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#### THE BIG WEEK

With "Horn in the West" just getting into stride and with the Fourth of July in the offing, Boone is expecting one of the largest crowds in history for the remainder of the week, and tourist courts, hotels and the like are making reservations daily for the people who want to come to the hills, cool a bit, and take a look at the Kermit Hunter drama, which many believe to be his best job, and which is drawing large crowds to the magnificent new Daniel Boone Theatre, which within itself would justify a nominal admission charge.

#### THEY LIKE IT

Reaction to the premiere of the Horn is splendid . . . Both home folks and visitors are gratified at the color and the pageantry, and the drama of the production which depicts the colonial history of the region, and glorifies the inner urge of normal men for freedom and independence, and human dignity . . . We can think of no better way to spend a couple of hours during the celebration of the Fourth ... The day and the drama blend mighty well.

THE PARTING OF THE WAYS Another old friend is missing

from along the street, and another bit of sadness finds its way into the community which has been so sorely smitten in days of the immediate past Cleve Gross, whom we greeted on most of our frequent trips to the postoffice, where he added a full share to the efficiency of the postal plant, has gone away, and we reflect briefly upon a deep friendship which began away back, and which persisted until our ways parted . . . Courteous, generous and kind, Cleve was an outstanding example of our better folks, and was one of our most patriotic citizens . . . Fighting amongst the poppies on Flanders fieldsshedding his blood for his country, teaching in the public schools. and inculcating in the blossom ing minds his ideas of good citizenship and square dealing; working for the Government in civilian employment; as a Deacon in the church, a leader in public thought and action, Cleve Gross measured up to a lot more than the most of us . . . We enjoyed our brief but regular ses-

#### sions over by the flagpole or at a postoffice lobby desk, where we exchanged views on the news of the day, and talked of many . Even when his step will take part in the nomination things .

Rites Are Held Friday For Cleve 'Horn in West' Receives **Mast Gets 14 Months** In Highway Death; **Judgments** Listed Home, Tenn., last Wednesday, following a long period of declin-

James Patterson Mast, who | driving drunk, and driving after was tried last week in Watauga license had been revoked, was al-Superior Court for involuntary lowed to continue his case until manslaughter in the death of Mrs. the September term of court by Wilson Hollars, Vilas, was giv- Judge Sink, Triplett's case ina sentence of 14 to 18 months in volved the death of Janice Goodthe State penetentiary, in the night, 5 year old daughter of Mr. court of Judge H. Hoyle Sink. and Mrs. J. C. Goodnight, who was killed by an automobile said to Mrs. Hollars was injured by a truck driven by Mast April 19, have been driven by him on May near her home, as she was on her 31. on Highway 421.

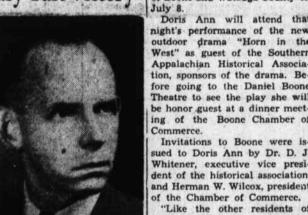
way to church, and died several Judge Sink had 115 cases be hours later. Mast pleaded guilty fore him in the special criminal to involuntary manslaughter. term of court, according to rec Tracy Triplett, of Triplett, who ords in the Clerk of Court Fred was charged with manslaughter, (Continued on page four)

### Earl D. Cook Is Named **New Sheriff of County**

Earl D. Cook, chairman of the of the sheriff's office changes Republican Executive committee, due to the election of a Republiand former tax collector of Wacan board of commissioners tauga county, was sworn in as which has the appointive power Sheriff last Friday, to fill the Sheriff Cook has been chairunexpired term of the late A. J. man of his party for many years, Edmisten, who defeated Mr. was tax collector for a long time Cook in the election of 1950. was rural mail cartier, and former automobile dealer. More re-Mr. Edmisten and Representative Wade E. Brown were the cently he has been engaged in only Democrats to win office in the conduct of his modern tour that year, and the political status ist court near Boone.

Spelling Champ Will Be Greeted By C. Of C.

North Carolina's national spell-**Greene Predicts Easy Taft Victory** 



CLYDE R. GREENE

Clyde R. Greene, chairman of pionship and congratulate you on the board of county commissionwinning this honor for North ers and delegate at large to the Carolina. We would like to show Republican National convention, our appreciation by inviting you leaves at noon Saturday for Chicago, where next week he

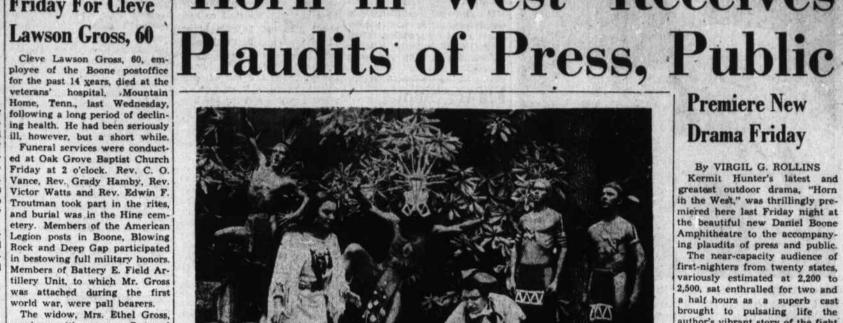
a royal welcome by the people of Boone and Watauga County on Doris Ann will attend that

#### Invitations to Boone were issued to Doris Ann by Dr. D. J. sued to Doris Ann by Dr. D. J. Whitener, executive vice president of the historical association

and Herman W. Wilcox, president Concord-"Bob Doughton Day" of the Chamber of Commerce. ceremonies will be held at Webb "Like the other residents of North Carolina," wrote Dr. Field in Concord July 12 honoring retiring U. S. Rep. Robert L. Whitener, " the officers and mem-Doughton.

bers of the Southern Appalachian Dr. G. L. Land, Jr., president Historical Association are proud of your national spelling chamthis week.

our appreciation by inviting you to be present July 8 as honor guest for a performance of "Horn which will honor the veteran Tar which will honor the veteran Tar Hor bir 42 July 4 th Celebration and to which all farm-



world war, were pall bearers. The widow, Mrs. Ethel Gross. survives, with one son, Corporal Gerald Dale Gross. There are two sisters, Mrs. Minnie Lewis and Mrs. Hettie Hodges of Boone.

ing health. He had been seriously

ill, however, but a short while,

ed at Oak Grove Baptist Church

Friday at 2 o'clock. Rev. C. O.

Vance, Rev. Grady Hamby, Rev.

Victor Watts and Rev. Edwin F.

Troutman took part in the rites,

etery. Members of the American

Legion posts in Boone, Blowing

Rock and Deep Gap participated

in bestowing full military honors.

Members of Battery E. Field Ar-

tillery Unit, to which Mr. Gross

was attached during the first

and burial was in the Hine cem-

Funeral services were conduct-

WATAUGA DEMOCRAT

BOONE, WATAUGA COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, THURSDAY, JULY 3, 1952.

An Independent Weekly Newspaper-Established in the Ye

Mr. Gross was born in Wilkes county November 25, 1891, the son of Isaac and Bethania Gross. He professed faith in Christ and united with South Fork Baptist Church at an early age. Later he moved his membership to Oak Grove Church, where he was a member of the Board of Deacons. and taught a class in Sunday School for many years.

He enlisted in the army Field Artillery, 30th division, volunteer unit organized at Le noir. He served for two years several months of which were spent in active combat on the Western front. Serious wounds were received while in service from which he never fully recov ered. He taught school for a

ing champion, 13-year-old Doris number of years after the war Ann Hall of Hudson, will be given and had been employed at the postoffice for the past 14 years. He was a charter member of Watauga Post American Légion, and had held most of the post offices.

night's performance of the new He was finance office at the time outdoor drama "Horn in the of his death. He was an active West" as guest of the Southern member of Snow Lodge No. 363, Appalachian Historical Associa-A. F. & A. M., and had been tion, sponsors of the drama. Bechairman of the Democratic Exfore going to the Daniel Boone ecutive Committee of Watauga Theatre to see the play she will County.

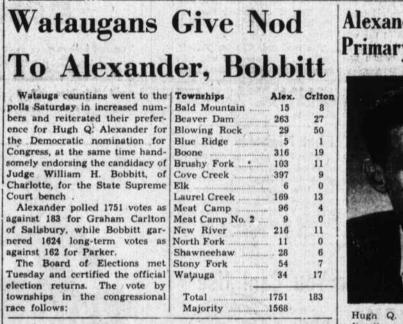
# **Doughton Day**

of the Concord Young Democrat Club, and Clifford Brown, president of the Kannapolis YDC, an-nounced plans for the event Blowing Rock Is Set

The Cabarrus County YDC

## NANCY WARD, the beautiful Cherokee who befriends the pioneers in their struggles Wataugans Give Nod **Alexander Is Primary Winner To Alexander, Bobbitt**

against the King's soldiers during the Revolution, puts her trust in the white doctor as her July 1917, in Battery E 113th son lies dying and the Indian medicine man tries scaring away the evil influence of epidemic. The scene is from "Horn in the West," Kermit Hunter's new drama, which opened in Boone last Friday and which has been playing to large crowds each evening. Samuel M. Greene portrays Geoffry Stuart, the young English doctor, and Louise Lamont plays the part of Nancy Ward. The medicine man's dance is by Harry Cobble, choreographer for the production .- Asheville Citizen photo.



#### C. Of C. Meeting Hugh Q. Alexander, Kannaolis attorney won the ninth dis-With Farmers rict Democratic congressional nomination Saturday, defeating Graham Carlton of Salisbury by wide margin.

The next regular meeting of

Boone Chamber of Commerce

ers and home demonstration clu

Tennessee, will be guest speaker.

The time of the meeting has been

changed to an evening meal in-

stead of the usual noon meal so

that it will be more convenient

#### 2,500, sat enthralled for two and a half hours as a superb cast brought to pulsating life the author's vibrant story of the fight for freedom by the pioneers of the Southern Appalachian highlands during the turbulent decade from 1770 to 1780.

In a single night the new play took its place alongside such established successes in the field of outdoor dramas as "The Lost Colony," "The Common Glory," and "Unto These Hills."

WATAUGA COUNTY

1950 POPULATIAN 18.341

FIVE CENTS PER COPY

To say merely that the offering was well received would be an understatement. The enthusiasm of the acclaim was genuine, and the sincerity of the remarks unmistakable. "Best one yet"---"wonderful performance" -and "I could sit here all night" were typical of the tributes heard on all sides during and after the performance. . Critics pronounced it "a worthy accomplishment, in script and production.

The excellently chosen cast who had apparently received mass inoculation against "opening night jitters", brought sensitivity and warmth to each role in a nearly flawless interpretation of the exciting, human story of the men and women who carved a civilization out of the wilderness of the Southern Appalachians as they sought peace and freedom from the tyranny of the British crown. They lived the story, and the audience lived it with them. A well-plotted story with fine-ly-drawn characters, "Horn in the West" represents a departure in two important respects from Kermit Hunter's two previous efforts in this field. In "Unto These Hills," which opened its third season at Cherokee on Saturday, and "Forever This Land," presented for the first time last (Continued on page two)

had slowed, and his work was becoming burdensome-when his shadow had lengthened as the sun descended, he held fast to his interest in the welfare of his fellowman, and did a continuing part in fashioning a better society for tomorrow, when he'd be We shall cherish the away . . . memory of a happy soul . who confided in us, who cheered us along the way, and who walked with us in good fellowship, in fair weather and foul, and never lost faith in his fellows.

#### "PAUL SAID TO MR. ED"

With no idea of commercializing even a few lines of this column, we call attention to the unique advertisement running regularly in the Demograt, en-titled as above, and edited by Paul Winkler, local insurance man . . . Paul writes about various things in his column. promotes a local campaign, spins a good yarn or just talks about his 'business-one can never tell, and that's the reason folks read it . . . The idea has been noted by the Mill Owners Mutual Fire Insurance Co., Des Moines, Iowa, and the company produces one of the complete ads in its house organ, the particular one stressing the local cancer drive . . . Incidentally the nationally-circulated paper perhaps did some good for Boone, as such, since at the bottom of the clipped ad is a strong plug for "Horn in the West!" . . . Anyway Paul is bleased that his copy is being ationally noted.

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of his party's presidential cand date.

Mr. Greene, a member of the original Taft committee in North be her first trip to this area since Carolina, flatly predicts the she won her spelling crown in er. nomination of Senator Taft about

Washington May 22, she has often the second ballot. He believes visited in the home of her greatthe campaign of General Eisenaunt, Mrs. Nora Moretz, of Boone, hower has failed to attract any Route 2. Her mother, the former considerable number of delegates Miss Frances Coffey, is a native since the General's return from of Watauga County and has a Europe. In fact he believes Taft wide family connection among has gained considerably more well known residents of the coun during the period than has the General.

Those accompanying Mr. Greene to Chicago are J. E. Hol-**Dougherty At** shouser of Boone; Fred Von-**Duke Meeting** Cannon of Banner Elk, tenth district alternate delegate; U. S. Grant Bauguess of West Jeffer-son and Mr. A. Z. Goforth of Durham-Dr. B. B. Dougherty, President of Appalachian State Teachers College, is participating

Statesville, Republican county chairman of Iredell county. **Red Cross To** 

## Meet Monday

The Watauga County Chapter of the American Red Cross will relationships. Featured speakers hold its annual meeting at 8:00 and panel group leaders include p. m. July 7 in the county courtnationally known educators who spearhead discussions on such

nouse. All persons who contributed as much as one dollar durvital issues as how to prevent too ing the 1952 Fund Drive are considered members and are entitled cation of teachers.

An antibiotic, streptompcin in controlling a bacterial disease of bean seedings. This finding opens up a new approach to the by bacteria, fungi, and viruses. Duke's teacher education centen-institution empowered to grant by bacteria, fungi, and viruses. Duke's teacher education centen-inal. One hundred years ago Duke's forerunner, Normal Col-institution empowered to grant by bacteria, fungi, and viruses. Duke's teacher education centen-institution empowered to grant by bacteria, fungi, and viruses. Differ the basis to stamping out the last thing we want to do is the last thing we want to do is to kill any valuable dog. How-strict Health Department. In pointing up the seriousness of the situation the officials say: "Two cases of rabies the past the last thing we want to do is to kill any valuable dog. How-strict Health Department. The last thing we want to do is to kill any valuable dog. How-strict Health Department. The last thing we want to do is to kill any valuable dog. How-strict Health Department. The last thing we want to do is to kill any valuable dog. How-strict Health Department. The last thing we want to do is to kill any valuable dog. How-strict Health Department. The last thing we want to do is to kill any valuable dog. How-strict Health Department. The last thing we want to do is to kill any valuable dog. How-strict Health Department. The basis is tamping out trable. The last thing we want to do is to kill any valuable dog. How-strict Health Department. The situation is not yet alarm-ing but could become critical. We want to ask for the full co-operation of the people in com-plying with the law."

Doris Ann will find friends and years of continuous service in

relatives among those greeting Congress. Rep. Harold D. Cooley her in Boone. Although this will of the Fourth Congressional District, will be the principal speak-

Others who have announced plans to be present include Gov-ernor-Candidate William B. Umstead, U. S. Reps. Woodrow Jones of the Eleventh District, C. B. Deane of the Eighth, Herbert C. Bonner of the First, and Carl T. Durham of the Sixth District, William Staton of Sanford, president of the statewide

**VDC**, will also attend.

### **Offices Closed** For July Fourth

The offices in Watauga County in Duke University's centennial Courthouse will be closed both Friday and Saturday, July 4 and conference on teacher training.

June 24, 25, and 26. 5. for the purposes of commemo These, along with some 250 rating Independence Day, accordother educational leaders over ing to Fred Gragg, Clerk of Court North Carolina and surrounding No business will be transacted in any of the county offices or states are dealing with problems of public school and university

### **Need Rooms** vital issues as how to prevent too For Visitors

to attend. An antibiotic, streptompcin sulfate, has been found effective in construing to for the conference is part of Duke's teacher education centen-nial. One hundred years ago Duke's forerunner, Normal Col-Miriam Rabb, publicity director.

#### By MRS. LUCILE LETT | time

Court bench

race follows:

against 162 for Parker.

Blowing Rock, N. C., July 1. --The 6th annual Fourth of July tics is under the direction of Dr. Blowing Rock, N. C., July 1. -celebration will get under way H. E. Spence, Mrs. Margaret majority over both.

on Friday morning at 10:00 Reineking ,and Dr. Coker. o'clock with a ball game on the Featured on the program will school ball diamond. Blowing be Mayor Jake Jones who will Farm Loan Office Rock All-stars will play the give the address of welcome;

Gamewell team. At 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon St. Mary's of the Hills Episcopal

the annual Gymkhana and Pet church here who will ask the Show will take place at the Horse invocation; Dr. Spence, Mrs. Loan Association moved its of-Show grounds. All local and visit- Reineking, and Dr. Morris Lazar- fices to this city Tuesday, and at ing children are invited to take on.

part. Mr. Lloyd M. Tate of Tate's Group singing and special plished the name of the Associa-Stables is in charge of the after-numbers will be featured. Pian-tion was changed to the Boone noon events.

The annual Community Sing and Mrs. John G. Barden. Mr. S. C. Eggers of Boone, the will take place at 8 o'clock that evening in the Municipal Park on Main Street with the singing of patriotic and religious songs of patriotic and religious songs Mr. Lloyd Tate as master of cere- until a manager is named. Miss and readings, also spirituals by monies. Square dancing will fol-the colored folks here at this Continued on page 1, 2nd section county is assistant secretary.

## **Officials** Ask Public Aid In New War on Rabies; Dogs Quarantined

Mayor Gordon Winkler and Chairman of the Board of Com-missioners Clyde Greene, join in asking for the full cooperation of the meanle in method wing the year and during the sear and during the search and t asking for the full cooperation ies during the year and during the disease can be controlled. It the disease can be controlled. It de quarantine which has been The last thing we want to do is should and can be stamped out and Saturday, July 4th and 5th, according to an anouncement by

Carlton. Alexander had led Carlton and members in the county are invit-Mark Goforth in the first pri- ed. Mr. Raymond Rossen, county mary, but was short of a clear agent of Washington county,



Rev. Thomas C. Seitz, Vicar of Moved To Boone for out-of-town folks to attend. and will be held at the Skyline Restaurant at 6:15 on Tuesday The Wilkesboro National Farm evening July 8th. The menu will be fried chicken and will be the time the move was accom-

served for about \$1.00 a plate. Doris Ann Hall, National spelling champion of America, will ists will be Mrs. Ernest Banner National Farm Loan Association. also be guest of the Chamber of Commerce.

> **Stores To Close Independence Day**

The Merchants Association of Boone has recommended to its member stores that they observe Independence Day by remaining closed on Friday, July 4th, and a majority of the places of business have indicated that they will be closed on that day, Exceptions

The Northwestern Bank in Boone will be closed both Friday

these two days.