

'Horn in the West' Opens First Season Friday

KING STREET BY ROB RIVERS

NOTED VISITOR

Carbine Williams, the man who invented and perfected the .30 calibre army carbine down at Caledonia prison farm a few years ago, sits up front in the Daniel Boone theatre and observes the cast as photographers from here and there snap countless shots in the warm sunshine, and talks of the handy little weapon, which resulted from his "tinkering with guns" when he was a lad down on a Cumberland county farm . . . Mr. Williams, a big fellow, with sandy hair, and a wide-brimmed hat, who admits he's done right well by the royalties on his firearms inventions, movie privileges to his life story, etc., talks deliberately and without affectation, of his career.

LIKES GUNS

"Most boys on the farm," he says, like to play with guns, and shoot a little in spare time . . . I was no exception, and in later years down at Caledonia, set to work to devise the carbine which was later to be adopted by the U. S. Army . . . Worked for Remington and other arms companies during the war . . . According to the latest figures some eight million of the savage little weapons, which have been found so handy by foot soldiers in close fighting, have been made for the army, and the gun is standard equipment . . . Mr. Williams is enjoying his visit to Watauga, and while in this area took in the Grandfather singing . . . We enjoyed our session with the man who had a notion and made it click, under a most trying set of circumstances.

SEEN ABOUT TOWN

Judge Sink presiding over criminal term of Superior Court this week . . . The citizens are glad he's back . . . Chief of Police Glenn Richardson acting in behalf of the late Sheriff Edmisten, pending the appointment of his successor, probably today . . . Hordes of college teachers attending summer terms at Appalachian . . . The well-paved entrances to the Daniel Boone Theatre, and the groups of youngsters who have been watching the rehearsals from vantage points around the theatre . . . Youthful actors about town going on short rations of sleep, as long hours are demanded in the last days before "The Horn blows" . . . Rev. J. H. Shackford leaves for a coal district in Kentucky where he engages in a summer-time mission activity of the Methodist Church until August . . . Picnic time and the lemonade and the sandwiches, the iced tea and the tangy flavor where the ant hid in the lettuce . . . The watermelons and the cantaloupes, the hot dogs, and the fellowship and the blisters, all a part of the good old summer time around the home plate . . . The absence of dilapidated automobiles on the streets and highways, and those gorgeous little English made autos . . . Vacationists argue about the relative merits of the seashore and the mountains.

THE LET-DOWN

That empty sort of feeling, when our visitor has told us the best yarn of the season, which we have mentally prepared for this corner, and then sternly forbids our printing even a single word of the best-fold tale . . . Mild arguments as initial interest begins to develop in the Saturday primary . . . But it doesn't appear that enough people are going to vote . . .

NOTHING MUCH

Stylishly dressed gentleman coyly slips empty beer can from auto window and looks embarrassed at the resounding clatter . . . Tourist says he don't see as there's so much to Boone . . . (Continued on page four)

Sheriff Edmisten Fatally Hurt in Accident



A. J. EDMISTEN

Local Official Dies In Wilkes Monday Morning

Sheriff A. J. Edmisten, 67, who was serving his third term as chief enforcement officer for Watauga county, died early Monday morning in the Wilkes hospital, six days after his automobile plunged into a ditch on highway 901, near North Wilkesboro, where highway 115 intersects.

The Sheriff had been to Raleigh on official business when the accident occurred. He suffered a number of broken ribs and internal injuries.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 2 o'clock from the Three Forks Baptist Church near Boone. Rev. Mr. Holbrook and Rev. Victor Watts were in charge of the rites and burial was in Mounlawn Memorial Park.

Sheriff Edmisten, who was known as a most efficient law enforcer, was first elected sheriff of Watauga county in 1938. In 1938 he was elected to a four-year term. Defeated in 1942 by C. M. Watson, he was elected in 1950 over E. D. Cook by 139, as others on the Democratic slate were defeated.

Born in Watauga county in 1888, Sheriff Edmisten spent the most of his life in farming enterprises, until called by the Democratic party to public duty. He was a member of the Three Forks Baptist Church throughout his adult life, was active in religious activities, and was one of the county's best citizens.

The widow, Mrs. Dora Edmisten, survives, with two sons, Vaughn and Shuford, and one daughter, Mrs. Helen Trexler of Boone. One sister survives, Mrs. D. J. Cottrell of Boone.

Mrs. Pritchett Elected To State BPW Position

Mrs. Earleen Pritchett of the Boone Business and Professional Women's Club, was elected to the state office of Assistant Recording Secretary of the B & P W, at its annual meeting held at Durham this past week end.

The Boone Club was also honored in receiving two citations which were accepted by its president, Miss Clyde Kilby. One was from National for increasing its membership 20% during the current year; the other from State for stabilization of members, and the payment of all dues before the penalty period.

Mrs. Nell Linney served as chairman of the Credentials Committee during the convention in Durham.

An invitation was extended and accepted to hold the 1953 State Convention at Mayview Manor, Blowing Rock in June.

Gross M. Teams Rites On Sunday

Gross Martin Teams, 54, resident of the Shulls Mills section, was found dead near the home Friday morning, with a .22 calibre bullet wound in his right temple.

No inquest was held and the coroner ruled the case a suicide.

Funeral services were held Sunday at the Shulls Mills Baptist Church. Rev. Harold Songer and Rev. E. F. Troutman were in charge of the rites and interment was in Mounlawn cemetery.

The following nephews of the deceased served as active pallbearers: Conor, and Turner Story, Willard Trivett, J. C. Greene, Jr., Grant Ayers, James Storie, Roney Storie, Tom Triplett. Nieces and friends were in charge of the floral offering.

He is survived by the widow and the following sons and daughters: Sgt. Ronda Teams, Tampa, Fla.; Lieut. Ray Teams, Germany; Pvt. Earl Teams, Bainbridge, Ky.; Bobby and Jay Teams, of the home; Mrs. Patsy Swift, Sugar Grove; Eva Nell and Dollie Teams, both of the home.

Land Bank Official Delivers Address Here

Mr. J. R. Isleib, Federal Land Bank Commissioner, Washington, D. C., reviewed the history and growth of the land bank loan program, in an address to the North Wilkesboro National Farm Loan Association, last Friday.

One hundred and thirty-eight land bank stockholders, the largest number in the history of the association, came to the local meeting from Wilkes, Alleghany, Ashe, Caldwell and Watauga counties.

Mr. Isleib talked about the low interest rates prevailing on land bank loans, and stated that the Federal Land Bank is completely farmer-owned.

Silver dollars were given as prizes to Gordon A. Chambers of Wilkes, a granddaughter of Mrs. Sarah Miller, Mr. Sherman

Glenn Richardson Acts As Sheriff

Police Chief Glenn Richardson was sworn in to act as Sheriff during the first part of the current court term Monday, since the death of the Sheriff left the county without an official law enforcement agent.

Likewise, the coroner, who has jurisdiction in the absence of a sheriff, was away from town.

The Commissioners are to meet this (Wednesday) morning and name a successor to the late Sheriff Edmisten, who term does not expire until December 1954.

Frozen Foods Plant Is Sold

Boone Frozen Foods, Inc., offered at a public sale a few days ago, has been purchased by the Southeastern Construction Co. of Charlotte, who are now in charge of the plant.

The establishment is being operated under the same management as formerly, and the new ownership promises even a better type of food service than heretofore given.



BUY "HORN" TICKETS—Pictured above as they lined up at the box office at Daniel Boone Theatre to purchase their tickets for the opening performance of "Horn in the West," Historical outdoor drama by Kermit Hunter opening here Friday night, are members of the board of directors of the Southern Appalachian Historical Association. Left to right: Russell D. Hodges, Grover C. Robbins, Bob Agle, Clyde R. Greene, Wade Brown, Ralph Winkler, Mrs. Leo K. Pritchett, Mrs. James Winkler, James Marsh, H. W. Wilcox, Mrs. B. W. Stallings, and Dr. D. J. Whitener. In the booth, preparing to accept the cash and dispense the ducaats, is Mason Bliss, "Horn" business manager.—Photo Palmer's Photo Service.

Photographers Have Field Day Monday At Full Dress Rehearsal Outdoor Drama

A full dress rehearsal of "Horn in the West" was held Monday morning at the Daniel Boone Theatre especially for photographers, with the result that hundreds of pictures of the new outdoor drama are now being processed for release to newspapers and magazines all over the country.

The first annual Photographers' Day of the drama was pronounced a success because of the enthusiastic cooperation of the cast, production staff, and the large attendance of press and newsreel

representatives, and the weather.

Most of the photographers, accompanied by Hugh Morton, chairman of Photographers Day, and Tom Walker, director of the North Carolina State News Bureau, arrived in Boone Sunday night from the "Singing On The Mountain" at Grandfather Mountain. They were overnight guests of Estel Wagner at his Blue Ridge Tourist Court. Also in the party was David Marshall "Carbine" Williams, who is now making personal appearances in connection with the release of the

movie "Carbine Williams" starring James Stewart.

After a country ham breakfast at the Skyline Restaurant as guests of Raleigh Cottrell, the photographers and reporters adjourned to the theatre, where they took picture after picture as the cast of "Horn in the West" went through the play, stopping whenever a cameraman requested "Just one more picture" of a particular scene. The sun shown all morning and well into the afternoon. The final pictures were shot just before a thunder-

storm broke.

Among the photographers present were June Glenn, Asheville Citizen; Miles Hughey, Charlotte Observer; Frank Jones, Winston-Salem Journal; Charles Killebrew, Rocky Mount Evening Telegram; Furman Dixon, Morganton News Herald; Bill Sumner, Charlotte; Max Tharpe, Statesville; Wake Bridges, Hickory; Charles Pugh, Johnson City, Tenn.; Charles Ward, Elizabeth Star; Paul Weston and Palmer Blair, Boone; Oscar Good-

Dr. Harmon Is New Lions Head



DR. R. H. HARMON

Dr. R. H. Harmon, was installed president of the Boone Lions Club at the ladies' night meeting held Tuesday June 17, succeeding Mr. S. M. Ayers.

Other officers installed were: Vice-presidents, Paul A. Coffey, Leo K. Pritchett, Dr. John G. Martin; secretary, Richard E. Kelley; Treasurer Dr. O. K. Richardson; tailtwisters, James B. Winkler, and J. E. Joiner; Lion tamer, I. S. Ayers; Directors, Frank M. Payne, J. E. Holshouser, T. Milton Greer, S. Grady Tugman.

The Agriculture Department reports that the average hired man on the farm works about two hours less each day than his farmer boss, averaging nine and a half hours to the boss' almost twelve. Farm employment totals 10,863,000, a decrease of 150,000 from a year ago.

Voters To Return to Polls Next Saturday

Scant interest is being manifested here in the run-off primary election to be held Saturday, in which a ninth district Democratic congressional nominee will be chosen, and an associate Justice of the Supreme Court.

Messrs Graham Carlton and Hugh Alexander are competing for the congressional nomination while Judge W. H. Bobbit, and Judge Parker are contesting the seat on the supreme court.

Both Congressional candidates have organizations set up in Watauga, and leaders in both camps will make a strong effort at the last to get out a heavy vote. Interest appears to be rather light at this time. Alexander will most likely again lead in Watauga.

Judge Bobbit seems to be the favorite of local voters in the only other race in which Wataugans will ballot.

In the first primary Alexander polled 23,311 votes, Carlton 16,

623, and Goforth 7,105. Carlton's supporters figure he must hold his own first primary vote, percentage-wise, get the bulk of Goforth's and snatch a few from Alexander in order to win.

Both are lawyers, both are University of North Carolina graduates, and each served in World War II.

Carlton, who is only 29 years of age, received his law degree in 1948 and started practicing in Salisbury. In 1949 he was appointed to fill out the unexpired term of W. D. Kizziah, who resigned as register of deeds. He was elected to a full term in 1950.

Both candidates have spent much of their time in old-fashioned "meet-the-people" campaigns. Because neither has gone too far in politics, there has been little so-called mud-slinging.

Doughton, who is retiring after 40 years in the Ninth District seat, has taken no part in the selection of his successor.

College Band Slates First Local Concert

The Appalachian State Teachers College Summer School Band, under the direction of Mr. Gordon A. Nash, will present its first concert of the summer season Thursday, June 26, at 7:00 p. m. The concert will be held on the lawn beside the fountain on the campus. In the event of rain the concert will be held in the Fine Arts Building Auditorium.

The band will play the following numbers:

Lights Out March—McCoy
George Gershwin selections
Syncopated Clock—Anderson
Londonderry Air—Arr. Lake
Halls Across the Sea March—Sousa
Poet and Peasant Overture—Von Suppe
Pavanne—Gould
High School Cadets—Sousa
The Summer School Band is made up of people ranging from (Continued on page four)

Court Term Is Being Held Here

The June criminal term of Watauga Superior Court convened Monday with Judge Hoyle Sink presiding, and at noon Tuesday splendid headway was being made in clearing away a docket of 110 cases.

Most of the cases involve the commission of misdemeanors. Complete judgements of the court will be published in the next edition of the Democrat.

Mrs. Oma Brown Dies Saturday

Funeral services were held for Mrs. Oma Isobel Brown at 10 a. m. on Saturday, June 21, at the Howard's Creek Baptist Church, with the Reverends Payne, Kincaid, and Hodges officiating.

Mrs. Brown, who was the widow of W. L. Brown, died at the age of 63 at the home of a son in Boone on June 19, following an extended illness.

She is survived by the following sons and daughters: Howard Brown, Mrs. Hoke Summitt, and Mrs. Dan Foster, all of Fresno, Ohio; Mrs. Arthur Broyer, Belleville, Ohio; Ernest D. Brown, Mrs. Jack Edmisten, Miss Rosie Lee Brown, and Miss Peggy Ann Brown, all of Boone.

Surviving also are three brothers and three sisters.

NEUTRAL OBSERVERS

In an effort to counter false Communist propaganda, President Truman has asked that Sweden, Switzerland, India, Pakistan and Indonesia be invited to send military observers to Korea island for on-the-spot study of prison uprisings.

Citizens From Many States Are Expected

By MIRIAM G. RABB

The interest of Boone, Blowing Rock and the entire surrounding area is focused this week on the new Daniel Boone Theatre, where on Friday night at 8:15 North Carolina's new outdoor drama "Horn in the West" will open for its first season.

Ticket sales this week indicated more than a regional interest in the Kermit Hunter drama which is being produced on the grand scale of "The Lost Colony" and "Unto These Hills." Seats have been reserved by residents of at least a dozen states as well as by hundreds of local residents who have been looking forward to the grand opening of "Horn in the West" for many months. Tickets for the opening performance only are available at the "Horn in the West" office on Depot Street between 9 a. m. and 5 p. m.; tickets for all other performances of the drama through August 31 are on sale at the theatre box office.

Dr. I. G. Greer of Chapel Hill, president of the Southern Appalachian Historical Association, will make a brief address of welcome to the first-night audience which will include the mayors, Chamber of Commerce presidents and county and state officials of the entire region. No lengthy opening ceremonies are planned. Kermit Hunter, author of "Horn in the West," will attend the premiere and autograph programs. The board of directors and the advisory committee of the Southern Appalachian Historical Association, sponsoring organization for the drama, have all purchased tickets for the opening.

State highway patrolman and the Boone police department will supervise the traffic at the entrances and on the parking lots of the theatre. Because there are two approaches from Highway 321 and main approach from Highway 421 as well as parking space for 1,000 cars at the theatre, traffic is expected to move smoothly.

Hotels, tourist courts, tourist homes and residences of Boone and Blowing Rock report many reservations made for Friday night and through the entire summer season by visitors who will come here to see "Horn in the West."

The opening of the drama is expected to mark the beginning of the biggest tourist season in the history of Northwestern North Carolina.

A number of visiting newspapermen, among them Alfred Mynders, editor of the Chattanooga (Continued on page four)

Z. T. Greene, 71, Dies In Caldwell

Zachary Taylor Greene, 71-year-old native of Watauga County, passed away at his home in Granite Falls Sunday, June 22, following a heart attack.

Funeral services were held at 10 a. m. Wednesday at the First Baptist Church of Granite Falls, at 2 p. m. and Wednesday at the Oak Grove Baptist Church, with the following ministers officiating at the rites: C. R. Hinton, Grady Hamby, C. O. Vance, Bob Shores, and R. C. Eggers. Interment was in Hines Cemetery.

Mr. Greene, who was a veteran school teacher of this section, is survived by his wife, Mrs. Alberta Greene, and a daughter, Miss Imogene Greene, both of Granite Falls; one brother and one sister.

Democrat Office To Close Next Saturday P. M.

Starting Saturday, June 28, the Watauga Democrat office will be closed Saturday afternoons, and those having business with the newspaper should transact it by 12 noon on Saturday. Comparatively little business is carried on by the Democrat on Saturday afternoons, and patrons are asked to take note of this closing, in order that there may be no inconvenience.