

KING STREET BY ROB RIVERS

WARMER WINTER, MAYBE
Those who look to the little whimsies of nature for advance information on what winter's weather is going to be, find interest in the fact that the corn shucks are plumb thin this year, only two or three layers hiding the flinty rows of grain. This has always been said by the folks of the hills to be a sure sign of a light winter. Then the acorns have thin shells, this year, and Richard Colvard, who was born in Boone, and who's been around here longer than most folks, allows that the weather will be warmer. "Soon as I can get hold of a possum or polecat, I can say for sure. If the fur is still thin in October, we'll have a mild winter." We are puttin' our faith in the corn husks, and the acorn hulls, and the fact that the squirrels aren't storing so many as common, for we're cravin' a temperin' of the winds!

SKWBALDS AND RED EARS
While we were talking to Mr. Colvard, we recalled corn shucking of other days, when a group of workers would gather around the massed shocks of corn and the pile of ears would grow tall and round toward the shank of the afternoon. Yellow corn wasn't raised so much in those days, and the shuckers would amuse themselves by counting "Points", when a red ear was discovered. The red ones counted 10 points, Uncle Rick recalls, the ears with the speckled grains 5 points, and the skewbald was the full-house of the game, and drew 15 points. Incidentally a skewbald is a white ear of corn, spotted with red grains. Must be three red ones together. The game was played to a pre-determined number of points, without the exception of reward to the winner—merely to pass the time, and to enjoy the fleeting elation experienced when the man yelled "skewbald!"

ALL AROUND MAN
Charlie Mishow, who came to Boone from Conway, S. C. a good many years ago to attend Appalachian College, established a home, and who, like most folks, likes Boone, is our idea of an all-around man. Presently employed as a photographer by Palmer's Photo Shop, Charlie has worked as a more or less professional radio announcer, has published newspapers, two of them, managed a Dance band at the College, was in charge of the parking lot at Horn in the West, and finds time to do a job of refereeing down at College Field when the High Schools entertain some visiting grid squad. Charlie is a man of many vocations, is good at all of them, and feels a bit safer, he says, in being able to do several things. He is married and has a daughter, Kristina Ann. The wife and baby, Charlie says, are two plumb good reasons for having a few spare accomplishments. Makes for a good deal more economic security, at that.

BUCKEYES AND AILING CATTLE
Roby T. Greer, en route to a mountain pasture to doctor cattle that had gorged themselves on buckeyes. The big nuts, which abound in some areas are poison to the bovines, and Roby says the cattle "stiffen up", as if paralyzed. Home remedies including black coffee and lard are used by some, he says, while remaining buckeyes are gathered and removed from the pastures. The poisoning is not necessarily fatal. Used to be said that squirrels, in a pinch, would eat one side of the buckeye, always leaving the "poison part".

THE COMMERCIAL
Mr. J. G. Hodges, venerable citizen of the Adams neighborhood advertised a cow in the Democrat the other day, and sold the critter for a good and satisfactory price on Wednesday before the ink on the county newspaper had absorbed. And says Mr. Hodges, they keep coming. "I have an average of three a day, and all I need to get along is a lot more cows." He adds that folks read the Democrat from start to finish.



HOME EC. OFFICERS TO MEET HERE—Pictured are officers of Province III Home Economics Clubs who will meet at an annual fall workshop at Appalachian State Teachers College in Boone October 17 and 18. The Appalachian Home Economics Club will be host. The province is composed of college home economics clubs in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Eastern Tennessee. Left to right are: front row—Nancy Pusser, Winthrop College, Rock Hill, S. C., president; Nelle Brock, Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn., vice-president; Joanne Groover, Georgia Teachers College, Collegeboro, Ga. vice-president; second row—Monica Brown, Appalachian, treasurer; Miss Nay McDill, Erskine College, Erskine, S. C., adviser; Miss Charlotte Beaman, Carson-Newman, adviser; and Sue Page, Woman's College, University of North Carolina, Greensboro, secretary.

Home Ec Workshop To Draw 65 From 4 States

Plans have been completed for the meeting of the Home Economics Province III workshop which is to be held at Appalachian State Teachers College on Friday and Saturday of this week, with the Home Economics department of the college acting as hostess. On Friday, October 17, registration will be held from nine until two o'clock. The program begins at two, with the welcome being extended by Miss Nancy

128 Watauga Students Enroll At Appalachian

Among the 1255 students who are enrolled at Appalachian State Teachers college there are 128 from Watauga county. They include the following: All are from Boone, unless a different address is listed: Joanne Aldridge; Eva Nell Banner, Sugar Grove; Conrad Barlow; Mrs. Lucille Barnett; Marshall L. Barlow; Shirley M. Barnett; Ted M. Barnett; Mrs. Grace S. Beach; William W. Blackburn; Cleo Bolick; Paul Brookshire; Ernest Brown; Roscoe Brown, Jr.; Mrs. Susie Grose Buchanan; Clifton P. Calloway; Leonard R. Cashion; Peggy Cheek; William E. Cheek; Peggy Church, Mabel; Max R. Clawson; Geneva Coffey, Blowing Rock; Roey E. Coffey; Arthur C. Cooke; Council Cooke, Blowing Rock; Jack H. Cooke, Blowing Rock; McDonald Cook; Kathleen Coston; Pearl Cowles; William J. Crawford; Truman Critcher, Blowing Rock; James Dotson; Charles Driver; David Edmisten; Joe Edmisten; Maxie G. Edmisten; Daisy W. Eggers; Isabel Eg-

Horn Director List Is Given

Following is a complete list of the new directors of Southern Appalachian Historical Association: Dr. I. G. Greer, president; Dr. D. J. Whitener, executive vice-president; Mrs. Earleen G. Pritchett, recording secretary; James Marsh, treasurer; Mrs. B. W. Stallings, corresponding secretary; R. E. Agle, Clyde R. Greene, Herman Wilcox, W. R. Winkler, Sr., Stanley Harris, Grover Robbins, Mrs. J. B. Winkler, Mrs. Charles A. Cannon, Alfred Adams, George Greene, Wade E. Brown, Russell D. Hodges, Sr., Dr. Charles Devant, Miss Ellen Coffey, Grady Farthing, Dr. A. P. Kephart. In a news story last week the Democrat erroneously listed only the members of the original board. Italy removes ban on Protestant Church of Christ.

Joanne Morrison, 2, Found After 30 Hours In Woods

White Cane Campaign Is Planned By Lions

At a recent meeting of the Boone Lions Club, Dr. Melton, chairman of the committee for the blind, outlined a plan for White Cane Week, a drive to raise funds to assist the blind. The State Association for the Blind is sponsored by more than 300 Lions clubs in North Carolina. The quota for Boone is \$271, and by a vote of the club each member was assessed \$1 as a contribution to the Cane Fund, which made each a member of the State Association. Lion Rogers spoke on the history of the organization for the blind in North Carolina. It was first organized in Statesville in 1934 and one year later it was completed state wide and began to function. The several organizations of this kind in the state are now combined into the North Carolina State Association for the Blind. Lion Greene announced a campaign for the Boy Scouts. Lion Dr. Reynolds, general chairman of programs, asked Lion James Council to introduce the speaker of the evening. The subject of the program was "Safety." Mr. Harvey Jones, director of the Safety Division of the State Highway Commission, Raleigh, was the speaker. Mr. Jones outlined what his department was doing to promote safety on the highways of North Carolina, and wished to enlist the assistance of all to carry out his efforts. He said that North Carolina in the last three years had one of the best records in the country, but despite that, over 1000 were killed by automobiles and 15000 injured. These tragedies are costing North Carolina millions of dollars each year. In the face of all the warnings, letters, and other means of educating the people from his office, there was an increase of 3% in accidents over last year. Mr. Jones said that reckless and careless driving is public enemy No. 1 in North Carolina, and that speeding in the last six months was the cause of 48% of the accidents. He gave many statistics to show what is happening in the state. Some of these were between January and September of 1952: Court convictions 14,449; Speeding 31,012; Operating car without license 14,886; Faulty brakes 6,566; Failing to stop at stop lights 6,306. He advocated a safe vehicle law for North Carolina, and an educational program on safety. He suggested that people would have to observe the law more carefully; that drivers should observe that their cars in condition and position on the road, and finally that each driver is responsible for his car while on the road. The next program will be on "Hobbies."

Homecoming To Start Tonight Appalachian High

Homecoming activities at Appalachian High School begin tonight at 6:30 on the school playground, with a pep meeting and bonfire scheduled for the first event. At 8 p. m. the Homecoming play, "Ringing in the Groom," will be presented in the school auditorium. Following the play, the alumni of the school, parents of students now in school, and townspeople of Boone are invited to visit the classrooms in the school's annual Open House. A reception in honor of guests will be held in the study hall. The Homecoming parade will feature the Appalachian High Band, and the football game with Granite Falls will be played at 2 p. m. on Friday afternoon on the college field. The homecoming dance will be held on Friday night from 8:30 to 11:30, featuring the music of Mr. and Mrs. Max Raines and their group called "The Three Kats and a Kitten." The public is cordially invited to attend all activities. Small admission charges will be made in order for the school to finance the Homecoming events.

Rev. Tip Greene Rites Sunday

The Rev. Tipton Silas Marion Greene, retired minister of Boone, died at the age of 74 at his home on the Blowing Rock road on Friday, October 10. He had been in declining health for several years. Funeral services were held Sunday at the Perkinsville Baptist Church. The Rev. C. H. Kincaid, a former pastor of the church, officiated at the rites, assisted by the Rev. R. C. Eggers. Burial was in the Mount Lawn Cemetery. He is survived by his widow, the former Theodocia Brown; three sons: Edward Greene, Statesville; Roger T. Greene, Galax, Virginia; and Paul Greene, whose home is in California; a daughter, Mrs. Ralph Hartley, Boone; a brother, John Greene, Valle Crucis; and a sister, Mrs. N. L. Barnes, Boone, Route 2.

Blue Devils Are Defeated In Upset Tilt

Last Friday afternoon the Appalachian Blue Devils football team received a surprising upset from a determined Bowman High School football team in Bakersville. The Apps were besieged with a lack of determination and a poor pass defense that allowed Bowman to score two touchdowns while Appalachian obtained only one on a quarterback sneak by Charles Taylor after a nice pass play from Charles Taylor to Bob Ray who lateraled to Donald Lyons and he was down on the seven. Several plays later Charles Taylor went over. Two more points were added when the Apps downed Bakersville behind their goal line for a safety. Final score Bakersville 12, Appalachian 9. Personal savings decline in months.

Eggers To Map Campaign For G. O. P. Leader

Mr. S. C. Eggers, county tax supervisor, has been named Watauga county campaign manager for Walter P. Johnson of Sparta, ninth district Republican candidate for Congress. In making the announcement Mr. Johnson says, "I am delighted to have Mr. Eggers join our team in an active capacity. I am sure he can do a good job for us here." Mr. Eggers is a former Representative, and is one of the leading figures in the Republican party in the county.

Frank Church Starts Fund For Nurses Home

Frank Church, who spent several days at Watauga Hospital recently, was so pleased with the treatment he received that he said he was going to do something for the hospital. He saw the need of a residence for the nurses, and sent a check to start the fund. The Board of Trustees of Watauga Hospital is grateful to Mr. Church, not only for his contribution, but for the statement that he has traveled all over the United States and found "one of the best hospitals he had ever visited, right here in Boone." The board is proud of the fact that, although the rates at Watauga Hospital are about 10% under rates charged in similar hospitals in North Carolina, it is one of the few hospitals operating without city, county or public support. A nurses home would complete the very splendid service given at Watauga Hospital and would certainly assist greatly in securing and keeping the best nurses and other hospital employees, as well as save the expense of renting outside rooms. Mr. Church starts a very worthy project—who will be next?

Hollar Child Shot At Play

Linda Theresa Hollar, 2 years old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Hollar of Boone, was shot but not critically injured, as she and a cousin, Craig Hollar, 9, played "cowboys and Indians" at the home of their grandmother, Mrs. L. H. Hollar. The rifle, a 22 calibre weapon, which had been found in the garage of Mrs. Hollar's home, was discharged during the play, and the bullet passed through the right shoulder of the little girl. She was taken to Watauga Hospital for treatment, and is recovering normally from the injury.

4-Hers Attend Program Given In Asheville

Eight 4-H Club members from Watauga County along with club members from all counties in the Western District attended the first 4-H Club Recognition Day, held in Tingles Cafe in Asheville, Saturday, October 11. Members attending from this county were: Ruth Holder, Blowing Rock, winner in Gardening; Helen Hardin, Laxon, winner in Dairy Foods and frozen foods; Betty Bingham, Boone, winner in Grooming and Clothing; Paul Brookshire, Boone, winner in Meat Animals; Bill Austin, Boone, winner in Field Crops; Doss Keller, Blowing Rock, winner in Forestry; Glenn Reese, winner in Sheep Shearing; Bobby Gene Norris, Sugar Grove, winner in Sheep Shearing. The members were served a fried chicken dinner. The chickens were donated by Farmers Supply Company, the milk by Biltmore Dairy and the vegetables and dessert by Tingles Cafe. Betty Bingham was declared district winner in grooming and clothing. Glenn Reese and Bobby Gene Norris were state winners in sheep shearing and will represent North Carolina in the National Sheep Shearing contest which will be held in Chicago December 6. Douglas Clawson, Joe C. Robinson, Ivan Wilson and Claude Austin are members of the livestock judging team which was district winners and placed 2nd in the state. Mr. Oscar Phillips, Assistant State 4-H Club leader and Mr. Wayne Corpening, district agent made short talks. Miss Lizzy Touseaint, International youth delegate from Luxembourg, gave a very interesting talk. The club members were accompanied to Asheville by Miss Kathleen Coston, assistant home agent and W. C. Richardson, assistant county agent.

400 Join In Search On Sampson

The desperate search for a missing two-year old girl, tiny, blond Joanne Morrison, ended Tuesday afternoon when the child, lost for 30 hours in the Sampson community, was found unharmed by searchers. Sheriff Earl D. Cook of Watauga county, who organized and led the searching party, formed largely of Watauga county people, said the child had apparently walked the two and half miles from the place where she was last seen to the point at which she was found. The child, the Sheriff said, was found at the edge of a creek by Boyd Miller. Her clothes were wet, the sole of one shoe was half off, and she was tracked for some distance by the prints of the tiny bare toes in the soft earth. More than five hundred persons, including perhaps 150 high school and college students from Boone, farmers, business men and other citizens from Boone, Blowing Rock, and the rural areas searched all Sunday night through the woods and hills, before any trace was found of the missing child. Mrs. Lewis Morrison and her two children live at Whitel, near Lenoir. Mr. Morrison works in Canton, Ohio. Mrs. Morrison and the children were visiting her father, Frank Hice, a junk dealer, and his family at Patterson Sunday, and the party had driven into a narrow country road, leading into the direction of the Sampson neighborhood. Mrs. Morrison is quoted as saying that they stopped at an abandoned house, in quest of junk, when the child disappeared. She said they were back of the house, and heard the child give a "half cry." She said when they reached the front of the building the child had disappeared. They searched for her, the mother said, but could find no trace of the little girl. The incident was reported and Sheriff Cook and Deputy Vester Phillips immediately organized a big searching party and headed into the wooded area. The Sheriff says that the child was hungry and sleepy when found, but that she was found to be all right when brought to Watauga Hospital here. Searchers are reported as having killed three copperheads and three rattlesnakes during the search, and express wonder that the child wasn't bitten. THANKS COLLEGE Sheriff Cook wants to express to the High School and College his sincere thanks for the splendid help given in conducting the search. CAP HELPS The local unit of the Civil Air Patrol took part in the search, and used two mobile radio stations, and four fixed radios in maintaining communications during the search. L. H. Smith, commanding officer of the CAP, reports.

Will Payne Is Leading Ford Sales Group

Mr. W. T. Payne, local automobile salesman, is the high point Ford salesman for the month of September in the Charlotte district, comprising North and South Carolina, having won the same distinction in March of 1952. He also was one of the highest in sales performance in the Charlotte zone for the entire year of 1951. Mr. Payne, who has been engaged as an automobile salesman in Boone for more than 25 years, has sold Fords for the Winkler Motor Co., since 1945. Puerto Rico experiencing surge of growth.