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RETURNS—Austin E. South, above right, newly appointed Clerk of Court for Watauga County, is shown being congratulated upon his return to office by Fred M. Gragg, who resigned the post to accept a position with the International Resistance Corp. in Boone. Mr. South held the Clerk of Court job for 20 years prior to 1946, when Mr. Gragg was elected to the position, and was sworn in last Thursday after Superior Court Judge J. C. Rudisill appointed him to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Gragg's.—Staff photo.

KING STREET BY ROB RIVERS

HEAVY FALL TRAVEL
The influx of tourists into the Boone-Blowing Rock area over the week end was heavy. From all sections of the country they came to view the magnificent colors of the dying leaves, and to enjoy the balmy, clear air of the high hills. On a trip down the Blowing Rock-Leanoir mountain Sunday morning, we counted a couple of hundred cars, coming up the hill, in the few minutes travel from Green Park to the foot of the mountain. In the afternoon we met 240 returning in the same few miles. Motor courts and other lodging places at Boone and Blowing Rock did good business at a summer time level, in some cases—as the people made a final foray into the elevated regions.

LONGER SEASON
Which brings to mind the fact that the tourist season should be extended into the fall—that there should be a lengthening of the time when folks from far-away come and enjoy the hill country. Of course the negative answer is the fact that the folks who have children must be home after the opening of school. But the large numbers of folks who have come this fall have rather convinced us that there are tourist promotion possibilities in the Blue Ridge area. Long after Labor Day normally puts the lid on summer travel. The heavy travel along the Parkway, and on the principal roads into this immediate locality clearly show that the folks aren't through traveling when the hot days go. Fact is, many of them like the cooler days of autumn better. And while we might not successfully promote a fall tourist event, a Festival of the Falling Leaves, for instance—tourist promotional material should lay heavy stress on the week-end trips amongst the hills of crimson and gold and russet.

WORKED ON ANCIENT PRESS
Will Haynes, who has long since passed the four score and ten mark, went back to Fresno, Ohio, the first of the week, where he has been living since he left his native health in Watauga thirty-three years ago. An alumnus of the old Watauga Democrat composing room. Will refers to his experiences, which in his early teens, he stood atop a cracker box and inked the page forms of the Democrat so's Bob Rivers, the publisher, could crack down with the lever of the old Washington hand press, and get out the local news. Jovial and kind, Will is always glad to return to the smell of the printers' ink, and vows: "Well, after all, I'm just visiting home folks. You folks on the Watauga Democrat are not only my good friends, we're kin, folks!" He speaks interestingly of those days, far back in another age, when Daniel Boone Dougherty edited the paper, while Robert C. Rivers was the publisher. Back before gas engines, and electric motors, and typesetting machines and "steam presses" (continued on page four)

47 Herefords Sold For Total Sum Of \$9,187.50

The Watauga Purebred Hereford Breeders sold 47 lots for \$9,187.50 in the eleventh annual Boone sale. The top price of \$440.00 was paid for Banner Domino 6, a summer yearling consigned by W. H. Walker, Sugar Grove. This bull was reserve champion bull in the pre-sale show. He sold to Levi Teague, Taylorsville, N. C. The champion bull came from the Finley P. Hodges and Son consignment and sold to C. G. Fox, Hickory, for \$325.00.

The champion female of the pre-sale show went to Shipley Farm on SF Princess Larynn, a February calf by HC Larry Domino 66, and out of a cow rich in WHR Triumph breeding. The heifer sold for \$365.00 to Mr. Wade E. Campbell, Taylorsville, and was the highest priced heifer of the sale.

The reserve champion heifer came from the C. C. Edmisten consignment and sold for \$275.00 to H. L. Edmundson, Horseshoe, N. C.

The largest buyer of the sale was Mr. Levi Teague, Taylorsville, who took nine head including the highest selling bull. O. T. Sherrill, Hickory, took four head and C. G. Fox, Hickory, took three head.

Breeders who purchased two lots included H. L. Edmundson, Horseshoe, N. C., M. M. Hodges, Vilas, Bernard Hodgson, Boone, T. G. Finger, Newton, Rt. 1, E. A. Dillard, Shulls Mills, and Claude Eggers, Banner Elk.

Other buyers in the sale were Soapstone Ranch, Newton, M. O. Wike, Granite Falls, Diamond S. Ranch, Boone, Claude Austin, Boone, J. E. Holbert, Horseshoe, N. C., S. Ray Moore, Leanoir, D. A. Wike, Lenoir, J. C. Turner, Spartanburg, S. C., Bill Wellborn, Deep Gap, W. T. Staley, Millers Creek, H. D. Horney, Banner Elk, Luther Pennell, Taylorsville, Howard Edmisten and Ned Glenn, Sugar Grove, Horace Greer, Boone, Don Greene, A. W. Greene, George A. Wilson, and Harold Henson, all of Boone.

Free Chest X-Ray To Be Available In Boone Soon

Free chest x-rays will be available to the people of Watauga county, when the mobile x-ray unit will be set up on King Street October 28th, 31st, November 3-6, from 11 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Mrs. Frances C. Frances, executive secretary of the Allegheny, Ashe, Watauga Tuberculosis Association, who makes the announcement, issues this further statement:

"You may have tuberculosis. The trouble is, you wouldn't know it until it reached an advanced stage.

"Because it has no pronounced symptoms, tuberculosis kills nearly 50,000 Americans a year. However, this disease can be cured. If it caused you to feel ill immediately like most other diseases, you would go to a doctor. As it is, tuberculosis may advance far in your body before you know it. Then it may take months and years to arrest or cure.

"There's one sure way to know if you have the disease. Get a Chest x-ray. This will show if tuberculosis has begun its destructive work on the lungs. Often the healthiest looking person may be diseased.

"These chest x-rays are made possible by your contributions to the Christmas Seal sale. In fact, you may be paying, through your contributions, for the x-ray you take.

"The only way to eradicate the disease is to find all the unknown cases in the county. It has been estimated that there are a quarter of a million unknown cases in the U. S. Some of these may be in Watauga county.

"If you are not sure you don't have tuberculosis then you better have an x-ray. You may save your life."

Kiddies To Paint Windows
The Worthwhile Club is sponsoring a Halloween window decoration contest again this year and will award prizes to the children making the best designs on the business windows of the town.

Permission will be secured of course, and nothing but Bon Ami will be used. The contest is sponsored in an effort to recognize artistic talent, and to lure the youngsters away from damage to property at Halloween time.

Correction
In the recent report of the Watauga Superior Court Dave H. Ragan was said to have been "permanently unlicensed to drive." As a matter of fact Mr. Ragan was charged with permitting an unlicensed person to operate his car. Prayer for judgment was continued for two years upon payment of the costs.

World rye production this year is forecast at about 1,570,000,000 bushels.

United States farmers must be prepared to produce enough food for 200,000,000 citizens by 1975.

Health Council Discusses Plans Medical Center

Some fifty citizens representing various communities in Watauga County held an enthusiastic meeting at Bethel School last Friday evening. In the absence of Dr. John Martin, president of the council, Dr. G. K. Moose presided.

The meeting was opened with prayer led by Mr. Ray Wilson. Group singing followed which was led by Mrs. Clyde Greene. Dr. Michal and Mrs. Glover each talked briefly on the purpose of the meeting which was to find ways and means to secure a health center for Watauga county. This is sorely needed in our county.

An interesting picture was shown, "So Much For So Little," showing services offered each individual by adequate public health staffs, operating in sufficiently convenient and well-equipped quarters. Dr. Moose then led a discussion during which some constructive suggestions were made. It was pointed out that through the Medical Care Commission, Hill-Burton and State funds are still available to our county to meet three-fourths of the cost of a health center, fully equipped, provided the county furnished an acre in a suitable location plus one-fourth of the cost of the project. Sections of the county represented at the meeting indicated that much interest has already been aroused in the project.

The following committee was appointed from Beaver Dam Section: Chairman, W. R. Vines, J. M. Sherwood, Fred Winkler, A. L. Reese, George Smitherman, Cecil Swift and Allen Heaton. Others of the counties 35 communities will organize committees. Plans were made to hold another meeting of the health council in November at another section of the county. The place is to be announced later.

The group voted to ask the president of the council to appoint a steering committee representative of all sections of the county to make further plans.

Gene Reed Chosen Rotarian Boy
Gene Reed, senior at Appalachian High School has been designated Rotarian Boy for October by the Boone Rotary Club, which is recognizing an outstanding local high school lad each month. Gene is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Reed of Boone. Some of his high school activities follow:

President of his class for three years, member football squad three years, and currently the captain, member basketball team, co-captain last year; member baseball team three years, co-editor The Laurel, president National Honor Society, elected Homecoming King this year, member Student Council, chief Junior Marshal last year, member of Men's A Club.

Weather
The week of October 11 was another of relatively mild temperature, according to the weekly weather report by Dr. Arnold Van Peit. There was no break in the continuing dry period.

Max.	Min.	6 p. m.	Date
71	30	53	Oct. 11
72	39	55	Oct. 12
62	37	52	Oct. 13
55	45	48	Oct. 14
69	39	57	Oct. 15
73	47	55	Oct. 16
73	36	59	Oct. 17

Precipitation: Oct. 14—0.1; Oct. 15—Trace.

Romy Story Lauded In 1908 Carolina Annual
Two North Carolina institutions of higher learning will honor the memory of a Watauga County native on the campus of Appalachian State Teachers College Saturday, October 24, the college's annual Homecoming Day.

A plaque will be unveiled to the memory of Romy Story, who is said to have established the most brilliant athletic record ever attained at the University of North Carolina.

The program will be held during the halftime of the football game Saturday afternoon. Dr. I. G. Greer, executive vice president of the Business Foundation of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, will preside at the dedication.

Dr. B. B. Dougherty, president of ASTC, will speak on "Romy Story as I knew him." Recognition will be given his teammates at Appalachian and at the University of North Carolina who are expected to attend. The Honorable John W. Umstead of Chapel Hill, who spearheaded a movement begun in 1947 for the erection of the monument, will speak representing the University.

The 1908 edition of the Yackety Yack, University year book, was dedicated to the memory of Romy Story with this inscription: "To the memory of Romy Story, who exemplified on many a hard-fought battlefield the highest ideals of University athletics, we

Appalachian Alumni To Observe Homecoming



THREE VEHICLE WRECK—Two of the cars involved in a wreck at the corner of King Street and Junaluska Road are pictured before being removed from the scene of the accident. A coal truck, not shown, was also involved in the accident, and coal and the tire in the picture were part of its cargo. Mrs. Stanley South was driver of the car in front while Deputy Sheriff Will C. Miller was driver of the other car. A Mr. Hudson of Morgantown was driver of the truck. Mrs. South, her small son, and Miss Irma Taylor, Boone, Route 1, were shaken up, but not seriously hurt, in the accident.—Staff photo.

Appalachian State Teachers College alumni from throughout the country will gather here Saturday, October 24, for the 54th annual Homecoming observances of the school. A luncheon business meeting at noon and a football game between Appalachian and Emory & Henry will be among the highlights of the week-end.

Schedule for the activities is as follows: Friday night at 8 o'clock, homecoming play by the Playcrafters with a reception for alumni and participants immediately afterwards. Saturday, 9 a. m. until noon, registration; 10:30, "Old Timers" reunion of students from 1899 through 1929; noon, annual luncheon and business meeting; 2:00, viewing of projects and parade; 2:45, Appalachian vs. Emory & Henry College; 5:00, alumni reception; 6:00, dinner; and 8:00, homecoming dance. In addition to planned activities, open house will be observed in college residence houses.

New officers will be elected at the luncheon meeting on Saturday. Outgoing officers are, president, H. G. Jones of the Department of History, Duke University; vice-president, Thomas L. Ward, principal of Huntersville School, Mecklenburg County; and secretary-treasurer, Walter C. Joyce, principal of White Rock School, Forsyth County.

Alumni officials are predicting this year's attendance record will be even surper last year's record-breaking turnout. Plans on the campus are being handled by Chi Lambda Chi under the leadership of Miss Helen Burch, dean of women.

Coleman Says Burley Is Good In Watauga

Mr. R. C. Coleman, of Tabor City, who operates the Mountain Burley Tobacco Warehouses here, believes that this year's local tobacco crop is the best he's seen, and that the high prices received will compensate for the lower yield occasioned by dry weather.

Mr. Coleman, in Watauga recently, on a pre-season survey, says:

"I have never seen tobacco looking so good in the barns. Of all the many crops examined, I found only one bad one and that was a crop that had been placed too closely together in the barn, causing barn-burn. The color is extra good, which would indicate

the price would be high, though I am inclined to think tobacco will be lighter than usual. The number of pounds per acre may not be up to expectations but we believe the price will compensate, provided the tobacco is properly graded when stripped and kept dry. The greatest loss to farmers is caused by their failure to properly grade their tobacco and one of the greatest faults is sending tobacco to market wet."

Mr. Coleman was really enthusiastic about the report of the North Carolina Tobacco Warehouse at Tabor City, another of his operations, which has just closed. The total sales amounted

to 10,236,000 pounds. 7,448,000 pounds, or almost three-fourths of all tobacco sold on the Tabor City market was sold by Mr. Coleman at the New Carolina Tobacco Warehouse. The average price of the 7,448,000 pounds was \$58.90 per hundred.

Mr. Coleman was even more enthusiastic about his own tobacco crop. He owns a large farm near Tabor City and after warehouse charges were deducted, he realized \$32,264.74 for his own crop, the average price being 62½¢ per pound. When asked how he accounted for this excellent yield in such a dry year, Mr. Coleman said, "First, I got extra strong plants; they were carefully set and fortunately, we had a good rain soon after they were set. The plants were properly fertilized so that they got a good start. Last, but not least, my tenants graded most carefully, under my personal supervision; cured it correctly, and brought the crop to market good and dry. It is the best crop I have ever grown and the yield was almost 2,000 pounds per acre. It sold at the best price I have ever received."

The fact that such a large number of farmers in the Tabor City area showed so much confidence in Mr. Coleman by selling their crops at his warehouse, should impress the farmers of this territory and they should take note of the many things he mentioned that go into the making of excellent grade tobacco and good price.

Mr. Coleman thinks much of our tobacco this year will bring as much as 70¢, with choice baskets bringing considerably more. He is enthusiastically looking forward to the opening of the market at Boone and Mountain City, which will be on or about November 30.

One Held In Car Theft; Money, Checks Found

One man has been bound over to Federal Court, and another released for lack of sufficient evidence, in connection with the alleged theft of an automobile containing \$167 cash and \$400 in checks here last Friday night, according to Sheriff Earl D. Cook.

The money and checks were still in the car when it was found Sunday by the Sheriff and his deputies, hidden in the mountains near Neva, Tenn. The money was in a bag under the front seat, and the checks were in an envelope behind the sun visor.

The only thing missing from the car was a .25 Colt automatic, the sheriff said.

Clyde S. Greene, principal of Bethel High School and owner of Kay's Sandwich Shop on South Depot street, stopped his 1949 Chevrolet in front of the shop Friday night and went inside, leaving the money and checks,

school funds, in the car. He had been in the shop about ten minutes when he came out and found the car gone.

Sheriff Cook's investigation led to the recovery of the car Sunday and the arrest of Burette Presnell, 50-year-old Watauga County man, who implicated Floyd Ward, 22, of Boone, in the theft. Ward, however, was released for lack of evidence by the F. B. I. agent who was called into the case by the sheriff because the car had been taken across a state line.

U. S. Commissioner S. C. Eggers, of Boone, found probable cause at a hearing held Monday, and Presnell posted bond for his appearance at the November term of Federal Court in Wilkesboro, Sheriff Cook said.

New auto dealers are surfeited with excess factory volume.

Four Bands To Appear Saturday

Mr. William G. Spencer, director of the Appalachian State Teachers College band, has announced that four high school bands will be on the college campus for the Homecoming game this Saturday afternoon. Included are Appalachian High School band, under the direction of Mr. Roy Blanton; Hickory High School band, directed by Mr. Landon Walker; Wilkes Central High School band, directed by Mr. Claude Jarrett; and the Valdesse High School band, directed by Mr. George Wilson. All four of the band directors are graduates of ASTC.

The bands will arrive in Boone Saturday morning and will be escorted to their places by members of the college music faculty, assisted by the college band members. A picnic lunch has been planned for them, to be held in front of the Fine Arts Building at 12 noon.

Following the picnic, each band will participate in the parade through the campus and up town at one o'clock. After the parade, the combined bands will help put on the pre-game show on the football field at two-thirty. They will spell out the name GRADS, as a salute to all visiting graduates and alumni. During the halftime, the bands will salute Romy Story by spelling out his last name on the field, and with the playing of "Auld Lang Syne."

Mr. Blanton, of Boone, received his B. S. degree at ASTC in 1941, and his M. A. in 1950. Mr. Walker received his M. A. the summer of 1952, and Mr. Wilson and Mr. Jarrett received their B. S. degrees in 1940.

Pomona Grange Meets Thursday

The Watauga County Pomona Grange will meet Thursday night, October 22, at 8 o'clock, at the Green Valley School. Refreshments will be served and all members are urged to be present.

SCHOOL SAVERS
More than 3,450,000 pupils in 10,000 grade and high schools hold \$113,000,000 in school saving accounts in 500 banks throughout the country, according to a report by the American Bankers Association. The figure compare with about 3,300 pupil depositors owning about \$92,000,000 a year ago.

NEW HOMES
The nations non-farm home owners increased by 5,000,000 in the last five years, with the demand for houses still apparently strong, according to the Federal Reserve Board.