

KING STREET BY ROB RIVERS

THE DAY OF RECKONING

March 15th came rushing in on the folks, and with it the last minute tussel with the 1040 blanks and the State income tax forms, but since the day of accounting came on a Saturday, filing time was extended to include Monday, and even at that, until sundown Monday, folks could be seen darting hither and yon searching for income tax blanks, so that their figures might be in the mail ahead of the deadline. This year, the Democrat, as a public service, secured a couple of hundred State income tax forms from Collector Wade Lee, of Lenoir, and they were gone in a few days, and we believe that perhaps three hundred people, seeking both State and federal filing blanks went away from the newspaper office empty-handed. . . . Which would seem to indicate that a record number of new folks are filing this year, as those who have been sending in forms in past years, usually get a new set of blanks automatically.

LEVY UNPOPULAR

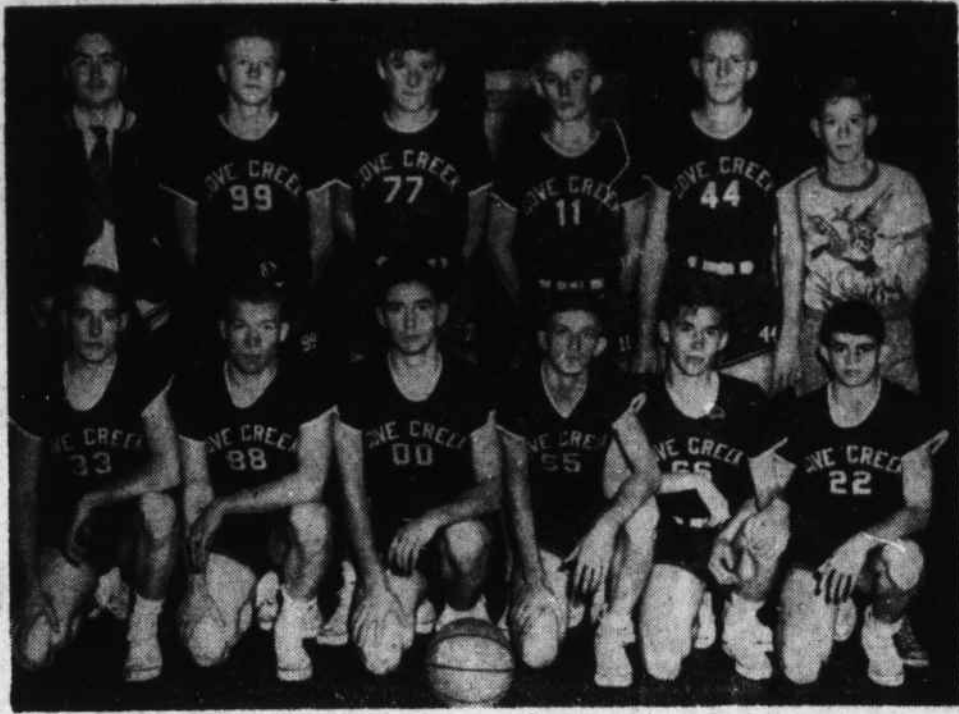
In Boone, as elsewhere, the income tax business is not a popular sort of pastime, and this year the complaints come pretty regularly, can be heard on most every hand. . . . Extravagance and "corruption" in government come in for a share of the beef. . . . Foreign aid ("taking my money and giving it to somebody across the sea") is heard now and then, and the fellow who has grown wealthy by the conditions which brought about the tax, just objects on general principles. . . . There is always the guy who wants an expanded farm program, a bigger and better REA setup, more veterans aid, a new war in China, more TVA dams, all without taxes. . . . He wants a deep gash cut in government expenses—the interior department activities in the west should be pared to the bone. . . . But it mustn't be done on the Watauga River, or on the Blue Ridge Parkway, or on rural electric or telephone lines. . . . There is a great hue and cry for economy in government. . . . that is, in the other fellow's district, and in the next breath a demand for expanded governmental services. . . . When there is clamor for the wielding of the economy axe, and the glint of the shining blade can be envisioned, there is always the cry, "Woodman, spare our towering sycamore tree!" . . . The urban enemies of the present system, do most to perpetuate it with their continuing demands. . . .

THE HERO OF THE DAY

And so it goes until the last letter is mailed down to Greensboro, and the folks settle down to another year's work. . . . But we always see at least one old-fashioned guy, the fellow who has a love for his country and the freedoms which have been bought with the blood and tax dollars of his countrymen. . . . This hero of the Ides of March signs his income tax form in a firm, bold hand, makes out a check for what he has in the bank or a shade more, pounds a stamp on the envelope, and remarks on having paid his part of the bill. . . . This rugged lad don't want a ride on the other fellow's money, and recalls that when he owed no tax, he had no conveniences, cars or cash. . . . There's lots of them. . . . The philosophers and patriots who love their land, and their government, and the plenty and who, by gum, are willing to pay for a small percentage of the things they are getting! . . .

LENSES AND LOOKS

Eye glasses, specs, if you please, used to be employed strictly as a means of improving one's vision, and the small rimless lenses, with the tiny golden frames were not easily seen. . . . The wearer was a bit on the sensitive side about his impaired sight. . . . But this has changed in the past few years, and more and more folks are using the twin lenses both for vision and for decorative effect. . . . The frames come in various shapes, designs and colors, and some of the more elaborate creations carry gold inlays in the plastic. . . . Some



CHAMPIONS—Cove Creek basketball team, who are the Tri-County Basketball Champions and the Highland Conference Champions. The members are, left to right, David Elliot, Co-Captain Albert Harmon, Co-Captain Joe McConnell, Martin Banner, Gerald Greene, Johnny Horton; second row, Coach John Bingham, Johnny Banner, Charles Henson, Herndon Mast, Clay Greene, Manager George Mast.

Cove Creek Wins Tourneys

Cove Creek High School's Red Raiders climaxed one of the most successful basketball seasons in the school's history Friday night by defeating Appalachian High in the finals of the annual Tri-County Basketball Tournament, 58-44. The Red Raiders also won the Highland Conference championship by defeating Valdese High School in the tournament

finals held at Taylorsville, March 5, 6, 7, 8. Appalachian High took an early lead in the opening minutes of the game on baskets by Reed and Moretz and led mid-way of the first period by 14-7. Cove Creek, with Martin Banner and Gerald Greene leading the way, narrowed the gap to 16-12 as the first quarter ended. The Red Raiders

scored 13 points in the second period to only 3 for the losers to lead by 25-19 at intermission. Cove Creek added three more points to its lead in the third quarter by outscoring the Blue Devils 15-12 and led by 40-31 as the final 8 minutes began. Joe McConnell paced a fourth period scoring drive by the Red Raiders

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Dairy Co-Op Pays Out Sum Of \$1,212,399.06

The board of directors of the Yadkin Valley Dairy Cooperative announces that for the first six months of operation beginning August 1, 1951, through January 31, they have paid out to producers and employees, a total of \$1,212,399.06. The present milk and employees payrolls will run something over \$200,000.00 per month and this is the low time

of the year for production. During the summer months, this will be almost doubled, probably running from \$300,000 to \$400,000 per month. The payroll goes to over 2,000 farmers and 62 employees. The milk and employees payroll is rapidly becoming an important asset throughout the area, the directors state, and since it is the

plan of the cooperative to increase milk production, it is felt that the payroll represents only a start in a business that will bring an immense income to the dairymen in this section. A campaign is being made and will continue through the months to come, to increase milk production in both Grade A and manufacture

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District G. O. P. Names Slate Taft Delegates

Ninth district Republicans in session in Statesville Monday elected two Taft delegates to the national convention. The delegates are Worth Little of Albemarle and Frank Smith of Caldwell County, both announced supporters of Senator Taft for the Republican presidential nomination. They were elected overwhelmingly by voice votes.

Two Taft supporters were elected as alternates to the national convention. They are James White of Cabarrus County and Hugo Kimball of Iredell County. The convention nominated Walter Johnson of Sparta as candi-

date for the Ninth District seat in Congress. The seat is held at present by R. L. Doughton, also of Sparta, who has announced that he will not seek re-election. The 37-year-old Johnson is a merchant-farmer and a graduate of Wake Forest College. He was an unsuccessful candidate for the legislature in 1946. He was nominated, without opposition.

Those attending the convention from Boone were: Stacy Eggers, John Hollar, Mr. and Mrs. Paul A. Coffey, Kenneth Linney, Earl Cook, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gragg, David Ray, J. E. Holshouser, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde R. Greene, S. C. Eggers, G. B. Miller.

Choirs Make Good In Competitions

The Appalachian High School Choral groups, under the direction of Mrs. Elsie H. D. Erneston, participated in the annual District Choral Contest held in High Point Saturday. Eight events were entered by the groups including five soloists. Ratings received were one "Superior," six "Excellent," and one "Good."

Of the twenty-six choral groups participating, only one received a "Superior" rating, this being High Point; eleven groups received the "Excellent" rating, including the three choruses of Appalachian High School; thirteen received "Good" and one received "below average." Five soloists entered from Boone, and all received fine comments from the judges as to voice, quality, training, and presentation. Guy Hunt, Jr., bass, received a rating of "Superior" for his rendition of "Of Man River"; Beth Eggers, soprano; Glenn Mill-

er, tenor; and Bob Gilley, baritone, received rating of "Excellent" for their performances. Ala Hodges, alto, received a rating of "Good" after less than a month of voice study. The groups and soloists are to be congratulated on the fine representation they made for their school and community.

VET PATIENTS

There are 105,000 patients hospitalized by the Veterans Administration with 54,000 of them neuro-psychiatric patients, and 15,500 tuberculosis patients. The VA in November, 1951, was paying monthly compensation and pension to 2,388,000 living veterans of all wars since and including the Civil War, and also was paying claims of 418,000 widows, 297,000 children and 304,000 dependent parents of deceased veterans.

DIAL PHONES COMING, SAYS BELL OFFICIAL

Mr. H. M. Inabinet, district manager of the Southern Bell Telephone Co., addressed the last meeting of the Chamber of Commerce on his company's plan for expansion in the rural areas of Watauga county, and re-asserted his intention of providing this community with dial telephone service in 1953. He was introduced by H. Grady Farthing, of the telephone committee.

Committee Report

Mr. I. S. Ayers brought the information that fifty street lighting units have been bought by the town and will be installed in the business district.

Mrs. Stallings has had a meeting of the clean-up campaign committee and has assigned to each member a definite section of the town.

Mr. B. W. Stallings said that five counties will be in the feeder calf sale this fall, and it was agreed that prize money be donated.

Leo K. Pritchett, of the radio forum group, stated that any matter of civic interest may be discussed on the 1:15 broadcast Wednesdays.

Mr. Harris reported on the activities of the housing committee and said that a letter is being sent to people with lodging, so that the information may be listed in a folder being prepared by the Watauga Associated Chambers of Commerce.

Tax Hike Vote To Be Decided On April 8th

The question of requesting a city election for the purpose of voting on the question of increasing the municipal tax levy by ten cents per hundred for the support of Chamber of Commerce activities, will come up for a vote at the next meeting of the organization which is to be held on April 8.

The Chamber directors have recommended the sponsoring of the vote, and the city council has indicated willingness to provide the election if the voters want it.

Attends State College Meet

Mr. H. Grady Farthing was at State College at Raleigh last Thursday and Friday where he attended the First Southern Municipal and Industrial Waste Conference, sponsored by Duke University, the University of North Carolina, and State College.

Many nationally known figures on stream pollution and industrial waste disposal addressed the conference.

Mr. Farthing is a member of the State Stream Sanitation Committee.

Ground Breaking For Theatre Held



AID CRIPPLED CHILDREN

The new outdoor Daniel Boone Theatre was officially opened in Boone when Mayor Gordon Winkler received the first sheet of Easter Seals from Mr. Wayne Richardson, director of the 19th annual Easter Seal Campaign in Watauga County, representing the North Carolina League for Crippled Children, Inc. The Boone Rotary Club is sponsoring this effort to raise funds for crippled children and adults. The campaign ends April 13.

Many Pay Site First Visit

The new outdoor Daniel Boone Theatre attracted its first audience this week—before ground had been broken for the site of the drama "Horn In The West." Word that a king-size bulldozer would start leveling off the parking area adjoining the theatre site Thursday brought out a crowd of Boone and Watauga citizens and visitors estimated at about 200. The weather was mild and sunny and gave everybody a good chance to inspect the entire theatre site and take and pose for pictures. Many of the ladies dressed up for the occasion in their Centennial costumes; men and boys arrived carrying ancient rifles and powder horns reminiscent of Daniel Boone's time. No formal ceremonies were held, but the crowd cheered as the big bulldozer, with John Hampton and Claude Miller in the drivers seat, charged up the hill and ripped a huge swath of sod off the parking lot. Estel Wagner of the theatre building committee obligingly put a big grader into operation at the same time.

Among those present were Mark Goforth, eighth district highway commissioner, and C. A. Hayworth, district highway engineer, both from Lenoir, and F. W. McCracken, superintendent of highways for Watauga County, Russell Hodges, Ralph Winkler. Continued on page 1, 2nd. section

Hospital Approved By Medical Group

Dr. Wey Named On State Council



DR. HERBERT WEY
Dr. Herbert Wey, principal of Appalachian High School and director of teacher training at Appalachian State Teachers College, has been appointed to the newly formed State Council on Teacher Education.

Watauga Hospital of Boone is one of the 3,352 institutions in the United States, Canada and other countries approved by the American College of Surgeons.

Every hospital under survey is reconsidered for approval each year.

The standard for hospitals, upon which approval of the local hospital is based, include the following fundamental principles:

1. Modern physical plant, assuring the patient safety, comfort and efficient care.
2. Clearly defined organization, duties, responsibilities and relations.
3. Carefully selected governing board with complete and supreme authority.
4. Competent chief executive

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Glen Dale Is Still Missing

Sheriff A. J. Edmisten and Boone and Blowing Rock police officers have been conducting a search for Glen Dale, Mayor of Blowing Rock and Boone business man, who disappeared last Thursday.

Mrs. Dale reported her husband missing and sought aid of officers, when he failed to return home. Mayor Dale's car was found in front of Watauga Trading Post six miles west of Boone near Vilas, and a note addressed to Mrs. Dale ruled out the possibility of foul play. Mr. Dale told his wife that he was going away for a while but would see her sometime in the future.

Mr. Dale owned the Kaiser-Frazer automobile agency and garage in Boone, had lumbering interests near Blowing Rock, and had owned an interest in the freezer locker plant in Boone. He had been Mayor of Blowing Rock for about a year and a half.

Rotarians See Health Movie

Program Chairman Phil Vance, Jr. showed a movie to the Boone Rotary Club at its regular meeting Thursday night, March 13. The movie, prepared by the U. S. Public Health Service, outlining the methods of water sanitation and the need for additional sanitation facilities throughout the United States.

President L. E. Tuckwiller presided over the meeting. During the regular meeting the club voted on the board of directors for the coming year.

Mr. Gene Reese, student in dentistry at the University of North Carolina, and a former Rotarian of the Boone Club, was entertained as a guest.

Sickness Acts To Hinder Red Cross Campaign

One out of four persons in this county is a Red Cross member. One out of ninety is a Red Cross volunteer. Thus it is clear that the American Red Cross, which is midway in its annual fund effort this month, is far more than a service organization; it is people—neighbors helping neighbors, humanity turning decent thoughts into decent deeds.

The many activities of the Red Cross are especially well seen in a county like Watauga—because of the flood that struck here in 1940—showing how the Red Cross helps in a disaster and because of the varied every-day job of the Watauga Chapter exemplifies the kind of work that goes on in large and small communities throughout the nation.

The American Red Cross has set a quota of \$2415 for Watauga County this year. Monday morning \$982.33 had been reported, considerably less than was expected at the half-way mark of the campaign. Due to so much sickness in this area it has been impossible for the leaders of the campaign to get workers in all parts of the county. People who are not contacted by volunteer workers are asked to mail their contribution in to Red Cross, Boone, N. C., or to take them either to Paul A. Coffey at the Parkway Hardware or to the Northwestern Bank.

Dr. D. G. Rivers Taken By Death

Dr. Dwight G. Rivers, 66 years old, son of the late Dr. James G. Rivers, of Boone and Taylorsville, died in Crumpler, W. Va., March 10.

Funeral services were held at Crumpler March 12, and burial was in that vicinity.

Dr. Rivers was married to Miss Martha Venable Edwards of Farmville, Va., who died two years ago. He was a captain in the Medical Corps, 317th Infantry, 80th Division, in the first world war.

Surviving are a son and daughter: Dwight G. Rivers, Jr., and Mrs. Betty Venable Greene. There is one sister, Miss Jamie Rivers of Charlotte.

Soviet Union woos India with art as well as goods.

College Choir Starts Spring Tour



The touring choir of Appalachian State Teachers College consisting of 45 members will start on their annual spring tour Monday, March 24, a trip which includes five concerts, one at Wilkesboro, one at North Wilkesboro, one at Walkertown, and two in High Point.

The choir is under the direction of Mrs. Virginia Wary Linney, and the program features a number of fine soloists. Mrs. Linney is recognized in

musical circles over the State and in the South, having served on State Music committees and as judge for State Music Contests in vocal and choral work. She is an active member of the National Association of Teachers of Singing and was appointed chairman of the regional NATS Workshop to be held at Appalachian State Teachers College in August. The Appalachian College Choir, which has been under her direction since its organization in 1928,

occupies a high position with other choirs in the State. It has appeared in concert each year throughout the State and adjoining states and has sung at college festivals as well as having had many appearances at meetings of the State Federated Music Clubs. They have received national recognition as well in the annual broadcasts of the "Messiah" over the Mutual network.