

KING STREET

BY
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THE STEAMING CUP COSTS LESS

It costs one less to quaff a cup of java—considerably less—than a while back and some of the writers who keep track of the rising cost of most grocery items, say the drop will continue for a while . . . Prices are down from eight to sixteen cents a pound on leading brands of coffee sold locally, and householders, overburdened with continued high prices, smile a bit when they approach the coffee counter, or the big grinder, or reach for the percolator on a cold and frosty morning . . . And a fellow was wanting to know the other day what ever became of the green coffee grains which used to fill huge gunny sacks around the general stores, and which were parched on the kitchen stove and ground fresh for every meal . . . The oldtimers said 'twas the only way to get the full zest from the coffee beans . . . Then there was the Arbuckle coffee, with the signatures on the side, which were clipped and traded for prizes, and the big buckets of coffee, each containing a cup or a saucer, like the packaged peanuts with a whistle or top or pewter ring inside.

THE HIGH PRICES

Of the breakfast beverage have brought tea back into prominence, and many folks are enjoying the brisk flavor of the leaves . . . It's not as good, but a lot handier in the little bags, than when we steeped the leaves in the kettle . . . And we seem to recall that a lot of folks used to quaff a cup of hot water when there was little coffee or tea in the house, and sometimes a hot toddy to take away the early morning chill, before the logs in the fire had warmed the air inside the houses . . . But we've wandered afield in our intention to say that the cup costs less, and we're glad.

VACATION TIME

Willys Chester and Mrs. Chester left Sunday for Homestead, Fla., where they are vacationing . . . Willys says that he's decided it's a bad mistake to spend a rigorous winter in Boone and then take a vacation in summer time, when everything is lovely here . . . Says it's a pity to lose any of Boone's summertime . . . And we quite agree that the Chesters and a lot of other folks from Boone and the county are showing fine judgment in journeying to the land of flowers while the snow is falling here, so's they may remain at home during the delightful summer weather.

SUPREME SACRIFICE

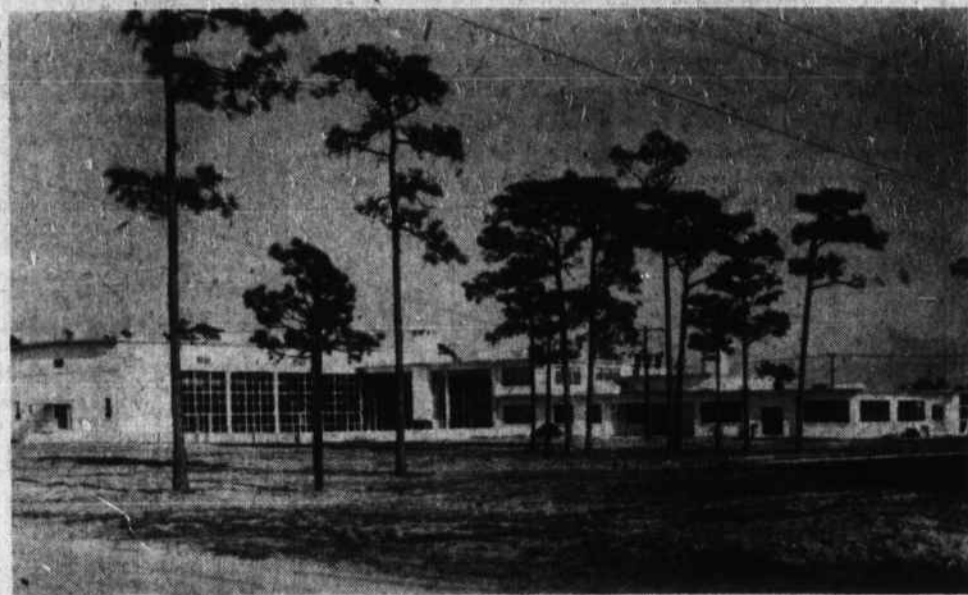
We find wisdom in Stretch Rollins' thought . . . About the worst thing that could happen to a man would be for him to survive one of these rip-roaring Watauga county winters, and then "drap daid" while he was smilingly observing the daffodils, and listening to the songs of the birds on a bright spring morning!

NOT SINCE 1910!

Bob Agle tells us we've never had such a rigorous winter since 1910 . . . We don't recall what took place in 1910, but Bob says other folks don't either, and that it's a good handy number to use when they begin to wonder when "we had such a spell of weather." . . . City workers sweeping the streets on Sunday morning, removing the sand which had been put on the snow and ice and the accumulated mud from cars and trucks coming into town.

THE BIGGEST GIFT

Johnny Dyer, who's in Watauga Hospital—has been for six weeks—sent for us the other day . . . He had forty-three Roosevelt dimes he wanted us to put into the polio fund for him . . . Said he guessed it would be the last money he'd earn and he wanted to be sure it went to the cause he liked best . . . For many years Johnny has saved dimes for the March of Dimes . . . He had hoped he would be able sometime to get together a pint jar full of the shiny coins, but he was critically injured while working down at the col-



DANNER SERVICE CLUB, named for the late Sgt. Henry Clay Danner of Watauga county, has been dedicated at Eglin Field, Fla. At the left is picture of Sgt. Danner.



Army Service Club Is Named For Clay Danner

The Eglin Field (Fla.) Service Club, dedicated in December by Brigadier General Daniel S. Campbell, deputy commander, was named after Sgt. Henry Clay Danner, a Watauga county man, who lost his life in an aircraft crash more than a year ago.

General Campbell presented a wooden facsimile of a plaque which will be cast in aluminum and placed near the club entrance. The plaque reads: "The Danner Service Club, named in honor of Technical Sgt. Clay Henry Danner, a member of the Air Proving Ground Command, who died in an aircraft accident at Thule Air Force Base, Greenland, on 17th November, 1953."

To Mrs. Lillian B. Danner, widow of the airman for whom the club is named, Gen. Campbell presented a scroll commemorating the occasion.

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Engineering Building."

"One of its assets is obvious; it cannot help but have a favorable effect on the morale of our airmen."

Following the ceremony, punch and cake were served and an open house for the base personnel introduced the new Danner Service Club to Eglin Air Force Base.

Construction was started on the \$400,000 building on January 6, 1953, by the Eaton and Elzea Co. of Panama City, and the decorating was done by William A. Stone & Co. of Atlanta. The edifice was turned over to the Air Force in September, 1954.

Sgt. Danner, 36 years old, member of the 3200th Light Bomb Maintenance Division, was killed in the crash of a YH-21 helicopter during Arctic testing of the craft. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lillian B. Danner, and two daughters, Eglin Field, Florida, and the father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. T. Danner, Valle Crucis. Also surviving are four sisters and three brothers.

Series Of Farm Meetings Will Discuss Betterment Proposal

A series of meetings with farm men and women and business people has been called by county farm agent L. E. Tuckwiller, to discuss a proposed program designed to help farm people make more money and live better.

Mr. Tuckwiller says: "For the last two years the agricultural workers of Watauga county have worked very carefully with some of the leading farm men and women to try to plan a suggested farm and home program that we think will help farm people make more money and have a better living. At last we have this proposed program ready to present to the farm men and women for their criticism and corrections. We believe a workable plan can be formulated out of the program that we have outlined."

March Dimes Fund Continues Growth

A check for \$75.04 was received Monday from the Western Watauga Singing Association for the current March of Dimes campaign for funds to combat polio. R. D. Hodges, Jr., chairman of the Watauga County Chapter, has announced.

This amount, together with several smaller contributions during the week, has brought the total donations to about \$3,475, said Mrs. Vera Richardson and Mrs. Ruth Coe, co-chairmen of the drive.

Contributions are still being gratefully received, it was announced, and the address is March of Dimes, Box 609, Boone, N. C.

Four New Cases Rabies Are Found; Advice Is Given

Four new cases of rabies were reported to the Health Department last week, occurring in Beaver Dam, Valle Crucis, Clark's Creek and Poplar Grove sections.

A Walker hound from the Clark's Creek section was said to have been at large for a day and a half. There is no knowledge of the occasion.

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The Health Department insists that all animals known to have been bitten by a mad dog, must be destroyed or given anti-rabic treatment. All dogs, it is further pointed out, must be confined, whether or not they have been vaccinated. Stray, wild, and unvaccinated dogs should be destroyed, it is said.

Isbell said that persons making out-of-town visits should contact him if they wish to distribute folders. He also urged that no more pamphlets be taken than are expected to be distributed.

"Last year, thousands of folders remained in trunks of cars or were wasted otherwise because more were taken out than could be distributed. If it appears that too many have been taken, the excess number should be returned to the office in time to be circulated elsewhere. The folders represent a potential profit to Watauga County, and if they are distributed properly we all will benefit," he said.

He asked that those wishing to help in the distribution call his office (AM 4-8831 or his residence (AM 4-3852).

Horn Information Brochures Ready

The 1955 Horn in the West information brochures have been received here and are ready for distribution, Bob Isbell, the drama's publicity director, announced today.

Basketball Tourney To Begin Here Thursday

The annual Tri-County High School Basketball Tournament will get underway in the Appalachian College gymnasium Thursday, February 24. The following schedule for Thursday and Friday has been set up:

Thursday (Boys)—4:00 p. m., Boone vs Healing Springs; 5:00 p. m., Blowing Rock vs Nathan's Creek; 7:00 p. m., Jefferson vs Riverview; 8:00 p. m., Beaver Creek vs Crossnore; 9:00 p. m., Cove Creek vs Bethel. Lansing, Virginia-Carolina, and Piney Creek played byes.

Piney Creek vs Blowing Rock. Boone and Bethel drew byes and will play on Saturday.

The tournament will continue through Monday, February 28, with the winners of the Thursday and Friday games determining pairings for Saturday and Monday.

The following admission prices have been announced for each day of the tourney, and will apply whether one or all games of the day are seen: Children under 12, 25c; high school students, 50c; adults, \$1.00.

Proceeds will be pro-rated back to the participating schools, and will be used to pay officials and other expenses.

Hardware Store Latest Victim In Wave Of Watauga Robberies

Red Cross Will Start Campaign Here For \$2,800

Inaugurating its biggest campaign since the last great war the Watauga County Red Cross chapter opens its Roll Call campaign March 1st, with a kick-off supper at Gateway Cafe, February 28 at 7 o'clock.

Mr. S. C. Eggers, roll call chairman, is asking that all Red Cross campaign workers attend this supper, and it is thought that perhaps 100 people will gather to hear Miss Antfette Beasley talk on the many services of the Red Cross. Mr. Eggers will inform the workers of their duties at this time.

The following sections and groups will be canvassed by workers who will be announced at the supper:

Business districts of Boone and Blowing Rock, Special Gifts, County townships, Organizations of Boone and Blowing Rock, Schools, Negro groups, Residential areas of Boone and Blowing Rock, out of town business organizations, Special Events and Days.

The goal for the Watauga Chapter is \$2,800, and Mr. Eggers points out that this goal must be met so that the local chapter may maintain its services to the people. The local chapter handled over 400 cases for servicemen and their families during the last year.

The national quota is \$85,000,000. A large amount of this money will go for aid in disaster work, some going for service to servicemen and families.

Livestock Meet Names Committees

Committees to arrange the lamb and wool pools, and to help in the planning of the Boone feeder calf sale, were named at the annual livestock meeting held at the courthouse Thursday.

The wool and marketing committee is composed of Dwight Cable, A. W. Greene, Frank Baird.

Serving on the farmers' feeder calf sale committee are: Tom Lawrence, Milton Moretz, Lynn Norris, Henry Taylor, A. W. Greene.

The feeder calf sale, it was decided, will be held Friday, October 7, the calves to be weighed and graded October 6. The sale will follow the rules adopted by the State feeder calf sale committee.

Boone Weather

By DR. JOHN B. HAMILTON

Date	High	Low	6 p. m.
Feb. 14	42	16	30
Feb. 15	46	26	35
Feb. 16	52	29	39
Feb. 17	45	28	38
Feb. 18	50	26	44
Feb. 19	53	22	41
Feb. 20	59	29	48

Precipitation, 24-hour period: Feb. 14 trace; Feb. 15 trace; Feb. 16 .08 inches.

Snow, 24-hour period: Feb. 14 trace; Feb. 15 trace.

Frank B. Wilson Rites Are Held

Frank Benjamin Wilson, of Reese, died at his home Saturday, February 19, following an extended illness. He was 43 years of age.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Monday, February 21, at the Beaver Dam Baptist Church, conducted by the Rev. Bynum Trivett and the Rev. Ed Farthing. Burial was in the Wilson cemetery.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Dosh Wilson; his father, Raleigh Wilson, Reese; two sons, Harold and Gerald, both of Reese; a daughter, Mrs. Harold Matheson, Reese; four brothers, Dave Wilson of Hillsboro, Joe, Carl, and Dean Wilson, all of Reese; five sisters, Mrs. Alena Thomas, Avondale, Pa., Mrs. Grover Johnson, Reese, Mrs. Ross Potter, Crescent City, Calif., Mrs. Frank Perry, Hillsboro, and Mrs. Don Powell, Detroit, Mich.

Wholesalers are held to be vital to small business survival.



AT SCENE OF ROBBERY at Watauga Hardware. Safe, door beaten and sawn away; bottom twisted iron window grill where robbers entered building. Staff photos by Joe Minor.

Bids Given On \$100,000 School Building Plan

The Watauga Board of Education received bids last Thursday for a hundred thousand dollar expansion program at the Valle Crucis School.

This project will provide five new classrooms, a lunch room, kitchen, teachers room, two rest rooms, and heating plant.

The low bidders are: General contract, Taylor Construction Co., Lenoir, \$78,843; Electrical contract, Ayers Electric Co., Boone, \$4,750; Heating, J. R. Ham & Sons, Mooresville, \$10,920; Plumbing, Miller & Smyre, Hickory, \$6,495; Architect, Coffey & Olsen, Lenoir, \$5,050.46. Total, \$106,058.46.

Thirty firms placed bids. The bids have been mailed to Raleigh for approval of the State Board of Education. However, the awarding of the contracts were postponed until after bids are received for the Bethel and Blowing Rock projects. The bids for these projects will be received March 15.

The Bethel project is to include a lunch room, kitchen, two primary classrooms and a new heating plant. The Blowing Rock project is to include a lunchroom, kitchen and new heating plant.

World Day Of Prayer Service Next Friday

The World Day of Prayer services will be held this year on Friday, February 25, at 7:30 p. m., in the Boone Methodist Church. This is a union service of all denominations of the Boone community, with a union choir, and led in turn by a representative of each denomination.

Beginning at the International date line at sunrise in the Tonga Islands in the Pacific Ocean east of Australia, services will be held all day long, in thatched and in mud cottages, in pueblos, in service camps, in cathedrals, and in services like the one in Boone, in 119 countries over the world.

Thieves Also Enter Service Stations In Past Week

Two Watauga County teen-agers are free on \$300 bond each, charged with breaking and entering, in connection with the robbery of two Boone service stations last week.

They are Buck Church, of Silverstone, and James Beech, of the Howard's Creek section.

The latest break-in occurred Thursday night, February 17, when thieves broke open the rear window of Watauga Hardware, Inc., on West King Street, and plundered the safe. The above-named suspects were in custody at the time of this robbery.

Grady Tugman, owner of the store, said the thieves took three wrecking bars, a chisel, hacksaw and hammer from a tool rack in the store, and used them to force open the office safe, taking \$143 in currency. They also took a .22 calibre repeating bolt action rifle.

Bob White, an employee, discovered the robbery when he reported for work Friday morning. He found entry had been gained by breaking a back window pane so the 'thieves could unlock a window.

Other Robberies
A noon February 1 robbery of the tax office in the courthouse here netted thieves \$710. This was followed by the robbery of Watson's Garage the same night.

Sheriff Ernest Hodges said between \$60 and \$75 was taken from the Cook Sinclair Station on West King Street Tuesday night, February 15. Several cartons of cigarettes were also missing, he said.

The Maddux Sinclair Station on East King Street was entered the same night, but nothing was missed, W. R. (Buck) Maddux told the sheriff.

In each robbery entry was gained by breaking a rear window.

SBI agent Robert Epley of Valdese was in Boone Friday helping local police officers and the sheriff's office investigate the latest robbery. Officers said fingerprints were taken from the safe and tools used in the Watauga Hardware robbery, but no report on the prints had been received here Tuesday morning, the sheriff's office said.

Bill To Sell County Home Is Enacted Into Law

The bill introduced in the Legislature by Representative Barnes, which would permit the county commissioners to dispose of the county home farm, has been ratified.

The bill allows the sale of the property, but it is the purpose of the officials to retain about three acres, for use in the proposed health center construction project and for other public purposes. Since the advent of the welfare and pension programs the county home was not further needed, its former functions now being handled through boarding homes operated by individuals.

January retail sales rose to \$13,300,000,000.



WRECKED VEHICLES—A 1955 model Ford and a State Highway truck which figured in a collision on 421 east of Boone last Tuesday evening. Gurney Luther, guard, who was on the truck transporting prisoners, is shown viewing the wreckage. Mr. Claud Rhymer, driver of the automobile, which was attempting to pass another vehicle when the accident occurred, was only slightly injured, it is said, while Mrs. Velma Tatum, who was riding in the car, was hospitalized for facial lacerations. Two of the prisoners suffered minor injuries. Both vehicles were almost demolished in the crash which was investigated by Patrolman Chandler. (Photo by Rabbit Moretz.)