

KING STREET BY ROB RIVERS

AN ANCIENT CUSTOM

This thing of sending Valentines, which is taking the attention of the youngsters, and some of the oldesters, this week, dates back a long time; in fact to 270 A. D. when a young Roman priest, Saint Valentine, surrendered his life rather than to renounce Christianity. . . . And the day came to be observed as a time for Cupid and his darts, for the whims of anxious sweethearts, and for booming business for the manufacturers of the greeting cards, which are sent in countless numbers in the days immediately preceding the fourteenth of February. . . . From the old days, when a youngster would scrawl the "roses are red" routine on his slate, show it to the pig-tailed girl across the aisle, blush again and erase the message with the side of a well-spitted little fist, this business of sending Valentines has reached into the more cultural environs. . . . Handsomely lithographed pieces are available, candy and flowers, and garments of every description are at hand for Milady's pleasure on this sentimental occasion, and commercial interests are doing their best to bring it into focus along with Christmas, as a time of generally expanded giving.

THE SORDID SIDE

And it used to be that Dan Cupid and his little bow and quiver had to stand aside sometimes, come Valentine day, for the vulgar type of message printed on pulp paper, carrying vicious sentences and used as anonymous communications by those who wanted to get some sort of dirty crack across. . . . There were those who had to do with the town's stingiest man, with the fellow who jumped the pasture fence, and sought out pleasures in realms of social impropriety. . . . And of course the ladies who had postponed marriage for a lengthening spell, always garnered a few. . . . We don't hear of this debauchery of a wholesome sort of observance nowadays!

MEANEST MAN . . . A CANDIDATE

Vance Holland, administrator down at Watauga Hospital, believes the meanest man visited the hospital the other day. At any rate some one came into the waiting room and when he departed the little paper replica of an iron lung, into which folks had dropped their coins for the March of Dimes fund, had disappeared. . . . The container, coins and all vanished. . . . Mr. Holland doesn't know how much money was in the little container, but he thought it had been attracting the silver pretty well. . . . Folks dropped their spare change into the "lung" when they paid their hospital bills, and had aimed to help the little folks who'd been stricken with polio. . . . We quite agree that the guy who swipes nickles and dimes and pennies from the little crippled children of the land, has just about hit the bottom of the social and moral scale! . . . and, maybe ought to be hung for a minute or so, just to get the feel of the thing!

SATURDAY'S THE DAY

And Saturday evening, come to think of it, brings the big March of Dimes quartet singing and the end of the campaign for funds with which to fight polio. . . . Songsters from all over the area will be present in their best fettle, and those who like good music, are invited to come and enjoy the program. . . . Chairman John King isn't too happy over the polio fund, which is falling a little short of the goal, and we join him in the hope that everybody will come out for the big sing, and be happy, and help a just cause. . . . The need for continued contributions cannot be overemphasized.

UNCLE SAM CROSSES OVER

Looks like a lot of our chums have taken the long trip in the last few months, and we have just been apprised of the death of another of the hill-country pioneers, John Samuel Trivett, who had been living down in Caldwell and who went into the shad-

Chamber Commerce To Have Its Annual Dinner Tomorrow

The annual meeting and dinner of the Boone Chamber of Commerce will be held in the basement of the Baptist Church on Friday evening beginning at 7 o'clock. The members of the Worthwhile Woman's Club will serve a turkey dinner and Max and Tommy Raines will furnish the music. The speaker of the evening will be Marvin Krieger, secretary of the Johnson City, Tenn., Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Krieger is an outstanding speaker, accord-

ing to the announcement by local Chamber officials, who at one time was summer lecturer with the faculty of the University of Kentucky. He has served as a Scout Executive in the state of Illinois and was the first president of the organization known as the Lakes-to-Ocean, No. 421 Highway Association. Before going to Johnson City, Mr. Krieger was secretary-manager of the Chamber of Commerce in Harlan, Ky.



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Roy E. Piner Easter Seal Child

Chapel Hill.—Roy Edward Piner, Jr., of Wilmington, has been selected as North Carolina's 1953 Easter Seal Child, it was announced here by Judge E. Earle Rives, Greensboro, president of the North Carolina Society for Crippled Children and Adults.

Six-year-old Edward will symbolize all of the state's crippled children during the annual sale of Easter Seals from March 5 to April 5. He was chosen, President Rives said, because he typifies the children who are benefiting from services provided by Easter Seal funds.

Edward has been crippled since birth. His trips to the orthopedic clinic at James Walker Memorial Hospital started before he was a year old. At the age of three he had the first operation on his legs. When he was four he entered the North Carolina Cerebral Palsy Hospital in Durham. While there he had a second operation at Duke Hospital. After this operation he was fitted with braces and crutches and began to learn to walk for the first time.

Local Merchants Join Movement For A Garnishee Law

A delegation from the Boone Merchants Association drove to Raleigh Tuesday afternoon to attend a hearing before the judicial committee of the house of representatives on a bill which would authorize North Carolina merchants to garnishee the wages of debtors for the collection of accounts. The hearing was scheduled for Wednesday morning.

The Boone delegation was composed of J. V. Caudill, president of the association, Mrs. Roberta L. Ray, secretary, O. K. Richardson, and Roy A. Ruffy.

The state Merchants Association, which is sponsoring the bill, requested that one thousand members from all sections of the state attend the hearing.

Attend Band Concert

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Williams, Miss Reba Smith and Mrs. Connie M. Phillips attended the band concert in Mountain City, Tenn., Monday evening. J. W. Williams, Jr., the band director, leaves Wednesday to join the Army Air Force.

Chamber Officers To Gather Today

President H. W. Wilcox has called a special luncheon meeting of the officers and directors of the Boone Chamber of Commerce at 12 noon on Thursday, February 12, in the dining room of the Daniel Boone Hotel. The meeting is the outgrowth of a similar meeting held last Saturday to discuss the publicity campaign of the Chamber for the coming year, and all officers and directors are urgently requested to attend, Mr. Wilcox said.

Livestock Conference Be Held Here Tuesday

The 1952 livestock conference for Watauga County will be held at the County Courthouse in Boone on Tuesday, beginning at 10:00 a. m. L. E. Tuckwiler, county agent, announced this week. The main part of the discussion will be on how to make a profit on livestock. The program is scheduled as follows: 10:00 o'clock — "Pasture, Hay and Silage Production," discussed by Sam Dobson, extension agronomy specialist. 10:40—"Profitable Sheep Production," A. V. Allen, extension animal husbandry specialist.

11:20—"Profitable Beef Cattle Production," J. S. Buchanan, extension animal husbandry specialist. 12:00—Lunch. 1:30—"Preventing Losses in Marketing Livestock," H. D. Quisenberry, marketing specialist, N. C. Department of Agriculture. 2:10—"Profitable Hog Production," Jack Kelley, in charge of animal husbandry extension. 2:30—"Making Livestock Pay," C. B. Ratchford, in charge of extension farm management and marketing.

'Horn In West' To Start 1953 Season Next June 26

Boone Golf Club Given Charter; Meeting Is Slated

A charter was received Saturday for the Boone Golf Club, Inc., according to an announcement by Wade E. Brown, chairman of the charter committee.

A planning group met at the Gateway Restaurant on January 26 to begin the effort necessary to secure a golf club for Boone. Other members of the committee headed by Mr. Brown to obtain a charter were Dr. Lawrence H. Owsley, Jerry Coe, Jim Council, and Frank Payne.

The name of the club was chosen in order to definitely associate the new recreational facility with the geographical location, and a charter was necessary before plans could be formed and commitments made, it was said. A meeting will be held at an early date to give all interested persons an opportunity to join in a cooperative effort to attain the goals of the organization.

Samuel Trivett Dies At Age 88

John Samuel Trivette, pioneer Watauga county citizen, died Friday in a Lenoir hospital, from an extended illness. He was 88 years old.

Last rites were conducted Sunday morning at Nazareth Advent Christian Church, with Rev. Henry Hamby officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Mr. Trivett was born in Watauga County April 10, 1864, but had lived for some time with relatives in Caldwell county.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Blanche Trivette, of Oakdale, Md., Mrs. Lonnie Moretz of Zionville and Mrs. Mellie Green of Romesdale, Mich.; four sons, York and Howard Trivette, both of Lenoir and Frank and Vance Trivette, both of Boone; a brother, Arthur Trivette of Zionville; 27 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Father Mrs. Kirk Succumbs Monday

Mrs. John Kirk of Boone received a message Monday afternoon that her father, Mr. Larkin H. Shaw of Fairview Drive, Lexington, N. C., had died in a Lexington hospital at noon Monday, February 9.

Mr. Shaw suffered a heart attack several weeks ago and had been in a critical condition, but was thought to be improved. Mrs. Kirk had returned home on Monday after spending the past week with her father, when she received the message.

Funeral services were scheduled to be held at 3 p. m. Wednesday, February 11, at the First Methodist Church of Lexington, with the pastor, the Rev. Howard Wilkinson, in charge of the rites. Mrs. Shaw, wife of the deceased, also survives.

Returns From Camping Meeting

Marvin Culbreth, director of Camp Sky Ranch, has returned from Atlanta, Ga., where he attended the Fourth Biennial Regional Convention of the Fourth Region of American Campers Association. Mr. Culbreth was promotion director and secretary for the convention.

Miss Agnes Jeter of Camp Yonahlossee, also attended the convention and aided Mr. Culbreth in the promotional work. Delegates from 14 Southern states attended.

Visits Daughters

Mrs. Clyde Tester has returned to her home at Matney after a long visit with her daughters and their families: Mr. and Mrs. R. H. McMillan of McDonalds, and Mr. and Mrs. E. W. May of Concord.

Farm prices in January decline for fifth consecutive month.



Shown above are the Appalachian High School bandmen who were chosen by Mr. Roy Blanton, band director and clinic chairman, to represent the local band in the WNC band clinic held here last week end. They are John Edward Culler, drums; Guy Hunt, Jr., trombone; Milton Barden, baritone sax; and Dickie Hunt, cornet.—(Photo by Palmer's Photo Shop.)

Largest Band Clinic In History Held Here

The largest band clinic in the history of clinic work in the state was successfully completed last week end at Appalachian State Teachers College.

One hundred and thirty high school band students representing forty high schools in the western part of the state participated in the clinic. Four Appalachian High School Bandmen were selected by Mr. Roy Blanton, director of the band and clinic chairman, to represent our local band. These players were Guy Hunt Jr., John Edward Culler, Melton Barden and Dickie

Hunt. The schedule of events included two days of rehearsal under the direction of Mr. Allen Bone of Duke University, a dance and reception at the girls' gym, and a very successful and entertaining concert Saturday evening.

Officials of the high school and college wish to express their appreciation to the many people of Boone who furnished overnight accommodations to the visiting band members. An undertaking of this size would not be possible without the cooperation of the citizen of Boone.

March Dimes Fund Reaches Sum \$2,700

"Curious Savage" Stage Vehicle For College Players

The play production class of Appalachian State Teachers College will present the three-act comedy, The Curious Savage, by John Patrick, on Thursday, February 19, and Saturday, February 21, at 8:00 o'clock in the college auditorium.

The play is a delightful comedy concerning a woman who wants to enjoy life and make it happy for others, but is frustrated in this desire by her three selfish step-children, who though adult, are anything but mature. As a result, the three—Titus, Lily Belle, and Samuel, succeed in having their mother, Mrs. Savage, committed to the Cloisters, a rest home. There, Mrs. Savage meets others who are happy in what they are doing and who teach her more about life and people than she had known before. They make her positive about wanting to go ahead with her original plans to establish a memorial fund in honor of her late husband. Her reason for establishing the fund:

"There are plenty of charities for foolish people in desperate need, and none for people with a desperate need to be foolish." With many laughs, a touch of mystery, and stimulating dialogue, the play reaches its conclusion in a fascinating manner. "An evening well spent" will be your comment as you leave the theatre.

The play will be given admission free on Thursday and Saturday nights, February 19 and 21, at 8:00 o'clock. There will be an open dress rehearsal on Friday night for any who might desire to come. Late comers will be seated during the intermissions.

John T. King, chairman of the March of Dimes campaign in Watauga county, states that a total of twenty-seven hundred dollars has been received against the county quota of \$4,500, as the last week of the effort gets under way.

The dimes campaign is concluded next Saturday night with the annual quartet singing, which is to be held at the courthouse and the high school at 7:30 p. m. All the leading quartets in Watauga and adjoining counties are expected to take part, and the public is cordially invited to attend, and have a share in the fight against polio.

Chairman King states that reports are still outstanding from a number of schools, and asks that all those who have funds for the March of Dimes, bring or send them in this week, in order that final returns may be made. He further insists that everyone who has not contributed, do so, in order that the local goal may be reached.

ASTC Concert Band To Present Program

The Appalachian State Teachers College concert band, under the direction of Mr. William G. Spencer, will present its winter concert in the Auditorium of the Fine Arts building, Wednesday, February 18, at 8:00 p. m.

The program for the concert on Wednesday evening, will be as follows: Manhattan Beach, Sousa; Ariane Overture, Boyer; Gallop from Masquerade Suite, Khachaturian; Deep River Rhapsody, Walters; Pan-American Promenade, arranged by Bennett; Chorale Prelude On "Dundee", Whitney; The Walls of Jericho, Deniston; Andante, Ingalls; Air Varie, Har-

Board Directors Sets Dates, Makes Plans On Monday

The Board of Directors of Southern Appalachian Historical Association, which has met every second Monday of the month during the winter, has set the dates for its outdoor drama "Horn in the West" for the 1953 season. The play will open on Friday night, June 26, and will continue six nights a week through September 7, which is Labor Day.

At its meeting on Tuesday of this week the Board approved the budget for the 1953 season. Among major expenditures authorized was the building of an office building on the grounds of the Association, at the Daniel Boone Theatre.

William M. Hardy of Chapel Hill, who is general manager of "Horn in the West," is making plans for employment of additional personnel. A time will be set later for personal interviews, but letters of application can go to Mr. Hardy in Chapel Hill.

The Board decided to have a concentrated drive for memberships in the Southern Appalachian Historical Association. Individual memberships for one year are ten dollars each, and a non-transferable pass to "Horn in the West" will be given to every individual who purchases a ten-dollar membership.

Mrs. B. W. Stallings, who is chairman of the housing committee, stated that she and her committee are still seeking housing facilities, especially some apartments or houses that would be available for rent for the summer season.

Dr. I. G. Greer of Chapel Hill is president of the Association, and executive vice president is Dr. D. J. Whitener of Boone. Mrs. Miriam Rabb of Boone and Raleigh returns as press agent. Other officers of the Board include James Marsh, treasurer; Mrs. Earleen G. Pritchett, recording secretary; and Mrs. B. W. Stallings, corresponding secretary.

Freedom Drive Reaches Its Goal

The campaign for the Crusade for Freedom in Watauga county, reached its goal set by State headquarters, and Chairman Ralph Tugman expresses sincere thanks for the fine support the drive received here.

Following are the names of those who contributed to the fund here:

Boone Tire and Bargain Store, Goodnight Bros., Watauga Hardware, Inc., Wade Brown, Variety Bakery, Kenneth Linney, Watt Gragg, Marvin Russell, Jake Caudill, Fred Perry, Farmer's Hardware, Hunt's Dept. Store, Carolina Pharmacy, Stallings Jewelry, Coe Insurance, Boone Drug Store, W. J. Greene, Winkler Motor Co., Triplett's Garage, Hillside Dairy, Blue Ridge Motors, H. W. Wilcox, Watauga Motor Market, Betty Jo Miller, Northwestern Bank.

Repeat drive is being pushed to end 20 per cent excise tax.