

KING STREET

BY ROB RIVERS

CIVIL TERM of superior court gets down to business, with prospects that a considerable number of the cases which have cluttered the calendar for the past months, and years, may be tried . . . anyway the lawyers seem hopeful they will be able to clear away some of the suits . . . Relatively few attend these terms . . . but they just love the ones when the State has a long long line of defendants lined up, and most folks are tickled no end, when a defendant draws a long term or has to pay a fine, which just about busts the whole generation . . . they just won't warm up to these day long sessions about the line fence which should have cornered at the double sycamore, near the Spanish oak, and had for generations "run down the south side of the branch" to a possum grapevine on a scrub oak . . . till the new settler took it upon himself to set the fence from the cucumber sprouts, 'tother side the crick, way around by the crooked black gum, to a rock at the Simpkins line . . . "So I had to go to law" . . . Nope, this sort of thing is no good to the professional follow-upper of the mills of justice . . . only satisfaction he can get is that sometimes the "hog rifle" is used as a result of one of these land-line disputes . . . then the flint-hearted are all set for a heap of fun . . . Man's inhumanity to man is most clearly demonstrated in a court of law, but there are some exceptions . . . We know a fellow who makes the round of the county jail ever so often and bails out the drunks and others . . . and he's not an office-seeker at that . . . Such folks, those who want to set their neighbor on the right track, and get him straightened out down the long road, are just a bit scarce, but the few we see bring cheer to those of us who sometimes have our faith shaken in the goodness of mankind.

A SUNDAY TRIP down to the Blair airstrip, and a brief cruise over town in one of the cub planes, piloted by Crayte Teague, local electrician, who took up flying as a hobby some time ago . . . Having been about ten years since we last took a flight over the community, was impressed by the growth of the town during the interim . . . The biggest little town in the State, looks even bigger from upstairs, and a bird's eye view of the community provides a pleasant interlude, as well as a better knowledge of the extent of the progress which has been made by the old home town.

TOURIST CAR parks in the shade of a tree along the street while the man of the house, takes a pint size pootch from the car and looks right embarrassed as he seeks an acceptable shrub, which the perp can use as a comfort station, while he holds the leash in an apologetic manner, and the women folks look on with anxious faces . . . "Middle aged folks just don't look right on bicycles," says paragrapher . . . and we didn't feel exactly right either after a brisk round of pedaling . . . trying to keep up with the whizzing bike of a bitzy girl . . . Rev. Sam Moss announces that the Senior Bishop of the Methodist church, Dr. Edwin H. Hughes, is to return to his pulpit the week of June 26, and the folks who heard the scholarly sermonizer here last fall, are welcoming him again . . . Rom Lovill, one of our old neighbor boys, who has been gone from the town for over thirty years, visits for a while, and exchanges reminiscences of the old days . . . and traveling evangelist lambasts local preachers for "failure to preach the Word of God," without himself ever bringing any information from within the covers of the Book.

KANGAROO COURT holds forth down at Joe Todd's service station, where the "Brethren of the Brush" have built a crude stockade for those who fail to let some whiskers flourish for the centennial . . . number of the smooth-faced gentry fall into the tolls, and fines are handed down after ludicrous court-room procedures . . . President doubts his ability to come to Boone for the centennial, while Governor of Virginia, Tennessee and Kentucky invited by Governor Scott to visit us . . . Top executive of the State of Missouri might have been asked, since our own Dan Boone is alleged to have laid down the squirrel gun and hung up the powder horn somewhere out in the "show me" State.

FARMERS and gardeners rejoice as drought is broken with copious showers, but already some of the folks who had scanned the skies most anxiously for a cloud, and watered down the lawn each evening, are complaining and wishing for a return of the sunny skies.

MAYOR BUYS FIRST BROOM



Mayor Gordon Winkler is shown making the first purchase of a broom from Howard Cottrell, of the Lions Club, as the organization conducts a house to house sale to provide additional funds for the blind fund. The sale will be conducted through Thursday and Friday of this week. —Photo by Blair.

Gragg Chosen to Head Republican City Ticket

CANDIDATE



Miss Mickey McGuire, Chamber of Commerce candidate for Queen of the Centennial. (Photo by Blair)

Five Are Injured In Auto Crash

A Lenoir woman was seriously injured and her husband was hospitalized as a result of a collision of two automobiles on the detour road between Boone and Blowing Rock Saturday night.

Three men were dismissed from the hospital after treatment of injuries suffered in the collision. They were identified as Ernie McGuire, 26; Clarence Wilson, 34; and Mack Shook, 20, all residents of the Silverstone community.

Bishop Hughes To Return to Boone

Bishop Edwin Holt Hughes, senior Bishop of the Methodist Church will return to Boone the week of June 26. Bishop Hughes was here in November and was so enthusiastically received by all who heard him that a second invitation was extended. He will preach each evening at the Boone Methodist Church at seven-thirty o'clock.

Bishop Hughes brings an Evangelistic message with a rich scholarly background. He is popular with both youth and adults. In Protestant circles he is considered one of the great preachers of our country and of his denomination. He has traveled widely and since unification of the Methodist Church has become increasingly popular in Southern areas.

SQUARE DANCE There will be a benefit square dance at Valle Crucis Mission School Saturday evening, June 18 from 8 to 11.

Former Mayor and Building & Loan Official Gets Party Nomination

Watt H. Gragg, former Mayor of Boone and secretary of the Building and Loan Association, has been nominated by the Republicans as a candidate for Mayor in the election June 21.

Candidates for aldermen nominated by the G. O. P. are Kenneth Linney, I. T. Barnett and Earl Cook. D. L. Wilcox had previously been named a candidate for the board, but withdrew from the race, and Mr. Cook was named in his stead.

On the Democratic slate all the incumbent officials are running: Gordon H. Winkler for Mayor; Guy Hunt, Councilor Cooke and Grady Moretz for aldermen.

Considerable interest is beginning to develop in the contest and the usual rather heavy vote is expected to be cast.

Winkler Named to Auto Dealers' Post

W. R. Winkler, local Ford dealer, has been appointed area chairman for the National Automobile Dealers Association to stimulate active participation in the Association's national programs throughout Watauga County.

Mr. Winkler was selected as area chairman by a committee of the National Association and NCADA officials. The appointment was announced by P. L. Abernethy of Charlotte, director of NADA for North Carolina, and M. Brack Wilson of Smithfield, President of the State Association.

High, Elementary Schools To Open

The Appalachian High and elementary demonstration schools will open their summer terms next Tuesday at nine o'clock, so that students may further advance themselves or make up work they have failed to pass.

Owners of Bonnets Asked To Report

It is requested by the Centennial Committee that all who have bonnets and Centennial costumes, old or new, report same to the Costume Committee by sending a postal card to Mrs. W. M. Matheson, Mrs. J. C. Cline, or Mrs. Stallings at the Jewelry store. Two hundred and fifty are needed. Bonnets should be worn on the streets at all times.

M'GUIRE, JONES TIED FOR LEAD IN CONTEST FOR QUEEN OF FETE

Voting for Centennial Pioneer and Queen Goes into Final Stretch with Local Women Tied; Rev. Mr. Gragg Holds Heavy Lead in Pioneer Race

Mickie McGuire and Barbara Jones are tied in the race for Queen of the Watauga Centennial as the voting goes into the final stretch. Both candidates have 33,000 votes as of June 10.

Rev. S. E. Gragg holds a commanding lead for Pioneer with 58,000 as compared with 21,000 for John W. Hodges and 13,000 for B. B. Dougherty.

The Centennial Committee urges the public to cast their ballots before the deadline June 30 at 6 p. m. Votes are counted each Friday and latest results are published in the Democrat. Boxes are located in Carolina Pharmacy, Boone Drug Company, Northwestern Bank and the Boone postoffice.

A complete list of candidates for Queen and Pioneer follows (several nominees have no votes because they were nominated late and the public was not aware of their nomination): for Queen, Dorothy Norris, 19,000; Annie Mae Carroll, 15,000; Rebecca Shoemaker, 14,000; Katie Sue Farthing, 11,000; Rachel Anne Vance, 2,000; Billie Badget, 1,000. Other nominees are Shirley Max Swift, Betty Flo Danner, Margaret Dotson, Mrs. Loy McGuire, Virginia Moody, Janet Farthing, Rubby Moody, Fairy Hodges, Velma Burnley, Joan Aldridge, Mary Helen Teague, and Virginia Jones.

Other nominees for Pioneer are J. M. Moretz, 10,000; W. W. Mast, 8,000; and Jack C. Norris, 1,000.

B. & L. League Meets At Rock

The three-day session of the North Carolina Building and Loan League, which is being held at Blowing Rock, will come to an end Wednesday noon.

Mr. W. H. Gragg, secretary of the Watauga Building & Loan, has been attending the sessions, along with other members of the directorate of the local institution. Mr. Gragg is a member of the reception committee for the convention.

Speakers included Franklin D. Richards of Washington, Federal Housing commissioner; O. K. LaRouge, member of the Home Loan Bank board; Dr. Kenneth McFarland, superintendent of schools at Topeka, Kan.; Dr. Malcolm McDermott of the Duke University law school; Carter K. Ruggles of Boston, executive vice president of the Northeastern Federal Savings league; James W. Holt of the Home Loan bank of Winston-Salem; Senator Clyde R. Hoey of Shelby, and Horace Russell of Chicago, general counsel of the U. S. Savings and Loan league.

Officers of the association are George E. Walston of Greensboro, president; R. L. Sides of Rocky Mount, vice president; and E. D. Kuykendall, Jr., of Greensboro, executive vice president.

Agle Resigns from March Dimes Effort

R. E. Agle, who for three years has conducted the March of Dimes campaign in Watauga county, has tendered his resignation to Mr. Howard Cottrell, chairman of the local Infantile Paralysis chapter, in order that as much time as possible be allowed for the naming of his successor well in advance of the next fund-raising campaign.

Mr. Agle, who has been outstandingly successful in the welfare work during his tenure in office, expresses regrets that he has found it necessary to relinquish the post, owing to the pressure of personal and civic activities.

THREE-QUARTER CLUB SEEKS TO ENROLL THOSE OVER 75

An effort is being made to locate all persons in the county who were born prior to 1875, and these folks, who have seen three-fourths of the history of Watauga county unfold, will be given special recognition at the Centennial celebration, it is learned.

Former Sheriff John W. Hodges has been named chairman of the special committee appointed to enroll the old-timers, and the group is to be known as the "Three-Quarters Club."

Those who come under this classification are asked to fill in the coupon below and mail or hand it in at once:

John W. Hodges, Boone, North Carolina. My name is _____, 1949 Address _____, Date of birth _____

President Truman Invited To Attend Centennial Celebration

PIONEER CANDIDATE, WIFE



Mr. Jake Norris, Centennial Pioneer candidate, and Mrs. Norris. Mr. Norris' candidacy is being sponsored by the Fairview church.

Lt. Roy E. Fox Victim Of Jet Fighter Crash

Local Man Dies in Crash of F-84; Services Held Here Saturday Afternoon

Lieut. Roy E. Fox, 21, of Boone was killed last Wednesday when his F-84 fighter plane crashed into Lake Moultrie near Monck's Corner, S. C.

Witnesses to the accident said the plane was seen flying low over the hydro-electric reservoir just before it crashed some 400 yards offshore, the Shaw Field public relations office reported. Two fishermen, Mitchell Altin and Gus Alton of Charleston, recovered the body within 20 minutes after the crash, but Fox had apparently been killed by the impact.

He was a member of the 20th Fighter Group, and was stationed at Shaw Field, near Sumter, S. C.

Funeral services were conducted from the Methodist Church in Boone Saturday afternoon, Rev. S. B. Moss being in charge of the rites. Dr. B. B. Dougherty, president of Appalachian College, paid tribute to the life of the deceased. Business houses closed during the funeral. Interment was in the city cemetery.

Lieut. Frank Bell, a close friend of the deceased, accompanied the body to Boone.

Lieut. Fox graduated from the Boone high school in 1945, following which he served a year in the Navy. Meantime he took flying lessons at Charlotte and secured a private license before enlisting in the air corps. He completed cadet training last February, was given his wings, and assigned to Shaw Field.

Surviving are the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Filmore Fox, two brothers and one sister: Laverne and Ray Fox, Boone; Mrs. Raymond Craig, Lenoir.

DIES IN CRASH



Lieut. Roy E. Fox

Civil Court Term Now In Progress

The June civil term of Watauga Superior Court convened Monday with Judge Charles L. Coggin of Salisbury presiding, and a number of cases have been disposed of.

The term, which was called for two weeks, is for the trial of civil cases only.

Funeral Service Held For Richard Shoemaker

Funeral services were conducted at Boone's Fork Advent Church at 2 p. m. Sunday for Richard Shoemaker, who died June 10 at the home of his daughter, Mrs. D. L. Berry, in Boone. The Rev. Don Henley of Linville was in charge and interment was in White Springs Cemetery.

Mr. Shoemaker, 76, had been ill for two weeks. He was married to Miss Mary Hartley in 1898. Surviving are four children, Sterling, Steward, and Ed Shoemaker and Mrs. D. L. Berry; twenty-one grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; two brothers, Lee Shoemaker of Collettsville and Ab Shoemaker of Boone; three sisters, Mrs. Newton Hartley, Blowing Rock; Mrs. Frank Estes, Mulberry; and Mrs. Emma Edmisten, Lenoir.

Local Couples Are Married 58 Years

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bingham and Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Casey were guests at the meeting of the Stewards of the Methodist church held last Friday night, both couples celebrating their 58th wedding anniversaries at that time. Also present were Mrs. A. E. South, daughter of the Caseys, and Mr. South, who were observing their 33rd anniversary.

The Stewards and honor guests were served dinner by circle no. 1 of the Woman's Missionary Society.

President Writes Watauga Democrat Publisher That He Doubts If He Can Be Present Here in July

The President of the United States has been invited to participate in the Watauga County Centennial Celebration July 5-10. In a letter last week to Rob Rivers, publisher of the Watauga Democrat, President Truman said "I find it very difficult to get out of Washington except sometimes over long week-ends and I doubt very much whether I will be able to come," but he did not say definitely that he could not attend.

Mr. Rivers, on behalf of the Watauga Centennial Committee and the Watauga Democrat, extended the President the invitation through Congressman Robert L. Doughton, who added his appeal for Mr. Truman to attend. Mr. Doughton, whom the President called "My good friend Congressman Doughton," visited the White House last week to extend the invitation. Mr. Truman has also been invited to speak at Winston-Salem. Last week at a press conference the President gave encouragement to local hopes that he might come to Boone by saying that he hoped to make a speech in North Carolina "soon."

Governor W. Kerr Scott has invited other governors to participate in the Education Day program scheduled for July 7 when Dr. B. B. Dougherty, president and founder of Appalachian State Teachers College, will be honored. The Tar Heel governor Monday invited Governors Earl C. Clements of Kentucky, Gordon Browning of Tennessee, and William M. Tuck of Virginia to join in the celebration. Senator Frank P. Graham, former president of the University of North Carolina, has already accepted an invitation to speak on the evening program. Senator Clyde R. Hoey has also tentatively accepted an invitation to appear on the day's program.

Former Republican National Chairman Carroll Reece, at one time a resident of this section, as expected to take part in second night festivities on June 6, when the pioneer resident will be introduced. Dr. I. G. Greer, formerly a professor at Appalachian State Teachers College, and now executive vice-president of the North Carolina Business Foundation, will speak July 8 during "Youth Day" observances.

State Commissioner of Agriculture L. Y. Ballentine will speak July 9 when farmers of the section will be honored. "Worship Day" will be observed July 10, last day of the festival. Church services will be held throughout the county and in the afternoon residents of the county will gather on the athletic field of the college to sing ballads which had a part in the history of the county.

Chairman Stanley A. Harris has announced the theme of the observances will be "one hundred years of progress."

Scott Names Eight College Trustees

Governor W. Kerr Scott this week appointed eight new members to the nine-member board of trustees of Appalachian State Teachers College. Only one old member was reappointed.

The appointees, whose terms of office expire May 1, 1953, are as follows:

- William J. Conrad, Jr., Winston-Salem, reappointed.
- W. W. Mast of Boone, to succeed G. P. Hagaman, also of Boone.
- Mrs. J. M. Lackey, Taylorsville, to succeed Eugene Transou of Sparta.
- Fred N. Colvard, Jefferson, who succeeds the late T. C. Bowie.
- C. C. Faw, Sr., North Wilkesboro, to succeed the late Hugh Cranor of Wilkesboro.
- D. W. M. Roberts, Lenoir, to succeed Mrs. E. F. Reid, also of Lenoir.
- State Senator B. C. Brock, Mocksville, who succeeds V. D. Guire of Lenoir.
- Mrs. Harry B. Caldwell of Greensboro, to succeed Wade E. Brown, Boone.
- Sam Jones, Statesville, to succeed W. M. Moore, also of Statesville.

Mrs. Calloway Dies At Tolliver Home

Mrs. Amanda Janette Calloway, 78 years old, died at her home at Tolliver Monday.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon from the home by Rev. Conley Greer, and interment was in the Calloway family cemetery in the vicinity of Todd.

Surviving are one son and three daughters: Glenn Calloway, Tolliver; Mrs. Beulah Bledsoe, Todd; Mrs. Gladys Perkins, Tolliver; Miss Hazel Calloway, West Point, Texas.