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## KING STREET

ROB RIVERS

### VISITORS FROM AFAR

We've been greeting people all summer from various parts of the country . . . It seems folks have been in the vicinity from most everywhere, but the other day, through the courtesy of Grady Farthing we had the pleasure of meeting some real longrange visitors . . . They were Mr and Mrs. G. T. C. Powne, and they hail from the other side of globe-Brisbane, Australia

The Pownes are enjoying touring the United States, no end. they say, and stayed around Boone for a while enroute to Washington, D. C. from the Great Smokies, where they'd been seeing the sights . . . The Pownes have eight thousand head of sheep back home, a fairly small herd for that region, and speak interestingly of the herds of Angus and Hereford cattle-more of the former than the latter . . They have traveled some twenty thousand miles, and the total distance of their journey will have passed the forty thousand mile mark when they're back

#### SAYS THE HALF HADN'T BEEN TOLD

Mr. Pownes says he always understood the United States was a rich country, but that he could never have imagined the bounty of the land unless he had seen it . . . "With your rich soil, and your big dams, and all, I wonder how you can manage to get away with your pro-ducts." . . . And we might add that a lot of the folks in high places in this land would like mightily to know the right answer to the problem of sur-pluses of the land and of the factory ... At any rate it's inng to note the reaction of people from other lands when they view the mass production and the mass extravagances of the people of the United States.

### OLDEST PREACHER

Rev. S. E. Gragg was over from Shulls Mills Monday and announced he'd preach at the Advent Christian Church Sunday morning . . . Rev. Mr. Gragg says he'll be 93 years old, come the 12th of the month, and he is hale and hearty and going about his farm work and his ministry with the zeal of a middle-ager . Mrs. Gragg is 88, and they do all their own work around the farm and enjoy fine health . . . Rev. Mr. Gragg is doubtless the oldest

### minister in the county . . . RADIOS FROM KOREA

Kermit Dacus, whose father, K. I. Dacus, is a pioneer radio ineer and repairman here, evidently inherits a liking for the radio from his dad . . . Any way. Mrs. Dacus has just re-ceived a message from Kermit, who is soldiering in Korea, and which was transmitted by amateur radio operators via Lenoir, N. C. The message says: "Every-thing is fine. Miss you all. Using this means to say hello." The message was handled by A4DRC in Gastonia and A4-TMU. Lenoir, and mailed to one from the latter place.

### SHOTGUNS AND SQUIRRELS House Is Burned

The farmers and others are having considerable worries as they attempt to save a few of their gray squirrels from the bands of shotgunners, which have patrolled the woods since the first . . . And now comes Russell Hodges, one of the moving spirits in "Horn in the West" with a plea to the folks to let the squirrels alone out at the outdoor theatre . . . It seems the gay little animals found there was food and friendliness at the Horn, and began to gather here a good while ago. They have multiplied and others have joined them in quest of the popcorn and peanuts which are handed out by Horn personnel and visitors, and now there are a lot of them . . . Russell has posted the place against the Nimrods, and we join him in the hope that the hunters will stay away and let the squirrels cavort around and store the acorns out at Daniel Boone Theatre. They add considerably to the attractiveness of the spot . . . Mr. H. W. Horton complains of the winter (Continued on page four)



WINNERS—The float of Justice Hall, above, featuring feuding groups, won first prize in the Home-coming float competition. First honorable mention went to Blowing Rock's steam train sponsored by the Vernician Literary Society.—Staff Photos by Joe Minor.

# Over Five Thousand Gather For '54 Homecoming Observance

## Cloyd S. Bolick **Crew Leader For New Farm Census**

Appointment of Cloyd S. Bolick of Boone as a crew leader for the 1954 Census of Agriculture was announced today by Field Sup-ervisor Albert G. Miller.

Mr. Bolick will direct a force of enumerators who will canvass all farms in Watauga County. He reports on October 4, to the

ensus agriculture field office at Salisbury for a week of training.

The crew leader is one of the key people in the field operations of the Census of Agriculture. It is his responsibility to train the enumerators and supervise their work; plan and allocate work assignments; review the work of and to conduct difficult enumera-

conference, Mr. Bolick will re-turn to his district where he will spend three weeks recruiting enumerators, checking enumeration district foundaries, and training enumerators in preparation for the start of the census on or about November 1.

# Henry Greene

The Boone Fire Department answered a call to Perkinsville at about 3 a. m. Thursday, September 30, and found the home of Henry Greene in flames. The house burned to the ground and nothing of value was saved, said Fire Chief Howard Cottrell. The origin of the blaze is unknown, he added.

By EARLEEN PRITCHETT Appalachian State Teachers 'Stills' the Game.'

College had her largest Homecoming Day in history Saturday when more than 5,000 alumni and William G. Spencer; and high friends gathered to pay tribute to school bands from Cheryville the college.

the traditional Old Timers reunion over which Mrs. Wilson Northis reunion were W. S. Harmon school, directed by Perry Watson. of Beech Creek, student of 1900; 1903; and Mrs. Ella Thompson Proffitt, student of 1904.

Elected to serve with Mrs. Norty with Mrs. John R. Horton of mittee on homecoming.

with this organization. Twenty-three units participat- "A" Club at the college. prior to the luncheon, with an behalf of the Appalachian Eduday November 2. estimated 8,000 viewing the pa- cational Foundation recently inrade through town and through corporated as a non-profit organthe college campus. The judges, R. D. Hodges, Jr., Mrs. R. C. Rivers and Mrs. C. W. Crawford, picked the float prepared by the both organizations and announce. picked the float prepared by the both organizations and announcmen of Justice Hall as winner ed that those who join at this of the trophy. Showing two feud- time may become charter meming groups and a hillbilly fiddler, bers. He also announced an addi-

Fiddlin' With Elon." First honorable mention went to the Vernician Literary Society ported through Barnard Dough- agent. for a small train, Tweetsie, deco- erty of Boone. Members who and gold; and second honorable Jones, Lewis Joyce, Watt Deal, a float showing a moonshine still

and the

Also participating in the parade were the ASTC band, directed by high school, directed by Dale Earliest feature of the day was Grabill; Valdese high school, directed by George Wilson; Hickory high school, directed by Langdon ris of Boone presided. Present for Walker; and Appalachian high

Walter Joyce of Winston-Salem, Clyde Reese of Reese, student of president of the alumni association, presided over the luncheon and business meeting at which Greensboro. some 300 were present. Dean J ris for the coming year for the D. Rankin brought greetings from old Timers group were Mrs. Hat-President B. B. Dougherty who Registration To tie Lewis of Sherwood, vice-pres- was hospitalized and unable to ident, and Paul Winkler of Boone, be present; and Dr. D. J. Whitesecretary. They also appointed a ner spoke on behalf of the college committee to assist in organiz-ing the alumni of Watauga Coun-utations from the campus com-The Vilas, chairman; Mrs. China Lav- group heard reports from local endar, Paul Winkler, Starr Stacy, alumni chapters, reports of the Mrs. Graydon Eggers of Boone, association on its year's activities, enumerators and take re- Mrs. Joyce Davis of Vilas, and and plans for the future. By resomedial action where necessary, Mrs. Howard Edmisten of Sugar lution they took over the judging Grove. Dr. D. J. Whitener and of the parade and the awarding Professor Leo K. Pritchett of the of the trophy, a function hereto-After attending the training college were appointed to assist fore brought to prominence on The books will remain open for

for this purpose. The nominating committee re-

(Continued on page three)

Set For Friday Flans have been completed for the sixth annual Homecoming a Appalachian High School on Friday, October 8, according to an announcement from the Student

Appalachian High

Homecoming At

Festivities will get under way at 2:30 when the high school band will appear in the annual Home coming parade. Floats sponsored by various classes and clubs of the school will participate in the paade. The band, under the leadership of Mr. Perry Watson, will also perform before the game at

The Appalachian cheerleaders under the sponsorship of Mr Shirley Gabriel, will hold a pep meeting and bonfire on the athletic field at 5:30.

At 7:00 p. m., the Appalachian Blue Devils will be hosts to the Taylorsville Bears in the annual Homecoming game on the college field. Halftime ceremonies will be conducted by the Taylorsville

Immediately following the game, the Student Council will sponsor an informal dance in the high school gymnasium. The dance is being held from 9:30 to 11:30, with alumni invited, and tickets will be on sale at the door

A Homecoming King and Queen will be elected by the student body to reign over the Homecoming activities, both at the football

### Martin to Speak To Cook, Watauga County GOP Chairman, said this week. Con-Boone C. Of C.

The Chamber of Commerce will meet at the Gateway Cafe Tuesday, October 12, at noon.

Mr. Martin, superintendent of the mail service in this section, who will be here at the time conducting a survey of mail service, will address the Chamber. Mr. Martin's headquarters are in

# Start Saturday

Registration books for the general election are to open Saturday in the various polling places of the county.

Those persons who have reached their 21st birthdays since the last election, and those who have moved in, and met the statutory residence requirements will need to register to be eligible to vote Homecoming Day by the Men's three Saturdays, through October gress. 23. October 30 will be challenge ed in the parade which was held Dr. Lawernce Owsley spoke on day. The general election is Tues-

The last 1954 cooperative lamb pool for Watauga and surrounding counties will be held at the the float proclaimed "Feudin' Not tional gift of \$600.00 just received West Jefferson Livestock Market Monday, October 11, according to L. E. Tuckwiller, Watauga county

Lambs will be weighed from rated in the college colors of black served with him were H. G. 7 until 10 a. m., and loaded out as soon as possible after that. H. D. of service. mention was a tie between the and Myrtle Kiker. They present- Quessenberry, livestock market-Christian Teachers Club with a ed a slate of officers, which was ing specialist, N. C. Department float depicting faith and educa- elected by unanimous vote. They of Agriculture, will do the gradtion, and the Business Club with were: Ben Horton of Boone, pres- ing and lambs will be sold to the representing Southern states as have reduced the yield.



ServedInCongressFor42Years

## Congressman Reese Will Speak At G. O. P. Rally

of the First District of Tennessee 2; North Carolina, 1; Oklahoma will be the principal speaker at 1. Reece's visit is calculated to a barbecue and rally at the Blow- add the Ninth District to the list ing Rock City Park on Friday of Southern Congressmen. afternoon, October 8, Earl D.



REPRESENTATIVE REESE

gressman Reece will appear in behalf of the candidacy of William E. Stevens, Jr., of Lenoir for the Ninth District seat in Con-Stevens is expected to be pres-

ent for the festivities, Cook said. In addition, Watauga County candidates will be recognized.

Congressman Reece was first elected in 1920 as the youngest member of the Sixty-seventh Congress. He was chairman of the Republican National Committee from 1946 to 1948 and has, for a number of years, been Na-tional Committeeman from the Five potato fields were visited 610 bushels per acre. He planted

The rally, Chairman Cook said, will kick off "the most intensive campaign we have ever waged in Watauga County in any election year." There are 500 barbecued chickens being prepared by the Blowing Rock American Legion. Serving will begin at 4:30 P. M. At 3:30 P. M. the Tweetsie Junior Train will offer free rides for all the kiddies. The speaking will begin promptly at 6:30 P. M.

During the rally special music will be furnished by one of the outstanding string bands of this section.

The arrangements committee for the occasion consists of Grover Robbins, Sr., chairman; C. R. Walser, Watt Gragg, Allen Craig, Clarence Watson, D. E. Church, and R. B. Hardin.

The finance committee is headed by Paul Coffey and includes S. C. Eggers, Jr., and H. P. Hols-The publicity committee con-

E. D. Cook and Grover Robbins.

A new series of atomic tests olina Congressional delegation. at the Nevada proving grounds | Watauga county people are ask

## Dignitaries In **Throng Paying** Respects At Bier

Funeral services were conduct ed Sunday afternoon from the Sparta Baptist Church for Robert L. Doughton, veteran ninth district Congressman, who served under seven Presidents and wrote more tax bills than any other man in the nation's history.

Death came Friday, five weeks before Mr. Doughton would have observed his 91st birthday. His death was discovered at 7 a. m. went to his bedroom at the Laurel Springs home to see why the veteran solon had not appeared for breakfast. A physician said Doughton had died in his sleep some four hours earlier, likely from a heart seizure.

Rev. Jack Byrd, pastor of the church; Rev. Landreth Blevins, pastor of the Laurel Springs Baptist Church, Rev. Wayne Thompson, of the Glade Valley Presbyterian Church; Rev. Howard Ford, former pastor of the Sparta Church took part in the funeral rites.

Springs Baptist Church cemetery,

13 miles away.
Hundreds gathered at the Doughton home during the morning hours, and additional hundreds filled the church and the available room outside as services were held for the man who represented the district for 42 year. High officials of the State government, and of the Federal respects, and a group of highway patrolmen was necessary to take care of the traffic problem in the vicinity of the home and the

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. B. O. Edwards, of Asheville and Miss Reba Doughton of the home; two sons, Claude Doughton of the home and J.

Horton Doughton of Statesville; (Continued on page six.)

### District Dem. Rally Oct. 8

A ninth district Democratic Rally will be held in the courthouse at Statesville at 2 o'clock Friday, October 8.

Congressman Hugh Alexander, Senators Lennon and Ervin, and sists of Clyde Greene, chairman; former Governor Scott will be present. Also expected are members of the Council of State, and other members of the North Car-

"early in 1955" has been announc- ed to attend. Democratic canded by the Atomic Energy Com- idates for office are particularly

## **Highest Potato Yield** Is 610 Bushels An Acre

state of Tennessee. Reece is often and the approximate yield check-referred to as the Dean of GOP ed at each field. The yield this Southern Congressmen, being the year was below that of last year. oldest Southern member of the There are various opinions as to sprayed his potatoes six times House of Representatives in point the cause of the low yield, but for insect and disease control and cold wather during May and the cultivated them four times. Mr. There are ten GOP members subsequent dry weather during Austin is an outstanding farmer in the U.S. House of Representhhe rest of the growing season tatives from Dixie at this time, are the reasons most likely to

packer who offers the best price. follows: Virginia, 3; West Vir- Mr. Collis Austin, Route 1,

The annual potato tour was Blowing Rock, had the highest the Sequoia variety, used 1500 lbs. of an 8-8-8 fertilizer per acre. to begin with; he had his soil tested and followed the recommendations, he planted on good potato soil and followed good practices in making this high

> The other farmers and their varieties and yields are as follows: Wade Coffey, Essex variety, 496.6 bushels; L. P. Hodges, Kennebec variety, 424.1 bushels; Austin Northern, Kennebec variety, 388 bushels; and Kyle Hodges, Kennebec variety, 367.5

The average yield in bushels per acre was 457.2. This is practically 100 bushels per acre less

than it was a year ago.

The sponsors of the tour would like to see a larger crowd attend the tour. There were only a few farmers present but they were



MANY FINE BANDS TOOK PART IN COLORFUL HOMECOMING PARADE.