

## KING STREET

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### METERS SHINE AGAIN

Town workers have recently gone over the parking meters, and given them a new coat of shining aluminum paint, which greatly improves the looks of King Street, and perhaps aids the collection of the nickels and pennies from the motorists, who find it expedient to park along the curbs. . . . While the gadgets are continually asking for coin, they look so much more pleasant since their faces have been lifted. . . . A dirty faced bill collector is carrying a handicap. . . . Also, we like the removal of the ad-meters, the metal frames which fanned out atop the meters, and were designed to carry messages from business firms. . . . They were never patronized to any extent, and their removal adds sightliness to the street.

## Principals Urge Law On Attendance Be Enforced In County

The Watauga County Division of Principals of the North Carolina Education Association held its first meeting September 25, at which time the organization went on record as requesting enforcement of the school attendance law.

All county principals were present. The meeting was presided over by James Storie, principal of the Blowing Rock school.

The association elected Mr. Storie as chairman and Mrs. Edith F. Estes, secretary. One hundred percent membership was reported.

Problems confronting principals

in the county on better organization and administration were discussed.

Dr. Herbert Wey, principal of Appalachian High, discussed the new proposed salary schedule. Other problems discussed were the school lunch program; principal's schedule, text books, school fees and school attendance.

The principals' association is striving for a more unified system in the schools of Watauga County.

Members of the association are Dr. Wey, Mr. Storie, Mrs. Estes, Dr. John Shafer, Earl Greene, S. F. Horton, Carl Fidler, Clint Baird, Russell Henson, Walter Johnson and John Howell.

## Rhododendron Blooms In Blowing Rock Area

By MRS. LUCILE LETT

Blowing Rock—Something out ordinary, quite unusual in fact, is happening here in Blowing Rock. Purple rhododendron has been found blooming in Mayview Park the past week.

While out walking one morning Mrs. Jack Greene happened upon this unusual phenomena and promptly brought the "proof of

goes. The blooms were found to be in perfect form, color, and the deep purple color that is so pretty. The leaves on the bush, however, were not in such good form, having curled up and beginning to turn in color.

Mrs. Wade Kluttz took these blooms, there were three beautiful clusters, over to the Presbyterian church for the rally day decorations and they were a source of joy and astonishment of all those who attended this program and dinner.

Turning of the leaves is also a little disconcerting since they have started dressing in their beautiful fall robes quite a while in advance of their usual time. Another week or ten days should see them about at their height. The mountains will truly be at their glory then.

## Civil Air Patrol To Gather Here

There will be a meeting of the Boone unit of the North Carolina Wing of the Civil Air Patrol in the Grand Jury Room at the Courthouse in Boone Friday evening at 7:00 o'clock. All members are requested to attend.

## Hereford Breeders To Offer 52 Lots At Sale

The Watauga Purebred Hereford Breeders will offer 52 lots in their tenth annual sale here Friday.

Including in the list of animals to be sold are 16 bulls and 36 cows

and heifers. Among the bulls is the grand champion of the 1952 Blue Ridge Agricultural Fair.

The cows and heifers were selected from a list nominated on a quality basis, a spokesman for the group said. Listed among those to be sold are the Larry's Baca Duke's Silver's, Domino's, Mischief's, Captain Lad's, Paladins and many other pedigreed cattle.

## Mr. Shackford Is Returned To Boone

Rev. J. T. Shackford was reassigned to the Boone Methodist Church at the close of the conference in Charlotte Sunday.

Rev. Mr. Shackford has served the local congregation for two years, and is popular with the congregation which asked his return.

Dr. H. E. Spence of Duke University, was assigned to the Blowing Rock Church as a supply minister; Rev. Ralph Miller returns to Watauga circuit, and Rev. W. A. Kerr, Jr., was given the Todd circuit.

Rev. S. B. Moss, former Boone pastor, returns to Fletcher.

### H-BOMB

The world's first hydrogen bomb may be tested within the next few months on Eniwetok, the remote little atoll in the middle of the Pacific Ocean. The power of the bomb is expected to be a thousand times more powerful than the atomic bomb.

## Leonard Wilson's Name To Appear On County Ballots

Mr. Leonard Wilson, resident of Meat Camp township has been named by the Republican Executive Committee as a candidate for county commissioner, in the place of Estel Wagner, of Boone, who resigned from the ticket recently.

Mr. Wilson, a member of one of the county's more prominent families, is a traveling salesman and farmer, and has long been active in the affairs of the Republican party.

The Republicans, incidentally, have opened their headquarters upstairs in the Parkway Company building.

U. S. export prospects are seen dim in foreign markets.

## Health Council Holds Regular Monthly Meeting

The regular fall meeting of the Watauga County Health Council will be held in the Parkway School, Thursday, October 2 at 7:30 p. m. The theme for this meeting is "Watauga County's Health Needs." A panel consisting of Mr. Welch Tester as moderator and the following participants: Mr. Roby Vines, Mr. Stewart Barnes, Mrs. Dean Reese, Mr. Howard Steelman, Mrs. Mont Glover and Mr. G. K. Moose. The question for paramount discussion is the need for and the possibility of obtaining a health center building for Watauga County.

It was pointed out some time ago that through aids from the Hill-Burton Bill, Federally, and the Medical Care Commission from the state, Watauga County could build an approved health center for 25.1% of the total cost coming from county sources. The county council meeting at Bethel last quarter went on record as approving the movement. Ballots were sent to absent members of the council resulting in an overwhelming majority of the county expressing a desire to promote this building project. You may express your opinion at this meeting at Parkway School, October 2.

The new school building will be open for your visitation at the time of the county council meeting. All interested citizens are urged to attend.

## Scout Leaders To Map Plans

The Watauga District Boy Scout organization will hold a meeting Tuesday at 7:30 p. m. in the high school auditorium, to discuss tentative plans in furthering the Boy Scout organization in Watauga County.

Dr. C. Ray Lawrence, chairman of the Watauga organization, and Dr. Lawrence Owsley, vice-chairman, will explain and discuss the tentative organization for Watauga County. The committees of the organization will be in attendance and all civic organizations, church groups, and educational institutions are urged to appoint representatives to attend the meeting.

The discussion will be an open meeting and the public is invited to attend.

The committee chairmen of the organization are as follows: District commissioner, B. W. Stallings; district chairman, Dr. C. Ray Lawrence; district vice-chairman, Dr. Lawrence Owsley; organization and extension committee, Stanley Harris; cubbing committee: the Rev. J. K. Parker, Jr.; advancement committee, the Rev. Joseph T. Shackford; training committee, Dick Allen; camping and activities committee, Wayne Richardson; finance committee, Cecil Miller; health and safety committee, Dr. W. M. Matheson; public relations, Jim Thompson.

Joseph D. Edwards, senior field executive, Old Hickory Council, Boy Scouts of America, will be in attendance.

## County Sing Here On Sunday

The regular semi-annual Singing convention will be held at the Gospel Tabernacle in Boone on Sunday, beginning at 1 p. m. All singers and lovers of gospel singing are invited to come and help make this the biggest singing ever held in Boone.

# Highway 421 Association Maps Financial Program

## County Teachers To Hold Meeting

The Watauga County Unit of the North Carolina Education Association will hold its first meeting of the year Thursday, October 9, at 7:30 p. m., at the Parkway school.

There will be a short business meeting followed by a social hour during which time everyone will have an opportunity to look over the new school building. Refreshments will be served and a pleasant evening is anticipated.

All teachers of the county, and especially all new teachers, are urged to be present at this meeting.

Heinkel says British aircraft industry is far ahead.

## Board Of Elections Opens Office Here

The office of the Watauga County Board of Elections opened Monday morning in the W. R. Lovill law office building, next to the Watauga Sales and Service, and members of the armed forces, through their relatives may now secure their absentee ballots. Civilians may get absentee Saturday, October 4, and thereafter.

Mr. John K. Perry, who has been named as elections board clerk, is in charge of the office, and explains that men in the service may vote without formal registration as is required of civilians, and that any member

of the immediate family may make application for the ballot. Any veteran who is 21 or will be by November 4, is eligible to vote, and the signing of the application by himself or a member of his family constitutes registration.

Mr. Perry insists that everyone make an especial effort to see that every man in service has an opportunity to vote. North Carolina has one of the most liberal laws in the land in regard to soldier voting, and the board is anxious that every service man avail himself at the opportunity of casting a ballot.

## Many Leaders Laud "Ocean To Lakes" Highway

Twenty-eight enthusiastic members of the "Lakes-to-Ocean," Highway 421 Association made incorporation and promotion plans at a 12 o'clock luncheon meeting at the Daniel Boone Hotel in Boone on Friday, September 26. The president of the Association, Mr. O. M. Howard of Harlan, Ky., presided and appointed a committee consisting of the four state chairmen present to formulate a constitution and By-Laws for adoption. O. M. Howard of Kentucky, George Summerson of Virginia, J. C. Eggers of Tennessee and S. C. Eggers of North Carolina composed this committee.

Plans were discussed in detail for launching a financial program that will advertise and promote an increased flow of traffic over this 964 miles of what is considered by many to be America's most scenic highway, reaching from Michigan City on the Great Lakes to Fort Fisher on the Atlantic. Reports were given by representatives from all along the route from as far north as New Castle, Ky., to Carolina Beach of sectional improvements, four states being represented.

Those from Kentucky included O. M. Howard, President of the Association, William Crumley Matt Jones, all of Harlan, Ky.; Carroll Gullion and Rev. W. A. Sams were from New Castle. Members from Tennessee were Marvin Kreiger, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce of Johnson City, Tenn., A. H. Hitt and Cecil Carrier of Bristol, Tenn., H. C. Eggers, Justin Rambo and J. N. Blackburn of Shoups, Tenn. Virginia was represented by Oscar Stone of Bristol. North Carolinians present were Glenn M. Tucker, president of the Carolina Beach Chamber of Commerce, Harry Hiott, Jr., secretary of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce, H. C. Hayworth and Zeb Stewart, highway personnel of Lenoir.

Boone was represented by Herman W. Wilcox and Roberta B. Ray, president and secretary, respectively of the Boone Chamber of Commerce, S. C. Eggers, W. R. Winkler and Wade Brown.

Mr. G. D. Barnett of Boone has appointed county membership chairman. He will be assisted by the following township chairmen: Nod Glenn, Ed Love, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Barnes, Lewis Norris, Lynn Norris, Mrs. I. B. Wilson, Mrs. Sherman Hollar, Royce Perry, Henry Taylor, Don Henson, Grady Perry, C. A. Clay, R. L. Tait, Mrs. Ray Wilson, Mrs. Elbert Vannoy, Milton Moretz, Billy Cook, Hayes Wellborn, Howard Edmisten, Tom Jackson, Mrs. Hattie Lewis, and Mrs. Frank Brown.

## Junius Matheson Funeral Is Held

Funeral services were held Monday, September 29, for Junius Mott Matheson, who died at his home on Vilas Route 1 Saturday, September 27, following a protracted illness. He was 79 years of age.

The rites were conducted by the Rev. E. F. Troutman, assisted by the Rev. Victor Trivette and the Rev. Raymond Hendrix at the Forest Grove Baptist Church, and burial followed in the church cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, the former Miss Bradie Guy; one son, Gardner Matheson; two daughters, Mrs. Effie Eggers and Mrs. Dessie Shull, all of Vilas; four stepsons and one stepdaughter.

The next major improvement in soybeans is expected to be in disease resistant varieties.

## Farm Bureau Campaign Seeks 400 Watauga County Members

## Annual Meeting Of Horn Members Set

The annual membership meeting of the Southern Appalachian Historical Association, Inc., which sponsored "Horn in the West," will be held Monday night, October 6 at the Skyline Restaurant at 7:00 p. m.

Annual reports will be heard, following which the members will elect officers and directors for the coming year. Also included on the program is the showing of colored slides from photographs taken during the run of

"Horn in the West" during the past summer.

Dr. I. G. Greer, president of the Association will preside at the meeting.

All Association members who have not notified Mrs. B. W. Stallings, corresponding secretary that they plan to attend the meeting are urged to do so this week. Members are asked to present their membership cards at the door.

## More Money Sought

Raleigh—Three state-supported colleges told the advisory budget Commission Thursday they need higher appropriations because of

increasing enrollments and rising costs.

East Carolina College at Greenville, Western Carolina Teachers College at Cullowhee, and Appalachian State Teachers College at Boone outlined their financial needs for the two-year period beginning next July 1.

Dr. B. B. Dougherty said Appalachian State Teachers College expects an increase of about 20 per cent in enrollment in the coming two years. To operate the school he asked \$588,000 for the first year and \$600,000 the second.

For permanent improvements at Appalachian he requested \$2,013,910.21. Of this \$225,000 would be used to increase the school's water supply, \$470,000 for additions to the cafeteria, and \$775,000 to convert buildings to new uses.

## Valle Crucis PTA To Meet Monday

The Valle Crucis P. T. A. will meet for the first session of this school year on Monday evening, October 6 at 7:00 o'clock. A worthwhile program is being planned, and it is hoped that a good attendance will be present at this meeting.

## Democrats To Meet October 7

The ninth district Democratic meeting will be held at the courthouse in Taylorsville, October 7, at 2 o'clock.

Mr. W. R. Winkler, Watauga county Democratic chairman, would like for a large delegation from Watauga to attend. Those interested in going should contact Mr. Winkler.

## Chamber Of Commerce Gives Prizes In Calf Show And Sale

The Boone Chamber of Commerce awarded a total of \$326.75 worth of prizes to beef cattle producers in the annual Feder Calf Show at Boone on Monday, September 29. Alfred Adams presented the prizes at 1:00 p. m. at the stock yards.

A. W. Greene won first on the four calves shown as the get of WHW Silver Lad 47th, the Hereford bull that sired the winning Get of Sire class. Mr. Greene received a 21 jewel Bulova wrist

watch. John H. Hollar owns H. Miliron Domino, the bull that sired the second place Get of Sire. Mr. Hollar received a 17 jewel Mohawk wrist watch.

Third prize of a 17 jewel Banner wrist watch went to Charles E. Trivett, Beech Creek, on the get of Rupert list.

Fifth prize of a 7 jewel Mohawk wrist watch went to Tom Lawrence on the get of the bull no 5234030.

The prize of the best individual calf in the sale went to Mrs. Bert Farthing, Sugar Grove, on a roan steer calf sired by Triple E Triumph 1, owned by David Mrs. Farthing, received a 15 jewel Mohawk wrist watch as her reward for winning this class.

### ALL IN A POINT OF VIEW

Watauga farmers have had a pretty rough season this year. . . . Continued dry weather, forcing cattle on the market ahead of time, and piling down the price of beef on the hoof accordingly. . . . Cabbage suffered for rain during the main growing season and other row crops. . . . However G. H. Thomas, who was resting on a car fender down at the bank corner, looked at the farm situation through rosier glasses when we stopped to shake hands and pass the time of day. . . . "After all," said he, "it's a good year. . . . Corn and tobacco are curing out good, the yield is fine. . . . Seems like stuff always does well during a dry season." . . . And it does seem, that despite the blues with which we are all afflicted during these dry summers, when the pastures are seared and the corn leaves spindled, everything has been working out pretty good here in the hills, when harvest time comes around. . . . And we are glad, for the prosperity of the county, and the growth of the town, and the well-being of us all, depends principally upon the price of cabbage and taters, and roast beef on the hoof, and sheep and burley and stuff. . . . Our welfare is tied securely to that of the man who tills our rich, black soil.

### REDDENING LEAVES . . . AND THINGS

With the chilly evenings, and the continued dry weather, the fronds of the forests are beginning to show splashes of gold and of crimson as nature colors the landscape in advance of the arrival of Jack Frost, who usually breathes down sudden death on all nature's greenery, without producing the splendid colors which are so evident when they result solely from the natural ripening processes which are now in motion. . . . And in a week or two the hillsides and the mountain tops and the valleys will be a riotous blaze of color, and the folks will come from far and near to witness the spectacle. . . . And there are the reddening apples, the golden pumpkins, and the corn shocks, and the cows moving to market and feedlots, and the falling acorns, the busy chipmunks, and the hunters bent on getting the squirrels before the squirrels can get the nuts. . . . It all adds up to autumn, approaching winter, matchless beauty or spectacular death, depending upon how one looks at October, and her fascinating flourishes at nature's broad canvases.

### HOME OF MOST TREES

Speaking of colored leaves and forests and fall, reminds one of the many specimens of plant life which flourish in the hills, and of the fact that of the trees not native to the mountains, most of them will thrive when brought up from the lower regions. . . . For instance Miss Jennie Coffey's mimosa tree, which in spite of the yearly slashing it gets from the telephone workers, thrives and blooms as if in its native habitat. . . . Two holly trees at the postoffice have been growing well for several years, and over next to the Linsey stone building a seedling persimmon tree, has a good crop of 'simmons. . . . And we learn that some varieties of pecans will produce in the cooler climates.

# College Homecoming Festivities November 1

The 53rd annual Homecoming observances at Appalachian State Teachers College will be held Saturday, November 1, it has been announced by H. G. Jones of Oak Ridge Military Institute, president of the Appalachian Alumni Association.

The annual meeting will be in the form of a luncheon meeting in the east wing of the college cafeteria at 12 noon. Association officials are asking all alumni who plan to attend this luncheon and business meeting to make reservations by mail to the Associ-

ation at P. O. Box 2232, Winston-Salem, prior to October 20.

Feature event of the day will be the Appalachian vs. East Carolina College football game at 2 p. m. in college field. Another feature will be a reunion meeting of all former students of Watauga Academy, Appalachian Training School, and Appalachian State Normal School, the three forerunners of the present Appalachian State Teachers College. This meeting will be held at 10:30 a. m. on November 1 in the college auditorium.

A partial and tentative schedule for Homecoming will be as follows: Friday, October 31 — Homecoming play given by the Playcrafters at 8:30 p. m.; Saturday, November 1 — registration from 9:30 a. m.; pre-1929 student reunion at 10:30; annual luncheon meeting at 12 noon, Appalachian vs. East Carolina at 2 p. m.; reception for alumni at 4 p. m.; and Homecoming dance at 8 p. m. In addition, projects sponsored by various campus organizations will be viewed throughout the day.