

KING STREET BY ROB RIVERS

TOLLS NOTHING NEW

Rev. Walter K. Keys, in a letter to the Democrat, points out that "toll roads ain't nothing new" for Blowing Rock...



A STUDY IN CONTRAST... The smallest and the largest of the instruments and the players in the Appalachian High School Band.

Concert Of Visual Music Something Unusual In Local Band Programming

Baptist Leader



Wade E. Brown, Boone attorney, was appointed chairman of the Education Council, a division of the general board of the Baptist State Convention...

C. W. Williams Funeral Is Held

Funeral services for C. W. Williams, 72, of Mountain Park, were held at 2 p. m., Monday, January 31, at the Mountain Park Baptist Church.

Mr. Williams died at 2:30 a. m., Sunday morning, in a Winston-Salem hospital. He had been in declining health for six months and seriously ill for several days.

In 1914, he founded Mountain Park Institute, in Surry County, which served as a finishing school for students of that area before the enlarged consolidation program of the state high schools.

He is survived by his wife, the former Bessie Pfaff, of Winston-Salem; three sons, J. Livingston Williams, of Elkin, Charles H. Williams of Suffolk, Va., and Joe Williams of Boone; two daughters, Mrs. R. G. Taylor, Jr., of North Wilkesboro, and Mrs. Graydon Eggers, of Boone.

Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Howard J. Ford, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Elkin, and the Rev. L. H. Hollingsworth, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Boone.

Plans For Scout Week Are Being Made Here

Plans for Boy Scout week and other scouting activities were discussed by the District Scout committee at its regular meeting on January 27 in Boone.

for the county under the auspices of the Wild Life Club, the Medical Society and other organizations. Joe Davenport, field executive for the district, was present at the meeting to discuss the district camporee, set for April 29 and 30 and May 1.

Of special interest to those who like something unusual, is the coming concert of Visual Music presented by the Appalachian High School Band...

There will be no admission for the concert, but a good will offering will be taken during the intermission. This offering is to be used to help equip the new band room.

The program is scheduled for Thursday night, February 10, at 8 o'clock, in the new Elementary School Auditorium.

National Guard Unit Ready For Operation

Conley I. Clarke will be Company Commander of Boone's new national guard unit, which is now almost ready to begin active operation.

David Edmisten and James Hadden are Lieutenants. First Sergeant is Paul Edmisten and Supply Sergeant is Duke Wood.

Twenty-six men, more than the required initial number, have already signed up, but Captain Garland Swanson and his associates will meet again Wednesday afternoon to receive recruits at the Legion Hut Wednesday night from 7 to 9.

Honor Plaque For Weed Growers Is Available Here

Burley tobacco growers who produced \$100.00 worth of tobacco per one tenth acre on 0.7 acres or more land in 1954 are eligible for an "Honor Plaque", from the Northwest North Carolina Development Association...

This is an opportunity for a farmer who does a good job producing burley tobacco to receive some of the honor he deserves. The "Honor Plaques" do not cost the farmer any money, and may be displayed on the farm in any way the farmer desires.

Investment company business in 1954 is best in history.

Tri-State Group Meets Here To Protest Toll On Parkway

Two More Rabid Dogs Discovered In This Vicinity

The District Health Department reports that four more animal heads were sent to the Tennessee Laboratory in Johnson City Monday. Two of these dogs are known to have been rabid.

"It is cause for great concern," he continued, "that so many dogs are running loose in Watauga County. All dog owners are again urged to keep their dogs confined. All ownerless dogs should be killed."

Services Are Held For Norman Lindau

Boston, Mass.—Norman C. Lindau of North Road, Bedford, Mass., died January 27. Memorial services were held at the home Sunday January 30 at 4 p. m.

Leo Mast Passes Bar In Tallahassee



LEO MAST

Leo Mast is among the 110 persons who passed the recent Florida Bar examination, it has been announced by Phillip J. Fleming, executive secretary of the Board of Law Examiners.

The examination was held in Tallahassee November 22, 23, and 24. Twelve of the 110 who passed are from outside the State of Florida.

Mr. Mast is at present employed as a teacher at Kinloch Park Junior High School in Miami.



HOSPITAL PERSONNEL USE NEW MACHINE

I. R. C. Donates Valued Equipment To Hospital

It has been announced that the local IRC plant, through the efforts of Mr. John S. Kane and Mr. Oliver Greenway, has made a sizeable donation to Watauga Hospital for the specific purpose of paying for a resuscitator to be used in the hospital emergency room and other departments if needed.

Tax Money Taken In Daylight Robbery

Seven hundred and fifty-dollars was taken from the cash drawer of the county tax collector in a noon time robbery Monday, while Tax Collector Harry Hamilton was out for lunch.

Entrance to the office was gained through a window on the west side of the building, leading into Tax Supervisor Edgar Brown's office, and a lock was jimmied, providing entrance to the adjoining office of the tax collector.

The money, which consisted of bills of various denominations, was taken from a cash drawer. A number of checks and coins were undisturbed.

The break-in and theft occurred, it was said, between 12:30 and 1 p. m.

Sheriff E. M. Hodges, whose office is maintained in the county jail, said he had visited the tax collector's office during the noon hour and left the building when he found the door locked.

Officers are following up some clues with the hope that the robber may be apprehended.

5,083 Motor Vehicles Operated In Watauga

Watauga county citizens own and operate 5,083 motor vehicles, according to a year-end report of 1954 registrations released by the State Department of Motor Vehicles.

In the State, private passenger car registrations exceeded one million for the first time in the department's history and the State climbed to 15th place in national registration standings.

Broken down the year's total represents: 1,028,480 passenger cars, 335,354 trucks and trailers, 35,229 dealers, 29,295 public owned, 7,730 buses, and 1,735 motorcycles.

The State's fleet of 7,200 school buses is included in the public owned or permanent tag classification.

The three top counties were Mecklenburg (84,903), Guilford (79,373), and Forsyth (59,749). Tyrrell had the fewest with 1,085.

Boone Weather

By JOHN BOWEN HAMILTON

Table with columns: Date, High, Low, 6 p. m., snow, trace.

Co. Tax Listing Period Extended To End Of Month

Edgar Brown, tax supervisor for Watauga county, announces that the tax listing period has been extended through the month of February.

The extension, says Mr. Brown, is granted because of the unusually bad weather existing during January, and to give those who had been unable to list a further opportunity.

Books for all the townships in the county are now in the Supervisor's office, where listings will be accepted through February 28th.

Resolution To Be Forwarded To Secy. McKay

Directors of the Blue Ridge Parkway Associated Chambers of Commerce met here in the banquet room of the Boone Trail Restaurant Thursday, January 27, and unanimously adopted a resolution protesting the admission fee the National Park Service plans to put into effect along the Parkway beginning May 1.

The resolution will be sent to Douglas McKay, secretary of the interior, requesting him to rescind the park service's recent order setting up charges for travel on the road.

The meeting, presided over by Douglas Kouns of Asheville, president of the association, was attended by representatives from North Carolina, Virginia, and Tennessee.

Hugh Morton, owner of Grandfather Mountain, and member of the North Carolina Board of Conservation and Development, read a resolution adopted the previous day by the board vigorously protesting the toll. He told the delegates at the Boone meeting, "We're going to beat this thing. I'm confident of it."

Grover C. Robbins of Blowing Rock, the association's first president, moved that a similar resolution be adopted by the association, and the delegates present voted unanimously in favor of the resolution.

A committee composed of Kouns, Morton, Robbins, and Stanley Harris, president of the Boone Chamber of Commerce, drew up the resolution immediately after the meeting.

Sam P. Weems, superintendent of the Parkway, said the thinking in Washington is until the Parkway can meet its operating costs there will be some reluctance in appropriating the necessary funds to complete it. He said there are 30 miles of 255, uncompleted in Virginia, and 85 of 337 uncompleted in North Carolina.

Weems said he personally did not believe the admission fee would appreciably curtail tourist travel on the Parkway.

Asked about the cost of collecting the fee, Weems said it had been estimated that the cost would be ninety to ninety-five per cent of the gross but that the five to ten per cent realized would return about \$450,000 yearly. He added that these funds would not be earmarked for use on the Parkway, but would go into a general fund of the U. S. Treasury.

Kouns asked if the toll would guarantee additional appropriations for the Parkway, and Weems answered that it would not, but that the trend of the last few years indicates that such an attempt to meet operating costs would carry considerable weight with Congress when appropriations are asked.

In answer to another question, Weems said the Blue Ridge Parkway is the first on the country's eight parkway roads to ask a toll.

Morton said the cost to collect and the cost in good will would offset its use as an economy measure, and suggested that the people of North Carolina write their Congressmen and protest the toll.

Ben Moomaw, president of the Roanoke (Va.) Chamber of Commerce and a former president of the association, denied what he called a published statement by Morton that Virginia is not interested in the Blue Ridge Parkway.

In a lengthy and fiery speech, Moomaw, who said he is 77 years of age, traced the history of the development of the Parkway, in which Virginia played a large part, and said, "Hugh Morton is mistaken in saying Virginia is not interested in the Parkway, and that North Carolina must fight alone. Virginia is interested."

Morton said he did not deny that, but he still said in the present scrap North Carolina would have to go it alone.

"But I hope you prove me wrong," he told Moomaw and Jack Goodykoontz, executive secretary of the Roanoke Chamber. Moomaw responded, "We don't have to prove (Continued on page seven)"

FIGHT POLIO! It's a BIGGER Job Now! Join the MARCH OF DIMES

March Of Dimes Campaign Will Be Extended; Response Lags

The March of Dimes campaign, which usually ends on January 31, will be extended this year because the drive is lagging and more money must be raised, according to Mrs. Ruth Coe and Mrs. Vera Richardson, co-directors.

The Lions Club are planning their annual Mile of Dimes drive Saturday, and Mr. Allen Gragg is making arrangements for the Quartet Sing to be held in the near future.

"If you have not yet donated to polio, please do so at once," said Mrs. Coe and Mrs. Richardson.