

# Some of Early Days of Motor Transportation Recalled As New Bus Terminal Is Opened

### Brass-Fronted Ford More Than 30 Years Ago Pioneered Present Superb System of Motor Transportation in This Community; a Brief Review of the Start of Transportation Here

The opening of the new union bus terminal recalls to mind some of the transportation difficulties experienced here in the olden days, the coming of the automobile, and the evolution of motor transportation to this day, when 38 sleek, trim, and comfortable motor coaches arrive and depart from the local terminal every twenty four hours, carrying passengers to every point of the compass.

Along about 1914, Rev. John Carlton, a Baptist preacher, a native of this county, who had lived for a number of years in California, established residence here and with a brother, Prince Carlton, started the pioneer motor transportation system in this county. The Carltons resided on the lot where the present R. C. Rivers home stands, and a two-place garage was built at the bottom of the hill on the main road. This garage housed a four-cylinder Studebaker touring car, and one of the ancient brass-fronted Fords, which were used in maintaining more or less regular passenger schedules between Boone and Lenoir. The model T bore the brunt of the burden, since the rear end of the Studebaker was "out" most of the time, a round trip to Lenoir required just about a full day, and the fare was finally "reduced to about \$3.00. Today one travels to Lenoir on a luxurious Trailways bus in one hour and twenty minutes and the round trip costs only \$1.50.

On the Carlton line the trip back to Boone was where the trouble came in. When the model T hit the Lenoir-Blowing Rock mountain, it was low-gear all the way to Green Park, and a number of oil cans were carried to haul extra water to cool the radiator between watering troughs. The line failed to pay off and was later abandoned. Meantime John W. Hodges, Frank A. Linney and W. R. Gragg soon bought private automobiles, Model T's, and automobiles became accepted in

this community. In the early twenties some Lenoir man bid off the mail route to Boone, and carried passengers in an open car. A similar service was soon placed in operation between Boone and North Wilkesboro, where passengers could connect with Camel City coaches to Winston-Salem. In 1925 E. O. Woodie purchased the franchise from North Wilkesboro to Bristol, Tenn., and placed small cars on the run. A bus line had begun operation from Boone to Johnson City, this line being purchased by the E. T. and W. N. C. Motor Transportation Co., in 1930, and in 1937 sold to the Queen City Coach Company, which now operates five round trip schedules daily from Charlotte to Johnson City.

Mr. H. W. Wilcox, local bus terminal manager, has seen motor transportation grow during his twenty-five years experience in transportation, and has marveled at the transition. As late as 1933 250 tickets per month was a record. Now more than 2,000 are sold, and motor transportation has played an increasingly active role in the development of this region.

"This mode of travel," says Mr. Wilcox, is 90 per cent safer than traveling in a private automobile, and costs about one-third as much. Boone is now on a great trunk line bus system, and the service is being rapidly improved, providing quick and comfortable transportation to any part of the nation.

"Operating out of Boone are some of the finest and most modern buses built. People say they ride off the mountain in these super buses and hardly realize they have traveled far enough to reach the foothills, the ride was so comfortable."

Mr. Wilcox sees great days ahead for this region, and believes that motor transportation facilities will play an increasingly important part in bringing the nation's millions into this mountain resort area, making of it a veritable playground for the nation.

Three million in the nation drink too much, forum is told. Government pay checks are going to nearly 20,000,000 persons.

## Major L. R. Fisher Named Secretary To Judge Phillips

### Former Boone Resident Will Accompany Jurist On New Assignment in Germany

Charlotte—Judge F. Don Phillips of Rockingham, who recently resigned his superior court judgeship in order to serve as one of the presiding judges of military courts set up by the war department in the American zone of occupation in Germany, has announced appointment of Major L. R. Fisher of Charlotte, as his confidential secretary on the new assignment, effective at once.

Judge Phillips and Major Fisher left on Friday from Washington by plane for Nuernberg, Germany, which is expected to be their base. First, they will fly to Paris, and there they will change planes, then proceed to Frankfurt, Germany, and make the remainder of the journey to Nuernberg by train.

The trials of many Germans for war crimes by the military courts for which Judge Phillips will serve as a presiding justice, will probably require a minimum of 18 months, and he and his associates and their assistants are expected to be in Germany at least that long.

Judge Phillips, who has been a regular superior court judge in North Carolina a number of years, served many years, before his elevation to the bench, as a superior court solicitor. He is widely known.

Major Fisher, who is a former commander of the Western division of the state highway patrol, embracing the western half of North Carolina, with headquarters in Charlotte, served 30 months as an army officer in the American military government, most of this tour of duty having been overseas in World War II. He received his discharge with the rank of major last April. He has sold the Carolina Cafe in Boone, which he operated for several months, and he and Mrs. Fisher have been making their home at Hotel Mayfair in Charlotte. Mrs. Fisher will join him in residence in Germany in the near future.

### \$900 IN OLD SOCK

Kewanee, Ill.—The next time Harold Francis uses a sock as a bank, he'll be sure to tell his wife. Recently he put \$900 in a sock. His wife sent the sock and some other clothing to a needy family. The \$900 was recovered after extensive explanations.

## 115,000 Civilian Government Workers To Be Dismissed

Washington—At least 115,000 civilian workers of the federal government in this country and its possessions appear slated for dismissal by New Year's day.

Budget Director James E. Webb, carrying forward a program of payroll paring, last week ordered 93,400 army and navy civilian employees cut off the rolls by Jan. 1, making a 1,000,000 reduction in that sector since V-J day.

This development came on top of word from OPA that dismissal notices had been sent to 10,000 of that agency's workers and another 12,000 would get their notices by the end of this month.

Reductions in other agencies also were in the making for later this month, but the net effect might be diminished or offset by further increases in employees of the still-growing Veterans and War Assets administration.

In any event, the 115,000 cut-back in army-navy-OPA payrolls appeared likely to trim overall federal employment—excluding that in foreign countries—to below 2,250,000 by New Year's day compared with a V-J day figure well over 3,000,000.

### NEW TELEPHONE SERVICE CARRIES WOMAN'S VOICE BY ELECTRIC POWER LINE

Aiken, S. C.—When Mrs. J. E. Hawkinson, a farm wife, picked up her shiny new telephone the other day to make a call, she inaugurated a new type of commercial rural telephone service that may become nation-wide.

Her call to Superintendent T. W. Henderson of the Aiken Rural Electrification Co-operative group went sizzling along several miles of electric power line, now doing double duty.

This initial project of seven scheduled by telephone and power companies in six states is expected to provide a basis for extension of the method into rural areas throughout the nation.

Six farm families, a country store and a rural school in the Talatha community near here, comprise the initial group to be served by the relatively low-cost method.

This power line carrier system is accomplished by use of high frequency telephone currents that can carry conversations without interfering with the regular flow of power voltage through the same lines. Couplers and other specialized

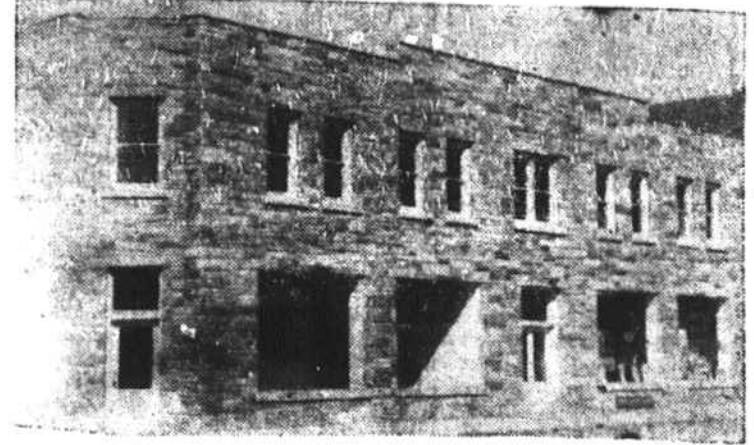
equipment perform the job of getting the telephone currents onto and off the power lines at the subscribers' premises, and block off the power current from the telephone receivers at those points.

The telephone instrument itself is much like a conventional telephone and is used in the same way.

Ending of restrictions is declared no rental housing cure-all.

### STRANGE NOISE

Portland, Ore.—Police called to investigate a "strange noise" found it was nothing but Hal-lowe'en spirits. A cider jug had exploded.



## Mr. and Mrs. Herman Wilcox

have our heartiest congratulations on the occupation of Boone's new

# Bus Terminal

## Bush Transfer Company

Lenoir, N. C.

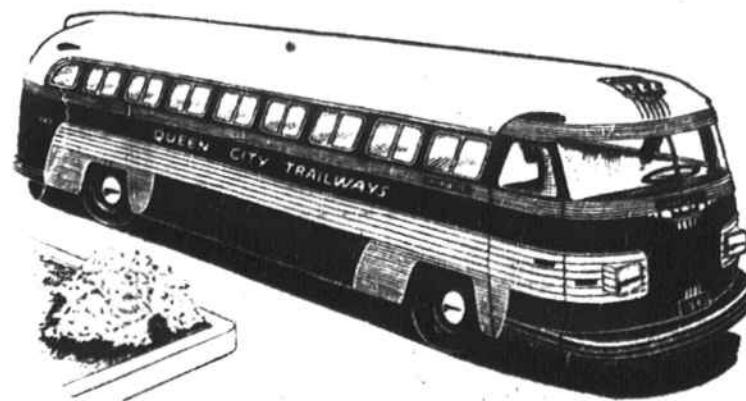
# Our congratulations are extended to MR. AND MRS. HERMAN WILCOX

on the new and modern

# Boone Bus Terminal

which is now open and which reflects their faith in the future of Boone and their desire to keep pace with the rapidly expanding motor transportation industry.

Complete and detailed information on our service through Boone and over our entire system is available at the new BOONE BUS TERMINAL.



# Queen City Trailways

CHARLOTTE, N. C.

