

## KING STREET

BY ROB RIVERS

MOST EVERYONE who has lived around Boone for long knew Richard M. Greene, who went away the other day . . . These goings away, the crossings of the river, bring anguish and sorrow in any event, but when one whose house we played about so many happy days, and who was so uniformly kind and helpful to his neighbor's children, vanishes into the shadows, the road back comes into sharp focus and we reflect on the worthiness of the man as seen through the eyes of a lad.

### A GOOD NEIGHBOR

Like the preacher said, Richard Greene was a good neighbor, and it took a good deal of time to be good at this neighboring business . . . Besides time, it took a heap of human kindness and love of people to make friends of the youngsters who used to inhabit the Greene lawn and the Greene home and, specially the store, variously known as "The Racket," the "Variety Store," and "R. M. Greene, General Merchandise." . . . Within the walls of that building were stored every thing a boy wanted . . . It was a fairyland of tasty sweets, soda pop, novelties of every description, school supplies and clothing.

### WE REMEMBER . . .

Christmas times, when Greene's store had the biggest firecrackers in the whole world . . . and rockets which would soar the highest and the candy which was the sweetest and the mostest for the nickel . . . We remember the phonograph which sat on a table in the corner of the parlor at the Greene house, and the records of Uncle Josh, which were often salted down with William Jennings Bryan's classic lecture on the immortality of the soul . . . We remember the town's first cafe, established by the pioneer merchant, and the little gas tank he provided before there was need for the fuel except for cleaning . . . We remember when the store was locked while the proprietor showed us the most likely spot to catch a muskrat, and the sharp crack of a rifle on a frosty morning, as he demonstrated the art of smashing a shirt-button at ten paces with a .22 bullet . . . We remember the fresh dewey morning when Mr. Greene took us kids down the creek when the trout were biting, and the big fellow he lifted from the foamy eddy where the rotting log jutted into the current . . . We remember old John and the buggy, and reaching out a blistered hand for our pick and shovel money, when Mr. Greene was paymaster for the grade workers on the Linville River Railroad . . . We remember the coming of "Number 4" and the first load of pig freight to ride the rails into Boone, and the interest sation agent Greene had in the delivery of the freight, before the station was built . . . But most of all, we remember a kind, gentle citizen, a pioneer merchant, who seemed to know everything a boy needed to find out, who lived at peace with his fellow man and helped him along the way . . . He was, indeed, the good neighbor.

### NOTES OF THE HIGHWAY

Lad driving ancient jalopy with the proud V-8 symbol attached . . . A little farther along another depression-day flivver sporting the '88 insignia . . . And upon honor, a third carried the famous Cadillac V with the crest, all shined and polished like a new gold coin . . . The lads in the rattlers at least might be said to have their minds on higher things, or better cars, or something . . . And we recall the T-model sedans, which sported little slim flower vases inside, and the driver who always saw to it that pieces were in the containers, and one of two in his hat hand! . . . Home gardeners read seed catalogs and keep postponing the spade work.

### WEST GERMANY

The Constitutional amendment that will allow West Germany to rearm is a part of the European Defense Community after that mutual security program has been adopted by all the members, has been signed by President Heuss of West Germany.



LEGION AUXILIARY LEADERS—Officers of the American Legion Auxiliary which met in Boone Friday. Left to right, Mrs. J. W. Norris, president of the Boone unit; Mrs. Mary Brooks Hoy, secretary-treasurer, Raleigh; Mrs. Max Griffin, district committeewoman, Morganton; Mrs. Charles F. Gold, Rutherfordton, fifth area vice-president. Seated is Mrs. A. Warren Neill of Charlotte, department president.—(Photo Paul Weston Studio.)

## American Legion Auxiliary From Seventeenth District Meets Here



MR. WITHERS

### Loren Withers To Appear In Local Recital

The Department of Music of Appalachian State Teachers College will present Loren Withers, pianist, in a recital on Thursday evening, April 8, at 8:00 o'clock, in the auditorium of the Fine Arts Building. Mr. Withers graduated from the University of Kansas in 1941 with a degree in piano. In 1944 and 1945 he studied Liturgical Music and Service at William and Mary College, and he has done other work at the Julliard School of Music where he received his Master of Music degree in piano. At Julliard he studied under the eminent Bach authority, James Friskin. He has also studied with two other well-known artist-teachers, Carl Friedberg and Ernest Hutcheson. Outstanding teachers of other musical subjects include Fleix Salmond, Geonard V. Bos, Vittoria Giannini, Bernard Wagenaar, and Robert Shaw. Mr. Withers played the North Carolina premier of the Samuel Barber Sonata for piano Op. 26 at Duke University, Durham, in 1951. For the past ten years, he has been engaged in private piano teaching.

### Last Rites Held For R. M. Greene, Pioneer Merchant

Richard Manley Greene, 79, former Boone merchant, but for the last few years a resident of Greensboro, died in a hospital in that city Saturday, following a long illness. Funeral services were held from the Boone Baptist Church Sunday afternoon. The pastor, Rev. L. H. Hollingsworth; Rev. J. H. Shackford of the Boone Methodist Church; Rev. E. F. Troutman of the Lutheran Church, and Rev. O. L. Brown, (Continued on page two)

### College Choir To Appear In Concert Sunday

The Appalachian College Choir under the direction of Mrs. Virginia Wary Linney will present a concert of excerpts from four famous oratorios Sunday afternoon, April 11 at 4 o'clock at the Boone Methodist Church. The program will include selections from Mendelssohn's Elijah, Handel's Judas Maccabaeus, Bach's Passion according to Saint Matthew, and numbers from the Easter portion of Handel's Messiah. Those who will be heard in solos are: Alene Queen and Gaynelle Wilson sopranos; Mary Alva White, alto; Jerry Hill and Lavon Lays, tenors; Bob Gilley and Marvin Pickard, bass; and Ben Connell, narrator; Mr. James Rooker of the College piano department, organist; and Miss Gloria Gattes, pianist. The work of the 36-voice choir is well known, having been heard over the Mutual network in a series of six years. Each spring the choir goes on tour in various parts of the state and adjoining states, and last spring it performed with the N. C. Symphony Orchestra. The public is invited.

### Charles Beck Dies At Home In Blowing Rock

Charles G. Beck, 84, former manager of the Southern Bell Telephone Co., in Savannah, Ga. died Monday at his home in Blowing Rock. Mr. Beck had been ill for several months, and his wife found him dead in bed. In recent years he had been living in retirement in Blowing Rock in the warmer months, spending his winters in Bluffton, S. C. Mr. Beck started with the telephone company in 1907. He was made state manager in 1921 and held that post until his retirement in June 1933. In Blowing Rock he was prominently known for his interest in the Blowing Rock horse show, of which he was an official for a great many years. He is survived by the widow, the former Mary Bowley, and a son, C. Nelson Beck of Charlottesville, Va. Burial was scheduled to be held Wednesday, April 7, in Bonaventure Cemetery at Savannah, Ga. The lack of a standard fighter plane called NATO drawback.

### Weather

By DR. ARNOLD VAN PELT  
Temperatures were mild this week, in keeping with spring. Showers occurred during the middle of the week, to give well over an inch of rain.  
Max. Min. 6 p.m. Date  
58 33 55 March 29  
64 48 60 March 30  
63 45 51 April 1  
59 30 54 April 2  
55 43 54 April 3  
Precipitation: March 31—0.69 inches; April 1—0.53 inches.  
March in Boone was a month of mild temperatures with two noticeably cold periods, one beginning the third, the other occurring on the fifteenth and sixteenth. The highest temperature recorded was 74, on the twenty-fifth; the lowest was probably some few degrees above zero on the 4th, a date on which the minimum thermometer was not recording properly. Precipitation totaled 6.23 inches for the month, with the greatest falling on the first, giving 3.10 inches. Snow fell on the first four days of the month, with traces on the fifteenth and sixteenth. The total snowfall was 8.3 inches, the greatest being 3 inches on the first. The greatest depth of snow on the ground at one time was four inches.

## County Commissioners Urge Aid for Crippled Children

The Watauga County Commissioners today urged Watauga citizens to help crippled children by supporting the 21st annual Easter Seal campaign sponsored by the Watauga County Society for Crippled Children and Adults, Inc. The Commissioners designated Sunday April 10, as Easter Seal Sunday throughout Watauga County in a special proclamation issued at the Courthouse in Boone. The Easter Seal campaign gives to use an opportunity to

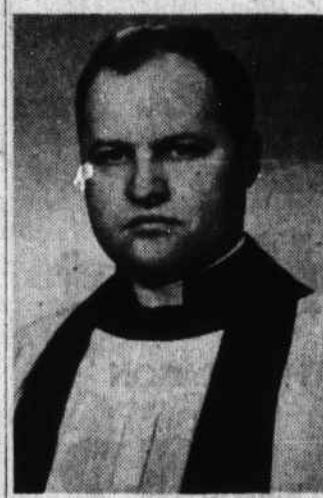
exercise one of our important privileges as citizens," said chairman Paul Coffey. "It is the privilege of voluntarily helping others—crippled children and adults through our help we enable them to live more useful, happy lives; and in addition, we offer them in this way the priceless gift of encouragement." The Commissioners also urged residents of Watauga County to give greater support than ever before to this year's Easter Seal campaign to meet rising costs in

providing vital services for the more and more crippled children who desperately need them. The Commissioners proclamation text is as follows: WHEREAS, there are in the State of North Carolina thousands of crippled children and adults; and WHEREAS, our right to aid the crippled is a privilege to be assumed, guarded and fully exercised; and WHEREAS, it has been proved economically feasible to make (Continued on page four)

# 160 Criminal Cases To Be Tried At Spring Court

## Cancer Campaign Is Off to Good Start

The Cancer campaign, which began April 1, is off to a good start, according to Mrs. I. W. Carpenter, Jr., campaign chairman. Two educational films have been secured and have been shown at Cove Creek Elementary School, Bethel School, Watauga Hospital, Blowing Rock PTA, Appalachian College, IRC plant, Appalachian High School and Watauga Consolidated School. Other scheduled showings will be to the Rotary Club Thursday evening, Blowing Rock School Friday, Parkway School Monday, Valle Crucis PTA Monday night, Green Valley School Tuesday, and Cove Creek High School Wednesday.



### Edwin Troutman To Be Pastor Roanoke Church

Edwin N. Troutman, son of Rev. and Mrs. E. F. Troutman of Boone has accepted a call to become pastor of Emmanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, Roanoke, Virginia effective May 30. He will receive the degree of Bachelor of Divinity from the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, Columbia, South Carolina at graduation exercises to be held next month. Mr. Troutman received a major portion of his education in the schools of Boone. He graduated from Appalachian High School in 1945, and from Appalachian State Teachers College in 1948. After his college graduation he served as band director in the Canton, North Carolina City Schools for a period of three years. While a resident of Canton he was an active member of the Lion's Club and the Y's Men's Club of the YMCA. He was also an active member of the North Carolina Bandmaster's Association, and served as president of the Western North Carolina Music Educator's Conference for one year. Mr. Troutman entered Southern Seminary during the fall term of 1951. As a student he was very active in seminary activities, and served as student pastor of several Lutheran congregations. He served as student pastor for one year at Emmanuel Lutheran Church West Columbia, South Carolina, and two summer seasons in the Lutheran Church (Continued on page two)

## Commissioners Select Men for Service on Jury

One hundred and sixty criminal cases are slated for trial when the spring term of Watauga Superior Court convenes on April 19. Solicitor Farthing says court will be held as usual, even though the opening day is Easter Monday, and hopes there will be no confusion. Hon. J. W. Pless, Jr., of Marion will preside at the term which will continue for two weeks, or as long as necessary for the completion of the business of the court. Court Clerk Austin E. South says that among the cases to be tried are 52 for speeding, 30 for driving drunk, 16 for violation of the prohibition laws and 13 for larceny. Other cases include assault, robbery and reckless driving. Four men are being held on rape charges, and the fifth has evaded arrest. Those arrested on charges of raping a 15-year-old girl are Ben Andrews, Clark Rominger, Lester Bradshaw, Robert L. Day, Perry Greer, says Clerk South, is being sought in connection with the same case. The Jury Following are the names of those who have been chosen by the commissioners for jury duty: Bald Mountain: Estel Norris, Millard H. Stephens. Beaver Dam: Burle Cornett, Dudley F. Greene. Blowing Rock: Collis S. Greene, Fred Hartley, Roy C. Holder. Blue Ridge: Edith Hampton, George Triplett, Grant Cook. Boone: Guy Hunt, B. W. Ellis, Fred Mast, James B. Winkler. Brushy Fork: Pink Hodges, S. M. Ayers, P. C. Wyke, Willard G. Pressnell. Cove Creek: James Sherwood, Willard Eller. Elk: Arthur Hayes, Stuart Simmons. Laurel Creek: Finley H. Watson, Ray F. Ward, William Rominger. Mabel: Paul Oliver, Asa Thomas. Meat Camp: Edward F. Greene, Clint Miller, Russell Carroll. New River: Dayton H. Cook, Lloyd M. Moretz, John F. Cook. North Fork: Mack Thomas, Harrison Shelton. Shawneehaw: Mrs. Darl Smith, Clyde Eggers. Stony Fork: Frank Beshears, W. C. Greene, Dwight L. Stanberry. Watauga: Frank D. Baird, J. I. Ford, Charles A. Church, Arlie B. Hodges.



### Chester Davis, Noted Journalist, To Speak Here

Mr. Chester Davis, member of the editorial board of the Winston Salem Journal and Sentinel, will be the guest speaker at the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce to be held at noon on April 13.

Mr. H. W. Wilcox, Chamber president, says the widely-known journalist will speak on the "Possibilities of Boone and Watauga County" dwelling upon local attractions for tourists and industry.

### G. M. Watson Is Candidate For Sheriff

G. M. Watson, former sheriff of Watauga county, and well known Justice of the Peace, has filed his candidacy for the Republican nomination for Sheriff of Watauga county, subject to the action of the Republican primary of May 29. Mr. Watson was appointed Sheriff of Watauga county to fill the unexpired term of Sheriff C. M. Watson deceased, and served in this capacity for three months. He had previously had considerable experience as a Deputy Sheriff. For the past three and a half years he has given his full time to the office of Justice of the Peace. Thirty-eight small naval craft of the hundreds made available to the Soviet Union during World War II under lend-lease will be returned to this country during May and June under Moscow's agreement of last October to give back 188 naval vessels.

## College Orchestra To Make Spring Tour



By MARTHA STEVENS  
The Appalachian State Teachers College Orchestra, under the direction of Nicholas Erneston, will present concerts in Rutherfordton and Forest City April 13. At 10:30 a. m. the orchestra will be at Central High School in Rutherfordton, and at 1:00 the group will play at Cool Springs High School in Forest City. Miss Helen Cole, director of music at Central, and Mr. D. G. Cole, director of music at Cool Springs, are former students of Appalachian State Teachers College. Miss Cole was a member of the college orchestra. The orchestra, which is composed of thirty-five members, was organized in 1948 under the direction of Nicholas Erneston, who is the present director. It consisted of a small group which was forced to rehearse in a basement room under the stage in the Administration building on the college campus. Slowly the group grew to its present thirty-five members and on a bright afternoon in January, 1952, it held its first rehearsal in the special orchestra room in the new \$500,000 Fine Arts Building on the college campus. This move to a new environment seemed to spur the orchestra to much hard work and in the past three years, the orchestra has progressed rapidly in tone, ensemble, and difficulty of music played. Adenaur prods Italy on ratifying the E. D. C. treaty.