

KING STREET

BY ROB RIVERS

GREATEST SHOW

Clyde R. Greene, delegate at large to last week's hectic sessions of the Republican national convention, finds his office chair down at the Farmers Hardware & Supply Co., all decked out in black crepe Monday morning, as an evidence of sympathy on the part of the rest of the organization on account of Clyde's having backed the losing horse in the quadrennial GOP sweepstakes. . . . The local delegate, a loyal partisan of Senator Taft, says he's for Ike now, but adds "I partook of a liquid diet for a while, immediately following that fateful ballot. . . . Soon, however got back on my feed." . . . To our query as to what about the November aftermath, Clyde didn't want to be pushed in that regard, an ok'd our suggested "no comment." . . . He says he enjoyed the big show, but glad to be back, and we can understand some of the reasons why, since we attended one of the national pow-wows, and strangely enough, expect to be back in the middle of next week's Democratic session. . . . But we quite agree with Clyde, Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey just think they have the world's greatest show!

MASS BURGLARY

Half a dozen Boone business establishments victims of one night's depredations by robbers, and business men ask for an expanded degree of police activity to cope with that sort of thing. . . . Of course robberies occur even where the most complete law enforcement programs are present, but there is considerable demand for a re-shuffling of the Police Department shifts, with emphasis on night patrolling. . . . We realize the problems facing the department in effectively patrolling the city at all hours, but in connection with night activity, would suggest that whoever does this work, go afoot, with night stick and gun. . . . Miscreants step into the shadows when automobiles approach, and won't wait to be caught in the beam of headlights.

NEW STREET . . .

OTHER THINGS

The town council has accomplished one of its most worthwhile projects in opening and paving a street down the grade of the narrow gauge railway to near the Jim Winkler place, where connection may be made with the Blowing Rock road. . . . While not designed to take the place of a standard highway bypass, the new street is a world of convenience to townspeople, and is taking a lot of travel off King Street. . . . It is of especial benefit to those who live along the route and enables them to come to town without further burdening the crowded street. . . . At the same time a dual route is provided through the city. . . . A number of other streets have been paved recently and we believe the city's streets are in the best shape in history.

SNAPBEANS PROFITABLE

Mr. G. H. Thomas, one of our good friends, in handing us a couple of dollars, tells of his success with an acre of string-beans, from which he has already received \$621.90. . . . Mr. Thomas says he will make one more picking which should add about one hundred dollars more to his income from the small plot. . . . He likes bean production, says he only plans the rows, does no hoeing and that the returns come mighty easy, when compared to production of tobacco and some other crops. . . . Incidentally green beans are providing Wataugas with an ever-increasing source of income.

RELIC OF THE PAST

Will Carroll, who lives down on Elk Creek, and whose visits we always enjoy, brings an ancient walking cane to the Democrat office for our inspection. . . . The stick was carved by Mr. Carroll's grandfather, Luke Triplett, who died in 1908 at the age of 105, and is well over a hundred years old.

Holmes Conducts Campaign To Bring Phone Plan Through

100 Subscribers Are Yet Needed



E. P. HOLMES

E. P. Holmes, field representative for Rural Electrification Administration, in charge of the telephone division, will be in Watauga County during the next few weeks in an effort to obtain enough subscribers to the Skyline Telephone Membership Corporation to assure this section of full telephone coverage. A public meeting was held Monday night in the County Agent's office, with Mr. Holmes in charge, in an effort to make plans for securing the additional 100 subscribers needed in this county. Mr. Holmes explained that the proposed telephone system is a dial system, rings when it is for you, will cover the entire county and will have long-distance privileges. The exchange will be automatic. The Skyline Corporation embraces the counties of Alleghany, Ashe, and Watauga. Alleghany now has 30 paid subscribers. Watauga must have 300 paid subscribers, and 100 are need to reach this number.

Mr. Holmes explained what the prospective subscriber would have to do: "The proposition is this—sign up for a phone and pay the workers a \$10.00 deposit for which they will give you an official receipt. When the phone is installed or they begin construction." (Continued on page three)

Health Group Thanks Public

The health department wishes to thank the public and officials for their cooperation in carrying out the quarantine on dogs effective for the three month period—July, August and September, in Boone, Brushy Fork and New River townships. The statement continues: "Knowing the prevalence of rabies throughout the Appalachian area we can only feel we are doing all we can to protect our county if we keep this quarantine strictly, vaccinate our own dogs, report stray and unvaccinated dogs, report and observe any sick animal, and control cats as well as dogs. Further information can be found at the health department office where a new and very clear pamphlet is supplied. "No new suspects or cases have been reported this week."

Sheep Breeders Sell Rams at \$160 Average

The Purebred Hampshire sheep breeders sold 22 yearling Hampshire rams for \$2,336.50, an average of \$106.20 per head. The top price of \$160.00 per head was bid for 3 Watauga rams and went to the following purchasers: W. J. Bradley, Jr., Hendersonville, N. C., for a ram from Shipley Farm; Gilbert Metcalf, Mars Hill, N. C., for a ram from Norris Brothers; and R. V. English, Mars Hill, N. C. for a ram from Norris Brothers. Three rams found new homes in Watauga County and the other 19 went to 12 counties in North Carolina and one in Tennessee. These counties were Henderson, Buncombe, Madison, Davie, Iredell, Forsyth, Yadkin, Wilkes, Ashe, Union, Alexander, Caldwell, and Wilkes counties and Carter county, Tennessee. The ewe lambs were slow and ranged in price from \$36.00 per head down to \$12.00.

Mother, Infant Clinic Slated

The monthly mother and infant clinic which is held regularly on the second Monday of each month has been postponed until Monday, July 21, due to Dr. Mary B. H. Michal's visit in Raleigh last Monday. Mothers with infant and pre-school children are invited to attend.

Price Estate Becomes Part Of Parkway Lands

Greensboro, July 12—The Attorney General of the United States has given final approval to title and the mountain estate near Blowing Rock of the late Julian Price of Greensboro has fully become a part of the Blue Ridge Parkway, Sam P. Weems of Roanoke, Va., park superintendent, announced today. The estate embraces 4,132 acres of forest and open land and will be known as Julian Price Memorial Park. It will be administered by the National Park Service. The Parkway runs through the property.

Price, who was president of Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company here from 1919 until his accidental death in 1946, had planned to develop the property for the recreation of officials and employees of his company. His son, Ralph, and daughter, Mrs. Cathleen Price Bryan, both of Greensboro, were instrumental in the donation of the property to the government. Weems said the National Park Service will develop the property along lines planned by Price, assuring its use for recreation by the millions who visit the parkway every year.

Eisenhower Starts 'Victory Campaign'

Chicago, July 12—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower started his "total victory" campaign rolling today in conferences with House and Senate Republicans and members of the GOP National Committee. "There are a lot of people we have to hold together," the general told the committee, "if we are going to whip the Democrats." As Chicago emptied of Republican convention delegates who handed Eisenhower the nomination yesterday, the general's lieutenants began taking over party machinery for the campaign ahead.



GENERAL EISENHOWER

Arthur Summerfield of Michigan, who rounded up valuable Michigan votes for Eisenhower's convention showdown with Sen. Robert A. Taft of Ohio, was unanimously elected chairman of the GOP National Committee. Echoing Eisenhower's own words as he took over from Taft supporter Guy G. Gabrielson, Summerfield called for a great crusade. "This is a fighting crusade to preserve America," he said, "and we have the people's candidate. The people are with us." Summerfield declared, too, that (Continued on page six)

Picnic Plans Are Incomplete

Plans are incomplete for the annual meeting of the Boone Merchants Association which is scheduled for July 22. Members are asked to listen to the bulletin board of WATA for particulars of the meeting. Undergraduates total 520, being outnumbered by graduate students by 183. The 1223 enrolled makes this one of the largest summer schools ever held at Appalachian State Teachers college, in spite of the drop of 104 students from last year's first summer term. Some of the country's best teachers are on the visiting faculty of the local college for the summer. Dr. Mildred A. Dawson and Miss Grace E. Storm, both nationally known writers of children's literature, are to be present for the second term. Others on the faculty include Miss Mildred Herring, librarian of Central high school, Greensboro, in liberal science; Dr. W. Amos Abrams, associate editor of the

Major Thomas New Chairman Of Red Cross

The annual meeting of the Watauga County Chapter of the American Red Cross was held in the courthouse July 7. Officers elected for the coming year were: Major John H. Thomas, chairman, R. W. Watkins, vice-chairman, Paul Coffey, treasurer, Mrs. F. E. Warman, secretary, and the following Board members: Dr. G. K. Moose, Mrs. Mae Miller, Mrs. J. D. Jones of Blowing Rock, Dr. Wm. Matheison, Mayor Gordon Winkler, Mr. Clyde Greene, Rev. J. K. Parker, and Rev. E. F. Troutman. The treasurer's report showed receipts of \$4,356.15 and disbursements of \$3,291.76 for the past year. With the cooperation and support of all the citizens of the county the chapter confidently anticipates another year of service to the members of the Armed Forces from this county and to their families.

Six Stores Are Entered in Wave of Local Robberies

George Wilson Named Member Of County FHA

George A. Wilson of Route 3 Boone was appointed to a 3 year term as a member of the Watauga County Farmers Home Administration committee at a meeting held here recently, it was announced by Jennings B. Robinson, county supervisor. Mr. Wilson succeeds Tom Lawrence of Vilas whose term expired June 30 this year. Other members of the county committee are Ben W. Farthing of Valle Crucis, Avery W. Greene of Route 2 Boone. Mr. Farthing was elected chairman of the committee for the 1952 fiscal year. The committee is appointed to advise with the County FHA supervisor concerning agricultural problems and conditions in the county and the overall activities of the Farmers Home Administration. In addition the committee has the specific responsibilities for (1) determining the eligibility of applicants for all types assistance, (2) passing upon farms being considered for purchase, enlargement, or development under the farm ownership program or for the improvement under the farm housing program. (3) Reviewing applications for the compromise adjustment or cancellation of indebtedness owing the Farmers Home Administration. Other duties in connection with the FHA are assigned the county committee from time to time. In addition to operating loans and loans to purchase, enlarge or develop farms, farm housing loans are now available to build or repair dwellings or any other farm buildings. Any farm owner who cannot secure adequate credit from other sources is eligible. Applications for any type of FHA assistance should be made in the county FHA office in the courthouse in Boone, Mr. Robinson said.

Holt Will Speak at Press Convention

Dr. Andrew David Holt, administrative assistant to the President of the University of Tennessee, will deliver the address at the annual dinner meeting of the North Carolina Press Association to be held Thursday evening, at Convention headquarters, Mayview Manor, Blowing Rock. Registrations at the Manor indicate record attendance at the eightieth Carolina Press meeting. Dr. and Mrs. I. G. Greer of Chapel Hill, will be featured at the dinner in a program of folk songs and music. Friday morning the various group meetings will be held preceding the general session at which President Thomas J. Lassiter will speak. Friday afternoon the group will visit Grandfather Mountain as guests of Hugh Morton, and will come to Boone at six o'clock to be guests of the Chamber of Commerce, Watauga Democrat and the people of the town and country at a picnic dinner on the grounds of Daniel Boone Theatre. Following the picnic the group will attend "Horn in the West" as guests of the Southern Appalachian Historical Association. The closing session on Saturday will feature routine organization reports, and the election of officers.



PRESS SPEAKER—Dr. Andrew David Holt, administrative assistant to the President of the University of Tennessee, who will be the principal speaker at the annual N. C. Press Association dinner to be held Thursday evening at Mayview Manor, Blowing Rock.

Three Held In York, S. C.

Wholesale robberies Friday night left a trail of broken glass, and pilfered stores along King Street, as marauders entered six places of business and scattered cigarettes and other small items about the street. Meantime three teen age youths, escapees from a Pontiac, Mich., correctional school, are being held in York, S. C., and while denying their implication in the local wave of robberies, are believed to have been involved. At Hollar's Grocery, the glass door was broken and the lock released. Three dollars was taken, along with cigarettes, candy, etc. Fishing clothing taken from the store was found on the sidewalk. At Highland Cleaners door glass was broken, and the three pairs of pants and one shirt taken, were found on the sidewalk near the Boone Body Shop. Entrance to Watauga Hardware was gained in the same way. Knife case was broken and a hunting knife taken, along with a tobacco knife. Small amount of money left in cash drawer was unaltered. At West Main Street Service Station three dollars worth of cigarettes and confections was taken. Entrance was made by breaking a side window. At Smithy's Store, a door glass was broken. Ten or twelve dollars was taken, and perhaps many small items. A pair of men's shoes was taken and the old pair left in the store. Police Chief Glenn Richardson and Sheriff Earl Cook conducted an investigation and found that damage to store property was perhaps greater than to the stocks of merchandise. Cigars, cigarettes and other items found strewn along the street indicated that the burglars weren't much concerned with spoils. Local officers were apprised of the arrest of the lads in South Carolina and on Monday Chief Richardson and SBI Agent John Edwards went to York where they questioned the youths. The accused were driving a 1950 Ford, said to have been stolen in Michigan, and had cigars, cigarettes, and other merchandise, like that which had been stolen in the Boone robberies. They admitted being in Boone Friday night where they bought gas, but vigorously denied entering the stores here. Chief Richardson says the lads are wanted for breaking and entering. (Continued on page six)

Plans Approved for Nurses Home Here

At the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of Watauga Hospital on last Friday it was announced that tentative approval of the plans and papers had been received from the Medical Care Commission of North Carolina for a nurses home of 21 beds to be constructed on the present hospital property. A building committee composed of Stanley A. Harris as chairman and consisting of Clyde R. Greene, J. E. Holshouser, Wade E. Brown, Ralph Winkler, Dewitt Barnett, and Guy Hunt was appointed to be responsible for the planning and fund-raising campaign. This committee is already working on the campaign and immediately upon final and full approval from Medical Care will begin the fund solicitations. The estimated total cost of \$84,000.00 will be financed by the State and Federal Government and the local community. The local share will be approximately \$21,000.00 of the total cost or \$1.00 for every \$300 provided by the state and federal government. Hospital officials are delighted that this "dream" of a nurses home seems to be finally coming true. As one official pointed out, Watauga Hospital has increased its services many times since it reorganization in 1949. "If we are going to continue to offer these services we must have a nurses home in which to house our professional employees," he said.



EARL TUGMAN is shown cleaning up the glass fragments at Watauga Hardware, where burglars broke the glass door and entered the store Friday night. — Photo Palmer's Photo Shop.

Treasury's tax "racket squad" uncover \$73,176,196.

Troutman To Hold Vespers

Vesper services at the Daniel Boone Theatre Sunday will be conducted by the Rev. Edwin C. Troutman, pastor of the Boone Lutheran Church. The Episcopal churches of Boone, Blowing Rock and Valle Crucis were in charge of the services last Sunday. The Rev. Thomas Seitz, pastor, gave the invocation, and Jack Greely, theological student from Ohio, read the Psalm. The Rev. I. Harding Hughes, chaplain of St. Mary's College, Raleigh, and a summer resident of Valle Crucis for many years, preached. Scott Root of Asheville was soloist, and Miss Patsy Bolick of Blowing Rock was organist. Vesper services are held each Sunday at 5 p. m. at the amphitheatre, with the various churches of the Boone Ministerial Association responsible for them in turn. The public is invited to the services, which have been attended by some 250 persons each Sunday since they were begun.

College Enrollment Is 1223

By EARLEEN G. PRITCHETT
Figures just released from Appalachian State Teachers college show that a large number from widely scattered points are in attendance there this summer. The total number enrolled is 1223, as compared to 1327 for the first summer term of the 1951 summer school. According to Chapell Wilson, dean of the graduate school, there are 546 enrolled who are studying for the Master of Arts Degree. In addition, there are 157 other college graduates studying in the graduate school for certification credit only. Of this number, 17 already hold the master's degree. There are, therefore, 703 graduates from 106 colleges and universities in America who are studying in the graduate school. Undergraduates total 520, being outnumbered by graduate students by 183. The 1223 enrolled makes this one of the largest summer schools ever held at Appalachian State Teachers college, in spite of the drop of 104 students from last year's first summer term. Some of the country's best teachers are on the visiting faculty of the local college for the summer. Dr. Mildred A. Dawson and Miss Grace E. Storm, both nationally known writers of children's literature, are to be present for the second term. Others on the faculty include Miss Mildred Herring, librarian of Central high school, Greensboro, in liberal science; Dr. W. Amos Abrams, associate editor of the

NCEA Journal; Dr. Joseph M. Wilson, head of the department of music at High Point college; Miss Ruth Robinson, supervisor of primary education, Mecklenburg county schools; Dr. Nell Moore in music; Dr. David H. Briggs, head of the department of psychology and education, Maryville college; Dr. Grace A. Petersen, assistant in the botany department, Rutgers University; Dr. Mary C. Wilson, supervisor of the Lincoln Parish Schools, Ruston, Louisiana; Dr. Charles C. Taylor, supervisor of music, High Point city schools; Mrs. Margaret C. Rehring, assistant librarian, Withrow high school, Cincinnati, Ohio; Dr. Lilian L. Stevens, teacher in the Lincoln School and the Horace Mann School; Dr. Harry E. McPhail,

principal of the Pershing Elementary School, Tulsa, Okla.; Dr. H. G. Kincheloe, professor of English, North Carolina State College; Miss Mildred Johnston, librarian Jacksonville, Ala. city schools; Mr. Bernhard H. West. (Continued on page three)

Park Group Names Officers

Dr. E. E. Bennett of Bryson City was elected president of the State Park Commission at a recent meeting in Wayneville. W. R. Winkler of Boone was elected vice-president. Plans for selecting priority projects on the Blue Ridge Parkway were discussed during the meeting.

Convention At A Glance

Republican National Convention nominated Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower for President and Sen. Richard M. Nixon of California for Vice President. The official tally was 845 for Eisenhower to 280 for Sen. Taft, after delegates from Minnesota and other states switched to the general. The convention later made it unanimous. Nixon was nominated by acclamation. Eisenhower, in acceptance speech to the convention, said he would lead a "great crusade for freedom in America and freedom in the world." Taft told Eisenhower "you'll win" in November, and pledged his support.

Orthopedic Clinic Arranged

An Orthopedic Clinic will be held on July 18 at the health department in Jefferson. This clinic is held by Dr. J. S. Gaul, Orthopedic Surgeon.

Newsman To Go To Grandfather

Linville, N. C.—Every effort is being made to complete the new extension of the Grandfather Mountain Road by July 18, at which time the mountain will be visited by 200 publishers and editors of the North Carolina Press Association and their families. No definite date has yet been set for the opening of the new Grandfather Mountain Road to the general public, but Wiley N. Greene of Blowing Rock, contractor for the project, believes that work will be sufficiently advanced by July 18 for the road to be used by the touring press members. The new road adds a mile in distance and several hundred feet in elevation to the present Grandfather road, and leads up to a spectacular vantage point at the Convention Table Rock north of Grandfather's Linville Peak. A parking area for 200 cars will be located there, and a 200-foot swinging bridge for pedestrians will cross the chasm between the Convention table and the Linville Peak.

CAT'S RESCUER KILLED

Logan, W. Va.—Edward Gilmore, 66, of nearby Peach Creek, was electrocuted when he attempted to rescue his pet cat from a power line near his home. He used a long piece of pipe, which, of course, conducted the electricity. His wife was looking on when the mishap occurred.