

KING STREET BY ROB RIVERS

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 mightily 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 the 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 Gross was an outstanding example of our better folks, and was one of our most patriotic citizens . . . Fighting amongst the poppies on Flanders fields—shedding his blood for his country, teaching in the public schools, and inculcating in the blossoming 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 sessions over by the flagpole or at a postoffice lobby desk, where we exchanged views on the news of the day, and talked of many things . . . Even when his step 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 away . . . We shall cherish the 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 Democrat, entitled 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 pleased that his copy is being nationally noted.

Mast Gets 14 Months In Highway Death; Judgments Listed

James Patterson Mast, who was tried last week in Watauga Superior Court for involuntary manslaughter in the death of Mrs. Wilson Hollars, Vilas, was given a sentence of 14 to 18 months in the State penitentiary, in the court of Judge H. Hoyle Sink. Mrs. Hollars was injured by a truck driven by Mast April 19, near her home, as she was on her way to church, and died several hours later. Mast pleaded guilty to involuntary manslaughter. Tracy Triplett, who was charged with manslaughter,

Earl D. Cook Is Named New Sheriff of County

Earl D. Cook, chairman of the Republican Executive committee, and former tax collector of Watauga county, was sworn in as Sheriff last Friday, to fill the unexpired term of the late A. J. Edmisten, who defeated Mr. Cook in the election of 1950. Mr. Edmisten and Representative Wade E. Brown were the only Democrats to win office in that year, and the political status

Spelling Champ Will Be Greeted By C. Of C.

North Carolina's national spelling champion, 13-year-old Doris Ann Hall of Hudson, will be given a royal welcome by the people of Boone and Watauga County on July 8.

Doris Ann will attend that night's performance of the new outdoor drama "Horn in the West" as guest of the Southern Appalachian Historical Association, sponsors of the drama. Before going to the Daniel Boone Theatre to see the play she will be honor guest at a dinner meeting of the Boone Chamber of Commerce.

Invitations to Boone were issued to Doris Ann by Dr. D. J. Whitener, executive vice president of the historical association, and Herman W. Wilcox, president of the Chamber of Commerce. "Like the other residents of North Carolina," wrote Dr. Whitener, "the officers and members of the Southern Appalachian Historical Association are proud of your national spelling championship and congratulate you on winning this honor for North Carolina. We would like to show our appreciation by inviting you to be present July 8 as honor guest for a performance of "Horn in the West."

Doris Ann will find friends and relatives among those greeting her in Boone. Although this will be her first trip to this area since she won her spelling crown in Washington May 22, she has often visited in the home of her great-aunt, Mrs. Nora Moretz, of Boone, Route 2. Her mother, the former Miss Frances Coffey, is a native of Watauga County and has a wide family connection among well known residents of the county.

Mr. Greene, a member of the original Taft committee in North Carolina, flatly predicts the nomination of Senator Taft about the second ballot. He believes the campaign of General Eisenhower has failed to attract any considerable number of delegates since the General's return from Europe. In fact he believes Taft has gained considerably more during the period than has the General.

Those accompanying Mr. Greene to Chicago are J. E. Holsinger of Boone; Fred Von-Cannon of Banner Elk, tenth district alternate delegate; U. S. Grant Bauguess of West Jefferson and Mr. A. Z. Goforth of Statesville, Republican county chairman of Iredell county.

Red Cross To Meet Monday

The Watauga County Chapter of the American Red Cross will hold its annual meeting at 8:00 p. m. July 7 in the county courthouse. All persons who contributed as much as one dollar during the 1952 Fund Drive are considered members and are entitled to attend.

An antibiotic, streptomycin sulfate, has been found effective in controlling a bacterial disease of bean seedlings. The finding opens up a new approach to the control of plant diseases caused by bacteria, fungi, and viruses.

Rites Are Held Friday For Cleve Lawson Gross, 60

Cleve Lawson Gross, 60, employee of the Boone postoffice for the past 14 years, died at the veterans' hospital, Mountain Home, Tenn., last Wednesday, following a long period of declining health. He had been seriously ill, however, but a short while.

Funeral services were conducted 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, and burial was in the Hine cemetery. Members of the American Legion posts in Boone, Blowing Rock and Deep Gap participated in bestowing full military honors. Members of Battery E, Field Artillery Unit, to which Mr. Gross was attached during the first 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.

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 in July 1917, in Battery E 113th Field Artillery, 30th division, a 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 recovered. He taught school for a number of years after the war and had been employed at the postoffice for the past 14 years. He was a charter member of Watauga Post American Legion, and had held most of the post offices. He was finance officer at the time of his death. He was an active member of Snow Lodge No. 363, A. F. & A. M., and had been chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee of Watauga County.

Doughton Day Program Slated

Concord—"Bob Doughton Day" ceremonies will be held at Webb Field in Concord July 12 honoring retiring U. S. Rep. Robert L. Doughton.

Dr. G. L. Land, Jr., president of the Concord Young Democrat Club, and Clifford Brown, president of the Kannapolis YDC, announced plans for the event this week.

The Cabarrus County YDC chapter is sponsoring the event which will honor the veteran Tar Heel Congressman for his 42 years of continuous service in Congress. Rep. Harold D. Cooley of the Fourth Congressional District, will be the principal speaker.

Others who have announced plans to be present include Governor-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 YDC, will also attend.

Dougherty At Duke Meeting

Durham—Dr. B. B. Dougherty, President of Appalachian State Teachers College, is participating in Duke University's centennial conference on teacher training, June 24, 25, and 26.

These, along with some 250 other educational leaders over North Carolina and surrounding states are dealing with problems of public school and university relationships. Featured speakers and panel group leaders include nationally known educators who spearhead discussions on such vital issues as how to prevent too narrow specialization in the education of teachers.

The conference is part of Duke's teacher education centennial. One hundred years ago Duke's forerunner, Normal College, was made the first Southern institution empowered to grant degrees in teacher education, by act of the North Carolina legislature.

'Horn in West' Receives Plaudits of Press, Public



NANCY WARD, the beautiful Cherokee who befriends the pioneers in their struggles against the King's soldiers during the Revolution, puts her trust in the white doctor as her 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 Geoffrey 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.

Wataugans Give Nod To Alexander, Bobbitt

Watauga countians went to the polls Saturday in increased numbers and reiterated their preference for Hugh Q. Alexander for the Democratic nomination for Congress, at the same time handsomely endorsing the candidacy of Judge William H. Bobbitt, of Charlotte, for the State Supreme Court bench. Alexander polled 1751 votes as against 183 for Graham Carlton of Salisbury, while Bobbitt garnered 1624 long-term votes as against 162 for Parker. The Board of Elections met Tuesday and certified the official election returns. The vote by townships in the congressional race follows:

| Townships | Alex. | Criton |
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| Bald Mountain | 15 | 8 |
| Beaver Dam | 263 | 27 |
| Blowing Rock | 29 | 50 |
| Blue Ridge | 5 | 1 |
| Boone | 316 | 19 |
| Brushy Fork | 103 | 11 |
| Cove Creek | 397 | 9 |
| Elk | 6 | 0 |
| Laurel Creek | 169 | 13 |
| Meat Camp | 96 | 4 |
| Meat Camp No. 2 | 9 | 0 |
| New River | 216 | 11 |
| North Fork | 11 | 0 |
| Shawneehaw | 28 | 6 |
| Stony Fork | 54 | 7 |
| Watauga | 34 | 17 |
| Total | 1751 | 183 |
| Majority | 1568 | |

Blowing Rock Is Set July 4th Celebration

By MRS. LUCILE LETT
Blowing Rock, N. C., July 1.—The 6th annual Fourth of July celebration will get under way on Friday morning at 10:00 o'clock with a ball game on the school ball diamond. Blowing Rock All-stars will play the Gamewell team. At 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon the annual Gymkhana and Pet Show will take place at the Horse Show grounds. All local and visiting children are invited to take part. Mr. Lloyd M. Tate of Tate's Stables is in charge of the afternoon events.

The annual Community Sing will take place at 8 o'clock that evening in the Municipal Park on Main Street with the singing of patriotic and religious songs and readings, also spirituals by the colored folks here at this time.

This portion of the days activities is under the direction of Dr. H. E. Spence, Mrs. Margaret Reineking and Dr. Coker. Featured on the program will be Mayor Jake Jones who will give the address of welcome; Rev. Thomas C. Seitz, Vicar of St. Mary's of the Hills Episcopal church here who will ask the invocation; Dr. Spence, Mrs. Reineking, and Dr. Morris Lazarus. Group singing and special numbers will be featured. Pianists will be Mrs. Ernest Banner and Mrs. John G. Bardan.

Following the Community Sing there will be a street dance in the block between the Bank and Berryman's Grocery Store with Mr. Lloyd Tate as master of ceremonies. Square dancing will follow. Continued on page 1, 2nd section

Alexander Is Primary Winner

Hugh Q. Alexander, Kannapolis attorney won the ninth district Democratic congressional nomination Saturday, defeating Graham Carlton of Salisbury by a wide margin. Returns from all but ten of the 182 precincts in the district gave Alexander 22,079 to 12,484 for Carlton. Alexander had led Carlton and Mark Goforth in the first primary, but was short of a clear majority over both.

C. Of C. Meeting With Farmers

The next regular meeting of Boone Chamber of Commerce of Commerce will be held in cooperation with the county farm program and to which all farmers and home demonstration club members in the county are invited. Mr. Raymond Rossen, county agent of Washington county, Tennessee, will be guest speaker. The time of the meeting has been changed to an evening meal instead of the usual noon meal so that it will be more convenient for out-of-town folks to attend, and will be held at the Skyline Restaurant at 6:15 on Tuesday evening July 8th. The menu will be served for about \$1.00 a plate.

Farm Loan Office Moved To Boone

The Wilkesboro National Farm Loan Association moved its office to this city Tuesday, and at the time the move was accomplished the name of the Association was changed to the Boone National Farm Loan Association. Mr. S. C. Eggers of Boone, the president of the Association states that Mr. T. E. Haigler, Land Bank manager for the State will be in charge of the office until a manager is named. Miss Arlene Thomas of Watauga county is assistant secretary.

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

Mayor Gordon Winkler and Chairman of the Board of Commissioners Clyde Greene, join in asking for the full cooperation of the people in enforcing the quarantine which has been renewed for 90 days by the District Health Department. In pointing up the seriousness of the situation the officials say: "Two cases of rabies the past week have caused the health department to extend the dog

quarantine for 90 days from July 1. The law says that every dog must be vaccinated against rabies during the year and during quarantine must not run at large. The last thing we want to do is to kill any valuable dog. However we have an obligation to the people to assist in stamping out rabies. "In this matter we intend to do our duty as best we can and ask our citizens to comply with the law and understand when it is necessary to kill a dog. There is no known cure for rabies, but the disease can be controlled. It should and can be stamped out by an aroused public. "The situation is not yet alarming but could become critical. We want to ask for the full cooperation of the people in complying with the law."

Premiere New Drama Friday

By VIRGIL G. ROLLINS
Kermit Hunter's latest and greatest outdoor drama, "Horn in the West," was thrillingly premiered here last Friday night at the beautiful new Daniel Boone Amphitheatre to the accompanying plaudits of press and public. The near-capacity audience of first-nighters from twenty states, variously estimated at 2,200 to 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." 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 finely-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)

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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 will be drug stores, restaurants, and service stations, most of which will be open for the convenience of their patrons. The Northwestern Bank in Boone will be closed both Friday and Saturday, July 4th and 5th, according to an announcement by Alfred T. Adams, cashier. The post office will observe a holiday schedule on the Fourth, with the windows remaining closed. Mail will be received and dispatched as usual, however.