

KING STREET BY ROB RIVERS

THE SLOW DOWN

Folks who occasionally travel down below the mountains are quick to notice the slow-down in highway traffic since speeds are being regulated by electric devices, and since speeding has come to be something that the township court can't handle. . . . The "whammies" are spotted usually at points which can't be seen until the speeding motorist has been clocked, then farther down the road he's stopped, and it's too bad! . . . The fifty-five mile limit seems slow to the folks who've been touring down the pavement at seventy and more ever since they've had cars and roads that would stand the pressure, but it's to be supposed that highway safety has been promoted. . . . The Motor Vehicles Department doesn't say the whammies had anything to do with it, but does report that fatalities are now running approximately 25 per cent fewer than last year. . . . If the slow down is the cause of saving of lives, the folks who're in a hurry to get there should be consoled.

NO PROBLEM THERE!

From Friend Carl Miller's Winfield, W. Va., Democrat, we learn that Putnam county faces no major problem as a result of the action of the Supreme Court in outlawing segregation in the schools. . . . The Democrat says that the county only has one Negro pupil, who has been transported at public expense by bus to another town where there are high school facilities. . . . There had been two colored schools in operation there, it is noted, prior to the shutdown of the Plymouth and Raymond City mines.

BACK TO HER FIRST LOVE!

Mrs. Mary Hill Long, veteran Statesville news paperwoman, who worked for many years on the old Statesville Landmark, and who was broken-hearted when the ancient publication went by the board due to a merger, was in town Monday where she visited with the Democrat. . . . Mrs. Long is now publishing her own newspaper in Statesville, the County News, and says she's supremely happy now that she's in the environs of the clanking press and the inky smell. . . . She started out having the paper printed over in Mocksville, but now she has her own plant, and is getting out a sprightly weekly which is finding favor with the country people, who had been getting the Landmark for generations. . . . We haven't known anyone who has a greater respect for a printing press and a newspaper and a typewriter than Mrs. Long, and we welcome her back into the ranks of the non-dailies with all good wishes and the notion that she'll enjoy continuing successes with the News!

NO CLOCK!

In going back through the files of the Democrat we find that fifteen years ago there was a movement on in the community to put a four-faced clock in the little cupola atop the postoffice building, which was brand new at the time, and the pride of the neighborhood. . . . The Postoffice Department, it seems, had granted permission for the clock to be placed there and the instrument was to be bought for \$650. . . . Only scant interest developed in the proposal and the movement failed. . . . But looking again at the postoffice, we think a big fine clock would look well up there, and at the same time serve a useful purpose. . . . We're still for it!

HERE AND THERE

Roy Blanton gets ready to go to Indiana U to finish work on his doctorate. . . . Herbert Wey expected back end of next week to take over as principal of the first Appalachian High summer term. . . . Dr. Shaffer came over from the College to the High School while Wey was on furlough to Miami U. . . . Don't know whether he'll be back at the high school permanently. . . . And that lag in the local scene when schools are out and the college kids go home.



CLEANING UP THE TOWN.—The Scouts above are shown as they loaded the scrap paper which they collected in Boone and the county last week in their second scrap paper drive. The paper was hauled to Charlotte last Thursday by Goodnight Brothers, free of charge, and netted the scouts approximately \$58.00, which they will use in their summer activities. Shown loading are, on the truck, Hilliard Shackford and Tommy Owsley; on the ground, left to right, Frankie Payne, Jerry McCracken, Johnny Shackford, Ford King, Sonny Tugman, Charles Trivett, Joe Minor, and Reid Cottrell.—Staff photo by Joe Minor.)



CHARLIE JUSTICE, former University of North Carolina football All-American, is shown with his badge which says "I Flew A Kite A Mile High." He will be one of the judges in Grandfather Mountain's kite flying contest June 5th.—(Photo by Hugh Morton)

Memorial Day Services To Be Held Next Sunday

A Memorial Day service honoring Watauga County war dead and Gold Star mothers of three wars will be held at 2 p. m. Sunday, May 30, in the Daniel Boone (Horn in the West) Theatre, conducted jointly by the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion.

An honor guard will be formed on stage, and the principal address will be delivered by the Rev. L. H. Hollingsworth, pastor of the Boone Baptist Church. Representatives of the VFW and the Legion will make brief speeches of welcome.

A salute will be fired by a firing squad of the VFW, and the colors and color guard will be furnished by the Boone, Blowing Rock, and Deep Gap American Legion posts.

The International Olympics Committee, by a 23 to 21 vote, admitted Communist China as a participant in the 1956 Olympic games.

Prizes To Be Given In Plant Bed Project

There has been more than usual interest in tobacco plants this year and in order to encourage better plant beds, the North West North Carolina Development Association has secured three demonstration beds in Watauga county, prepared and planted by the boys at Bethel School and Cove Creek High School. There are two at Bethel and one at Cove Creek.

Five counties are working on this demonstration and the best tobacco bed in the nine counties will be awarded a prize of \$100, second best, \$50, and the third best, \$25. These prizes will be given by the North West North

Scout Paper Drive Is Outstanding Success

Development Group Chartered

Raleigh, May 24—A certificate of incorporation was issued yesterday by the Secretary of State's office to the Northwest North Carolina Development Association, Inc.

The association was formed several months ago by business, professional and agricultural leaders of a nine-county area to speed development of all resources in this section of the state. There is no stock in the corporation.

Counties in the association are Forsyth, Alleghany, Ashe, Davie, Watauga, Wilkes, Surry, Stokes and Yadkin.

Archie K. Davis of Winston-Salem is president.

To Attend Meet In Minneapolis

Miss Ruth L. Harris, who has been spending some time with her sister, Dr. Mary B. H. Michal, has left to attend the American Baptist Convention at Minneapolis, Minn., for the week of May 24-28, and is making a number of visits while gone.

Following this meeting she will be spending several weeks with relatives in Michigan before going to the New York office of the American Baptist Foreign Missions Society under which she works as treasurer of the Baptist Missions of the Philippine Islands. Miss Harris is on a year's furlough from her work.

Health Body Meets At Mt. Mitchell

The Western North Carolina Public Health Association meeting will be held Friday at Mount Mitchell. The local Health Department will be closed on that date as the staff members, Miss Hazel Holder, Miss Edna Holiday and Mr. James Brown will attend this meeting.

Carolina Development Association.

The Northwestern Bank and the Watauga Building & Loan Association are both especially interested in encouraging thrift and industry. In order to make this project more attractive, these two organizations have donated \$12.50 each, which will be given to the boys with the best bed in Watauga county, whether or not they win a district prize. These are projects of the 4-H and the Future Farmers of America.

The winners from Watauga county will be invited to Elkin on June 2, where the prizes will be given out. Judging is by the State College Agricultural Department.

The recent scrap paper campaign, conducted by the scouts of Troop 109, Boone Methodist Church, was considered a success, according to J. B. Robinson, scoutmaster. Mr. Robinson said that the paper was carried to Charlotte last Thursday by a Goodnight Brothers truck and sold to a junk dealer there for \$57.54. More than 9,000 pounds of paper was picked up by the scouts in the drive.

Mr. Robinson expressed appreciation to the people of Boone and the county who saved their old newspapers and magazines for the drive. He stated that the troop hopes to make periodical pickups of the scrap paper in town, thereby doing a service to citizens in keeping fire hazards caused by old papers in the homes and businesses to a minimum.

Those persons who had paper for the drive that was not picked up are asked by the scouts to save their paper for the next campaign which will be within the next two or three months. To minimize the time required to pick up the paper, householders are requested to tie the paper in approximately 10 or 15-pound bundles, so the boys may handle it easily, or call one of the scouts who will be glad to do this service for them.

Local High School Spends \$9,000 In Progressive Step

In a determined effort to increase the educational outcomes of its students, Appalachian High School spent over \$9,000 this past school year on instructional materials and equipment. Principal John R. Shaffer reports this cost-quality factor had been built up here by Dr. Herbert Wey during the past 12 years, and an increased expenditure for testing was the only improvement in the 1953-54 instructional program.

The faculty of the laboratory high school worked all year to increase the educational outcomes as measured by nationally standardized tests. The results of this program were apparent in the outcome of the senior English tests, which showed that 18 Appalachian High School seniors were among the best in the nation on the Cooperative English Test. This figure compared with 6 for last year's senior class. The test of all-round ability in all subjects proved that 15 seniors were among the best in the nation.

The following funds were used during the past school year to improve the instructional program in Appalachian High School:

\$688 State funds through the county; \$2200 Appalachian State Teachers College; \$800 Audio-visual fund raised by students; \$200 Holoween Carnival; \$5090 High school fees; \$300 Student Store Diversion. \$9276 total for 464 high school students or \$19.99 per student.

Dr. Amos Abrams will have a short feature story on this achievement in a fall issue of the NCEA Journal, and he will urge that more schools follow the lead set by Appalachian High School.

Democrats, Republicans To Go To Polls On Saturday

Appalachian Hi Summer School Starts June 14th

Appalachian High School will hold its summer term from June 14 through August 13. The Boone Demonstration School will begin one week later. The high school will have bus routes from Shulls Mills, Stony Fork, Bamboo, Green Valley, and Cove Creek. Buses will be picked up Friday, June 11, at the county garage.

High School courses to be offered include 9th, 11th, and 12th English; algebra and geometry as needed; biology, chemistry or physics and general science; modern languages; American history, civics, and world history; and beginning and advanced typewriting. Registration will begin at 9:00 a. m. on June 14, and classes will begin at 8:30 a. m. daily on Monday through Friday of each week.

Dr. Herbert Wey will be principal of the summer school for the first six weeks. Fees will be \$8.50 for tuition, registration, and library expenses, and additional typewriting rental fees will be charged amounting to 50c per week. Information may be obtained by writing to the principal's office or calling AM4-3686 before May 31.

Grandfather Hill Climb Slated

Grandfather Mountain—Mickey Spillane, the well known author of the Mike Hammer mystery thrillers, will be here for a mammoth Sports Car Hill Climb which will climax a big weekend here June 5-6.

The hill climb will be held on Sunday, June 6, starting at 10 a. m., following Saturday morning's Mile High Kite Flying contest for boys and girls.

Spillane is one of the best known writers of mystery yarns. Mike Hammer has been followed by twelve million book buyers in such classics as "I The Jury," "One Lonely Night," and "The Big Kill." Mike Hammer's adventures in "My Gun Is Quick" is scheduled to be made into a movie, as was "I The Jury" (which disappointed Mickey). "One Lonely Night" is being filmed now.

With Spillane on the trip to Grandfather Mountain will be his buddy and constant companion, Marty Koopman, a neighbor nearly as famous as Mickey himself.

Three Wataugans Enlist In Navy

Another fine group of young men enlisted in the Navy this week through the local navy recruiting office located in the post office building, Lenoir. It was announced by the local navy recruiter, Chief R. G. Farthing.

Representing Watauga County with the latest group of navy volunteers was Herman Clay Tester, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clay Tester of Sugar Grove, Thomas James Younce, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Younce of Zionville, and Richard Edward Swain. The latter named volunteer had just completed the second year of college at Boone and stated that he planned to return to the Boone center of learning after his tour in the Navy. He is the son of Mrs. Eva Lane of Walkertown in Forsyth county.

Chief Farthing stated that waiting lists for Navy enlistment are much reduced at the present time and that a young man could enlist within a short time after application for enlistment.

In Chapel Hill For Conference

Dr. Mary Michal left today (Wednesday) for Chapel Hill where she will attend a two-day conference of handicapped children. She will be accompanied by her sister, Miss Pearl Harris.



THIS ONE GOT AWAY.—Tommy Osborne, local game and wildlife protector, is shown as he placed one of the 700 brown trout in the streams of Watauga county last week. The fish was hatched and raised at Roaring Gap Fish Hatchery, under the restocking program carried on in the state. This particular fish weighed about four pounds. The average of those placed in the Watauga streams runs about 28 pounds to the hundred fish, and the trout averaged about nine inches, according to Mr. Osborne.—(Staff photo by Joe Minor.)

Big Brown Trout Are Liberated In County

Seven hundred brown trout were placed in two streams of Watauga County last Thursday in the restocking program carried out from the Roaring Gap Fish Hatchery.

The fish were placed in Winkler's Creek and Middlefork Creek by Tommy Osborne, local game and wildlife protector, with the help of several boys who are interested in conservation, under the supervision of Walter F. Edmisten, Wildlife supervisor over eleven counties in this section.

This is the second time the streams have been stocked this season, Mr. Osborne said.

Next year, when the special trout fishing license, costing \$1.10 takes effect, the streams will be stocked several more times than they have been in years past. It is expected by Mr. Osborne, that he will place more fish at another time this season in Watauga streams.

Several of the trout released last week were of the four and five-pound variety, but most of them ran around 9 inches.

The fish were hatched and raised at the Roaring Gap Hatchery. A story appeared Sunday in the Charlotte Observer, written by John D. Wilson, which explains some of the workings at the hatchery. We reprint it below:

"In a lot of ways raising fish is just about like raising crops," said Leo Roberts, superintendent of

the Roaring Gap Fish Hatchery. "You've got to have rain for both."

Last year, according to Mr. Roberts, the dry weather in this area hit the hatchery pretty hard, and the unit had to dispose of a lot of fish it had planned to use for stocking streams in this vicinity.

"So if the rainfall is as low this year as it was last year," said Mr. Roberts, "we'll have to cut down again."

But rainfall is only one of the superintendent's many problems. Running a fish hatchery is pretty much of a full time job in itself, and following through the spawning, hatching, rearing process of some 200,000 eggs requires a lot of time and attention.

The Roaring Gap Hatchery, which provides stock trout for all the potential trout streams in six counties—Stokes, Surry, Wilkes, Ashe, Watauga and Alleghany—is equipped to turn out each year some 200,000 trout. This includes about an equal distribution of Rainbow, Brown and Brook species. These are all used in public streams, said Mr. Roberts, and no private streams are stocked.

"It costs about 57 cents per fish by the time you've got them up to a size about seven to 12 inches long," said Mr. Roberts.

He pointed out, however, that the hatchery is operated on fish-

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Watauga Lamb Pool Weighing Dates Set

The 1954 Watauga Wool Pool will be weighed at Farmers Burley Warehouse on Bristol Road, on Wednesday and Thursday, June 2 and 3. We are asking that farmers in the western part of the county bring their wool in on Wednesday, June 2, and the ones in the eastern part come in on Thursday, June 3.

Weighing will start at 7:00 a. m. or as soon thereafter as the buyer and grader arrives, and will continue until 4:30 p. m. each day. The farmer will put his wool on the scales and after it is weighed and graded, will take it off the scales and to the truck or stock pile. Farmers are asked to bring

wool around to the back of the warehouse and come in from the Hodges Gap road. Please do not try to enter from the main highway.

Wool bags were ordered on May 17 and should be here any day now. Since the buyer made as a provision of the sale contract that he would not buy wool in small bags unless he be allowed to deduct "double tare," we hope that farmers will use the large bags. In case of only one or two fleeces the farmer can bring the tied fleeces in without a bag and after they are weighed, can pack them in a bag with other wool. Keep the wool dry, as wet wool will be turned down.

Scant Interest In State, County Political Races

Watauga countians, both Democrats and Republicans will go to the polls Saturday to cast their ballots for nominees for State and county officers, but as this is written it would appear that pre-primary activity is light in this area, where ordinarily politics is entered into so enthusiastically.

Democrats are talking some of the race between former Governor Scott and Senator Lennon, but there is no evidence of the bang-up campaigns of other years. The Democrat has been unable to discern any great amount of organization activity, and several party leaders have expressed the belief that no more than a thousand voters are apt to participate. Opinion seems to be that the county is fairly evenly divided as to Lennon and Scott sentiment.

Both Senator Lennon and Governor Scott made brief trips to Watauga before the campaign really got under way, and A. E. Turner, also a candidate for the Senatorial nomination toured the county recently. The other candidates, Alla Ray Boyd, W. M. Bostick, Henry L. Sprinkle and Alvin Wingfield, Jr., have no apparent following here.

Democrats will also choose between incumbent Edwin Gill and Joshua James for the post of State treasurer, and Charles F. Gold and John F. Fletcher are out for Commissioner of Insurance.

The Republicans of Watauga county are participating in the primary, and have a slate out for county offices. They had formerly nominated by convention, but are in the primary this time as a result of legislation passed by Representative W. L. Winkler.

As in the Democratic races, Republicans do not seem to be carrying on enthusiastic campaigns, and some have predicted a rather light vote.

For Sheriff G. M. Watson and Clarence Watson are on the ticket. Sheriff E. D. Cook did not file in the primary.

Truman Critcher of Blowing Rock is the Republican candidate for Clerk of the Superior Court, since he was the only man filing for the nomination.

For Surveyor: Joe J. Miller, and Jack L. Storie.

For County Commissioners, three of the following group will be nominated:

Leslie E. Norris, Paul A. Coffey, B. F. Boliek, W. R. Holman, J. W. Harmon, L. M. Hodges, L. E. Wilson.

Insurance Men To Gather At Rock

Raleigh—The North Carolina Assn. of Mutual Insurance Agents will mark its 20th anniversary at its annual convention at Blowing Rock June 17-19, it was announced last week by W. A. Stringfellow, executive secretary of the group.

Approximately 300 Mutual agents and company men are expected to attend. Motor Vehicles Commissioner Ed Schedit and Insurance Commissioner Charles F. Gold head a list of speakers for the three-day session. H. J. Carr of Clinton, association president, will preside.

Weather

By DR. ARNOLD VAN PELT
This week remained cool, with temperatures remaining in the 50's and 60's, and with frost at the end of the week. Precipitation, although considerably less than last week, measured 0.60 inches.

Max.	Min.	6 p.m.	Date
71	51	67	May 17
78	52	58	May 18
65	45	58	May 19
56	40	40	May 20
56	40	54	May 21
62	37	39	May 22
66	37	61	May 23