

## KING STREET

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### JUST COULDN'T BE

Little Phil Minor, who has been enjoying some guppies a good deal, was perturbed the other day, when it was suggested that the mama fish was going to bring forth her young. Phil couldn't see it that way. "Just couldn't be," the lad opined, "Cause we don't have the papa fish anymore!" But while Phil may be mixed a mite on the facts of life, we were mixed up worse. Fact is, we didn't even know about these guppy fish, which we gather are a sort of household ornament, filling the gold fish bowl with fishes that aren't gold. We learn however, that they are mammals to the extent that they bear their young, rather than lay eggs, and are worse off than animals in that they don't like the little wrigglers at all. Our understanding is, if you want to bring up any of the baby guppies, you're going to have to do it away from their mama. Left to her own devices, she'll devour the whole litter or school or batch, or whatever one calls a heap of bitsy fishes, and enjoy them to the fullest.

### THEY'LL DO IT EVERY TIME

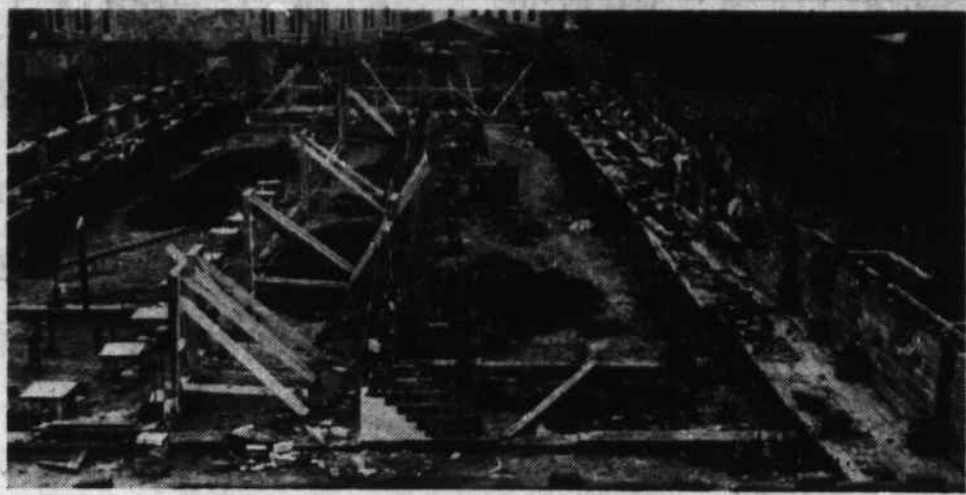
The age-old custom of spitting on the streets, or anywhere else as for that matter, has always appeared to us as being one of the most revolting and unsanitary habits of the age. Barring the fellow who has a lip full of snuff or a wad of Brown's Mule in his jaw, there appears to be little excuse for the spreading of sputum and germs over the countryside. There seems to be an art to the thing however, and some can squirt the saliva through clinched teeth with high accuracy, while most just let 'er drop. But one thing all these folks have in common. They'll never expectorate in the gutter, when they can walk to the other side of the street and natty-up a well-tended evergreen or a smooth section of lawn.

### JOURNEY'S END

Robert Williams, negro shine boy, and friend of ours from the days when we angled down Boone Creek when the willows were budding and springtime enlivened the world—and the boys, passed away the other day and those of us who traveled with Rob during the long years, feel a tinge of sadness that a happy career has been ended. Down at the Critcher Hotel where Rob bell-hopped for perhaps twenty-five years, he became acquainted with folks from every section of the country and from every walk of life, who liked him for his helpfulness and radiant good humor. Since the Critcher house went out of business, which incidentally, marked the end of the town's only full-scale gathering place, Rob had whisked a shine cloth at Joe Crawford's Barber Shop, and continued his role in taking care of the general public with a smile and a cheerful word. Few folks are privileged to make outstanding contributions to society; not many have come forth with great inventions, and those who have distinguished themselves in the arts and sciences make a small percentage of the total. Robert did nothing big, but he did so many little nice things for so many people, that maybe the sum total of his contributions runs above the average. We haven't fellowshiped much with him during the years since the Critcher Hotel was the focal point of a smoothly-flowing and happy society, but were always cheered by his smiling greeting. We shall miss the lad whom we knew so long, who treated us with such kindness, and whose worth to society maybe was greater than that of some of his more important fellows.

### A HEAP OF TURTLE

W. L. Haynes, who is down visiting from Coshocton, Ohio, and Roy Brown, came by the Democrat office the other day with a turtle which Roy had taken in the waters of Watauga River, which must've been the granddaddy of all the fresh-water reptiles. The big fellow balanced the beam at eighteen pounds, and was probably moseying about on the Watauga back before the age of wheels.



NEW SCHOOL—Scene showing progress of work on the \$626,000 plant of the Appalachian Demonstration School, which is being constructed on College Street between the present school and the Baptist Church property. W. E. Dale of Morganton is the general contractor, and the building is to be ready for occupancy by the opening of the 1964 school term.—Staff photo.

## 212 To Get Degrees At Close Appalachian College Today

Appalachian State Teachers College will hold its summer graduation exercises on Wednesday evening, August 26, at eight o'clock. If the weather permits, the exercises will take place in the college stadium; otherwise,

they will be in the college auditorium. The speaker for the occasion will be Dr. A. R. Keppel, president of Catawba College in Salisbury. Dr. Keppel, who holds degrees from Ohio State University,

Franklin and Marshall College, and Elmhurst College, is widely known as an educator. He has held national offices in the field of Christian education, in the Association of American Colleges, and in the Boy Scouts of America. He is the past president of the North Carolina College conference.

Appalachian State Teachers College will be graduating 212, 132 of whom will be receiving the Master of Arts degree, and 80 the Bachelor of Science degree.

Marshals for the commencement exercises will be John P. Coulter, Jr., Catawba, chief; Harold Bennett, North Wilkesboro; Ray Triplett, Wilkesboro; Eugene Ross, Lincolnton; John Gamble, Shelby; Isabel Eggers, Boone; Barbara Davenport, Mount Holly; Jane Dixon, Pleasant Garden; and Martha Herring, Blowing Rock.

Music for the exercises will be furnished by the summer school band, under the direction of William G. Spencer of the college music faculty. The opening prayer will be given by the Rev. Edwin F. Troutman, pastor of the Grace Lutheran church of Boone, and the closing prayer and benediction.

## State Lily Society To Meet In Boone

Chapel Hill. — The semi-annual meeting of the North Carolina Lily Society will be held next Friday at the Gragg House in Boone, it was announced here last week by Mrs. H. R. Totten, president. It will begin with a luncheon at 12:30.

Immediately following the luncheon will be opened to the public. Mrs. J. Norman Henry of Gladwyn, Pa., will give an address on "Knowing and Growing Lilies." An internationally known grower and hybridizer of lilies, she has addressed clubs in Scotland, England, and other European countries. She led an exploration party on a mountain in Canada and the mountain was later named for her by the Canadian government.

Mrs. Henry has traveled widely over the United States in search of new lilies. Reservation for luncheon must be made with Mrs. Mae Miller or Mrs. B. W. Stallings.

## Calendar Of Events Are Listed

Wednesday—Graduation exercises at College.  
Thursday—Rotary Club, 6:30 p. m.; Boy Scout Troop 109 at Scout Hut, 7:00.  
Friday—American Legion and Auxiliary at Legion Hut, 7:30 p. m.  
Saturday—Midnight Revue at Appalachian Theatre, 11:15 p. m.  
Monday—Explorer Squadron at Hut at 7 p. m.  
Tuesday—Lions Club meets.

STEVENSON'S REPORT  
Adlai E. Stevenson, Democratic candidate for President in 1952, will make a report to the nation on his trip around the world, on September 15th, via radio and television networks, from the Civic Opera House in Chicago.

# Four Thousand Kiddies To Enter School Monday

## Boone Baptist Church Starts Extensive Expansion Program

### Two Soldiers, Missing In Action, Released Sunday

Pvt. Dennis G. Trivett of Stony Fork and Pfc. Squire Weaver of Blowing Rock, who were reported as missing in action in Korea on July 14, were in fact taken prisoners by the Reds, and were released Sunday, their parents have been advised. The local men had been in the Korean fighting since last April.

### Kindergarten To Open Sept. 14th

Day kindergarten will open September 14 at the Boone Methodist Church under the direction of Mrs. O. D. Wallace, Jr., according to an announcement by Mrs. Ronald Craven. Applications may be made by calling Mrs. Craven at phone number 422-W.

The former Miss Betty Holt, Mrs. Wallace is a graduate of Appalachian State Teachers College, and holds a Grade A primary school certificate. She did her practice teaching under Mrs. Raleigh Cottrell.

Orientation days will be held Thursday and Friday, September 10 and 11.

Nursery school also will open on September 14 at the home of Mrs. Carlos DeLima, with Mrs. DeLima as teacher, and orientation days will be September 10 and 11.

Both the kindergarten and nursery schools are sponsored by the Junior Woman's Club.

### Merchants Picnic This Afternoon

The annual picnic given by the members of the Merchants Association of Boone and Watauga County for their employees, will be held at Camp Yonahlossee on Wednesday afternoon of this week, through the courtesy of Dr. and Mrs. A. P. Kephart.

Association officials say that a record attendance is expected, and the program and dinner planned should make it an affair to be long remembered. A majority of Boone stores will be closed Wednesday afternoon so that employers and employees may enjoy the outing.

### Benefit Concert Yields \$891.75

The Norman Cordon concert given Sunday afternoon for the benefit of the X-ray fund of Watauga Hospital has been pronounced a financial success by the hospital board.

Receipts of \$891.75 have been reported, with several persons who had tickets to sell not having yet reported. A goal of \$10,000 has been set to be raised through various methods for the X-ray fund.

The board desires to express appreciation to Mr. Cordon and the Institute of Opera for their splendid program and to Appalachian State Teachers College for the use of the auditorium.

### Annual Meeting Red Cross Slated

The annual meeting of the Watauga County Chapter of the American Red Cross will be held Wednesday, September 9 at 12:30 in the Gateway Cafe in Boone. Major J. H. Thomas, chairman, asks that all members of the Watauga chapter attend this luncheon meeting if possible.

## List Teachers, Improvements Noted By Walker

Four thousand Watauga county children will start back to school next Monday, according to county superintendent W. H. Walker, who has also released a full list of the teachers for both the elementary and high schools.

The first week will have six school days, Mr. Walker states, classes being held on Saturday, September 5. Both Thursday and Friday will be observed for Thanksgiving, and the schools will close for the Christmas holidays Saturday, December 19, at the end of the fourth school month.

Mr. Walker says it is most important that all children be present the first ten days, since the first ten day average daily attendance determines the number of teachers, the quantity of books and other supplies that each school may have for the term. Beginners may start if birthdate was on or before October 16, 1947.

Accident insurance policies may be had for each child and teacher for \$1.25 and parents are urged to get this insurance on the opening day of school.

Improvements Noted  
Projects expected to be completed for the opening day of school are: Blowing Rock gymnasium, new steel windows; playground at Parkway, new sewage disposal facilities at Valle Crucis and Bethel, one new school bus at Mabel. The Watauga Consolidated school building is being repainted inside and out. \$6,000 of new desks have been put in use. A new full-time employee has been added. Ivan Farthing has been made superintendent of maintenance.

Work is progressing on the Demonstration elementary school building in Boone. However, this is a department of Appalachian State Teachers College, and is constructed from State funds.

The Teachers  
Following is a list of the teachers, and committee members: Appalachian High School—Expected enrollment, 414; expected enrollment of 8th grade 63; teachers: Dr. John R. Shaffer, principal; Mr. Leroy Rogers, assistant principal and social studies; Mrs. Margaret Gragg, English; Miss Ruby Akers, English; Mr. William Ross, English and dramatics; Miss Millicent Huneycutt, social studies and English; Mr. Robert Lott, Spanish and French; Mr. Harold Gentry, social studies; Mr. James Templeton, science and mathematics; Mr. Merrill Snyder, mathematics; Mr. Kent Robinson, science; Mrs. Peggy Hadden, commerce; Mrs. Kathryn Tully, commerce; Miss Elizabeth Guy, girls' physical education; Mr. Peter Everett, boys' physical education; Mrs. Kathleen Dougherty, vocational home economics; Mr. R. L. Tait, vocational agriculture; Miss Betty Jo Henderson, librarian; Mrs. Mary Hamby, eighth grade social studies and English; Mr. Earl Petrey, seventh grade; and two teachers to be selected.

Boone Demonstration School—Expected enrollment 497. Mr. John T. Howell, principal; Mrs. Velma Cottrell, Mrs. Gladys Blanton, first grade; Mrs. Ennis Davis, Mrs. Ella Beshears, second grade; Mrs. Bess Crawford, Mrs. Leafy-belle Broome, third grade; Miss Clyde Goodman, Miss Virginia Bottom, fourth grade;

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The First Baptist Church of Boone began work Monday morning on the first phase of a significant enlargement and beautification program.

Greene Construction Company workmen were erecting scaffolding for the remodeling of the Church Sanctuary. Plans are to completely remodel this part of the local church plant. The work will include a new ceiling, a complete new lighting system, and substantial architectural changes. The stained glass windows will be framed and paneled, changing their appearance radically and greatly increasing their beauty.

A system of pilasters around the wall and massive ceiling beams will replace the present plain walls and ceiling. Red gum wainscoting will be installed all around. The arch at the front of the Sanctuary will be removed and a choir loft of colonial design, in keeping with the rest of the building will be constructed.

A new organ will be installed, the room for which has already been built, and a beautiful new organ grille system is planned.

Expected to take from five to six weeks, this work will make the local church's Sanctuary one of the most beautiful in the State. Eber Hudson, minister of education, announced the schedule of services while the work is under way. Two identical morning worship services will be held in order to accommodate the large congregations in shifts. All services will be held in the basement auditorium.

The first service will be at 9:10 a. m., to be followed by Sunday School at 10:10 and the second worship service at 11:10 a. m.

Meeting places for the Sunday school will not be affected. Mr. Hudson emphasized his anxiety and that of all the church's leaders that the people be fully familiar with the schedule and that attend.

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## Highway Leaders Will Visit Boone

Members of the State Highway Commission, their wives, engineering and other road personnel will spend Sunday night in Boone, at the end of a tour of western North Carolina, which started with a commission meeting in Asheville Friday.

Mr. W. R. Winkler, of Boone, commission member states that perhaps seventy-five will participate in the tour.

Members of the commission are: J. Emmett Winslow, H. Maynard Hicks, C. Heidle Trask, M. E. Robinson, Donnie A. Sorrell, C. A. Hasty, J. Van Lindley, Forrest Lockett, James A. Gray, Jr., James A. Hardison, W. Ralph Winkler, June F. Scarborough, J. F. Snipes, Harry E. Buchanan.

Others who will make the entire trip are: Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Rogers, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Peters, Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Page, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Corkill, Miss

Margaret Barker. Governor and Mrs. Umstead may be present.

The commission will meet in Asheville at 10 a. m. Thursday, will go to Fontana and spend the night there. Friday they will tour the Smoky Mountain Park area, and return to Asheville for the night.

Saturday the commission and their guests will tour Blithmore House, and have lunch at the Elk's Club in Hendersonville. After inspecting the Ridgecrest-Old Fort road construction project they will have supper in Black Mountain.

On Saturday the group comes to Blowing Rock and Boone, having lunch at Mount Mitchell. Arriving in Boone in the late afternoon, they will picnic and attend "Horn in the West." Spending the night here, they will leave for their homes early Monday morning.

## Parkway Receives Grant of \$1,413,096

Roanoke, Va., Aug. 18 — The Blue Ridge Parkway has received a 1953-54 appropriation of \$1,413,096—most of which will be spent on the North Carolina section of the drive.

Virginia will receive only a fraction of the amount appropriated for new work.

The Old Dominion will share \$115,400 with North Carolina for the construction of guard rails and \$47,100 for erosion control and right-of-way stabilization.

In announcing the appropriation, Superintendent Sam P. Weems said that about \$44,000,000 is needed to complete the parkway. At the present rate of annual

appropriations it will take about 50 years to finish the parkway, he said.

Weems pointed out that the Blue Ridge Parkway leads all other national parks, including Yellowstone, in the number of visitors.

He estimated that four million persons will travel on the drive this year—an increase of close to a half million over last year.

Weems said the biggest parkway need in Virginia now is to construct the 11-mile gap just north of the James River, which would complete the parkway north of Roanoke.

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## Two Thousand View Horn; Year's Record

The biggest crowd of the year—2,000 people—gathered at the Daniel Boone Theatre to see "Horn in the West" last Saturday night in spite of late afternoon showers and threatening skies. This represented a gain of 100 over attendance for Saturday night, August 15, when weather conditions were perfect.

"Horn in the West" had its 109th performance Tuesday night, and will conclude its second season Monday night, September 7.

For the past several Saturday nights, members of the Southern Appalachian Historical Association's board of directors and other

public-spirited local residents have assisted in handling the crowds. They have worked on the parking lots, and have helped with program selling, ticket sales, refreshments and ushering spectators to their seats in the theatre.

Since North Carolina schools will be open before the drama closes this season, General Manager William M. Hardy has sent letters to school principals within a 100-mile radius of Boone, offering a special discount on tickets to school groups planning to attend the drama on any evening except Saturdays.

## Gilbert Bare Hurt In Crash

Gilbert T. Bare, co-owner of Bare's Department Store was injured in an automobile accident at Key West, Fla., last week, it is learned here. Mr. Bare is a patient in a Miami Hospital, suffering from a spinal injury.

Mr. Bare's two children are said to have been with him, one of whom is suffering from a concussion.