

KING STREET BY ROB RIVERS

ONCE LOOKED FOR GOLD

As Boone grew and developed into the educational center of Carolina, as tourists by the hundreds of thousands began to drive through on the Parkway, and as fine Hereford cattle, and grade A dairy barns came to be commonplace on the farms of Watauga, we had forgotten that a few years ago, mining prospectors centered their activities in Boone and the old-timers had visions of a flourishing camp, like Leadville, Colorado, as stories began to spread of the gold and copper and stuff in the hills. . . . Thomas Williams his wife, two sons, and nephew, Charlie Williams, of Richfield Springs, New York, were among those who were lured to the hills by the outcroppings of free gold, and set up their abode in the old "yellow house," where all newcomers resided, some forty-odd years ago. . . . Charlie Williams came to town the other day and looked us up to comment on the changes in Watauga since he lent a hand to the hard-rock miners on the slopes of the Grandfather, before roads, and cars, and modern homes came to the mountains.

MARCH OF PROGRESS

Charlie was glad to be back on the trails he traveled as a youth. . . . He indicated great surprise but pleasure in the progress that has been made since those early days, when ox-teams were rather commonplace, and when the Williamses and others who came to the Blue Ridge were regarded with a bit of suspicion and damn yankee was still used as one word. . . . But Charlie grew pensive when he noted the absence along the street. . . . Bob Rivers, I. Dr. Jones, W. C. Coffey, Murray Critcher, J. M. Moretz, W. T. Blair, W. L. Bryan, and "nearly all the others I used to know," had gone away, and but few of the youth of the day remained to greet the former resident of the town.

CABINS ARE GONE

"I just can't understand it," quoth our friend of the olden days, "I have looked far and wide over the Watauga countryside and can't find even one 'shack' or cabin. . . . Those fine homes, and well-tended farms, and fine cattle and sheep, are a revelation to a guy who buggied and wagoned around over the rutty trails which passed for roads several decades ago. . . . But our visitor was disappointed in noting the destruction of the forests, and the depletion of the fish and game resources. . . . he had remembered great trees in dark cool forests, and darting trout in cold mountain streams, and wild game in abundance. . . . 'But,' he added sadly, 'those things, it seem, have to fall before the procession of progress.' . . . Charlie and Mrs. Williams were amazed at the fine roads which penetrate the highland region. 'You know in New York, we think we have the best, your roads are ahead of ours. . . . tell us about it.' . . . And we started with Cam Morrison and wound up with Scott. . . . A story of progress which left our visitors even more amazed.

HIGH GRADE ORE

Queried about the successes of the prospecting forays up above Shulls Mills on the slopes of the Grandfather, Charlie stated that ore was found, worth \$350 per ton in gold, but that the mother lode couldn't be located. . . . 'Besides we always found bits of gold when panning in the streams. . . . Should have brought in some seasoned hard-rock miners from Denver. . . . For there's still pay ore in these hills.' Caught in the fog, our visitors waited over a day or so for the fog to lift so they could tour the southern section of the Parkway, and see a bit more of the changes that had took place in the mountains, "since we left."

PURELY PICAYUNE

Dr. Martin patiently pouring medicine by his vehicle along the street, as farmers, tell him of the ailments of the cattle. . . . (Continued on page four)

Open House at Arts Building Next Week



APPALACHIAN ARTS AND MUSIC BUILDING

Jerry McCracken Gets Stellar 'Horn' Role

David Horton To Enter West Point



DAVID F. HORTON

David F. Horton, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Horton of Sugar Grove has been accepted at West Point Military Academy, and will be enrolled on July 1. Appointed to the Academy by Congressman Robert L. Dough-ton, Mr. Horton passed the entrance examinations, which were held at Fort Bragg in March. He is a graduate of Cove Creek High School, and spent two years at Wake Forest College, where he was a member of Sigma Pi fraternity.

Carlton Makes Congress Bid

Graham Carlton of Salisbury, candidate for Congress in the ninth district, made the first local political speech of the preliminary campaign at court last week. The Rowan county Register of Deeds, spoke out in favor of the Federal farm program, the Producing Marketing Administration, and urged adequate care and treatment of Veterans.

In closing he stressed his belief in a continuing defense program, so that the nation may defend its democratic institutions.

Baptist Association To Meet Wednesday

The Spring Session of the Three Forks Baptist Association will be held Wednesday, May 7, at the Brushy Fork Baptist Church. The theme of the session will be "The Christian Home," and the principal address will be delivered by Dr. I. G. Greer, of Chapel Hill.

The role of Jack Stuart in "Horn In The West" will be played by 10-year-old Jerry McCracken of Boone and Carl "Ace" Clark, student at Appalachian State Teachers College. Jerry will portray Jack as a boy during the first scenes of the drama, while in later scenes Clark will play Jack as a young man of 20.

Announcement of the selection of these two members of the cast was made by Kai Jurgensen, associate director of "Horn In The West," following try-outs held here Saturday.

NCEA Meeting Next Wednesday

The last teachers meeting for this school session will be held in the Fine Arts Building on the College campus Wednesday evening, May 7, at 7:30. Mr. Gordon Nash will present an Octet and Double Octet from the College Music Department.

Dr. Stallings Dies On Sunday

Dr. W. L. Stallings, 59, of Forest City, died there Sunday evening following a long period of declining health.

The nation, despite some economic soft spots, enjoying prosperity.

Music Week Is Being Observed

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Boone residents will be given an opportunity next week to attend open house ceremonies at the new fine arts building at Appalachian State Teachers college, and to attend a number of musical events and art displays. The fine arts building was recently completed at a cost of more than \$400,000. The building is more than 280 feet long and two stories high, and includes auditorium, studios, display rooms, practice and rehearsal rooms, offices, classrooms—in fact, every facility for the most modern of music and art departments. The rooms are painted in pastel colors especially chosen for the light exposure of each room.

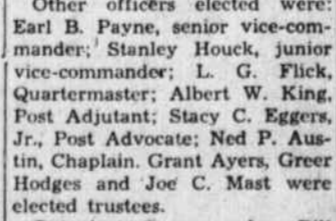
The college will observe national music week beginning on Sunday, May 4, and ending Friday, May 9, and the art department is joining the music department in special programs for the week. All programs will be presented in the fine arts building. Sunday, May 4 at three o'clock in the afternoon there will be a concert by the Appalachian high school coral ensemble, Mrs. Elsie Erneston, directing.

Monday, May 5, at seven o'clock in the evening, there will be a concert by the Appalachian college choir, Mrs. Virginia Wary Linney directing. Following the concert there will be open house sponsored by the music and art departments. The reception will be given in the choral room. Miss Catherine Smith and Mrs. W. W. Williams will be sponsors of the art displays.

Tuesday, May 6, at seven-thirty in the evening, there will be a concert by the Appalachian high school band, Mr. Roy Blanton directing. Open house and art displays following the concert.

Wednesday, May 7, seven-thirty in the evening, concert by the octet and double octet, Mr. Hoyt Safrit directing. There will be a lecture and demonstration by Dr. Arnold Hollman, state supervisor of music. This program (Continued on page four)

John T. King Heads V. F. W.



JOHN T. KING

John T. King was recently elected Commander of Watauga Mountaineer Post No. 7031, succeeding Bill Murray.

James Mast Held In Fatal Crash; Other Court News

The case of James P. Mast, held as the driver of the car which fatally injured Mrs. Wilson Hollar on April 20, and brought before Superior Court last week on a manslaughter charge, has been continued to the fall court term, and bond was set at \$5,000.

Of a record docket of 214 cases, more than one hundred were disposed of, while 61 defendants failed to appear for trial. Eleven cases were continued.

Judge Hoyle Sink presided over the term, and following are judgments of the court:

Cecil A. Sharpe, 18-30 months in state prison for breaking and entering.

Henry Thomas Dougherty, 10 days in jail for driving drunk.

Earl Teague, 4 months on roads for driving drunk.

Arnold Shelton Pitts, 12 months on roads for driving drunk.

Fred Broyhill, 6 months on roads for escaping prison.

John Henry Moretz, 3 to 5 years in state prison for breaking and entering.

Conley Alvin Presnell, 18 to 30 months state prison, breaking and entering.

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Clean Up Drive Ends Today; Much Yet To Be Done

The annual clean-up campaign, sponsored by the Boone Chamber of Commerce and the Town of Boone, officially came to a close on Wednesday, April 30, and many improvements have been noted, particularly in the residential areas.

However, there is still much to be done in the business district, said Mrs. B. W. Stallings, chairman of the clean-up committee.

Rummage Sale On Saturday

The Woman's Auxiliary of St. Luke's Episcopal Church will sponsor a rummage sale on Saturday. Among the many articles for sale will be curtains, clothing, a variety of flower plants and dishes—all in good condition.

The sale will offer very fine values. It will be held in front of the Pastime Theatre Building, beginning at 8:00 a. m.

Lions To Elect New Set Officers

A new slate of officers will be elected by the Boone Lions Club at the meeting to be held at the Daniel Boone Hotel Tuesday evening May 6, at 7 o'clock.

Dougherty Host At Breakfast

Dr. B. B. Dougherty will give the President's Breakfast for the senior class of Appalachian State Teachers college on the morning of May 16 at eight-thirty o'clock. There are 177 candidates for the bachelor's degree and 26 candidates for the master's degree this year. There will be 406 parents, and with faculty members of the college, high school and elementary school, the number attending the breakfast is expected to be more than 800. Because of this large number, Dr. Dougherty states that he deeply regrets that the college dining hall capacity will be crowded to such an extent that he cannot invite other friends of the college to this affair.

Registration Books To Open Saturday



QUEENS—Miss Orlando Brown, of Boone, and Miss Sylvia Patrick of Blowing Rock who were chosen senior and junior queens, respectively, at the Lions Club talent show held in Boone Friday evening. (Photo by Palmer's Photo Shop)

Boone, Blowing Rock Share 'Queen' Honors

Miss Orlando Brown of Appalachian High School, and Miss Sylvia Patrick of the Blowing Rock elementary school were crowned senior and junior queens, respectively, in the annual Boone Lions Club Talent Show, held Friday night, April 25, in the college gymnasium. Each received a beautiful trophy cup.

May Day Exercises at College on May 10th

The traditional May Day exercises will be held at Appalachian State Teachers college on Saturday, May 10, at two o'clock in the afternoon. The event will take place in the grove in front of the fine arts building at the college.

The program will center around the theme "Portraits of the Old South." The dancing groups have been trained by Mrs. Joy Miller Kirchner of the physical education faculty who is in charge of the May Day. The college choir, also participating, is directed by Mrs. Virginia Wary Linney, and the tumbling groups have been trained by Miss Gail Clay.

Sheep Shearing School Arranged

Everyone interested in learning or improving their technique of sheep shearing is invited to attend the sheep shearing school to be held at Laurel Springs Upper Mountain Experiment Station Friday, May 2, beginning at 10:00 a. m. and at the Gant Farm at Statesville, 3 1/2 miles west on highway 70, Saturday, May 3, beginning at 10:00 a. m. Mr. Ed Warner of the Sunbeam Corporation, will assist us with our schools again this year.

New Voters Should Register

Registration books will be opened in the county's sixteen precincts for the May 31st primary at 9 a. m. on May 3, and will close at sunset on May 13, according to R. T. Greer chairman of the county board of elections.

The Officials

Following are the names of the election officials. 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 Moretz.

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

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

Shawneehaw: Fate Townsend, Dale Michael, Henry Michael.

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

Watauga: Richard Olsen, Arlie Hodges, Stanford Coffey.

Harris Declines Permanent Job In 'Horn' Effort

Mr. Stanley A. Harris, who has been acting as business manager of "Horn in the West" on a volunteer basis, has declined the offer of the position on a permanent pay basis.

Stream Closed For Spawning

Two streams have been closed for the months of May and June, and have been designated as bass spawning areas, according to Tommy Osborne, district game protector.