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KING STREET

BY ROB RIVERS

SAFE AND SENSIBLE

Independence Day passed off with the minimum of fanfare in this community, merchants and other businessmen took the day off from their labors and mingled with the throngs which formed at the Daniel Boone Theatre, where "Horn in the West" played to increasingly large crowds, and where old friends from far-away places mingled with residents of half the states. . . We are grateful that traffic fatalities were absent, and that no disturbances marred the happiness of the day.

FOLKS WE SEE

Howard Jurney, professor of mathematics at the Colorado School of Mines, Golden, Colo., Mrs. Jurney and the youngsters, visit with relatives. . . Howard, a son of W. R. Jurney of Elkin and the late Mrs. Lucy Farthing Jurney of Boone, has been with the mountain state institution for more than sixteen years. . . Mrs. Bettie Coffey Council, whose family moved to Hickory in 1902, spending the summer here. . . Widow of Judge W. B. Council, one of the two Boone men who was elected to the Superior Court bench, Mrs. Council is enjoying the old home town, and the fellowship with old friends and children of those who used to live here. . . Willard Beach, up from York, S. C. visiting the Democrat office, where for so many years he worked so tirelessly in behalf of the local journal. . . Jim Rivers, down from Washington, with Mrs. Rivers and Jimmy, enthuses over the Horn, and rightly believes that the Parkway is the nation's most spectacular scenic thoroughfare. . . Mrs. Ned Gibbs, the former Maude Clay, Mr. Gibbs and the children, Mrs. C. L. Shuping (nee Bobbie Clay) and Mr. Shuping, friends of other days, visit pleasantly with us. . . Oscar Brown passes the time of day on the curb, and Herman McNeil down from Pennsylvania, visits in the county, and matches political notes with us as we drape ourselves over a parking meter, in the best tradition of a King Street loiterer. . . "Like Ike?" we asked the guy who didn't like the President. . . "Indeed I do. . . but what does Ike like?" . . . Checked this to another bystander.

THIS AND THAT

Everything we decide that something has to be done about speeding, that the rapid clip used by some motorists in trying to beat the next traffic light, is endangering our safety, we are caught in a five-mile an hour parade through the city, or have to wait five minutes by the street-side for the string of sightseeing automobiles to pass, bumper to bumper, like a row of unhurried snails. . . Too little speed can contribute its full share both to inconvenience and to the accident toll. . . The expert handling of parking at the Daniel Boone Theatre eliciting the praise of those who had expected congestion and confusion. . . The splendid roads into the Horn area, and the efforts of the management to make visitors comfortable. . .

USELESS STATISTICS

We have always had an admiration for the folks who sit about in cool spots and make figures about all sorts of things, arrive at strange and unbelievable sets of mathematical conclusions and who never tire of the sport. . . Like the fellow who figured out the size of a box which could be used to hold every inhabitant of the known world, and further calculated that the package could be placed in the Grand Canyon, without hampering the flow of the Colorado River. . . Now comes forth one of these fellows with the news that the average man gets 1,567 haircuts in his lifetime. . . An occasional one, if he lives long, is fastidious, and grows hair freely, may go twice that many times. . . A couple of full days a year, it is deduced, are spent, listening to the clickety-click

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Drama Gate Reaches 6,930; Visitors From 35 States Seen



CHAMPION—Doris Ann Hall, of Hudson, who has family connections in Watauga, who won the National Spelling Bee this year, and who was a special guest of the Boone Chamber of Commerce Tuesday evening. Miss Hall is shown packing a bag for her victorious trip to Washington, D. C., where the spelling bee was held. She was sponsored by the Winston-Salem Journal, through whose courtesy the above picture is reproduced.

Spelling Champion Is Entertained Here

North Carolina's national spelling champion, 13-year-old Doris Ann Hall of Hudson, was feted here Tuesday night at a dinner given in her honor by the Boone Chamber of Commerce, and later the same night attended the outdoor drama "Horn in the West" as a special guest of the Southern Appalachian Historical Association.

It was Boone's official homecoming for the young student who won the National Spelling Bee in Washington May 22. She was sponsored by the Winston-Salem Journal and Sentinel and Station WSJS. Doris Ann has often visited in the home of her great-aunt, Mrs. Nora Moretz of Boone. Her mother, Mrs. Frances Coffey Hall, is a native of Watauga County and has a wide family connection among well-known residents of the county. The young speller was accompanied to Boone by her mother, her sister Eunice, her school principal, E. M. White and Mrs. White, and several friends. Raymond Rossen, county farm agent of Washington County, Tenn., was the principal speaker

Dedication of Three Forks Church Will Be Held Sunday; Congregation Established in 1790

Dedication of the Three Forks Baptist Church will be held on Sunday, with an all day service. The morning worship will begin at 10:00 with Sunday School, followed by the sermon, "The Model Church," by the pastor, Rev. B. R. Holbrook. Among other things, the afternoon program will include the dedicatory sermon by a former pastor, Dr. J. C. Canipe, and the burning of the note by the deacons and the oldest living member, Mrs. Nan Edmisten. Three Forks Baptist Church was constituted November 6, 1790, in the home of Robert Shearer. The charter members were James Tompkins, Richard Greene, Daniel Eggers, Ellender Greene, Wm. Miller, Mary Miller and Phebe Eggers. This was the first church established in Watauga County and the second one west of the Blue Ridge.

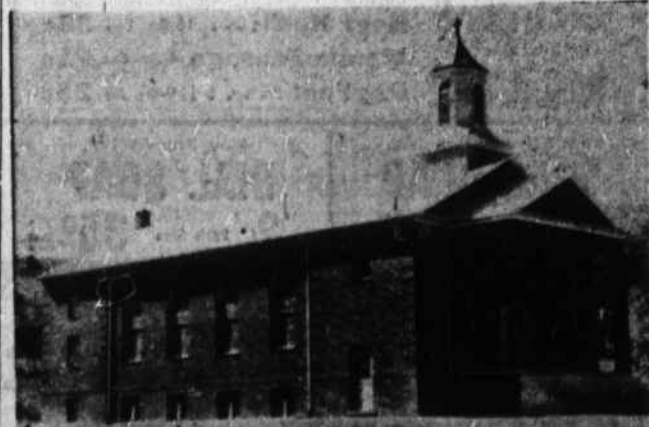
at the Chamber of Commerce dinner, which was held at 6:15 p. m. at the Skyline Restaurant. Doris Ann was introduced to the members of the chamber, and responded with words of thanks and brief comments on the national spelling bee in which she

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Second Lamb Pool Slated

The second 1952 Watauga lamb pool will be held at the sheep loading pens at North Wilkesboro on Thursday, July 17. Graders will be present at 7:00 a. m. and stop as soon after 10:30 as all lambs that are on the grounds or waiting in trucks can be graded. Payment will be made as soon as proper calculations can be completed and checked. Lambs that arrive at the scales early usually do not have to wait in line so long. Lambs will be graded by a state livestock grader and sold by grade. We are asking representatives of three packing companies to bid on the lambs.

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Ministerial help was sought from Beaver Creek Church, Bro. Barlow came and Three Forks Church agreed to give him 10

120,000 Holiday Visitors Travel Scenic Highway

One hundred and twenty thousand visited the Blue Ridge Parkway July 4-5-6, to set a new record for travel on eastern America's most famous scenic roadway.

In reporting the terrific holiday traffic, Mr. W. C. Surrey, of the National Park Service calls attention to the fact that during the three day period no accident came to his attention anywhere on the Parkway.

The picnic areas have been filled to capacity during the past few days, and Mr. Surrey points out that the pink rhododendron bloom won't last much longer, and those who want to see them should come within the next two or three days.

Short Route To Tennessee To Be Constructed

Elizabethton, Tenn., July 2.—The long-awaited break in the Elk Mills road construction—a part of the shorter route to Boone—came today with the announcement that bids are being advertised for the grading, drainage, surfacing with crushed stone and construction of two concrete box type bridges on a section of Secondary Route No. 2461.

The work will require a partial re-location of the present road, part of which was built by TVA. Upon completion of the new construction, only the section from Buntontown to the North Carolina line — less than four miles — remains to bring about the short route.

Rotary Club Opens Year

Boone Rotary Club opened its fourth fiscal year of work here last Thursday, and Vance C. Holland, Watauga Hospital administrator, made a talk on "The History, Organization and Operation of Our Local Hospital." Club members, who are representatives of the various businesses and professions of this locality, were told how the hospital had its origin and is being maintained through community cooperation. Mr. Holland contrasted the rates and expenses of the hospital with the rates of hotels, explaining that the expenses of the hospital were more than justified in the light of equipment available and services rendered. Mr. Holland announced plans are being made for a nurses' home and asked the continued support of the community in seeing that this needed project is carried out to fulfillment.

Graduates From Mortuary School

Mr. Byron Farthing, of Boone, graduated last Friday from the Gupton-Jones College of Mortuary Science in Nashville, Tenn., and following his examination by the State Board, expects to be employed by Reins-Sturdivant Funeral home in Boone.

At least 12 irrigation outfits are now being used on farms in Forsyth County.

Watauga's Tax Rate For Next Year Remains 80c



ARTISTS FOR ANNUAL PROGRAM—The ninth annual Grandfather Home Day at the Rumble Memorial Presbyterian Church at Blowing Rock will be held Sunday morning, August 10. Artists, shown above, who will participate include Jane Hobson, top left, mezzo-soprano, and Carolyn Long, soprano, Ernest McChesney, lower left, and John Baker, baritone. They will be accompanied by Stuart Ross, who has taken part in every Grandfather Home Day service and is one of the nation's top accompanists.

Grandfather Day To Draw Noted Artists

Blowing Rock, July 9. — Five talented artists have accepted the invitation of David Owens to present the program at the ninth annual Grandfather Home Day in Blowing Rock on Sunday morning, August 10. The program will be presented at the Rumble Memorial Presbyterian Church at 11 o'clock, and it is expected that, as usual, the event will be attended by hundreds of persons from this section. Last year, the contributions to Grandfather Home at the service amounted to more than \$11,000. Each year that the day has been observed, the orphanage has benefited tremendously from the donations of persons who attended the service, a musical program by fine artists, and gave money to aid in the support of the institution.

This year's artists will be Carolyn Long, soprano; Jane Hobson, mezzo-soprano; John Baker, baritone; Ernest McChesney, tenor; and Stuart Ross, at the piano. Master of ceremonies will be Larry Walker, and Miss Flora Walker will be honor guest.

Four of the artists are known to the audience as they have appeared at the Grandfather Home Day service before and have been invited to return because of their popularity. The new one is Jane Hobson, whose career was launched in the spring of 1948 by Toscani and Stokowski. Both celebrated conductors auditioned the then unknown Nebraska girl

Watauga County Paving For June

Raleigh, July 9.—The State Highway Commission completed 5.4 miles of new paving in Watauga County during the month of June, Commissioner Paul T. Taylor reported today. The newly surfaced roads and their lengths, all on the county road system, are as follows: From Bethel Road to Church, 0.9 mile; Road from Hodges Gap to Poplar Grove, 1.2 miles; and on county road from US 421 to Ashe County line near Brownwood, for 3.3 miles. The Eighth Highway Division brought a total of 11.9 miles of road work of completion during June, announced Commissioner Taylor.

and both chose her as soloist for major works. This tall, handsome, dark-haired girl is described as one of the bright young stars of the concert world. Carolyn Long's excellent voice, charming personality and pronounced dramatic gifts created a sensation last year, and John Baker, a member of the Metropolitan Opera Company, was a highlight of the program two years ago. Ernest McChesney, another return artist, has a beautiful tenor voice that the Grandfather Home Day service

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Vespers Held At Theatre

Vesper services at the Daniel Boone Theatre Sunday afternoon were conducted by the Rev. John Davis, interim pastor of the Boone Baptist Church, and attended by more than 200.

The Baptist choir, directed by Miss Nell Norris, sang "Bow Down Thine Ear, Oh Lord" and Fred Waring's choir arrangement of "Faith of Our Fathers." Bob Gilley sang "The Lord Is My Shepherd," by Dvorak; and Mrs. James Malcolm and Rogers Whitener sang "How Beautiful Upon the Mountain" by Harker. Accompanying at the electric organ was Mrs. Graydon Eggers.

Rev. Mr. Davis opened the service with a prayer, and read the 103rd Psalm.

The Boone Ministerial Association is in charge of the vesper services, which are rotated among the individual churches of the town and held every Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock. The programs are opened to the public.

Editors To Be Feted At Barbecue, Picnic

Members of the North Carolina Press Association will be feted at a barbecue and picnic at the Daniel Boone Theatre grounds Friday evening, July 18, at 5:30 as the closing feature of the Association's annual convention which opens at Mayview Manor, Blowing Rock, Thursday. The picnic is under the sponsorship of the Boone Chamber of Commerce and the Watauga Democrat, but all the people of

New Budget Estimate Given

Watauga county's tax rate for the new fiscal year will remain at 80 cents on the one hundred dollar valuation, according to the statement of estimated budget which is published today by the Board of County Commissioners.

Based on a property valuation of twenty million dollars, the levy is expected to yield \$160,000 which added to expected receipts from poll tax and dog taxes will make a total of \$169,200. Other receipts, notably State and Federal grants, which amount for \$159,556, will bring the anticipated revenues to \$343,451.

The 80 cents tax rate is distributed as follows:

General fund .234, health department .06, debt service .17, school fund .20, social security .0888, welfare administration .048.

The complete statement of anticipated receipts and expenditures for the year ending June 1953, is being published in the Watauga Democrat today.

Ram Sale Set For July 14

The Ninth Annual Boone Purebred Ram Sale will be held at the Livestock Market, Boone, on Monday, July 14, at 1:30 p. m. For the ninth time sheep producers will have opportunity to buy at their own price some top commercial rams without traveling from farm to farm to look for them. The rams will come from the following farms in Watauga County: Shipley Farm, Ed Love, Norris Brothers, Chalmer Phillips, Joe Wilson, Asa Reese, Wade Clawson, H. E. Greene and J. W. Norris.

The grade ewe lambs will be early selected lambs from some of our best flocks. Most of them will be large enough to shear and breed for 1953 lambs.

Mrs. Matney Dies At Age Of 84

Mrs. Julia Adelaide Matney, widow of John Matney, died at the age of 84 on Saturday, July 5th, at the home of her son-in-law, Alvin Storie, of Banner Elk, Route 1, following a protracted illness.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. on Monday, July 7, at the Liberty Methodist Church, conducted by the Rev. Ralph Miller and the Rev. Robert Allen. Burial was in the church cemetery.

She is survived by the following sons and daughters: Charlie Matney, Rominger; Lonnie Matney, Persia, Tenn.; Mrs. John Davis, Valle Crucis; Mrs. Alvin Storie, Rominger; Mrs. Flossie Davis, Cranberry; Mrs. Ennis Cook, Blowing Rock; and Mrs. Ernest Hartley, Boone.

Rural Route Hours Change

Rural Routes Nos. 1 and 2 have been advanced 30 minutes in leaving time from the Boone post office and will arrive at the rural patron boxes a half hour earlier than previously. This is possible due to the early arrival of the mails at the Boone post office.