

## KING STREET

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### "KNOW YOUR BANK"

This is "Know Your Bank Week" . . . Pursuant to proclamation of the Governor and the Mayors, banks throughout the State, will play host to the general public during the week. Tours of the banking institutions will be conducted, and the customers will be taught more about their banks by members of the staffs . . . The Northwestern will have an open house event Saturday evening from 7 to 9, refreshments will be served, and prizes will be given those attending . . . Needless to say, large numbers of the patrons of the local bank will take advantage of the opportunity of becoming better acquainted with the men and women who take in the cash, mull over the intricately dull ledgers, and pass some cash across the board in exchange for a note, when a customer has hard-going . . . Then the bankers will be able at the same time to find out more about the customers, who in turn will be guests of the institution, rather than names on the books . . . It's a good idea, and the personnel at the bank and the people will doubtless derive mutual pleasure from the event.

**THE FIFTH BANK**  
The Northwestern Bank is Boone's fifth, and of course the other four are paled by the towering strength of the present institution whose growth has mushroomed in the fat years . . . Built upon the wreckage brought by the depression, the institution has flourished . . . It is one of many links in an area institution, which serves the Western North Carolina region capably and well . . . It is to be congratulated upon its record of service to its people.

**LOOKING BACKWARD**  
Organized in the old courthouse building, which still stands at the corner of King and North Water Streets, the Watauga County Bank fathered banking in Boone . . . E. S. Coffey was perhaps the first cashier . . . Prior to that time, some old records have indicated, the Watauga Democrat did its meagre business with the Merchants & Traders Bank in Mountain City . . . Others went to Lenoir for their banking needs . . . The Watauga County Bank, at any rate, went on until the Roosevelt bank holiday in March 1933, when like all others in the country it was closed . . . "Busted" like so many, it couldn't reopen, and banking was again done out of town . . . The Northwestern grew out of the slim assets of the defunct institution . . . In between we had the Peoples Bank & Trust Co., which was organized in the old Democrat building with G. M. Sudderth of Blowing Rock, the Cashier, later the Peoples Industrial Bank, and along about the same time, the Bank of Boone, which gave up the ghost before the crash . . . Burton K. Baars, from up New England way we believe—the man with the side whiskers, who might have come straight from a Dickens novel, set up this organization, and also established one or two banks in Ashe county . . . His banks were different, in that he offered to add 2 per cent interest to the checking account balances each month . . . This of course, we never could figure, and evidently it wouldn't work, for the bank didn't last long . . . Then there was the Valle Crucis Bank, at Valle Crucis, which operated for several years, and the Bank of Blowing Rock opened after the bank holiday, but which was included in the Northwestern Bank organization.

**A FINE INSTITUTION**  
The Northwestern Bank is an important force in the life of the community, and we felicitate it on the occasion of the State-wide Bank Week observance . . . We enjoy the pleasant interludes at the Bank, and appreciate the many courtesies of Cashier Alfred Adams, and the staff . . . And we remember pleasantly the friendships with G. P. Hagaman, W. D. Farthing, E. S. Coffey, A. Y. Howell, Burton Barrs, G. M. Sudderth and the others . . . They too, contributed a lot to the community.

Scotland is offering savings to attract S. industries.



THANKS—Little Linda Womack, five-year-old resident of the Miles Durham Nursery at the Mills Home division of the Baptist Orphanage in Thomasville, expresses her thanks for blessings during the past year. She is one of 4,500 children being cared for in the 32 orphanages throughout the state. Many homes are now making their annual appeal. (Photo by Marse Grant, Baptist Orphanage).

## Thanksgiving Vital To Orphanages

The Thanksgiving season is the most important time of the year for many of the state's 32 orphanages which have cared for nearly 4,500 dependent children this year at a cost of approximately \$3,000,000. Their supporting constituencies—lodges, fraternal orders, religious organizations and other non-profit organizations—usually respond generously to these Thanksgiving campaigns and superintendents of the homes are optimistic about this year's offerings. The appeal to the Baptist Orphanage of North Carolina is typical of the other 31 institutions.

## 27 To Finish Work At College Nov. 25

Twenty-seven men and women are expecting to complete their work at Appalachian State Teachers College at the end of the present quarter, November 25. They will be eligible to take positions immediately, under a Class A certificate from the State of North Carolina, but will receive their diplomas with the graduating class on May 14, 1954. Students finishing at this time include the following: Jimmy Allen, Albemarle, physical education and social studies; Clara Lee Brown, Route 3, Mocksville, primary education; Betty Jo Byers, Lenoir, grammar grade education; Barbara Davenport, Mount Holly, grammar grade education; Jane M. Dixon, Pleasant Garden, primary education; Carl Eller, Route 1, Wilkesboro, physical education and social studies; Virginia Lea Golson, Schoolfield, Va., primary and grammar grade education; Lawrence Grigg, Shelby, physical education and science; Rayvon Hilliard, Route 1, Linwood, grammar grade education; Catherine Holcombe, Route 2, Chandler, Home Economics; Betty H. Jones, Clifton, Home Economics; Eulalia Marlowe, Route 2, Marion, business education and mathematics; Bob Moose, Statesville, physical education and social studies; Dorothy Norris, Creston, business education; Joyce Elizabeth Putman, Route 2, Kannapolis, mathematics and science; Ruth A. Ray, Boone, grammar grade education; Ruth E. Scott, Lewisville, business education; Naomi Smith, Rockingham, music; Jewell South, Boone, Home Economics; Eugene Sweezy, Route 3, Kings Mountain, grammar grade education; Ralph Thompson, Boone, grammar grade education; Ray Triplett, Wilkesboro, physical education and social studies; Mary Alva White, Charlotte, music; Paul Wilmoth, Dobson, business education and social studies; Frank Wilson, Gastonia, English and social studies; Jack Pennell, Lenoir, physical education and science; and Joanne Dixon, Reidsville, grammar grade education.

**Lawrence Named On Board Trustees At Mars Hill**  
DR. C. RAY LAWRENCE  
Dr. C. Ray Lawrence, local optometrist and Boone civic leader, was appointed to serve on the board of trustees of Mars Hill College last week at the North Carolina State Baptist Convention. Dr. Lawrence recently served as vice-president of the Mars Hill College Alumni Association and was instrumental in beginning a fund raising campaign for the erection of the Robert Lee Moore Memorial Chapel Building at a cost of approximately four hundred thousand dollars. The building will be completed by the centennial in 1956 according to Dr. Hoyt Blackwell, president of the college.

**J. W. Norris Named To Legion Group**  
J. W. Norris, of Boone, 30th District Commander of the American Legion, has been appointed member of the Un-American Activities Committee of the Legion. Mr. Norris received the appointment from Arthur J. Conwell, National Commander of the American Legion, who said: "Upon recommendation of your State Department and with the approval of the National Executive Committee, it is a pleasure to tender to you an appointment as a general member of the Un-American Activities Committee of the American Legion term to run through 1953-54."

**Grange Meeting Thursday Night**  
The Green Valley Grange will meet at the Green Valley School building Thursday night, November 19th at 7:30. All members are asked to be present. Flue-cured domestic tobacco is expected to be 3 to 5 per cent higher in 1954.

Justice Robert A. Jackson deplores criminal law administration.

# Ground Broken For New \$750,000 College Gym

## Tobacco Flows To Warehouse Floors; 15th Year For Market

Mountain Burley Tobacco Warehouse Company opened its warehouses in Boone, N. C. for the receipt of tobacco on Monday, November 16th and tobacco is already coming in. There is ample room on the floor of the warehouses and farmers are invited to rush their tobacco in so as to be ready for the opening sales in Boone on November 30th. This is the fifteenth season of the tobacco market for Boone. In 1939 Boone pioneered in this field and opened up the first tobacco warehouse in Northwestern North Carolina. This has rendered a great service to the farmers of this section for 14 consecutive years. Mountain Burley has two radio programs: one on WCYB Bristol, 1:45 to 2 p. m. Monday through Friday. On WATA in Boone, Happy Sam will have the program from 12:15 to 12:25 each day, Monday through Friday. The unusually dry weather is making it very difficult to get the tobacco stripped and graded. Some farmers are spraying their tobacco and Mr. Coleman gives his opinion of this practice in these words, "If the farmer has a pressure spray which will make a light mist over his tobacco, he can spray it as he packs it down, cover it with a tarp, and next morning get pretty good results. It is a rather dangerous practice because if you get the tobacco too wet, you will damage the grade and will have to dry it again before marketing. But if you will pack down one day only the amount you can strip the next day, use a very fine mist, you can do it alright without damaging the grade of the tobacco." Mr. Coleman puts special emphasis on the danger of getting the tobacco too wet by this method. He also emphasized the fact that tobacco stripped at the beginning of a rainy spell is likely to be too wet. If possible, stripping should begin when the weather begins to clear, after a rainy spell. He also says if there is a light fog, the tobacco may be packed down early in the morning and stripped all day. Mr. Coleman says the outlook for both grade and price in this territory is excellent if the tobacco is not damaged before it gets to the warehouse. Both warehouses will be open continuously until the last of January, unless the crop is exhausted before that time.

## Know Your Bank Week Is Observed

The Governor of North Carolina and the Mayor of Boone today took official note of a goodwill program scheduled this month by the bankers of North Carolina, and both Governor Umstead and Mayor Winkler strongly recommended that people in all walks of life take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about their banks. Local bankers will join others throughout North Carolina in observing "Know Your Bank Week" November 16-21. During that week, banks all over the state will hold "open house," serve refreshments and conduct guided tours through their entire bank operations. In a statement issued this (Continued on page two)

## Health Center Is Topic At Meet Planning Group

A second meeting of the planning committee of the Watauga County Health Council was held Thursday evening November 12 at the courthouse. A number of interested citizens attended. It was reported that Dr. C. C. Applewhite, director of the local health division of the State Board of Health, who has been appointed by the Medical Care Commission to approve health center sites, will visit the county Tuesday, November 17, to inspect a possible health center site. Plans for a new health center for Watauga County are progressing.

## Seven Names Are Added To Watauga County Corn Club

Seven more names were added to the Watauga County 100 Bushel Corn Club, in 1953 when the results of the estimated yields were announced this week by the county agricultural agencies and organizations. The honor of growing the most corn per acre in 1953 goes to Voit Shores, Rt. 3, Boone, who produced a carefully estimated 128 bushels per acre. Ira Cox, Shulls Mills, and Joe Hayes, Blowing Rock, tied for second place with an estimated yield of 112.5 bushels per acre. John Jackson, Boone, came in for fourth place with a yield of 108 bushels per acre. Frank Bolick, Boone, and Roy Hartley, Blowing Rock, each had a yield of 104 bushels per acre. Bob Henderson, Shulls Mills, had a yield of 100 bushels per acre. The annual Lions Club broom sale, the proceeds of which go to the aid of the blind of Watauga county, is being held November 18 to 21, according to I. S. Ayers, chairman of the event. Solicitations will be conducted throughout the town as formerly, workers will be on the streets Saturday, and Scouts are expected to aid in the canvass of the homes of the community. Mr. Ayers states that the brooms are made by the blind, and sold to aid the blind, and asks for the usual fine cooperation of the people of the town.

## Band Leaves For Tampa Today

The Appalachian State Teachers College band is scheduled to leave Thursday at 5 p. m. on two chartered Queen City Coach Company buses for Tampa, Fla., where they will play for the annual football game between Appalachian and Tampa University on Saturday, November 21. The trip for the 48 members of the band, director William G. Spencer, nine cheerleaders, and Yusef, the Mountaineer mascot, is the result of a project to raise funds sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and the Merchants Association. The entourage will use the trip down to advertise "Horn in the West" and other tourist attractions in the area with various stops along the way, including a band concert at Jacksonville, Fla. Chamber of Commerce President H. W. Wilcox has arranged with the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce to reserve the bandstand in Hemming Park in Jacksonville Friday afternoon for the concert. The caravan will have a police escort from the city limits to the park, where they will be welcomed by the mayor of the city, Mr. Wilcox said. The first night, (Thursday) will be spent in Augusta, Friday's schedule includes a tour of St. Augustine, the oldest town in the nation, and the band will stay at Daytona Beach Friday night. They are expected to arrive back in Boone late Sunday night. Those contributing to the fund-raising project include the Southern Appalachian Historical Association, Chamber of Commerce, Queen City Coach Company, Boone Bus Terminal, Quarterback Club, Lions Club, Rotary Club, local stores, and individuals. Some of the funds were also raised through a WATA radio program, and the sale of "Buy a Mile to Tampa" tickets. The sponsors wish to express their appreciation to all who contributed in any way to the success of the project, and at the same time to announce that the funds were approximately \$100 short of the necessary amount as of Tuesday noon. Any further contributions will be gratefully accepted.



MISS CATHERINE HOLCOMBE  
Miss Holcomb Gets Home Agent Post

Miss Catherine Estelle Holcombe of Route 2, Chandler, has been appointed Assistant Home Agent for Watauga County. It was announced today by Miss Nell Kennett, Western District Home Agent, State College Station, Raleigh, N. C. Miss Holcombe will replace Mrs. Kathleen Coston Hodges who resigned in order to devote full time to homemaking. She will assume her duties December 1, and will be assistant to Miss Mary Helen Neill, Home Demonstration Agent for Watauga county. Miss Holcombe is a graduate of Appalachian State Teachers College with a B. S. degree in Home Economics.

## Turner, Lindsey To Bring Farmers Glimpse Of Future

W. L. Turner and Q. Lindsey, Farm Management Specialists, will be the speakers at the Outlook Conference, Thursday, Nov. 19, at 10:00 a. m. at the county agents office in Boone. These men will bring farmers up to date on the expected trends in agriculture and suggest possible ways to make more net income from the farm enterprises. Mr. Lindsey is working mostly with housing and building problems, while Mr. Turner is studying ways to reduce farm cost per unit of production.

## Union Service At Baptist Church

The Union Thanksgiving Service sponsored by the Boone and Blowing Rock Ministerial Association will be held at the Baptist Church in Boone Wednesday, November 25, at 7:30 p. m. The speaker for the service will be the Rev. Thomas Seitz, Episcopal rector. Special music will be provided by the Baptist Church choir. The Dutch government says it will take \$15 million to recover the land that was under water during last winter's disastrous flood. Precipitation: None.

### Weather

Max.	Min.	6 p.m.	Date
46	21	33	Nov. 8
53	23	35	Nov. 9
51	19	37	Nov. 10
56	27	39	Nov. 11
60	24	38	Nov. 12
58	17	43	Nov. 13
61	22	44	Nov. 14