

KING STREET

BY ROB RIVERS

"THE HORN"

Plans for the production of the Kermit Hunter outdoor drama, "Horn in the West," are proceeding with dispatch and information is that actual work is to start on the amphitheatre early in March. . . . A heightened interest is being shown in the project which has been dubbed locally "The Horn," and the big project is destined to monopolize the local scene during the coming summer. . . . People are making plans for taking care of the crowds which seem sure to come, and considerable excitement is beginning to develop. . . . If the interest of the people along the street and over the country is to be any indication, the success of "The Horn" is assured!

CLASH OF THE COLORS

"Don't like blue and green together," the lady said. "Appears to me there's a bit of a clash, or conflict between the two colors." "Could be," said the man, whose blue eyes seemed to have gazed long into the distant horizons, and maybe seen some things less thoughtful persons missed. "But did you ever notice how lavishly the Great Master Painter splashed on the green against the sapphire of the firmament. . . . and seems to me the combination looks right well!"

POLITICS TAKES SPOTLIGHT

With opposing forces squaring away for the State primary in May, while boosters of Presidential candidates are mapping their plans to cop the local delegates to the State conventions, politics was getting under way here in approved form. . . . But with Congressman Doughton's announced retirement, all the talk has shifted to the ninth district primary race, the first we've had in many a moon—

Doughton Says He Is To Retire At End Of Current House Term

Congressman Robert L. Doughton, who is finishing his 42nd year in the House of Representatives, has announced his intention of retiring at the end of his current term upon the advice of his physicians.

The withdrawal of the ninth district solon, chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, comes only two weeks after he had announced his willingness to run again, and following an examination by physicians caused by a "heavy cold."

The prepared statement of Congressman Doughton follows: "Two weeks ago I announced that my intention, as far as I knew at that time, was to stand for re-election to Congress. I stated then that I had reached this decision very reluctantly and only after the most careful balancing of my own personal desire to retire from public life against the call to duty sounded by so many of my friends. . . . In my earlier announcement I pledged myself, if re-elected, to continue to serve the people of the Ninth Congressional District of North Carolina within the limits of health and strength. . . . Since making the announce-

MAY 1 SET AS OPENING DATE FOR PARKWAY

New Stretches of Paving To Be Completed; Facilities Will Be Ready for Public.

Little Switzerland—The Blue Ridge Parkway, parts of which have been closed during the winter, and its recreational facilities will open May 1 from Roanoke, Va., to Asheville, according to Sam P. Weems of Roanoke, parkway superintendent. Paving of the 22-mile stretch from Mt. Mitchell to Asheville will be completed in time for the opening, it is stated.

Also to be paved in time for the opening is a six-mile stretch from Soco Gap to Black Camp Gap. The parking area at the end of this stretch will overlook Soco Bald Mountain into the ranges of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

Part of the paved surface between Roanoke and Asheville is not parkway, particularly that between Blowing Rock and Linville where the parkway picks up and follows U. S. Highways 221 and 321 for about 17 miles.

Bob Agle Promoted By Theatre Chain

Robert E. Agle, local theater operator, is being promoted to general manager of the theatres belonging to the Statesville Circuit, and will immediately take charge of the company's theatres in five of the eastern North Carolina towns. These new towns will be added to the five towns in this section which Mr. Agle has been supervising for the past several years.

This promotion comes as recognition of Mr. Agle's executive ability and places him in charge of all the company's theatres except those in Statesville, which are to be included in his group in the near future.

Carlton H. Trotter, former manager of the Appalachian and Pastime Theatres, has been promoted to executive assistant to the president and takes on other new duties as an executive of the corporation. Mr. Trotter will be remembered in Boone. He married the former Miss Ruby Wilson and they now live in Statesville, where Mr. Trotter has resided since returning from service with the Marines in World War II.

Frank Winkler Gets Promotion

Mr. Frank Winkler, native of Boone, a son of the late James L. and Mrs. Winkler, who for the past four years has been manager of the Harriman division of the Mead Corporation has been made production manager over three divisions of the corporation, including the plant at Nashville, and the one at Sylva, N. C.

Mr. Winkler, who plans to continue residence at Harriman, for the time being, and said he didn't know exactly when the changes would become effective. Mr. Winkler's operation of the Harriman plant of the paper manufacturers, drew high praise from Sydney Ferguson, chairman of the board of the Mead Corporation.

College Strengthens Teacher Ed Program

Appalachian State Teachers college is strengthening its program of teacher education. Every day one may see many college students from the freshman, sophomore, and junior classes observing and working in the demonstration schools of the college. If one looks closely, he may see some college students observing in nearly all classrooms. He may see others assisting in the classroom by directing study, preparing bulletin boards, or operating visual-aid equipment. One may also see college students giving individual assistance to high school and elementary school pupils. Observation and participation in the demonstration schools have become the practical appli-

Landscape Architect Will Plan Amphitheatre Here

By MIRIAM G. RABB
A prominent landscape architect, John B. Lippard of Charlotte, has been retained by the Southern Appalachian Historical Association to draw the working plans for the amphitheatre for

"Horn in the West." Mr. Lippard spent Sunday and Monday in Boone making a thorough inspection of the 35-acre portion of the James Winkler farm which the Association has leased for five years for the pro-

duction of the outdoor drama. Accompanying him on his tour of the property were R. D. Hodges, Sr., Estel Wagoner, Perry Green, G. C. Robbins and Alfred Adams, of the Association building committee, and Kermit Hunt-

er, author of "Horn in the West." Professor L. A. Ennersen, of the school of design of the State College department of landscape architecture, brought three of his students from Raleigh to go over the amphitheatre site with the group as a practical project in planning and design. The students were Edward Ely, Rufus Coulter and Bob Horn, news editor of the State College newspaper "The Technician."

Farm Bureau Joins In Plea For Power Dam

A resolution requesting the construction of a dam on Watauga River at Beech Creek, was passed at the recent meeting of the Farm Bureau in Raleigh, at the behest of Clyde R. Greene of Boone, and the Bureau, which numbers 65,000 families in its membership, took positive and immediate action on the proposal.

Mr. Herman Wilcox, president of the Boone Chamber of Commerce, recently attended a meeting in Knoxville, when the Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation asked for power with which to supply the people of the county. TVA, Mr. Wilcox said, denied the petition on the grounds that the current is not available, even though power is being furnished Mountain City, Tenn. Subsequently, says Mr. Wilcox, the Mountain Electric Corp., distributor of TVA power, offers power to western Watauga from the Watauga dam.

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PATROLMAN R. B. PARKER of Boone is shown receiving his commendation from Commissioner L. C. Rosser, center, for his part in the safety record of Troop E. At right is Col. J. R. Smith, commanding officer of the State Highway patrol.—(Photo Asheville Citizen.)

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Mr. Wilcox proposed the building of the dam by REA, selling surplus power to TVA. It was indicated this might satisfy the latter group if the dam was built according to their specifications, which might cause the project to cost many times as much as REA proposed to spend at this time.

Chamber of Commerce officials and other leaders are anxious that this dam be constructed in the interest of the further development of the region. Governor Scott and Congressman Doughton are interested in the proposal and the Chamber feels that TVA should develop the power or permit its development by other agencies.

Another meeting between TVA and REA leaders will be held during the month.

Land Auction Sale Next Wednesday

The first land auction sale of the season is to be held on Baird's Creek February 27, when the T. A. Bumgarner farm will be sold for the high dollar.

Dallas L. Hartley is owner of the farm, which will be sold by the Tri-County Realty Co., of Boone, with the aid of the Carolina Land Auction Co., of Hickory. Details will be found in a large ad appearing in this edition of the Democrat.

Local Patrolmen Get Safety Record Honor

Patrolman R. B. Parker, of Boone, and George Baker of Blowing Rock, members of Troop E of the State Highway Patrol, were individually commended in Dillsboro Thursday for their part in limiting traffic deaths in their 22-county area to one in January.

Messrs. Parker and Baker are being congratulated locally for their part in the safety campaign, resulting in a fatality-free record for Watauga in 1951. They, in turn, wish to express their appreciation to the people for their fine cooperation which has made the record possible, and ask for the continued help of the general public.

One Arrested On Assault Charge

Nat Glenn of Laurel Creek township, was arrested Saturday night by Sheriff Edmisten on a charge of assault with deadly weapon, as a result of gunshot wounds received by Glenn's son-in-law, Lloyd Norris, and allegedly inflicted by Glenn.

J. W. H. Anderson Dies At Marion, Va.

Funeral was held Monday of last week from Falling Water Baptist Church for J. W. H. Anderson, 67, who died suddenly Saturday morning at his home near Marion, Va.

Mr. Anderson, former owner of Rich Mountain Orchard, in Watauga County, lived in the Silverstone community for fifteen years. He was a strong asset to this community, being highly interested in church work, and good citizenship, until he moved back to the State of Virginia.

Surviving are his widow; six sons: R. G. Anderson of Baltimore, Md., Robert and Glen Anderson of Zionville, Ed Anderson of West End, and Fred and Joe Anderson, both of Marion; three daughters: Mrs. Ralph Perry of Zionville, Miss Pearl Anderson and Mrs. Gleaves Anderson of Marion; four brothers: C. H. Anderson of Abingdon, Va., M. I. Anderson of Chilhowie, Va., Lee Anderson of Russell County, Va., and Smith Anderson of Pineville, Ky.; one sister: Mrs. Oma Vestal of Chilhowie, and ten grandchildren.

Farm Meeting

Mr. A. L. Woodard, of the Farmers Federation, Asheville, will speak at the Cove Creek High School Tuesday February 26, at 2 o'clock on broiler and hatching egg production possibilities in this county. Interested farmers are asked to attend.

275 Farmers Gather To Discuss Problems

Two hundred seventy-five farmers and vegetable producers from Watauga, Ashe, Avery, Burke, Caldwell and Wilkes counties met at the county courthouse in Boone on Friday, February 15, to discuss vegetable production. Some of the things

Eugene Russell Dies In Kentucky

Eugene A. Russell, former resident of Laxon, died Saturday at the Veterans Hospital, Louisville, Ky.

The body was returned to Watauga where funeral will be conducted Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 at Laurel Springs Baptist Church. Military honors will be accorded at the graveside in the church cemetery.

Mr. Russell, who was 56 years old, was a veteran of World War I. He had been active here in law enforcement circles, where he had conducted a fingerprint bureau. A native of Kentucky he had resided in Watauga for many years.

The widow, Mrs. Wilma Greer Russell of Laxon, survives.

REA Men Give Aid In Phone Campaign

Messrs T. G. Miller and E. P. Holmes, field representatives of the North Carolina REA, are in Watauga for a few weeks, aiding solicitors in securing telephone memberships.

Mr. Holmes tells the Democrat that about 20 per cent of the needed memberships have been received for the construction of the rural lines, which are to be built by a telephone cooperative with borrowed Federal funds, and appreciates the good response to the efforts of his organization. He believes that the necessary number of members can be secured in a few months, and highly appreciates the cooperation being given here and Mr. Miller.

Miss Mattie Lane Funeral Is Held

Mrs. Mattie C. Lane, 80, died at the home of her niece, Mrs. Clarence Watson of Sugar Grove, February 13, following an extended illness.

Funeral services were held at the Cove Creek Baptist Church February 15, at 2 o'clock, and burial was in the Mast cemetery.

The survivors include a brother, Mr. Charles Mast, Sugar Grove, and a sister, Mrs. Tom Baird, Valle Crucis. There are a number of nephews and nieces.

Rites Held For Norma Jean Shook

Norma Jean Shook, one year old, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Shook of Balm, died February 14, at home. Funeral services were held at the Liberty Baptist Church February 16, at 2 o'clock and burial was in the church cemetery. The parents, two brothers and one sister, survive.

AGE NO HANDICAP

Mrs. V. O. Greene of Stony Forks writes us about William Shirley, 86, and his wife, Mrs. Albina Shirley, 80, of that neighborhood who are still carrying on their farm duties and are hale and hearty. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Shirley have ten children, ten grandchildren, sixteen great grandchildren. Mr. Shirley still follows his industrious ways. (Continued on page four)