

KING STREET BY ROB RIVERS

THE LOWLY GOOSEBERRY

Mrs. R. L. Gentry, Jr., sent us some gooseberry preserves the other day, and thus our acquaintance was renewed with a favorite of the festive boards of the long ago. . . . We are enjoying the tasty treat, and really we had thought the gooseberry bush had been pushed over the brink into extinction a few years ago, when a work project was made of the destruction of gooseberry and currant bushes. . . . 'Twas said that spores from these shrubs were caught in the wind, and brought the fatal blister rust to the white pines. . . . Seems that this discovery was made back in the twenties, but that the real business of hunting down the pesty plants only commenced in the thirties as a part of the Roosevelt work program. . . . Bands of lads tramped through the woods and destroyed the gooseberries, and persuaded householders in many instances to let them do away with the currant bushes. . . . We're surprised that gooseberries still persist, and thank Mrs. Gentry for her kindness. . . . It is to be supposed that some are also enjoying the fine currant jelly which used to be standard at breakfast time.

"RECREATION" HE SAYS

We were talking with another fellow in a local department store, as some pre-Easter shoppers toured the aisles. . . . Listened at the words of approval, and the occasional criticisms as the ladies handled each piece of merchandise. . . . "Oh, isn't that just darling?" and in the same breath "atrocious!" . . . But we noted that the items the ladies liked the most were left there, the same as the ones which found such great disfavor. . . . "They don't want anything, you know," said the bystander, "that kind of shopping is a form of recreation."

HITHER AND YON

Salvation army lassie carries around little red plastic box, into which one deposits his coin, which might or might not indicate a loss of faith in the collectors. . . . At any rate we prefer the tambourines, into which we have plunked so many pieces of silver. . . . But we'll not stand on a technicality, and shall continue to offer a small portion of our means to the organization which has such a practical approach to human need and misery. . . . Charles Krider, who is raising Hampshire swine, says he has a sow with 15 piggs. . . . Since the big pig is equipped by nature to offer nourishment to but 12 piglets at a time, Mr. Krider, is bottle-feeding three. . . . Man walks through town with broken-down shotgun. . . . Don't know whether there's a law requiring the carrying of a weapon with the breech open or not. . . . Used to be that large numbers of people would be seen along King with shotguns and squirrel rifles. . . . Many of them had walked into town, along woodland trails, and a fellow would often bag himself a squirrel or a rabbit or something, on his way to or from the county seat. . . . Lady tells us of a tussle with "little measles", and says they hurt quite as bad as the "big ones". . . . Reminding us of the French measles we used to have, and the senior edition of the malady, which had such a heck of an odor, and which afflicted a whole neighborhood at once. . . .

THE STARS AND BARS

Confederate battle flags are yet seen on some automobiles. . . . These mementos of the nation's bloodiest war were very prevalent a few months ago. . . . We never did learn as to the origin of the fad—whether it had a political significance, or was just a passing notion. . . . At any rate it doesn't offer too much to the public good to pin-point a conflict which divided the nation in the long ago. . . . City workers patch holes in the pavement soon as the weather is warm enough, and add a lot to the pleasure of driving around the town. . . . Politicians palvering along the pavement during the recent one-shirt weather. . . . Shaking hands with a lot of people along the street Saturday—one of the joys of living in a small neighborhood. . . .

Hundred And Fifty To Face Trial In Spring Court Term

About 150 law violators are expected to face trial in the spring term of Watauga Superior Court which convenes April 20th, with Judge Dan K. Moore, of Sylva presiding.

The term, which is to last for a maximum of one week is for the trial of criminal cases only. Court Clerk Fred M. Gragg states that practically all the cases docketed involve the commission of misdemeanors, traffic violations, and liquor offenses taking the lead.

THE JURORS

Following are the names of those who have been summoned for jury duty, listed by townships:

Bald Mountain—Emery E. Ragan, Todd.

Beaver Dam—George W. Robinson, Reese.

Blowing Rock—D. Paul Coffey, Blowing Rock; Astor Cook, Blowing Rock; Marion Ford, Blowing Rock.

Blue Ridge—C. C. Bowles, Rt. 1, Blowing Rock; Gardner Winkler, Rt. 1, Blowing Rock; Ross Lentz, Rt. 1, Blowing Rock.

Boone—Herbert Jones, Boone; Rock Hatten, Boone; H. S. Storie, Boone; A. E. Hamby, Jr., Boone; Morris Barnett, Boone.

Brushy Fork—Tom R. Miller, Vilas; Bunn A. Hodges, Vilas.

Cove Creek—R. D. Edmisten, Zionville; Tom Lawrence, Sherwood; Jim Proffitt, Vilas; Burl Pardue, Zionville.

Elk—Brannock Triplett, Triplett.

Laurel Creek—Vance C. Harmon, Sugar Grove; R. Howard Simpson, Sr., Sugar Grove; Edward Love, Sugar Grove.

Meat Camp—Wade Moretz, Zionville; Alfred McNeil, Rt. 1, Zionville.

New River—Edwin Brookshire, Boone; Estel Wagner, Boone; Arthur L. Jones, Rt. 2, Boone.

North Fork—Archie Wilson, Trade, Tenn.

Shawnechaw—Heath Smith, Banner Elk.

Stony Fork—Walter W. Parsons, Brownwood; A. A. Greene, Deep Gap; Monroe Nichols, Deep Gap.

*Watauga—Oatha Andrews, Banner Elk; Claude M. Shores, Shulls Mills; Dexter Yates, Valle Crucis.



Kathleen Greene Parkway



Linda Bolick Blowing Rock



Carol Lawrence Bethel



Mary Cornette Bethel



Margaret Lynn Hagaman Boone Dem.



Shirley Anne Trivette Bethel High



Mollie Agie Appalachian



Anne Farthing Bethel High



Betty Cooke Appalachian



Theda Holder Blowing Rock

Meeting Aimed At Coordination Duties Of City's Many Clubs

Because Boone has too many clubs and organizations with overlapping personnel and functions, still another group is in the process of being formed to coordinate the activities of all of the others.

This was decided Tuesday night, March 31, when representatives of twenty-five civic clubs and service organizations of Boone and Watauga County met in the private dining room of the Gateway Cafe to discuss the situation.

After agreeing that there is considerable duplication of effort among the organizations, with particular reference to fund-raising projects, the group adopted a motion by Nicholas Ernestone to set up a coordinating council to act as a "clearing house" for all activities of the town.

Attorney Wade E. Brown, acting as moderator of the meeting, appointed a committee composed of himself, Miss Madelein McCain, Nicholas Ernestone, Dr. R. H. Harmon, and Rev. J. H. Parker to contact each of the organizations and ask them to (1) prepare a schedule of all projects conducted by them throughout the year, and (2) send a representative armed with this schedule to a future meeting, the date of which was not set.

Organizations represented at Tuesday's meeting included the Worthwhile Woman's Club, together with its Music and Art division, its Literature and Education department, and its Home and Garden department, the Business and Professional Women's Club, the Faculty Dames, the Blue Ridge Garden Club, Lions Club, Rotary Club, Chamber of Commerce, Merchants Association, Watauga Ministerial Association, Medical Society, Medical Auxiliary, Parent-Teachers Association, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Watauga County Health Council, Blue Ridge Camera Club, Watauga County Home Demonstration Clubs, Civil Air Patrol, Ground Observer Corps, Junior Woman's Club, The Gardenerettes, and the North Carolina Education Association.

Winkler Would Raise The Pay Of Legislators

Representative W. L. Winkler of Watauga, has introduced a bill in the General Assembly which would call for a vote of the people on the question of whether the pay of legislators should be raised from the present \$15 a day to \$20.

The bill was referred to the committee on constitutional amendments.

Miss Graybeal To Appear In Piano Recital

The music department of Appalachian State Teachers College will present Miss Jo Anne Graybeal, pianist, in senior recital, Monday evening, April 13, at 8:00 p. m. in the auditorium of the Fine Arts building. Miss Graybeal is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. S. S. Graybeal of Creston, N. C.

While at Appalachian Miss Graybeal has been active in the Chorus, Band, and the Music Majors Club.

Miss Graybeal, student of Mr. James Roeker, will play, "Prelude" from "Pour le Piano" by Debussy; "La Cathedrale engloutie," Debussy; "Nocturne," Schumann; "Nocturne," Chopin; "Fantaisie," Chopin; and "Allegro" from "Concerto in A Major," Mozart, with Mr. James Roeker at the second piano.

Dr. Kephart To Tell Chamber Of World Affairs

Dr. A. P. Kephart, director of Camp Yonahlossee, will address the Boone Chamber of Commerce at its regular monthly luncheon meeting to be held at 12 o'clock noon Tuesday, April 14, in the private dining room of the Gateway Cafe.

Dr. Kephart has recently returned from a trip abroad, during which he visited several European countries, and will speak from his experiences and observations on "World Affairs."

The 7.6 million people at work on American farms in February represented a decline of 1 per cent in a year.

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Much Interest Is Being Shown In Lions' Show

Considerable interest is being shown in the annual Boone Lions Club Talent Show and Queen's Contest, which is to be held at Appalachian High School Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

The program will be featured by talent shows by a number of the schools of the county, Queens' contest, and a ten-act fun program.

The Lions have made every effort to have a creditable program of entertainment, and it is expected that as usual the public will cooperate well in the undertaking.

The entire proceeds from the show will be used for the benefit of the Lions Club blind fund.

The Soviet acts swiftly to cement bonds with China.

Nutrition Workshop Held At Appalachian

The second nutrition workshop of the year was held last Tuesday, March 31, at Appalachian State Teachers College, with fourteen county teachers participating. Miss Winston Osborne, nutritionist, and Miss Madge Rhyne, member of the home economics staff at the ASTG, engineered the two-hour session.

Role-playing, open-forum and "share-your-experience" were the methods used to get across the what, why, and how of nutrition as it concerns the school child today. Displays of charts, bulletin boards, free and inexpensive material together with sample methods of teaching foods units in the grades were available for examination during recess.

Also some of the latest editions of foods books available from the College library as well as a suggested bibliography from recent magazines were presented to the workshop.

Keen interest was evidenced by the group and many suggestions were made by various teachers showing ways to correlate foods teaching with the other more traditional subjects taught in the grades.

Watauga County teachers are to be commended for their alertness concerning the incorporation of nutrition in their curriculum, for it not only shows that they are keeping up with the national emphasis but it also signifies again that their concern is for the child.

Three Wataugans Killed Motor Crash Near Akron

Accident Occurs On Easter Vacation Trip

Three Watauga county men, and one from Burke county met instant death early Friday, when the car which they occupied crashed into a tractor-trailer at Loyal Oak, near Akron, Ohio.

The dead: Charles D. Henson, 19, Vilas; Henry Wilson, 21, and his brother, James, 18, Zionville, and Cecil R. Perkins, 23, Glen Alpine.

The men were employed at the Fisher Body Plant in Cleveland, and were en route to their homes for the Easter holidays, taking with them gifts for the children. Found in the wreckage was a toy gun and a football, while the battered trunk contained a bicycle.

No Witnesses

There were no witnesses to the accident. The driver of the tractor, Leroy A. Paine of Akron, who was not injured, is said to have told officers that he had just gone through the green traffic light at the street intersection when he was jarred by the crash.

The car apparently slid under the trailer. The top of the car was sheared off and deputies found it about 50 feet from the point of impact. The rear wheels were knocked out from under the tractor.

All four men were dead when they reached a hospital.

The Wilson boys were sons of Mr. and Mrs. Baxter Wilson of Zionville, while Henson was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Ford Henson of Vilas. They had been in Cleveland for two months.

They were all born in Watauga county. Henson graduated from Cove Creek High School last year, and the Wilson boys attended Mabel School. They had left Cleveland after work Thursday afternoon and were to return Monday after spending Easter with their parents.

Survivors of the Wilson boys are their parents, five brothers, Estel, Eugene, Clayton, J. B. and Jerry, and four sisters, Annabelle, Emma Jean, Mrs. Pearl Fletcher and Mrs. Edna Tester, all of Zionville.

Henson is survived by his parents, one brother, Glenn, and two sisters, Martha Jean and Gail.

Funeral services for Henry and James Wilson were conducted from the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church Monday. Rev. Rex West conducted the rites and burial was in the near-by cemetery.

Last rites for Charles Henson were held at the Henson's Chapel Methodist Church Monday afternoon. The pastor, Rev. Ralph Miller, conducted the services and burial was in the nearby cemetery.



PAUL A. COFFEY

Paul Coffey Named On Welfare Board

Paul A. Coffey, chairman of the board of county commissioners. Annual budgets have been named a member of the Watauga County Welfare Board as the appointee of the county commissioners for a three year term beginning April 1. The other two members of the three member board are Mrs. Grace Council of Boone and C. D. McNeill of Deep Gap, chairman.

In accordance with North Carolina law, one member of the one hundred county welfare boards over the State is named this year by the county commissioners. Another year one member is appointed by the State Board of Public Welfare. The third member is chosen the next year by the other two appointees. All members serve for three year terms, but may not serve more than two consecutive terms.

The county welfare board, made up of representative, public spirited, socially minded citizens, is the legal appointing authority of the county in naming a superintendent of public welfare from names of qualified persons certified by the merit system. The board also determines the number and salaries of public welfare employees in joint session with the board of county commissioners.

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Applicants for public assistance are considered and approved by the county welfare board as a basis for receiving aid to the aged, and aid to dependent children. The board, which meets at least monthly, approves all changes or terminations in aid given recipients of public assistance.

Through the department staff the board also renders a variety of non-financial services to people in all walks of life. Arranging for adoption placements of children and aid in planning for suitable boarding home care for the aged, as well as children, are examples of these non-financial services.

Members of the county welfare board advise the superintendent of public welfare on all aspects of the program, including the handling of any serious problem cases. It also acts in an advisory capacity to county and municipal authorities in developing policies and plans for dealing with problems of dependency, better social conditions, and co-operation for the rehabilitation of people in need. The board members, with their public viewpoint and responsibility, are charged with interpretation of the welfare activities to the county.

The State Board of Public Welfare consults with County Welfare Boards regarding all major policy changes and program developments before they are undertaken. It looks to the county welfare boards for guidance in preventive and rehabilitative services to help people to help themselves.

Paul A. Coffey has not been a member of the welfare board previously. He is known for his activity in civic affairs and for his genuine concern for the welfare of all people.

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Drama Festival Is Feature Of This Week

The Playcrafters of Appalachian State Teachers college will sponsor their Fourth Annual Drama Festival on April 9, 10, and 11, in the college auditorium in the campus. Plays will begin on April 9 and 10 at 7:00 p. m., and on April 11 at 1:30 p. m.

Eight plays have been entered in this year's festival by six schools. They are: Highness by Cherryville high school; Father Takes a Wife, by Cove Creek high school, Sugar Grove; The Faithless, and The Running Tide by Appalachian high school, Boone; Heat Lightning, by Crossnore high school; Roughly Speaking, Nathan's Creek high school; The Dear Department, and A Young Man's Fancy, by Jefferson high school.

Awards will be given for the best play, the best actor, the best actress, the best supporting actor, the best supporting actress in the field of drama and in the field of comedy. The awards will be presented on Saturday afternoon, following the performance of the last play.

Officers of the Playcrafters, who are sponsoring the festival, include Eugene Sweezy of Kings Mountain, president; Ben Connell of Concord, vice president; Norma Putnam of Cherryville, secretary-treasurer. Miss Audrey Eichelberger, who teaches speech and play production at the college, is the faculty advisor.

Cancer Crusade Seeks \$300 Quota In County

"Without our volunteers we couldn't begin this campaign," declared Mrs. John Davis, American Cancer Society campaign chairman, as the 1953 cancer crusade opened here on April 1st.

The chairman, a volunteer herself, said, "When I talk about volunteers, I am referring to doctors, nurses, teachers, bankers, druggists, shopkeepers, housewives, high school girls and boys, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts—almost anyone you can think of—because they all have a stake in this great fight."

"The Watauga County Unit is aiming to raise \$300.00 this year," Mrs. Davis said. "This means person-to-person contact. It is only through talking with a person that the complex problem of cancer can be presented with the most force."

"And when we talk with people during April, which is Cancer Control Month by act of Congress, we are not merely asking for money as important as that is. We are telling them of our educational program, of how they can watch for the danger signals, of how they can save their own lives, perhaps, and those of their loved ones by alertness and prompt action."

"I am happy to report that in the course of our campaign in years gone by, our doctors reported more people coming to them for check-ups, more people showing up with early cancers that were in the curable stage than at any other time in the year," he said. "With our enlarged and enthusiastic group of volunteer workers, we should make a better record than ever this year."

The money raised in Watauga County will be used for the year-around program of education, service and research. This means preparation of educational material for distribution through every possible media, the provision of dressings and other sick-room comforts to cancer patients being treated at home, the contribution to the \$4,100,000 research program which will ultimately find the answer to cancer.

Volunteer workers for the cancer crusade are Mrs. Ralph Beshears, Boone Demonstration School; Miss Elizabeth Guy, Appalachian High School; Mrs. Mattie Lane Walsh, Cove Creek Grammar School; Mrs. Dave Mast, Cove Creek High School; Mr. Clyde Greene, Bethel School; Mr. A. D. Dickerson, Mabel School; Mrs. Ted Hagaman, Greene Valley School; Mrs. J. T. Shackford, Parkway School; Mrs. Henry Taylor, Valle Crucis School; Mrs. James Storie, the city of Blowing Rock; and the Jr. Woman's Club are soliciting the business establishments in Boone.

North Carolina is rapidly diversifying its old row crop economy by increasing livestock production to utilize its ideal pasture lands.