

## KING STREET

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### TRIVIALITIES

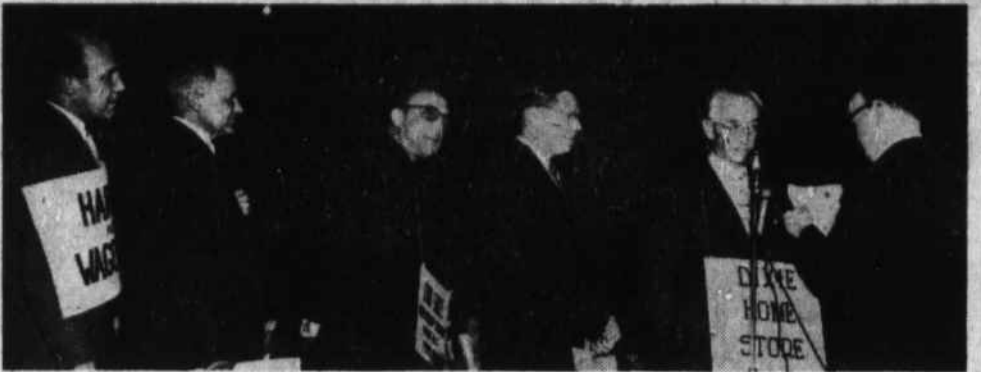
Once in a while a reader complains that this corner of the Democrat deals too largely in matters of small moment, in small talk, and in the affairs and hopes and fears of small people, going about their business of doing small chores in a small neighborhood. . . . And of course this occasional complainant is right, in that the column does try, as a general rule, to be on the lighter vein, and tries to shy away from the tendency of some of the nationally syndicated products which too often resolve into daily literary bellyaches. . . . Nelson D. Brown of the Ingham County (Mich.) News, has his troubles too, with the folks who don't like the simple approach to the problems which the country editor sees about the town, and says:

**SHOULD BE THATAWAY**  
"A column should be trivial, like the sycamore, the common little stream; like crossroads such as Teaspoon Corners, Laxton Corner, Aurelius Center, Eden, White Dog, yes — and Mason, Broadway, Fifth Avenue, Chicago's Michigan Avenue, Willshire boulevard in Los Angeles, Market Street in San Francisco, the road to Damascus, all stem from the trivial and probably the Street paved with gold will have trivial people on it, and they will discuss trivialities."

**THE GAY PARADE**  
Shops and stores of the city report increasing trade for the past few days as Milady buys her new bonnet and frock, and dresses for the kiddies, and the menfolks and the boys and the girls get their new clothing for the gay Easter parade. . . . At the same time the bitzy ones lay in Easter baskets, and look forward to the colored eggs and the Easter bunnies, against the backdrop of the empty tomb and the Risen Lord. . . . It seems fitting that while the churches of the land celebrate Holy Week, and Easter Sunday and sing hymns of praise, the folks are joyous and happy with the coming of springtime, and with the recurring celebration of the Resurrection.

**WORE BEST ROBES**  
Roman Emperor Constantine, during whose reign Easter is said to have taken on its gayety and color, issued the edict of Milan, tolerating Christianity throughout the Roman Empire in 313, convened the Council of Nicea, establishing the date of the Easter celebration, and commanded his entire court to wear their most elegant robes at Eastertide. . . . This edict was very popular it is recorded, and from it came our own Easter Parade, when the people and the flowers and the birds all join together in their best bibs and tuckers, to be gay and happy and to sing praise to the Prince of Peace.

**HISTORICAL NOTES**  
After the ancient legal obstructions were removed, Christianity spread and Easter became its chief festival. . . . During the Middle Ages, Mardi Gras carnivals began ushering in the Easter season with pomp and pageantry and Passion Plays began to come into vogue, recreating Biblical accounts of the Resurrection. . . . We are indebted to the National Association of Greeting Card Manufacturers for the following interesting notes:  
"Easter candles are blessed with special prayers in Italy, then used to light festive bonfires before churches and later to rekindle household fires—as a blessing on those within. Dutch children for centuries have paraded about the streets on Easter Eve with lighted Chinese lanterns bobbing on sticks.  
"Easter gifts apparently began in 15th century England. For on Easter Sunday, young men were expected to give their sweethearts a pair of gloves; noblemen rewarded their servants with an extra shilling or two; and village barbers gave free shaves in churchyards.  
"Sunrise Services originated in Northern Europe, when pagan sun-worshippers assembled before dawn on hilltops to celebrate the beginning of Spring on March 21. This ceremony was partly a tribute to Eostre, Anglo-  
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LONG SPELL—As a seemingly endless procession of contestants paraded across the stage of the Appalachian High School auditorium for nearly four hours in last Friday night's "old fashioned spelling bee," the camera fortuitously caught the ultimate first prize winner, Dr. J. C. T. Wright, at the microphone as he passed an unnumbered milestone on the road to victory. Left to right, in photo: The Rev. Joseph T. Shackford, the Rev. Edwin F. Troutman, Louis H. Smith, Dr. J. R. Shaffer, Dr. Wright, and pronouncer Cratis Williams, A. S. T. C. English instructor.—Photo by Palmer's Photo Shop.

## First Annual Spelling Bee Is Well Received; Dr. Wright Wins

By ROY BLANTON  
By 7:00 o'clock on Friday night all the parking spaces near the High School were taken. The building was a "beehive" of activity. Spellers were assembling in the study hall to pick up their placard and be checked off the list. The band was performing on the stage. The big concession tables were doing a thriving business and everywhere people were gathered in groups talking about the "bee," or just plain socializing.  
A little past 7:30 Bob Agle, president of the Band Parents Association and Master of Ceremonies, welcomed all the contestants and spectators and introduced Mr. Cratis Williams, the pronouncer; Miss Helen Underdown, Mr. Fred Gragg, and Mr. H. R. Eggers, the judges.  
After some fanfare from the

band, the bee got underway. As the words were given out the audience sighed or cheered depending on how the contestant fared. During the intermissions, the band—for whose benefit the bee was held—entertained the audience with some well rendered selections. Many of the contestants added to the fun and frolic. Rev. Troutman made like a propeller as he spelled the word. Alfred Adams got words that attracted much interest.  
When the last word was given Dr. Wright, spelling for Dixie Home Store, was declared the first place winner and was awarded an RCA radio.  
Richard Zuber won a pen and pencil set and second place. Mr. L. H. Smith, representing Home Realty Co., won the third prize, theatre tickets. Margaret Sheek took fourth place for Andrews

Chevrolet, and Mrs. Daisy Eggers, one of Trailway Laundry's entrants, placed fifth.  
Everyone agreed that the spelling bee was a big success in both a social and financial way.  
The merchants represented received advertising for the entrance fee they paid and the band will profit from the net returns amounting to almost \$500.00. The community came together and shared in the planning and the fun the bee afforded. Mrs. H. R. Eggers, general chairman, and her committee worked diligently, contacting sponsors and spellers, securing prizes and refreshments and to them and everyone who participated the Band Parents Association is grateful. It is the hope of the association that the annual bee will supplement the band funds and eliminate the need for soliciting.

## Dr. Wey Is Named Head Of State School Group

The Division of Principals of the North Carolina Education Association has elected Herbert Wey, principal of Appalachian High School and director of teacher training at Appalachian State Teachers college, to the position of state president of their organization for the coming year. The principals' organization is composed of elementary, high school, and district principals and has a membership of nearly 1200 principals. Mr. Jack Scott of Mooresville was elected vice-president and Miss Mildred Mooneyhan of Chapel Hill was elected to serve as secretary and treasurer.



DR. HERBERT WEY

Dr. Wey has been active in the principals' organization for the past fifteen years, having served as a member of the board of directors of the organization for several years, president of the Northwestern District, vice-president of the State Principals Organization, chairman of the salary committee, and chairman of the summer conference for principals which is held each summer at North Carolina University.

The new president has written many articles for the state and national journals concerning high school administration and teacher education.  
Dr. Wey has taken an active part in the work of the Southern Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges and at the present time is serving as a member of the Evaluation Committee of the Southern Association; as a member of the Commission on Research and Services of the Southern Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges; as a member of the Secondary School Commission for the Southern Association; as a member of the North Carolina State Advisory Committee on School Administration; as a member of the North Carolina Advisory Committee on Teacher Education; as a member of the North Carolina state-wide Committee on Curriculum and Guidance; as a member of the Board of Directors of the N. C. State Athletic Association; and as a member of the North Carolina State Survey Panel for the School Building Program.  
The principals' organization has experienced rapid growth during the past five years. The membership has grown from 47 in 1948 to 1167 in 1953. Practically every principal in North Carolina is now a member of the organization.  
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## Hugh Hagaman Named President Of Rotary Club

Hugh Hagaman, owner and manager of the Trailway Cleaners in Boone, was elected president of the Boone Rotary Club at a meeting held Thursday night. Alfred Adams, cashier of the Northwestern Bank in Boone, was named vice president and Paul Winkler, owner of the Watauga Insurance Agency, was named treasurer.  
Glenn Andrews, James Marsh, Alfred Adams, Jack Lawrence, Hugh Hagaman and Richard Allen were named to the board of directors.  
Past presidents, Stanley Harris, W. H. Gragg, Ray Lawrence and L. E. Tuckwiller, had charge of the program and cited the accomplishments of the Boone Rotary Club since its organization five years ago. They resolved to expand the calf project for crippled children during the coming year and to enlarge the general activities of the club.

## Snow Halts Military Operation Saturday

Simulated warfare between paratroopers from Fort Bragg and National Guardsmen on the slopes of Grandfather Mountain were cut short Saturday night when opposing sides quit "fighting" each other and gave their attention to a rapidly falling snow, which for a while looked like the forerunner of a full scale blizzard.  
The entire 112th battalion of the National Guard went into the area Saturday afternoon to defend ten miles of the Yonahlossee Trail against the paratroopers in maneuvers.  
Mercury and snow started dropping rapidly at 4 p. m. By midnight snow had reached a depth of two inches.  
Troops used blank ammunition. Machine gun, rifle and demolition fire echoed from many points on the southern slope of Grandfather Mountain as paratroopers

## Blowing Rock Boy Is Seriously Hurt In Accident

By MRS. LUCILE LETT  
Blowing Rock—The condition of young Bill Moody, son of Mr. and Mrs. Meryl Moody, remains grave at this writing, although slight improvement may be detected since he underwent surgery in a Charlotte hospital on Saturday.  
Moody was severely injured in a jeep accident late Thursday afternoon on the Linville road. Also injured in the same accident was young "Bud" Greene, son of Mr. and Mrs. Berlin Greene, who was less severely injured and who is much improved.  
Details of the accident are lacking but it seems some part of the jeep came loose letting one wheel become loose so that there was no control of the steering. Patrolman George Baker of the State Highway patrol and local policeman Luther Greene investigated the accident.

## Winners Named In District Music Contest Held Here

Myra Adkins, high school senior from Mooresville, and Nancy Boyel, high school senior from Lenoir, won first places in the third District Music Contest of the North Carolina Federated Women's Clubs held in the Fine Arts Building of Appalachian State Teachers College Saturday. Miss Adkins won first in voice, singing "Vergin, Tutto Amor," by Adurante, and Miss Boyel won first in piano, playing "Hungarian Rhapsody."  
Eleven high school seniors entered the contest. They were: voice, Myra Adkins, Mooresville; Louise Massey, Newland, Betty Anne Dejarrette, Stony Point, Ann Woodward, Statesville, William Smithey, Lenoir, Guy Hunt, Boone, Nancy Boye, Lenoir, Kate Trivett, West Jefferson, Evelyn Watts of Stony Point, Ala. Hodges, Boone, and Jacqueline Harmon of Statesville, piano.  
Winners in the district contest will go to Raleigh April 11 to participate in the N. C. Federated Women's Club state contest. The two winners there to receive \$100 each.  
Judges were Mrs. Virginia Wary Linney, Hoyt Safrit, R. Rooker and Miss Helen Winkler, all of ASTC faculty.

## Eastern Star Installs New Slate Officers

Snow Chapter No. 220, Order of the Eastern Star, installed new officers for the ensuing year at a special meeting held in Masonic Hall Monday evening. Mrs. Nina Martin acted as installing officer in charge with Mrs. Lena Geer installing Marshall; Mrs. Martha Watkins installing conductress, and Mrs. China Lavender, installing chaplain.  
New officers installed were: Mrs. Ruth W. Coe, Worthy Matron; Thomas Milton Greer, Worthy Patron; Mrs. Ruth B. Redmond, Associate Matron; Ray S. Luther, Associate Patron; Miss Helen Underdown, Secretary; Mrs. Kathleen W. Hodges, Treasurer; Mrs. Mary F. Holland, Conductress; and Mrs. Vera N. Richardson, Associate Conductress, all of whom were elected at the annual election of officers.  
Also installed were the following appointed officers: Mrs. Pearl R. Luttrell, Chaplain; Miss Mary Helen Neill, Marshal; Miss Bernice Gragg, organist; Mrs. Sally Smith, Adah; Miss Eugenia R. Luttrell, Ruth; Mrs. Roberta B. Farthing, Esther; Mrs. Ruth Clarke Greene, Martha; Mrs. Roberta B. Ray, Electa; Mrs. Honor Dee Winkler, Warder; and Mrs. Faye G. Hodges, Sentinel.  
Paratroopers were in command of Col. Francis D'Eliscu. The troopers had been in the area since Tuesday and had been engaged in maneuvers between aggressor and defender teams before the Guardsmen arrived Saturday.

## Churches Unite In Holy Week Services

Boone churches and ministers will join in the two high religious observances of Holy Week—Good Friday and Easter—in special union services sponsored by the Boone Ministerial Association.  
The Good Friday service will be held at the Boone Methodist Church from 1:00-2:00 p. m., commemorating the period during which Jesus Christ hung upon the Cross of Calvary. The service will be led by the Boone ministers in a series of meditations upon the seven utterances of Christ spoken from the Cross, interspersed by hymns, Scripture and prayer. Special music will be provided by the Appalachian High School Chorus under the direction of Miss Helen Cole and Lawrence Phillips.  
This is a traditional service in the life of Christians and has proved a high point of religious devotion for those who have shared it in former years.  
The Merchants Association has requested all business establish-

ments to close during the service and business personnel to join in attendance. The meditations are so arranged that persons may enter or leave the services at certain times throughout without disturbing the meeting.  
The union observance of Holy Week concludes on Easter Sunday morning with a Sunrise Service at the Daniel Boone Theatre Park.  
Light breakfast for the band, chorus, and ministers will be served in the Methodist Church at 5 a. m. Others are invited to share this breakfast.  
At 5:30 the band will drive through the town playing Easter music, going to the theatre by 8:00 o'clock.  
The main service will begin at 6:15 as the sun rises in the east. Following music by the Appalachian Band, directed by Mr. Roy Blanton, the chorus of combined church choirs, directed by Mrs. Virginia Wary Linney, will sing "Low in the Grave He Lay," without the chorus. Then a brie-

tomb scene of the Resurrection will be enacted by the Rev. John Davis and Mr. Marvin Culbreth.  
The chorus will sing "Up from the Grave He Arose," followed by a congregational hymn, "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today," led by the Rev. C. A. Foss. Scripture readings by the Revs. J. K. Parker, Jr., and Cecil Glenn will be given, and a responsive reading led by the Rev. L. H. Hollingsworth.  
The Rev. E. F. Troutman will lead the prayer and a meditation will follow by the Rev. J. T. Shackford.  
The closing congregational hymn, "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name," will be followed by a benediction given by Rev. Mr. Foss. The band will close the service with special music.  
The entire program will be carried over Radio Station WATA or persons unable to attend, but everyone is urged to attend in person.

## Blowing Rock Churches Will Join In Easter Observance

By MRS. LUCILE LETT  
The Community Blue Ridge Sunrise Service, held annually for the past several years at the Cone Mansion in Cone Memorial Park, has been discontinued, at least for this year. Individual services will be held at all the churches here in Blowing Rock this year.  
The Baptist and Presbyterian services will be held at 6:15 a. m. and the Episcopal will be at 9:00 a. m. High Mass will be held at 10:00 a. m. in the church of the Epiphany Catholic church here.  
There will also be services at the St. Mary's of The Hills Episcopal Church on Maundy Thursday at 9:00 o'clock in the morning and also on Good Friday from noon until three o'clock. During the Friday service persons attending need not stay for

the entire two hours, but are free to come in or leave any time during this period when the singing takes place. The public is invited to all of these Easter services at any of the churches.  
Also on the Easter program will be egg hunts for the children of the community, to be held at the respective churches; at the Baptist on Saturday afternoon at 2:30 in the afternoon; at the Presbyterian there will be two hunts for the different age groups, the Beginners and Primary will be held at 3 o'clock on Sunday afternoon and later at 4:30 the same afternoon the group of Pioneer Fellowship members will hold their hunt. On Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock Mrs. Charles Davant will be hostess to the children of the

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## T.B. Association To Send Mobile X-Ray Unit Here

Because the Alleghany-Ashe-Watauga County T. B. Association has decided to continue as a single organization, the State T. B. Association has agreed to send an annual mobile unit except for the year 1954. The schedule is filled for that year, but Dr. W. A. Smith, chief of the division of T. B. in North Carolina, says that if he has a cancellation in 1954 he will put this area on his schedule for a survey.  
With a plan for using voluntary clerk service on the units, Mr. William Braswell, field secretary of the State TB Association, says that we will be able to get this service for about \$400 per year. Since this is less than the operation cost of a privately owned unit the board of directors decided to use the state equipment for one year at least. At the end of that time it will be determined if this is a wise and if it is a permanent plan for case finding will be set up for the three counties.  
There are persons who made donations to be used for an X-ray unit only. It is hoped that those persons will allow the money to be used for the annual survey expense; however, if they

wish a refund, they may receive it by notifying Dr. Bill Smith, treasurer for the Watauga branch of the association.  
The aim of the Tri-County TB Association is good health education a case finding. An early diagnosis means the difference of months in bed and years in bed. Members of the board of directors are serving on a voluntary basis and are working hard to give the county the most effective program possible.  
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## Calvin Hicks Taken By Death

Calvin Hicks, 74, of Vilas, Route 1, died March 25 in Grace Hospital at Banner Elk, where he had been a patient for six days.  
Funeral services were held March 27 at the Willow Dale Baptist Church, conducted by the Rev. Victor Trivett and the Rev. E. O. Gore. Burial was in St. John's cemetery.  
He is survived by two sons, Andy and William Hicks, both of Vilas; three daughters, Mrs. Edith Isaacs, Sugar Grove, Mrs. Adelle Dyer, Banner Elk, and Mrs. Margaret Arnet, Vilas; five brothers, Alfred, George, and Thomas Hicks, all of Vilas, Charlie and Ben Hicks, Sugar Grove; and a sister, Mrs. Myrtle Wood, of Minnesota.

Japanese ship concern is scheduled to start world freight service.

## Winkler Acts To Name 5-Man School Board

Representative W. L. Winkler has introduced a measure in the Legislature which would appoint a five-member Board of Education for Watauga county and fix their terms of office.  
Under the measure the new members of the board would be Wiley G. Hartzog, W. C. Lentz, Mrs. S. F. Horton, W. R. Vines and Howard Mast. These members would serve for four years beginning at the expiration of the terms of the present board members.

The present school board consists of Collis Greene, Clyde Perry and Troy Norris. It is understood that they have been recommended for reappointment by the Democratic Executive Committee of Watauga County.  
Representative Winkler's bill which would provide for the election of the tax collector and supervisor, has been reported unfavorably by the Senate committee, it is learned.

## Clinic Schedule Is Given Out

Mondays, 8:30 a. m. to 12:00 noon, general clinic.  
Fridays, 2:00 p. m. to 4:00 p. m. Immunization clinic.  
Since Dr. Mary B. H. Michal, health officer, is at the University of North Carolina, the nurses are holding the above clinics as usual, and conditions which need a doctor's attention are referred to a local physician at the regular clinic times.  
The monthly mother and infant clinic has been discontinued until June.