

KING STREET

BY
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SUPERIOR COURT rolls around again, and while a sizable group of folks gather for the sessions of the tribunal, the event don't draw the mass crowds of yore, due partially to the fact, that the people have other things to do and other places to go. Also motivating against the popularity of the courthouse scene is the fact that nowadays when a man's indicted, if the odds seem fair that he will be convicted, he submits, and the judge metes out the penalty. Few trials occur, and the folks weary after a short stay in the temple of justice. Autumn, and the tang of snappy morning air. Good football weather, the fans say, and Appalachian's Mountaineers get going with a victory in the first game of the season. . . . Lee Gross, former police officer, and friend of ours through many years, goes away, and we share the sorrow of the family and the community at the death of a good citizen.

LEE GROSS, was one of the few officers we had known, who had an abiding and deep-seated respect for the laws of the land, and for the society which had created the statutes. . . . For many long years he walked to and fro along the street, preserving the peace and dignity of the community, while mixing amiably with the people, and rendering a helping hand wherever possible. . . . Conscientious and sincere, Lee Gross made an honest effort to enforce the laws, and that he was unusually successful was evidenced by the fact that he was persuaded back to the police force on more than one occasion, when things again got out of hand. . . . He lived a life of devotion to the public welfare, and will be missed in the city where he labored so long and effectively and where his friendships were so deeply established.

FAIR WEEK PASSES, and the folks had a good time. . . . The affair was unusually successful and the exhibits in keeping with the progress Watauga has made agriculturally. From the fat plump Herefords to the big apples, from the big horses to the dainty piece of needlework, the fair depicted the life of a growing farm economy in striking fashion, and demonstrated the fact that pretty nearly every sort of staple food crop can be grown here, and that the region definitely excels in the production of some of these, and is without question the mecca for the cattleman and the sheep grower. . . . Incidentally on every hand, there is evidence that farmers are turning more and more to beef and dairy cattle, and to the flocks on the hills, and are backing away to an increasing degree from the row crops, which have periodically reacted so disastrously to the farmers at market time. . . . Troy Norris of Meat Camp, is one of those who is following this new method of farming, and says he has put his entire farm in grass and other forage crops. . . . He finds that millet, cut at the proper time provides both roughness and grain for his cattle, and that other hay crops fill in and enable him to get along just as well without corn crops and without the laborious and expensive process of filling silos. . . . Troy says the shortage of farm labor made a change in his farm program mandatory, and he likes the change.

A FEW YEARS AGO, the Democrat went all out against the so-called carnivals, when the attractions had reached such a high level of indecency and lawlessness that the folks were crying out loud for relief. . . . The folks went along with us just about one hundred per cent, and the sort of shows we were again quit showing up, and since that time the folks have been saved a small fortune. . . . The city voted against the wide open gambling type of carnival, and it worked, but just lately it was found that the ordinance was never placed into effect, and since the town indicated no disposition to offer support to the State laws, the fair featured another one of the things last week, and a lot of busts (Continued on page four)

Major Thomas Named Head Tax Appeal Board

Commissioners Receive Tax Revaluation Complaints.

The Board of tax appeals for Watauga county, established by the last session of the State Legislature has been organized with Major J. H. Thomas, chairman; Clyde Moretz, vice-chairman and Perry Greene, Secretary. Grady Bradley has tendered his resignation, while Cecil Critcher, it is said, has also indicated his unwillingness to serve.

The Bradley place is to be filled by the Board of Education, and the Critcher vacancy by the town of Blowing Rock. Major Thomas is an appointee of the Board of Education, and Perry Greene of the board of county commissioners.

CORN CHAMPION TO BE SELECTED

Who is North Carolina's champion corn grower for 1951? This is a question that will be answered within a few weeks, according to E. R. Collins, extension agronomist at State College. The defending champion, who won first place in both 1949 and 1950, is Dwight Williams of Haywood County.

Bible School

The Episcopal Church will conduct a series of Saturday morning Bible School sessions beginning Saturday, September 22nd and continuing through October 20th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mont Glover.

At B. & L. Meeting

Mr. H. Grady Farthing, president of the Watauga Building and Loan Association, and Mr. W. H. Gragg, secretary, were in Shelby Monday, where they attended the fourth district meeting of the North Carolina Building and Loan League.

Mrs. Josephine Gaines Is New Public Health Nurse

The Watauga County Health Department is proud to announce the addition of Mrs. Josephine Gaines to its staff as public health nurse.

Mrs. Gaines is a well qualified person in both training and experience and Watauga County is fortunate in being able to obtain her services. Mrs. Gaines is a native of North Carolina, but has had both training and experience in other states. Mrs. Gaines is a registered nurse in both New York State and North Carolina. She has had special work in the Psychiatric Institute, New York City; Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center Doctors Hospital and Physicians Hospital, New York City; and Monto Santo Hospital, Glendale, California.

Mrs. Gaines received her public health nurses training at the William and Mary College in Richmond, Virginia. She has worked with the United States Public Health Service in the Epidemiology Division with headquarters in Fayetteville, N. C., was assistant nursing supervisor in the Dallas County Health Department, Selma, Alabama, and has worked for a number of years in the health department of Macon County, Franklin, N. C.

Lee Gross Rites Held On Sunday

Alfred Lee Gross, 67 years old, former Boone police officer, died Friday at Watauga Hospital, following a heart attack on Wednesday. He had been in his usual health prior to the attack.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at the Oak Grove Baptist Church by Rev. Grady Hamby, Lenoir, Rev. R. C. Eggers and Rev. C. O. Vance. Burial was in the Hine cemetery. Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Mary Colvard Gross, and two daughters: Mrs. Faye Miller, Viles; Mrs. Hattie Arney, Knoxville, Tenn. There is one brother and one sister: Cleve Gross, Mrs. Hettie Hodges and Mrs. Minnie Lewis, of Boone.

Health Council To Meet On 21st

The fall quarterly meeting of the Watauga County Health Council will be held in the Deep Gap School, September 21st at 7:30.

Emphasis for this meeting is Civil Defense and the film "Survival Under Atomic Attack" will be used for a discussion basis. The State Director of civil defense, Mr. E. L. Jones, has pointed out that civil defense is here for a long time and that it involves more than emergency defense. It points up ways of better living. This is the same goal that the Watauga County Health Council has been working toward since its beginning. You as a patriotic citizen of the county can contribute toward reaching this goal by defending yourself, your family, and your property through organized cooperative efforts for improvement. Start this by taking part in your community efforts and attend the meeting of the County Health Council at Deep Gap School, September 21 at 7:30 p. m.

Horace Dowling Is Medalist Golf Winner

Mr. Horace Dowling, parts manager for Winkler Motor Co., won medalist honors by shooting 73 in the Boone-Blowing Rock golf tournament held there Saturday and Sunday. It was Mr. Dowling's first try at tourney honors.

At Health School

Dr. Mary B. H. Michal, health officer in the Alleghany-Ashe-Watauga district health department, has enrolled in the School of Public Health, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, for the fall quarter. She will return to Boone at intervals to keep check on the local health. The staff will endeavor to keep the work going while Dr. Michal is away.

Chicken Dinner

The WSCS of Henson's Chapel are sponsoring a chicken dinner in the basement of the church Saturday evening from six to eight o'clock. The money raised will go to buying a carpet for the church. Plates are one dollar. Everyone is invited to attend.

Freedom Drive To Begin Here On Thursday

The Crusade for Freedom campaign for 1951 will open in Watauga County Thursday, September 20, and continue throughout the month, according to an announcement by Jim Taylor, local Crusade chairman.

NURSE



MRS. GAINES

The Crusade for Freedom program was inaugurated in 1950 by General Lucius D. Clay. Its primary purpose is to combat Communist propaganda with democratic truth. Last year over one and one-third million Americans signed the Freedom Scrolls. These were moved to West Berlin as an everlasting symbol of American democracy.

The most effective and concrete program made possible by Crusade dollars was the establishment of two 125,000 watt radio transmitters. These have been beaming the freedom story into Communist Russia and satellite nations for the past year. This voice of truth has been labeled "Radio Free Europe." It is not an official organ of the American government as is the Voice of America, but is rather the story of liberty as told by escapees from behind the Iron Curtain.

J. M. German, 80 Taken By Death

North Wilkesboro — James Monroe German, 80, one of Northwestern North Carolina's best known farmers, died at 6 a. m. last Wednesday at his home at Boomer.

A pioneer in dairy farming in this part of the State, Mr. German spent his entire life in the Boomer community, where he was closely affiliated with agricultural and civic progress and active in church and educational work.

Mr. German was born Jan. 10 1871, son of Hamilton and Martha Carlton German. He was one of the first farmers in the Northwestern part of the State to establish a dairy and related milk to consumers. He operated Montview Dairy over a long period and his farm was widely recognized as an example of the use of modern methods of dairy farming.

One of the principal honors accorded Mr. German during his long career in agriculture was his selection as Master Farmer by Dr. Clarence Poe, editor of the Progressive Farmer.

Mr. German was a former member of the Wilkes County Board of Education and was a pioneer in the organization of the Grange in Wilkes County, where the first grange in North Carolina was formed in the late twenties. He had long been active in Zion Hill Baptist Church at Boomer, near his home.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Martha Carlton German; one son, Charlie H. German of Boomer; six daughters, Miss Lucille German and Mrs. Carl Hendrix of Boomer, Mrs. R. T. Greer of Boone, Mrs. A. E. Torneror of San Antonio, Texas, Mrs. J. F. Britton of Myrtle Beach, S. C., and Mrs. W. H. Jackson of Raleigh.

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Baby Show Is Final Event Local Fair

Rev. Robert Tuttle Will Speak At Union Meeting

MINISTER



REV. MR. TUTTLE

Speaker for the Union Services of Boone Churches to be held at the Boone Baptist Church on Sunday night at 7:30 o'clock will be the Rev. Robert G. Tuttle, pastor of Broad Street Methodist Church in Statesville.

Mr. Tuttle, who has just returned from England, was an exchange minister at Worthington, a sea coast city of 70,000 population which lies 50 miles south of London. During his stay, in which he was accompanied by his wife, the former Lillian Allen, sister of U. S. Ambassador to Yugoslavia George Allen, Mr. Tuttle relates that he preached morning and evening to a filled church from which many had to be turned away, their having come, he hoped, not altogether from curiosity.

Between Sundays, the Tuttle's toured England and Scotland, visited Ambassador Allen in Yugoslavia, Mr. Tuttle stopping en route to catch his limit of trout in the Alps, and attended the World Conference of Methodism meeting, a conference of all Methodists held every decade.

The Tuttle's returned to the United States by transatlantic airliner on September 6, which they relate as having been a most "fascinating experience."

Mr. Tuttle will preach on the general thought of "The Christian Faith Faces a World in Ferment," as he seeks to share the experiences of his recent adventure with his audience.

County Singing Set For Oct. 7

The Watauga county singing convention will be held at the Gospel Tabernacle in Boone Sunday, October 7th beginning at 10:30 a. m. The public is invited.

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Assembly Ground Structure Starts

The trustees of the Blowing Rock Assembly Ground, meeting at Corinth Evangelical and Reformed Church, Hickory, on Wednesday afternoon, September 12, voted to start construction immediately on Dormitory Unit Number One consisting of twenty rooms. The Hickory Construction Company under the personal supervision of Mr. Robert Moss will oversee the complete construction which includes general construction, Plumbing and Electrical work.

Foodhandlers Gather In City

The managers of some of the foodhandling establishments in Watauga County met at the Sky-Line Restaurant on September 11 to discuss the feasibility of a foodhandlers' school for this county. Those in attendance decided that a school was most desirable and started making plans for such a school to be held in the county October 9, 10, and 11. The morning classes will be repeated each afternoon so that all persons working in foods may be able to attend without creating a hardship for the managers or the public. The three sessions of the school will instruct in "Bacteriology of Foodhandling," "Personal Hygiene," and "Proper Methods of Dish Washing." Consultants and suitable films will be used to make the learning experiences more vital. These aids for the school are made available through the State and local health departments. Working with the committee of Managers in planning and promoting this work are J. E. Brown, sanitarian, and Madeleine McCain, health educator from the local health department.

Superior Court Is In Session

The fall term of Watauga Superior court got under way Monday and at Tuesday noon splendid progress was being made on the disposition of a docket containing some 150 cases.

Parent-Teachers To Serve Dinner Monday

The Parent-Teachers Club of Boone will hold their first meeting of the 1951-52 school year Monday night at 6:30, with a supper honoring the teachers of the Demonstration and High schools.

WE THANK YOU

The Democrat thanks Mr. Lum Miller of Banner Elk for the gift of a box of huge apples. We also acknowledge with appreciation Mr. and Mrs. Lee Swift's kindness in sending us a package of luscious grapes, which were thoroughly enjoyed.