

KING STREET

BY ROB RIVERS

A VITAL FORCE IN DEVELOPMENT OF COUNTY

Institutions along the street which have contributed vastly to the growth and the well-being of the community and county are not particularly rare, but the institution which first brought the easy payment home-building plan to this area, the Watauga Building & Loan Association, can perhaps claim a record for the most spectacular growth of any of our local business enterprises...

WE CONGRATULATE

President Grady Farthing, veteran Secretary Watt Gragg, other members of the board and the stockholders for the team work which has built such a strong financial institution in our midst—one which is contributing so magnificently to the welfare of our people.

AND WE LOOK BACK

34 years to the day when the Building and Loan was established, marking the first time a citizen could secure a monthly-payment loan with which to build a house, and secure the loan with a mortgage on the property...

BUILT A LOT OF HOUSES

The Building and Loan has been responsible for the building of a lot of homes and business houses in Boone, Blowing Rock and the rural areas...

KIDDIES AID MARCH OF DIMES

The little children often feel most acutely the importance of the March of Dimes campaign and the pitiful plight of other little folks who have been stricken by the disease...



EAGLE SCOUT.—Tommy Owsley is shown receiving his Eagle Scout award from his mother, Mrs. L. H. Owsley, in a ceremony in Fellowship Hall at the Boone Methodist Church.—Staff photo by Joe Minor.

Tommy Owsley Is Given Highest Boy Scout Award

Tommy Owsley officially became an Eagle Scout last Tuesday night in a court of honor held for Boy Scout Troop 109, in Fellowship Hall at the Boone Methodist Church.

March Dimes Dollars Aid Local Patients

Although March of Dimes dollars retained by the Watauga County Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis are intended for the care of local polio patients, residents of this county also are helping to lick polio nationally by actually preventing it before it strikes.

"It is estimated that out of the national 50 per cent \$2,700,000 will be used on scientific research in 1955; \$2,900,000 on professional

Amateur Boxing Matches Will Provide Fun, Anti-Polio Funds

A series of boxing matches will be held at Appalachian High School auditorium Saturday night, January 22, at 8:00 for the benefit of the March of Dimes drive.

County Leads City In Dimes Campaign

Contributions to the March of Dimes from the county are coming in more rapidly than from the town of Boone, it is learned.

School Principals Lead Polio Fight

The Principals of the various schools of the county are in charge of the March of Dimes in their areas.

Mother's March, Ball Plans Being Mapped

Announcements concerning the Mother's March and March of Dimes ball will be given in the next edition of the Democrat.

education, including fellowships and scholarships to train professional people to fight polio more effectively both in the laboratory and in the hospital; \$6,000,000 will pay for gamma globulin contracted for in 1954 but not yet paid for. GG's limited protection is important until a vaccine becomes widely available.

"But the biggest chunk," the chairman said, "is the \$9,000,000 already committed to the purchase of enough Salk vaccine to give 9,000,000 people three injections each. This represents a calculated financial risk based upon the hope that the vaccine will be declared effective by the Poliomyelitis Vaccine Evaluation Center in Michigan and licensed for use.

"This is how the citizens of Watauga county, by giving to the March of Dimes, are helping lick polio before it strikes," they declared.

Wall" Coe; "Killer" Watt Gragg; Wayne "Cyclone" Richardson; "Jungle Jay" Goodnight; and "Gorgeous" Earl Penick. Howard Cottrell will be the announcer and Raleigh Cottrell will referee.

A few wrestling exhibitions will be given by Appalachian College and Appalachian High School students, refereed by Coach R. W. Watkins.

Tickets will go on sale Wednesday, January 19, at Boone Drug Co., Coe Insurance Agency, Watauga Democrat and Farmers Hardware Co., and can also be bought at the door. Admission will be 25 cents for children and the adult tickets will sell for 50 cents.

McDaniels Infant Succumbs Saturday

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd N. McDaniels, of Charlotte, died four and one-half hours after birth in Blowing Rock Hospital Saturday, January 15. Mrs. McDaniels is a native of Blowing Rock.

In addition to the parents, a sister, Ricky, survives.

Heart Attack Is Fatal To Olen Younce

Olen Younce, well-known Boone businessman, died unexpectedly in Watauga Hospital at about 11 p. m. Sunday night, January 16, following a heart attack. He had apparently been in his usual good health prior to the attack. He was 49 years of age.

Mr. Younce had been in the dry cleaning business for many years, and together with his son, Paul Younce, had owned and operated Hi-Land Dry Cleaners here for the past four or five years.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Tuesday, January 18, at the Mabel Methodist Church, and burial was in the North Fork Cemetery.

He is survived by his widow, the former Miss Bonnie Powell; his mother; three sons, Paul, of Boone, Jerry and George of Mabel; a daughter, Mrs. Dick Henson, of Bristol, Tenn.; a brother, Ronda Younce, of Mabel; and three grandchildren.

Harris Is Named Chairman Board Local Hospital

At the annual meeting of the Hospital Board held in the hospital on Thursday, January 13, Stanley A. Harris was elected Chairman of the Board succeeding Dr. G. K. Moose. Other officers are Wade E. Brown, vice-chairman; Willis W. Chester, secretary; and Richard M. Morhauser, treasurer.

Order of business included the appointment of the active medical staff for the year and appointment of committees.

The annual reorganizational meeting of the board is held on the second Thursday in January of each year in conjunction with the regular monthly meeting. Mr. Harris expressed his appreciation for the confidence vested in him by the board by electing him chairman and outlined several projects that the board might undertake this year towards further improving the services and facilities of the local hospital.

Johnny Dyer Badly Hurt In Accident

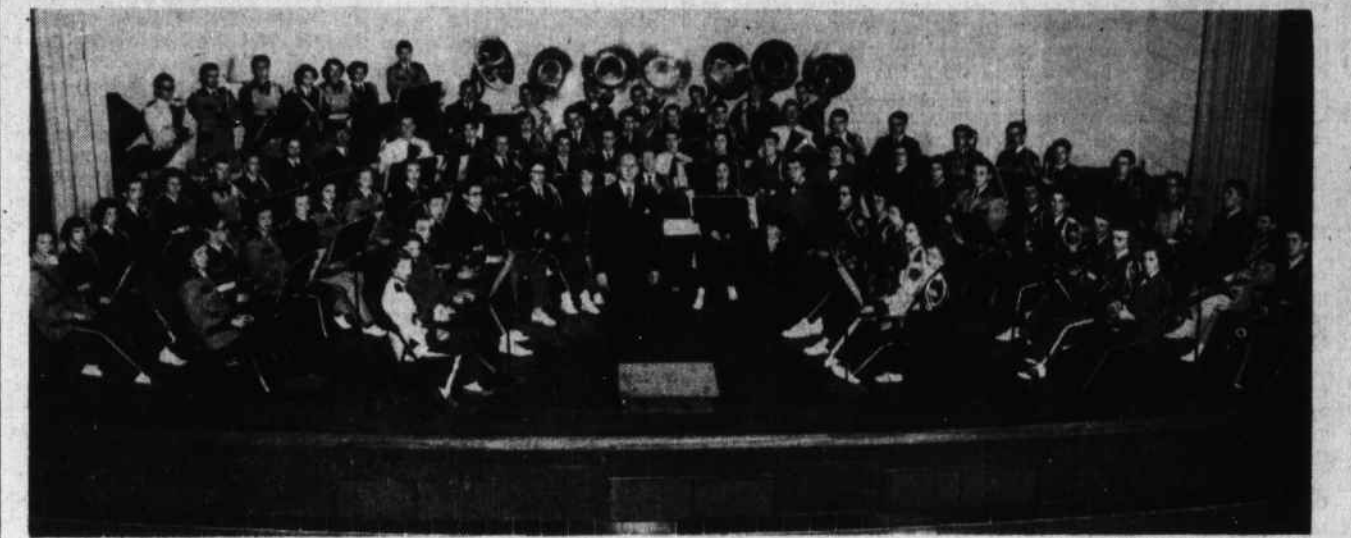
John Dyer, 55, of Boone, remains in serious condition at Watauga Hospital. Mr. Dyer sustained a serious spinal injury in an accident in the garage at Appalachian State Teachers College on January 12, and has been confined to the hospital since. He has worked for the college from time to time since 1946, having been a full-time employee since 1950.

Chamber of Commerce Seeking Apartments

The Chamber of Commerce is having calls for apartments, and the list kept has been exhausted.

Anyone having an apartment for rent should call the Chamber of Commerce at AM 4-3646. There is no charge for this service.

Twenty-Two High Schools To Be Represented In Band Clinic



(Photo by Palmer's Photo Shop)

LAST YEAR'S WESTERN CAROLINA CLINIC BAND

BURLEY AUCTIONS WILL END TODAY

The Boone burley tobacco market is scheduled to close its best season in several years today (Wednesday) with what was expected to be a light sale.

Including Tuesday's sale, the market has sold a total of 3,720,430 pounds of burley tobacco for farmers in North Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia, for an average of "better than \$51.00 per hundred pounds," said R. C. Coleman, operator of the Mountain Burley and Farmers Burley warehouses here.

The total poundage represents an increase of about 400,000 pounds over the 1953-54 season total, with Wednesday's sale still to be added, Mr. Coleman said.

Hereford Breeders To Gather Thurs.

The Purebred Hereford Breeders of Watauga county will hold a meeting Thursday night, January 20, 7:30 p. m. in the vocational agriculture class room at Appalachian High School.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the possibilities of a spring bull sale and to conduct any other proper business that may come before the group. The new motion picture, "Hereford Heritage", will be shown.

Vacancy Now Exists On City Police Force

A vacancy now exists in the city police department, due to the resignation of Chief Glenn Richardson, it was stated by city officials Monday.

Chief Richardson resigned following his purchase of the Gateway Restaurant. He is in charge of the restaurant.

Those interested in the position are asked to file their applications at city hall, prior to noon on January 27.

The Radio Corporation of America announced reductions, running as high as 33 per cent, in R. C. A. Victor records.

Appalachian State Teachers College and the Town of Boone will be host to 100 senior high school band students when they gather here Friday and Saturday, January 21st and 22nd for the fifth annual North Carolina Band Clinic (Northwestern Division) to be held in Boone.

The 22 schools represented and their band directors are as follows: Appalachian High School, Boone, Perry Watson; Hickory High School, Hickory, Landon Walker; Drexel High School, Drexel, Kath-

ryn Siphers; Elkin High School, Elkin, Edward Waugh; Gray High School, Winston-Salem, E. A. Rowley; Hanes High School, Winston-Salem, R. Walker; High Point High School, High Point, Dave Carter; Hildebran High School, Hildebran, Edison Day; Jamestown High School, Jamestown, Bob Ingram; Kernersville High School, Kernersville, Mr. Headlee; Kink High School, King, Charles Driver; Lexington High School, Mr. Wagner; Marion High School, Bernard Hirsch; Mineral Springs High

School, Winston-Salem, Roy Milligan; Newton-Conover High School, Mr. Tyler; Valdese High School, George Wilson; Walkertown High School, Mr. Headlee; West Yadkin High School, Bill Robinson; Wilkes Central High School, Claude Jarrett; Morganton High School, M. T. Cousins; West Jefferson High School, Gene Wilson; Glen Alpine High School, Martha Thomasson.

The program to be presented Saturday night at 7:30 in the Fine Arts Auditorium by the band and (continued on page four)

Blowing Rock Chamber Makes Vigorous Attack On Toll Plan

The Blowing Rock Chamber of Commerce has voiced vigorous protest against the plan to assess a toll fee on Parkway travelers, and has passed the following resolution, which is signed by Grover C. Robbins, president, and Mrs. Helen B. Clear, secretary:

The Chamber of Commerce, Blowing Rock, North Carolina, hereby affirms its deepest concern over the proposed toll system for

the Blue Ridge Parkway, and expresses its deep-seated feeling that the imposition of such a system would create not only preposterous, but unfair and discriminatory burdens upon this mountain-top resort and all the people of this area. In addition it would seriously disturb the economic resources of Western North Carolina, and large areas of Virginia and Tennessee. We register our protest on the following

self-evident facts: 1.—This toll system would entail the breaking of a bona-fide agreement with those who provided the right-of-way for the Parkway. 2.—This toll system would place this whole area in disrepute with the traveling public. If carried out casual tourists passing through would have to pay one dollar to drive less than ten miles over the (Continued on page seven)

Two Officers Chosen For National Guard

Two officers have been selected for the local national guard unit, one a Watauga county High School teacher, the other a student at Appalachian College.

Lieut. Clark, the college student, has recently returned from Korea, while Robert Gene Ray is now teaching at Bethel School.

Interest in the guard continues strong, and a number of men showed up Wednesday to enlist. Capt. Swanson and staff will be at the American Legion Hut tonight (Wednesday) 6 to 9 p. m. to receive enlistments. Those interested should be present at this time.

Guard enlistees 17 to 18½ years of age, will be draft exempt, but may volunteer for any type of military service. Those 17 to 18 must have the consent of their parents. Starting February 1 drills are

to be held Tuesday nights. Those attending drills will be paid for one day per week. Further information may be secured at the Chamber of Commerce or from Capt. Swanson Wednesday, after 3 p. m.

Senator Perry Given Assembly Committee Posts

Senator H. B. Perry of Boone was named Chairman of the Committee on Public Health and vice-chairman of the Committee on Election Laws in the State Senate last week.

Dr. Perry was also named on the important Appropriations Committee, Banks and Currency, Propositions and Grievances, and Public Welfare.

The committee assignments in the House of Representatives are expected to be announced today.

Windstorm insurance rates are increased in New England.

S. C. EGGERS HEADS RED CROSS EFFORT FOR FUNDS IN MARCH

S. C. Eggers, Boone realtor, has been named chairman of the American Red Cross campaign, to be held during March, it has been announced by Chairman R. W. Watkins. This is the second year that Mr. Eggers has been chairman of the campaign.

Boone Weather

By JOHN BOWEN HAMILTON

Table with columns: Date, High, Low, Present. Rows for Jan. 10-16.

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In the past 20 years, the number of hogs on North Carolina farms has more than doubled—from 519,714 hogs in 1930 to 1,231,121 in 1950.

President Asks Increase In Park, Parkway Moneys

Washington, Jan. 17.—President Eisenhower today asked for an appropriation of nearly 11 million dollars over the current year in appropriations for the National Park Service.

Included in his recommendations for the coming year was a \$3,912,358 item for Blue Ridge National Parkway. The President's message said that total estimated cost of Blue Ridge was \$85,231,660. He said \$39,924,938 had been allotted to the parkway during the present year. The Blue Ridge, a mountain-top parkway, connects Shenandoah National Park in Virginia and Great Smoky Mountains National Park in Western North

Carolina and Tennessee. The President recommended an appropriation of \$9,800,000 for management and protection of areas and facilities under Park Service jurisdiction compared to \$9,098,390 allotted this year.

The service this year had \$8,425,000 for the operation, maintenance and rehabilitation of roads, trails, buildings, utilities and other physical assets. For the coming year, expenditure of \$8,950,000 is proposed, an increase of \$525,000.

An increase of \$600,000 was recommended for new construction, boosting such appropriations to \$4,725,000 next year.



RABIES CLINIC... Feists, a beagle and a Cocker seen waiting turns as Dr. J. G. Martin, wearing white coat, yields the needle at rabies clinic. Forest Wilson and son are shown holding the feists as Bill Rush holds on to the sad-eyed rabbit dog. Rachel Rivers is seen in act of passing Cocker to table. Bill Spencer, inset, puffs thoughtfully on pipe as he holds injured cat, which he keeps at safe distance from unfriendly canines. Story on page six.—Staff photos Joe Minor.