

Red Cross Group Starts Campaign On Monday

KING STREET BY ROB RIVERS

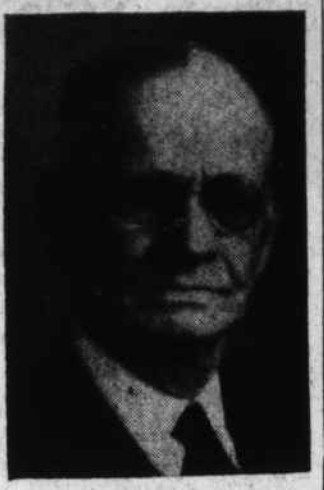
CLEAR CONSCIENCE
If anyone has been tending the fire in Diogenes' lantern, he may now douse the flame, for the honest man has come to light... R. G. Cox, manager of the Crest Store, was approached the other day by a fellow who had something on his mind, and a load on his conscience... He tendered Mr. Cox 25 cents for a debt he had contracted 14 years ago, but the Crest records carried no tab on the account... The stranger said that he came into the store, wanted some candy and chewing gum, and had no money, so he took without leave, three bars and three packs of Wrigley's, and went away, to stay through 14 Christmases... Mr. Cox took the tendered coin, without inquiry into the man's name... The fellow who wanted a bit of candy and gum, in his day of destitution, turned away, with a springtiller step, bought himself some stuff and merged into the throng on the dime store corner.

THE PICTURE ON THE BILL
Bert Ellis, who used to do a lot of banking, before he went into the grocery business in Boone, gives us an explanation of why the bank teller invariably turns the picture of Lincoln, of Jefferson or who have you, face up, when he's counting the pile of bank notes... Bert says that in looking for counterfeit greenbacks, a defect can be seen quicker in the picture than any place—the illegal engravers find it harder to duplicate the faces than any other part of the note. Thus bankers are taught to keep an eye on the man, when flipping down the Federal lettuce!

FLIVVER FRAMS FOX
Mrs. J. G. Barden was driving home the other day from Green Valley School, where she teaches, when some sort of animal darted in front of her car... Feeling the jar of an impact, she backed up and found a big fox, his heels pointed upward, and dead as the proverbial door nail... Mrs. Barden loaded the once sly creature into the auto and fetched him to town, and his fur will be used to make a neck-piece for the successful Nimrod, a la automobile!... Pretty young thing taking a lot of band boxes down from a high shelf... "Got a lot of hats today," we offered, in our best hill-billy style, killing time by calling attention to the obvious, "Yes," she said, there's lots of hats... but there seems to be such a woeful shortage of good heads... The row of oil lamps in Smithy's window, recalling the long hours the housewives used to spend in washing and polishing chimneys, filling the bowls with oil, and trimming the wicks, so there'd be light to cook supper by, and to have a glance at the Atlanta Constitution fore bed time... Mr. Walsh says he sells a lot of lamps yet... many of them being used for conversion into electric table lamps.

IN GLADDER BINDING
We had always wondered why the Holy Bible had been bound for all time, in the sombre black of sorrow and despair, and had hoped to see the time when we'd find the Holy Word in a gay color, and the choir in bright costume... We saw part of it the other day... The book was lying in the pew, as the hymn was sung... It was one of these zip-up volumes, and the binding was snow white, with lettering of gold... a much more appropriate dress for the volume of hope, and of joy and of promise... It looked a lot more inviting than the conventional black morocco, and we would suppose it gets more reading than the somber volumes.

A KINDLER CLIMATE
We held to the belief that the (Continued on page four)



Dr. Stevens To Appear In Revival

The Baptists in this area have invited Dr. Herman Stevens to conduct a county-wide revival the week of April 7-11 in Boone church.

Watkins Talks Of Red Cross To Rotarians

President L. E. Tuckwiller presided over the regular meeting of the Boone Rotary Club at the Skyline Restaurant on Thursday, February 29.

Farm Problems Topic Meeting

A special program on farm management problems, farm leases, and father-son agreements will be given at the Courthouse on Monday afternoon, at 2:00 o'clock, it was announced by Mr. L. E. Tuckwiller, county agent.

Howard Foster New Fire Warden

Howard Foster of Boone R. F. D. 2, was appointed county forest fire warden at the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners held Monday.

Breakfast Sees Kick-Off Drive

An enthusiastic group of volunteer Red Cross workers met Monday morning for a kick-off breakfast at the Skyline Restaurant and set plans for the 1952 roll call campaign in motion with the hope that this year's quota of 2415 can be reached within the week.

Charlie Wilfong, roll call chairman, originated his early morning broadcast from the Skyline, and during "Coffee Time" interviewed members of the campaign committee. Dr. G. K. Moose in a short radio appeal expressed the hope that people would respond liberally when called upon by the volunteer workers and urged those who were not called on to send their contributions in to Red Cross, Boone, N. C. Dr. Moose recalled the disastrous flood that struck the Deep Gap area in 1940 when the Red Cross spent more than \$12,000 in replacing houses lost in the flood, rehabilitating the people who escaped the flood with their lives but with all their worldly possessions lost in the waters, and in giving aid to all who needed it in the stricken area. Dr. Moose, who accepted the post of chairman of the Watauga County Chapter of the Red Cross last year, has been a champion of its cause for more than ten years during which time he has served on the county board of directors of the organization. He is lending his help untiringly to Mr. Wilfong and his staff in the 1952 campaign.

Mrs. Dick Allen, chairman for the town of Boone, announced the following list of house-to-house workers who are making the rounds this week in an effort to round out the drive: Mrs. J. H. Council, Mrs. Charlie Wilcox, Mrs. D. L. Wilcox, Mrs. Gordon Taylor, Mrs. Hale Vance, Mrs. George Greene, Mrs. Perry Greene, Mrs. Elsie Erneston, Mrs. James Leek, Mrs. Harley Watson, Mrs. A. E. Hamby, Jr., Mrs. Van Noppen, Mrs. Jerry Coe, Miss Mary Huff, Mrs. Bill Spenser.

G. L. Robbins Dies In San Diego

Blowing Rock, N. C.—March 1.—Mr. G. Lee Robbins, native of Blowing Rock, died at his San Diego, Calif., home Wednesday of last week. He had been in ill health for some time.

Mr. Robbins held the rank of chief warrant officer when transferred to the fleet reserve to finish out his 30 years of service before retirement. He would have served 30 years in September of this year.

He entered the armed services September 26, 1922, when he enlisted in the Naval Air Corps. He served as aviation machinist mate aboard the USS Saratoga and the USS Lexington. He was at Pearl Harbor during the Japanese attack, at which time he was promoted to chief petty officer.

CANCER GROUP LAYS PLANS FOR FISCAL EFFORT

Ways To Improve Cancer Educational Program Made; Movie To Be Shown.

The executive committee of the American Cancer Society met Thursday to lay plans for the 1952 campaign which begins April 1. Ways to improve the cancer educational program already in progress in Watauga county were made.

The committee is composed of Miss Madeline McCain, Mrs. Len D. Hagaman, Mrs. W. G. Bond, Mrs. Connie M. Phillips, Mrs. John D. Davis, Mr. Dave Mast, Dr. O. K. Richardson and Dr. Lawrence Owsley.

Wednesday, April 2, 10:30 a. m. is the time set aside for the showing of three cancer films at the Appalachian theater. These films will be shown to women only and all women of the county are urged to attend.

A program can be arranged for P. T. A. groups, clubs, schools, or any organizations interested in cancer by contacting Mrs. John D. Davis, 308 E. Main Street, Boone.

Dr. W. M. Owsley Dies In Alabama

Dr. W. M. Owsley, of Electric, Ala., father of Dr. L. H. Owsley of Boone, died suddenly Sunday morning from a stroke of paralysis.

Dr. and Mrs. L. H. Owsley left Boone soon after they received the message.

The widow, two sons and three daughters survive.

Staffs of two Congress groups condemn 25 per cent tax limit idea.

Boone Band Leaders Get Top State Rates

Eight members of the Senior High School Band won top ratings at the state contest for solo's and ensembles at Davidson College Saturday, March 1st.

Saturday Night Sing Is Slated

The regular Saturday night singing, which has been held for several months, will be held at the Stony Fork Baptist Church Saturday night March 8, at 7:30 p. m. All singers are cordially invited to attend and be prepared to render at least six gospel numbers. The listeners also have a very cordial invitation to attend and help us to make this the best singing yet.

Civic And Farm Leaders To Meet

People interested in community programs, community leaders, civic leaders, town officers, Chamber of Commerce, and others are especially invited by the County Agent's office to meet with the agricultural workers of the county at 7:30 p. m., Monday, at the County Courthouse to consider possible community organizations.

Beef Cattle Producers Map '52 Feeder Calf Sale

'Horn in West' Leaders To Gather This Week

The schedule for construction of the Daniel Boone Outdoor Theatre and production of "Horn in the West" will be completed this week end when the author and director of the play and the designers of the theatre arrive here for a series of conferences with the officers, board members and committees of the Southern Appalachian Historical Association, Inc.

Here from Chapel Hill will be Dr. I. G. Greer, president of the association; Kermit Hunter, author of the play; and Samuel Selden, who as general supervising director will stage the play with

the Carolina Playmakers. From State College, Raleigh, will come Professors L. A. Enersen and F. G. Thurlow of the school of design of the Department of Landscape Architecture, with three of their students who are assisting in cooperation with Charlotte landscape architect John B. Lippard. Carol White, general manager of the Cherokee drama "Unto These Hills," is expected to be present in an advisory capacity.

Preliminary planning and preparations completed by the association's building and production committees in cooperation with

the above will make it possible for construction of the theatre to begin next week. Building materials and equipment are now being assembled and surveying of the site for grading and construction begun.

Others who will confer with Messrs. Hunter and Selden are the finance, public relations and publicity committee chairmen.

"Horn in the West," North Carolina's third major outdoor historical drama and the first project of the Southern Appalachian Historical Association, opens June 27 and will be presented six nights weekly through August 31.

District GOP Meeting To Be Held March 17th

Lenoir—The convention of Republicans in the Ninth Congressional District will be held in Statesville March 17, District Secretary Frank L. Smith of Lenoir announced last week.

He said the convention was called by District Chairman Clyde R. Greene of Boone. It will be held in the Statesville City Hall, beginning at 2 p. m.

The district includes Caldwell, Alleghany, Ashe, Watauga, Alexander, Iredell, Rowan, Stanly and Cabarrus counties.

Nomination of a candidate for Congress, election of two delegates and two alternate delegates to the Republican National Convention, and matters in connection with the state convention in Charlotte are scheduled as matters of business for the district convention.

Bishop Harrell Will Preach Here Sunday



BISHOP COSTEN J. HARRELL

Farthing Again Heads B. & L.

Mr. H. G. Farthing was re-elected President of the Watauga Building & Loan Association at the directors' meeting held Friday evening.

Mr. A. W. Smith was elected vice-president, and W. H. Gragg, Secretary-Treasurer.

Miss Mabel B. Brown was re-elected bookkeeper and Mrs. Pearl Bingham, Assistant Bookkeeper.

Chamber To Meet On Tuesday

The Boone Chamber of Commerce will hold its monthly meeting at the Skyline Restaurant at 12 o'clock noon Tuesday.

Several important matters of business will come up for discussion and there will be reports from some of the recently appointed committees on their activities.

A representative from the Blue Ridge Membership Corporation will discuss further plans on the Watauga River Dam project.

All members are urged to attend and to present any additional information relative to tourist accommodations for the summer.

Kindergarten To Open On March 24

A community sponsored kindergarten will open on Monday, March 24, at 8:45 a. m. Registration day is Friday, March 7, from 3 to 5, and from 7 to 9 in the vestibule of the Methodist Church. Additional information concerning the kindergarten may be obtained by contacting Mrs. Bob Congleton, phone 446-W, Mrs. William Spencer, phone 189-R, or Mrs. Max Raines, phone 212-J.

25 Unit Test Farms To Be Used In Experiment

Mr. D. F. Greene, chairman of the Watauga County Unit Test Demonstration Farm Committee, announced this week that up to 25 unit test farms will be approved by the Fertilizer Testing Division of T. V. A. There is an allotment of 37 tons of calcium metaphosphate and enough fused tricalcium phosphate to supply the other farms not able to get the calcium meta.

These farms will test the material in the following ways:

They will use 90 pounds of calcium meta per acre on ladino clover and 240 pounds of fused tricalcium per year. On permanent pasture the rate will be 60 pounds calcium meta and 160 pounds fused tricalcium per acre per year.

Mr. Greene reports that enough of these materials have been ordered to supply the farms that they approved.

Raleigh Leaders Approve Rules

Beef cattle producers from Watauga, Avery, and Wilkes counties met with the Animal Husbandry Extension Specialists from Raleigh Thursday, February 21, and approved the following rules for the 1952 Boone Feeder Calf Sale, which will be held Monday, September 29.

1. Only calves of strictly beef breeding will be accepted for the sale; both steer and heifer calves will be included.

2. Calves sold through the sale must be accepted by the sales committee prior to the date of sale.

3. Calves will be sorted into official grades at the market on day of sale by an official grader and will be sold in lot of such size as is deemed advisable by the sales committee.

4. Actual sales management, advertising, and other details of the sale will be left entirely to the sales committee.

5. Producers will agree to have their calves mixed with those of other producers according to grade and sex, but lots will be made up of calves of approximately equal weights, and each producer's calves will be weighed and the producer will be paid according to the weight of his calves in the lot.

6. All calves entered in the sale must be vaccinated for Blackleg, and vaccinated for Hemorrhagic Septicemia (shipping fever) at least 10 days prior to the date of the sale.

7. No bull calves will be sold. All calves will be dehorned. All precaution must be taken to assure that older heifer calves are not bred.

8. At the time calves are entered for the sale each producer will be required to sign an agreement. Actual sale and advertising expenses will be pro-rated on a per head basis, total expenses not to exceed \$3.00 per head.

9. No yearling cattle or calves under 300 pounds in weight will be accepted.

10. A closing date for consignments will be September 15, 1952.

11. Calves which, in the judgment of the sales committee, do not meet the qualifications of the sale may be rejected on the day of the sale.

12. All animals entering the sale ring must be sold. No consignors will have a "No Sale" privilege.

13. Each producer will be required to bring his cattle to the market to be weighed and graded by 11:00 a. m. the day of the sale.

14. The sale will start promptly at 1:00 p. m.

Calves will be selected for the sale from Watauga and adjoining North Carolina counties. Farmers should dehorn horned calves and castrate bull calves now.

Jacob Norris Dies At Age 93

Mr. Jacob Alexander Norris, 93 years of age, of Boone, Route 1 died at his home February 28th following a short illness. Mr. Norris was a native Wataugan, a retired farmer, and had contributed generously to all community activities.

Funeral services were held March 1st at Fairview Methodist church and burial was in the church cemetery. Rev. Charles McKinney, Rev. Ernest Stevens and Rev. Charles Taylor conducted the services.

Surviving are two sons, Mr. Claude Norris of Boone, Route 2, Mr. Elbert Norris of Boone, Route 1, two daughters, Mrs. Emma Carroll of Boone, Route 1, Mrs. Grace Gentry of Laxon, one brother, Mr. Ben Norris of Boone, Route 1, and two sisters, Mrs. Mack Wagner of Brownwood and Mrs. M. B. Blackburn.

Bluefield, W. Va.—The robber who recently broke into the basement of Mrs. E. E. Gerdtz's home must have been a fastidious man. All he stole, she said, was a new electric iron.