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KING STREET

ROB RIVERS

THE ORDER CHANGETH

John E. Brown Jr. was succeed-

Saturday as postmaster by

le Cook, college graduate,

and more recently a teacher,

marking the first change in the

postmastership here since Janu-

ary 1943, when Mr. Brown took

over the job from Wiley G. Hart-

zog . . . And as the patrons greet

of the postal service, there seems

to be the feeling that a good job has been finished, and that another successful career is start-

ing . . . In looking back over the

postoffice is now starting out with its ninth postmaster during

the present century . . . The vet-

eran Republican politician and merchant, M. B. Blackburn, took care of Uncle Sam's mail during

the early part of the century,

having the office in the left hand

livers (our mom) who held forth

for some time before Murray P.

Critcher was commissioned. John

the Harding landslide. Mr. Farth-

way to Wiley G. Hartzog. John

E. Brown Jr. took over from him

and held until the end of the

postoffice, built at Government

expense was constructed, and

ord we find that the Boone

new executive, and also shake

is with the retiring veteran

Dougherty Named

BOONE, WATAUGA COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1953

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WATAUGA COUNTY

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On Advisory Group At Carson-Newman

Jefferson City, Tennessee, Oct. 30-Dr. B. B. Dougherty, president of Appalachian State Teachers College, has been chosen to serve on the Advisory Board of Carson-Newman College. The Board is composed of approxi-mately one hundred business and Marine Corps combat vcteran, professional leaders who are nominated by the Trustees to cooperate with the President and the Board of Trustees in planning and furthering the development of the college.

"In my opinion," says Dr. Har-by Fite, president of the college, in speaking of the newly-formed Board, "this is the most important forward move of the college in recent years."

Rev. G. C. Cox Is **New Pastor Church At Blowing Rock**

Asheville .- The Rev. G. Carlton corner of his big store opposite the courthouse . . . He was suc-ceeded in 1914 by Mrs. Robert C. Cox, pastor of Merrimon Avenue Baptist Church for more than 17 years, Sunday tendered his resignation to become pastor of the Blowing Rock Baptist Church. The Rev. Mr. Cox announced

E. Brown, Sr. came next, followhis resignation to the congregahower landslide. ed by W. D. Farthing, swept in by tion at the morning services. He will remain with the church here ing gave way after a while to A. W. Smith . . . Mr. Smith held ununtil November 30 and begin his til the Roosevelt sweep and gave

work with the Blowing Rock Church December 1. was educated at Appalachian The Rev. Mr. Cox came to the Merrimon Avenue Church July 1, 1936, after serving as pastor of the Weaverville Baptist Church

Friday.

It has been decided to have the

Health Department offices closed

The Health Department is open

on these days each day from 8:00

in the morning to 5:00 in the ev-

ening, except for the lunch hour

taken by workers. Each Monday morning a gen-

eral diagnomic clinic is held, at-

tended by Mr. Michal. Beginning

with November there will no

longer be held the special clinics

that have been held on the sec-

ond Mondays. This will be chang-

ed from a Monday afternoon to

two Wednesday afternoons each

month, the second Wednesday and

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six years RECORDS OF GOOD SERVICE And as we look back over the years to the days when Manley Blackburn or Miss Jennie or Miss Mattie would He headed the English departhand the mail to a gangling ment of Mars Hill High School kid in the corner of the generduring the year 1927-28 after his al store, we find a record of graduation from college and prior high service to the people . . .

on Saturdays beginning with Not When the Rev. Mr. Cox became Mr. Blackburn would pass out one's mail at any hour of the day or night in tolerably good pastor of the Merrimon Avenue Church it had a membership of been staying in the office Satur- for this well supervision, or phy-.... "Miss Sallie" Rivers 120. It was the old North Ashebrought continued good service. ville Baptist Church at that time. and the first postoffice build-ing-that is the first structure By 1948 the membership had grown to 983. with a full staff on the regular used exclusively as a postofworking days Monday through

With the increase in member fice . . . Murray Critcher pre-sided down at the Coffey store ship, the church was expandeda new church building and educaroom, and was good to everytional building was erected at Merrimon and Annandale ayenbody, while John E. Brown continued the record of fine ues. The old church was located service . . . Mr. Brown, Larna at Merrimon and Hillside Streets. Bingham, Ben Watson, and The Rev. Mr. Cox has been acmaybe others, formed a comtive in the Buncombe Baptist Aspany which erected a postoffice building (where the Building sociation and has held a number

of offices in the organization.

and Loan now operates.) Dudley Farthing and Abner **Book Bazaar** Smith presided there, and each took care of the business in exemplary fashion and with **Begins Nov. 9th** the approval of the patrons ... Wiley G. Hartsog was in the top spot when the present

the fourth Wednesday, which in A book bazaar or exhibit, spon-sored by the Library Science De-partment of Appalachian College, will be held in the basement lob-the College Library Name (C. Lyons, four sons, H. L. Lyons of Hickory, L. M., Clar-ver, Colorado, where she was em-ployed as instructor in the out-patient department at the Uni-patient department at the Uni-patient department at the Uni-science College Library Name (C. Lyons, four sons, H. L. Lyons of Hickory, L. M., Clar-A book bazaar or exhibit, spon-



NEW POSTMASTER-Lyle Cook, above left, is shown receiving the congratulations of John E. Brown, Jr., whom he succeeded as Boone's postmaster. In the background is postoffice inspector Heffner, who administered the oath to the new official .- Staff photo by Joe Minor.

Lyle Cook Sworn In As.Boone Postmaster; Succeeds Ed Brown

Lyle Cook, 31, was sworn in 1944, where he served until April | career in 1935 as substitute vil-Saturday as Boone postmaster, 3, 1946. He spent 21 months in lage mail carrier. The establishsucceeding John E. Brown, Jr., the Pacific Theatre, and was in ment of the highway postoffices in the first local switch of politi- action at Layte and the Philli- between Boone and Greensboro,

D. Cook, is a native Wataugan, Happy Valley two years.

U. S. Marine Corps January 3, class rating. He started his postal ed here

Wilson of Boone

Mrs. Martha Lyons

Mrs. Martha Victoria Lyons,

Route 3, Boone, died Sunday, No-

vember 1, at the age of 76. Fun-

eral services were held Tuesday

at - Grace Lutheran Church in

Succumbs Sunday

cal appointees since the Eisen- pines. Prior to his Marine career an Boone and Charlotte, came he had attended business college about during his term, and were Postmaster Cook, a Republi- at Roanoke, Va. He taught school largely a, result of his tireless can, a son of Sheriff and Mrs. E. at Rockingham for one year and promotion. The city mail delivery service was expanded from 200 Mr. Brown, a Democrat, was family units to 500, and there

State Teachers College, where he appointed Postmaster January 1, were extensions of RFD service received a BS degree in 1950 and 1943. During his tenure the of- from Boone. At his behest Postal an MA in 1953. He enlisted in the fice moved from second to first Savings accounts were establish

A native of Pitt County, he was educated at Mars Hill and Wake Forest colleges and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. **New Member Staff At Health Deparment**

Of Health Dept. There are many in the county who are either not able to afford vember. As only one worker has the services of a private physician day morning, Dr. Mary Michal, sicians who are so busy with the health officer, said it has been care of the sick, that for lack of found that the time of the staff time they would like to refer pacan be used to better advantage tients to a clinic for well supervision. These two clinics a month will be held by Dr. Hadley M.

MISS EDNA HOLIDAY school children participated in A recent addition to the staff

Boone by the Revs. Edwin F. Troutman, J. K. Parker, Jr., and the program. of the Watauga County Health Department is Miss Edna Holiday. C. O. Vance. The body lay in vice-president of the association, state for an hour prior to the She comes to Watauga from Denstressed the fact that one of the

County Health Center of a modern health center for Watauga county brightened last

MISS HELEN UNDERDOWN

James Storie Is

Head Of N. C. E. A.

JAMES M. STORIE

Blowing Rock, Nov. 2-Infor-

mation has been received of the

Legislative Body

Miss Underdown Heads '53 Christmas Seal Sale

Appointment of Miss Helen Underdown as chairman of the 1953 Christmas Seal Sale was announced this week by Mrs. Carl Francis, executive secretary of the Tri-County Tuberculosis Association.

The seal sale, which will be conducted throughout the county by mail from November 16th through December, is the only source of funds for the tuberculosis prevention and control activities of the association. The local campaign will be a part of the 47th annual Christmas Seal Sale to be held throughout the country by the 3,000 voluntary associations affiliated with the National Tuberculosis Association. "Tuberculosis causes great suf-

fering right here in our county, Mrs. Francis said, "so the tuber culosis association is working twelve months a year to prevent this dreaded disease. It deserves

The board of directors of the

Southern Appalachian Historical

Association met Monday and

heard a report from William

Hardy, general manager of "Horn

in the West," on work and plans-for promotion of the drama dur-

Mr. Hardy reported that the

exhibit on the drama had been

seen by over 400,000 persons at

the fairs in Durham, Hickory,

Winston - Salem, and Raleigh.

Thousands of pieces of literature

were distributed at these fairs and

the overall response to the exhi-

In addition, Mr. Hardy has also

started work on the school pro-

gram to be sponsored again this year by the association. He re-

vealed that this program which

started last year would be ex-

panded to include assembly pro-

grams dealing with the drama in

as many schools as possible. Last

year nearly 10,000 North Carolina

Dr. D. J. Whitener, executive

bit was very favorable.

ing the off season months.

members of the Business and the wholehearted support of the Professional Woman's Club, who entire community." "Preparations for the sale have sponsor this drive," Miss Under-

already been started by the down said.

Hardy Reports On Plans

For Promotion Of Horn

Thursday, when an enthusias group of fifty citizens gathered with the county commissioners to lay definite plans for the project. The meeting was called by Dr. John Martin, president of the Health Council, who had named a planning committee representing all sections of the county. The county commissioners, Paul A. Coffey, Leonard Wilson and Clarence Watson, took part in the discussions, and indicated they would work toward finding a way to finance such a project. To this end County Attorney Stacy Eggers was instructed to communicate with the Local Gov-

ernment Commission. The commissioners also indicated that they have a possible site for the health center in mind, which will soon be inspected by a representative of the Medical Care Commission. This organization administers the Hill-Burton act, and through its cooperation Watauga already has a Nurses home nearing completion.

Under the cooperative building plan provided, the county pro vides a site, plus water and sewage disposal, and meets onefourth the cost of the building and equipment.

It was pointed out at the meeting that with funds raised by the various communities, special needs might be covered, while the county would assume the ma-jor cost of building.

Burley Sorting

Schools Slated

The Extension Tobacco Special ists will assist with two tobacco sorting demonstrations in Watauga county on Friday, November 13, according to L. E. Tuckwiller, county agent. The first demonstration will start at 9:30 a. m. at W. R. Vines' farm near the Bethel school. The second will be held at Tom Ward's farm in the lower part of Watauga township.

Both of these farms have a tobacco variety demonstration test with 13 different varieties in each test. Many farmers will want to see how each of these varieties grade out.

Magazine Drive Being Sponsored

A drive for old magazines, sheet music and song books is being sponsored by the Junior Woman's Club beginning Monday, November 16, through Friday, Novem-

