

KING STREET

BY ROB RIVERS

COURT WEEK... the long lines of defendants, mostly first offenders, who plead guilty to misdemeanors, and usually draw the minimum fine prescribed by law...

A FEW YEARS AGO a term of superior court in Boone fetched in literally thousands of people... the town was filled for a couple of weeks, as the mills of justice ground, often mercilessly, and the rare oratory of the bar members was heard and talked about for succeeding weeks...

JOHN W. HODGES back along the street, recovering from his illness in Richmond... The former sheriff, who has always been averse to flying machines, wanted to get back home bad enough to fly down to Bristol...

PARENT - TEACHERS organization holds monthly meeting... practically all the faculty members in attendance, with less than half dozen parents sufficiently concerned to attend...

Local Rotarians At State Meeting

Local Rotary Club members in attendance at the State Rotary Convention in Asheville include: Stanley A. Harris, W. H. Gragg, of Boone; and Kent Brown of Blowing Rock.

CANCER DRIVE GAINS MOMENTUM



Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Edward F. Bartelt (left) national chairman for federal employees' participation in the cancer campaign, shows Mrs. Harry E. Truman, national honorary vice chairman for cancer control, a new poster now being used to spur the campaign towards its goal.

Winkler Says County To Get \$1,500,000

Huge Share of Scott Road Money Would Come to County, Park Commission Member Is Informed; Local Official Endorses Road Bond Proposal.

Mr. W. R. Winkler, a member of the State Park Commission, and chairman of the Watauga county Democratic Executive committee, states that he has received a letter from H. W. Jordan, acting chairman of the State highway department, giving an estimated allotment for Watauga county under Governor Scott's \$200,000,000 rural roads program...

Blowing Rock Celebrates Completion White Way

Health Meeting Dates Given

During the past week citizen groups have been enthusiastic in their discussions of local health conditions and are well started on plans for action in greater utilization of existing facilities and improving conditions that now rank below par.

Health chairmen elected in the meeting include: Mrs. Dewey Rominger and Mr. Charles Mast for the Rominger community. Mrs. Blaine Miller, Miss Blanche Miller, and Miss Lena Greer for the Howard's Creek community.

Mount Lebanon community meeting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Hodges May 2 at 7:30 p. m. B. A. Hodges, chairman. Aho community meeting in Laurel Fork church May 3 at 7:30 p. m. S. C. Ford, chairman.

Jaycees Name Slate Officers

The Junior Chamber of Commerce elected a new slate of officers at a meeting held at the Gateway Cafe recently. The following were elected: President, E. F. Coe; vice-president, Ted Hagaman; secretary, Bill Hodges, Jr.; treasurer, Ned J. Norris; trustee, Perry Greene; Board of directors: Joe Michael, T. L. Kenerly, Fred Gragg.

SCHOOL BOARD IS SWORN IN; TWO NEW MEN GIVEN OATHS

Walker Re-Named Superintendent, as Clyde Perry Retains Chairmanship; Howard Mast, Wiley Hartzog, New Members; Committees Are Named.

The Watauga county Board of Education, recently appointed by the State Legislature, held its organization meeting on Monday and the five members of the board were sworn into office by Fred M. Gragg, Clerk of the Superior Court.

Clyde Perry, S. C. Green, Tom Jackson, Wiley G. Hartzog and Howard W. Mast took the oath of office, the last two named being new members of the board. Clyde Perry was re-elected chairman of the board, and W. H. Walker was again named as county superintendent of schools.

School committees were appointed for the various districts, those named being as follows: Boone District No. 1

Walter Edmisten, Joe Crawford, J. D. Shoemaker Building committee: Howard's Creek, Bart Norris; Ruthwood, Earl Bodenhamer; Rich Mountain, L. E. Beach

Green Valley District No. 2 O. G. Winebarger, H. C. Moretz, Troy Norris Building Committee: Winebarger, Eston Moretz

Deep Gap District No. 3 Deep Gap, Stony Fork, Mt. Parron, Elk, Lower Elk—A. G. Moretz, Elster Greene, W. W. Randall

Blowing Rock District No. 4 Bradshaw, Penly—Shuford Edmiston, W. C. Lenz, Charlie Isenhour

Valle Crucis District No. 5 Grandfather, Valle Crucis, Cool Springs—Archie Hodges, John Fox, Jr., J. L. Triplett

Cove Creek District No. 6 Cove Creek, Rominger, Presnell, Windy Gap—Dave P. Mast, W. T. Payne, M. L. Herman

Bethel District No. 7 Grover Johnson, Edward Love, Carl Farthing

Bethel Building Committee: Asa L. Reese, Clyde Greene, Clay Phillips

Mabel District No. 8 Mabel, Pottertown—John E. Combs, Bert Mast, Clay Perry, Elkland, James Miller, principal; Glenn Howell, Ude Moore, Rockford Hatten, Ronda Horton.

Dramatic Festival Ends Successfully

The dramatics festival sponsored by the Playcrafters of Appalachian State Teachers college held here last week ended on a successful note, with a number of prizes presented by Cratia Williams, director of the Playcrafters. From the fourteen schools in six counties that were represented at the festival, the following were winners:

Trophies: Winning play "Late Holiday" by the Granite Falls high school, directed by Miss Inez Wilson; best actress, Katherine Carter from Lansing high school; best actor, Jim Carlton from Kings Creek high school.

Medals: Actress, second place Melba Jean Teague of Granite Falls high school; third place Alice Moore of Granite Falls high school; fourth place Nancy Haynes of Jefferson high school; fifth place Peggy Reid of Granite Falls high school; sixth place Ruby Bare of Jefferson high school; seventh place Wanda Weaver of Lansing high school.

Actor: Second place James Austin of Appalachian high school seventh grade; third place Ray Stamey of Kings Creek high school; fourth place Bobby Barnes of Appalachian high school seventh grade; fifth place, Thomas Roberts of Lansing high school; sixth place Amos Turbyfill of Bowman high school, Bakersville; seventh place Robert Glen Dixon of Lansing high school.

Certificates: Second place play: Lansing high school directed by Mrs. Josephine Smith; third place play, Kings Creek high school, directed by Mrs. Virginia Cobb.

First place make-up: Sherwood Gouge of Bowman high school, Bakersville; first place male costume, Robert Dixon of Lansing high school; first place female costume, Nancy Haynes of Jefferson high school.

At the close of the festival, a reception was given by the Playcrafters for all those who had participated in the festival. It is planned that the festival will become an annual event.

Senior Play Slated At Cove Creek High

The Senior class play, "Gertie's Uncle" will be presented in the auditorium of the Cove Creek School Thursday evening May 5, at 8 o'clock.

SELLS FIRST PAGEANT TICKET



Miss Ellen Coffey of Blowing Rock, is shown selling the first ticket to the centennial pageant, "Echoes of the Blue Ridge." Stanley A. Harris, president of the Centennial Corporation, and secretary of the Boone Chamber of Commerce, is tendering a five dollar bill as the first purchaser of one of the advance tickets.

Centennial Tickets Are Now Being Sold

Fred Oxentine Victim Bullets

Fred Oxentine, resident of the Shulls Mills section, was seriously, though not critically injured Saturday night, by bullets fired by a step-daughter, Miss Cora Lee Setzer, at the home of Oxentine's estranged wife, Mrs. Lizzie Setzer Oxentine.

Miss Setzer, in company with her grandfather, Mr. George Austin, came immediately after the shooting to report the matter to Sheriff C. M. Watson. The officer states that Miss Setzer said she shot Oxentine, when he broke open the door to the home, which is said to be owned by Mr. Austin. The sheriff states that a warrant was sworn out charging the injured man with breaking and entering, but that it will not be served until his condition is further improved.

Oxentine was taken to Watauga Hospital where authorities said Tuesday afternoon his condition was improved and that he would recover. They stated that an operation was performed and four bullets, or fragments of bullets, were removed from the groins and left thigh.

Election May 3 At Blowing Rock

A citizens mass meeting, consisting of approximately eighty-five voters, was held Monday night, April 18, in the Blowing Rock School Auditorium for the purpose of selecting candidates for the office of Mayor and Commissioners for the ensuing two years.

The following were nominated: For Mayor D. P. Coffey and L. H. Smith.

For Commissioners: Ralph Andrews, R. B. Hardin, Jake Jones, A. M. Critcher, B. H. Moody, J. N. White. Since that time a great number of citizens have requested that the following names be added to the list of candidates to be voted for on May 3rd. For Mayor: John P. Lyon. Commissioner: Jack Rainey. The election will be held May 3rd.

Stanley South To Give Recital Here Friday

A recital of much interest to the college and to residents of Boone will be that given by Stanley South on Friday night, April 29th, at eight o'clock in the college auditorium.

Stanley is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Austin South of Boone, and has been one of the popular singers in church services, civic and social affairs. He has given freely of his time and talents to these various organizations, as well as to activities on the campus and has always stimulated and thrilled his audiences. He has won many honors on the campus and will be greatly missed when he graduates and goes out into his chosen work.

The public is cordially invited to hear his recital.

LAYS 6 EGGS IN DAY

Gravesend, England—The 16-months-old Rhode Island Red and Light Sussex-cross hen of C. L. Woodbine has, for the third time, laid six eggs in one day, according to Mr. Woodbine. Woodbine asked a poultry firm if six a day was a record. "A record? It's a miracle," was the reply.

TWO GIVEN 18 TO 25 YEARS FOR ROBBERY AGED WOMAN

Guy and McLean Sentenced For Robbery of Miss Florence Boyd; Notice of Appeal Given; Many Submit to Driving under Influence of Whiskey, Other Offenses.

George S. Guy and O. J. McLean, both of whom admitted to criminal records, were sentenced to from 18 to 25 years in the penitentiary by Judge Rousseau, Superior Court, Tuesday afternoon, for the robbery of Miss Florence Boyd, at her home on the Yonahlossee road during last October.

The defendants, who had no legal counsel, gave notice of appeal to the Supreme court, and appearance bond was set at \$10,000. They were still in custody last night.

Miss Boyd, who for years has operated a home for crippled children, told of the men having visited her home, with makeshift masks, fashioned from rags, over the lower parts of their faces, and demanding money. She was threatened, she said, and a double-bitted axe drawn over her head a number of times. She gave them, she continued, what money she had, perhaps sixty dollars, pleading with them to spare her life. Guy and McLean were later apprehended by officials of the State bureau of investigation and signed a confession which was introduced in court.

Kenneth McLean, charged with breaking and entering was given 4 months on the roads, while Ray Shirley was given 4 to 7 years for the larceny of an automobile. Twenty-five charged with driving drunk, all first offenders, were fined \$100 and the cost each, and their driving licenses revoked for 12 months. A number of others were called and failed.

Other cases disposed of included a number of violations of the prohibition laws, and cases of reckless driving. Court was still in progress this morning, and Clerk Fred Gragg stated that the docket was expected to be completed during the day.

Farm Boys Hear State Official

At their annual banquet the Parkway Federation of Future Farmers of America were honored by the presence and an address by Hon. L. Y. Ballentine, State Commissioner of Agriculture. The banquet was held at the Cove Creek High School Cafeteria, Friday, April 22 with about 150 enthusiastic young farmers present from Ashe, Alleghany, Avery, Mitchell, Watauga and Wilkes counties.

Commissioner Ballentine congratulated the FFA boys on their achievements, encouraged them to take advantage of the opportunities offered in present day scientific agriculture. The Commissioner was introduced by Tal H. Stafford, Asheville, District Supervisor of Vocational Agriculture. Mr. Stafford praised the Parkway boys on their accomplishments and Mr. Ballentine on the young service to the people of North Carolina.

Robert Ritchie, Wilkesboro pronounced the invocation. Jack Billings of Cove Creek, Parkway winner in public speaking presented, The Road to Survival, R. G. Shipley, Federation adviser introduced the Agricultural teachers from the various schools and they in turn introduced their guests. A number of school officials from the various counties were present.

The federation officers opened and closed the program with the FFA ritual. The officers are as follows: Jacob F. VonCannon, Cranberry, president; Sherwood Bingham, Cove Creek, vice-president; Leonard Greer, Boone, secretary; Charles Trice, Newland, reporter; Ivan Rash, Jefferson, treasurer and R. G. Shipley, adviser.

Mrs. Joyce Davis and her Home Economics girls served an excellent baked ham dinner to the full delight of all present. The Farthing-Osborne-Thomas band added much to the enjoyment of the occasion by their excellent music.

Centennial Is Noted By County

The Board of County Commissioners has approved a resolution noting the centennial of Watauga county, and pledging full cooperation in the centennial celebration. The resolution was an identical copy of the one passed by the city council, and which was published last week. It was signed by H. M. Hamilton, Jr., chairman; C. A. Clay and Wm. Winebarger.