

KING STREET

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A HEAP OF SPUDS

A few years ago Watt Beach won a gold watch for having set a record in potato production. As we recall it, he dug four hundred bushels from one acre . . . This year, Collis Austin raised 610 bushels on an acre . . . These two sets of figures indicate clearly the improvement which has come about in the production of the tubers during the past few years . . . Fact is, it don't take many hills to make a bushel this day and time, as witness the production of five bushels by Ellis Coffey from the planting of the eyes from five Kennebec tubers. Mr. Coffey says that many of the spuds tipped the scales at one pound.

CHESTNUT TIME

We are indebted to Clyde Moretz for a branch from a chestnut tree, which contains six burrs, which is something of a novelty, since the chestnut trees departed from the local scene some twenty-five years ago . . . But the strange thing about the chestnut twig, which is odd enough itself, is the fact that it contained a bunch of blooms also . . . And we like to share the belief of some of the people that chestnuts are coming back to stay someday.

THE TIME OF CHANGE

In the Methodist Church, pastors are moved here and there by the action of the general conference, and it's a time of more or less excitement in the church when its movin' time again . . . We are pleased to add our words of welcome to Rev. E. H. Lowman, who occupied the pulpit at the Boone Church Sunday for the first time, and to his family who have established their residence here . . . If we don't miss our guess the Lowmans are going to fit in good here, and we're glad to have them . . . At the same time we would express our personal gratification over Rev. Joe Shackford's ministry, which came to an end locally when the four years had expired . . . Longer terms are not usual . . . Our best wishes follow the Shackfords down to Walkertown, where they may be expected to do well and provide a fruitful ministry . . . Joe Shackford came to a role of leadership in this community, and his activities in behalf of the Boy Scouts, the recreation movement, and union religious activities were outstanding, but added to the normal work of the church, often taxed his strength to the limit . . . And to these few words of appreciation for his ministry, we add our hope for his expanded successes in his exalted profession.

LASSES TIME

Cane molasses, known by most folks in our growing-up days as lasses, are now available, and the gingerbread, to which molasses provides an essential ingredient, is one of the delicacies of these first frosty days . . . Always referred to plurally, we always like to have a few on hand, for it takes several molasses to satisfy our cravin' in these twilight days 'twixt balmy summer and bleak winter . . . And here and there, to add to the pleasures of the fall, we see the cold cider signs along the road, and quaff a half pint of the juice . . . And of course pumpkin pies are in season, there's a bit of fuel for a bright fire on a chill evening, and summertime after all, leaves some compensations.

ODDS AND ENDS

Lads screeching the tires as they turn their autos in the middle of the street, on two wheels . . . And despite the lack of zesty air which is ordinarily referred to as football weather, Coach Duggins and his Mountaineers have the zip and hold a clean lead in the North State Conference football race. And we're glad, and offer our best to the coaching staff and to the men who handle the pigskin . . . Personal nomination for the town's busiest man is W. R. Winkler, who acts as district highway commissioner, operates his own large business enterprises, and still finds time to listen to the troubles of all the folks who care to call, and does a good job all the way around.



ALUMNI OFFICERS—Ben Horton, director of student teachers at Appalachian, was elected president of the Appalachian Alumni Association last Saturday. He succeeds Walter Joyce. Other officers include Mrs. Daisy Eggers, secretary-treasurer, who succeeds Rebekah Rivers, and Shirley Gabriel, vice-president, who succeeds Frank Greer. From left to right above are Mrs. Eggers, Mr. Horton, Mr. Joyce, and Miss Rivers.—(Photo courtesy Winston-Salem Journal.)

Alumni Officers Elected Saturday

Ben Horton of Boone, North Carolina, was unanimously elected president of the alumni association at the luncheon meeting in the cafeteria on Saturday. Other officers elected at this time were: Shirley Gabriel, of Iron Station, vice-president; and Daisy Eggers of Boone, secretary and treasurer. More than three-hundred Appalachian alumni attended this meeting which was presided over by Walter Joyce, of Winston-Salem, retiring president.

Dean J. D. Rankin brought greetings from President B. B. Dougherty who was hospitalized and unable to be present, after which Dr. D. J. Whitener spoke on behalf of the college faculty. Salutations from the campus Homecoming committee were given by Mr. Horton.

Reports of local alumni chapters, of the association's activities, and plans for the future were then heard. By resolution the group took over the judging of the parade and the awarding of the trophy for the best float. Heretofore this function had been brought into prominence on Homecoming Day by the Men's "A" club.

Dr. Lawrence Owsley spoke on behalf of the Appalachian Educational Foundation recently incorporated as a non-profit organization to provide scholarships for students to attend Appalachian. He urged the alumni to belong to both organizations and announced that those who joined at the time could become charter members. It was announced that an additional gift of \$600.00 had been received for this purpose.

GOP Club To Meet On Friday

The Watauga County Young Republican Club will meet Friday night October 15 at 7:30 in the courthouse. All members and interested persons are urged to attend.

Consumer installment credit rose in August for the third straight month to a total of \$21,310,000,000.

Enumerators For Farm Census Are Being Sought

Applications for employment as enumerators for the 1954 Census of Agriculture in Watauga County will be accepted beginning October 11, it was announced today by Field Supervisor Albert G. Miller.

Persons interested should notify Cloyd S. Bolick, at 411 East King St., Boone, who is serving as crew leader for this area. Applications forms can be obtained also from the agriculture census field office at 1601 Brenner Avenue, Salisbury.

Applicants for enumerators jobs must be citizens of the United States, have a high school education or furnish evidence of com-

Postal Official Is Speaker At C. Of C.

Mr. George Dewey Martin, of Greensboro, district superintendent of the Postal Transportation System, was guest speaker at the October meeting of the Boone Chamber of Commerce, held at noon Tuesday in the private dining room of the Gateway Restaurant.

Introduced by Acting Postmaster Lyle Cook, the speaker, who has been associated with the postal service for 35 years, discussed the functions of the Postal Transportation System, which was formerly called the Railway Mail Service.

There is a revolution taking place in the system, he said, as the Post Office Department began looking for a less expensive method of transporting mail to avoid increased rates of railroads, and more and more Highway Post Offices (HPO) are being used. There are now twelve Highway Post Offices in this district of 1300 post offices, said Mr. Martin.

The department is not abandoning the railroads, he said, except for short hauls, but has found that HPO's and Star Routes are much less expensive for the shorter distances.

Mr. Martin said the Post Of-

fice department is also utilizing air mail service more, and the first air mail field between Washington and Atlanta will be established at Charlotte, with 62 planes carrying mail to points in North and South Carolina in a 24 hour period.

In other business, Dr. Mary B. H. Michal, district health officer, stressed the need for a public health center in Boone. She said it had been ascertained that such a building would cost \$25,000, of which \$8,000 would have to be raised locally. Paul A. Coffey, chairman of the board of county commissioners, stated that the commissioners favor a county bond issue for this purpose.

Mr. Tony Rhodes, field secretary of the Carolinas United Red Feather Services, met with a committee following the general meeting, to discuss the possibility of establishing a United Fund Campaign in Watauga County. In brief, he said, the United Appeal is a federated movement to bring all of the individual fund drives, such as heart, cancer, etc., into one campaign, thereby saving time, manpower, and money. The plan is being operated successfully in many Carolinas communities, he said.

Greer Is Reelected Horn President

Dr. I. G. Greer of Chapel Hill was re-elected president of the Southern Appalachian Historical Association at a meeting of the Board of Directors held at Ranch Motel, Blowing Rock, Monday evening.

Dr. D. J. Whitener of Boone was re-elected vice-president at official meeting, which followed a general meeting of the members of the Historical Association, the producer of Horn in the West. James Marsh was re-elected treasurer, Mrs. Earleen Pritchett remains as secretary with Mrs. B. W. Stallings, corresponding secretary.

New members of the board of

directors elected were: W. W. Chester, D. L. Wilcox and Mrs. Rob Rivers. Those re-elected to the board are: R. E. Agie, Wade E. Brown, Mrs. Charles Cannon, Miss Ellen Coffey, H. Grady Farthing, Clyde R. Greene, I. G. Greer, Stanley Harris, Russell D. Hodges, A. P. Kephart, James James Marsh, Dr. L. H. Owsley, Mrs. Earleen Pritchett, Grover Robbins, Mrs. B. W. Stallings, Dr. D. J. Whitener, Mrs. James B. Winkler, W. R. Winkler.

Hunter Speaks
Kermit Hunter, author of Horn in the West, spoke of contemplated changes in the drama.

Others recognized were Carl Fidler, business manager, and James Marsh, treasurer, who made a financial report. E. W. Smith, auditor, was heard as was Bob Isbell, publicity director. Dr. Will Mason, composer and arranger of music for the Horn, was recognized. J. E. Broynhill was recognized, and Dr. Whitener praised the following for their fine work in connection with the Horn: James Marsh, Carl Fidler, Bob Isbell, Russell Hodges, Bob Agie, W. R. Winkler, Mrs. B. W. Stallings, Clyde R. Greene, Mrs. Earleen Pritchett.

Guests were Dr. and Mrs. Soth of Des Moines, the guests of the Dr. Kepharts; Mr. and Mrs. Sven Clausen, Copenhagen, Denmark, guests of Kai Jergensen; Robert Hall, guest of the James Councils, Dr. H. B. Perry and W. L. Winkler.

New merges, are rumored in the automobile field.

Hereford Sale Brings Breeders \$8,585; Average Price Is \$163

Road Leaders Of Carolina, Tenn. To Gather Here

A meeting to discuss interstate roads, with particular reference to Highway 603, will be held here Wednesday, October 12, with Tennessee highway officials, W. R. Winkler, North Carolina State Highway Commissioner of the eleventh district, has announced. The meeting will be held at 6:30 p. m. in the Gateway Restaurant.

Tennessee officials expected to attend are W. M. Leach, Tennessee Highway Commissioner, W. E. Dunlap, state highway engineer, O. L. Peeler, right-of-way engineer, Ike Green of the Governor's staff, and James Worley of Shoups, Governor Clement's campaign manager.

Also in attendance will be J. H. Council, district engineer, and other interested local persons. Mr. Winkler said.

IRC Will Hold Open House At Plant In Boone

The International Resistance Company will hold "open house" Saturday, October 16, at their plant on Greenway Road, just off the Blowing Rock highway, according to an announcement by Mr. John S. Kane, plant manager.

The public is cordially invited to visit the plant on that day between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m. Key personnel of the company will conduct tours of the factory, and explain the processes necessary to the manufacture of the many types of resistors used in radio and television sets, electrical appliances, and electronic devices, Mr. Kane said.

Mrs. Pennell, 80, Taken By Death

Mrs. Mary Caroline Pennell, of Boone, died October 7, at 80 years of age.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 p. m. Friday, October 8, at the Boone Baptist Church, conducted by the Rev. L. H. Hollingsworth, and burial was in the Winkler Cemetery.

She is survived by six sons, Fred, Dudley, and Milt, all of Lenoir, Cloy, Blowing Rock, Ira, Hickory, and Lloyd, Morganton; three daughters, Mrs. Wiley Mast, Lenoir, Mrs. Aaron Robinson, Morganton, and Miss Belle Pennell, Boone; four brothers, Walter, Ben, and Frank Culler, all of Zionville, Ed Culler, Boone; and two sisters, Mrs. Bedford Greene, Boone, and Mrs. James Cornell, Zionville.

Wheat Growers To Forfeit Support

All wheat growers of Watauga County are advised by County ASC Chairman, Dwight Cable, that if their harvested acreage in 1955 exceeds their allotment, they will receive no price support on their wheat and will not be eligible for ACP payments for 1955.

Any farmer growing wheat for harvest in 1955 without an allotment will receive no price support on their wheat, and, also, will not be eligible for ACP payments.

Tester Studies At Kenyon, Ohio

Gambier, Ohio.—Back at Bentley Hall, the divinity school of Ohio's Kenyon College is Welsh K. Tester, the son of Mr. D. T. Tester, Valle Crucis, N. C. Welch received his B. S. from Appalachian State Teachers College in 1951.

The Army has announced that the ground forces would be increased from nineteen to twenty-four combat divisions and entire units would be rotated.

Mrs. Pritchett Chosen BPW Of The Week

As a part of its celebration of National Business Women's Week, the members of the Boone Business and Professional Women's Club voted by secret ballot to choose the member of their club as Business Woman of the Week. Mrs. Earleen G. Pritchett was chosen by the members to carry this honor for her club.

Mrs. Pritchett has served two terms as the club's president. She has been assistant recording secretary to the North Carolina Federation of Business and Professional Women's Club, Inc., chairman of the Education and Vocations Committee for District Number Two of the State Federation, and has held other club offices. At present she is second vice-president of the Boone BPW. She is secretary to the dean at Appalachian State Teachers College, member of the Boone Presbyterian Church, member of the board of directors of Southern Appalachian Historical Association and its recording secretary. Mrs. Pritchett has also held various offices in the Democratic party.

Other leaders of the Boone BPW who were also nominated for this honor included the following: Mrs. Allie Hodgin, the club's president, who is reference librarian at Appalachian State Teachers College; Miss Clyde Kilby, former president of the club and presently chairman of its news service committee. Miss Kilby is a well-known cosmetologist in Boone; Dr. Mary Michal, member of the public affairs committee, who is district health officer in Watauga, Ashe, and Alleghany counties; Mrs. Nell Linney, former president of the club, member of its membership committee, and popular assistant postmaster of the Boone postoffice; Miss Helen Underdown, chairman of the club's committee on TB Seals Sale, and Watauga County's only woman holding a politically elective office, that of Register of Deeds; Mrs. Constance Stallings, chairman of the public affairs committee, and co-owner of Stallings Jewelry Store; and Mrs. Margaret Gragg, former president of the club, presently its treasurer and parliamentarian, member of the faculty of Appalachian High School.

Filters in cigarettes are seen to be helping the industry.

Walking Blood Bank Established In City

It has been announced that a "Walking Blood Bank" has been established at Watauga Hospital. The ever-increasing need for whole blood and the fact that it cannot be stored safely but for a maximum of 18 days has necessitated this program, under the sponsorship of the Ashe-Watauga Medical Auxiliary.

The Walking Blood Bank works like this: A designated time and place for typing is set up. The people come in and have their blood typed and are given a card stating what type they have. This in itself could save the individual's life in some future situation where there is no time or opportunity to type their blood for emergency transfusion. The blood bank secretary keeps detailed records on all blood types and in an emergency, calls for blood are made on a rotation basis. No one will be called more than once in three months.

U. B. Poarch Is Dead At Age 57

Ulysses Brownlow Poarch, of Banner Elk, Route 1, died October 8 at the age of 57.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m., October 10, at the Watauga Baptist Church, conducted by the Rev. Calvin Helton, Rev. Will Cook, and Rev. Ronda Earp. He is survived by his widow and two sons, Loris, of the home, and Donald, USAF, Greenville, S. C.; three daughters, Mrs. Carl Poston, Hickory, Mrs. Lemuel Fulp, Winston-Salem, and Mrs. Ernest Rowe, Hampton, Va.; and a sister, Mrs. Ed Franklin, Konarock, Va.

Internal Revenue agents will spend the next three months in classrooms familiarizing themselves with the new income tax law, which has at least 1,000 changes. The new tax law will result in savings to some, and tightens the rule on others.

Barden Taken Into Ministry



LAWRENCE E. BARDEN, son of Dr. and Mrs. John G. Barden, was ordained to the order of deacon at the recent annual conference of the Methodist Church, held in Asheville. Bishop Costen J. Harrell, of Charlotte, officiated.

Lawrence is now in the second-year class of the Duke Divinity School. He was admitted to the Western North Carolina Conference in 1953.

Funeral Held For Miss Eller

Miss Sophie Elizabeth Eller, of Orlando, Fla., died Wednesday, October 6, at the home of a sister, Mrs. W. C. Greer, of Boone, following an extended illness. She was 58 years of age.

Funeral services were held at 11 a. m. Friday, October 8, at the Boone Baptist Church, conducted by the Rev. L. H. Hollingsworth, and burial was in the City Cemetery.

Surviving besides Mrs. Greer are a brother, Lloyd Eller, Crawfordsville, Md.; and two other sisters, Mrs. John Wethered, and Mrs. Gage, both of Orlando.

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Many Attend Annual Auction Purebred Stock

The Watauga Purebred Hereford Breeders Association sold fifty-two and one-half lots for \$8,585.00 into the states of Virginia, Tennessee, and North Carolina, in their twelfth annual sale at Boone on Saturday, October 9. Eight bulls averaged \$225.00 per head and forty-five heifers averaged \$151.00. The average per head price for the sale was \$163.52.

R. G. Shipley sold the highest selling bull, SF Larry Premier 2nd, to Tom Jackson, Boone, for \$185.00 for one-half interest. W. H. Walker sold the second highest priced bull to H. H. Wise, Three Mile, N. C.

W. H. Walker sold the four top selling heifers in the sale. The top heifer went to J. H. Doughton, Statesville, for \$300.00 and the next three went at \$275.00 each to George Ward, Whaley, N. C., who took two, and O. T. Sherrill, Hickory. Each of these heifers and also the bull that Mr. Walker sold were sired by HC Larry Domino 84th.

C. G. Fox, Hickory, purchased six heifers to claim the largest number of any buyer. Ray Clark, Lansing, purchased five heifers. H. L. Edmundson, Horseshoe, N. C., and O. T. Sherrill, Hickory, purchased four each. Other buyers were Sherman Simpson, Mt. Airy, three heifers, and Grady Miller, North Wilkesboro, three heifers. Horace Waddell, Grassy Creek, N. C., L. B. Young, Ruggs, Va., Roe Warren, Watauga, Tenn., W. H. Walker, Sugar Grove, and D. A. Wike, Lenoir, purchased two lots each.

Those who purchased one lot each were D. L. O'Kelley, Horseshoe, N. C., G. G. Steele, Lenoir, H. H. Wise, Three Mile, Eugene Waddell, Grassy Creek, Buster Henson, Sherwood, G. R. Ingram, Three Mile, I. D. Shull, Valle Crucis, H. T. Conley, Marion, T. Hill Swanson, Lenoir, B. W. Stallings, Boone, Doris Miller, North Wilkesboro, and Wesley Brewer, Newland.

The sale was held in Mountain Burley Warehouse No. 2.

Lawyers Meet In Blowing Rock

The annual bar association meeting for the sixteenth district was held in Blowing Rock Friday night.

More than fifty gathered from Cleveland, Catawba, Caldwell, Burke, Lincoln and Watauga counties for the sessions which were held at the Ranch Motel, which were presided over by J. E. Holshouser of Boone, retiring president.

Mr. Harvey Jonas, Jr., of Lincolnton was elected president of the association.

The principal speaker was Col. Craig, legal officer for the Air Force, whose topic was the justice system as employed in the armed forces. Following his address a question and answer period was engaged in.

A memorial resolution for former Senator Clyde Hoye was introduced by Ernest Gardner and adopted. Mr. Quinkle and Berge Beam of Lincolnton, were also memorialized.

The next bar association meeting will be held in Lincolnton.

Voter Registration To Continue To Oct. 23

Registration for the November 2 general election will continue at the State's more than 2,200 polling places on Saturdays, October 16 and 23.

Registrars will be at the precinct polling places on these days from 9 a. m. until sunset. October 30 will be challenge day.

Persons must be a resident of their precinct for four months and a resident of North Carolina for one year prior to November 2 to be eligible to register.

Young men and women who will become 21 years of age before November 2 may register and vote.

Qualified voters who will be absent from the county in which they are registered on election day, or who by reasons of sickness or other physical disability are unable to go to the polling place, may vote by absentee ballot. Absentee ballots may be obtained from County Election Board Chairmen.