

## Boone Negro Given Three Life Terms In Murder, Arson Cases

### KING STREET BY ROB RIVERS

#### FAIR WEEK

The local fair, an anticipated event of the autumn, has passed, and never perhaps, has such a wide collection of products of the farm and of the home, been placed on display in this section. . . Surely, Watauga is in fact, the garden spot, the Eden of the hill country, and the place where the Lord has laid down in super abundance the fruits of his good soil. . . The Democrat has always stood steadfastly behind the county fairs. . . Forty years ago, it lent its influence to the establishment of a fair, which was good, plumb good for its day, but it was too much of a chore in that day of horses and buggies for the folks to bring the prize pumpkins, and the big apples, and the tall corn, the fat cattle and the other products of the farm to the county seat, and the affair didn't last long. . . We have been for them squarely ever since. . . These fairs bring into focus the progress which has been made on the farms of the county, the results of the agricultural agent program, and of the home demonstration activity. . . they show what we are doing, and we quite agree with a local minister when he averred that the display of the fruits of the land constitutes "a glorification of the Lord."

#### SOUND AS A DOLLAR

The lady had the sniffles. . . All the science of the medics had failed to relieve the cold. . . She was coughing and red-eyed, and ill, as a matter of fact, when she was talking to a neighbor, who, as an aside, inquired about the health of the ailing one's husband. . . "He's strong as a mule. . . Hasn't a semblance of a cold, or a cough. . . hasn't sneezed in years, eats everything in sight, sleeps sound, and makes more noise in the process than a planing mill. . . If there's anything in the world the matter with him, I don't know what it could be," and we thought there was a faint "damit" in the next series of coughs and sneezes.

#### THE FOLKS DON'T LIKE IT

Lots of complaints have been reaching the writer of this column for the past few days 'count of the carnival which has been in our midst, and which they tell us dipped down to a new low, when it came to relieving the gullible ones of their hard-earned cash through the means of every sort of gambling device in the catalog. . . We have never worn the white badge of civic virtue or of community righteousness. . . The occasions on which we have spoken out against local activities have been few. . . They come to us, cause a few years ago, we led a movement, which was supposed to have resulted in the passage of a law to ban carnivals from the town. . . Last year it was found that the law had never been ratified, and a new one was passed, which is in force, in addition to a set of State laws against every form of gambling device. . . Notwithstanding this, the show of last week was allowed by the town, in violation of its own law, and the business went on and on, raking in the coin from the folks who were made to believe they had an outside chance of winning on the turn of the wheel or the roll of the dice. . . And some of the folks who were swindled got some of their money back, after a bunch of the college lads threatened to tear down the place, but in most cases the official comment was, "should have known better!" . . . Folks ought to know better than to shoot each other, or to get killed by autos, or to step in front of trains, but we don't fail to offer such protection as we can to the populace.

#### OUR POSITION CLEAR

The position of the Democrat in regard to this annual orgy. (Continued on page two.)



PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE—Miss Hazel Holder of Winston-Salem, who joined the staff of the district health department in Boone September 1. She replaced Mrs. Martha Fox as public health nurse.

### Wm. S. Whiting, Dies In Florida

William S. Whiting, 81, part-time resident of Shulls Mills and Blowing Rock for 35 years, and a prominent lumber manufacturer, died September 22 at his home in Brandenton, Fla. The survivors include the widow, Mrs. Carolina Whiting; one daughter, Mrs. Caroline Fellows, Connecticut; two sons, Henry Whiting, of Birmingham, Mich.; William S. Whiting, Jr. of Camden, S. C. Mr. Whiting came to Shulls Mills from Philadelphia, prior to the first world war, and bought the Boone's Fork timber tracts. He established a big band mill at Shulls Mills, caused the railroad to be extended there from Pineola, and headed the largest manufacturing enterprise the area has ever known. Details of the funeral could not be learned.

### Lions Club Holds Meeting

The Boone Lions Club met at 7:00 p. m. September 16 at the Daniel Boone Hotel with the usual amount of humor and fun which characterizes the fellowship of the club. After 30 minutes of enjoyment of a very delicious meal an interesting program was rendered. This being the time of the year when all minds are turned toward one of America's greatest sports, the program centered on football. Dr. Shaffer, chairman of the evenings program introduced Mr. Pete Everett, the new football coach at the high school. Mr. Everett, who is from the middle west, has had experience on the coaching staff of Iowa University. He introduced Bob Ray, Bill Talbert, and Don Lyons, seniors at the high school and members of the high school team. Each made a few remarks. Then Mr. Everett spoke on the condition and prospects of the team for the season. He also, discussed the state high school athletic organization in other states and the present set up in North Carolina. He urged the clubs support of the high school team, emphasized clean sports and what it means to all the boys. He also urged good attendance at each of the games. After the program some other matters of the club were disposed of, and it was adjourned until October 7.

### Greene Home Is Razed By Flames

A mysterious blaze leveled the June Greene home, four miles from Boone on Highway 221, Monday night at about 9 o'clock. According to reports, the family, who had been visiting at Meat Camp, returned home after an absence of about an hour and a half to find the six-room residence in flames. They were able to save a portion of the household contents, but the house was completely destroyed. The loss was partially covered by insurance, the report said.

### Triplet Is Given 2 Year Sentence; Other Judgments

Albert Anderson, Boone negro, was sentenced to three life-time terms in the penitentiary by Judge Clement in Superior Court here last week, on two counts of murder and one of arson growing out of the deaths of John and Bessie Jones when their home was destroyed in a pre-dawn blaze on July 17. Anderson had confessed to setting the blaze by pouring some kerosene in the hall of the Jones home, and throwing a match into the liquid from the doorway, after which it was stated he went to his home a short distance away and slept until daybreak. According to the confession Anderson's estranged wife was living at the Jones rooming house, and the husband had wanted Jones to deny her shelter so she would come home. Former bad feeling was evidenced between the two because of the domestic angle. Mrs. Anderson and children managed to escape from the burning building, while the Joneses were trapped in a windowless room to the rear of the structure.

#### Triplet Given Two Years

Tracy Triplett, tried for manslaughter in the Memorial day highway death of Janice Good-night of Boone, was sentenced to two years, and filed notice of appeal to the Supreme court. The child was killed by an automobile driven by the defendant as she was crossing highway 421 near her home. He had also been charged with driving while intoxicated and driving without a license. These cases were continued.

#### Other Judgments

Other judgments of the court are as follows: Ransom Greene, abandonment, non support, Pay \$40 monthly to the children. Max G. Pennell, driving after revocation, \$200 fine. Jess Walker, driving after revocation, \$200 fine. Following is the list of the judgments in cases of driving while intoxicated. The costs were added in each instance and driving licenses revoked: W. J. Bumgarner, 12 months on road; Sanford Coffey \$100 fine; James C. Craig \$100 fine; Donald Ray Farmer \$100 fine; Clarence W. Haley \$100 fine; Melvin D. Heffner \$200 fine; Hight Hollars \$100 fine; Marshal Kirby \$100 fine; Morris Shimlyaw \$100 fine; Frank M. Simmons \$100 fine; Leonard P. Taylor \$200 fine; Jack Ward \$100 fine; Jack Ward \$200 fine. Judgments in the cases of driving without operators licenses, are: James B. Coffey \$250 fine, Johnnie Coffey \$25 fine, Forest B. Condon \$25 fine, Marie Hodge \$25 fine, Lawrence Julian \$25 fine, Betty Setzer \$25 fine. For reckless driving: Francis Bettencourt \$50 fine, Tom Bumgarner \$100 fine. For speeding: Albert Bingham \$10 fine, Bruce Buchanan \$15 fine, Donald Farmer \$15 fine, Kenneth Greer \$25 fine, Ralph O. Hicks \$10 fine, Clara Hodge \$25 fine, John A. Hodges \$15 fine, Rudolph Jennings \$15 fine, Charles Love \$25 fine, Dwight Story \$15 fine. Over axle weight: Emory Blevins \$10 fine, Carl Gobble \$25 fine, Charles McRary \$10 fine, Bennis Watson \$10 fine. Jessis Michael and Earl Teague were fined each \$25 for permitting unlicensed driver to drive. For violating the prohibition law John Edmisten and Alton Rogers were fined \$25 each. A number of cases were dismissed, not pressed, and continued, to future terms.

### Green Valley P. T. A. Gathers

Friday night, September 26, the Green Valley Parent Teachers' Association will hold its first meeting of the year in the school at 7:30 p. m. All parents and interested patrons of the school are urged to attend this meeting.



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MIRIAM G. RABB

### Mrs. Rabb Goes To State Bureau

Mrs. Mirjam G. Rabb, highly successful director of publicity for the "Horn in the West" will join the State News Bureau as assistant director October 1, it is learned. A daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mont Glover of Boone, Mrs. Rabb is a graduate of Lees-McRae College, Banner Elk. She was publicity director for the college and Pinnacle Inn from 1937 to 1939. She was reporter and state news editor for the Columbia, S. C., Record for three years, and later did newspaper and other publicity work in Naples, Florida. In 1947 she was press representative for the Berkshire Playhouse, Stockbridge, Mass. It is learned that Mrs. Rabb's appointment is made on a temporary basis, and she has asked the board of directors of The Southern Appalachian Historical Association for a leave of absence until early spring. Mrs. Rabb will return to Boone for the annual membership meeting of the Association to be held October 6.

### Miss Rivers On Publicity Staff

Raleigh — William T. Crisp, executive manager of the Tarheel Electric Membership Association, announced this week that Miss Rebekah Rivers, of Mountain City, Tennessee, has been employed as assistant editor of the Association's magazine, The Carolina Farmer. Miss Rivers is a 1947 graduate of Appalachian State Teachers College. In 1948 she went to Paris as secretary-translator in the office of the Treasury Attache. She returned to America in 1951 and has since been employed in the Arlington, Va. school system. Miss Rivers is the daughter of Mrs. Fred G. Hawkins of Mountain City, Tennessee, and James C. Rivers of Washington, D. S. The Tarheel Electric Membership Association is composed of North Carolina's 32 rural electric cooperatives. The Carolina Farmer is edited by Jerry L. Anderson, husband of the former Miss Roberta Critcher of Boone.

### Open Season Set On Squirrels

The squirrel season opens in Watauga county October 2 and will remain open through December 16, it has been announced here by Tommy Osborne, game protector. The quail season will open November 23.

### Services Arranged To Welcome New Bibles

The new Revised Standard Version of the Holy Bible will officially go on display Tuesday, September 30. This publication is creating great interest among Bible reading people over the nation. It is called the "greatest Bible news in 341 years." Some three thousand services of Thanksgiving and Dedication are being held over the nation on this date. We are fortunate to have one of these services for Watauga county held here in Boone in the First Baptist Church, Tuesday, September 30, at 7:30 p. m. Dr. Julian Lake, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Winston-Salem, will be the speaker. Dr. Lake, before going to

## 1234 Enroll At College; 223 More Than Year Ago

### Blue Ridge Fair Sets Record For Quality, Quantity Farm Exhibits

The 1952 Blue Ridge Fair, held last week in Boone, had the largest display of agricultural exhibits ever shown at a Watauga Fair, according to many visitors who complimented those in charge of the exhibits. A total of \$1,098 was paid out in premiums in the various departments and in most cases the entire classification was filled, Mr. L. E. Tuckwiller, county agent and a director of the Fair association, stated. The exhibit space was well filled with the best of crops, flowers, canning, and hand work, showing that Watauga citizens have been busy throughout the year. Even the poor season mentioned so often in midsummer was forgotten in the competition for ribbons and prizes. Interest was especially keen when the judges completed their work and exhibitors and friends eagerly sought to determine the winners in each class. With the many events that happened during the week it is difficult to pick highlights of the Fair. Perhaps the most interesting thing on Wednesday was the display of exhibits as they were arranged on the tables and stands. Many people watched with interest the building and arranging of the "Farm and Garden Display." They marveled at the artistic ability of women who arranged these displays, but only a few realized the tremendous amount of work that had gone into the preparation of the display, Mr. Tuckwiller stated. On Thursday interest was centered around the judging of the crop and flower entries. The flowers were especially colorful and gave a beautiful picture as one entered the Fair. On Friday afternoon the pony show for the youngsters and the pulling contests for the horse lovers attracted the attention of the largest group to attend the Fair. James Henson's pony was winner in its class, while the black team driven by Frank Bolick won the pulling contest. The Baby Show and contest was the main event for Saturday. After the Fair was over Saturday afternoon, the rest of the day was spent by the fair officials in distributing the premiums won by the exhibitors.



—Photo by Palmer's Photo Shop  
BABY SHOW WINNERS—Shown above in the arms of the judges are the first prize winners in the Baby Show held Saturday at the Blue Ridge Agricultural Fair. At left, holding Bernard Dougherty's tie in a vise-like grip, is William Darrel Wilson, winner of the boys' contest, whose parents are Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wilson of Sugar Grove. The young lady with her arm around W. H. Gragg's neck is Mary Catherine Miller, who took top honors in the girls' division. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Miller of Boone.

The 1952 Boone Feeder Calf Sale and Show Monday promises to be a very interesting event, according to L. E. Tuckwiller, county agent. Watauga beef cattle producers have consigned 93 steers and 96 heifers to the sale, and it is expected another hundred or more from adjoining counties will be placed on sale. All of the cattle consigned have been field inspected, dehorned, and vaccinated for blackleg and shipping fever. All bull calves have been castrated. The show promises to be a strong contest with some farmers already saying they are sure to win, Mr. Tuckwiller reports. The show will feature four calves all sired by the same bull, but not necessarily owned by the same farmer. It is really a contest to see which bull is siring the best calves. Some of these bulls are: Trailway Paladin 2nd, owned by Jones Hollars. Ardmore III, owned by Valle Crucis Orchard. CNF Mischief Domino 7, owned by L. A. Henson. Mountain Silver, owned by H. H. Tester. Penelopes Paladin, owned by Tom Lawrence. Rupert I, owned by Charles E. Trivette. Triple E Triumph 1, owned by David Farthing. WHW Silver Lady 47, owned by A. W. Greene. Justice Return, owned by Tom Ward. The Boone Chamber of Commerce will award wrist watches as prizes for the five winners in this show. They also offer a watch to the farmer who has the best calf in the sale. In making the announcement, Mr. Andrews made the following statement: "We will endeavor to continue the same dependable, courteous service given in the past by the Colvard Chevrolet Company, and we earnestly solicit your continued patronage." The transaction was handled by Jerry Coe, local realtor.

### Feeder Calf Sale Is Scheduled Monday

### Andrews Buys Auto Agency Here

Mr. R. G. Andrews announces this week that he and his son, Dale Andrews, have taken over the local dealership for Chevrolet automobiles and trucks from the Colvard Chevrolet Company. The new dealership will remain at the same location on North Depot Street, and will do business as Andrews Chevrolet, Inc., he said. Mr. Andrews is no stranger to this section, having been engaged in the automobile business in Lenoir, North Wilkesboro, and Boone for the past 23 years. He was connected with the Colvard Chevrolet Company in 1949 and 1950, when he returned to North Wilkesboro as manager of B & L Motors, Inc., Oldsmobile-Cadillac dealer. In 1946 he erected the building which houses the Skyland Textile Plant in North Wilkesboro. The mill employs more than 300 persons. A similar meeting will be held Friday night, October 3, in the Ashe County Courthouse at Jefferson. The meetings have been called by AMVETS, of Burlington.

### Mass Meeting Of Vets Planned

A mass meeting of veterans of World War I, World War II, and Korea will be held at the Watauga County Court House on Thursday evening, October 2, at 7:30 o'clock. The North Carolina state veterans' bonus referendum will be discussed and a petition for a state bonus will be circulated for signatures. Senator Tom Sawyer and Del Desobco will be the principal speakers. A similar meeting will be held Friday night, October 3, in the Ashe County Courthouse at Jefferson. The meetings have been called by AMVETS, of Burlington.

### A. E. Wellborn Dies On Thursday

Alexander Elihu Wellborn died at his home at Deep Gap on Thursday, September 18. He was 93 years of age. Funeral rites were held Saturday, September 20, at the Laurel Springs Baptist Church, with the Rev. Levi Greene in charge, assisted by the Rev. Victor Trivette. Surviving are four sons: R. A. and Bill Wellborn, of Deep Gap; Oppie Wellborn of Tokyo, Japan; and Andy Wellborn, of Lenoir; three daughters: Mrs. Lora Hampton of Lenoir; Mrs. J. H. Lucas of Johnson City, Tenn.; and Mrs. J. H. Williams of Knoxville, Tenn.; one brother and one sister.

### Registration Figures Not Yet Complete

With registration almost complete at Appalachian State Teachers college for the fall term, statistics concerning the student body show that one of the college's largest groups has registered. There are now 1234 enrolled. Others are attending class whose registration has not been completed, and they have not yet been counted. Figures for the same term one year ago were 1011, showing that enrollment this year is up 223. Except for 1949-50 when fall term enrollment was 1250, and 1950-51 when it was 1263, this is the largest enrollment in the history of the college. There are 347 freshmen enrolled, which is almost a hundred ahead of last year's freshman enrollment. According to the veterans officer, there are 87 ex-service men and women at the college. Twenty of these are veterans of the Korean conflict. Five are disabled veterans, three of World War II and two of the Korean war. Sixty-two are veterans of World War II. Of the 1234 enrolled, 173 are graduate students, studying either toward the master of arts degree, or toward renewal of a graduate certificate. Graduate courses are taught at the college all during the week, with special extension classes on Saturday. An off-campus extension center is conducted at East Mecklenburg high school near Charlotte. Several new members were added to the faculty this year. Included are Francis C. Cook, English; James Rooker, music; Dr. Mildred Dawson, Education; Roscoe J. Allen, business education; Margaret Collins, Home Economics; Dr. John Hamilton, English; and Audrey Eichelberger, speech. In addition, E. C. Duggins, head football coach and member of the social studies faculty, has returned from a tour with the United States Navy. Two new dormitories, one for men and one for women, were opened this year, adding places for 560 students on the campus.

### Last Lamb Pool Friday, October 3

The last lamb pool of the season will be held at West Jefferson on Friday, October 3, from 6:30 to 10:30 a. m. Lambs will be graded by the state grader and weighed and shipped as in other pools. Mr. L. E. Tuckwiller, county agent, who made the announcement, said that it is important that the lambs get to West Jefferson early as the train leaves there about 12:00 noon.

### Grand Jury Submits Usual Report To Court

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