

## KING STREET BY ROB RIVERS

### CHECKING THE METERS

The city has placed a new patrolman on the King Street beat, who is checking the meters with diligence, to the end that all those who park their cars along the avenue, must in turn plunk a speck of money into one of the hungry little gadgets, or get ticketed. . . For a long time the meters have been used only by the more generous, or glibbie, and the most of us have been just parking, like in the old days. . . Hard as we've tried, we've never been able to work up any affection for parking meters, but since they have become one of the accepted nuisances of the motor car age, we would subscribe to the action of the town fathers in their recent determination to have the folks slip the silver into the slots. . . Otherwise the contrivances levy a tax which applies to only a small segment of the population.

### ON THE HUSTINGS

Luther H. Hodges, of Leesville, candidate for the Lieutenant-Governorship, visits with the party faithful in the community, as the day of the springtime voting draws nigh. . . Mr. Hodges, who has always adhered to the party of Jefferson and Jackson, has never before offered for public office, but as a newcomer to the hustings, he is attracting considerable attention. . . In this day when some folks claim the capacity of some public officials is a little on the light side, Mr. Hodges' race brings new blood and recognized abilities into the May marathon. . . The story of his rise from an office boy and a mail hand to the vice-presidency of Marshall Field & Co., and general manager of the Fieldcrest Mills, is a saga of success, in line with the cherished stories of Horatio Alger. . . Mr. Hodges has crowded into his 54 years a series of fruitful activities seldom found in the career of a man. . . The most critical voter would have to agree that Mr. Hodges has the capacity for any governmental post to which he might aspire.

### ABOUT THE TOWN

Home gardeners get out the spade the hoe and the rake, and putter around the back yard, entertaining visions of luscious vegetables in the days to come. . . We lay in a store of seed Saturday afternoon, enjoy the brief contact with the warm black soil, and rub our cramped muscles during the evening. . . We grow even more unhappy when we recall that we didn't look at the trusted "Ramon calendar" to see about the moon, and the signs. . . So since we missed Good Friday by a wide margin, we're not going to look about the signs now, and enjoy the suspense and uncertainty of growing fine taters, nice cabbages, and tender greens. . . moon or no moon.

Mark Goforth, candidate for Congress, come up for the first Monday of court, on his rounds of the vineyards where the votes grow in clusters. . . Having a conference on various matters of personal and private concern with Andy Greer and Troy Norris on the court house lawn, and gathering therefrom, a good deal of information and a considerable sum of sound logic and philosophy. . . One of the old cherry trees at the McD. Little homestead, dead except for the tip end of one limb which sports a fair quantity of bloom. . . The trees on courtyard long gone. . . The Daniel Boone marker, placed there many years ago by W. L. Bryan Esq., and John Preston Arthur, historian. . . The big chunk of stone was taken from the hillside on the present R. C. Rivers homestead, and the great and the near great of Tarheelia have histed a leg over the rounded top of the boulder during the past forty years, and the old rock has been the center of many discussions of great moment, and doubtless many a tear has dampened the stone as relatives of men on trial behind the grim facade of the house of justice.

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## Lad Cleared In Mother's Death By Inquest Jury

A Watauga County coroner's jury Friday absolved a 15-year-old boy of blame in the fatal shooting of his mother at their home near here last Tuesday.

Coroner Richard E. Kelley conducted the hearing. The coroner's jury was composed of Orville Perry, James Austin, L. E. Day, M. P. Miller, R. I. Hodges, and W. G. Hartzog.

After hearing the case for an hour, the jury returned a verdict of "accidental shooting."

The youth, Clyde Coffey, claimed he was holding a 12-gauge shotgun in his lap when it discharged. His mother, Mrs. Glenn Coffey, 40, died before the arrival of an ambulance.

"I don't know what happened," the boy told the jury. "I didn't mean to shoot anybody. I don't know how the gun went off. I had my hand on the guard, and I don't know whether the hammer was pulled back or not," he testified.

Mrs. Coffey had warned him

about the gun only moments before the shooting took place shortly after the noon hour.

Sheriff A. J. Edmisten told the jury that the youth and his brother, Jerry, 18, had been quarreling during the morning, with Clyde joking several times that he was going to shoot the older boy.

Sheriff Edmisten and the boy described the following events leading up to the fatal shooting: Clyde was sitting in his bedroom with the shotgun on his lap and Jerry was in the kitchen.

Mrs. Coffey had come down the hall and was standing near Jerry. The gun suddenly went off and Mrs. Coffey, the mother of seven children, was struck in the stomach by the blast.

The youth, Clyde, informed the jury that he then ran out the door and phoned from a nearby store for an ambulance—but that his mother was dead before the ambulance arrived.

## STORIE NAMED TO POSITION IN 'HORN' PROJECT



JAMES L. STORIE

Appointment of James M. Storie, principal of the Blowing Rock High School, as assistant to Business Manager Stanley A. Harris for "Horn in the West" was announced this week by the Southern Appalachian Historical Association. Mr. Storie will assume his duties June 1, and will be in charge of refreshment stands and concessions at the Daniel Boone Theatre.

Mr. Storie is well known in Watauga County, having received B. S. and M. A. degrees at Appalachian State Teachers College, Boone, after graduating from Boone High School.

He served for four years in the U. S. Navy as a welfare and recreation director at various Naval bases. One phase of his work was to arrange, manage and direct stage shows for Navy personnel. Following his honorable discharge with the rank of lieutenant, senior grade, he was for three years athletic coach and assistant principal at Central School in Greensboro.

Mr. Storie is married to the former Miss Elizabeth South of Boone. Mr. and Mrs. Storie and their two daughters, Pam and Julia, reside in Blowing Rock.

## Parade To Mark Climax Annual Clean-Up Effort

### Spring Term Of Court Starts Here On Monday

The spring term of Watauga Superior Court convened Monday morning with Judge Hoyle Sink presiding and at noon Tuesday splendid progress was being made in clearing away a large criminal docket.

Most of the cases involve driving vehicles while under the influence of intoxicants, violation of the State prohibition laws, larceny, and some cases of abandonment.

### Town Buys Warehouse Here

The town of Boone has closed a deal with Mr. R. C. Coleman, of Tabor City, for the purchase of the large tobacco warehouse near the bus terminal.

In commenting on the purchase of the valuable property, Mayor Gordon H. Winkler states that the building was bought subject to the lease being held by the Watauga Farmers Co-op store, and that the more than one acre of floor space will eventually perhaps, be used to store automobiles, as the parking problem grows progressively worse. For the present the town will use a portion of the building for the storage of surplus pipe, other supplies and city vehicles.

Mr. Coleman reserved the right to use the warehouse during the tobacco season, if needed. (He has two other large houses here.

### Lenoir Band To Give Concert on Tuesday

The Lenoir High School Band, under the direction of Captain James C. Harper, will present a program of band music April 29, at 8 p. m., in the Fine Arts Building at Appalachian State Teachers College.

Captain Harper, who has been with the band since its inception, is widely known wherever school bands are discussed. He has been president of the North Carolina Bandmaster's Association and has served on its board of directors for many years. Captain Harper has served as a contest judge in many states and has written many articles which have appeared in leading music and educational journals.

The Lenoir High School Band is the oldest school band in North Carolina, having been founded in 1924 when the Lenoir Post No. 29 of the American Legion donated a set of band instruments to their high school and suggested the founding of a high school band.

The band has made a name for itself nationally as well as in this State. It has participated in such events as the New York World's

### EISENHOWER LEADS IN PENNSYLVANIA VOTING

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower appeared headed this week toward a tremendous popular endorsement for the Republican presidential nomination in early returns from Pennsylvania's preferential primary.

Although the preference contest, in which he and Harold E. Stassen were on the ballot, is not binding on the state's 70 Republican delegates, it might influence the later decision of leaders on where to swing that vote.

The Pennsylvania picture (with precincts reported) looked like this:

Republican, Eisenhower 105,880; Stassen 13,199; Taft (written) 8,133.

Democrats, Truman 141; Ke-fauver 834; Stevenson 28; Kem 36.

Fair, the National Band contest in West Palm Beach, Florida, the Wilmington Azalea Festival, and made many concert trips throughout North Carolina and nearby states.

## Musical Events For College Announced

Mr. Gordon Nash, chairman of the Department of Music at Appalachian State Teachers College, announces the following coming events of the Department of Music and Art at the college. The events begin prior to National Music Week observance and continue through the observance.

Thursday, April 24—10:10 a. m.—College Chapel, High Point High School Band, Mr. Lillard Luttrell, director.

Sunday, April 27—8:00 p. m.—Fine Arts Building, senior voice recital, Mr. James Blanton, tenor.

Monday—8:00 p. m.—Fine Arts Building, student recital.

Tuesday—8:00 p. m.—Fine Arts Building, concert by the Lenoir High School Band, Capt. James C. Harper, director, George Kirsten, assistant director.

Saturday, May 3—8:00 p. m.—Fine Arts Building, senior voice recital, Miss Helen Cole, soprano.

Sunday, May 4—3:00 p. m.—Fine Arts Building, concert by the Appalachian High School Choral Ensemble, Mrs. Elsie Erneston, director.

Monday—7:00 p. m.—Fine Arts Building, concert by the ASTC

Choir, Mrs. Virginia Wary Linhey, director. Following concert open house sponsored by music and art departments. Reception in choral room. Art displays, Miss Catherine Smith and Mrs. W. W. Williams, sponsors.

Tuesday—7:00 p. m.—Fine Arts Building. Concert by the Appalachian High School Band, Mr. Roy R. Blanton, director. Open house following concert. Art displays.

Wednesday—7:30 p. m.—Fine Arts Building. Concert by the Octet and Double Octet. Mr. Hoyt Saffrit, director. Lecture and demonstration by Dr. Arnold Hoffman, state supervisor of music. This program is primarily for the Watauga NCEA chapter. Open house following program. Art displays.

Thursday—7:00 p. m.—Fine Arts Building. Concert by the ASTC Band, Mr. Gordon Nash, director, and the String Ensemble, Mr. Nicholas Erneston. Open house. Art displays.

Friday, May 9—7:00 p. m.—Fine Arts Building. Concert by the ASTC Orchestra and String Ensemble, Mr. Nicholas Erneston, director. Open house and art displays.

## Lions' Talent Show To Be Held Friday

The annual Lions Club Talent Show will be held in the College Gymnasium Friday evening at 7:30 and nine elementary schools will present seven-minute acts as a part of the well-rounded program, which is expected to be even better than in former years. A high spot of the evening will be the selection of a Queen from each of the high schools participating, and a Junior Queen from each of the elementary schools taking part.

The talent show will consist of acts by the following schools: Boone, Rutherford, Green Valley, Deep Gap, Blowing Rock, Valle Crucis, Cove Creek, Bethel, and Mabel.

Queen candidates have been chosen by the following high schools: Appalachian, Bethel, Blowing Rock, Cove Creek. Elementary school queen candidates are being offered by the following schools: Boone, Rutherford, Green Valley, Deep Gap, Stony Fork, Blowing Rock, Valle Crucis, Cove Creek, Bethel, and Mabel.

A panel of out-of-town judges will select the queens. As formerly proceeds from the queens contests will go to the schools, and the Lions admission receipts will be used to further the club's program for the benefit of the blind in this county.

## Count Rabbit Contest Starts

The Craven Furniture Company in Boone this week announces a big "Count the Rabbits" contest culminating in the awarding of three big prizes. First prize will be a big L & H refrigerator, second prize a ladies' 15 jewel Benrus wrist watch, and third prize a man's 15 jewel Benrus wrist watch.

Other prizes will consist of credit certificates valued at \$5.00 to \$15.00, and a free watch will also be given with the purchase of each L & H range or refrigerator during the contest. There's a "pooby" prize, too—a pair of rabbits. All you have to do, says Mr. Clifford Craven, manager of the store, is count the rabbits in their advertisement appearing in this issue.

The contest closes at midnight, May 16, and prizes will be awarded on Saturday, May 17.

Waco, Texas—Welstein Smith, Baylor University professor, was introduced as main speaker at a fraternity banquet. Mr. Smith rose to his feet, pointed to his throat, sat down, took a drink of water, pushed a button and sat back while his recorded speech was heard over loud-speakers. The professor was a victim of laryngitis and could not speak above a whisper.

## Sky-Vu Theatre To Run Daily

The Sky-Vu Drive In Theatre, announces its opening on a seven day a week schedule next Friday, and two shows will be held nightly, starting at dusk.

The drive-in has operated during the winter only on Saturday and Sunday evenings. The management states that first class pictures are being shown daily.

## Mayor Asks Clean-Up For the General Welfare

WHEREAS, the general health and welfare of our citizens depend upon wholesome surroundings arising from good clean living conditions, and

WHEREAS, the lives and property of our people are endangered by fire caused by the cluttered conditions in homes, business places, alleys and streets, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Boone will be on display to increased thousands of visitors this summer due to the presentation of the drama "Horn in the West," and

WHEREAS, unity of effort is required for the future development of our community. THEREFORE I, Gordon H. Winkler, Mayor of the Town of

## Mrs. Wilson Hollar Fatally Hurt Sunday

### G. M. Lawrence Dies At Age 70

George Monroe Lawrence, 70, of Beech Creek died April 18 after a short illness. Funeral services were conducted from Mt. Gilead Baptist Church of which he had been an active member for forty-eight years. Rev. E. J. Farthing, at one time pastor of all members of the family, was in charge. He was assisted by Rev. Ronda Earp, pastor, and Rev. Crisp.

Pallbearers were: O. H. Trillette, Clyde Bunton, Luther Bunton, Dallas Bunton, Ted Reece and Jim Swift.

Mr. Lawrence leaves his widow and these sons and daughters: J. Lee Lawrence and Mrs. Louis Gammeter, Cincinnati, O.; Dr. C. Ray Lawrence, Dr. Jack D. Lawrence, Mrs. E. T. Glenn and Mrs. George Judy, Boone; Mrs. J. H. Sowder, North Wilkesboro; Mrs. Louis Farthing, Argonia, Newfoundland; Mrs. Acie McGuire, Morganton; Mrs. Philip Farthing, Columbus, O.; George Lawrence, Jr., Lenoir. There are twenty-four grandchildren. Two brothers and one sister survive: H. L. Lawrence, Hilton Village, W. Va.; S. Grant Lawrence, Sugar Grove; and Mrs. W. C. Elser, Johnson City, Tenn.

Dissatisfaction with nation's rearming progress expressed in Washington and elsewhere.

Highmark level reached at shipyards in United States.

Mrs. Wilson Hollar, 53, Vilas resident, died at noon Sunday in a Boone hospital, of injuries sustained when she was struck by a pickup truck, State Highway Patrolman Roger Parker said.

James Mast, 18, resident of Boone, the driver of the truck, was jailed on a charge of manslaughter.

The accident occurred Sunday about 10 o'clock as Mrs. Hollar was walking along the highway near the Willowdale Church, on highway 421, five miles west of Boone. Information is that the truck swerved across the highway and struck Mrs. Hollar.

Funeral services for Mrs. Hollar, a well-known resident of Vilas, were held Tuesday at 11:00 a. m. at the Willowdale Baptist Church and burial was in the Danner cemetery.

Surviving are the husband, Wilson Hollar; one son, Creed, of Avondale, Penn.; four daughters, Mrs. David Norris, Vilas; Mrs. Ralph Davis, Kennet Square, Penn.; Mrs. Don Dotson, Sparta; and Miss Pansy Hollar, Winston-Salem, N. C.

## "Horn" Choristers Being Sought

Men and women interested in auditioning for the choir of "Horn in the West" are asked to be at the main auditorium of Appalachian State Teachers College at 2 p. m. Saturday afternoon, April 26. Men over 18 to play the roles of Indian dancers are also asked to be present.

At the same time and place try-outs will also be held for boys who would like to play the part of 10-year-old Jack Stuart, and anyone interested in playing the same character as a 20-year old.

Thoms Nichols of Chapel Hill, choir director for the drama, will audition the singers, while Kai Jurgensen of Chapel Hill, associate director of "Horn in the West," will interview the Indian dancers and the applicants for the roles of Jack Stuart.

### DREAM SHATTERED

Patchogue, N. Y.—Since John Hagley lost his legs a few years ago, his only means of support is collecting junk, going about in a pony-drawn wagon. He has managed to save a little money hoping some day to buy artificial limbs. However, Hagley, 37, had his dreams shattered recently, when somebody stole the wheels, worth \$34, off his wagon.

## Local Campaign Now in Progress

Special emphasis is being placed this year on the annual Clean Up, Paint Up, Fix Up campaign in Boone and Watauga County, due to the thousands of extra visitors expected here this summer for the drama "Horn in the West." The campaign is county-wide.

The Southern Appalachian Historical Association joins with the Boone Chamber of Commerce and the Town of Boone, co-sponsors of the campaign, in an urgent request that an special effort be made to "present Boone at its best for 'Horn in the West'."

A big parade in connection with the event will be held on Monday, April 28. The high school band and the junior high school band, followed by the entire student body of the Boone Demonstration School, will get underway from the corner of Blowing Rock road and King Street at 1:15 p. m., proceeding up King Street to the traffic light at Water Street.

The town has been divided into zones by the clean up committee, headed by Mrs. B. W. Stallings, and each member will be responsible for his particular area. Mayor Gordon H. Winkler has issued a proclamation ushering in the campaign, which began on Sunday, April 20, and will continue through Wednesday, April 30.

Town trucks will be available at all times during the campaign to pick up trash and debris, and all persons are cautioned by the committee against burning rubbish in town. A telephone call to 64 will bring a truck in short order.

The committee suggests that old buildings which are no longer useful should be torn down; garages and service stations should make an special effort to keep their premises clean; landlords are asked to remind tenants to keep their premises clean; all vacant lots should be cleaned up; and those who have had building done are reminded that old lumber should be carted away. And of course, a program of painting should go along with the cleaning effort.

Cash prizes will be awarded by the Chamber of Commerce and the Blue Ridge Garden Club, for the most improved homes, business places, and vacant lots.

## Green Brown Rites Sunday

Greene Fred Brown, 57 years old, died at his home in the Laxon neighborhood last Friday. Mr. Brown had been an invalid for about ten years.

Funeral services were held Sunday at 2 o'clock at the Laurel Springs Baptist Church by Rev. R. C. Eggers, Rev. Victor Trivett and Rev. W. C. Greene, and interment was in the church cemetery.

Mr. Brown, who was a son of the late Joseph and Mrs. Brown, was a veteran of World War I.

He is survived by five brothers and one sister: Walter Brown, Laxon; Bert Brown, Todd; Ambrose Brown, Armstead, Mont.; Coy Brown, Armstead, Mont.; Murray Brown, Laxon.

## Dale Auton Ends Own Life

Dale Auton, 31, resident of Blowing Rock, R.F.D. 1, died Sunday afternoon at 6:45 of a 22-calibre bullet wound in the left temple, which Coroner Richard E. Kelley said was self-inflicted. The suicide occurred Sunday at about 4:30 at the home of Auton, said Coroner Kelley, who said no inquest will be held.

Graveside rites were held Tuesday at 2:30 in the Winkler cemetery, near Boone. Rev. J. T. Shackford, pastor of the Boone Methodist Church, was in charge of the rites.

Surviving are the widow, four sons, Willard, Mansfield, Jarvis and William, of the home; one daughter, Beatrice, of the home; and the mother, Mrs. Fred Teague of Lenoir.