

KING STREET

BY
ROB RIVERS

ONE OF THE THINGS which has always cemented us to a small town, is the fact that the folks don't feel obliged to spend all their time talking about international intrigue, the arts and sciences, and other topics about which we know little . . . We are apt to be discussing later bugs, tomato blight, or the proper time to wean a calf so there'll be no bawling in the barnlot . . . We enjoy releases from the tensions of the workaday world by discussing matters of small consequence . . . The other day some of the local householders set to talking about crickets, and to speculating on why there are so many more of the insects this year than usual . . . and why these musical little bugs enjoy rare privileges about the house, while other insects are swatted and pizened and stepped on and cussed throughout the summer . . . The cricket, which has found favor amongst the poets and the prosists throughout the centuries, multiplies and replenishes and chirps his way through life in comparative safety, while other insects meet mass extermination . . . We have quite a crop of the agile little musicians around the house, and when their chirping gets a bit monotonous, we sometimes contrive to catch one and carry him to the lawn—There'll be another one in his place tomorrow . . . The only time a cricket finds himself behind the eight ball, is when some lad with a wide knowledge of angling, snatches him from neath a rock in a new ground field, impales him on a hook, and sends him diving for the big trout which lies where the creek turns and eddies, and which has grown far too wise for the feathered lures . . . Generally speaking, he's a privileged character, and draws more praise than the average human being, and maybe deserves it.

"My faithful cavalier,
At dusk he draweth near,
To wait outside my wicket;
I hear him draw his bow,
He playeth soft and low,
My dusky little cricket."

LABOR DAY finds most of the business folks of the town at their usual posts of duty . . . In a town where there is scant payroll and no organized labor, the holiday which means so much in the centers of population is all but ignored . . . School starts and the youngsters begin the long trip to their classes, and the grownups greet September with adieus to the picnics and the week-end trips into the scenic spots, and the vacations and the good times of summer, at the same time casting a weather eye to the coal bin or the fuel oil tank, and wondering just how much more stress the family purse will stand . . . as inflation bears down with tyrannical force on our way of life . . . Charles H. Mebane, editor of the Newton Observer, visits with us . . . Our dad and Charles' dad were friends back in the old days of country newspapering, before the typesetting machines and the automatic presses moved into the small cities of the land . . . and we second-generation fourth-estaters enjoyed comparing notes on our increasingly complex problems, and talking of the policies of our elders—many of which have been proven dead right in the light of our continuing experience.

NEWSMAN'S LEXICON
With Apologies to the Asheville Citizen:
LUXURY YACHT—More than 14 feet long, needs no oars, and isn't used for shrimping.
YOUNG MATRON—Married woman, probably this side of 50.
ATTRACTIVE BLONDE—Has most of her teeth; "blonde" fits the headline cover better than "brunette."
SOCIALLY PROMINENT—In the phone book.
QUALIFIED OBSERVERS SAY—The writer says.
SHARP CLASH—Something moved. We fired.
SHOWDOWN—Use when "crisis" has been overworked.
CRISIS—Used when "showdown" has been overworked.
HOLIDAY TOLL—The usual week-end slaughter plus overtime.
VIRTUALLY—Almost; We (Continued on page four)

Work Starts Lenoir, Blowing Rock Road; Traffic Is Detoured

Lenoir, Aug. 31.—Work was started today on preparation for the grading of approximately six miles of the Lenoir-Blowing Rock road—Highway 321—and beginning next Tuesday this section of highway will be closed to traffic until next spring.

State Highway Engineer Zeb V. Stewart said today that the section of highway running from about Dr. Clyde R. Hedrick's cottage to the Green Park hotel would be closed until paving of

the project was completed next spring.

Kiker and Yount, of Reidsville, were low bidders on the project at a recent letting held by the State Highway commission and this contracting firm will be assisted by the Macon Construction Company of Franklin.

During construction of the highway, traffic from Blowing Rock to Lenoir will be routed by North Wilkesboro, the engineer stated.

1,500 Gather To Watch Annular Eclipse Of Sun

Edmisten Heads Farm Vote Plan

Howard Edmisten of Sugar Grove has been named temporary county chairman for the campaign to acquaint farmers with details of the special "Nickels for Know-How" referendum to be held on November 3, according to E. Y. Floyd of Raleigh, chairman of the Referendum Subcommittee of Agricultural Foundations, Inc.

The temporary chairman will preside at a county-wide meeting on the night of September 7, when a permanent county organization will be set up.

In the "Nickels for Know-How" referendum, held under authority of an act passed by the 1951 General Assembly, farmers will vote on a proposal to contribute five cents per ton on all feeds and fertilizers they buy. If approved by a two-thirds majority, the plan will be effective for three years. Proceeds, amounting to \$125,000 or more annually, will be used for expanding agricultural research and the flow of research information to farmers.

The North Carolina State Grange, North Carolina Farm Bureau, and the Agricultural Foundations, Inc., are charged with the responsibility of conducting the balloting. All persons who buy feeds and fertilizers, including husbands and wives, will be eligible to vote.

Meetings will be held in all counties on the night of September 7. An intensive educational campaign designed to reach every farm family will be conducted from then until the referendum is held.

By LAURA JUDY

An expectant crowd of approximately 1500 sun watchers gathered on Elk Mountain Lookout on the Blue Ridge Parkway long before dawn on Saturday morning to view what astronomers said was the only annular eclipse visible for the rest of the century.

A cloud bank piled up in the eastern part of an otherwise clear sky prevented viewers from seeing the beginning of the eclipse. The clouds parted just in time to reveal the climax of the spectacle, as the moon's shadow blotted out all but a thin halo of sunlight.

An ever-growing crescent of sunlight then became visible as the moon continued along its path in front of the sun, before the clouds again closed over the view.

Parkway rangers counted 300 cars from ten states in the mile-long string of vehicles which stretched from the lookout to the Deep Gap information center.

The Chamber of Commerce eclipse dinner held Friday night attracted approximately 70 persons, ranging from astronomers to politicians to parkway rangers. As Mr. Herman Wilcox, president of the Chamber, said, "We'll be the first on earth to see the eclipse. We're here tonight to see that it gets off to a good start."

Mr. Wilcox opened the program by reading letters from such widely varied sources as Governor Scott, Senators Hoey and Smith, Look and Quick magazines, Lowell Thomas and Ted Mack, all of whom had been invited. They expressed regret that they could not be present for the event.

Principal speaker for the dinner was Representative Robert L. (Continued on page seven)

College Gives Degrees To 172; Honor Students

On Tuesday evening Appalachian State Teachers College presented diplomas to 172 who received the bachelor of science degree, and 93 who received the master of arts degree.

The commencement speaker was Dr. Homer R. Greenholt, professor of history and government at Lenoir-Rhyne College, Hickory, who was a member of the visiting faculty at Appalachian this summer. Dr. Greenholt told his audience that throughout the ages man has been busy erecting all kinds of barriers to the possible enterprises of each other. "I hope you will dedicate yourselves," he told the graduating class, "wherever you find barriers and wherever you are to overcome these barriers and to building bridges."

Some of the barriers to be overcome in the world today, Dr. Greenholt said, are those of language, religion, color, occupation, politics, physical handicaps, poverty, ignorance, fear, national barriers, and international understanding.

To be bridge-builders, Dr. Greenholt continued, you should keep in mind that you must have certain attitudes: First, you will need a great deal of patience; second, you will need a spirit of cooperation; and, third, you will need historical perspective—the knowledge that truth will come back and reassert itself. You will also need to remember that you will have to change your design occasionally, to fit the occasion. Don't try to solve all your problems by the same technique, but use new and different methods, he said.

In building these bridges, which he referred to as "spiritual bridges," Dr. Greenholt indicated (Continued on page six)

Annual Meeting REA Announced

Members of Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation will meet at Lenoir in the American Legion Home for their 14th annual meeting on Saturday, September 8.

Registration will begin at 9:00 a. m. with the program beginning at 10:00 a. m.

The first event of the day will be a cooking party sponsored by a local electrical appliance dealer. At 1:30 p. m. a local talent contest will get under way with contestants from all districts of the cooperative competing, both professional and amateurs. Professional will compete with amateur.

Dr. James H. Hilton, Dean of Agriculture, N. C. State College, will be the speaker for this occasion. Dr. Hilton is one of the most outstanding men in the state.

Another highlight of this annual membership meeting will be a beauty contest. Beauty winners from all districts of the cooperative will meet for the grand final where one contestant will be chosen for the title "Miss Blue Ridge Electric." This winner will go to the state meeting this fall which will be held in Raleigh to compete for the state title.

A brief business session will be held and members will elect directors for the coming year.

A deluxe electric range will be given as a grand prize and a scope of smaller prizes will be given to members holding lucky numbers.

All members of the cooperative are urged to attend.

Ten Game Football Schedule Will Open At Lenoir Sept. 7

Coach Bob Nolan's Appalachian gridiron squad opens a ten game schedule at Lenoir on September 7th. The first game finds the 32 man squad of Blue Devils relying heavily upon a nucleus of seven returning lettermen who will be led by Co-Captains Jerry Troutman, senior, and Harbin Moretz, junior. These leaders of the 1951 football squad were chosen by the team before the Hudson pre-season practice game on August 31. Lettermen returning to the Appalachian High School squad include co-captains Jerry Troutman and Harbin Moretz, Charles Taylor, Donald Lyons, Bob Ray, Armfield Coffey, and Elton Greer. Nolan stated that the most promising newcomers to the squad are Wade Miller, Harold Ragan, Jim Idol, Milton Barden, and Tony Winkler.

Coach Nolan begins his second year as football mentor of the Appalachian Blue Devils, and he wants to better the 3-3-2 record of 1950. Since graduating from Guilford College in 1942, he has obtained his M. Ed. degree at Springfield College in Massachusetts, and he was a member of the physical education staff at Guilford College before entering the Marine Corps in 1942.

Players that Nolan will miss most from the 1950 squad are backfield men Paul Richardson, who is a paratrooper, and Joe Edmisten, a member of the Teacher's College squad at Appalachian. Other graduating seniors of the 1950 squad were Bill Crawford, Bill Danner, and Leo (Continued on page seven)

Blue Ridge Fair Begins Sept. 12; Program Given



THREE FORKS BAPTIST LEADERS—The Three Forks Baptist Association, which includes forty-four churches in this area, concluded its 111th annual session last week. Leaders of the association are (left to right, front row) the Rev. R. C. Eggers, moderator; Mrs. Blanche Perry, field worker; and Wade E. Brown, vice-moderator; (back row) Clyde R. Greene, clerk; and S. C. Eggers, member of the executive committee.—(Photo Winston-Salem Journal.)

Blowing Rock Hospital Fund Is Given \$30,000

Hartsell Gets Montana Post



DR. O. M. HARTSELL

Dr. O. M. Hartsell has recently returned from New York City where he completed the degree of Doctor of Education at Columbia University. While studying at Columbia he was awarded a graduate fellowship in music and was elected to membership in Phi Delta Kappa and Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia. He was also president of the Music Education club.

Dr. Hartsell will leave soon for Missoula, Mont., where he has accepted a position in the School of Music at Montana State University. He was formerly a member of the music staff of Appalachian State Teachers College.

Final Softball Game Is Set for Friday

Rev. J. T. Shackford announced Tuesday afternoon that the final Men's Softball game of the season will be played Friday afternoon at 4:30 on Upper Field when the All-Stars of the two divisions will vie for the championship.

Immediately after the game a picnic will be held on the grounds adjoining the field for the players, their families, and any others in the community who care to join. The wives of those attending the picnic will furnish the baskets of food for the supper. Time is 6:00.

At 6:45 a general meeting of all players and recreation officials will be held to review the past season and make plans for next year.

Rev. Shackford urges everyone in the community to turn out for this event, especially for the picnic.

Air Force R. O. T. C. seeks to enroll 25,000 freshmen.

Split Squirrel Season Planned

There will be a split season on squirrels in Watauga, Ashe, Alleghany, Surry, Forsyth, Davie, Yadkin, Iredell, Alexander, and Stokes. Other counties not listed in the western part of the state have the same season. Information on these counties can be obtained through the local game protector.

The first season opens September 15th and closes September 30th. The second season opens November 22nd to January 15th with a daily bag limit this year of 6 per day and 75 per season.

Baptist Group In 111th Session

The 111th annual session of the Three Forks Baptist Association was held last week at Poplar Grove church.

The session closed with election of officers, reports from associational committees and talks by denominational representatives.

Rev. R. C. Eggers of Zionville was re-elected moderator of the association; Wade E. Brown of Boone was named vice-moderator and chairman of the executive committee. Clyde R. Greene was re-named clerk.

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Representatives from agencies and institutions of the Baptist State Convention appeared on the two-day program. They were Dr. M. A. Huggins of Raleigh, general secretary; Dr. L. L. Carpenter of Raleigh, editor of the Biblical Recorder; Dr. W. K. McGee of the Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem; the Rev. James M. Hayes, superintendent of the Baptist Home for the Aged in Winston-Salem; Marse Grant, editor of Charity and Children, publication of the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville; and W. H. Kendall of Mars Hill College.

Next year's meeting will be held at Union and Mable churches in the western section of the county.

Sixty-Five Hopefuls Scamper Forth For Football Practice

Sixty-five hopefuls scampered into the September 1 dawn to begin football practice at Appalachian State Teachers College. The Mountaineers, defending North State Conference champions, do not have as many candidates to choose from as in recent years. Since the war, opening day has found as many as 115 men ready for the campaign for honors, but the draft has found its way to the hilltop campus and has trimmed the field considerably.

Fifteen lettermen return to the Appalachian fold—nine linemen and six backs. The line will not be as potent as it sounds, however, because both first string tackles and offensive ends are either victims of graduation or Uncle Sam.

The beginning of Preston Mull's college coaching career leaves him with a big problem in replacing these ends and tackles. The biggest loss to the squad was suffered last week when all-conference center Mac Smith entered the Army. Line reserves with varsity experience are also at a premium, although experienced guards are on tap. Newcomers must fill the gap and bear the load or Appalachian must take her lumps.

The backfield shapes up as just a little better than last year. Jack Groce, shifty right half-back from Wilkesboro is ready for the race this year and he has his weather eye cocked at laurels that will surpass his 1000 yard rushing total and the state's high scoring mark. Lester Hardin and Ray Triplett are slated for duty at fullback and left half, with Alvin Hooks and Steve Gabriel alternating at the quarterback slot. Capable backfield reserves are in abundance.

A scant twelve days of practice is all the mountain boys will have at their disposal before their opening contest. Conditioning drills will occupy much of the opening week of practice with work on offense and defense coming the second week. Appalachian opens with Guilford in Winston-Salem on September 15.

Cove Creek Cannery

The Cove Creek cannery will be open only the 7th, 18th and 28th of this month. It will close for the season after September 28th.

Cattle, Canned Goods, Other Exhibits To Be Displayed.

The fourth Blue Ridge Agricultural Fair is scheduled for September 12-15.

The first day will find the midway opening and exhibit being entered. On Thursday, September 13, beef cattle will be entered and all exhibits, except livestock, will be judged.

Dairy cattle are to be entered and beef cattle judged on Friday, and on Saturday, the closing day, dairy cattle will be judged.

A baby show is also on the agenda for Saturday.

Mr. R. G. Shipley is president of the Blue Ridge Fair Association; Mr. L. E. Tuckwiller, county farm agent, and Mrs. Betty M. Edwards are general superintendents of agricultural exhibits.

Superintendents of departments and exhibits are:

Preparation of exhibit space, Stewart J. Barnes, superintendent, Edgar Greene, assistant superintendent; garden and field crops, Department "A", Ned Glenn, Milton Moretz, Zeb Farthing and H. J. Williams, superintendents; farm and garden display, Johnnie Greene, Billy Cook and J. B. Robinson; fruits, D. T. Brown, Albert Watson and Dennis V. Enslay; pantry and dairy, Mrs. George P. Edmisten, Mrs. A. E. Vannoy, Mrs. Clint Miller; Flower show, Mrs. Odes Wilson, Mrs. R. H. Harmon, Mrs. Lee Reynolds; veteran farmer department, Hayes Wellborn, Parion Farthing, Billy Cooke; beef cattle, Henry Taylor, Lynn Norris, Donley Hagaman, superintendents; sheep, Howard Edmisten, J. W. Norris, Lewis Norris, Edd Love; swine department "J", Ralph Wilson, Tipton Greene, Fred Greene;

Dairy cattle, Tom Jackson, Reece Perdue, John K. Perry, W. M. Winkler, Ed Love; horses, George Wilson, Grady Perry; poultry, Ernest Hillard, Thomas L. Wilson, Troy Greene; 4-H, FFA and FHA, Clyde F. Corriher, Kathleen Coston, R. L. Tait, Mrs. Council Henson, Mrs. A. E. Morcetz, Mrs. Hattie Lewis; home demonstration booth, house furnishings and clothing, Mrs. Wade Clawson, Mrs. Frank Brown, Mrs. Mae Greene.

W. H. Gragg and Bernard Dougherty will again judge the babies as they have for the past three years.

Feeder Calf Show Is Slated

The time has been extended for cattle men to make their entries in the first annual Boone Feeder Calf Show and Sale for October 1, 1951. Many who have stated that they wished to sell calves in the sale have not signed the application blank. Let us urge you to get this entry in as soon as possible so that we can get the advertising started.

Aaron R. Coffey Rites Held at Mt. Vernon

Services for Aaron R. Coffey of the Mt. Vernon neighborhood, who died August 29, were held at Mt. Vernon church on August 31 at 2:00 p. m. Rev. R. C. Eggers of Zionville and Rev. Will Cooke of Mt. Vernon officiated.

Burial was in the Critcher cemetery at Mt. Vernon.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Nell Critcher Coffey; two sons, Norman Coffey and James Coffey of the home; and four daughters, Mrs. Louise Jones of Rapidan, Va., and Miss Ethel Mae Coffey, Miss Emily Coffey and Miss Lanis Coffey of the home.

Red Cross says Soviet satellites balk return of Greek children.