

KING STREET

BY
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THE MAKINS OF HONEY

The bloom of the locust in the hills is at this time the most profuse we recall. . . . The grape-like bunches of white dainty flowers hang thick on every locust tree, right down to those of sapling size, and where the trees, which are also famous for fence posts and resistance to decay, are thickest, whole hillsides appear snowy white. . . . The fragrant blossoms attract the honey bees from far and wide, and beekeepers on this side of the ridge where sourwood is not too plentiful, look to the locusts for the best flow of honey. . . . The sweetening from the thorny trees is of a light golden color, and is preferred by many to the sourwood. . . . Red rhododendron adding its peerless beauty to the springtime landscape.

UNDER THE BIG TOP

Beers-Barnes Circus trooped into town the other day, and gave an evening performance under the auspices of the Quarterback Club. . . . From far and wide the folks came, and the reserved seat section was filled and expanded and filled again, and the "blue seats" were all taken, and still the people came, to hear the puns, see the women on the high swings, laugh at the funnymen, pass a peanut to the elephant, grin at the monkeys, nibble a few goobers and talk to the neighbors. . . . It was a happy evening, and as small circuses go, the show was good. . . . There were some splendid acts on the trapeze, some good animal features, standard clowning, and one should have no kick at the number of entertainment features offered. . . . We liked the show, and the fellowship and the fun, and shall continue to follow the circuses, even if the steam callope and the street parade, and the gaudy bandwagons were left on the lots a good many years ago, taking a considerable amount of life and color out of the raucous business.

THE STATE POW-WOW

Journeying down Rolly-way the other day for the Democratic convention, where the faithful from the mountains to the sea gather to attend to party business, to deliver a few speeches, and mostly to visit for a day and night at the Sir Walter, where every Democrat will show up sooner or later, and where one may meet every candidate in the State, past, present and future, and get some sort of answer to every question uppermost in his mind, to say nothing of the fun one has in meeting the folks he hasn't seen lately. . . . Congressman Doughton, serving the last year of his last term in the House, makes his final speech (as a Congressman) to the ninth district convention caucus, and getting a standing ovation from "the largest crowd I have ever seen at one of these meetings." . . . Likewise the State convention gave the dean of the Carolina delegation its biggest hand. . . . The Bill Umstead badges and buttons, thicker than clover, all about the town, and the congenial candidate shaking hands with thousands of folks. . . . Gray-hatted Hubert Olive, not the convention crowd favorite, mixing amiably with the folks. . . . Luther Hodges, and all the other candidates for Lieutenant Governor making the rounds. . . . The smoothness of the Hoey handshake and the polished word of greeting. . . . Hooper Hendrix, former Watauga, and a leading citizen of Shelby, greeting friends from Boone. . . . Shirley Waters, son of Rev. D. P. Waters, who preached at the Boone Methodist Church a long time ago, recalling good times in Boone. . . . Shirley has been superintendent of schools in Chatham county for 14 years. . . . Percy Meekins, the Doughton secretary, who does a fine job, giving us the news from up alongside the River. . . . The hubbub, the prediction of the wisecracks, the occasional arguments, the handshaking, and the mass exodus from convention hall, before the thing's over. . . . A big crowd, a big day, a heap of fun, as another episode in the direction of a people's government ends and the delegates start the long trek back home.



(Photo Palmer's Photo Service)
Pictured above as they viewed the site of "Horn in the West," outdoor drama which opens here on June 27, are members of the group which took part in the second annual Great Smokies-Blue Ridge Parkway Tour last week. The entire personnel of the tour were the guests of the Boone Chamber of Commerce for breakfast and a visit to the site of the "Horn" last Thursday. Left to right: Elbert Cox, regional director of the National Park Service at Richmond; Miss Dorothy Brooks and Miss Betty Berry, travel counsellors of the East Tennessee Automobile Club, Knoxville; (sitting) Myron Glaser, travel editor of the Washington Times-Herald, Washington, D. C.; and Horace Sutton of the Saturday Review of Literature, New York.

Rivers, Crouse To Cast Vote Of Ninth District

Rob Rivers of Boone, and Floyd Crouse of Sparta, were chosen as ninth district delegates to the Democratic national convention at the district caucus held in Raleigh preceding the State convention Thursday.

Chosen as alternates were Mrs. J. C. Spencer of Caldwell county and Thomas R. Wolfe of Stanley county.

Following are the Watauga district committee members named at the meeting:

State Executive Committee: Dr. H. B. Perry, Mrs. Rob Rivers, District Executive Committee: Frank Baird, Grady Moretz, Judicial: Wade E. Brown, Gordon Winkler, Solicitorial: J. E. Edmisten, J. H. Thomas, Senatorial: S. F. Horton.

Many Attend

Among those who went to Raleigh Thursday from Watauga were: Frank Baird, Mrs. Earleen Pritchett, Gordon H. Winkler, Sam F. Horton, Grady Moretz, Thomas Greer, Dr. H. B. Perry, Rob Rivers, R. T. Greer, William Anderson, W. R. Winkler, Jack Edmisten.

Judge Hayes To Speak At Rotary

Judge Johnson J. Hayes, of the Middle District Federal Court, will speak to the Boone Rotary Club Thursday at 7 o'clock at the Skyland Restaurant.

Friends of Judge Hayes are invited to drop in and hear him.

Traffic Safety Record Made by Town of Boone

Boone is to receive an award this week from the State Department of Motor Vehicles in recognition of its outstanding traffic safety record in 1950.

The announcement was made by C. E. Jones, field representative of the Department's Highway Safety Division.

The award itself is an attractively designed certificate which reads, "Presented by North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles Highway Safety Division to Boone in recognition of outstanding achievement in Highway Safety."

The document is signed by Commissioner L. C. Rosser for the Department of Motor Vehicles and H. D. Jones, Engineer-Director of the Safety Division.

The awards are being presented in incorporated towns under 5,000 population which went through the year 1950 without a single traffic fatality. The Department of Motor Vehicles plans to issue approximately 485 certificates to eligible communities throughout the state, according to C. E. Jones.

Newsmen, Travel Agents Visit Parkway Areas

A representative group of newspaper publishers, editors and travel bureau officials from Boston to Miami were the breakfast guests of the Boone Chamber of Commerce last Thursday morning at the Skyline Restaurant.

H. W. Wilcox, president of the Boone Chamber of Commerce, and Dr. D. J. Whitener, vice president of the Southern Appalachian Historical Association, extended a cordial welcome to the guests.

The group, who were on the second annual Great Smokies-Blue Ridge Parkway Tour, arrived in this area Wednesday night and were entertained at a dinner at the Watauga Inn in Blowing Rock as the guests of the Blowing Rock Chamber of Commerce.

Following breakfast in Boone, the entire party visited the site of the new outdoor drama "Horn in the West," which opens here June 27 for a summer-long run.

The tour, co-sponsored by the Carolina Motor Club and the Blue Ridge Parkway Association, originated at Fontana Village on Monday, May 19, and terminated at Waynesboro, Va., Friday, May 23.

T. E. Pickard of Charlotte, vice-president of the Carolina Motor Club, was in charge of the tour, assisted by Charles Parker, director of the North Carolina Department of Advertising; Michael Frome, director of public relations, American Automobile Association, Washington, D. C.; Luke Wright, director of the East Tennessee Automobile Club; and D. J. Wilkinson, manager of the Asheville Branch, Carolina Motor Club.

Area Health Meeting Is Held at Blowing Rock

By MRS. LUCILE LETT
Blowing Rock, N. C. May 26.—The annual meeting of the Western North Carolina Public Health Association was held here Friday in the school building beginning with registration at 9:00 o'clock, followed by the official meeting at 10 o'clock. Miss Ida Reid Cohen, Asheville, president of the group, presided.

Rev. Thomas C. Seitz, vicar of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, gave the invocation.

Addresses of welcome were brought by Mr. Bob Hardin,

Rites Held For Mrs. Nell Hamlet

Funeral service for Mrs. Nell Hamlet, 37, who died at 7:30 a. m. Sunday at her home in Elizabethton, Tenn., Route 5, was held Monday, May 19, at 2 p. m., at Dungan's Chapel Baptist Church. The Revs. Jasper R. Brooks and Harold Songer were in charge of the service. Burial was in the Ensor Cemetery in Elizabethton. She was the former Miss Nell Gragg of Sherwood.

Survivors are the husband, William H. Hamlet; two sons and two daughters, all of the home; the father, George Gragg of Sherwood; and five sisters, Mrs. Hensen Stokes, Sherwood; Mrs. Walter Lewis, Elizabethton; Mrs. Claude Wilson, Reese; Mrs. Clifford Buntun, Akron, Ohio; and Mrs. Darild Hedrick, Dania, Fla.

Tetrick Funeral home was in charge.

Democratic Leaders in Final Election Activity; Primary Vote Saturday

Young Democrats Name Members County Committee

The Watauga county Young Democratic Club met at the courthouse Friday evening, elected executive committee members, and laid plans for a county-wide meeting on June 7.

An extended membership drive is to be conducted, and "donkey" badges will be sold to secure additional funds. Jim Coull spoke briefly and there were reports from those who attended the State convention.

The following were named on the executive committee:

Bald Mountain: Tom Trivett.
Beaver Dam: Ivan Dishman.
Blue Ridge: Rodney Greene.
Blowing Rock: Wiley Greene.
Boone: Grady Moretz.
Brushy Fork: Elmo Hodges.
Cove Creek: Clay Perry.
Elk: Jerry Hampton.
Laurel Creek: Henry Hagaman.
Meat Camp: Troy Norris.
Meat Camp 2: Forrest Moretz.
North Fork: Walter South.
New River: Jack Edmisten.
Stony Fork: Hayes Wellborn.
Shawneehaw: Victor Farthing.
Watauga: A. B. Hodges.

Jack Idol is president of the club; Johnny Greene, vice-president; Mrs. Rob Rivers, secretary; Lloyd Hayes, treasurer.

SAMPLE BALLOT

Official Democratic Primary Ballot For State Officers and Congressman

INSTRUCTIONS

- To vote for a candidate on the ballot make a cross (x) mark in the square at the left of his name.
- If you tear or deface or wrongly mark this ballot, return it to the registrar and get another.

<p>FOR GOVERNOR (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> WILLIAM B. UMSTEAD</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> MANLEY R. DUNAWAY</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> HUBERT E. OLIVE</p>	<p>FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF SUPREME COURT (SHORT TERM) (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> R. HUNT PARKER</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> WILLIAM H. BOBBITT</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> ITIMOUS T. VALENTINE</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> OSCAR O. EFIRD</p>
<p>FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> LUTHER H. HODGES</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> BEN J. McDONALD</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> MARSHALL C. KURFEES</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> ROY ROWE</p>	<p>FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF SUPREME COURT (REGULAR TERM) (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> R. HUNT PARKER</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> WILLIAM H. BOBBITT</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> ITIMOUS T. VALENTINE</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> OSCAR O. EFIRD</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> ALLEN H. GWYN</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> F. DONALD PHILLIPS</p>
<p>FOR COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> JOHN N. FREDERICK</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> WALDO C. CHEEK</p>	<p>FOR MEMBER OF CONGRESS Ninth Congressional District (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> G. MARK GOFORTH</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> HUGH ALEXANDER</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> GRAHAM M. CARLTON</p>

Primary election, May 31, 1952.

Umstead Is Seen Leading Field In Local Race

Local Democrats interested in the fortunes of candidates for State offices and for the Doughton seat in the National House of Representatives, are getting all in readiness for the home-stretch run, which ends next Saturday evening, when the votes are all counted in the State-wide primary.

Considerable interest is beginning to generate locally in the primary contests, but most of the heat is in the race for the Governorship, where William Umstead and Hubert Olive are fighting tooth and nail for the chief magistracy. M. R. Dunaway of Charlotte isn't regarded as being in the race here. Political leaders give the inside of the track to Umstead in Watauga.

In the race for the House, Hugh Alexander, Graham Carlton and Mark Goforth are in the running, and all are expected to share the local vote, with Alexander expected to come in with a plurality.

Local prognosticators expect that the total vote will range somewhere between 1,500 and 2,000. The vote in the Graham-Smith Senatorial primary here in 1950 was 1749. Party leaders are expected to make a final get-out-the-vote drive between now and the end of the week.

G. O. P. Participates

The Republicans will also participate in the Saturday voting, their primary being called for the purpose of choosing between two candidates for Lieutenant Governor, Warren H. Pritchard and William C. Lehev. They have a single candidate for Governor, Herbert Seawell.

Ninety-One To Face Trial at June Term; Civil Cases Slated

The June term of Watauga Superior Court will open in Boone on Monday, June 9, with Judge Howard G. Godwin presiding at the two-weeks civil term. Judge H. Hoyle Sink will be on the bench for the one-week criminal term, which is scheduled to adjourn June 27.

A total of 91 criminal cases to date are on the docket to be tried by Judge Sink, mostly involving speeding, reckless driving, drunken driving, and other motor vehicle law violations.

The following have been chosen for jury duty during the term:

Bald Mountain: Sam Jones, Vester Phillips, Clyde Jackson, J. L. Miller.
Beaver Dam: Bob Campbell, Stacy Moody, Tracy L. Bentley, Clayton Vines.
Blowing Rock: F. W. Rainey, J. P. Lyons, Ralph Andrews, W. W. Austin, Eugene Lentz, John W. Lookabill, Fred Andrews, Chas. J. Icehour.
Blue Ridge: Jethro Story, F. L. Hampton, Thos. H. Triplett, Stacy Ford.
Elk: Grover Wheeler, Fred J. Harold, James Hayes, Tom Carlton.
Boone: Tom Redmond, Sam Horton, Floyd Hagaman, James W. Beach, Paul A. Coffey, C. B. Angel, J. Ed Clay, Jack Hodges, Brushy Fork: Roscoe Hollars, Elbert A. Vannoy, Dallas H. Hodges, Harvey Gilliam, B. F. Hodges, John R. Horton, Walter Hicks, Sherman Hollars.
Cove Creek: Scott Swift, Spencer Eggers, Roscoe Perry, Will Isaacs, J. C. Mast, Clay Pennell, Fred Castle, Burl Wilson.
Laurel Creek: Garnett Harmon, Ira Presnell, Fred Edmisten, Dwight Cable, Martin Hicks, Clayton Hicks, Fred Shull, Geo. W. Harmon.

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V. J. Honeycutt, Jr. To Receive Degree



Vernon J. Honeycutt, Jr., honor student, Medical College of Virginia, Richmond, will receive his degree June 3.

A member of Mortar-Pestle Club, Virginia Medical Association and Phi Delta Chi fraternity, he is a graduate of Appalachian High School in Boone, where he was secretary of class, president of national honor society, editor of the Laurel, and received the four-year scholarship letter.

He attended Appalachian State Teachers College and the University of Richmond. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon J. Honeycutt of Virginia Beach, Va., and a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Hodges, Route 2, Boone.

He will be associated with Dr. William Meredith and Dr. Robert L. Ingram, Virginia Beach, Va.

Mrs. Jane Elrod Dies Saturday

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Sunday, May 25, at Mount Vernon Baptist Church for Mrs. Sarah Jane Elrod, 80, who died at her home on Boone, Route 1 Saturday, May 24. Rev. Will Cook and Rev. Barney Oliver officiated.

Mrs. Elrod is survived by one son, Alphonso Elrod of Boone; and three daughters: Mrs. D. L. Wellborn, Stony Fork; Mrs. M. J. Cook, Blowing Rock; Route 1; and Miss Mary A. Elrod of the home.

"Crowd Scene" Actors Needed for "Horn" Play

If you want to appear in the "crowd scenes" of "Horn in the West" you'll have a chance to try out next Monday night, June 2, at 7:30 at the new Daniel Boone Theatre.

Kui Jurgensen, associate director for the drama, says that about eight people of all ages, in addition to the 60 already hired in speaking roles and as dancers and choir members, are needed to complete the cast. He would like this group of eight to include one or two 10-year-old girls, and a few musicians to play drums, french horn, and the fiddle.

In the event of rain, the tryouts will be held at the men's gymnasium at Appalachian State Teachers College.

Harry Coble, choreographer for "Horn in the West," will hold tryouts for Indian dancers at 2 p. m. Monday at the gymnasium. Rehearsals for "Horn in the West" will open Tuesday, June 3. When the cast members assemble for the first time they will be welcomed to Boone by representatives of the City of Boone.

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DOG AND TREE GONE

St. Joseph, Mo.—Frank Martin, who has a house on the Missouri River bank, tied his 80-pound watchdog to an elm tree outside the house. The next morning, Martin found, not only the dog gone but the thieves had taken the elm tree to which the dog had been tied.