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STREET

BY

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## UNWANTED DOGS

Since the rabies scare has been going around, the problem of stray dogs has come to the forefront of discussion, and therein lies the danger to other animals as well as to human life. . . . Persistent reports come to the Democrat of the practice known as "turning dogs loose" in town. That is, some non-resident doesn't want his pups, and makes a trip to town some night and unloads a passel of yelping canines on the county seat. . . .

While this is going on some fellow from town is dumping a litter of dogs out on somebody's farmstead, to multiply and replenish the herds of semi-wild beasts and to roam the country, in quest of lambs, small wild animals, and when afflicted with rabies, even people. . . .

These folks who are always willing for another litter of pups to show up, 'cause they're going to turn them loose to fend for themselves, anyway, have largely brought about the agitation which in some instances grows extreme and comes to be directed at all members of the canine tribe. . . . We hope the folks who have these spare dogs, most of which no doubt are of uncertain and undesirable breed mixtures, will find some way of disposing of them, other than by the expedient of turning them loose on somebody's else's domain. . . . It would make the stray dog problem infinitely simpler of solution.

## GROUND HOG WEATHER

The ground hog is said to have seen his shadow in most sections last Wednesday, and while we didn't happen to notice the sun peeping out, the sort of weather we caught the end of the week would indicate that the whistling didn't like what he saw at all. . . . There was snow and sleet and rain—plenty of rain, and the first of this week there's little sign that the weather's settled. . . . Could be that there'll be another six weeks of the rigorous weather which has visited the area for the past three months.

## THE DEEP FREEZE

And speaking of freezing, when the big rain came, there was a lot of run-off, since the ground hadn't thawed for some weeks, and remains frozen except the surface. . . . To show the intensity of the freeze, the sidewalk in front of the Democrat office has been spewed up on the south side for about two inches. . . . This reminds us of the time the pavement had raised with the action of the frost around Hodges Tire Co., and Ed was in sort of a dither when we came along—thought his building was going down. . . . Matter of fact the structure was staying put, while the ground round about raised as the freeze penetrated deeper into the subsoil.

## THE SECOND MONTH

February, which used to be a period set aside for Roman ceremonies of purification, is a lot of times less rigorous than December or January and being just a little shorter than the others, we can look forward more hopefully to the spring showers and the daffodils, and the returning songbirds, when January's days have been counted (continued on page four)



WRECKAGE OF BUICK CAR in which four Boone people were injured in a collision near Lenoir early Sunday morning. (Photo courtesy Lenoir News-Topic.)

Five Injured In Auto Accident:  
Drunken Driver Sent To Roads

Five Boone people were injured, three of them hospitalized as the result of a head on collision between a Buick sedan, driven by Joe Mast of Boone, and a Cadillac operated by Paul Hudson, Jr., Boone negro, in the vicinity of Valmead, Caldwell county, early Sunday morning.

Hudson was charged with driving while under the influence of intoxicants, and was sentenced to 24 months on the roads in Caldwell Recorder's Court Tuesday morning.

The Cadillac was going south and the Buick north at the time of the accident. State Highway Patrolman Harry Graham, who investigated the crash, said Hudson's car had left both sides of the

pavement before crashing into the Buick.

Miss Jimmie Vickie Graham, a passenger in the Mast automobile, suffered head injuries and broken ribs, but was expected to be released from the hospital today. Young Mast, a student at Carolina, sustained cuts on the forehead and a fracture of the right hand. Miss Peggy Klutz of Hickory, sustained cuts about the face. H. Coaker Triplett, also of Boone, sustained bruises but was not hospitalized. Both he and Miss Klutz were passengers in the Mast car.

Hudson, who was traveling alone, sustained minor injuries, but was released from the hospital after receiving emergency treatment.

Two-Way Radios To Aid  
Local Law Enforcers

Preliminary plans were laid to install two-way radios in all cars of Watauga County law enforcement officers, and in police cars of the towns of Boone and Blowing Rock, at the February meeting of the board of county commissioners, held Monday at the courthouse.

A. Y. Cottrell of Lenoir, a representative of the Motorola Corporation, attended the meeting and presented a proposal to the board for installing the radios, contingent upon the assignment of a wave length by the Federal Communications Commission.

Arlie Walsh, board chairman, said the wave length assignment and the installation would probab-

ly require about three months after the order is placed, and that a meeting of the commissioners and officials of Boone and Blowing Rock would be held soon to work out the details. The radios will also enable county and town police cars to be in communication with the State Highway Patrol, he said.

Fred A. Fox Is  
Taken By Death

Fred Arthur Fox, 5 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul J. Fox of Banner Elk, Route 1, died Wednesday, February 2, at the home of his parents. He had been ill since birth.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Saturday, February 5, at the Clark's Creek Seventh Day Adventist Church, conducted by the Rev. Elder Cunningham of Marlon. Burial was in the J. B. Fox cemetery.

Surviving besides the parents are three brothers, Joseph Fox, West Baden Springs, Ind.; Frank Fox, with the U. S. Navy enroute to Formosa; Don Fox, Banner Elk, Route 1; and five sisters, Florence Fox of Hendersonville, and Martha Jenny, Patsy, and Pansy Fox, all of the home.

College Choir To  
Appear In Concert  
Of Show Time Hits

The Appalachian College Choir of 75 voices, under the direction of Mrs. Virginia Wary Linney, will appear in a concert of show time hits from some of the favorite musical productions.

The concert will be given in the college auditorium on Monday night, February 14, at 8 o'clock.

The music will be enhanced with lighting effects appropriate to the mood of each selection, and the action and dances are being directed by Mrs. Joy Miller Kirchner.

Assisting in feature dances will be Marceline Neal and James Ollis of the Varsouviana Dance Club.

Soloists for the various numbers will be Sara Lind Dowling, Alene Queen, Marie Turner, Marie Widenhause, Mary Ellen Goins, Ted Barnett, David Wingate, Emmett Elledge, J. C. Norman, Robin Weaver and Bob Gilley, with Nancy Harris at the piano.

Special lighting effects will be under the direction of James McGhee, assisted by Morton Parks.

This type of concert has been requested by the public who have enjoyed the colorful, gay operettas given by the choir in the past. It is hoped that all will make plans to attend.

The choir gave a portion of this performance at the Daniel Boone Hotel on Tuesday night for the members of the Lions Club who were a most enthusiastic audience.

Carnivals Banned  
By Commissioners

The board of county commissioners unanimously adopted a resolution banning carnivals in Watauga County for a two year period, said Arlie Walsh, chairman, following a meeting of the board Monday. No licenses will be issued to carnivals for the next two years, said Chairman Walsh.

Local Livestock Meeting To  
Be Attended By AuthoritiesLocal Farmers  
To Take Part  
In Discussions

A special livestock meeting will be held at the county courthouse in Boone on Thursday, February 17, starting at 9:30 a. m., to discuss breeding, feeding, and marketing, it was announced this week by L. E. Tuckwiller, county agent.

J. S. Buchanan and J. K. Butler, extension livestock specialists, will assist with the meeting. Some Watauga livestock farmers will also help with the panel discussion.

Watauga farmers market a half-million dollars worth of livestock per year, according to the last census figures available, but what does it cost to produce these animals? Can you winter a cow for a feed cost of 14c per day?

What does it cost to feed an ewe per day?

These are some of the subjects which will be discussed at the meeting, Mr. Tuckwiller said.

In a recent article on "Winter Feeding of Beef Cattle," Dr. E. R. Barrick of State College said that 14c to 15c worth of home grown feed of good quality should feed a 900 to 1,000-pound beef cow for one day.

Other topics for discussion will be:

Report on feeder calf sale; place of sheep on North Carolina farms; meat type hogs for market and home use.

The marketing committees for the Boone Feeder Calf Sale will be selected, also the sheep committee will be elected, according to the announcement.

Sales Leader  
Is Given Award

W. T. PAYNE

W. T. Payne, salesman for the Winkler Motor Co., has been advised by the Ford Motor Co. that he has won the "Salesman's Club 300-500 Shanglera Trip," in recognition of his having lead the Charlotte zone every month during 1954 in individual sales.

Mr. Payne hasn't been advised the exact nature of the award.

For 29 years Mr. Payne has sold automobiles in Boone, and for several years has been a sales leader in the Ford organization. He had led the southeastern region during June of 1954. He expresses his appreciation to the people of this area for their help in making his sales record.

## Boone Weather

By JOHN BOWEN HAMILTON			
Date	High	Low	6 p. m.
Jan. 31	49	25	43
Feb. 1	48	28	43
Feb. 2	41	22	33
Feb. 3	39	20	29
Feb. 4	39	18	28
Feb. 5	31	16	31
Feb. 6	45	31	44

Twenty-four hour precipitation and snow record as of 7:00 a. m.  
Feb. 2—precipitation .08; snow trace.

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Feb. 6—Precipitation 2.02; snow 1.5".

Feb. 7—Precipitation 1.90.

President Eisenhower has set up a new Committee on Government Employment policy within his own executive organization to prevent discrimination on the basis of race, creed or color in Government employment.



The National Honor Society of Appalachian High School honored the ten students of the school who made straight "As" during the recent grading period by giving a luncheon for them in the new cafeteria. Pictured above are these students along with the Honor Society members, the sponsor, and the principal. The students making straight "As" are Laura Holshouser, Larry Klutz, Scottie Hodges, Tommy Owsley, Wilma Moretz, Richard Greer, Jerry McCracken, Clara Dancy, Everett Lowman, and Betty Ruth Hodges.

Scout Week Is Observed Here;  
Schedules Of Activities GivenWalter Johnson  
New Police Chief;  
Cottrell Chosen

Boone Policeman Walter L. Johnson was appointed Acting Chief of Police of the Town of Boone effective February 1, 1955, according to an announcement by Mayor Gordon H. Winkler and the board of commissioners.

Mr. Johnson agreed to fill, on a temporary basis, the vacancy created by the resignation of Chief Glenn D. Richardson on January 15. Johnson has been a member of the Boone police force for the past five years. He also served with the Auxiliary Military Police at the New Orleans (La.) Port of Embarkation for an eighteen months period in 1942 and 1943.

At the same time, the appointment of W. Raleigh Cottrell as night policeman was announced. Mr. Cottrell is on duty each night from 10 p. m. to 6 a. m.

Former Chief Richardson, who is the new owner of the Gateway Restaurant, said in a statement that he wishes to express his appreciation for the support and cooperation given him during his four years in office.

Northwestern Ups  
Its Bank Standing

(Special to the Democrat)  
New York, N. Y., Feb. 8.—The Northwestern Bank of North Wilkesboro which reported deposits of \$40,620,576 on December 31st gained eight places in its standing among the 600 largest banks in the United States during 1954, and now ranks as the 508th largest in size compared with 517th place at the end of 1953.

This is revealed in the 1955 annual roll call of the larger banks in the United States published today by the Daily American Banker of New York which is the trade newspaper of the banking business.

There are 14,000 banks in the United States.

Boy Scout Week is being observed in Boone with various activities shared by all Scout units of the Watauga District. The week began with the Scouts attending church on Sunday, February 6, in uniform. The Cub Scouts attended the First Baptist Church, and the Scouts and Explorers their own individual churches. Scouts assisted in ushering at the Methodist Church.

All active Scouts were guests of the Appalachian Theater at the showing of "Drumbeat" on Monday.

Members of Troop 109, with J. B. Robinson as Scoutmaster, will wear uniforms during the entire

week. This troop will also hold a Father-and-Son supper on Monday night, February 14, at the Methodist Church.

Cub Scouts will hold their Gold and Blue banquet at the First Baptist Church Friday night, February 11. Arrangements for the dinner will be made by the den mothers, and the program will include the giving of awards.

Everett Lowman will give a radio talk on Thursday at 12:00. Everett will speak as a representative of the Eagle Scout rank, the highest achievement in Scouting, which was recently awarded to him. Dr. Lee Reynolds will speak as a Scouter from the Watauga District on Friday at 5:15 p. m.

Business Ed Conference  
To Be Widely Attended

The department of business education at Appalachian State Teachers College will hold its second annual Business Education Conference for the business teachers of North Carolina on Saturday, April 23, in the auditorium of the Fine Arts Building, it has been announced here by James T. Thompson, head of the college's business education department.

Co-sponsor of the conference is the local chapter of Pi Omega Pi, national honorary undergraduate fraternity in business education. The local organization is being organized and sponsored by R. J. Allen and Miss Nellie Ellison, members of the department of business education faculty.

Invitations have been extended to all high schools in North Carolina and all colleges in the area are invited to send representatives to the conference.

The meeting will begin with a coffee hour at eighty-thirty on April 23, lasting until nine-thirty, at which time the meeting will convene. The morning session will adjourn at noon and reconvene at 1:00 for the afternoon session. The subject of the meeting will be: "Testing and Grading in Typewriting and Shorthand," with type-

writing the topic of the morning session and shorthand for the afternoon session.

Mass Meeting Is  
Set To Discuss  
Dog Warden Plan

The Watauga County Wildlife Club has called a public meeting to discuss the possibilities of dog control and the appointment of a dog warden for the county, to be held at 7:30 p. m. Thursday, February 10, in the courthouse.

The Board of County Commissioners has agreed to meet with interested people at that time for the hearing. The Wildlife Club urges all people in the county who are interested in this problem to attend the meeting, an outgrowth of the current flare-up of rabies among animals in the county.

Richmond, Va.—Highway workmen, putting up "Warning—Soft Shoulder" signs along the road under construction, failed to heed their own warning. They had to call for a tow truck—their own truck was stuck in the mud of the "soft shoulders."

## Appalachian High Band To Give Concert



The Appalachian High School Band will present a concert Thursday, February 10 at the new elementary auditorium at 8:00 p. m., which will feature "Visual-Music."

Designed with the entire family in mind, the program, under the direction of bandmaster J. Perry Watson, will include: "Thunder Song" by Finlayson; "Fantasy On

American Sailing Songs" by Grundman; "Four Episodes For Band" by Morrissey; "The Klaxon, March" by Fillmore; "The Beachcomber" by Richardson; "Ouvre

Ton Coeur" by Bizet; "Street Scene" by Newman; "Stormy Weather" arranged by Bennett; and "Military Escort In 5 Ways" by Fillmore.



SAVINGS AND LOAN OFFICIALS.—Recently reelected as officers of the Watauga Savings and Loan Association by the Board of Directors are: H. Grady Farthing, President; C. M. Critcher, Vice-President; W. H. Gragg, Secretary-Treasurer. Directors re-elected at the recent stockholders' meeting are: Howard Mast, H. P. Holshouser, W. H. Gragg, H. G. Farthing, C. M. Critcher, Rob Rivers, Dr. W. M. Matheson, Walter H. Greene, Guy Hunt.