducted.

A picnic dinner was served at J. C. Stanbery's farm.

The tour started at Robert Henderson's farm, Shulls Mills. Robert is growing two acres of Kennebec potatoes for seed certification, and is clearing \$140 per month above feed cost from his 203 laying hens. He sells hatching eggs through the Winkler Feed Service Agency of Boone.

The second stop was made at the farm of Hiram Brooks, Jr., at Vilas. Hiram grows tobacco

for his principal cash crop and is developing a beef cattle herd, in addition to carrying out an interesting demonstration with 16 different seed mixtures for cover crops. The seedlings were made July 26. Since all the veteran classes are emphasizing the importance of cover crops on all cultivated land, this demonstration should reveal some important information regarding suitable cover crops for this area.

Grant Cook of the Bamboo section has some of the best West Virginia 1163 hybrid corn seen this year. Grant is a potato farmer and is growing one acre of Kennebec for seed certification.

Veterans planted between 300 and 400 bags of certified Kennebec seed this past spring. The Kennebec is an exceptionally good eating potato and Grant estimates that his acre will produce 500 bushels this dry season.

Troy Greene has a show farm

Farming Leaders Schedule Series County Meetings

Watauga county agricultural leaders met Monday, August 13, and made plans for a county-wide review of agricultural programs in the county administered by the United States Department of Agriculture.

Those at the meeting, called by Dwight Cable, chairman of the county agricultural mobilization committee, said the study will find out how well the department programs are serving farm families. The answer to this question will be obtained in community meetings to which all farmers will be invited.

The following meetings have been scheduled for communities in the county:

Upper Beaver Dam, Community Hall, Monday, August 27.

Lower Beaver Dam, Bethel School, Tuesday, August 28.

Upper Cove Creek and North Fork, Mabel School, Wednesday, August 29.

Lower Cove Creek and Laurel Creek, Cove Creek School, Thursday, Aug. 30.

Watauga and Shawneehaw, Valle Crucis School, Friday, August 31.

Blowing Rock and Blue Ridge, Bamboo School, Tuesday, Sept. 4.

Stony Fork and Elk, Deep Gap School, Wednesday, September 5.

Meat Camp and Bald Mountain, Green Valley School, Thursday, Sept. 6.

Brushy Fork and New River, Courthouse, Friday, Sept. 7.

On this same date, September 7, a county-wide meeting will be held in the courthouse which all farmers, business men, representatives of farm organizations, agricultural leaders, preachers and teachers are invited to attend. All meetings will begin at 7:30 p. m.

It is expected that all community committees, agricultural leaders, business men, members of civic and farm organizations will inform their neighbors of the meeting in their community and insist on their attendance. The basic idea of these meetings is to get the thinking of everyone in the county interested in agriculture about how our farm programs and policies can be improved in regard to service to the family farm.

Merchants To Hold Picnic

The Boone Merchants Association's annual employer-employee picnic is scheduled for August 29 and is to be held at Camp Yonahlossee.

A recreation program has been planned to provide soft ball, horseshoe pitching, tennis, swimming, volley ball and hiking, assuring ample entertainment for those attending the picnic.

The menu committee is planning to serve watermelon during the afternoon. The picnic supper to be served at six o'clock will include fried chicken, baked beans, corn on the cob, potato salad, sliced tomatoes and cucumbers, iced tea or coffee, and ice cream.

The association hopes that every merchant will make arrangements for his employees to attend.

Red writer denounces Churchill for liking English language.

Dr. Greenholt To Speak At Summer Graduation



SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.—Pictured is the scene as the casket containing the body of the late William Randolph Hearst, famed publisher, is brought from Grace Episcopal Cathedral between lines of honorary pallbearers.

Baptist Association Will Meet 28th; The Program

The Three Forks Baptist Association will meet Tuesday, August 28, at the Beech Valley Church, and on the 29th at the Poplar Grove Church. Following is the suggested order of business for the two-day session:

TUESDAY, AUGUST 28, 1951
BEECH VALLEY CHURCH

9:00-9:20—Opening worship
9:20-9:40—Address of Moderator R. C. Eggers
9:40-10:10—Report on Public Morals N. M. Greene
10:10-10:40—Report of Executive Committee Wade E. Brown
10:40-11:10—Report on Religious Literature W. G. Bond
11:10-11:25—Roll Call of Messengers and Miscellaneous
11:25-12:15—Annual Sermon A. C. Moody

Noon Recess

1:00-1:15—Devotional
1:15-1:45—Woman's Work Mrs. Nora Wilson
1:45-3:15—Report on Missions (Associational, State, Home and Foreign) C. O. Vance

2:15-3:30—Closing Worship

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29, 1951
POPULAR GROVE CHURCH

9:00-9:15—Opening Worship
9:15-9:45—Report on Associational Progress S. C. Eggers
9:45-11:15—Christian Education (Sunday Schools, B. T. U., Brotherhoods and Colleges) C. H. Kincaid
11:15-11:30—Election of Officers and Miscellaneous
11:30-12:15—Sermon C. H. Kincaid

Noon Recess

1:15-1:30—Devotional
1:30-2:45—Report on Benevolences (Orphanage, Hospital, Baptist Home and Old Ministers' Relief) Harold Songer
2:45-3:15—Report of Treasurer, Finance, Nominations, Resolutions and Time, Place and Preacher
3:15-3:35—Memorial Service Marshal Ward
3:35-4:00—Miscellaneous, Reading of Minutes and Closing Worship
Executive Committee

TRI-COUNTY BURLEY GROWERS GATHER AT LAUREL SPRINGS

West Jefferson—A large number of burley tobacco farmers from Ashe, Alleghany and Watauga counties, estimated at more than 400, took advantage of the annual burley tobacco field day at the State test farm at Laurens Springs this afternoon, when they were told by tobacco specialists and shown by experiments how to grow and handle burley tobacco in order to produce the most profitable crop.

James A. Graham, director of the test farm, and head of the agronomy department of N. C. State college, Dr. Caldwell, explained the value of experiments underway at the test farm and

urged growers to take full advantage of the results achieved.

"It is extremely important that you visit the farm and know what is going on here," he said. He gave a comparison of the tobacco crops produced in adjoining states, Tennessee and Virginia, and pointed out that North Carolina's average of 1,440 pounds per acre was far above that of other states. He also showed that North Carolina's crop sold slightly lower per pound than other states, but that the increased poundage and acreage value of \$982 compared with \$529 in Tennessee and \$568 in Kentucky.

He gave some special points on the long-range program and stressed the importance of producing more and better tobacco for the desired increase in income per acre.

"It is the cigarette division of the tobacco industry that is growing and we must point our production toward cigarette industry," he said.

"At least 30 per cent of the tobacco used in the production of cigarettes is burley and the cigarette consumption is continually growing," Dr. Caldwell said. "It is for this reason that we should produce tobacco with the correct content for cigarettes," he said.

Following Dr. Caldwell's address, which was held in one of the curing barns, the group visited various tobacco plots where experiments with different kinds of fertilizer and various kinds of tobacco were under way. Here S. N. Hawks, extension tobacco specialist; Dr. Luther Shaw, USDA agronomist in charge of tobacco research at the Waynesville test farm; Cecil Thomas, State director of test farm.

Lenoir-Rhyne Leader To Address Grads At College.

Summer commencement exercises at Appalachian State Teachers college will be held at the college on the evening of August 28, at eight o'clock. The commencement speaker will be Dr. Homer Reginald Greenholt, professor of his ory and government at Lenoir-Rhyne College, Hickory.

The invocation will be given by the Rev. Edwin F. Troutman, pastor of Grace Lutheran church, Boone. The college choir, under the direction of Dr. Joseph M. Wilson of the summer music faculty, will sing "Surely He Hath Borne Our Griefs" by Antonio Lotti, and "Were You There," a negro spiritual arranged by Roy Ringwald. William H. Zimmerman will be the pianist.

Degrees will be conferred and diplomas awarded by President B. B. Dougherty to 76 candidates for the Bachelor of Science degree, and 93 candidates for the Master of Arts degree. The benediction will be given by the Rev. Everette Ransom, pastor of the Advent Christian Church of Boone.

Dr. Greenholt, the commencement speaker, is a graduate of Gettysburg College, Gettysburg Lutheran Theological Seminary, attended the University of Pennsylvania, and holds the Ph. D. degree from the University of Chicago. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, and Kappa Phi Kappa. He has held his present position at Lenoir-Rhyne College since 1939, and this summer has been visiting professor of history at Appalachian State Teachers college in the graduate school.

New Parkway Link To Open

Waynesville—A four-mile section of the Blue Ridge Parkway from Soco Gap to "Mile-High Overlook" is scheduled to open September 1.

This will be the first paved section of the Parkway west of Asheville.

The project extends to Black Camp Gap. Work is being finished on the paving of the remainder of the link, and this will not be ready for traffic until later.

The second project from Black Camp Gap to Heintoga has already received two coats of stone, and the third is about ready to be put down.

The entire project is expected to be open to the public by late fall.

Legion Meeting Is To Be Held Here Friday

Former service men and members of the Legion Auxiliary are invited to the Legion Hut in Boone Friday evening to partake of an old-fashioned army meal prepared by a regular army cook. The announcement made by Lionel Ward, service officer, continues:

"Let's eat together, renew our comradeship and make plans to do something for our boys who are now in service and also for those who are disabled and need the services of the American Legion. All benefits for ex-service men have come through their organizations and we need to continue our fight for them.

"An expert will discuss the benefits veterans are entitled to, and there will be no charges."

Local Telephone Co. Gets Rate Raise O.K.

The State Utilities Commission has allowed the Watauga Telephone Company to raise the telephone rates at Sugar Grove 50 cents per subscriber.

Watauga Telephone has 183 customers in the Sugar Grove area. Its owners told the commission at a hearing last week that they had been trying to sell their holdings but that the sale had been delayed.

Speedy remedy for poison ivy reported in zincum.