

Six Lose Lives In Series Motor Crashes

Rites For Goodnight Child Held

Janice Goodnight, six years old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Goodnight of Boone was instantly killed by an automobile Saturday afternoon at 6:10 as she attempted to follow her dog across highway 421, near the Goodnight home in suburban Perkinville.

The driver of the automobile was Tracy Triplett of Triplett, who was arrested by investigating Highway Patrolmen Baker and Parker on charges of driving while intoxicated and operating a motor vehicle without a license. At a hearing conducted Monday afternoon before Deputy Corner J. G. Wilson, an inquest jury found probable cause and Triplett was held for the Superior Court. Appearance bond was set at \$5,000. He was returned to jail upon failure to post bond, and a warrant was issued for manslaughter.

Funeral services were conducted Monday at 11 from the Boone Methodist Church. Rev. J. T. Shackford was assisted in the rites by Rev. E. F. Troutman of the Lutheran Church and interment was in Mountlawn Memorial Park.

Surviving are the parents, and one brother, Jimmy Goodnight.

Umstead Is Easy Winner In Watauga



JANICE GOODNIGHT, 6, who was killed Saturday when struck by an automobile near her home in Perkinville.

Miss Helen Noyes Succumbs in Miami

Miss Helen Noyes died suddenly in Miami, Fla. recently, according to word reaching friends in Boone.

Mrs. Noyes used to reside in Boone, where she made her home with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Champney.

New cheap loudspeaker gives high fidelity for F. M.

Kelley Gets Top Post In Lions Club

Richard E. Kelley, of Boone, a charter member of the Boone Lions Club and a leader in the organization for 15 years, was named Governor of District 31-B at the State Convention of Lions International, held at Wrightsville Beach last week.

Mr. Kelley will take office at the International Lions Convention in Mexico City June 25. Mr. Kelley has named A. R. Smith cabinet secretary and treasurer for next year. Mr. Smith, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Kelley will accompany Mr. Kelley to Mexico. Mr. Kelley has held all offices in the Boone Lions Club. He has been zone chairman, deputy district Governor, and has a 15 year record of perfect attendance at Lions Club meetings.

At the State convention the local club was given a cup for the best attendance in the district and one for having sent more delegates to Wrightsville. Also the local club was rated second in blind relief activities.

Those attending the State meeting from Boone were: Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Kelley and daughter, Kathryn; Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cline, Dr. and Mrs. R. H. Harmon, Dr. D. J. Whitener.

Alexander In Top Position In Local Vote

William B. Umstead, who won the Democratic nomination for Governor in Saturday's primary had easy sailing in Watauga, where he polled a 992 vote majority over Scott-backed Hubert Olive of Lexington, in balloting of about the usual local number.

Umstead garnered 1345 as against 353 for Olive. Dunaway received 3.

At the same time Watauga Democrats gave Hugh Alexander a wide majority over both his opponents in the race for the ninth district Congressional nomination, Alexander received 1122 votes, Goforth 236, and Carlton 233. The break-down of the gubernatorial and Congressional vote by precincts is as follows:

Bald Mountain: Umstead 21, Olive 13, Dunaway 1; Goforth 4, Carlton 5, Alexander 21.

Beaver Dam: Umstead 192, Olive 19; Goforth 19, Carlton 9, Alexander 198.

Blowing Rock: Umstead 98, Olive 16; Goforth 21, Carlton 67, Alexander 20.

Blue Ridge: Umstead 11, Olive 2; Goforth 1, Carlton 2, Alexander 8.

Boone: Umstead 305, Olive 63; Goforth 87, Carlton 42, Alexander 232.

Brushy Fork: Umstead 124, Olive 13; Goforth 20, Carlton 14, Alexander 99.

Cove Creek: Umstead 168, Olive 23; Goforth 12, Carlton 41, Alexander 140.

Elk: Umstead 1, Olive 7; Alexander 8.

Laurel Creek: Umstead 123, Olive 16; Goforth 29, Carlton 13, Alexander 94.

Meat Camp: Umstead 40, Olive 19, Dunaway 1; Goforth 6, Carlton 1, Alexander 53.

Meat Camp 2: Umstead 5, Olive 9; Carlton 6, Alexander 8.

New River: Umstead 157, Olive 12; Goforth 6, Carlton 11, Alexander 150.

North Fork: Olive 11; Goforth 10, Carlton 1.

Shawneehaw: Umstead 22, Olive 1, Goforth 1, Carlton 5, Alexander 17.

Stony Fork: Umstead 28, Olive 7; Goforth 1, Carlton 9, Alexander 28.

Watauga: Umstead 50, Olive 22; Goforth 19, Carlton 7, Alexander 46.

Alexander High Man In Primary



HUGH ALEXANDER

A run-off primary to select the successor to retiring Representative Robert L. Doughton in the Ninth Congressional District hung in the balance as Hugh Q. Alexander apparently failed to get a clear-cut majority in the three-man scramble.

With only six of the 182 precincts in the district to be heard from, Alexander—a Kannapolis attorney and former state commander of the American Legion—had 22,881 votes, some 774 votes shy of a majority.

Graham M. Carlton of Salisbury, 29-year-old register of deeds in Rowan County, had 16,581 votes. Trailing in third place with 7,063 votes was G. Mark Goforth of Lenoir, a former state highway commissioner.

Umstead Leads Olive By More Than 26,000

Raleigh—Scholarly William B. Umstead of Durham held the Democratic nomination for governor, but runoff races appeared likely for two other state offices—lieutenant governor and associate justice of the State Supreme Court.

Umstead, 57, who tasted political defeat for the first time in 1948 in his bid to retain his U. S. Senate seat, staged a great comeback in defeating Hubert E. Olive of Lexington in a close race for governor.

Umstead was being showered with congratulations Sunday. He received a congratulatory telegram from Olive, who pledged that "you and your entire ticket will have my loyal and active support" in the November election.

With only a scattering of the state's 2,017 precincts unreported, Umstead received 283,105 votes to 257,643 for Olive—a margin of almost 26,000. A third candidate, Manley Dunaway of Charlotte, received 4,487. Final returns may boost Umstead's lead by more than 30,000.

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Five Die In Wilkes Accidents

Five Watauga county people were killed and another critically injured in two highway accidents near North Wilkesboro Friday.

The dead: William Roy Johnson, 25, of Boone.

Mrs. William Roy Johnson, 22, Boone.

Van Farthing, Boone.

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Mrs. Lizzie Payne, 47, of Blowing Rock.

Injured was Robert Shull, 55, of Boone.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson were killed instantly and Mr. and Mrs. Farthing fatally injured at 3 a. m. in an automobile-trailer collision on Highway 421, 12 miles west of North Wilkesboro.

Mrs. Payne was fatally injured later in the day when a motorcycle on which she and Robert B. Shull were riding, was in collision with a pickup truck 8 miles east of North Wilkesboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson apparently were instantly killed when their car crashed into the rear of a trailer which had been parked alongside the pavement. A treacherous stretch of roadway and foggy weather are said to have been contributing factors.

Mr. and Mrs. Farthing and their 14 months old son, who suffered minor injuries, were taken to the Wilkes Hospital, where Mrs. Farthing died at 5 a. m. Mr. Farthing died at 8:05 p. m. A wrecker was required to lift parts of the car from the front seat before the bodies of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson could be removed. Their child, who miraculously escaped injury, was imprisoned between their bodies.

The truck, which was off the roadway, was owned by Fred Reeves of North Wilkesboro and was driven by Claude Sebastian of North Wilkesboro, who was asleep in the cab. He was rendered unconscious by the impact.

The Johnsons and Farthings, members of prominent local families were en route to Boone for Memorial Day week-end from Portsmouth, Va., where they had (Continued on page four)

KING STREET

BY ROB RIVERS

REFLECTIONS ON AN ELECTION

Saturday the folks went to the polls to elect themselves a new set of State officials, and we always marvel at the great number of well-informed, otherwise patriotic citizens who absent themselves from the polling place when there's voting to be done. . . . But in Watauga there are always several hundred of the faithful ones who will be present, come hail, or high water, and we always make our best manners to those who are willing to take an interest in matters political, whether they be Democrats, Republicans, Dixicrats, or enfranchised mavericks. . . . We especially like the folks who can tell you right off the reel who they favor, and have, always looked a bit askance at the considerable numbers who never seem to have bothered to find out who's running, what for, etc. . . . At any rate the voting is over, a New Governor is in the cards, maybe some second primaries are on the horizon, and the great American game of who gets elected is in high gear. . . . causing us to reflect a bit on the situation, and to take notice of:

The fellow who is against wearing a campaign button, or displaying a political placard, 'cause it's bad business, but we've always doubted that it would hurt to take a stand and thus help uphold the freedoms which we pretend to cherish.

The campaign cards, and the folders, and the folks whose candidates lost. . . . And the big pictures on the trees and the gate posts, and the barns and in the windows. . . . We've always imagined that the defeated ones looked just a little sadder the day after, and that there was an extra squaring of the jaw, and an added degree of confidence reflected in the prints of the winners.

The tension when the State election returns were coming in, and the vote was varying back and forth, first in favor of Olive, then of Umstead—at one time being only four votes apart, and the fellow who is always for which ever man shows up the winner.

WHAT RANK NEXT?

There's been a lot of talk as to whether or not the country is heading toward a military State or at least toward a semi-military status. . . . With the war still going on in Korea, and the nation's resources being mustered against a possible all-out conflict. . . . With General Eisenhower back from the wars, staking out a claim on the Presidency. . . . with the Universal Military Training Measure not dead, just taking a legislative nap, it's little wonder that a lot of folks are wondering how long a civilian executive department is likely to last. . . . The little child probably wondered too, and asked perhaps a perfectly logical question: "Pop, when does Governor Umstead get to be a General?"

THAT SNEAKING LOOK

Small town newspapers, generally speaking, come in for a good deal of razzing about the pictures of the folks which appear with fairly consistent regularity, and the belief among many that you shouldn't have the picture of the structure, but of the man who talked about it. . . . At the same time, we get an awful lot of compliments about carrying the photographs of people who have wrought outstandingly in their chosen fields, who have distinguished themselves in governmental and civic activities, and who have ended long and useful careers. . . . All in all, it's pictures, and names and happenings in the community and county which make a good country newspaper, and we welcome them. . . . But the other day a fellow showed us a letter he had received sometime ago, without a signature, which contained unique and caustic reference to a picture carried in the Democrat a long time ago. We think the following thoroughly original and amusing:

"I seen a picture of — in the Watauga Democrat. Did you (Continued on page two)

Lenoir-Blowing Rock Road To Open Today

Lenoir — The Lenoir-Blowing Rock road, Highway 321, will be opened to traffic Wednesday at 4 p. m., Zeb Stuart, division engineer of the State Highway Department, announced Monday night.

The asphalt topping has been completed and the road will remain closed for "curing" until Wednesday (today). The five-mile stretch of highway just south of the town of Blowing Rock was built at a cost of \$100,000 per mile. The contract called

for the road to be closed last Labor Day, and for the job to be completed by June 1.

Recent rains caused a delay of several days. The division engineer said that it was the shortest time on record that such a mountainous and rocky stretch of highway had been completed.

The road will not be closed again after the Wednesday opening, the engineer said. Finishing touches to shoulders will be made with the road open.

Typhoid Clinic Dates Are Set For County

It is time to hold the typhoid clinics for this year and vaccinations for whooping cough, diphtheria and smallpox will also be offered. Because most people are now taking their typhoid shots once each year instead of taking three doses every two or three years, each point on the clinic schedule will be visited only once. If anyone needs to be vaccinated more than one time he can get his second and third doses by coming to the health department in Boone on a Friday afternoon or by attending one of the other clinics. We suggest that you clip this schedule and post it so as to remind you not to miss the clinic in your community. The schedule for clinics will be as follows:

June 9—Bamboo School building, 1:30-2:30 p. m.; Triplett Post Office, 3:00-4:00 p. m.

June 10—Vilas, Glenn's Store, 9:00-10:00 a. m.

Cove Creek, Moody's Store, 11:00-12:00 noon.

Jim Mast's Store, 1:00-2:00 p. m.

Silverstone, Wilson's Store, 2:30-3:30 p. m.

Mabel School Building, 4:00-5:00 p. m.

June 11—Poplar Grove Church, 9:00-10:00 a. m.

Shulls Mills Postoffice, 11:00-12:00 noon.

Foscoe Store—1:00-2:00 p. m.

Grandfather, Fox's Store, 2:00-3:30 p. m.

June 12 — Rich Mountain School Building—9:00-10:00 a. m.

Winebarger Methodist Church, 11:00-12:00 noon.

Green Valley School, 1:30-2:30 p. m.

Sands, Tom Jones Store, 3:00-4:00 p. m.

June 17—Rutherford, Michael's Store, 9:00-10:00 a. m.

Laxon Postoffice, 10:30-11:30 a. m.

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Health Council Meets

The Executive Committee of the Watauga County Health Council met in regular session Wednesday, May 28, at the Skyline Restaurant, to complete plans for the quarterly meeting of the County Health Council on June 24, at the Bethel School. Members of the nominating committee presented a tentative slate to be presented to the next council for election of next year's officers. The June meeting marks the third birthday of the County Health Council. Highlighting the meeting will be a review of accomplishments and a planning for future activities. A very fine film "Preface To A Life" will be presented for group discussion. All citizens of the county are urged to take part in

the council's work toward betterment of daily living in Watauga county.

Hunt Buys Store Building

Jerry Coe, local realtor, announced yesterday that Guy Hunt had purchased the building occupied by Hunt's Department Store on Main street from Rufus W. Colvard. The transaction was closed Tuesday morning, Mr. Coe said.

Baltimore, Md.—Thieves broke into a safe in a local Catholic rectory and took \$700 contained in three collection baskets.

Mr. Troutman Will Be Feted Next Sunday

Grace Lutheran Church will celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of Pastor Troutman's ordination to the Christian ministry and the closing of fourteen years of ministerial service in this community Sunday June 8.

Sunday School will be held at 10, and morning worship service at 11, with Dr. V. R. Cromer, president of Lenoir-Rhyne College bringing the anniversary message.

A Fellowship dinner is to be held at 12:30, there will be an organ concert at 1:45-2:00 and at 2:00 Meditation: "Walking With God," by Rev. Mr. Troutman. Everyone is invited to attend, to bring a lunch and enjoy the fellowship of the occasion.

Last Rites Held For Mrs. Payne

MRS. LUCILE LETT

Blowing Rock, N. C. June 2.—

Funeral services for Mrs. Lizzie Payne, daughter of Mrs. J. W. Pennell of Blowing Rock, who was fatally injured in a truck-motorcycle accident on Friday morning, were held on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock in Cool Springs Baptist church with Rev. Roe Payne and Rev. Bynum Trivette officiating.

Burial was in the family plot in Lenoir. Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home had charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Payne died in a hospital in North Wilkesboro about 2 o'clock p. m. after being injured about 9:30 a. m. Friday just out of North Wilkesboro when the motorcycle on which she and Mr. Robert Shull of Boone were riding was in collision with a pickup truck driven by James Walter Johnson of Roaring River. Mr. Shull was injured critically.

Surviving Mrs. Payne are her mother, two daughters, Mrs. Clifford Wilcox of Lenoir and Mrs. Ivey Nelson of Boone; three sisters, Mrs. Wiley Mast and Mrs. Eron Robbins of Lenoir, and Miss Bell Pennell of Boone; six brothers, Cloy of Blowing Rock, Fred, Mill, and Dudley of Lenoir, Ira of Hickory, and Lloyd of Boone.

Mrs. Payne was owner of Lizzie's Cleaners in Blowing Rock.

Retail sales rose 6 per cent in April above 1951 figure.

Paul Taylor To Address Local Chamber

Paul T. Taylor, new highway commissioner of the 9th district, will be a special guest of the Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday, June 10 at 12:00 noon at its regular monthly luncheon meeting at the Skyline Restaurant.

Other guests will include Fred Linton, Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce at Winston-Salem and Archie Davis, vice-president of the Wachovia Bank and Trust Company of Winston-Salem.

Mr. Taylor will also bring with him some other members of his staff, including our district engineer, Zeb Stewart and our resident engineer, James Council. Other new-comers to Boone who will be guests are Mr. Mason Bliss, business manager of "Horn in the West" and Mrs. Mae Day, formerly of Savannah, Ga. who has taken over management of the Gragg house.

June dairy month, whose purpose is to promote the use of dairy products all over the nation during June, will be represented by Roy Ruffy who is county chairman of this organization.

W. B. York, Jr. Is Commissioned

Capt. J. S. Keating, Professor of Naval Science at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N. C., has announced that William B. York, Jr., received a commission as Ensign, U. S. Navy, June 2.

York, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. York of Boone, graduated from the University of North Carolina the same day with a bachelor of science degree. His major subject was business administration.

Following a short leave, Ensign York will report to the Naval Supply Corps School, Oakland, for instruction.

Hayes Says Communism Enemy Of Our Freedom

"Communism is the avowed enemy of our system of government and seeks to destroy our free institutions by infiltration and propaganda," Judge John-son J. Hayes, of the middle district Federal court, Wilkesboro, told the Rotary Club in Boone Thursday evening.

Judge Hayes related some of his experiences as a practicing attorney as State Solicitor and as a Federal Judge to support his interpretation of freedom.

"Freedom is the right to do such wholesome things as one wishes to do," Judge Hayes said. "If a person wants to be a law-

yer, he may do so, without fear or compulsion. He may become a doctor if he has the intelligence and patience. He may till the soil at will unfettered. That is basic freedom."

Judge Hayes told of having visited Federal court in Greensboro as a youth. He sat on the rear seat and watched the jurist with the spreading mustache, preside over the session. He liked what he saw and heard, decided to become a lawyer and 25 years later held Federal court in the same courthouse. He had thus followed his own desires and worked out his own destiny within the frame work of a free society.

Horn Rehearsals Start: Actors Are Welcomed

The cast and production staff for the new outdoor drama, "Horn In The West," received a cordial welcome from the citizens of Boone and surrounding sections of Watauga County as they arrived for the opening of rehearsals here Tuesday.

When they assembled at the new Daniel Boone Theater Tuesday they were welcomed officially by representatives of city and county administration; Mayor Gordon Winkler of Boone, Clyde R. Greene, chairman of the board of county commissioners; the Rev. E. F. Troutman, president of the Boone Ministerial Association; Herman Wilcox, president of the Boone Chamber of Commerce; and Dr. D. J. Whitener, executive vice president of the Southern Appalachian Historical Association, sponsor of the drama.

Samuel Selden, head of the department of dramatic art, University of North Carolina, supervised the opening rehearsals. During the next three weeks he will divide his time between Boone and Manteo, where he directs Paul Green's "The Lost Colony," and New Salem, Ill., where he supervises the production of Kermit Hunter's "Forever This Land."

Kai Jurgensen, of the department of dramatic art at the University, is associate director of "Horn In The West" and will be responsible for the daily rehearsals.

On the production staff for "Horn In The West" are: choreographer, Harry Coble; stage manager, Gene Graves; music director, Tom Nichols; costume designer, Mrs. Helen Lauterer; lighting director, Gene A. Wilson; technical director, Tommy Rezzuto; assistant technical director, Robert C. Hailey; and Dick Epler, properties.

Mrs. Ray Gets Honor

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde R. Greene and Mrs. Roberta B. Ray attended the convention of the North Carolina Merchants Association which convened at the Sir Walter Hotel in Raleigh Sunday, Monday and Tuesday of last week. Mrs. Ray, secretary of the local merchants association was awarded the President's Cup, a trophy awarded each year to the Merchants Association having the largest increase in membership, on a percentage basis, in the State association.

BLOOD FROM STONES

Syracuse, N. Y.—The old saying goes, "You can't get blood from a turnip," but the Red Cross seems to know how to get blood from Stones—its files include 23 Stones as blood donors.

Vesper Services Are Arranged

The Boone Ministerial Association will sponsor Vesper services at the Daniel Boone Theatre each Sunday afternoon at 5:00, assisted by the college music department.

Special VFW Meeting Thursday Night

There will be a special meeting of V. F. W. Post 7031 Thursday night at 7:30. The meeting was called to discuss the state V. F. W. encampment in Charlotte this week. There will be a handsome door prize awarded.