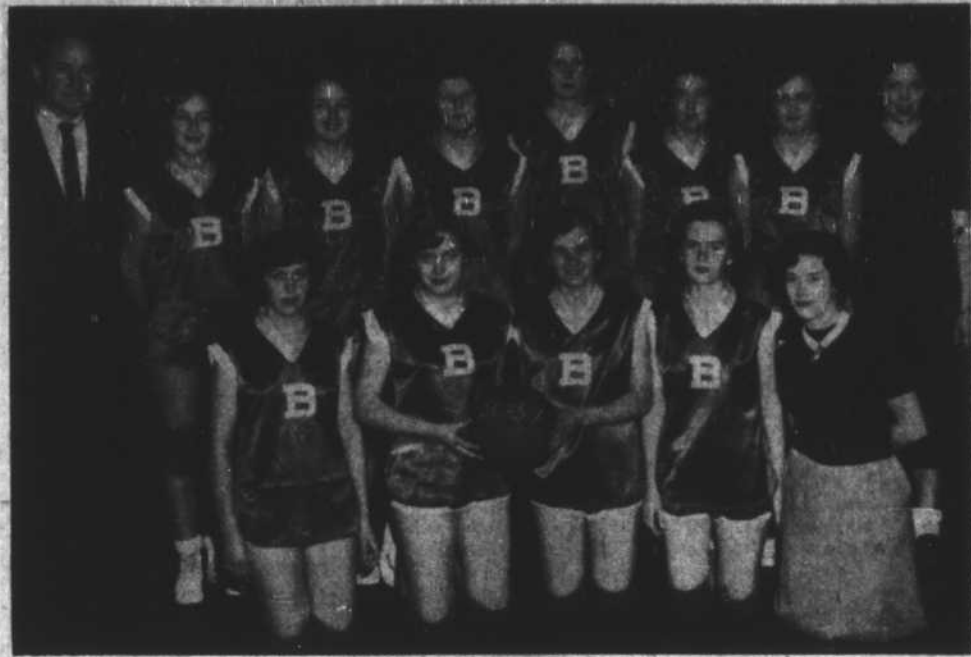


Joan Rivers' woman's page reviews the social scene. Besides personal mention, weddings, parties, club meetings are reported on page five.

BOONE WEATHER				
Date	High	Low	5 p.m.	Prev.
March 5	42	28	37	34
March 6	40	28	37	37
March 7	41	30	30	32
March 8	33	20	20	28
March 9	31	19	25	18
March 10	42	20	37	tr.
March 11	65	24	52	

*melted snow.



TOURNAMENT WINNERS.—Winner in the girls' division of the Tri-County Basketball Tournament at Appalachian State Teachers College last week was Bethel High School of Watauga County. Members of the team are, front row, left to right: Lois Combs, Ann Phillips, Reba Vines, Carol Lawrence, Mgr. Carolyn Arnette. Back row, Coach Alfred Bumgarner, Joyce Hagaman, co-captain; Glenda Dishman, Ruth Rominger, Shirley Ward, Mildred Vines, co-captain, Gene Cox, scorer. Kaye Campbell, another member of the team, was not present when the picture was taken.

New Rural Telephone System To Be Placed In Service Monday

Jerry Hill To Appear Friday In Voice Recital

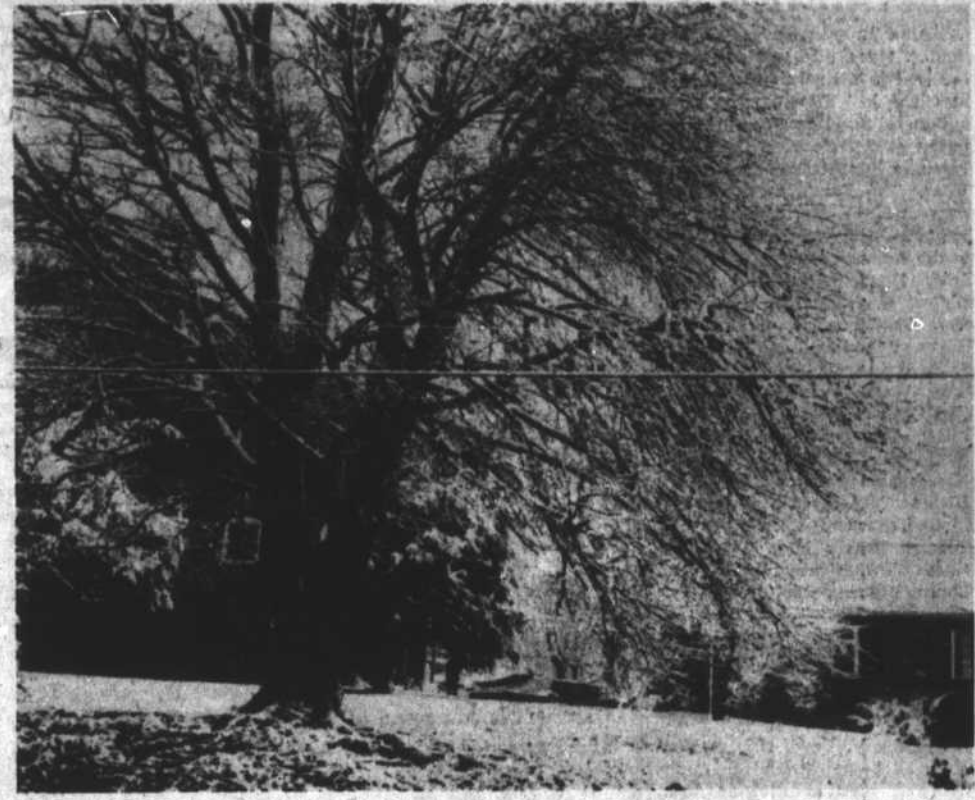
Mr. Jerry Hill, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Hill of Shelby, a music student with a major in voice at Appalachian State Teachers College will present his senior recital Friday evening at 8:00 in the auditorium of the Fine Arts Building. The public is invited to attend.

Mr. Hill is a tenor and is a student of Mrs. Virginia Wary Linney of the College Music Faculty. He has been a member of the orchestra, the chorale, college choir and Baptist church choir during his years at Appalachian, having served as soloist in the annual presentation of the Messiah for three successive years. He sang the tenor solo in the presentation of DuBois' "Seven Last Words of Christ," sung by the Mooresville Civic Chorus at the Easter season of 1954 under the direction of Mr. Klepper. He has also appeared as soloist in the "Messiah" given by the Civic Chorus of North Wilkesboro at the Christmas season of 1954.

Mr. Hill's program will include "O Del Mio Dolce Ardor" by Christopher Gluck; "Ave Maria" by Bach-Gounod; the recitative, "Thy rebuke, hath broken his heart," the arias, "Behold, and see if there be any Sorrow" and "Thou Shalt Break Them" from Handel's "Messiah" and from Mendelssohn's "Elijah" the recitative, "Ye people rend your hearts" and aria, "If With All Your Hearts," "Ich grölle nicht" from Schumann's "Dichterliebe"; "Denn es gehet dem menchen" from Four Serious Songs of Brahms; "Vesti La Giubba" from the opera "Pagliacci" by Leoncavallo; "A Memory" by Rudolph Ganz; "Oh What A Beautiful City," Edward Boatner; "De Ol' Arks 'A-Moverin'" by David Guion; "Grenada" from "Fantasia Espagnola" by Agustín Laia; and "Serenade" from "The Student Prince" by Sigmund Romberg.

Craig Legion Speaker Here

Tim T. Craig, of Newton, State Commander of the North Carolina Department of the American Legion, will be the speaker at the Legion birthday dinner to be held at the Legion Hut in Boone Tuesday March 19, under the auspices of the Watauga Post of the American Legion. The meeting will start at 7:30.



WINTER WONDERLAND IN MARCH.—The Aspen tree on the courthouse lawn makes a beautiful picture with snow clinging to its branches. The three and three-quarters inch snow which fell on Boone last week created some of the best snow scenes of the season.—Staff photo by Joe C. Minor.

Skyline Co-op Ends Years Of Work, Delays

Mr. G. W. Edwards, President of the Skyline Telephone Membership Corporation, announced today that the new dial telephone system serving western Watauga county will be cut into service on Monday, March 18, at 3:00 o'clock p. m.

To many residents of the county this event will be the culmination of several years of hard work and several heartbreaking delays on the road to obtaining a modern telephone system.

Mr. Edwards stated that, on behalf of the officials of the co-operative, he would like to express appreciation to the many individuals and groups who have put in many long hours of work on the project. It was through the efforts of these individuals and groups that the new system has become a reality. He also expressed appreciation to Southern Bell Telephone Company for their splendid cooperation in the project.

The new telephone system is owned and operated by the members of the co-operative. It will be controlled by a Board of Directors, elected by themselves. A meeting of the members will be held annually for the purpose of transacting business of the co-operative and to elect the Board of Directors. The co-operative obtained financial aid through REA for the construction of the new system.

The system is completely modern throughout and very high standards of the telephone industry were followed in the construction of the system. Through the cooperation of the Southern Bell Telephone Company, special equipment has been incorporated into the system to permit the subscribers of Skyline and the subscribers of Southern Bell's Boone Exchange to call each other by simply dialing the listed directory numbers of the persons you wish to call.

Mr. Edwards added this comment:

"Perhaps there will be a feeling of nostalgia among the subscribers on the old system in that they will miss the personal touch and efficient service of 'Miss Nannie', as she is affectionately known. 'Miss Nannie' is Mrs. Clarence Swift, who has been the operator for the past 14 years. Progress usually leaves one with a slight feeling of nostalgia for the old ways of doing things, however, our county must go forward if it is to grow and the new telephone system is a definite step forward toward the future growth and progress of the county."

Mr. Lowman Gets Trumpet

The Rev. E. H. Lowman advertised for a trumpet. The Democrat came from the press Wednesday as usual and by supper time Mr. Lowman had received offers of three clarinets. Just after supper a trumpet was brought to the parsonage and presented to the minister.

A few other calls came later, and Mr. Lowman believes that Democrat ads bring results.

Recruiting Drive Is Arranged By Guard

In observance of the second anniversary of the founding of Service Battery 11th F. A. Battalion in Boone, an all day recruiting campaign for the National Guard unit will be conducted in Boone Saturday, March 16.

A number of vacancies exist in the unit, it is said, and it is hoped that these may be filled by residents of Boone or surrounding communities.

Guardmen will be on the streets all-day Saturday to talk to prospective recruits, who must be as much as 17 years old. Those enlisting before they are 18½, however, are advised that they will be exempt from the draft. The National Guard also offers good opportunities for Reservists, it is stated.

High School Band Is Given Second Honor

The Appalachian High School Band, "Boone's Ambassadors," stepped up one full grade of difficulty in music this year and walked away with the second highest honor awarded a band.

Playing for the annual district contest held at the Fine Arts Building of Appalachian State Teachers College, the band selected the following numbers: "Thunder West," a march; "Symphony in C Minor," second movement; and "The Impresario," an overture. All the music was from Group 5 of the North Carolina Bandmasters' Contest List.

Lloyd Johnson Named To High Guard Position

Sgt. Lloyd H. Johnson has been selected for the vacant administrative position with the local National Guard Battery.

There had been many applicants for the position formerly held by Glenn Greer, but Sgt. Johnson, it is said, was selected because of his background of experience, both with the local unit and with previous military service.

In determining the qualifications, three officers from the 112th Field Artillery Battalion Headquarters interviewed each of the applicants. These officers were Col. Farhaud, Battalion Commander; Major Seehorn, Battalion Executive Officer and Capt. Swanson, Administrative Assistant.

The House Veterans Committee rejected the Administration's request to increase the interest rate on veterans' home loans of 5 per cent.

Clint Ward Is Killed In Accident In West Virginia

Clint Edward Ward, 27, resident of Boone, who had been employed in Cleveland, Ohio was killed Friday night when struck by a car on the West Virginia Turnpike, north of Princeton, W. Va.

Information is that Mr. Ward, his wife, and 23-months old daughter were en route from Cleveland to Boone, when their automobile skidded on the icy highway, and partially left the pavement. Mr. Ward was attempting to flag down a motorist for help. In attempting to stop, the other car also skidded and struck Mr. Ward. Raymond J. Hamlett of Danville, Va. was said by West Virginia police to have been the driver of the other car which figured in the accident. He suffered head injuries and last reports indicated he was still unconscious. Hamlett's parents live at Sugar Grove, N. C.

Mr. Ward and family had lived in Cleveland for some time, where

he was a machinist for the Eaton Manufacturing Co.

Rites Held Monday

Funeral services for Mr. Ward were held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Zion Hill Baptist Church. Rev. Cecil Glenn, Rev. Herbert McCoy and Rev. Rex West were in charge of the rites and burial was in the Ward cemetery at Sugar Grove.

Surviving Mr. Ward are his widow, the former Miss Mary Lee Edmisten of Boone, their daughter; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Aud Ward of Beech Creek; three brothers: Tom Ward of Beech Creek; Gilbert Ward, of West Virginia and Hugh Ward of Monroe, Wash.; two sisters, Mrs. Charles Byrd of Clark's Creek and Mrs. James Hershel McGuire of North Wilkesboro.

Joe Guy Braved Blizzards, Floods To Tote The Mail

(Staff Writer)

When the history of the development of the mountain region is compiled, a man who should stand right close to the frontiersmen who carried the long rifles, slew the beasts and the Indians, is a star mail route carrier, who slogged through winter's snow and mud, and summer's heat, on foot and horseback, carrying the mails to the remote fourth-class postoffices.

This early-day mailman was the link with the outside world. He brought in the newspapers and magazines and the letters and such, and forged a link between the isolated people of the hill country and those of the outside world.

Such a man is Mr. Joe S. Guy, who now lives in retirement at Elizabethton, Tenn., and who carried the mail from Beech Creek, N. C. via Whaley to Heaton, N. C. and back to Beech Creek from 1908 to 1924.

Mr. George M. Harmon, postmaster at Beech Creek, who supplies the substance for this story, says that Mr. Guy walked the route, back and forth, 32 miles per trip, six days a week, for a total of 159,744 miles, or the distance around the world six and one-half times.

Missed Two Days

Mr. Guy's mail failed to get through two days.

In the spring of 1916, there was



JOE S. GUY

a terrific rain, a deluge, and the streams went out of their banks. Mr. Guy was trying to walk a foot-log across Scales Branch on his way to Heaton and slipped from the log. As he went under the log his mail pouch caught on a knot on the bottom side of the log and he had to leave his mail to keep from drowning. He returned to Whaley, and Postmaster ordered another pouch for him. A few days later some fisherman retrieved the original pouch and the mail was undamaged.

The other day the veteran mailman failed to make the trip was during December 1917. The snow was about 18 inches deep. He got as far as George Brown Lane where the snow was drifted 12 feet deep. He had to return to Whaley.

Mr. Guy was a great walker. Horseback riders often failed to keep up with him. Walking up the hills he would break into a trot on the downgrade. He carried a walking stick which also served to fend off biting dogs.

Mr. Guy is now 79 years old, and will be fondly remembered by many of those to whom he carried the mail through rains, and snows and dark of night.

Otto Thomas Is Given Young Farmer Award



OTTO THOMAS

The Junior Chamber of Commerce has awarded Otto Thomas the Young Farmer Award for Watauga County.

Mr. Thomas was honored at a dinner meeting of the Jaycees and will be eligible to enter his farm record in the State and possibly the national contests.

He was selected on his ability to manage a farm, participation in community affairs and character. He has made outstanding records in the growing of tobacco, potatoes, corn and in raising sheep and cattle. He was selected from three contestants.

Horn Auditions To Begin Soon

Auditions for the 1957 presentation of Watauga's famed outdoor drama "Horn in the West" will begin Saturday, March 23, it has been announced.

Try-outs for the coveted roles in the play will be conducted by Ed Loessin, director, in the auditorium of the Appalachian Elementary School. There are many roles to be cast for the play—some leads, crowd scenes, chorus, and various supporting characters.

Hours for the tests are 10:00 to 12:00 noon, and from 2:00 to 4:00 p. m. Evening tests will be given from 8:00 to 10:00 p. m.

An Sunday, March 24, auditions will be given from 1:30 to 5:00 p. m., all of which will be conducted by Mr. Loessin. Candidates are urged to be present at the hours stated for the tests.

Boone Churches Map Easter Service Plan

The churches of Boone, together with some of the rural churches of the county, will hold a series of pre-Easter services, beginning Sunday, April 14th, and continuing through Friday, April 19th.

Each church will have its own program for the evening hour, and many are expected to have visiting speakers.

A noon-time service will be held daily during the week at the Appalachian Theatre. This is to be a

cooperative service for the entire community, similar to the one held last year.

Special services are to be held at the schools and at Appalachian State Teachers College as desired.

Civic clubs and business organizations are asked to cooperate in providing time for employees to attend the special services.

The services are to culminate with a sunrise service to be held at the Daniel Boone Theatre parking area Easter Sunday.