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Erneston, Rooker To Appear In Recital



Nicholas Erneston, left, and James W. Rooker to present concert Saturday night.

Nicholas Erneston and James W. Rooker will present a violin-piano sonata recital this Monday evening at 8:00 o'clock in the Fine Arts Auditorium, Boone.

Erneston teaches violin, music history, and orchestration classes in the Music Department. He formerly was a member of the Dayton (Ohio) Philharmonic Orchestra, and violinist in the Fine Arts Quartet at the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music.

Rooker, pianist, teaches piano and organ in the Department of Music. He is organist for the Boone Methodist Church and this past summer served as organist and arranger for the out door drama, "Horn in the West."

Mountain Region Trains Big Guns On Parkway Plan

Officials Defend Move Study Problems Of Principals At Waynesville Meet

By V. G. ROLLINS About sixty persons of Boone and Blowing Rock joined with other representatives of Western North Carolina's tourist industry Monday at Waynesville in a vigorous protest against a proposed Federal expansion of Blue Ridge Parkway facilities.

Representatives of the mountain region attacked the proposals before a special meeting of the North Carolina Park, Parkway and Forests Development Commission. W. Ralph Winkler of Boone is a member of the commission. Heading the Watauga County delegation, which traveled to Waynesville in a special bus and a number of automobiles, were James P. Marsh, executive vice-president of Horn in the West; W. H. Gragg, H. G. Farthing, Harold Rice, the Rev. E. F. Troutman, and the Rev. E. H. Lowman of the Boone Chamber of Commerce; Baxter Hardy of the Boone Junior Chamber of Commerce; Bynum Greene, chairman of the board of county commissioners; R. B. Hardin, mayor of Blowing Rock; President R. E. Wilson, Grover Robbins, Jr., Spencer Robbins, and Dr. Walter K. Keys of the Blowing Rock Chamber of Commerce.

Morton said in his prepared statement that "the great damage that is to be caused by the controversial Government-proposed facilities will come by right of the disunity that all the facilities will forever create. Private operators will never be expected to give wholehearted support to the promotion of the Parkway if the Parkway is in effect in monopolistic competition to the private facilities." Hardin's statement attacked the relationship of National Park Concessions, Inc., and the National Park Service. He quoted the Hoover Commission recommendation the NP Concessions, Inc., be dissolved. Until three months ago, he charged, high officials of the NPS were members of the board of directors of NP Concessions, and resigned by instruction of the assistant secretary of the interior—"apparently just a formality, for the close relationship remains the same."



Ben H. Horton, Jr., discusses problems of beginning school principals with W. Guy Angell, superintendent of Watauga County Schools, at Boone.—John Corey photo.

By JOHN COREY "A glorified office boy." That's the tab put on today's school principal by many observers because of the educator's shackles by multitudes of office duties that prevent him from doing his main job — supervising the school's instructional program.

Horton's findings show the principal might deserve even another sub-title—"general flunkie." In many cases, he does janitorial work, drives school buses, issues equipment, takes sick children home, runs errands, calls teachers and pupils to telephones, buys lunchroom food and administers first-aid.

An Appalachian staff then concerns itself with possibility of providing solutions to the problems. For instance, how should a principal deal with a split school board, prevent too many classroom interruptions and find time from his "office boy" chores to help beginning teachers? And there's that ever present headache of discipline. What tonic should be given to youthful destructors of property, truants, smokers in school and the ever-present bad conduct artist.

Better Income Is Said To Be Area's Most Vital Need

Dave S. Weaver, director of Extension Service in North Carolina and chairman of the State Rural Development Committee, was the principal speaker at the regular quarterly meeting of Rural Development Committees, farmers and office personnel at the courthouse in Boone last Wednesday.

Wages off the farm, and still continue to raise food crops, poultry, etc. Watauga County Agent L. E. Tuckwiler, chairman, presided, introducing the speakers, M. C. McIver, of the Soil Conservation Department who promised that his department would cooperate in every way possible; Miss Mary Harris, district home agent, who said, "Your thinking will help make this program a success. We want your ideas about your farm problems."

W. H. Gragg, speaking, said industry would employ, at least part time farm workers who could continue to operate their farms, when not busy with crops, and could employ some full time workers. Speaking of the recent plan to get a promotion man for Watauga county, Mr. Gragg said, "We would send him anywhere in the United States where we heard of an industry planning to open a plant, and he would endeavor to get that company to bring its factory to Watauga County."

Hereford Breeders Elect Slate Of Officers

A joint meeting of the Tri-State Hereford Breeders Association and the Tri-State Purebred Livestock Association, Inc., was held here last Saturday at noon.

It was the first time the organizations, which include memberships in North Carolina, Virginia, and Tennessee, had held their annual meeting outside of Bristol.

Robert S. Orr of Dryden, Va., was re-elected president of the Hereford Association, B. W. Stallings of Boone, vice-president, and Morris Fannon of Pennington Gap, Va., was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

Late Mail Is Restored Here

Late afternoon mail service to the South has been restored as of last Saturday, states acting Postmaster Lyle Cook.

The new seven day a week dispatch leaves Boone at 5:55 p. m. with fast service to Charlotte, Asheville and the West. The mail which had been discontinued was to Winston-Salem, but it is explained that this new service is actually better.

Mr. Cook has actively sought a new mail since the existing dispatch was cancelled by the department a short time ago.

Chas. Culver Taken By Death

Charles M. Culver, 70, a former resident of Watauga County, died Tuesday, February 19, at Memorial Hospital in Johnson City, Tenn., following an illness of several weeks.

Mr. Culver, who made his home in Jonesboro, Tenn., was an uncle of Mrs. E. T. Glenn of Boone. He is survived by his widow and two sons, Darrel and Glenn; a brother, Chester Culver of Cincinnati, Ohio; and four sisters, Mrs. T. A. Eggers of Johnson City, Tenn., Mrs. David Winn of Elizabethton, Tenn., Mrs. Ross Fitts of Mountain City, Tenn., and Mrs. R. L. Phillips of Pompano Beach, Fla.

Tax Collector To Visit City

State Revenue Commissioner Eugene G. Shaw has issued a reminder to North Carolina citizens that annual State income tax returns and payments are due on or before April 15.

Others leading the attack were Attorney John W. Caffey of Greensboro, retained by opponents of the Federal program, and Hugh Morton, Grandfather Mountain owner.

They decried the proposed expansion as unfair competition with private, off-Parkway operators. The park service has proposed its controversial \$4,000,000 "Mission 66" program to develop government-owned concession facilities along the Parkway to be leased to private operators. It has come in for sharp criticism from owners of private tourist developments near the Parkway.

Under a barrage of critical questions, officials maintained the government-owned facilities would be at a "minimum" and insisted they would not compete with private enterprise. Elbert Cox, regional director of the National Park Service, Richmond, Va., said "this question of whether developments on the parkway are in competition with those near the parkway is one that can be argued for a long time. These developments seem to us to be the very minimum for the convenience of the visitors."

Paper Drive Set By Scouts

Boy Scout Troop 131 will conduct a paper drive Saturday, February 23. Townspeople who have scrap paper are asked to place it on their front porch so that it can be picked up by the Scouts. Those who prefer, may call Jimmy Cottrell at AM 4-3068, or Edgar Brown at AM 4-3234, and leave your address with them.

Construction of additional facilities (food-gas) at Cumberland Knob, 25 additional rooms at Doughton Park lodge, and new gas and food accommodations at Tompkins Knob—\$563,000. Construction of new gas and food accommodations near Linville Falls and expansion of existing similar facilities at Crabtree Meadows—\$250,000.

Construction of new gas and food accommodations at Tennessee Bald and improvement of existing facilities at Mt. Pisgah—\$785,000. "Not one red cent of Federal funds will be spent on any of these new projects," Park Service officials declared. They said persons submitting proposals to build the facilities will have to find their own capital.

The North Carolina Parks, Parkways and Forests Commission, which asked the federal officials to appear at the public hearing, has taken an impartial stand.

Armed Bandit Flees Scene Of Filling Station Holdup

Sheriff E. M. Hodges said Tuesday that the gun-totin' bandit who robbed Vernon Minton at Minton's Service Station on Blowing Rock Road early Thursday, is still at large, and that with few tangible clues to pursue, he isn't too hopeful about his apprehension.

Mr. Minton, it seems had just assumed his duties at the station at 6:30 a. m., relieving the night operator, when the man came into the station, and asked for change to use in the cigarette machine. When Minton open the cash register, the caller covered him with a pistol and took the cash, amounting to \$69.

The Sheriff adds that the man was described as being about 35 years old, dark complexion, medium build, and that he left in a 1955 or 1956 Ford, going in the direction of Blowing Rock. Mr. Minton did not get the license number of the car, and combined efforts of the Sheriff's office, police department and Highway Patrol have failed to turn up any information.

Local Baseball Player Gets Tryout In Majors

Roger Cook, former Appalachian High School athlete, will be given a tryout this spring by the Kansas City Athletics, major (American) league baseball club, it has been announced by Coaker Triplett, co-owner of Centre Furniture Company here, and a major league player for some seven years.

Triplett recommended Cook to Clyde Klutz, Kansas City scout for this territory, and the tryout was arranged on the basis of this recommendation.

"He is a good prospect," said Triplett, who managed the Boone entry in the Tri-County League last summer and had ample opportunity to observe Cook, who played for the Bamboo club. "He plays infield or outfield, and did some pitching, too. Kansas City wants him for an infielder," he added.



ROGER COOK

Cook, who is 19 years of age, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Cotton exports are expected to triple in season.