

## KING STREET BY ROB RIVERS

### NO VITTELS

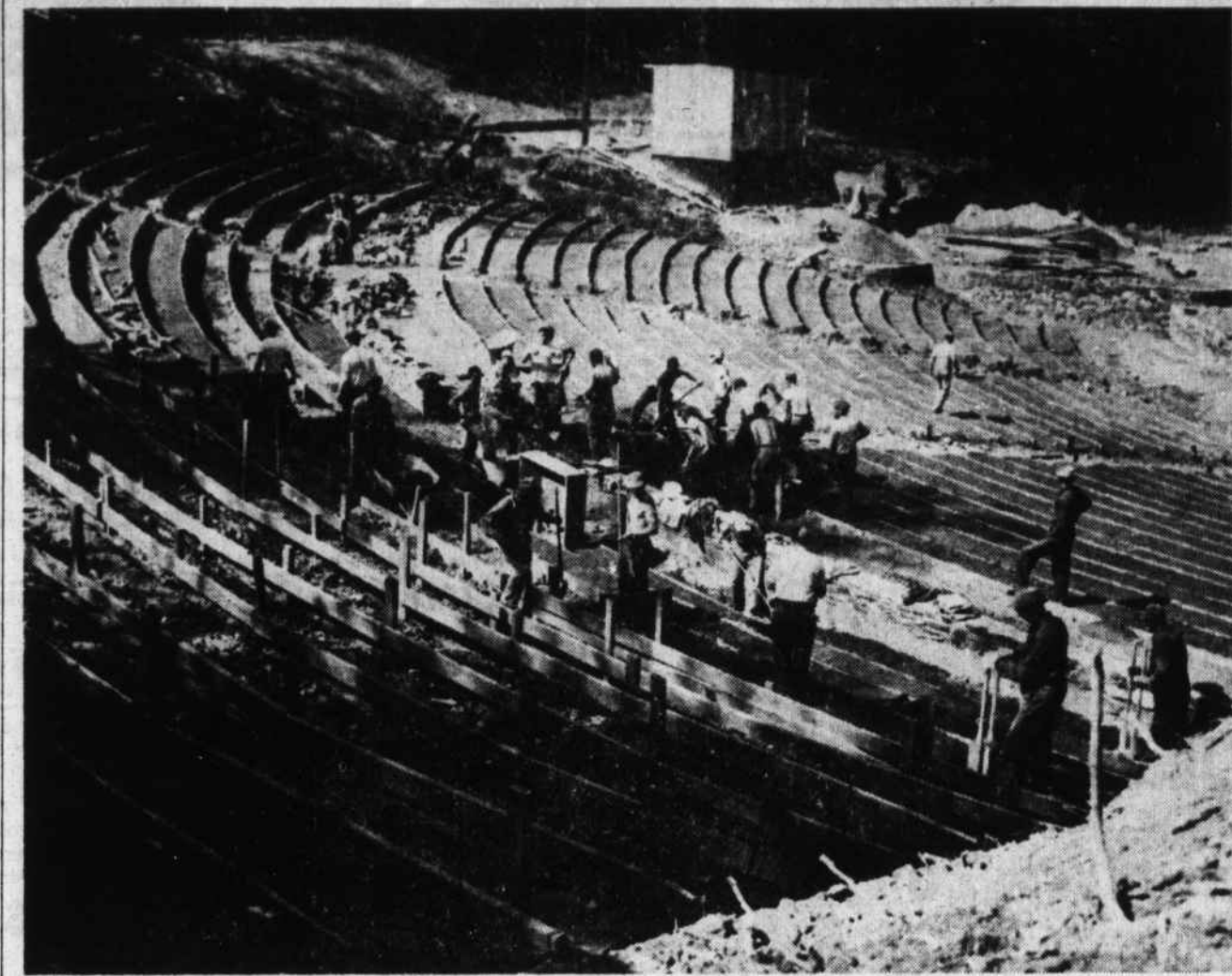
Our visitor had money coming, no doubt about it . . . He had worked on a farm down the river for a day, was to work some more, and the man was coming after him next day . . . But payday was still some distance off, and funds were short . . . We suggested to the laborer that his friend from down the road would be around town no doubt, during the day, and that he should wait around for him . . . "But you don't understand," he lamented, "we ain't chawed yet today at our house!" . . . and that appeared to be good and sufficient reason for wanting a buck on the barrelhead.

### GOOD GARDENER

Red Angel, so far as we have been able to observe, is about the most meticulous vegetable gardener in the city, and he sent us some strawberries the other day about the size of partridge-eggs to bolster our faith in his abilities to coax good things from the good earth . . . Red, who lives at the old Coffey brothers home, a beautiful place over near the bus station, gardens with all the painstaking care a housewife uses on a living room, when there is evidence that somebody's going to use the place, and we often stop along the street to admire the clean "balks" . . . not a weed, or even a sprig of Johnson grass showing between the rows . . . Red not only finds entertainment in his hobby, but a lot of good things to eat.

### LEAVES THE LAND

George Greene, who was reared in Meat Camp township and who for many years has been a leading citizen of Boone, where he engaged in the restaurant business for many years before purchasing the Buick automobile agency, started out to be a farmer, says his brother Clyde . . . A long time ago, it seems, the Greene brothers, bought themselves a farm, a portion of the Jont Brown place, from Arney Foster . . . The land upon which the Greene brothers planned to do most of their farming, had grown up in blackberry bushes, head high, locust sprouts, choke cherries, and most everything else a farmer would find unwelcome . . . The fences were gone, lines dimly established, and the youthful farmers went into the forest to make chestnut rails with which to fence the place . . . The blight hadn't come then, and the towering chestnuts stood thick and green, and one after another fell as the pile of fenceposts grew and the weather grew hotter . . . The trees were sawn into rail-length, the bark peeled, and wedges and mauls were used in Abraham Lincoln style, as visions of bumper corn yields, punkin-size taters, and fat cattle danced in the heads of the embryo farmers . . . But one day, it was particularly hot on the side of the hill, the sun beat down with relentless fury and not a twig stirred in the edge of the woods . . . As the Greene brothers pulled the saw back and forth across the base of a chestnut, George grew pensive, it is said, and talked little when they stopped to rest . . . At length the great tree came crashing down with a resounding wham, George straightened his cramped back, flexed his strained muscles and sat upon the stump of the tree . . . After a while, his brother related, George cast his eye toward the far horizon, shimmering in the July heat, and murmured: "I'm going to quit this farming business right now . . . if I ever hit another lick in the direction of the soil, there'll be a snake snapping at my breeches." . . . And so far as we know, George never went back to the chestnut stump and the fallen tree, and to the dreams of cabbage and corn, and cattle which would have to be restrained with rail fences . . . The peace he made with the soil that torrid day, so Clyde says, has endured, with never another nite of his meddling with nature's primitive plans.



WORK PROGRESSES—This photograph, taken a few days ago, shows workmen busily engaged in construction at the Daniel Boone theatre, where rehearsals are now in progress for the "Horn in the West."—Photo by Palmer's Photo Service.

## "Horn In West" Rehearsals Being Held Daily; Members Of Cast From Ten States

With rehearsals for "Horn In The West" being held morning, afternoon and evening, a check of the cast list reveals that 20 persons who will take part in the outdoor drama are Boone residents, while an additional 13 are students, alumni or teachers of Appalachian State Teachers College.

North Carolina and 10 other states are represented in the company. Director Kai Jurgensen lists the full cast for "Horn In The West" as follows:

Geoffrey Stuart, Sam Greene, Mooresboro; Toby Miller, Robert Thomas of Asheville; Michael Holt, Robert Hailey of Lynchburg, Va.; Governor William Tryon, Hansford Rowe, Richmond, Va.; Martha Stuart, Louisa

Cartledge, Oak Ridge, Tenn.; John Stuart, Arthur Greene, Bumpass, Va.; Colonel McKenzie, William Ross, Boone; Jessie Howard, Jean Stephens, Raleigh; Amos Howard, Charles Elledge, Marion; Betsy Howard, Nancy Langston, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Daniel Boone, Ned Austin, Boone; John Sevier, Irvine Smith, Batavia, N. Y.; Jack Stuart at the age of 10, Gerry McCracken, Boone; Jack Stuart at the age of 20, Carl "Ace" Clark, Belmont; Nancy Ward, Louise Lamont, Chapel Hill; the cobbler, James Blanton, Shelby; Sam Phillips, John Miller, Signal Mountain, Tenn.; Evan Shelby, Guy Hunt, Jr., Boone; John Carter, Robert Gilley, Boone; Mrs. Adams, Jean Hillman, Washington, D. C.; Rev. Samuel Doak, Herman Coble,

High Point; Mary, Jane Walton, Salisbury; Messenger, John Miller, Boone; Abner Hughes, John Van Noppen, Boone; William Morris, Edgar Daniels, Raleigh; Mrs. Morris, Nancy Smith, Batavia, N. Y.; General Tarleton, Ted Barnett, Boone; Atakulla, Stanley South, Boone; Medicine Man, Harry Coble, High Point (also choreographer).

Chorus: Nancy Smith, James Blanton, Alene Queens of Shelby; Jean Hillman, Washington, D. C.; Roberta Jones, of Columbia, S. C.; Barbara White of Greenville; Nell Norris of Boone; Margaret Ray of Newland; Bill Hamilton, Fairmont; Jim Woodward of Rock Mount.

Indian Dancers: Yates Forbis, Matthew; John Calloway, Southern Pines; James Gold, Appala-

chian, Va.; James Hadden, Cliffside; James Whittington, Mountain City, Tenn.; Jack Neal, Fort Mill, S. C.; Morris Branch, Hickory; F. P. Bodenheimer, Jr., Granite Falls; Donald Dixon, Gastonia. All are students at Appalachian State.

Pioneers: Ann Wilson, Dayton, Ohio; Nancy Smith; Jane Gillett, Davidson; John Van Noppen; Harold Cole, Dickie Hunt of Boone; Elizabeth (Mrs. Cratis) Williams, Boone; Shirley Lingerfelt, Athens, Tenn.; Marcia R. Johnson, Boone.

Children: Anne Van Noppen, Keith Phillips, Phil McGuire, Tommy Owsley and David Culler, all of Boone.

Study traces school failures to unhappy homes.

## Summer Term Of Hi School Starts

The Summer session of Appalachian High School will open June 17th for any pupil who wants to make up work or earn a unit and a half of credit in a different field.

The Appalachian Elementary School will open on June 23rd for pupils who wish to attend in grades one through seven and will continue for a period of eight weeks. Outstanding teachers have been secured to teach in the summer session. These teachers come from outstanding school systems in different parts of the United States. The Elementary school will be in session from 8:50 until 12:30, Monday through Friday.

Buses will operate during the summer as follows:

From Stony Fork and Deep Gap to Boone.

From Green Valley and Perkinsville to Boone.

From Cove Creek and Prison Camp to Boone.

From Shulls Mills and Oak Grove to Boone.

A bus will be sent to other places if fifteen pupils are available.

## Fred Council Gets Commission

Frederick Moore Council, son of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Council, of Boone, graduated from the University of North Carolina June 2, with a degree of Bachelor of Science in business administration.

On the same day, Mr. Council was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Air Force Reserve. He will report for active duty following sixty days leave.

## Bike Safety Club Is Being Formed Here

Mayor Gordon Winkler, Police Chief Glen Richardson, and other community leaders will be on hand for short talks Wednesday afternoon at 2 p. m. when the Boone Bike Safety Club is organized in the basement of the Boone Methodist Church. All boys and girls, whether bike owners or not are eligible for membership in the new club and are urged to attend. In bike handling as in automobile driving, safety training should precede rather than follow the operating ownership of the vehicle, it was pointed out by Gill Phillips, chairman of the Safety Committee of the Lions Club, sponsoring body of the Bicycle Club.

Mr. Phillips in announcing the plans for formation of the safety group, pled with parents to recognize the value of this school, which will meet for five successive weeks on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, in protecting and preserving the life of their children, almost everyone of whom rides a bike on occasion whether owning one or not. We have been only too sadly reminded of the danger lurking upon the highways in recent days, he said, to neglect so exceptional an opportunity to increase the safety of our children's lives as this training school will provide.

Actual direction of the training will be under Mr. C. E. Jones, Lenoir, of the State Highway Safety Department who will meet weekly with the club. At the first meeting Wednesday, June 11th, following the talks to the prospective club members, Mr. Jones will address the meeting and will present a safety film. Safety tests will be issued for home study and completion, (Continued on page six)



GRADUATES—Three Boone graduates from the University of North Carolina. Left to right, Miss Laura Judy, who received an AB degree in Journalism; W. B. York, bachelor of science, and Fred Council, bachelor of science. On graduation day Mr. Council was commissioned a second Lieutenant in the Army Air Force, and Mr. York an ensign in the U. S. Navy. All three are temporarily with their parents in Boone. (Continued on page four)

## College Term May Break All Records

### Death Of Robert Shull Brings Toll To Seven

Robert Bryan Shull, 55, prominent local businessman, who was injured in a truck-motorcycle collision in Wilkes county May 30, died Friday evening in the Wilkes Hospital.

Mr. Shull suffered a spinal injury in the accident which killed Mrs. Elizabeth Payne of Blowing Rock.

Funeral services were held Sunday at 2 p. m. in Three Forks Baptist Church near Boone. Rev. B. R. Holbrook, Rev. Raymond Hendrix and Rev. H. C. Kincaid officiated and interment was in the family cemetery near Perkinville.

Mr. Shull, a native of Watauga county, and son of the late Andrew and Mrs. Shull, was engaged in the laundry and dry clean-

ing business in Boone for a number of years. Two years ago he built the Sky-vue Motel on the Blowing Rock Road, which he had been operating. He was well known and held in high regard here.

Mr. Shull's death marked Watauga's seventh Memorial day traffic fatality. The others were: Mr. and Mrs. Roy Johnson of Boone; Mr. and Mrs. Vann Farthing, six-year-old Janice Goddard of Boone, and Mrs. Elizabeth Payne of Blowing Rock.

Surviving are the widow; two sons, Byron and Rufus of Pulaski, Va.; four daughters, Mrs. Mary Lee Edmisten, Mrs. Ruby Michael, Mrs. Nancy Danner, and Miss Della Shull, all of Boone.

### All Dormitories Have Been Filled; Rooms Are Sought

Another session of summer school will get under way at Appalachian State Teachers college on Thursday, June 12, with indications that again the college will have a capacity enrollment.

All dormitories, according to Chapel Wilson, director of the summer sessions, have been filled for some time, and efforts are being made to find rooms in the town of Boone for all who wish them. It is indicated, Mr. Wilson says, that there will be more people driving in from a distance this summer than ever before. The opening of Highway 321 between Blowing Rock and Lenoir make it only one hour's drive from Hickory, and larger numbers of people are expected to come in from Lenoir, Morganton, Hickory, and other points in that direction.

The college has provided the largest facility in its summer history for this summer's work. Mr. Wilson says that applications on file indicate that the graduate school enrollment will surpass that of last summer, which was the largest in the history of the college.

More short term courses and workshops are being planned this summer than ever before, which will add to the over-all enrollment. The schedule for the summer will include a six-weeks term from July 22 to August 28; a two-weeks term July 7 to 18; a second two-weeks term July 22 to August 2; and a third two-weeks term August 4 to 15. A student teaching workshop, a course planned for supervisors of student teaching either in college training schools or off-campus centers, will be given August 4 to 15. A music education workshop will be conducted August 4 to 16, and a health education workshop from August 18 to 28.

Last year the summer enrollment was 2524, with duplicate enrollments numbering 917. This means that 1607 people attended the summer school. They came from sixteen states and seven foreign countries. There were 889 people enrolled who were graduates of other colleges and universities. This summer's enrollment, from all indications, will be even larger.

## Lenoir-Blowing Rock Road Officially Opened

By MRS. LUCILE LETT

Mr. Mark Goforth, former district highway commissioner, assisted by Miss Peggy Robbins, cut the ribbon officially opening highway 321 between Blowing Rock and Lenoir in impressive ceremonies at 4 p. m. Wednesday of last week.

Delegations from Blowing Rock and Boone met those from Lenoir, Hudson, Granite Falls, and Hickory some 6 miles from Blowing Rock where the ceremonies took place.

Mr. Gene Gosch, manager Lenoir Chamber of Commerce, master of ceremonies, introduced the speakers, Dr. A. A. McLean, pastor First Presbyterian church of Lenoir, asked the invocation following which Mr. Gosch introduced Mr. R. B. Hardin, president of the Blowing Rock Chamber of Commerce, who spoke of the importance of the road opening to people of Blowing Rock and Boone.

Mr. Earl H. Tate, mayor of Lenoir and president of Lenoir Chamber of Commerce, next speaker, also brought to mind the importance of the opening to people of Lenoir and points south.

Other speakers for the occasion were Mayor Gordon Winkler of Boone, Mayor R. Menzies of Hickory, and highway department officials.

Mr. Gosch introduced Mr. Ed Allen, and Mr. C. D. Gowen, former highway commissioners; also Mr. Zeb Stuart, Mr. Hayworth, Mr. Justice of the highway department; Mr. L. A. Davis, president Hickory Chamber of Commerce; Mr. Frank Russell of Granite Falls; Mr. Herman Wilcox of the Boone Chamber of Commerce; Mr. Max Steelman of the Hickory Chamber; Mr. Bill Fulton of the Blowing Rock Chamber; and Miss Jane Walton, Mrs. Miriam Rabb, and Tommy Owsley of the "Horn in the West" drama.

Musical selections were rendered by the Lenoir High school band under the direction of Captain James C. Harper.

Regrets were sent by Mr. Paul Taylor, new state road commissioner, who could not be present.

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### Error Cited In Election Count

The Democrat's attention is called to an error which appeared in the election returns in the last edition.

Hubert Olive's vote was given at 353, whereas the Lexington jurist received 233, a difference of exactly 100, which occurred when the figures were added in the Democrat office.

The vote stands locally: Umstead 1345, Olive 243. Majority for Umstead, the winner, of 1,092.

### Regional Group To Aid Area Is Suggested

Ed Linton, executive secretary of the Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce told the Boone Chamber of Commerce at its regular luncheon meeting Tuesday that plans are being discussed in Winston-Salem for the organization of a 14-county regional council, to be devoted to the upbuilding and promotion of industry, tourist attraction, and agriculture in Northwestern North Carolina.

He said that each of the fourteen counties comprising this section of the state would be represented on such a council, and asked the Boone Chamber to give serious thought and consideration to the matter.

The guest of honor at Tuesday's meeting was Paul T. Taylor, new highway commissioner of the 9th district, who succeeded G. Mark Goforth. Other guests included

### A. E. Hodges, Jr. Given Degree

Richmond, Va., June 8—Alton Edward Hodges, Jr. of Boone is one of some 260 men and women who are candidates for degrees from the University of Richmond at commencement exercises tomorrow night.

Hodges, the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Hodges, Sr., of Boone, did his major work in Richmond College, men's undergraduate division of the University. He is a candidate for the bachelor of arts degree.

### SERVICE RAISES

The bill, increasing pay and allowances in the military service by nearly \$500,000,000 a year, has been signed by President Truman.

Intended to help offset higher living costs, the raises range from \$3 monthly for privates and seamen to \$65 for two-star generals and admirals. They apply to approximately 3,500,000 active, as well as retired personnel.

### Betty M. Hicks Dies On Sunday

Betty Mae Hicks, daughter of Mrs. Lena Hicks, Boone Route 2, died at the age of 15 on Sunday, June 8, following a lifelong illness.

Funeral services were held Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock from the home, conducted by the Rev. W. C. Payne. Interment followed in the Jont Brown cemetery.

Surviving besides the mother are three brothers and one sister, Bynum, Dennis, Colvard, and Lula, all of the home.

### Miss Coffey Succumbs Sunday; Rites Tuesday

Miss Edith Lucille Coffey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Coffey, of Blowing Rock, died at 4:20 Sunday afternoon in Hagaman Clinic, Boone, after prolonged illness.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, June 10 at 3 o'clock in First Baptist church with Rev. Sam Cappell, former pastor of Rumpel Memorial Presbyterian church of Blowing Rock, officiating. Burial was in the new Blowing Rock cemetery on the Boone road. Reins-Sturdivant Funeral home had charge of arrangements.

Members of the Women's Missionary Society of First Baptist church and women's auxiliary of the Presbyterian church served as flower bearers.

Survivors include the parents, six sisters, Mrs. Clara Thompson of Hickory; Mrs. Rozella Willis of Greenville, S. C.; Mrs. Helen Moore, Mrs. Ann Brown, Mrs. Virginia Bolick, Mrs. Luda Gragg, all of Blowing Rock; three brothers, Paul, Glenn, and Justin, all of Blowing Rock.

### Mother, Infant Clinic Arranged

Dr. Mary B. H. Michal will hold the regular monthly Mother and Infant Clinic on Monday afternoon, June 16, at the District Health Department in Boone.

Dr. John Dewey, "father of progressive education," dead at 92.