

KING STREET BY ROB RIVERS

HELPING WITH THE CROPS

Dewey Eggers, of Zionville, thinks that the folks who say old-time neighborliness and helpfulness have disappeared from the scene, maybe don't know what they're talking about. . . . Dewey had to spend two months in a veterans' hospital, right at the time his burley tobacco patches were needing attention. . . . When he came home, he found that during his absence his neighbors had cut the tobacco, cured it, graded the weed, and had it all ready for the market. . . . So Dewey has his tobacco money, and without the help of the good people of his neighborhood, he would have lost two crops of burley. . . . He and Mrs. Eggers join in expressing to the people their sincere appreciation for their help—at a time when help was so urgently needed!

CONSULT THE PRAYER BOOK

The Democrat at Christmas time, carried a reprint of an eloquent prayer, distributed by a commercial institution to its customers, in lieu of a calendar, or a novelty. . . . The beautiful lines were also carried in The State and maybe other publications. . . . The State, incidentally had an inquiry about where the prayer might be procured, and Dr. Moore, noting the query, promptly showed up at the Democrat with the information that the words of supplication had been lifted from The Book of Common Prayer. . . . and that the folks weren't looking at the proper place. . . . The Dr., a devout Episcopalian, left us one of the books of his church for future reference.

HE DIDN'T SAY NO!

Came up by Haw River the other day from Raleigh, and went out to the Scott farm, where we thought we might gather some sort of notion as to whether the former Governor of Tarheelia was going to seek the Senate seat, which some say Willys Smith is holding onto rather precariously. . . . And we found that the Alamance farmer just ain't saying yes, nor he ain't saying no. . . . Governor Scott had just come home the day before from Raleigh, where he'd delivered the top job over to Governor Umstead, had taken a same-day tour after cottontails across his broad acres, and next day being rainy he was indulging in the luxury of an afternoon nap when we came along. . . . He expressed pleasure at the progressive program "Bill" Umstead had outlined for the State, and saw no good reason why it couldn't be legislated into law, but when it came to the Scott pattern of political activity for the years ahead, there wasn't too much information. "Got to get things straightened out around home for a while," he said, "You know one generation builds up a plantation, and another let's it go down. . . . There was indications that the man who had up-ended political tradition at least twice in the State, was going to stay around home for a while before he announced any future plans. . . . He gazed across the far fields in the fog, and grew thoughtful, when the matter of running for the Senate came around. . . . The thing had been discussed by the farm boys of the rabbit hunt the afternoon previous. . . . Yes, the race would be only a bit more than a year off. . . . And as we left the farmhouse of Carolina's last Governor, and reflected on some of the things he'd done during his tenure, we had a notion that Senator Smith is in for a tough pull in the primary of 1954.

"COME OLD CHRISTMAS . . ."

Pink Baldwin used to tell us his age. . . . "Will be 274 come next old Christmas," the man with the flowing beard, the crooked cane, and the flashing eye, would proffer, as the lads along the street would gather to hear of Uncle Pink's alleged prowess at the battle of Hastings, or at Kings Mountain, or Manassas, and of his conferences with General Washington. . . . Old Pink went on down the road, and didn't return, and we miss him no end, but Old Christmas, by which he dated (Continued on page three)

Burley Sales On Local Mart Over Four Million

The Boone tobacco market passed the four million pound mark Monday with sales of 91,402 pounds of burley tobacco, bringing the total in pounds sold for the 1952-53 season to 4,012,052 as of that date, for an approximate average of \$47.50 per hundred pounds, according to figures released by R. C. Coleman, operator of the Mountain Burley Warehouses here. Mr. Coleman stated that the average was well above \$50.00 until a large amount of frozen tobacco began flooding the floors after the Christmas holidays. On opening day December 1 the market sold 306,000 pounds for an average of \$52.58. The Boone market is scheduled to close after sales on Friday, January 23, and complete season figures will be published next week, Mr. Coleman said, adding that the average has been good according to the overall quality of the offerings, and growers generally have been well pleased with the prices received for their tobacco.

Life Purpose Week Is Observed At Baptist Church

Members of the First Baptist Church here, in conjunction with the Baptist Student Union of the college, plan a joint observance



REV. HARLAN HARRIS

of "Life Purpose Week" and "Bible Study Week" beginning Sunday night and continuing through Friday night, under the direction of the Reverend Harlan Harris, pastor of the First Baptist Church at Shelby.

Mr. Harris will preach at the regular 7:30 p. m. worship hour Sunday. Each week-day night he will preach at 6:30 o'clock. At 7:15 college students will engage in a discussion group dealing with matters pertinent to their interests and searching for the basic purposes of life under the direction of Mr. Harris.

At the same hour members of the congregation will engage in a study of the book of Philipians in the New Testament, under the direction of the pastor, L. H. Hollingsworth. Used as a basis for this study will be the text book, "Studies in Philipians," written expressly for this purpose by Dr. Ralph A. Herring, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Winston-Salem.

The public is invited to share these experiences with the Baptists.

UNSPENT BILLIONS

Government agencies will have nearly \$100,000,000,000 in unspent balances from old appropriations next July 1, according to Senator Harry F. Byrd, chairman of the Joint Committee on Reduction of Nonessential Federal Expenditures. Most of the money will be obligated in one fashion or another, however, declared the Senator, who urges a careful review of the balance by Congress every time a new appropriation for an agency comes up.

A SLIGHT MISTAKE

Delaware, Ohio—The inability of Robert Gruber, Jr., of Marion, Ohio, to tell the difference between a goose and a swan cost him \$15. Gruber bagged what he thought was a goose. Game protectors said it was a swan. Mayor M. F. Pinney concurred and assessed the fine.

Our New President



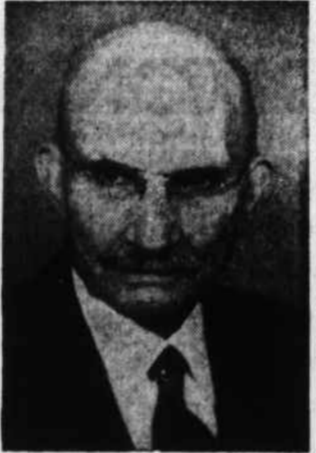
President Dwight D. Eisenhower, who was inaugurated Tuesday noon before the largest throng ever to assemble for such an occasion in the history of the nation. Counting those who saw the gala affair on television, more people witnessed the swearing-in than the total of all those who saw all the other inaugurations since the founding of the Republic. After the oath was administered, President Eisenhower reviewed the 10-mile parade, the most elaborate thus far seen. The grand inaugural ball Tuesday evening was the climax of the happy occasion.

Dougherty Reelected Bank Chain President

North Wilkesboro—Stockholders of the Northwestern Bank, in annual meeting here, were informed that 1952 was the best year in the history of the bank, which has its home office here and branches in 16 other northwestern North Carolina cities and towns.

The board of 19 directors was re-elected and again elected Dr. B. B. Dougherty of Boone as president of the bank. Dr. Dougherty is president of Appalachian State Teachers College at Boone. All other officers were re-elected as follows: Edwin Duncan of Sparta, executive vice president; W. B. Greene of Kingsport, Tenn., and Wade H. Shuford of Hickory, vice president and Vernon Deal of North Wilkesboro, secretary.

All directors as follows were re-elected: Ralph Duncan, C. O. McNeil and N. B. Smithy of North Wilkesboro, R. L. Doughton and D. C. Duncan of Sparta, W. B. Austin of Jefferson, W. C. Berry of Bakersville, J. D. Brinkley of Valdese, C. G. Fox of Hickory, G. M. Kirkpatrick of Taylorsville, John C. McBee Sr. of Spruce Pine, W. W. Mast of



DR. B. B. DOUGHERTY

Vegetable School To Be Held Here Jan. 29

An all day vegetable school has been arranged for the courthouse in Boone Thursday, January 29.

The value of the vegetable crop is second only to tobacco as a cash crop for Watauga county farmers, yet each year farmers lose hundreds of dollars because of insects, disease, poor varieties, poor fertilization, dry weather, and marketing problems.

The Watauga farmer needs these dollars, therefore, we have arranged the following schedule to see if there is a practical way to get better returns for our labor with vegetable crops:

10:00 a. m., Varieties—Dr. W. S. Barham and Dr. F. D. Cochran, Research Horticulturists.
10:30 a. m., Vegetable Fertilization—Dr. Moyle Howard, Research Agronomist.
11:15 a. m., Irrigation—Mr. Virgil Wilson, Research Agricultural Engineer.
1:00 p. m., Marketing Vegetables—Dr. George Abshier, Extension Marketing Specialist.
1:45 p. m.—Discussion.

Restaurants, Tourist Places Are Given Grades

The Health Department this week released the results of its grading of cafes, summer camps, markets, dining rooms, and lodg-places in Watauga county for the period July 1 through December 31, 1952.

The results are as follows:

- Cafes—Grade A**
Angel's Cafe, Appalachian Soda Shop, Bill's Drive-In, Blue Ridge Cafe (Blowing Rock), Boone Drug Company, Browns Cafe, Burkett's Cafe, Carolina Pharmacy, Co-Ed Snack Bar, Dinner Bell Grill, Gateway Cafe, Hampton Bros., Kay's Ice Cream Parlor, Kirk's Bar-be-que, Longvue Cafe, Luther's Luncheonette.
- Cafes—Grade B**
ASTC Book Store, Berryman's Soda Shop, Big Dipper, Boone Trail Cafe, Gulf Cafe, Smithy's Cafe, Wagon Wheel Grill.
- Summer Camps—Grade A**
Camp Sky Ranch.
- Summer Camps—Grade B**
Camp Yonahlossee.
- Freezer Plant—Grade B**
Watauga Frozen Foods
- Markets—Grade A**
Boone Super, Market, Dixie Home Store, Green's Grocery, Winkler's Grocery.
- Markets—Grade B**
Friendly Market, Hollars Grocery.
- Dining Rooms—Grade A**
Hotel Daniel Boone, Parkway Hotel Coffee Shop, Tarry Acres Dining Room, Watauga Inn Dining Room.
- Dining Rooms—Grade B**
Green Park Hotel Dining Room, Mayview Manor Dining Room, Sunshine Inn Dining Room.
- Lodging Places—Grade A**
Allen Tourist, Appalachian Motel, Black Bear Tourist, Blowing Rock Tourist Court, Boone Trail Motel, A. L. Cook Guest, J. C. Cook Tourist, Daniel Boone Hotel, Gragg House, Green Inn, Green Park Hotel, Hamby's Tourist Court, Harts Motor Court, Hemlock Motor Court No. 1, Hemlock Motor Court No. 2, Highwood Inn, Lakeview Tourist, Longvue Motor Court, Mayview Manor, Mountaineer Motor Court, Mountain Motel, Oakwood Motel, Pine Court, Raggedarden Inn, Reese Tourist, Tarry Acres Inn, Watauga Hotel, Watauga Inn, Watauga Tourist Court.
- Lodging Places—Grade B**
Farm House, Hartley's Rooms, Pine Tourist Home, Springhaven Inn.

Rep. Winkler Is Named On Number Assembly Groups

Representative W. L. Winkler of Watauga county, was named on eleven Legislative committees by House Speaker W. T. Bost, Jr., Monday.

Besides being named on the important finance committee, the Watauga solon was named to the following:

Agriculture, conservation and development, employment security, expenditures of house, propositions and grievances, higher education, public welfare, salaries and fees, teachers' and State employees' retirement, and wild-life resources.

Doughton Better, Physician Says

Statesville, Jan. 18 — Former Rep. Robert L. Doughton tonight was reported "steadily improving" from a pneumonia attack.

The veteran legislator was stricken Thursday and admitted to Davis Hospital here.

Dr. J. S. Holbrook said his 89-year-old patient's "general stamina and vigor are winning out for him."

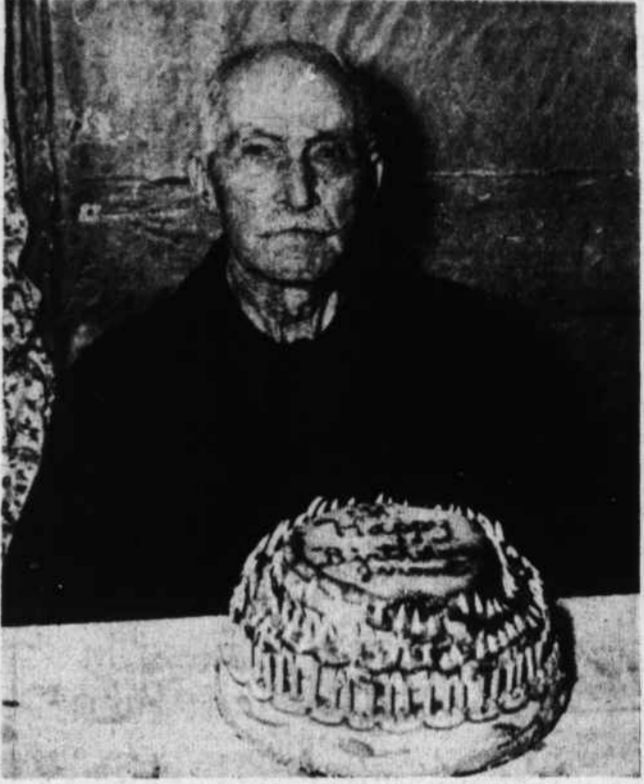
Doughton retired last year after serving 42 years in the House of Representatives. He headed the powerful House Ways and Means committee.

Fourth Sunday Singing At Union

The Fourth Sunday Singing will be held at Union Baptist Church January 25th beginning at 1:30 p. m. Everybody is invited.

Boone Man May Be State G. O. P. Head

Succumbs at Age 102



Jerome Presnell, well-known retired farmer of Boone, who died last Thursday at 102. Picture was taken by Palmer Blair on the occasion of Mr. Presnell's one hundredth birthday.

Clyde Greene Is Touted For Top Party Post

If J. M. Bailey, Jr., of Marshall gets the appointment as district attorney and resigns as Republican party chairman in North Carolina, a Boone man, Clyde R. Greene, seems likely to take over the top spot in the party organization in the State.

That seemed to be the trend, at any rate, as Tar Heels gathered in Washington for the inauguration and talked of party matters back home.

Greene, former chairman of the Watauga board of county commissioners, prominent Boone merchant, and a leader in the affairs of the Republican party for many years, offered no comment as to his chances for the chairmanship, when interviewed by the Democrat, but did state that in the event the position came his way, he would accept.

Party leaders see in Mr. Greene the strongest candidate for the post now held by the Madison county man. He ran twice for Congress against Robert L. Doughton, and opposed H. F. Seawell for the GOP gubernatorial nomination last year. He was a delegate at large to the 1952 national convention, but his support of Taft is not expected to be a handicap.

Leaders are also agreed that there seems little doubt but that a vacancy will exist. Mr. Bailey is definitely expected to be named U. S. District Attorney for the Western District.

Rites Are Held For N. Jerome Presnell

Nathan Jerome Presnell, one hundred and two years old, and Watauga county's oldest citizen, died at the home on Boone RFD 3, last Thursday.

The centurion, born in the center of the last century, had been in failing health for some time.

Funeral services were conducted Friday at the Oak Grove Baptist Church, Rev. C. O. Vance was in charge of the obsequies, and burial was in the Hine cemetery.

Surviving is one daughter, Miss Cinda Presnell of Boone. There are a number of grandchildren.

DEFERMENTS TIGHTENED

Major General Lewis B. Hershey, director of Selective Service, has warned that growing draft calls and legal limits on the ages of eligibles were producing "a physical — perhaps I should say a mathematical — impossibility to stay within the law without substantial tightening of deferments. Students will not be the only men affected by this tightening, but we must certainly look toward the colleges with something more than an appraising eye," the General declared.



THE WINNER! — Mrs. Lou Hopkins, of 204 Pine Street, smiles happily as the 1952 Chevrolet sedan is presented to her by Merchants Association President J. V. Caudill. The automobile was the grand prize offered by the Association in the Christmas trade promotion program. Pictured are, left to right, W. H. Gragg, master of ceremonies at the drawing, Mr. Caudill, Mrs. Hopkins, Joe E. Coleman of the Mountain Burley Warehouse Co., and Alfred T. Adams, Cashier of the Northwestern Bank. Photo by Palmer's Photo Shop.

Mrs. Lou Hopkins Is Given New Automobile By City Retailers

Mrs. Lou Hopkins, of 205 Pine Street, Boone, was the lucky winner of the 1952 Chevrolet De-Luxe Tudor sedan, grand prize offered by the Boone Merchants Association as a part of the Christmas trade promotion program, and purchased by the association from Andrews Chevrolet, Inc., of this city.

The drawing was held at 3 p. m. on Friday, January 16, as a crowd estimated at more than 500 persons gathered at the site on North Depot Street near Mountain Burley Warehouse No. 1 to witness the event. W. H. Gragg acted as master of ceremonies and the winning ticket was drawn from the huge container by little Miss Linda Proffitt, 4 years of age.

Registrations for the prizes began in most Boone business establishments on December 1, and continued for the car until an hour before the drawing on January 16, with all tickets entered being eligible to win the grand prize.

Members of the Merchants Association have indicated that they were well pleased with results of the entire Christmas trade promotion program, and President J. V. Caudill extends congratulations on behalf of the association to the prize winners.