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# KING STREET **Rog 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, and sure enough we are reminded that in the days of horses and buggies and wagons and sleds, and of oxens and mules and surries and shays, there were toll gates across most all the roads "going anywhere." . . . As a matter of fact, these roads were built and maintained by private capital, by a corporation, as a business venture, and in an effort of public-spirited citizens to provide graded roads upon which could be moved a considerable amount of tonnage in reasonably good weather . . . It hasn't been long-after the arrival of the automobiles-that the toll gate was taken from the Boone and Blowing Rock turnpike . . . And many readers will remember the two gates between Blowing Rock and Lenoir, one out on the Linville road, where Bob Rivers, Sr., once lost the top of a Babcock buggy, when the horse got ready to move on before the ascending pole was out of the way . . . And we be lieve there was a gate on the Ban- Baptist Leader

### AND THE PRICE VARIED

ner Elk and Elk Park road.

Rev. Mr. Keys said it cost 30 cents to come to Blowing Rock from Lenoir; 25 cents from Linville, 15 cents from Boone and

10 cents from Shulls Mills . . We had in mind that there used to be a sliding scale, according to what sort of vehicle was being used, now many beasts were providing the motive power, etc. Be that as it may, Rev. Keyes is right in that toll gates are nothing new to the area, but they'd certainly be something new to the new generation, who have discarded Old Dobbin in favor of the fast jallopies of a machine age . . . The ancient road builders stood out in the march of early day progress by providing the "turnpikes", which brought fine traveling when the weather was good and the hosses in proper fettle, and the spindles the buggy properly greased. . . But we don't want toll charges to come back, to the Parkway or any other highway where travel has been free of tolls for a tolerably long life-

### CHAINS

Used to be one carried a set of chains-mud chains, we called them- under the back seat in the T-model, and when the showers came, we laboriously placed the chains on the rear wheels, and if the downpour was considerable, went through all the contortions which came with trying to put the storm curtains up from the inside clining health



A STUDY IN CONTRAST .... The smallest and the largest of the instruments and the players in the Appalachian High School Band, From left to right they are Mary VanNoppen, flute; Robert Bingham, bass; Rebecca Bingham, flute; Robert Agle, Jr., bass; Nancy Hollingsworth, flute; and Everette Lowman, bass. These students are but six of the fifty-eight to be featured in the band's Visual Music Concert on February 10 at the new Elementary School Auditorium at 8:00 p.m. The concert is open to the public

# **Concert Of Visual Music Something Unusual In Local Band Programming**

Wade E. Brown, Boone attorney was appointed chairman of the Education Council, a division of the general board of the Baptist State Convention, at a meeting of the board held in Raleigh Monday and Tuesday, January 24 and 25. The appointment automatically makes Mr. Brown a member of the state executive committee.

### C. W. Williams **Funeral Is Held**

Funeral services for C. W. Willaims, 72, of Mountain Park, were held at 2 p. m., Monday, January Church. Mr. Williams died at 2:30 a. m., Sunday morning, in a Winston-Salem hospital. He had been in de-

Of special interest to those who ber of the orchestra and band for like something unusual, is the com- three years. Miss Sumrow presenting concert of Visual Music pre- ed her senior clarinet recital this sented by the Appalachian High fall and will receive her degree School Band, it has been announc- this spring. The band will play ed by bandmaster J. Perry Watson. three selections under her direc-The program will feature music of tion.

different moods and rhythms and There will be no admission for will have the "visual" to accom- the concert, but a good will offerpany each selection. It is believed ing will be taken during the inby Mr. Watson that this is the first termission. This offering is to be attempt of its kind and the pro- used to help equip the new band gram is designed with the entire room.

family in mind. The program is scheduled for The student teacher this quarter Thursday night, February 10, at is Patricia Sumrow of Charlotte. 8 o'clock, in the new Elementary Miss Sumrow attended Central School Auditorium. Everyone is High School where she was a mem- invited.

**National Guard Unit ReadyForOperation** 

Conley 1. Clarke will be Com- Legion Hut Wednesday night from pany Commander of Boone's new 7 to 9. national guard unit, which is now Financial Aid Sought

almost ready to begin active operation David Edmisten and James Hadden are Lieutenants. First Serg- an obligation to prepare the Hut eant is Paul Edmisten and Supply

Sergeant is Duke Wood. Twenty-six men, more than the the arms and ammunition, an required initial number, have al- 8x10 structure of blocks and brick. ready signed up, but Captain Gar- Racks and a closet for the storage land Swanson and his associates will meet again Wednesday after- al lights must be provided at an noon to receive recruits at the

31, at the Mountain Park Baptist Honor Plaque For Weed Growers Is 11 11 11

# **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. One was a stray roaming in the area of Faculty Street, Blowing Rock Road, Oak, and Howard Streets. Any dogs known to have been bitten by this small, black cocker spaniel should be killed or treated immediately, said a spokesman for the department.

"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 kill-

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 Talahassee** 

LEO MAST

Leo Mast is among the 110 persons who passed the recent Florida of the 'county tax collector in a disturbed. Bar examination, it has been an- noon time robbery Monday, while The bre ecutive secretary of the Board of out for lunch. Law Examiners.

Tallahassee November 22, 23, and side of the building, leading into 24. Twelve of the 110 who passed Tax Supervisor Edgar Brown's ofare from uotside the State of Flor- fice, and a lock was jimmied, proida.

Mr. Mast is at present employed office of the tax collector. mean an additional payroll for as a teacher at Kinloch Park Jun-



# I. R. C. Donates Valued **Equipment To Hospital**

is been announced that the felt need and it is known that local IRC plant, through the ef- many patients will benefit from forts of Mr. John S. Kane and Mr. this

Oliver Greenway, has made a size-The type purchased was a Stephable donation to Watauga Hospienson Hospital Model which is captal for the specific purpose of pay- able of handling the respiratory ing for a resuscitator to be used in needs of all ages for several hours the hospital emergency room and if need be. The unit has controls other departments If needed. for inhalation as well as suction. The hospital has been in need The hospital is truly grateful for of this piece of equipment for sometime now, but hasn't been in this worthwhile donation and wishfinancial condition to purchase it. es to express its appreciation to The gift from IRC has met a long- IRC for the thoughtfuliness

# **Tax Money Taken** In Daylight Robbery

Seven hundred and fifty-dollars | taken from a cash drawer. A numwas taken from the cash drawer ber of checks and coins were un-

The break-in and theft occurred, nounced by Phillip J. Fleming, ex- Tax Collector Harry Hamilton was it was said, between 12:30 and 1 p. m. Entrance to the office was gain-Sheriff E. M. Hodges, whose office is maintained in the county

The examination was held in ed through a window on the west jail, said he had visited the tax collector's office during the noon hour and left the building when he viding entrance to the adjoining found the door locked. Officers are following up some

The

**Resolution** To **Be Forwarded** To Secy. McKay

Directors of the Blue Ridge Park-way Associated Chambers of Commerce met here in the banquet room of the Boone Trail Restaurant Thursday, Jahuary 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 he 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 collect ing 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

Stanley A. Harris, President of the Chamber of Commerce points out that the people of Boone have

so it will pass Federal inspection. A strong room has to be built for of guns and blankets, and additionestimated cost of \$1700 to \$1800.

These improvements must be made at once, Mr. Harris says, before Federal officers will approve the unit and start the pay of enlisted men.

The National Guard unit will



hen the fasteners were manipulated from the outside . . Then we clugged down the muddy avenues with reasonable security . We were reminded the other day, that the chains which were used before the coming of asphalt highways and high speed automobiles are just the same as they are today-the fasteners are unchanged and the fingers are skinhed and the religion often abandoned during the torturous minutes a motor ist spends in fitting the chains, provided he has to act independently of his favorite service sta-. . The Asheville Citizen tion aptly expresses the case for a new type of anti-skid apparatus as follows:

The '55 models are longer, wider, lower, faster, tonier, and they Boone come in 48 delicious colors.

They have power steering and power brakes, automatic shift and automatic dimmers, electric window lifts and electric seat movers. Some have double exhausts, three-toned leather seat upholstery, plastic roofs and hundreds of horses under the hood. Fifty years of automobile prog-

### ress. But comes winter. And ice.

And snow And you have to wrestle with the same old steel chains that Dad knew. You lay them out and hope to wrap the things around the wheel.

Cut and bruised hands

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seriously ill for several days. Available Here In 1914, he founded Mountain

Burley tobacco growers who pro Park Institute, in Surry County, duced \$100.00 worth of tobacco per which served as a finishing school for students of that area before one tenth acre on 0.7 acres or more the enlarged consolidation program land in 1954 are eligible for an "Honor Plaque", from the North-

of the state high schools. west North Carolina Development He is survived by his wife, the former Bessie Pfaff, of Winston- Association, if they apply at the Salem; three sons, J. Livingston county agent's office before Febru-Williams, of Elkin, Charles H. Wil- ary '10.

liams of Suffolk, Va., and Joe Wil-This is an opportunity for a liams, of Boone; two daughters, farmer who does a good job pro-Mrs. R. G. Taylor, Jr., of North ducing burley tobacco to receive Wilkesboro, and Mrs. Graydon Eg- some of the honor he deserves. The "Honor Plaques" do not cost gers, of Boone

Funeral services were conducted the farmer any money, and may be by the Rev. Howard J. Ford, pastor displayed on the farm in any way of the First Baptist Church, Elkin, the farmer desires.

and the Rev. L. H. Hollingsworth, pastor of the First Baptist Church,

Investment company business in 1954 is best in history.

**Plans For Scout Week** Are Being Made Here

Plans for Boy Scout week and for the county under the auspices March Of Dimes Campaign Will cussed by the District Scout com- Society and other organizations. Joe Davenport, field executive mittee at its regular meeting on January 27 in Boone. Boy Scout for the district, was present at the week will be observed nationally meeting to discuss the district between February 6 and 12, with camporee, set for April 29 and 30 plans for the observation in Wa- and May 1. Mr. Davenport also an- which usually ends on January 31, The Lions Club are planning Jan. 30 tauga district to be made by the nounced the possibility of explorer will be extended this year because their annual Mile of Dimes drive Precipitation and snow as of various local troops. Arrangements Scout trips by cance on the Yad- the drive is lagging and more Saturday, and Mr. Allen Gragg is hour period ending 7:00 p. m.: to roll over them at just the right are already definite for a father kin River and by hiking on Grandspot. Or you jack her up and try and som get-together for Troop 109 father Mountain.

of the Boone Methodist Church. The district committee voted en-dorsement of the rables educational prospect, with the definite time to campaign now under consideration be set later.

Boone of about \$1,500 per month. | ior High School in Miami



Date Jan. 24 Jan. 25 **Be Extended; Response Lags** Jan. 26 Jan. 27

The March of Dimes campaign, | 1450 Club Wednesday night. to Mrs. Ruth Coe and Mrs. Vera Richardson, co-directors.

oney must be raised, according making arrangements for the Quar-tet Sing to be held in the near in- snow, trace. ture. "If you have not yet donated to snow 1.0 in.

A request program will be held polio, please do so at once," said Jan. 30-Precipitation trace; be accepted through February responded, "We don't have to prove by WATA from 9:30 to 10:30 on the Mrs. Coe and Mrs. Richardson. snow .75.

nich co clues with the hope that the robbills of various denominations, was ber may be apprehended.

# **5,083 Motor Vehicles Operated In Watauga**

Watauga county citizens own and 35,229 dealers, 29,295 public ownoperate 5,083 motor vehicles, ac- ed, 7,730 buses, and 1,735 motor- eight parkway roads to ask a toll. cording to a yearend report of cycles. 1954 registrations released by the The State's fleet of 7,200 school

State Department of Motor Ve- buses is included in the public offset its use as an economy meashicles.

In the State, private passenger tion. car registrations exceeded one mil-The three top counties were lion for the first time in the de- Mecklenburg (84,903), Guilford partment's history and the State (79,373), and Forsyth (59,749). Ty- Roanoke (Va.) Chamber of Comclimbed to 15th place in national rell had the fewest with 1.085.

registration standings. Broken down the year's total represents: 1,028,480 passenger cars, 335,354 trucks and trailers, Co. Tax Listing Period Extended

### **Boone Weather**

By JOHN BOWEN HAMILTON

High Low 6 p. m. 35 19 26 20 15 41 13 32 ruary. 39 23 24 The extension, says . Brown, is interest." Jan. 28 29 17 is granted because of the unusually Jan. 29 25 20 12 15 22 12 Precipitation and snow as of 24-

**To End Of Month** 

28th.

guarantee additional appropria tions 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 Morton said the cost to collect and the cost in good will would owned or permanent tag classifica- ure, and suggested that the people of North Carolina write their Con-

gressmen and protest the toll. Ben Moomaw, president of the merce and a former president of the association, denied what he called a published statement by Morton that Virginia is not incrested 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 Edgar Brown, tax supervisor for which Virginia played a large part, Watauga county, announces that and said, "Hugh Morton is mistaken the tax listing period has been ex- in saying Virginia is not interested tended through the month of Feb- in the Parkway, and that North Carolina must fight alone. Virginia

Morton said he did not deny that, bad weather existing during Janu- but he still said in the present ary, and to give those who had scrap North Carolina would have been unable to list a further op- to go it alone.

Jan. 27—Precipitation trace; snow, trace. Jan. 29—Precipitation .02 in.; snow 1.0 in. Jan 20 Precipitation .02 in.; snow 1.0 in. (Continued on page seven)