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TWENTY YEAR MAN-Bill Rush, who recently finished 20 years continuous service as printer-pressman in the Democrat's composing room, is snapped as he goes about his usual duties. Mr. Rush went to work for the Democrat on September 16, 1933 .- Staff Photon

#### KING ALBERT MILLER MEETS DEATH IN STREET

ROB RIVERS

TWENTY YEARS on a regular trip to Hampton,
Two decades ago, Bill Rush Tennessee, where he drove a came to Boone from North Wil-Jumber truck. The accident ockesboro to take a "temporary" cured Wednesday, September 23. job with the Democrat . . . He He is survived by his sister, job with the Democrat . . . He hasn't missed a pay day in the wenty years, and the other day Fork, and a host of other relathe Democrat had a dinner party for the force and their families, honoring Bill for his fidelity to the publisher and to the Demo-crat . . . When Bill came to at 2:00 o'clock. Rev. Rex W. West Boone, Roosevelt had been elected, the NRA had just been set charge. Burial was in the church up, beer had come back, the people were voting the eighteenth amendment out of the constitu-tion, but times were still tough
... Besides, a pall hung over the

newspaper office due to the death of R. C. Rivers, which occurred the day after Bill went to . . But things straightened out in time, the subscribers and publisher, prosperity began to other patrons got used to a new som, business picked up, and the temporary job Bill took continued from week to week without a word . . . And strange to say, the teeny-weeny pay check which was first passed to Bill Rush, grew from year to year until the present time, without one word having been said by the employee regarding a raise . . .

As business improved there'd be a little more money come Saturday, a dollar now, maybe five dollars more some other week, but never a wage discussion out any kind . . . And we submit the Rob Rivers-Bill Rush association as the perfect example of management-labor relations.

A GOOD CITIZEN At any rate, Bill set to work in the Democrat's composing room with the zest of youth . . . Things had been pretty tough on all of us, and the youngster liked a steady job. labored faithfully-often with equipment which should have been scrapped, if there had been replacement money newspaper and the city, and established himself as one of Bill has three children, all in High School, the oldest in the Senior class and a mighty fine family of folks came about of from a little talk we had with a lad from Wilkes in 1933, when we allowed "think we can give you a little work, for a month, maybe!" . . . At the end of the month, poining was said—hasn't been yet—and we hope Bill Rush will be around

at least another twenty years, keeping things on the move, and ministering to the fine equipment which supplanted the worn machinery with which he first toiled. Bill took time out the other day to reminisce on the road back and the things which have happened ... He takes great pride in the growth of the town. in the progress of his fine children, and in the revolution which con-

tinues in the mechanical department of the Democrat . . . We cherish the friendship and loyalty of this valued employee. who has contributed so magni (Continued on page four)

**Presnell Faces** Charge Of Incest;

\$3,500 Bond Asked Raymond Presnell, 42, Vilas picture layout on his apiary acti-vities in a recent issue of Life

magazine, was arrested Monday, September 21, and lodged in Wa-tauga County jail on a charge of Presnell was arrested on a warrant issued at the instigation

of his wife. He has been unable to post a \$3,500 bond for his appearance at the spring term of

Watauga Superior Court. Sheriff Earl D. Cook said Mrs. Presnell charged that her husband had been intimate with their 15-year-old daughter over a period of two years.

The Presnells have four daughters, the oldest of whom is the victim of alleged attacks by

Presnell was shown in a series of pictures in Life carrying on his activities among his many hive of bees. He raises bees and sells honey throughout this area.

The Presnell home is in the Boone Fork community on Shulls Mills Toad, near Vilas.

TRUCK MISHAP Rev. H. C. Linn Mr. Abert Miller, a resident of Goes To Spindale stantly killed when a large trail-

Rutherfordton, Sept. 23 - The Rev. Hubert C. Linn is the new pastor of the Spindale Lutheran Church and will take up his new work the first Sunday in October. He is a native of Tokyo, Japan,

and son of the Rev. and Mrs. J. Arthur Linn, who were Lutheran and found the right opportunity if approved by special election and found the right opportunity if approved by special election in getting ready for the voting October 3, provides that the not be required for this purpose." years. He came to this country in 1933 with his parents. Mr. Linn was graduated from

the Hendersonville High School in 1942, after which he enlisted in the Army Ain force and served three years. He was graduated from Lenoir Rhyne College in 1948 and from the Lutheran Theological Seminary, Columbia, S. C., in 1951.

On July 8, 1951, he was ordained and since then has served the Watauga Lutheran Parish. The Watauga County semi-an-

His father, grandfather nual Singing Convention will be great grandfather were all Luth held Sunday afternoon, beginning eran preachers.
at 1 o'clock, at the Gospel Taber- Mr. Linn was married Oct. 27,

1951, to Miss Phyllis Irene Boddizer. She is a graduate of Carthage College, Ill. She served a year as minister of music at Emman-uel Lutheran Church of High

The programs administered by

Every farmer in each commu-

nity in Wateuga County who as owner, tenant, operator, or share-

cropper is participating in any

the administration of the com-

to vote, Mr. Cable said:

**PMA Elections Will Be** Held By Mail This Year

The County PMA Committee | lar member and two alternates. has detremined that PMA farmercommittee elections will be held the committeemen include the by mail again this year. Nomi- Agricultural Conservation Pronating meetings have been held gram, Price Support Programs, and ballots are being prepared Marketing Quota and Acreage for mailing to all eligible voters lotment Programs on tobacco and October 2, it was announced this such other programs as we have week by Dwight Cable, chairman been or will be called on to carry of the Watauga County PMA out.

er hit the truck he was driving

Mrs. Edward Wellborn of Stony

Funeral services were held at

**County Singing** 

Set For Sunday

nacle. Mr. Ivan Younce is chair-

man in charge. Everyone is in-

Business inventories are steady,

tives and friends.

Committee. Ballots must be in the County PMA office before October 12, after which they will be counted and the names of the committeemen and delegates elected will be announced. Each community will elect a chairman, vice-chairman, regular member, first and second alternates and a delegate to the county convention which will meet Friday, October 16, to elect a county committee consisting of a chairman, vice-chairman, regu-

Mrs. Roy Reese Dies In Lenoir

Mrs. Roy Reese of Lenoir died at her home Wednesday morning September 24, after an extended illness. She was 63 years old.

Funeral services were held September 26 at the First Baptist Church, Burial was in Mountain Lawn cemetery, with GreC Funeral Home of Lenoir in charge. She is survived by her husmie Boggs of Fayeteville; Mrs. Beulah Gable of Lexington, Ky.; Mr. Don Reese of Mt. City, Tenn.; of this section, such as Prince The parsonnel from the state Mr. James Reese of William and Domino Paladin, Jr., MW Prince office that will help with the Mary College; Mr. Paul Reese of Larry 10th, Mill Iron B 628th, show and sale will include J. S. Baltimore, Md.; and Mr. Willis Reese of Lincoln, N. C. A son Dale Reese died in service in

Hot dry weather in August cuts

SENATOR LENNON

# **LENNON VISITS** BOONE ON TOUR

Wilmington, spent Thursday and whether or not new taxes night and Friday in Boone, get- are being voted. ting acquainted with the people In these last days of the cam-and laying the ground works for paign Brandon Hodges, co-chairthe spring primaries. Senator Lennon was accompanied by his administrative assistant John which we think will interest Wa-

The Senator said he had always wanted to visit all of North Carolina's one hundred counties, orizing the issuance of the bonds

He says he's enjoying his current tour to the fullest and expects to keep up his informal get-acquainted trips until the first of the year. Senator Lennon was appointed

to the Senate July 10 to fill out the term of Senator Willis Smith,

### Union Religious Service To Honor College Students

The churches of Boone will conduct a union service Sunday at 8:00, honoring the students of Appalachian State Teachers College. The service will be in the

Boone Methodist Church. The High School Chorus, under the direction of Mrs. N. G. Ern-eston, will furnish the music

Ministers of the various churches will assist in the service, with "Challenge from the Church" being given by the Rev. L. H. Hollingsworth, pastor of the First Baptist Church.

Everyone is cordially invited to members of the college faculty. College students are asked to sit hand to assist in the seating.

-The ministers hope that this service will help to get the Re-ligious Emphasis Week off to a good start, and help to show the appreciation of the church for the college students and faculty.

program administered by the County PMA Committee is eligi-**VFW Membership** ble to vote in the election in his community. Supper Arranged In urging every eligible farmer "Whether you are satisfied with

mitteemen now in office or not, Auxiliary will be held at the you should vote and vay. The right to yote means nothing if it at 7:30. All members are asked to attend.

### Annual Feeder Calf Sale ed over the session; with the Rev. Features Good Animals

Watauga and Avery counties. | at 1:00 p. m. and will consist of

12:00 o'clock Monday, October 5, steer and heifer calves. band, Roy Rees of Lenoir and and will be a contest between All calves in the sale have been the following children: Mrs. Tom- the get of different bulls. We will vaccinated for blackleg and shiphave in this show calves by sons ping fever, and no bull calves or

The third annual Boom Feeder A. Henson, A. W. Greene, Walter Calf sale on October 5 is feature. F. Edmisten, and Tom Lawrence. ing the top grade beef calves of The sale will follow the show The pre-sale show will start at the show cattle plus many other pared by school lunchroom help-

Wataugans To Join Trek. To Polls; School Bond'Issue Looms

Carolina will go to the polls Sat-form and the principal shall be urday in a special election to pass repaid over a period of twenty on the issuance of \$72,000,000 in years. State bonds for schoolhouse con- "In the case of the \$22,000,000 struction and for mental hospital issue for mental hospitals, care-

amount of interest has developed nual appropriation necessary to in the proposal for the past few repay principal and integest will days, woman's club, teachers organizations, and a number of the General Fund. political leaders have indicated their support of the bond proposal, and it is expected that there calculations indicate that the rewill be a fair vote cast here. Questions Answered

Those unfamiliar with the issues are asking how much money will be needed to retire the bonds, Senator Alton A. Lennon of where the money will come from

man of the effort, has prepared the answer to these questions, taugans:

Life Sentence Passed By

**JudgeNettlesInRapeCase** 

ful calculations have been made In Watauga county, a fair and it is estimated that the an-

payment of principal and interest tion of approximately \$3,200,000 from the General Fund.

"Hence, it is estimated that the combined issue would require an average appropriation from the General Fund amounting to approximately \$4,600,000 for each of the next twenty years. Thus, total debt service required for the two issues would amount to approximately 21/2% of current General Fund revenue. In view of the relatively small amount necessary to repay both princiand found the right opportunity if approved by special election pal and interest, new taxes will



Greensboro-Thomas E. Story, suddenly turned worse Sanday 65-year-old chairman of the night. North Carolina Republican Party who was seriously injured in an automobile wreck Saturday, was reported in critical condition at Wesley Long Hospital last week after his condition took a sudden turn for the worse.

**BULLETIN!** 

A hospital attendant told the Democrat Wednesday at 9:30 a. m. that Mr. Story's condition was considerably improved at that to Raleigh to attend a rally of

Hospital officials said the Wilkesboro attorney and Watauga ed the accident without serious native had suffered a punctured lung in addition to fractures of a cuts and his wife was treated for leg and collarbone previously re-

provement Sunday, the hospital ed at L. Richardson Memorial

Mr. Story, attorney and widely

known civic leader, was alone and was driving to Raleigh when his car collided on the three-lane highway with a cor occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Booker W. Summers of Gibsonville. Mrs. Summers was driving that car.

Mr. Story, who was elected chairman of the North Carolina Republican Recutive committee April 30 this year, was en route Eastern North Carolina Young Republicans Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Summers escapcuts on the face and one knee. She was released after treatment Story had shown slight im- but her husband was hospitaliz-

tation to all college students and members of the college faculty Dougherty Favors Bond Plan At PTA Meeting

gymnasium, the Boone Parent hews has been secured to lead Teachers Association held its frist the young people in their play. the demonstration and high schools. The meeting was held Monday at 6:45 o'clock, and was attended by approximately parents and teachers.

Speaker for the occasion was A free membership supper for Dr. B. B. Dougherty, who spoke the Veterans of Foreign Wars and at length on the coming bond issues vote, and recited various incidents in his fight for better schools for the State of North

President Wade Brown presid-J. K. Parker, Jr., giving the invocation. A supper which was prepared by the patrons of the schools consisted of fried chicken, tomatoes, potato salad, rakes and pies, pickles, rolls and coffee and orange juice. The rolls and po-tato salad and coffee were pre-

The teachers and their student teachers were introduced by Mr. John Howell, principal of the elementary grades, and Dr. J. R. Shaffer, principal of the high Mrs. J. E. Holshouser announce

Notice has been received that Specialist, Guy R. Cassell, Extension Livestock been worked out by several the following farmers will put a pen of four calves in this show. Livestock Marketing Specialist, and Robert Myrick, pen of four calves in this show. Livestock Marketing Specialist, and Robert Myrick, John H. Hollar, Tom Ward, Charles Trivette, David Farthing, L. Culture.

Buchanan, Extension Livestock been worked out by several townspeople, in the interest of the student body.

Trivetay night by members of the student body.

After the play, alumni and parents will be guests of the students, parents, and alumni will be guests of the Student students and faculty at open house and a reception. Open the high school gymnasium.

Green of Deep Gap.

Meeting in the high school tional purposes. Miss Janie Mat

Carolina, Watauga not being included in that ten. Due to this, schools in some of the counties were very inadequate.

Dr. Dougherty stated he has worked for consolidation and equalization of educational opportunities for all children of the state. He said that if Watauga

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REV. J. T. SHACKFORD

### Shackford To Retain Pastorate Of Local Church

Rev. J. T. Shackford, was returned to the pastorate of the Boone Methodist Church by the Western North Carolina Conference at its closing session in High Point Sunday afternoon. Rev. Mr. Shackford has served

the Boone Church for three years. Rev. C. R. McKinney was re-turned to the Boone Circuit. Rev. N. C. Bush was assigned

to the Watauga Circuit, succeeding Rev. Ralph Miller, who goe to Bostic. Rev. R. L. Phillips was given

the Todd Circuit. The District Superintendent for the coming church year will be Rev. J. G. Winkler, succeed-ing Rev. J. W. Hoyle.

### 45 Patients Are Seen By Dr. Gaul

Forty-five patients were seen by Dr. J. S. Gaul, Sr. at the Orthopedic Clinic held Friday morning September 18th at the offices of the District Health Department. Assisting were two physiotherapists, Mr., Guy Ettes and Miss Celeste Hayden.

Among patients seen were convalescent polio-syelitis patients from Watauga county and ents from Watauga county and 2 from Ashe county. Last month's clinic was held in Jefferson, as it alternates between the two counties.

September 27 in Watauga Hospital, where he had been a patient for 12 days.

Funeral services were schedul-

Senior 4-H Boys Elect Officers

Claude Austin, vice-president; Gary, and Delma, all of Triplett; Gary Haartley, secretary-treasur-four daughters, Mrs. Opal Wheeler; Bill Austin, reporter.

There are twenty-four members in the club this year as compared to sixteen last wear. Mr. R. L. Tait, vocational agri-

the club this year. NATO pushes the standardiza- Last Lamb Pool

## Homecoming Set For Appalachian High

welcome back to the school the classes. people who have graduated from Activities now being planned usually takes it, many activities are being plan- for Friday, October 9, include a the Ashe pool. ned to show the public what the parade by the high school band, school is doing today.

at Appalachian High School has everyone an opportunity to see been set for October 8 and 9. some of the projects and activi-Since Homecoming is planned to ties being carried on by various Payment will be made when all

a football game, and an informal A homecoming play, "The Blue dance. The Appalachian Blue Teapot", will be presented on Devils will play the Bakersville Thursday night by members of team on the college field on Fri-

enced to life imprisonment in tauga Superior Court Thursday, September 24, for rapidg his 11-year old niece last June 12.

Judge Zeb V. Nettles of Ashe ville passed sentence at 11:30 a m, after an all maile jury delib-erated for nearly eight hours Wednesday and Thursday and returned a verdict of guilty with recommendation of mercy.

The jury received the case at 5 p. m. Wednesday and at 8 p. m returned to the courtroom to ask Judge Nettles to repeat his instructions. The judge replied that the jury could find young Teague guilty as charged by the state, not guilty, or guilty of the lesser offense of assault on a female.

The jurors returned to their chamber and at 9 p. m. announced that they had been unable to reach a verdict. Judge Nettles dismissed them and ordered them to return to the court-at 9 a. m. Thursday and resume delibera-

Witnesses, one of them a neigh-bor who lives across the street from the defendant, said the saw Teague take the child into his house, and when her brothers and others tried to open the door they found it locked. They said that no one answered their knocks on the door.

Davant of Blowing Rock Hospital, who examined the child on the day of the alleged offense, was a witness for the state.

Teague entered a plea of inno

He testfiled that he had been out drinking the night before, and had slept late. He said that (Continued on page three)

### Woman's Club **Urges Approval** Of Bond Issue

The Boone Junior Woman's Club urges that the citizens of Watauga County unite in voting school bond issue, and the bond issue for mental institutions, the latter of which will mean appropriations for one of their welfare projects, Caswell Training

### Walter M. Triplett Taken By Death .

Walter Monroe Triplett, 53year-old resident of Triplett, died

ed to be held Wednesday, September 30, in the Mount Ephrian Baptist Church at Triplett, conducted by the Rev. Ross Greene with burial to follow in the Simmons Cemetery.

The Boone Senior 4-H boys elected the following officers and Mrs. Lillie Triplett; his mother, its regular meeting last Thursday: Roby Triplett, Cleveland, Ohio, Robert Bingham, president; and Richard, Garnett, Glenn, ing and Mrs. Edith McCrary, both of Lenoir; Mrs. Irene Welch and Mrs. Murrill Lewis, both of Triplett; two brothers, Conley Waters and Trap Triplett, both of culture teacher, is the sponsor for Triplett.®

# Set For Friday

The last 1953 North Carolina lamb pool will be held at West Jefferson on Friday, October 2. Watauga sheep producers are invited to sell lambs with the Ashe county sheepmen.

Lambs will be graded and weighed from 7:00 until 10:00 a. calculations are complete, which usually takes several days for

#### 3 At Mars Hill