

Parade Committee Appreciates Aid; Willing To Try It Again

Dear Mr. Rivers:

The members of the 1961 Christmas Parade and Decorating Committee would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to the estimated 18,000 citizens from Watauga and surrounding counties who braved the bitter rain Saturday December 2 to view the parade and see the Christmas lights turned on in downtown Boone.

This committee, with Mr. Nick Stikas as chairman, came under one of the services of the Merchant's Association. The committee consisted of Mr. Joe McClung,

chairman of decorations; Mr. Mac McCreary, Mr. David Spainhour, Mr. Charles Isley, Mr. Alfred Adams and myself. We would like to acknowledge the fine cooperation we received from the many firms contacted for sponsorship of the floats in the parade, and the many company's and city employees who worked with us in preparing the decorations. With the concerted efforts on the parts of these fine citizens, we were able to give the folks everything promised, with the exception of the weather over which we had no control.

Now that we have the foundation laid for a basic decoration from which we can build each year, and the plans laid for the basic parade with which we can grow, our committee would like to accept the job for 1962, if the people would like to have an event at the beginning of the next Christmas season. However it will be necessary for us to know for sure within the next month in order that we can make the necessary commitments to assure an even larger parade and to expand our ideas on the street decorations.

I would like to again express my sincere appreciation as chairman of the Parade Committee for the wholehearted cooperation that we received in the less than two weeks that we had to work on this event. As we all pulled together our plans became stronger, and as a result we were able to give the largest crowd ever assembled in Boone one of the finest parades they have ever seen here. The fourteen floats and Santa Claus, may have been wet from the rain,

but the spirit of those on the floats was not dampened, and the cold wet spectators seemed to brighten after their long vigil when the forty-five minute show came by.

We would especially like to express our appreciation to The Watauga Democrat and Radio Station WATA for the splendid publicity coverage they gave in promoting this event, and with a pat on the back for both, we should certainly realize the great value to our community of these two outstanding news media.

Miss North Carolina and TV Star Fred Kirby were greatly impressed with the outstanding people who were determined and willing to brave the elements in such large numbers to watch the parade.

Santa Claus expressed his appreciation in voicing a desire to be here at the beginning of the Christmas season in 1962.

We are anxious to see this event become an annual affair if the people desire it.

Sincerely,
George A. Flowers, Jr.
Parade Chairman

Hickory Garden Council Home Tour Popular In Local Clubs

The Hickory Garden Council is sponsoring a Christmas Pilgrimage again this year and the president, Mrs. John R. Jones, Jr., says plans are complete for the theme "Christmas Old & New". The date for the Pilgrimage is December 13 from 4:00 p. m. through 9:00 p. m. Tickets can be purchased from Mrs. Neel Bronnenberg, the Pilgrimage chairman; Mrs. J. P. Fox, publicity chairman; any garden club member, Lutz Drug Store, Medical Center Pharmacy, Brownie Wings, Corner Casuals or at any of the five homes open during the Pilgrimage.

The first home listed on the tickets is the contemporary home of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Bost at 1269 9th Street, Northwest. "Circles of Friendship" is the theme that starts with the arrangement at the front door and is carried throughout the home. The Magic and Out Our Way Garden Clubs are decorating the Bost home. Originality is shown by Mr. and Mrs. Bost in their selection of furniture as Mr. Bost is a furniture designer and manufacturer.

The Dr. and Mrs. Ted Chandler home on 16th Avenue Circle, Northwest has the theme "Heirloom Holidays" and rightfully so too for the home is full of a most unusual collection of heirloom pieces. The Town & Country, Hickory Garden Club and Fairview Garden Clubs will use many of the Chandler's heirloom pieces in Christmas arrangements throughout this Early American home.

"All Aglow" is the theme for the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth D. Thomas located on the Country Club road. The Canteberg, Garden Lovers and Green Thumb Garden Clubs will certainly make this lovely home "All Aglow".

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Billie Younce at 2120 Sixth Street, Northwest near the Moose Club is most interesting in its modern and oriental architect. The arrangement on the aqua double doors at the front entrance will practically tell the theme, "Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh". This theme will also be carried in each arrange-

Funeral Held For William P. Jones

William Pinkney Jones, 85, died on December 1 at his home in Sands. Mr. Jones who had been active up to two weeks before his death, died in his sleep during the night.

Funeral services were conducted in the Meats Camp Baptist Church Sunday, December 3, by the Rev. Mr. Kiasleburg, Rev. R. C. Eggers, Rev. Glenn South and Rev. E. O. Gore. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Mr. Jones was born on April 29, 1866 in the Meats Camp community, and moved to Sands in 1919 where he was a farmer of long standing and an active member of the Baptist Church. Mrs. Jones died in 1950 at the age of 75. A grandson, Wilson Brown and his family had been staying with Mr. Jones for 22 years. Mr. Jones prided himself on having read every issue of the Democrat.

Surviving are one son, Stanford Jones, of Deep Gap and five daughters, Mrs. Glenn Sudderth, Collettsville, Mrs. W. O. Brown, Mrs. Lee Greene, Mrs. John A. Greene, and Mrs. G. G. Brown, all of Boone. He is also survived by 18 grandchildren and 30 great grandchildren.

ets will be used for a special beautification project that will have much interest.

The Pilgrimage is popular with Boone garden club members and tickets are available at Stallings Jewelry Store.

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Petition Filed To Continue RR Service In Ashe

Raleigh—Plans of the Norfolk and Western Railway to discontinue passenger, mail and express service on its mixed freight trains 201 and 202 from Abingdon, Va., to West Jefferson were opposed this week by the town of West Jefferson.

The town in a petition filed with the State Utilities Commission said (1) many businesses use the trains to ship express in and out of West Jefferson; (2) that the town is dependent on the trains for mail service frequently in winter months when snow blocks highway transportation; (3) that the scenic mountain ride between Abingdon and West Jefferson is beginning to attract many tourists to the area; and (4) the town has reason to believe that if the passenger, mail and express service is discontinued, the railroad will substitute unscheduled freight service for the daily service now provided.

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