

KING STREET

BY ROB RIVERS

EASTER REFLECTIONS

Easter, the day of resurrection and hope, of Easter eggs and fine clothes, and vacation trips, and good food, dawned rainy, and prevented many from going to the Cone Manor House for the early service, where the roll of drums and the sound of trumpets, heralded the risen Lord. . . . Others trooped to their churches in increased numbers to hear the songs of praise and the preachers of the doctrines of the Nazarene.

THE GLAD AWAKENING

The anniversary of the resurrection of the Lord, coincides happily with the awakening of the seeds and the bulbs and the trees, the coming of the first violets and the blossoming of the daffodils, and the immortality of man finds expression in the re-birth of all the wonders of nature. . . . The bright blooms, the fresh green grass in the backyard, the blossoms of the fruit trees, giving promise of rich harvests. . . . The birds casting about for nesting places in the assurance that warmer days are here. . . . The lengthened days and the warm showers, and the rich black earth sliding away from the moleboard, as the plowman, reins around waist, makes ready for the new crop. . . . Sermons are on every hand in this happy day of beginning again, and soon the earth will be covered with leaves and plants and grass, and posies, and the long winter sleep will have ended.

THE GAY PARADES

And people, mindful of the rebirth of the plants and the trees, and happy in the thoughts of the pleasant days ahead, come forth in their best bibs and tuckers, fill the churches, and parade along the streets and avenues, happy as the birds, who seem to have done a bit of extra preening of their feathers for the day. . . . The Easter eggs, and the Bunnies which never quite made sense to us as the source of the eggs, which get into such bad repair toward the end of the day. . . . The visits of friends and relatives to the folks of the town and country, the fellowship of the day. . . . A hundred and one activities, and a thousand different observances of the day. . . . All against the backdrop of a cross on a hill, an empty tomb, and the risen Lord.

MISTAKES AND MINISTERS

Rev. Edwin F. Troutman's church announcements was unintentionally omitted from the Democrat the other week, and the popular minister received our apologies with his usual understanding and good humor. . . . "I'll have to penalize you a bit, however," said Brother Troutman, "and if you'll preach for me one time, guess I'll mark the score even." . . . We assured our friend of our appreciation of the invitation, but when we reminded him "Don't have sense enough for that," he cast another glance at us, and quite properly let the matter drop.

FOLKS WE SEE

C. V. Henkel, Jr., whose forefathers brought in strings of Rock Hill buggies and Nissen wagons, and harness and stuff, at court week, spent an hour with us the other day. . . . The prominent Statesville textileist maintains valuable properties at Blowing Rock, and is interested in the new scale of taxation. . . . Bill Sharp, one of the publishers of the State magazine, and a newspaper man with but few peers, reviewing the signs of the times in the Democrat's composing room. . . . Rev. Joe Shackford planning vacation, and Dr. W. G. Bond saying goodbye to his friends. . . . Hooper Hendrix, business and political leader of Shelby, passes the time of day in churchyard. . . . Hugh Alexander, Graham Carlton and Mark Goforth pursuing their candidacies for the House seat held for a generation by Hon. Robert L. Doughton, and Rupert Gillett, associate editor of the Charlotte Observer, and an old friend, returns briefly to his old haunts in the Democrat building.

Clean-Up Campaign To Start In Boone On Monday Morning

Rotarians To Hear Lovejoy



PHILLIP LOVEJOY

The membership of the Blowing Rock Rotary Club decided at a recent meeting to attend the Friday evening session of the Annual Conference of the 280th District of Rotary International, which will be held this week, Thursday through Saturday, at Shelby.

Mr. Phillip Lovejoy, executive secretary of Rotary International, will be speaker for this session. The 280th district is composed of clubs in Piedmont and Western North Carolina. There are 35 clubs in the area.

Annual Tour On Parkway To Start May 18

Gatlinburg, Tenn.—The annual inspection tour of the Blue Ridge Parkway in North Carolina and Virginia will start in Gatlinburg May 18.

It will be attended by tourist agencies and other members of the Blue Ridge Parkway Associated Chambers of Commerce.

Buses will be provided by Smoky Mountain Tours Co. and Virginia Trailways for those who do not drive their own cars.

Stops will be made at several tourist centers along the Parkway.

The purpose of the trip is to afford members an opportunity to become acquainted with facilities for visitors along the 470-mile route of the Parkway which links the Great Smoky Mountains National Park with the Shenandoah National Park in Virginia.

Some of those from the southern region of the Parkway will visit Fontana Village before coming here for the beginning of the tour which will last about four days and extend to the northern end of the Shenandoah Park.

Hoitt Speaks To Chamber

Harry W. Hoitt, secretary of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce, was the speaker at last week's meeting of the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Hoitt spoke as an authority on the tourist business and congratulated Boone on the opportunity presented for expansion of tourist accommodations in connection with the promotion of "Horn in the West."

Mr. Hoitt pledged the support of his organization to the Southern Appalachian Historical Association, in the presentation of the outdoor drama, and offered to cooperate in the placing of overflow guests to the area.

The Boone Chamber of Commerce, in cooperation with the Town of Boone, is again sponsoring the annual clean-up campaign for the city, which will start next Monday, April 21, and continue until April 30, and the historical association joins in the request that an especial effort be made to have the city and vicinity spick and span for the opening of "Horn in the West."

Mrs. B. W. Stallings is chairman of the clean-up committee and she and other members of the committee have divided the town into zones, and each member will be responsible for his particular area.

Stores are urged to cease dumping packing cases and waste paper at their back doors and to put out nothing except on pickup days; old buildings which are no longer useful should be torn away; garages and filling stations should make an especial effort to keep their premises clean; landlords are asked to remind their tenants to keep the premises clean; and those who have had building done are reminded that old lumber should be carted away.

The committee suggests the removal of old fences where no longer needed, and the cleaning up of all vacant lots; tree trimmings should be removed, and of course, a program of painting should go along with the clean-up effort.

As usual the city will haul away the debris, but it must be collected and placed at convenient spots. Garbage and litter should be in boxes or other containers for prompt removal.

Benefit Square Dance Planned

The Boone Rotary Club, handling the Easter Seal drive, for crippled children under the North Carolina Society for crippled children and adults, Inc. announced today that it would hold a square dance on April 19. Proceeds of the dance will go to the Easter Seal fund.

Phil Vance, Jr. and W. E. Penick, co-chairmen of the dance announced that it will be held in the Boone High School gymnasium at 8:30. Admission fees will be 50 cents for single admission, 75 cents for couples.

Rummage Sale To Aid Church

The Women's Auxiliary of St. Luke's Episcopal Church announce a forthcoming rummage sale to be held May 3, on the Main street of Boone. Rummage may be left at the G. K. Moose residence or in the vestibule of the church. Those who wish to have rummage picked up at their home may call Mrs. Moose at 101.

For the benefit of those who are spring housecleaning, students of the Canterbury Club will canvass for rummage on the Saturday afternoons of April 19 and 29. All contributions will be gratefully received.

Diamond S Sells Top Heifer

The Diamond S. Ranch of Boone, B. W. Stallings, owner, sold the top heifer at the State Hereford Sale in Greensboro Saturday, the animal bringing \$800.

Other Wataugans consigning cattle to the sale were: Council and Hamilton, Shipley Farms, and H. Grady Farthing.

Softball Mask, Mitt Are Lost

Whoever has mask, catcher's mitt, or a glove from last year's softball equipment is asked to notify Rev. Joe Shackford or Mr. Floyd Wilson, recreation director, as soon as possible. It is hoped that equipment may be assembled immediately so that softball play may be started by May 15.

The nation's 1951 peanut crop was about 19 per cent smaller than average.

Julius R. Blair, Civic Leader, Dies Saturday

Julius Rousseau Blair, 68, native of Boone, and prominent church and civic leader of Thomasville, died in a hospital in that city Saturday. Mr. Blair's death was unexpected, although he had been in declining health for several months. A heart ailment was given as the cause of his death.

Mr. Blair served for six years as mayor pro-tem and as city councilman for 10 years, always being elected by a large majority. He had been an executive of Thomasville Chair Company since 1916.

An active Baptist, he was a former superintendent of the First Baptist Church Sunday School, a member of the governing board of the church and had served in a number of other offices.

Mr. Blair was a member of the Rotary club, a Mason, Shriner, member of the Emorywood Country Club and the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels.

Before moving to Thomasville he was in the wholesale business in Asheville and in business in Winston-Salem and in the furniture industry in Lenoir.

He was born August 1, 1883, in Watauga county, a son of George H. and Mary Adelaide Rousseau Blair. He attended Watauga Academy, now Appalachian State Teachers College. He also attended Laurel Springs Academy and Asheville schools.

On April 30, 1912, he was married to Annie Shearer of Lenoir, who survives with one daughter, Miss Elizabeth Shearer Blair of Thomasville and New York City; one sister, Mrs. Gordon Bellew of Lenoir; one brother, Henry Neal Blair of Boone.

Funeral services were conducted at 11 o'clock Monday, with graveside services at Bellwood cemetery in Lenoir at 3:30 p. m. Burial was in the Shearer family plot.

Doughton Says He's Not Aiding Any Candidate

Washington—Congressman Robert L. Doughton stated emphatically last Wednesday that he is not backing any of the candidates who are seeking to succeed him as congressman from the Ninth North Carolina District.

"I understand a Raleigh newspaper carried a report that one of the candidates in the May 31 Democratic primary is running with my blessing," said Doughton, who will retire in January after 42 years in the House.

"I want to state that nobody is running with my blessing—or my cursing, either. I didn't urge any of the candidates to get into the race, and I have made it plain to all of them that I have no favorite. I don't like having my name dragged into the primary contest. I will wholeheartedly support the winner, when he runs against the Republican nominee in November."

Robinson chosen "Fighter of the Year" second time by Fleischer.

Burley Farmers Lose By Lowered Planting

Western North Carolina has lost millions of dollars in potential farm income in recent years through the failure of burley tobacco growers to plant their full acreage allotments, the State Department of Agriculture says in its annual tobacco report.

The report states that burley plantings in North Carolina since 1940 have averaged only about three-fourths of the total allotted acreage.

"The 1950 burley allotment," the report continues, " totaled 12,480 acres and only 9,564 acres were planted, leaving more than 2,900 acres unplanted. This means that approximately \$2,500,000 of farm income was lost by North Carolina burley growers that year.

"In 1951 about 2,300 acres of the allotment were not planted

Leaders From Four States Join In 'Horn' Promotion

Goforth Says 603 To Be Finished To Line

Money will definitely be forthcoming this summer for the construction of the remainder of highway 603, down the Watauga River to the Tennessee line, Mark Goforth, former highway commissioner, told the Democrat Sunday.

Mr. Goforth, who has resigned from his highway post, in order to run for the Democratic nomination for Congress in the ninth district, received the assurance of funds for the completion of this important road from Dr. Jordan,

Chairman of the Highway Commission, and says there will be no red tape in connection with the payment of the \$200,000 needed for this work. The funds were earmarked at a meeting between Goforth, Dr. Jordan, and Paul Taylor, the new commissioner.

Mr. Goforth says that while every effort will yet be made to have Tennessee construct their share of the road to the State line, that we will no longer wait for them to take action, but will finish our share of 603. Approx-

mately 2.3 miles remain to be graded, the location is completed, and the money will be available in July, says Mr. Goforth. He says the work should be contracted by autumn.

Mr. Goforth, under whose administration, work has progressed almost without ceasing on 603, expresses pleasure that he was able to secure funds for the completion of the road before his retirement.

Election Officials Are Named Saturday

The newly-appointed county board of elections met Saturday, and named registrars and judges of election for the sixteen voting precincts in the county.

R. T. Greer, W. R. Cottrell, and S. C. Eggers, Jr., were present for the meeting. Mr. Greer was re-elected chairman of the board and Mr. Cottrell was named secretary.

Following are the names of the election officials chosen. First in each instance is the Democratic Registrar; second, the Democratic judge, and third, the Republican judge.

Bald Mountain township: Jerry Ragan, Bill Krider, Leslie Ragan.

Beaver Dam: Clayton Vines, Orville Hagaman, Spencer Warren.

Blowing Rock: Shuford Edmisten, Thomas Coffey, Howard Holshouser.

Blue Ridge: M. O. Coffey, Mrs. R. C. Greene, George Keller.

Boone: Howard Cottrell, J. D. Shoemaker, J. E. Holshouser.

Brushy Fork: Martin Herman, Dallas Hodges, Ralph Wilson.

Cove-Creek: Sam Horton, Bert Mast, D. E. Church.

Elk: Clay Hodges, Ward Carroll, V. C. Cox.

Laurel Creek: Mrs. Dare Strother, Aud Ward, E. D. Fannon.

Meat Camp: Chas. Hodges, Albert Woodring, Howard Gragg.

Meat Camp, no 2: Horace Moretz, Ronda Ragan, Wade Metz.

New River: Grady Greer, Robert Shull, Bernard Cook.

North Fork: W. C. South, Sam South, Jack Wallace.

Shawnee: Fate Townsend, Dale Michael, Henry Michael.

Stony Fork: E. B. Hardin, Glenn Miller, Joe L. Coffey, Sr.

Watauga: Richard Olsen, Arlie Hodges, Stanford Coffey.

Red Cross Fund Nears Goal As Campaign Ends

Announcement is made by the local Red Cross that \$2301.15 had been reported up to noon Monday. The quota set for the local chapter was \$2415.00. Chapter officials hope that enough will come in from those who have not yet contributed to make the full quota.

Mr. Charlie Wilfong, fund chairman, wishes to express his appreciation to Mrs. Dick Allen, Boone fund chairman, and her group of loyal helpers, to Mrs. Herman Eggers and her assistants at the college for their fine work, and to all who contributed in any way to the success of the campaign.

Of the total amount reported, \$850.00 came from the Blowing Rock community, and Mr. Wilfong wishes especially to thank Mrs. J. D. Jones, Blowing Rock fund chairman, for her fine work, and the people of Blowing Rock for their generous response.

It was pointed out that the above figures do not include the above \$200.00 that was asked for disaster relief in the tornado-stricken Southern states. Red Cross workers have already moved into the flood-stricken areas of the Middle West, where it appears there will be another serious flood disaster. The local chapter officials hope that the response to this disaster relief will be such that they will be able to send their quota for these specific needs.

TOO RAT-PROOFED

Detroit, Mich.—Ordered by the Health Department to rat-proof her home, Mrs. Mary Wingfield responded. However, she reported later to inspectors: "No rats can get in. Now the trouble is, the rats that are in can't get out."

Dr. Bond Ends Pastorate At Sunday Service



Farewell services for Dr. W. G. Bond are to be held at the First Baptist Church in Boone Sunday at 3 o'clock.

Dr. Bond has resigned the pastorate of the Baptist Church here to accept the pastorate of the First Baptist Church at Virginia Beach, Va.

Dr. Ray Lawrence, chairman of the board of deacons, will preside at the Sunday service. Mr. Wade E. Brown will speak for the church; Dr. D. J. Whitenier in behalf of the community, and Rev. E. F. Troutman for the other churches. The public is invited.

The church to which Dr. Bond is going has been without a pastor since last summer but the (Continued on page four)

BULLETIN

Mother Dies From Gun Held By Son

Mrs. Glenn Coffey, 39, was instantly killed Tuesday afternoon from a shotgun charge, said to have been accidentally fired by her 15 year old son, Clay Coffey.

Sheriff A. J. Edmisten, who investigated the shooting, says that Clay and an older brother had an argument, and that the former secured the shotgun. Mrs. Coffey, he says, went into the room to remonstrate with Clay, the gun in some way was discharged, and the load entered the mother's lower abdomen, death ensuing almost instantly.

Clay, who is not being held, told the Sheriff that he did not know how the gun was discharged.

Coroner Richard E. Kelley is out of town, but Sheriff Edmisten says an inquest will likely be held by him Friday at 10 o'clock. Meantime, the Sheriff said Tuesday evening, the shooting, in his opinion, was accidental.

The husband and seven children survive.

Funeral services will be held at the Boone Fork Baptist Church Thursday at 11, by Rev. Mr. Holbrook and burial will be in that vicinity.

Many Attend Booster Meet

BY VIRGIL G. ROLLINS

Plans were discussed to launch an all-out program of development, promotion, and attraction for the Southern Appalachian area at a luncheon meeting held Monday, April 14, at the Skyline Restaurant in Boone.

The meeting, called by the Southern Appalachian Historical Association, sponsors of "Horn in the West," outdoor drama which opens here June 27, was attended by enthusiastic boosters from four states—North Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee, and Kentucky—all of whom were of one voice in their pledge of support of the promotion program in general and of the new drama in particular.

Highlight of the meeting was a talk by Kermit Hunter, author of "Horn in the West," who expressed great admiration for the wonderful spirit of loyalty, foresight, cooperation, and hard work shown by the people of this area in the development and promotion of their resources and their well-directed efforts to tell the story of their proud heritage to the world.

Mr. Hunter gave a brief resume of the purpose and meaning of the drama, which spans the decade from 1770 to 1780, a period which witnessed a complete metamorphosis in the thinking and convictions of the pioneers in three distinct categories:

1. Religious—the separation of Church and State, and the recognition of the right of every man to worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience.

2. Economic—abolition of the "landed gentry" and equal opportunity for all.

3. Political—renouncing of the monarchy and the establishment of a democratic form of government.

Dr. I. G. Greer of Chapel Hill, president of the association, was moderator of Monday's meeting, and Mrs. B. W. Stallings, member of the board of directors and production committee, introduced the distinguished visitors, after Dr. D. J. Whitenier, vice president, had extended a brief address of welcome.

Mr. Leo Pritchett, chairman of the public relations committee, said in an inspirational talk that while the association is a Watauga County organization, it does not end there but extends to all areas of Western North Carolina and Eastern Tennessee. He declared that the region should develop its dormant possibilities, such as handicrafts, and other indigenous products, and that its historical heritage must be preserved. (Continued on page eight)

Singers Sought For Roles In "Horn In West"

Auditions for singers to appear in "Horn In The West" as members of the choir will be held at 2 p. m. Saturday, April 26, in the main auditorium of Appalachian State Teachers College. Mr. Thomas Nichols of Chapel Hill, who has been chosen choir director for the drama, will conduct the auditions. Mr. Nichols is choir director of the Chapel Hill Presbyterian Church.

At the same time and place on April 26 Kai Jurgensen, associate director for "Horn In The West" will interview men over 18 for parts as Indian dancers in the drama. All men who applied at the March 19 try-outs, as well as others who have not attended any try-outs, are urged to attend.

The director is especially anxious to secure someone to play a stellar role as a 10 year old boy, and someone to play the same character as a 20 year old. The latter may be from 18 to 25 years old. Those interested in these parts should apply at 2 o'clock.

The final try-outs for speaking roles in the drama were held Saturday, with about 30 attending. Director Samuel Seiden and Mr. Jurgensen report that casting of the play is nearing completion and announcement of the cast is expected to be made soon.