

Says Food, Fiber Goals Vital To Defense Needs

KING STREET BY ROB RIVERS

MINISTER TO GO AWAY

The Democrat learns with regret of the resignation of Dr. W. G. Bond, who has been the pastor of the Baptist Church here for over five years, and we who adhere to other denominations, join with his congregation in regrets that the eminent Divine has decided to go away to a new field of endeavor. . . . Dr. Bond has contributed magnanimously to the progress of his church in the community, and has, at the same time, offered of his talents freely in the development of other worthwhile community activities. . . . He has earned the respect and esteem of all the people of the community during the years of his local pastorate, and with him and his family go the good wishes of the community!

WAR PAINT AND FEATHERS

Small lad going along the street, with generous stripes of crimson lipstick adorning his face, and carrying crude Indian tomahawk, fashioned from an axe-shaped stone, tied with a thong into the split handle. . . . And the old red rooster had given down a good many feathers for the adornment of the youth and the implement of warfare. . . . Reminding us that governments may fall, empires may totter, and man may change his ways, and even lose his perspective, but the great American institution of boyhood stays put. . . . The lad who imagines himself a Sioux warrior, God bless him, is symbolic of the changelessness of boyhood, and the spirit of adventure and daring which have been part and parcel of the development of the nation. . . . When the lads fail to play Injun, and fish with bent hooks, and roll hoops and play hooky, we'll be scared, and maybe agree that America is headed down the road to disaster.

FOLKS WE MEET

Russell Hodges counting cash, and talking to callers all at the same time. . . . Barber Bill Hodges buying two new hoes. . . . Gray Tugman hurrying along the street with his traveling bag. . . . Jake Caudill passing the time of day with his customers. . . . Guy Hunt and Dallas Hodges in a nip and tuck game of checkers in the stock room at Hunt's Department Store. . . . Clifford Craven, always busy, and apparently always finding time for one more chore. . . . John W. Hodges, patriarch of the street, looking hale and hearty, and talking with his friends. . . . Major Thomas back from a trip to Florida. . . . Mrs. Wilma Conderman in from Miami. . . . Kenneth Linney talking of the old-timers, and their continuing exits from the scene. . . . Having a cup of coffee with Dumps Wilcox and Richard Kelley. . . . J. C. Cline slipping out some special bargains. . . . Mrs. Connie Phillips, local hotelier, back from Kentucky. . . . and the candidates making frequent visits to the community.

PAPAS AND PANATELAS

Max Norris being congratulated on the first born in the family and true to the best traditions of fatherhood, handing us a cigar, which of course, we appreciated. . . . But we set to wondering how the custom of a new papa passing out favors to his friends got started. . . . As a benedict and father of long standing, we submit that the thing ought to work the other way around. . . . papa ought to get the pats on the back as well as the panate-las, and the congratulations. . . . At any rate these freshman fathers do have an advantage over those of a few years ago. . . . they've quit burning their hats during the confusion.

"GRIT" AND OTHER

GAZETTES
Mrs. Amelia Greer, to whom we offered a copy of the latest (Continued on page four)

Thompson Heads Rotary Club



JAMES T. THOMPSON

The newly elected board of directors of the Boone Rotary Club met on March 27 and elected the following officers to serve during the new Rotary fiscal year beginning July 1: President, James T. Thompson; vice-president, Estell Wagner; secretary, Richard G. Longenecker; treasurer, Paul Winkler; sergeant-at-arms, W. E. Penick; assistant sergeant-at-arms, Stacey Eggers, Jr.
The new board of directors, elected March 20, are as follows: Alfred Adams, Ray Lawrence, Lawrence Owsley, Wayne Richardson, and Estell Wagner. Retiring president L. E. Tuckwiler will serve as ex-officio member of the board. The new board and officers will be installed at the first regular meeting of the club in July.

PMA Chairman Asks More Feed

Only on the individual farms of Watauga County can the 1952 feed and fiber production goals be met, says Dwight Cable, chairman of the county PMA committee. And only if these goals are met can the nation meet its other defense needs.
One of the most urgent needs this year, according to the chairman, is for an increase in the production of feed for livestock as a means of meeting increasing demands for meat and other livestock products. Since grass and roughage make up more than half the feed total and since they are key crops in conservation efforts, practices to stimulate grass and legume production are being especially stressed in the 1952 Agricultural Conservation program.

Since the needs of farms vary greatly, chairman Cable points out that each farmer is being encouraged to determine what is most needed on his farm. The Agricultural Conservation program designed to help carry out the most needed practices in Watauga county this year includes the following practices for which the farmer can get financial help: Lime, phosphate, winter cover crops, permanent pasture, alfalfa, strip-cropping and tree planting.
The spring pasture program will close April 15, or sooner if the funds are exhausted. No purchase orders for pasture seeds will be issued after that date and no orders for seeds will be renewed. All farmers seeding pastures are expected to make a full report at the PMA office by May 15.

Holy Week Observance Continues in Boone

The Holy Week observances for the community began on Palm Sunday with a fitting observance in all the churches. Special services each night during the week were to be held at the Lutheran Church A Cantata, "The Seven Last Words of Christ," was scheduled at the Presbyterian Church for Wednesday night at 8 o'clock. The traditional Maunday Thursday Communion service was planned for Thursday night at 7:30 at the Methodist and Lutheran churches.

On Friday at eleven o'clock, all school children will participate in Good Friday observance at one of the four churches adjoining the school grounds. The first grade will go to the Episcopal, grades two and three to the Presbyterian, grades three to seven to the Methodist, and all high school grades to the Baptist.
At 1:00 o'clock Friday a union service for the townspeople will be held at the Methodist Church. All churches will join in the observance with the various ministers assisting. Special music will be furnished by Mrs.

Elsie Erneston's choral group. The Merchants Association has been requested to close all business establishments during the union service, and in time to give the workers a chance to attend.
The Lutheran Church will offer a Cantata for the community, Stainer's "The Crucifixion," Friday at 7:30 p. m.
At 6:00 o'clock Easter Sunday morning, all churches of Boone and Blowing Rock will join in the fourth annual Blue Ridge Easter Sunrise Service. The service will be led by the ministers of the two towns, singers will participate from the church of the two communities under the direction of Mrs. J. L. Thomas, accompanied at the organ by Miss Margaret Vance, both of Blowing Rock. The Easter Meditation will be given by Dr. George Bond of Boone. Station WATA will broadcast the service.
Rev. Joseph L. Thomas, pastor of Blowing Rock Baptist Church, will lead the service in the closing Benediction. The National Park Service has extended use of the Cone Memorial Park and will supervise the traffic.

'Seven Last Words' Is To Be Presented Tonight

The beautiful and meaningful Easter Cantata "The Seven Last Words of Christ" by Theodore Dubois will be presented by the Vance Memorial Church choir under the direction of Mrs. Elsie H. D. Erneston, Wednesday April 9th, at 8:00 p. m. The cantata compares favorably with many great works of this type in depicting one of the most important events in Christian history.
Miss Reba Smith, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Wiley Smith of Boone, will be organist for the presentation of the cantata. Miss Smith has been heard with much favorable comment as soloist and

accompanist, and when accompanying the high school groups under Mrs. Erneston's direction four years ago, was given high praise for her ability as accompanist by the choral judges of the State. She has been organist for the Presbyterian congregation for the past year, and has also accompanied many soloists and the college chorus for the past three years.
Miss Beth Eggers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Eggers of Boone, will be heard in the opening soprano solo of the cantata. Miss Eggers, a voice student of (Continued on page four)

Red Cross Drive Ends

The Watauga Chapter of the American Red Cross will close its fund raising campaign today (Thursday). Workers are making last minute calls on those who

have not contributed. Little more than \$1200 had been reported Monday morning, and it is hoped that workers will turn in their reports by Thursday.

TAYLOR NAMED TO POST HELD BY GOFORTH

Raleigh, April 3—A Winston-Salem tobacco warehouseman, Paul T. Taylor, will succeed Mark Goforth of Lenoir as State highway commissioner from the Eighth Highway Division.
Governor Scott announced Taylor's appointment today and said it will be effective on April 10.

Goforth, who is running for Congress in the Ninth Congressional District, handed in his resignation yesterday. He and two Democrats are running for the nomination for the seat which Rep. Robert L. Doughton is giving up. Doughton announced several weeks ago he was not running for reelection.

Taylor was born in Stokes County, the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Taylor. He attended Stokes schools and Guilford College. In 1916 he came to Winston-Salem and has been in the tobacco warehouse business since.

Trout Season To Open April 15th

The trout season will open April 15, according to an announcement by Tommy Osborne of Boone, district game protector. Licenses are on sale at the regular places, he said.

The following open dates will be in effect for the Mt. Mitchell and Daniel Boone Wildlife Management Areas: April 15-16, 19-20, 26-27, May 3-4, 7, 10-11, 14, 17-18, 21, 24-24, 28, 30-31. June 1, 4, 7-8, 11, 14-15, 18, 21-22, 25, 28-29, July 2, 4-5-6, 9, 12-13, 16, 19-20, 23, 26-27, 30. August 2-3, 9-10; 16-17, 23-24, 30-31.

Mt. Mitchell checking stations: 1. Curtis Creek, 2. South Toe, 3. Mackey's Creek.

Daniel Boone checking stations: 1. Fox Camp, 2. Edgemont, 3. Kawana.

Plea For 421 Is Voted Down

S. C. Eggers, county tax supervisor, and H. W. Wilcox, president of the Boone Chamber of Commerce, appeared before the county court of Johnson County, Tenn., Monday, April 7, to ask for right-of-way for rebuilding a section of Highway 421.
The magistrates voted 11 to 6 against the proposal. It is understood here that the State of Tennessee had previously completed a survey for the proposed section of road.

S. C. Newsman With Democrat

Mr. V. G. Rollins, who has for the past three and a half years been advertising manager for the Mullins, S. C. Enterprise, has accepted a position as advertising man and reporter on the Democrat, and entered upon his new duties Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rollins have established residence in the Stanley A. Harris house on 421 West.

Pomona Grange To Meet at Bethel

The Watauga County Pomona Grange will meet at Bethel High School Friday night, April 11, at 7:30 p. m. All members are urged to be present for this meeting. W. R. Vines will preside.

Health Department To Close Monday

The Health Department in Boone will be closed Monday for Easter holiday. Because of this, the monthly M. & I. clinic will be held the following Monday, from 2 to 4 p. m.

Music Concert By Church Choir

A concert of sacred music will be presented by the choir at the First Baptist Church of Boone Easter Sunday evening, April 13, at 7:30 o'clock.

County Offices Close Monday

The various county offices will be closed for Easter Monday, it was announced today.

Former Grid Star Heads City Recreation Program

Monroe Moretz, Former Mayor, Taken By Death



J. MONROE MORETZ

J. Monroe Moretz, 83 years old, pioneer Boone merchant, and former Mayor, died Saturday evening at Watauga Hospital, following a brief illness.
Funeral services were held at the Grace Lutheran Church Monday afternoon at 2:30, by Rev. E. F. Troutman, the pastor, and burial was in the family plot in the city cemetery.

Mr. Moretz was born in the Meat Camp section of Watauga county, but moved to Boone in 1896, where at the turn of the century he established a general mercantile business. Later he was engaged in lumbering, in the furniture business, and in the supplying of the city with water. He financed and constructed the original water system here, operated it for a number of years, and later sold it to the city.

Mr. Moretz had been Mayor of the town for several terms and had served on the Board of Aldermen. He was, for many years, Chairman of the Watauga County Board of Elections. He was a member of the Lutheran Church.

Surviving are two sons and two daughters: George Moretz, Asheville; Robert Moretz, Elizabethton, Tenn.; Mrs. W. A. Davis, Rock Hill, S. C.; Mrs. G. B. Triplett, Lenoir. There are three brothers: McCoy Moretz, Charlotte; Poly Moretz, Boone; Leonard Moretz, who resides in Arkansas.

Dock Edmisten Dies Suddenly

Dock Grady Edmisten, 61, of Boone, Rt. 1, died April 3 of a heart attack.

Mr. Edmisten was stricken on King Street near the City Shoe Shop, and never rallied from the attack.

Funeral services were held at Three Forks Baptist Church on April 5 at 2:00 p. m., conducted by the Rev. Will Cook, assisted by the Rev. Raymond Hendrix.

He is survived by two sons: Grady Edmisten, Long View, Texas; and Lee Edmisten, Lexington, N. C.; two daughters: Mrs. Hamp Greene, Deep Gap; and Mrs. Frank Parlier, Boone, Rt. 1; one brother: A. J. Edmisten, Boone; one sister: Mrs. Tixie Cottrell, Boone.

Says License Must Be Renewed

State Highway Patrolman R. B. Parker urges every Watauga motorist to check the expiration date on his or her operator's license and have it renewed before the date shown.

He called attention to the fact that each operator's license expires on the birthday of the individual in the fourth year after date of issue, and many licenses issued in 1948 (first year of the new license setup) have already expired or will expire in the very near future. The act of operating a motor vehicle without a license or after license has expired is subject to a minimum fine of \$25.00, Patrolman Parker said.

Dr. W. G. Bond Resigns Baptist Pastorate Here

Dr. W. G. Bond, who has served as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Boone for more than five years, has resigned to accept the pastorate of the First Baptist Church at Virginia Beach, Va.

The church has experienced unusual progress under Dr. Bond's leadership, said Dr. C. Ray Lawrence, chairman of the board of deacons, in making the announcement.

A farewell service will be held at 3:00 p. m. Sunday, April 20, to which the public is cordially invited. A social gathering will follow in the basement of the church, said Dr. Lawrence.

A pulpit committee has been appointed consisting of Mr. Wade E. Brown, chairman; Mr. H. R. Eggers, Mr. G. D. Barnett, Mr. Cecil Miller, Mr. Ted Hagaman, Mrs. Alfred Adams, and Mrs. Frances Greene.

Plans Being Made For Summer

Floyd H. Wilson, Mountaineer line standout who has played varsity football at ASTC all four of his college years, has been chosen to head the recreational program for Boone during the coming summer, it was announced today.



FLOYD H. WILSON

ed today. Mr. Wilson's selection was made by a committee appointed recently by the Town Board consisting of Miss Gail Clay, Mr. Alfred Adams, treasurer, Dr. Herbert Wey, and Rev. J. T. Shackford. The committee will serve in a supervisory capacity for the recreational program and advisory to the Town Board.

Mr. Wilson is engaged in preliminary planning of the several phases of the summer program and is organizing children and adult softball teams for the summer play. Softball will compose the backbone of the program, but Mr. Wilson has indicated that other activities such as outdoor volleyball, horseshoes, croquet, archery, hiking, photography, folk games, and possibly fishing jaunts and scenic tours, will be added to the program as quickly as additional funds for equipment and voluntary supervisory personnel, are made available.

The children's playground which has already been readied and put in use by the leaders of the community kindergarten, will be maintained through the summer, and volunteer supervisors for the several mornings and afternoons of the week may report to Mr. Wilson the time of their preferential service at their earliest convenience. He resides with his wife, the former Wilma Sain of Kannapolis, at 132 Locust St.

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Winkler Aids Effort For Parkway Money

W. R. Winkler, Boone automobile dealer and member of the State Park Commission, on Monday joined in asking the Senate appropriations committee to add three million dollars to the Blue Ridge Parkway in North Carolina, to the House-passed Interior appropriations bill.

Mr. Winkler went to Washington Monday.

Rep. Redden (D., N. C.) suggested that the committee amend the bill to provide for money to finish three sections of the Parkway.

Redden told reporters after a closed committee meeting that Senator Hayden (D., Ariz.), chairman of the Senate group, informed North Carolina witnesses that he realized the importance of tourist trade to the economy of their state because of the value it has been to his own state of Arizona.

The House cut the Interior appropriations recommended by President Truman from \$626,001,800 to \$486,248,253 and omitted money for the Blue Ridge Parkway.

Hayden expressed the hope that Congress would provide the money to complete the Parkway.

as a tribute to Rep. Doughton (D., N. C.)
Doughton is frequently called the father of the Parkway which links the Shenandoah National Park in Virginia with the Great Smoky Mountains National Park of North Carolina and Tennessee. He has announced he will retire at the end of this session of Congress.

The Parkway sections include three miles in Watauga County in the Cone Memorial Park; three miles between Wagon Road Gap and Beech Gap in Transylvania and Haywood counties; and 12 miles between Balsam Gap and Socco Gap in Haywood and Jackson counties. This would take the Parkway to the Cherokee reservation.
Doughton said that the Cone estate was given to the State as a park with the understanding that this Parkway would be completed.

Thurmond Chatham (D., N. C.) told reporters he reminded the group that the Great Smoky Mountains National Park had the greatest tourist season of any national park last year, and said this should give priority to the completion of these three links of the Blue Ridge Parkway.

Booster Meeting To Aid 'Horn in the West'

A "booster" meeting on April 14 and additional try-outs for "Horn in the West" on April 12 were announced this week by the Southern Appalachian Historical Association officials, sponsors of the outdoor drama which opens here June 27.

A talk by Kermit Hunter, author of "Horn in the West," and planning of the drama as a project for this entire area of Western North Carolina and East Tennessee will highlight the meeting on Monday, April 14, at noon in the Skyline Restaurant. Everyone interested in learning more about the play and the progress on the new outdoor Daniel Boone Theatre is urged to attend. Dr. I. G. Greer, president of the historical association, will preside.

Chamber of Commerce and civic club members and other citizens from Hickory, Lenoir, Morganton, Spruce Pine, North Wilkesboro, Elkin, West Jefferson, Bristol, Johnson City, New-

land, Elizabethton, Mountain City and other communities have been asked to the meeting.

"We want this entire region represented at the meeting," explains Dr. D. J. Whitener, executive vice-president of the association, "because the interest of all is important to 'Horn in the West.' The drama is not merely a local project but will be a lasting attraction which will benefit this whole section of the country."

Try-out for speaking roles in the drama will be held at 2 p. m. Saturday, at the main auditorium of Appalachian State Teachers College. About 20 persons who tried out for parts have been requested to attend. Anyone who has not tried for a speaking role and wants to do so is also urged to be present.
Kai Jurgensen of Chapel Hill, associate director of "Horn in the West," will be in charge of the try-outs, assisted by Gene Graves. (Continued on page two)

Doughton Day July 12

Concord, April 4—A "Bob Doughton Day" celebration will be staged here July 12 by the Cabarrus County and Kannapolis Young Democrat Clubs.

Executive committees of the two clubs decided yesterday to change the original date of May 3 to July 12 to avoid conflict with the North Carolina primaries. Changing the site from the Concord Armory to Webb Field will also provide a larger gathering place for the event.
The event has developed into

North Carolina's unofficial welcome home party for Rep. Doughton after his 43 years in Congress. Chief Justice Fred M. Vinson of the U. S. Supreme Court and Speaker of the House Sam Rayburn have been invited. Gov. Scott and many state leaders will be invited and almost all of the state's Congressional delegation is expected to attend.
Principal speaker at the event will be Rep. Harold D. Cooley of North Carolina, chairman of the House Agricultural Committee.

Saturday Sing Slated

The regular Saturday night singing will be held at the Stony Fork Baptist Church on April 12, beginning at 7:30 p. m.

All singers are invited to attend this singing and be prepared to render four to six gospel songs. The public also is cordially invited to attend.

Miss McCain At Meeting State Board Of Health

Miss Madeleine McCain, public health educator, attended the meeting of the advisory committee on training to the N. C. State Board of Health, which met at the Laboratory of Hygiene in Raleigh April 4.

Progress reports were given by subcommittees on nursing training, sanitation training, medical training, clerical training, and nutrition training. Recruitment in all fields for health workers was discussed with the fact stressed of the importance of getting people suited to the job interested enough to qualify through the Merit System.

It was recommended that Health Departments plan ahead for in-service training for all personnel and Dr. C. C. Applewhite pointed out that professional meetings attended by health workers should be classified as in-service training.

It was announced that institutes for Board of Health members will be held in regions throughout the State this summer, possibly in July, to aid personnel of health boards to work more effectively for improving health conditions in their respective areas.

Short courses for clerical training were announced to be held May 5-16 for workers in health departments.