

KING STREET
BY
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CABBAGE, JOWLS, PEAS

In line with old mountain reasoning we had boiled cabbage on New Year's day . . . It used to be reckoned as a certain provider . . . that cabbages in the pot on January 1, would somehow furnish a guarantee of cash in the bank during the remainder of the year. With the economists of the land, and the people too, fairly stammering as to the economic prospects, we didn't want to take a chance . . . so there was plenty of cabbage . . . Down the country, of course, the standard New Year dish consists of blackeye peas, seasoned with hog jowl, and as for that matter this sort of vittels goes fairly good in the highlands, too, but we hadn't heard of a cash reward being offered as is the case with the cabbages . . . Grimy worker on January 1, says he can't figure why folks want to start out having a vacation the first day of the year . . . "It's sort of like resting a spell before breakfast, or waiting till Tuesday to start a week's work . . . The first day of the year, of all times, should be a working day!"

TAR HEEL NECKTIES

We are indebted to Bill Sharpe, State magazine publisher, for one of his Tar Heel Ties . . . Black-heeled footprints traverse these cravats which are offered in a variety of colors, and Carolinians all across the country are going for them . . . The novel ties may be secured from a number of retail outlets, or may be purchased direct from Downhomer, Inc., P. O. Box 9382, Raleigh.

SURE CURE FOR RHEUMATISM

Used to be a merchant in Boone who carried a tater in his pocket to absorb the miseries, and he claimed the thing worked. The spud became hard and black from its saturation with the pain of its wearer, who vowed the hurting would come back if he should get rid of the tater . . . We'd forgotten about the thing until we ran across something in the Statesville Landmark—a reprint from that newspaper of April 3, 1903, and as this is a potato region, we gladly reprint the piece, not only in the hope of relieving a heap of suffering, but in an effort to widen the use of the lowly spud. Anyway it was written:

"That sufferer of rheumatism will be glad to know that this disease can be checked if not permanently cured by a very simple remedy. We have come into possession of the facts and a desire to help the suffering compels us to make them public, notwithstanding the business of our good friends, the doctors, may be curtailed.

"To cure rheumatism, carry an Irish potato in your pocket. But in order to secure the best results you must steal the potato. Now, before anybody jeers, we will recite one case to prove the potato theory. Prof. Murphy, tonsorial artist, was about past going with rheumatism. He was told about the potato and proceeded to put the plan in operation. While his neighbor, Mr. Marshall, the grocery man, obligingly turned, his back, the professor appropriated a potato and put it in his pocket. Immediately the rheumatic pains departed and bothered him no more. In a desire to aid his friends the professor told about the potato and several prominent white citizens said they had already heard of it and were already carrying potatoes in their pockets.

"Rheumatic sufferers are now pointed to a simple and efficacious remedy."

HAVING A CARE FOR THE MISSUS

During the recent holiday season the Democrat gladly printed a number of Santa Claus letters, which the old man from the pole was willing for us to see, in order that his season might be properly promoted . . . Most of these asked for banjos, and sleds and footballs, and bikes, and toys of many varieties, but the other day we were permitted to see one which impressed us . . . One youngster, who did not sign his name, had a thought for Mrs. Claus . . . He didn't ask Santa for a thing, but for The Missus he "wished all the (Continued on page two)

Watauga's March Dimes Quota \$4,500; Campaign Is Started

Health Dept. Advises Care In Flu Epidemic

Because of the widespread influenza epidemic throughout the county the public is advised to take the following precautions:

With temperature and acute sickness—go to bed and call the family physician.

Remain in bed as long as he remains.

Do not go back to usual work and activity until well over illness.

Isolate the sick person from

the rest of the family for the first week.

Keep sick children home from school.

Do not send children back to school until well recovered.

Avoid unnecessary exposure.

Avoid unnecessary meetings of large groups of people.

Relapses and complications may occur if we do not protect ourselves from too early exposure following the illness.

Burley Belt Markets Reopen; Prices High

The Boone tobacco market reopened for the sale of tobacco on Monday, January 5, after having suspended sales for the Christmas holidays on December 19.

309,000 pounds of burley tobacco was sold at Mountain Burley Warehouse No. 1 on Monday, and

Burley Allotment Forms Available

The Watauga County PMA Committee is now accepting applications for 1953 new farm burley tobacco allotments. In order to qualify the applicant must have had two year's experience out of the past five as owner, operator, tenant or sharecropper in the production of burley tobacco. However, in the case of a veteran one year's experience before entering the service or since discharge will meet eligibility requirements for experience. The applicant must be in charge of the supervision and conduct of the farming operations of the entire farm, and must live on the farm. Also, the applicant must derive more than 50 per cent of his income from this farm and have sufficient curing space to take care of the crop. The closing date for accepting applications is February 1, 1953.

Lutheran Church Calls Minister

The Blowing Rock Lutheran Parish, has extended a call to Rev. George W. Shuford, of Columbia, S. C. to become its pastor as of May 1, 1953.

The new parish consists of the Holy Communion Lutheran Church at Banner Elk; St. Mark's at Bailey's Camp, in addition to the Blowing Rock church.

Nearly 48 per cent of the funds used for carrying out conservation practices under the 1951 Agricultural Conservation Program went for the establishment of protective cover and green manure crops.

950 Telephones Now In Service In Boone

Expanded telephone service was part of substantial progress recorded in Boone in 1952, according to H. M. Inabinet, Southern Bell group manager. During 1952 the number of telephones in service here increased by 110, or 11 per cent. As the year ends, 950 telephones are in service, as against 840 at the first of the year. "The number of people with telephone service is regarded as a good barometer of economic health, and the number in service in Boone continues to increase. We continue to receive a heavy volume of new applications."

Mr. Inabinet explained that the total number of telephones now serving Boone is two times, or 200 per cent greater than it was at the end of World War II. He pointed out that 11 long distance circuits now carry calls to and from Lenoir, four having been added in 1952. Telephone lines

growers were well pleased with prices received, said R. C. Coleman, proprietor of the three warehouses here. All smoking grades brought the highest prices of the season, he said, and will continue to sell high for the remainder of the season.

There is no waiting to unload in Boone, and tobacco will be sold the day it is brought in, he continued. Three big warehouses and seven major buyers assure growers of fast efficient services and good prices at all times.

Mr. Coleman reiterated his advice to farmers to grade and sell frozen tobacco separately, pointing out once more that a small amount of frozen leaf in a pile will bring down the price of the entire pile.

The Mountain Burley Warehouses in Boone will continue to sell tobacco on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays until farmers in the area have disposed of their entire crops, he said.

Mrs. Faye Craven Succumbs In Texas

Mrs. Faye Wilson Craven, 23, wife of Airman Third Class Earl Craven, died Thursday morning, December 25, in the Air Force hospital, at San Antonio, Texas, after a brief illness.

Airman Craven, who entered the service in March, 1952, and is stationed at San Angelo, Texas, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Craven, of Boone.

Funeral services were held Monday, December 29, at the Church of the Pines, Laurel Hill, N. C., the home of Mrs. Craven's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Wilson.

Dr. S. H. Fulton of Laurinburg and Dr. Woodrow Woodson, president of Flora McDonald College, officiated at the rites, and burial was in Hillside cemetery at Laurinburg.

Surviving along with her husband and parents are two sisters, Mrs. James A. Gibson of Laurel Hill, and Mrs. Howard Julian of Salisbury.

The 1953 March of Dimes was launched in Watauga county by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, as County Chairman John T. King mapped a volunteer slate of workers who are prepared to wipe out the debt incurred by last year's record polio epidemic and to gird against the expected financial demands of the coming months.

Watauga county's quota has been set at \$4,500, Chairman King states, and every effort will be made to reach the goal in advance of the closing of the campaign on January 31.



JOHN T. KING

Tentative plans call for the staging of the annual quartet singing on January 23. This has been the high spot of the campaign for the past two years. The committee in charge of this activity is composed of John Cook, Richard Rodges and Allen Grogg.

The request radio program will be presented over station WATA January 16, from 2 to 4.

The Lions Club March of Dimes will be a feature of January 17.

January 30, the Mother's March on Polio will be sponsored by the Junior Women's Club.

Iron lung canisters for coin collections are being distributed over the county, and school cards will likewise be given out.

The March of Dimes office will be opened in the Building and Loan office, and Mrs. Coaker Triplett, vice-chairman of the campaign here, will be in the office as her time permits.

In 1952, Chairman King said, the National Foundation had:

1. Supplied more iron lungs and other lifesaving equipment than in the previous three years combined.
2. Met the costs of transportation, salaries and maintenance for hundreds of recruited polio nurses.
3. Spent \$28,000,000 for patient care, a figure over \$5,000,000 more than was ever expended for (Continued on page six)

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John P. Winkler Dies In Lenoir

John P. Winkler, native Watauga, died suddenly at his home in Lenoir Sunday. Mr. Winkler had been ill for two years, but a heart seizure was believed to have been the immediate cause of his demise. He was 68 years old.

Born in Watauga county, the son of the late Noah Winkler and Mrs. Winkler. Mr. Winkler had lived in Caldwell county for 35 years. He was a retired farmer, and recently had operated a boarding house.

A member of a family of eight, the youngest of whom is 62, Mr. Winkler's death is the first in the family.

Funeral services were held Tuesday morning at the late residence and burial was at Cedar Valley Church in Caldwell county.

Surviving are four brothers and three sisters: W. L. Winkler, Boone; T. W. Winkler, Culp, Va.; J. H. Winkler, Blowing Rock; George Winkler, Granite Falls; Mrs. Lige Reid, Blowing Rock; Mrs. Z. T. Greene, Granite Falls; Mrs. W. F. Winkler, Granite Falls, N. C.

Mother-Infant Clinic Arranged

The regular Mother and Infant Clinic will be held on Monday January 12, from 1:00 p. m. to 4:00 p. m.

Grace Church Self-Supporting; To Honor Pastor

On Sunday, January 11, at the 11 o'clock service, the Grace Lutheran Church of Boone will celebrate its change from a missionary church to a self-supporting unit. The Lutheran congregation has had a steady growth since 1923 when it was first organized into a formal group. In 1923 the Rev. H. W. Jeffcoat, president of the Watauga Missions and Missions Cora Jeffcoat organized the church and Sunday school. It was through the work of these two that the foundation was laid for the consistent growth that the Grace Lutheran Church has made over the past 30 years.

The first congregational meetings were held in the old Episcopal church located on Main street where the shoe shop and the Big Dipper now stand. Several years later with help from outside the present building on East Main Street was constructed and put into use.

In 1926 the Rev. J. H. Yount came to Boone to serve as preacher. He served the parish for 11 years and left in 1937.

In 1938 the Rev. Edwin Troutman came to Boone to serve as pastor of the Grace Lutheran (Continued on page six)

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Winton Rankin Is Given Award

Winton B. Rankin, son of Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Rankin of Boone has received the Federal Security Agency's Superior Service Award for "exceptional contributions to the civil defense program."

Rankin, who lives in Arlington, Va., is assistant director, division of field operations, Food and Drug Administration. The Superior Service Award, the agency's second highest citation, was given him for his work in 1950 in developing a program to train the food and drug administration staff to meet its responsibilities in the event of an emergency.

Mr. Rankin received a BS degree from Appalachian, a BS in Pharmacy at the Ferris Institute, Big Rapids, Mich.; and an M. S. in Chemistry at North Carolina State College.

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Mr. C. P. Patton, ex-director of the Wildlife Resources Commission, Raleigh, will be the guest speaker at the January meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, which will be held at the Gateway Restaurant at noon Tuesday, January 13.

Mr. Patton will show the film, "Tarheel Wildlife," during the course of the meeting.

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Tweetsie Train Bought For Virginia 'Fun' Line

Two cars and an engine which used to run over the narrow gauge railway from Johnson City to Boone, have been bought by some Virginia railroad enthusiasts, and the rolling stock is resting until warm weather at Penn Laird, six miles from Harrisonburg.

The narrow gauge will begin operating next summer on a one-mile track on the farm of Dr. Paul S. Hill, Harrisonburg surgeon, who is president of the Shenandoah Central. Other officers are C. Gratten Price, Jr., insurance company executive, vice president; and Wade W. Menefee, Jr., fuel supply dealer, secretary-treasurer, both of Harrisonburg. All three are lifetime railroad enthusiasts.

Rides on the line at Penn Laird will be strictly for fun not only for the passengers but also for the line's executives. The Shenandoah Central will restrict runs on its U-shaped track to holidays and week ends.

The one-mile track—which goes nowhere—will be known as the Tweetsie Route, named after the road's one midget locomotive.

Along with Tweetsie there are a tender and two passenger cars. It will be one of the three narrow gauge lines in this country.

Tweetsie and her cars were bought from the East Tennessee and Western North Carolina Railroad of Johnson City, Tenn.

Tweetsie is 30 feet long, tender 20 feet long. Its cab is big enough for men to stand erect, and carries usual crew of engineer and fireman.

It weighs 100,000 pounds in working order—that is, with water, coal, sand, tools and crew aboard, with a light weight without these things, of 84,000 pounds.

The tender weighs 60,000 pounds in working order—that is, loaded with coal and water, and 28,000 pounds light weight, that is to say, without coal and water.

The engine, tender and two passenger cars are now resting on cribs made of cross-ties beside the Chesapeake Western Railway's track at Penn Laird, waiting to be hauled to rest until warm weather upon a portion of the one-mile narrow gauge track to be built.

Watauga Farm Income For 1952 Is \$2,576,000

Edwin Duncan Goes To Senate

Edwin Duncan, of Sparta, executive vice-president of the Northwestern Bank, is representing Ashe, Alleghany and Watauga counties in the State Legislature, having won on the Democratic ticket in the last General election.

Mr. Duncan, who has held the top level spot in the big banking chain since the Northwestern was established in 1937, had been cashier of the Bank of Sparta since 1925.

The new Senator is a graduate of the University of North Carolina. He has never held public office before, but has always maintained an active interest in the affairs of the Democratic party.

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Surviving besides the daughter are his widow, Mrs. Nora B. Triplett, and a son, E. C. Triplett of Banner Elk; two brothers and two sisters.

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Report Of Farm Agent For Old Year Is Given

Watauga county farmers received an estimated \$2,576,000 income in 1952, according to the annual Farm Report released by County Agent L. E. Tuckwiler.

Broken down the income was derived from the following: Livestock and livestock products \$1,055,000; farm crops \$1,451,000.

Broken down further the report shows that the livestock income was from dairy products \$280,000; poultry and poultry products \$125,000; livestock and livestock products \$650,000. Crop income includes tobacco \$631,000; vegetables \$450,000; potatoes \$280,000; fruit \$40,000; other crop sales \$50,000; farm forest products sales \$70,000.

Some of the major extension activities and accomplishments in 1952 listed in the annual report were:

The Blue Ridge Fair continued to grow with more farmpeople taking part and entering exhibits of better quality than in any previous year.

The Watauga Hereford breeders sold 49 lots in their 10th annual purebred sale at Boone for an average of \$298.00 per lot.

The second annual Boone Feeder Calf sale sold 214 graded calves for an average price of \$111.00 per head.

The second annual feeder calf "get of sire" show was sponsored by the Boone Chamber of Commerce. A total of \$326.75 was awarded to grade beef cattle producers. Eleven entries were made in this show.

Two Watauga county 4-H club boys won first and second place in the State 4-H Sheep Shearing contest and won the right to go to Chicago and compete in the National Contest.

Forty junior 4-H club members made a one-day visit to Winston-Salem and to some farms in Forsyth county.

Fifteen 4-H club members attended Camp Schaub in June 1952.

Seven teen-agers from Watauga 4-H clubs attended 4-H Club Week in Raleigh in July.

Over 355 exhibits were entered by juniors in the 1952 Blue Ridge (Continued on page five)

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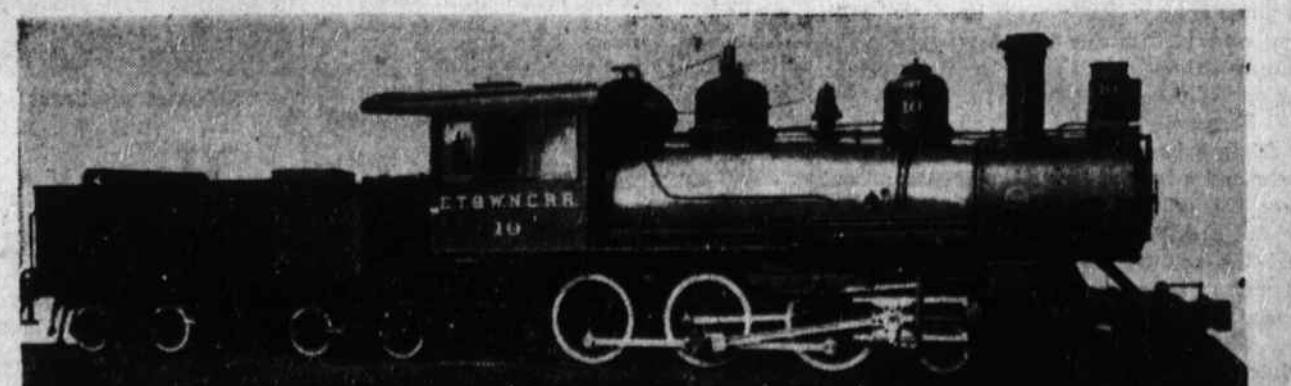
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NUMBER TEN HAS NEW JOB—Shown is one of the fleet of narrow gauge locomotives which used to pull the Linville River Railway's trains into Boone, which has been bought by the Shenandoah Central Railroad near Harrisonburg, Va. This line, one of the three narrow gauge roads in the country, will operate on a fun basis at the Penn Laird farm of Dr. Paul S. Hill, Harrisonburg surgeon. (Photo courtesy Roanoke Times.)