

Throngs Expected To Meet Here For College Homecoming Program

Hundreds of former students of Appalachian State Teachers College, and its parent institutions are expected to converge on the campus next Saturday, to participate in the 53rd annual homecoming festivities, and alumni association officials believe the attendance this year will be the largest in history.

KING STREET BY ROB RIVERS

THE FINALS

The local campaign moves into its final stages, and the talk along the street is centering more and more on the election, the commissioner race dividing honors heavily with the race for the Presidency. . . . Many who are not familiar with the individuals and issues in the county race, know Adlai and Ike by radio and television contacts and are whooping up their candidates with considerable zeal. . . . Buttons and banners and placards are being shown. . . . Most folks will wear a button, at least until they get out of sight of the purveyor, but we have noticed that few business houses will display a placard. . . . Some say 'twill hurt business—they want to be neutral. . . . But since few if any of us along the street are neutral, what's the matter with pasting up a portrait of Stevenson or Eisenhower? . . . Shouldn't damage the local economy, specially at a time when the emphasis is on voting the country over. . . . And if, perchance, someone would question your being for someone. . . . what of it?

NEATH THE SURFACE

There is always an undercurrent of political gossip, of unspeakably ridiculous reasons why one should support one candidate or the other. . . . Back a few years ago, voters were promised the penalty of grass in the streets, later they were told the Pope would run the country if they weren't good. . . . More recently, in certain sections of the Blue Ridge, an effort was made to terrorize the folks with the whispered gossip that Roosevelt would gather together all the Bibles and burn them like the stubble, if he got the fourth term. . . . With all the rancor of the present campaign, we don't seem to find responsible people using the kind of vicious propaganda which has featured some of the campaigns of the past. . . . Incidentally, one of our trusted spies gives us a movie report. . . . Says the cheers and boos for Ike and Adlai are running about even. Stephen, 'mongst the news reel enthusiasts.

SHARP AS A NEEDLE

Those of us who were bred and reared in the hill country have a lot of ways of expressing admiration for folks—for the preacher, the President, the candidate, or the man on the street. . . . People of superior intelligence are often referred to as "brainy," and the simile comes in with "Bright as a dollar," "smart as a steel trap," and "keen as a razor." . . . Then those who turn a clever phrase are sometimes said to have a lot of book learning, are "smart." . . . But the other day one of our friends, in referring to another fellow, sized his intellect up in one word—"knowledgeable." . . . We use most of these terms, grew up with them, but a fellow branched off the other day and stopped us cold. . . . We asked him how the county was going, what he thought of the chances of the outs to become the ins again. . . . "About like 'Dickens' ducks,'" he allowed and voiced surprise that we didn't know the score from that remark. . . . We've tried hard but for the life of us we don't catch the connection. . . . Unless he meant, "just wobbling along."

MANY VISITORS EXPECTED

Saturday is Homecoming day down at the College, and the alumni of the immediate as well as far past, will be gathering to greet one another and to visit with the townspeople whom they knew while they (Continued on page four)

Local Printery To Start On Expansion Plan

The Rivers Printing Company, publishers of the Watauga Democrat, announces an expansion program, which is soon to take place, and which will include the installation of a considerable amount of the most modern machinery, to increase the range of production of the local establishment.

G. O. P. Candidate Says Carolina Is Behind

Herbert F. Seawell, Republican candidate for governor of North Carolina, told a Boone audience Saturday that "North Carolina is not a first class state."

Health Leader Works In County

Mrs. Ruth T. Jobe, health education supervisor for western North Carolina from the State Board of Health, worked in the Health Department in Boone two days last week.

Mrs. Mary Wagner Rites Are Held

Mary Elizabeth Wagner died at her Deep Gap, Route 1, home on Friday, October 24. She was 88 years of age.

Funeral services were held Sunday, October 26, at the Laurel Springs Baptist Church, conducted by the Rev. Levi Greene, assisted by the Rev. Victor Trivette. Survivors include a son, Carl Wagner, and four daughters: Mrs. Ellen Parsons, Deep Gap; Mrs. Eunice Bowles, Kingsville, Md.; Mrs. Pearl Wall, Aberdeen, Md.; and Mrs. Hollie Adams of Todd. Also surviving are one brother and one sister.

Registration indicates vote of 55,669,850 on Nov. 4.

White Cane Drive Short Of Goal, Boone Lions Told

After enjoying a delicious meal of ham and all the trimmings, President Harmon called for the "Muddy's" report, which is always the relaxing period. Then he asked for an introduction of guests and several were present.

Other Homecoming activities include: Friday — Homecoming play by the Playcrafters at 8:30 p. m. Saturday — registration from 9:30 a. m.; "Old Grads" reunion at 12 noon; Homecoming parade and floats through campus and town at 12:30 to 1:30; Football games at 2; reception for alumni at 4; and Homecoming dance at 8. In addition, open house will be observed during the day in college residence houses.

Former Boone Cafe Man Dies In Auto Accident

Jesse G. Greer of Lenoir, former owner of the Boone Trail Cafe of this city, died almost instantly about five o'clock Sunday afternoon at Gowansville, S. C., 10 miles south of Tryon, when the automobile he was driving was struck by another vehicle.

Mr. Greer, well-known Caldwell County lumber dealer, was driving J. A. Marshall's Dodge sedan at the time of the accident. Funeral services were conducted at two o'clock Tuesday afternoon at Greer Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Harlan L. Creech, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Lenoir, officiating. Burial was in the Greer family plot at the Chapel of Rest, Episcopal, in Yadkin Valley.

Nurses' Home Is Immediate Goal Watauga Hospital Group

The building committee of the Watauga Hospital, Inc., is starting its finance campaign this week, with the hope of raising \$25,000 for the new Nurses Home, which with the \$63,000 from the North Carolina Medical Care Commission would assure a modern nurses residence and complete the equipment at Watauga Hospital.

7,000 Wataugans To Cast General Election Ballots

Christmas Seal Sale Started Last Week

Plans for the annual Christmas Seal Sale drive in Watauga County got underway last week with the appointment of Miss Helen Underdown of Boone as Seal Sale Chairman for Watauga County. The drive will open officially on November 17, but much of the initial work will be done prior to the actual start of the drive.

Dale R. Coffey Dies Saturday

Dale Reese Coffey, 4-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Coffey of Blowing Rock Route 1, died unexpectedly at the home of his parents on Saturday, October 25.

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Xmas Parcels For Men Overseas Should Be Mailed

Christmas parcels for members of the Armed Forces overseas to be mailed by November 15th to insure delivery by Christmas. Size and weight limits are the same as domestic surface parcel post are applicable with some exceptions which a limit of 50 lbs. per parcel. They should be of metal, wood or strong double-faced corrugated cardboard tied with strong cord, two lengthwise and two crosswise.

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Campaign In County Been Quiet

Democratic and Republican candidates and precinct workers are making final plans for the election which will be held next Tuesday, when something more than seven thousand Wataugans are expected to go to the polls and register their choice for President of the United States, for State offices, for Congress, and for county positions.

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