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## KING STREET

BY ROB RIVERS

### A PLUG FOR A PAPA

Those of us who apply the high pressure fertilizer in the spring, and watch the bluegrass and the white clover gain ascendancy over the dandelions and the weeds . . . who spend most of our spare time tending the lawn, perhaps pet the thing to the point that we do not enjoy the velvety carpet much as we should—maybe defend it too much . . . On public property the "keep off the grass" signs are traditional barriers to human happiness. . . . We stood with Bob Agle at dusk the other day and watched Howard Steelman, Jr., as he pushed a sharp mower about on the postoffice lawn, and admired the smooth coat of green . . . Bob, remarking on the beauty of the Federal lawn . . . "Maybe," said he, "someday I'll have a nice lawn . . . but just now, with baseball and croquet, and hide and seek, and all the other activities of the little Agles the thing's out of the question . . . It don't seem that I can have both grass and happiness among the children, so I'll have to resolve the matter in favor of the youngsters!" . . . An outlook like this, as Father's Day passes, inclines us to the belief that Bob maybe ought to be named papa of the year!

### TRUCE IN CHICAGO

Our youngest was being questioned by a visitor as to whether the Riverses might take a trip during the summer, and submitted the following, which may have its point, at that: "Guess we'll go with daddy to Chicago next month . . . He's going to some kind of a Democratic meeting—a truce talk. I think he said!" . . . Radio commentator giving like credit for having dubbed FDR "the happy warrior", when FDR really so designated Al Smith when he placed him in nomination for the presidency.

### ALONG THE WAY

Harold Henson brings us a few apples which grew last year and which are well preserved. Incidentally Harold is getting green cooking apples from this year's crop . . . Herbert Foster en route to the Horn with a load of firearms—relics of other days . . . He had muzzle loading cap and ball squirrel guns, flintlocks, dueling pistols with gold and silver inlays and the double-barreled Deringer, the sort of gun which was responsible for the death of Abraham Lincoln . . . Will Walker's new paint job in his jewelry store and gleaming new display cases adding to the attractiveness of the place . . . Partisans lay back to the walls of store fronts and talk of national politics, particularly as regards the race between Taft and Eisenhower, most of the followers of the elephant in these parts being in favor of the Ohioan . . . Democrats, some of them for Kefauver, some for Russell, and a surprisingly large number still waving the flag for the man from Independence . . . Unusually warm weather over the weekend, as old-timers in these parts seek out the shady nooks and vov they've never seen anything like it . . . Tourists from the lowlands walk in the sun and say they're so glad to be cool again . . . Big flocks of starlings wait around for the cherries to ripen a bit more before they swoop down . . . Dogs tour town in yelping packs and play havoc with the slumbers of householders in the small hours . . . And we haven't heard it if the rabies quarantine has been lifted.

### WHY CHANGE?

The fellow was asked for whom he expected to vote in the Presidential election—so it is reported. "Why for Dewey, of course," he replied. The questioner assured the good man Dewey isn't even in the running, he's beating the drums for the General, and besides why would one want to vote for him. "I voted for him two times, and never have I had it so good!"

More than 300 varieties of rocks and minerals have been found in North Carolina, and 70 of these have economic value.

## National Land Bank Leader To Speak At Meeting Here Friday



J. R. ISLEIB

### Kindergarten To Open June 23

The Boone Kindergarten is scheduled to open June 23 in the Methodist Church basement, according to an announcement by Mrs. Max Raines, who has charge of arrangements and applications for the school. Children between the ages of 4 and 6 years are eligible to attend.

Mrs. Ray Triplett is teacher of the class, with Mrs. Cratis Williams assistant.

Mrs. Raines says applications are still being taken and enrollment may be made by contacting her.

Classes run from 8:45 o'clock in the morning to 12 noon, Mondays through Fridays. However, Mrs. Raines stated, parents who must go to work at 8 o'clock or to 8 o'clock classes, or for any other reason find it more convenient to carry their children to school earlier than the 8:45 hour, may make arrangements with her for their children to be cared for by calling her at home.

### Burley Acreage May Be Cut

Washington—The Department of Agriculture said burley tobacco acreage will have to be cut in 1953.

James E. Thigpen, director of the department's tobacco branch, told the House Agriculture Committee the reduction is necessary because of a surplus. He indicated a cut of 10 to 20 per cent might be necessary.

Thigpen urged the committee to approve a bill to permit individual farm acreage allotments to be cut to one-half acre.

Under the Agriculture Adjustment Act the department cannot now reduce allotments of one acre or less on farms which have had quotas in 1953. And it has been the department's policy not to cut allotments of one acre or less on farms which begin producing burley since that date.

But Thigpen said last week the department cannot continue making no cuts in allotments of small farms which did not have allotments in 1943.

Unless the minimum allowance is reduced, he said, the entire burley tobacco quota program is going to be jeopardized. That might cost the growers generally one-third of their tobacco income, Thigpen added.

Approximately one-half of the farms with allotments of one acre or less were in production in 1943 and cannot be reduced under present law, he said.

### Fisher Is New Motor Head

Raleigh—L. R. Fisher, 50, veteran Highway Patrol officer, former resident of Boone, and former head of the State ABC Board's Malt Beverage Division succeeded Col. London C. Rosser June 15 as Commissioner of the Motor Vehicles Department.

Rosser was dismissed from the post he had held since 1947 by Governor Scott effective June 15. He was appointed Motor Vehicles Commissioner by Governor R. Gregg Cherry and was re-appointed by Scott early in 1949.

## DANA TUGMAN IS GIVEN NEW FARMING POST



DANA TUGMAN

Raleigh, June 16 — Dana F. Tugman, Ashe county farm agent for the past two years, has been appointed to succeed James A. Graham as superintendent of the Upper Mountain Experiment Station near Laurel Springs.

Announcement of the appointment was made today by Agriculture Commissioner L. Y. Ballentine and Cecil D. Thomas, director of test farms for the State Department of Agriculture, who said that Tugman will begin his new duties on July 1.

The new superintendent is a native of Watauga county, the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Tugman of Boone. He was graduated from North Carolina State College in 1949 with a degree of Bachelor of Science in Animal Husbandry. Immediately after graduation he became assistant county agent in Ashe county. On January 15, 1950, he was appointed county agent for Ashe, and has held that position since then.

Graham, who has resigned to become director of the Winston-Salem Fair on July 1, has been superintendent of the Upper Mountain Station since it was established in 1946.

Mr. J. R. Isleib, Land Bank Commissioner of Washington, D. C., will be the principal speaker at the annual meeting of the North Wilkesboro National Farm Loan Association, to be held at the courthouse in Boone Friday, June 20, at 10 a. m., it is announced by Mr. S. C. Eggers, president of the organization.

Mr. Eggers feels most fortunate in being able to present Mr. Isleib on this occasion. The commissioner, originally from Rosebud, Texas, has spent nearly twenty years of his life in service to the cooperative Federal land bank system. He is responsible for the supervision of the twelve Federal land banks and the 1200 national farm loan associations. He is one of the most prominent citizens ever to visit this community.

The meeting will feature a report of operations by O. H. Bracey, secretary-treasurer, directors' and loan committee report, election of directors. There will be a quiz contest with prizes to the winners and also a prize to the committee bringing the greatest number to the meeting. This part of the program will be conducted by T. E. Haigler, regional manager of the bank in North Carolina.

The meeting will be presided over by Mr. Eggers, who has been president of the Association since 1945. He started with the Association, which was then known as the Sugar Grove Farm Loan Association in 1917 as local land appraiser. He was secretary from 1928 to 1936, and a director since 1936.

Mr. Eggers states that the offices of the Association will be moved to Boone July 1, and that the organization will henceforth be known as the Boone National Farm Loan Association.

## Opening Day Tickets To "Horn" Available

The opening performance of "Horn in the West" on Friday night, June 27, is expected to be a gala occasion which no one in this area will want to miss.

Leaders of the Southern Appalachian Historical Association said this week that they hoped that residents and summer visitors of all Watauga County would take advantage of the opportunity to see a premiere performance of North Carolina's third great outdoor drama and obtain their tickets as soon as possible for the 27th.

The box office at the Daniel

Boone Theatre is open from 11 a. m. to 6 p. m. daily. Beginning Friday, the hours will be from 11 a. m. until 9 p. m. daily.

A large number of local and out-of-town reservations have already been received.

Local residents are urged to visit the box office this week to select their tickets for the opening performance. Early this week there was a rumor that all tickets for the opening had been sold out, and this rumor is emphatically denied by the "Horn in the West" management.

## 1952 Burley Weed Price To Be Near That Of '51

Louisville, Ky.—"Burley production and prices for 1952 will be close to the records established by the 1951 crop," William C. Clay, Jr., counsel for the Burley Auction Warehouse Association, predicted last week at the sixth annual convention of the association. During the past season Clay said, "The support level was 49.8c per pound. This year," he added, "the minimum support price will be at least 49.5c per pound. With a larger crop being planted the gross value of the 1952 crop should be equal to or above that of the past season."

Counsel for the association pointed out that during the past marketing season gross sales, including both producer sales and resales, were in excess of 649,000,000 pounds. "Never before," he said, "has such a terrific volume of burley tobacco gone across the breaks, and never before, have we had a more orderly market. That is a tribute both to the organization of, and membership constituting, the Burley Sales Committee."

Members of the association authorized appointment of a 1952 Burley Sales Committee, composed of warehousemen and farmers, to regulate the opening date, selling days and selling hours for the 1952 crop. BAWA members also re-adopted their code of Fair Trade Practices which covers the

spacing of tobacco on auction floors, the weighing in of crops, and other sales practices. Warehousemen observing the code are awarded a seal of approval in recognition of their services to burley tobacco growers.

Warehousemen from seven states attended the Louisville convention of the auction salesmen of burley tobacco. Dean Frank Welce of the University of Kentucky's College of Agriculture addressed members and guests of the association at their annual banquet.

### Health Program Is Planned

"A special program on health will be given at the Rural Church Institute in Valle Crucis on Friday evening. A film, "Miracle in Paradise Valley," will be shown. The public is invited.

The Senate has passed and sent to President Truman a bill carrying \$55,000,000 to repair the effects of recent serious floods in the Midwest. Of this amount, \$14,500,000 is for the restoration of productive capacity of farms and \$5,500,000 is for the repair and clearance of streams and waterways. Also included are \$35,000,000 for the Army Engineers for emergency flood control work.

## 21-Bed Nurses Home To Cost More Than \$84,000

### Two Manslaughter Cases Slated For Trial At June Court Term

### Sea Shells To Be Used in Horn As "Wampum"

Sea shells from the beaches of Roanoke Island will be used to decorate the Indian costumes for "Horn in the West," courtesy of "The Lost Colony" officials.

When Mrs. Helen Lauterer, "Horn" costumer, found that no sea shells were available here to be used as wampum and costume trimmings, an S.O.S. was sent to Manteo. Drama leaders there promptly commissioned two of the younger actors to go shell hunting between rehearsals. A box of shells was collected, and arrived in Boone this week marked "Wampum — Handle with Care."

Aycock Brown, news director for "The Lost Colony" released a story and picture about the shell supplying, with the result that both dramas got another publicity break.

### Johnson Court Acts in Behalf Of Highway 421

Mountain City, Tenn., June 12.—The Johnson County Court, in session Saturday, adopted the state's proposition for the purchase of right of way for highway 421 and appropriated a sum of \$38,000 to pay for damages to property holders.

The commission appointed to assess the damages and get options estimated the damages at \$75,000 and of this the state agreed to pay \$37,500.

E. E. Garland was elected attorney to handle the negotiations on the working out of the payment of the damages and paying for the right of way.

### County 4-H Dress Revue Set for June 20

June 20 is the date set for the County 4-H Dress Revue. The revue will have two divisions, a junior, for the girls up to 14 years of age, and a senior division for those fourteen and over.

A free trip to Raleigh to 4-H Club Week is being given by Farmers Hardware to the county dress revue winner. Some of the outstanding highlights of the weeks program are excellent speakers, an outdoor box supper, an interesting visit and reception at the Governor's Mansion and your state capitol building, a talent show composed of and presented by 4-H Club members from many counties, demonstrations given by both 4-H Club members and specialists, a great show, "Preview of Progress" showing what's in store for us in the future — from model jet planes to controlling the sun's energy. Mrs. Ann Livingston of the National Recreation Association will conduct a recreation class. A health pageant will be presented. Each evening at twilight there will be folk games and other games on Riddick Football Field. A huge candle-lighting service will bring to a close a grand week to be remembered for a lifetime.

Belk's Department Store is presenting to the top three winners in the Senior division enough cotton material to make a dress. Newton's Department Store is presenting the top three winners in the Junior division with the same award. You will be allowed to choose your own material.

After the dress revue picnic lunch will be spread. Parents are especially invited.

The super liner United States starts on speed run.

Two manslaughter cases, involving traffic accidents, are among the 110 cases appearing on the docket of the June criminal term of Watauga Superior Court which will convene here Monday, Judge S. Hoyle Sink presiding.

James Patterson Mast is charged with manslaughter in the April 20 highway death of Mrs. Wilson Hollar, of Vilas. Mrs. Hollar died from injuries received when hit by a truck said to be driven by Mast as she was en route to church.

Tracy Triplett, of Triplett, will be arraigned on a three-fold charge of manslaughter, driving under the influence of intoxicants, and operating a motor vehicle without a license, in the death of Janice Lee Goodnight, five-year-old daughter of Mr. and

Mrs. J. C. Goodnight of Boone, Route 1, on May 31. She was killed instantly by an automobile driven by the defendant as she attempted to follow her dog across highway 421, near the Goodnight home in suburban Perksville.

Motor vehicle and prohibition violations comprise most of the other cases on Judge Sink's docket, with two cases of non-support. Clerk of Court Fred M. Gragg said he expected the number of cases would reach 120 by Monday.

The civil term, originally scheduled for two weeks, was concluded last week. Judge Howard G. Godwin, of Dunn, disposed of 32 cases, some of which were continued, several settled without trial, and others by consent judgment.

## State Officials To Be Present At Park Opening

Watauga County is fortunate in having the first of the North Carolina Highway Commission's new roadside parks ready for opening today (Wednesday).

The new park—one of six under construction in the State—is located on U. S. Highway 421 near the Parkway School Building. It contains parking areas for sixteen cars, sixteen picnic tables, eight outdoor furnaces, drinking fountains and comfort stations.

The Blue Ridge Garden Club is sponsoring a dedication program on the opening day and will have as luncheon guests the following highway commission officials:

Dr. Henry W. Jordan, chairman; Paul Taylor, commissioner of the 8th division; Z. V. Stewart, division engineer; J. H. Council, assistant division engineer; Frank Brant, landscape engineer; Miss Margaret Burk, associate editor, "N. C. Roadways"; Dr. R. McMichael, landscape engineer; Clyde Orr, landscape plantsman; C. A. Hayworth, district engineer; R. B. Fitzgerald, district engineer; O. K. Stephens, sign supervisor; W. B. Pugh, road oil supervisor; Frank McCracken, supervisory foreman.

Other guests expected to be present are Mayor Gordon Winkler, Rev. E. F. Troutman, Sam P. Weems and T. K. Pease.

## Photographers Are To Be Feted End Of Week

Top-flight photographers from all over North Carolina and other states are expected in this area Saturday, Sunday and Monday to get pictures of the Roan Mountain Festival, the famous "Singing on the Mountain" at Grandfather Mountain, and a special photo rehearsal of "Horn in the West."

Hugh Morton, president of the Linville Company and a past president of the North Carolina Press Photographers Association, is chairman of the program and invitations committee for entertaining the photographers.

The lensmen will be Morton's guests at Henley Inn in Linville Saturday night and after attending the singing will come to Boone on Sunday.

The Southern Appalachian Historical Association, sponsors of "Horn in the West," announces that the photographers will be guests of Estell Wagner at Blue Ridge Tourist Court Sunday night, and of Raleigh Cottrell at a country ham breakfast Monday morning at the Skyline Restaurant. At 9 a. m. Monday they will begin taking pictures of the drama cast in costume, and at noon will be given a picnic luncheon by the association.

For the best published photographs of the Daniel Boone Theatre or scenes from the play, the association is offering prizes totaling \$200. Photographers' Day is an established tradition with "The Lost Colony" and "Unto These Hills."

The first annual Photographers' Day for "Horn in the West" has been tied in with the Roan and Grandfather Mountain events to give photographers the best possible opportunity to take pictures of the notable attractions in the surrounding area as well as of the drama.

With dress rehearsals scheduled to begin this week end, the historical association asks that sightseers visit the Daniel Boone Theatre during the daylight hours and not go into the rain shelter and seating area after 7:30 p. m. The last six evening rehearsals prior to the opening of the play on June 27 require the greatest possible concentration of the entire cast and production staff, and it is felt that they will be able to accomplish more if they are not distracted by spectators.

The dress rehearsals on Monday will be held especially for the photographers.

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## Watauga Hospital Directors Map Expansion Plans

Discussion of plans for the construction of a modern 21-bed nurses home for Watauga Hospital featured the meeting of the board of directors of the institution held Friday.

Hospital officials have announced that Walter Hooks and Associates of Charlotte have been engaged to do the architectural work and preliminary plans have already been submitted and approved.

The building, costing an estimated \$84,000, will be financed jointly by the state and federal governments and local citizens. Approximately \$21,000 will be provided by the hospital and the state and federal governments will provide the balance of \$63,000 under provisions of the Hill-Burton act.

It is pointed out that the hospital has been materially affected due to a lack of a home for nurses for sometime, and with the completion of the new building the situation is expected to show considerable improvement.

As the project develops, other information will be released, so that the people may be kept in touch with the important development.

## Second Primary Is Slated in Congress Race

Salisbury—Graham M. Carlton called for a runoff primary June 28 against Hugh Q. Alexander of Kannapolis for the Ninth District congressional seat of retiring Rep. Robert L. Doughton.

Francis M. Luther, chairman of the committee backing Carlton, said the Rowan County register of deeds will enter the runoff to give those who supported him and Mark Goforth of Lenoir in the three-way contest May 31 a chance to "make the final selection of the candidate who will enter the general election in November."

The demand for a runoff primary in the race for associate justice of the state Supreme Court "weighed heavily in our decision, said Luther, "since the additional balloting in the Ninth District can be held without any extra cost to the taxpayers.

Carlton has picked up much additional strength since May 31," Luther said.

The runner-up candidate wired his official request Friday, June 13 for a runoff primary to Raymond Maxwell, executive secretary of the state Board of Elections.

Carlton received 16,623 votes in the May 31 voting to 23,211 for Alexander and 7,105 for Goforth. Alexander fell 258 votes short of the majority necessary for victory.

The demand by Carlton expanded to four the number of runoff primary contests. Superior Court Judge R. Hunt Parker of Roanoke Rapids will face a runoff against Superior Court Judge William H. Bobbitt of Charlotte for nomination to the state Supreme Court as associate justice, in separate voting for both a short term and a regular eight-year term.

Rep. F. Ertel Carlyle will face a runoff against runner-up Fayetteville Mayor J. O. Tally Jr. for the Seventh District seat and George Shuford of Asheville will run against runner-up Frank Parker of Asheville for the 12th District seat to be vacated by retirement of Rep. Monroe Redden.

Antiquities Are Sought for Horn

H. Grady Farthing, chairman of the collection of antiquities for display during the showing of "Horn in the West," is asking that those willing to loan this material deliver it to the Farmers Hardware & Supply Co., at once.

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