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## KING STREET BY ROB RIVERS

### THE TIME OF THE YEAR

Springtime ventured in last Friday, to the accompaniment of perfect springtime weather as plowmen turned the sod in Boone gardens, and pop spied the garden rake and hoe and wondered if he might put it off a few days longer . . . Prolonged and soaking showers over the week end supply the perfect alibi for the papas who crave a degree of peace with the soil . . . Daffodils and jonquils and dainty little golden bells putting forth their gorgeous blooms, as the lawns turn emerald almost over night . . . The smoke of fires hang over the town as homemakers clean up the trash of the winter time . . . Gangs of robins come forth and pull fat wriggly worms from the soil . . . Have often marveled at the amount one of these red worms will stretch before he gives up the fight . . . Having our first mess of "creasy" greens, which will tide us maybe till the poke "sallet" pokes through!

### JUST TAKE A LOOK

Representative of some brewer's organization checking up on the bootlegging of beer in these parts . . . We had little information on the source of the sudy beverage . . . Said he could tell by the container something of where the contraband originated . . . We advised him to go south on South Street to the old laundry corner, turn toward the bus station and stop by the wayside, where he could inspect beer cans and bottles by the singles, by the case and pretty, nearly by the bushel . . . We've marveled at the streetside consumption of beer since the stuff was chased outdoors, particularly since we'd always contended mountain folks didn't care too much for the weaker solution!

### SEEN IN PASSING

Big moving van parked overnight, with license tags from Massachusetts, New York, Mississippi, Utah and a number of other states . . . We used to read the Democrat when the other Bob Rivers pined for a railway, so we could have access to the rest of the country . . . The trucks and the vans and buses have now put us right on the "main line" so to speak, and there's no need of the great iron horse so cherished by our ancestors . . . Fact is, transportation seems fully adequate to take care of industries we might be able to attract, and we hope it won't be too long until we have a substantial payroll . . . Richard Pierce, who used to be known about the Appalachian campus as "Peruna" and who has been sports writing for the Charlotte Observer for several years, revisits the scene of his baptism with printers' ink . . . says he's gonna build himself a house here, so the Pierces will have some place to stay during the summer time, when they turn like homing pigeons toward Boone . . . Members of the Watauga Coon Club gather to apportion out more than a hundred coons hauled in from Florida . . . The fighting snarling little animals from the low country, inflicted some wounds as their captors worked toward their liberation . . . Chief Richardson wears an Easter flower behind his badge . . . Cute teen-agers in gay slacks on way to Daniel Boone Theatre for Horn tryouts Saturday afternoon.

### FIRST VISIT

Representative Winkler pays his first visit back to Boone since he went to the Legislature the first of the year . . . The local solon, who perhaps holds the distinction of having introduced more bills than any man sent from this county in modern history, mixes with his friends, and lays plans for the final weeks of the session.

### MARKS ON THE PAD

The unoccupied house, formerly owned by the late Dr. Butler, burns to the ground . . . The structure, owned by the State, had been without a tenant for some time, and its destruction represented no appreciable loss . . . We always take a second look at a crimson automobile . . . Angel's Cafe expanding to take care of growing business, and J. C. Cline's sign, which says, "If you can't stop in, smile as you go by!"

## 'Horn In West' Opens June 26

"Horn in the West," Kermit Hunter's outdoor drama, will open its second summer season, on Friday, June 26, it was announced today by William Hardy, general manager. The play will be presented in the Daniel Boone Theatre every night except Mondays through September 7. A special performance is to be given on Labor Day.

In its first season last summer, "Horn in the West" played to an audience of more than 55,000 persons and was acclaimed a success by critics through the area. Hardy said a number of

changes have been made by Playwright Hunter which should make the drama even more successful in its second season. Thomas Nichols, musical director and composer, has revised the musical score completely.

Kai Jurgehsen, director of the drama, is now in the process of selecting actors and actresses for the cast of nearly 100 which is needed for the play.

Hardy also announced that his office would open in Boone on May 1. Information regarding the drama can now be obtained by writing to "Horn in the West" at Boone.

## Sunrise Service At Open Air Theatre

The Easter Sunrise Service for Boone this year has been transferred to the Daniel Boone Theatre Park. Music will be furnished by the Appalachian High School Band, directed by Mr. R. R. Blanton. Mrs. Virginia Wary Linney will direct the choir composed of combined voices from the several churches.

The service will be in charge of the Boone Ministerial Association, Rev. J. K. Parker, president. Congregational singing will be led by the Rev. C. A. Foss.

Coffee and buns for the service personnel will be furnished by the Boone Ministerial Association and will be served by the Methodist young people in the Methodist Fellowship Hall. Others will be welcome to share this warm up breakfast.

Rev. E. F. Troutman, in charge

## Colonel Storie, Native Wataugan Dies In Caldwell

Lenoir, N. C. March 23—Funeral services for Colonel M. Storie, 57, Whitel resident, were conducted at Laurel Fork Baptist church in Watauga county at two o'clock this afternoon. Burial was in the church cemetery.

He was found dead in a creek near a culvert in the Whitel section on Saturday morning. An autopsy revealed that he died of drowning when he fell from the top of the culvert to the rocky creek bed, a distance of about 15 feet.

Coroner Marshall Kincaid said the autopsy indicated the man probably was rendered unconscious when his head struck rocks in the creek bed. The head was partially under water. Storie also had an injury to the liver, Dr. John Reece, Morganton pathologist, reported after making the autopsy.

A native of Watauga county, he was the son of the late George and Sarah Storie.

Surviving are two sons, Romie Glenn Storie of the U. S. Army in Korea, and Wayne Edward Storie of Lenoir; five daughters, Mrs. Lee Teague and Mrs. Tom Winkler, both of Lenoir; Mrs. Alvin Freeman of Hudson, Mrs. Thad Miller of Charlotte and Mrs. John Gentry of Spruce Pine; three brothers, Milton Storie of Lenoir, and J. C. and Collex Storie, both of Blowing Rock; a sister, Mrs. Maude Crow of Lenoir; and 20 grandchildren.

## Doctor's Day Will Be Observed

The Annual Doctors' Day will be observed March 30, when the citizenry will pause to pay honor to the physicians of the county, and to memorialize those who have passed away.

Each physician will be given a red carnation, and many friends will doubtless take advantage of the day for sending flowers and otherwise showing their appreciation to the family doctor.

Jack Mock, of Carolina Pharmacy is decorating a window in honor of the physicians, both living and dead.

Both the Carolina Pharmacy and the Boone Drug Company are decorating windows in honor of the physicians, both living and dead.

## Lineman Injured On Power Line As Pole Topples

Claud Miller, lineman for the New River Light & Power Co., was injured Saturday morning when the pole on which he was working on Bristol Road, snapped off at the ground and fell.

Miller suffered a broken wrist and injuries to the head. He is a patient at Watauga Hospital, and his condition is favorable.

Mr. S. M. Ayers, power company superintendent says the faulty pole was an old chestnut but appeared sound, and that the men had worked on it only a few days before.

## Change Is Made In Tolerances On Burley Weed

A tolerance of only five-hundredths of an acre above the farm Burley tobacco allotment will be allowed this year instead of the usual nine-hundredths, it was announced this week by Dwight Cable, chairman of the County PMA Committee. This means that tobacco growers should carefully check the acreage he intends to put in tobacco so that the tolerance of five-hundredths of an acre will not be exceeded.

This action has been taken at the request of the committees on Agriculture in both the Senate and House of Representatives that tolerance in tobacco be drastically reduced to conform with other marketing quota regulations.

For further information the grower should contact the PMA office. George W. Shuford, who will graduate from the Lutheran Southern Theological Seminary at Columbia, S. C., May 27, has accepted a call to become pastor of the Blowing Rock Lutheran Parish June 1, this year. Mr. Shuford graduated from Lenoir Rhyne College in 1950.

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## Miss Minnie Day Dies At Age 71

Miss Minnie Day, of Blowing Rock Route 1, died at the age of 71 on Tuesday, March 17, at the Blowing Rock Hospital, where she had been a patient for more than six months.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. March 19 at the Mount Vernon Baptist Church. The Rev. R. C. Eggers was in charge of the rites, assisted by the Rev. Barney Oliver and the Rev. Will Cooke.

She is survived by three brothers, Millard Day of Boone, Eugene Day, Lenoir Route 6, and Alva Day, who lives in California; five sisters, Mrs. Nora Cook and Miss Bertha Day, Blowing Rock Route 1, Mrs. Claudia Triplett and Mrs. Mollie Estes, Bel Air, Md., Mrs. Ethel Hodges, Boone Route 3; and an adopted daughter, Mrs. Lavone Weaver, Blowing Rock Route 1.

## Union Choir Service Slated

A Union Choir Service will be held in the Presbyterian Church, Sunday, March 29, at 7:30 p. m., under the sponsorship of the Ministers' Association. The choirs from the various churches will present anthems appropriate to the Palm Sunday season. The ministers will lead in the prayers and scripture readings. This is a service of worship through music, prayer, and scripture. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Benson urges more flexibility in farm price supports.

## Winkler Would Dry Up College Campuses; Accuses Teachers

(By Marjorie Hunter in the Winston-Salem Journal.)

Raleigh, March 13.—The man of many bills had another one for the House yesterday, this time to dry up all university and college campuses in the state.

Hailing from the college town of Boone, home of Appalachian State Teachers College in dry Watauga County, Rep. W. L. Winkler thinks the time has come to "head off" this business of drinking on the campuses.

"There's no question there's considerable drinking among students and faculty at all the colleges," he said a little grimly. And that, he finally admitted, included Appalachian, too.

## One Hundred To Compete In First Local Spelling Bee



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## Sister Mrs. Greer Dies In Wilkes

North Wilkesboro, March 19—Miss Lucille German, 52, died Wednesday evening in a Charlotte hospital. A heart attack was the cause of death. She was recovering from a knee operation and was to have returned to her home at Boomer today.

Miss German was born in Wilkes August 21, 1900. She was a member of a widely prominent family, being a daughter of the late J. M. German and Mrs. Mary Carlton German of Boomer.

Surviving are her mother, one brother, Charles H. German of Boomer; five sisters, Mrs. R. T. Greer of Boone, Mrs. J. F. Britton of Myrtle Beach, S. C., Mrs. A. E. Toerne of San Antonio, Texas, Mrs. W. H. Jackson of Raleigh, Mrs. Carl Hendrix of Boomer.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, 11 a. m., at Zion Hill Baptist church, of which she was a member. The Rev. E. V. Bumgarner and the Rev. A. E. Watts will conduct the service. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

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## Red Cross Campaign Gaining In Watauga

The Red Cross campaign is gaining momentum in Watauga county, with the prospect that the local goal will be reached within the prescribed time, and Rev. E. F. Troutman, campaign chairman, has this to say of the Red Cross:

"The Red Cross emblem is the world's symbol of compassion — of man's desire to help his neighbor when in distress and suffering. This year let us have a window sticker in every home and business center, and a lapel Red Cross tag on every coat.

"When disaster strikes Red Cross is there to give first aid

and the necessities of life. You are there to help the stricken in disaster or on the battle field. You are there with your money and your blood which you have shared with your fellowman.

"Last year the American people, through their Red Cross, answered thousands of calls for help — from disaster victims, from service men, from the ill or wounded in need of blood.

"Have you joined the 1953 Roll Call? If not, then join today — help those who are giving of their time to make the 1953 Roll Call a success—\$3,200 is Watauga's quota—let us meet it at once!"

## Winkler Says Official Is Selected By Drawing

Representative W. L. Winkler of Watauga, doesn't think the best way to select a tax collector and tax supervisor is to pick a name out of a hat, according to a Raleigh dispatch to the Asheville Citizen.

That's what he told the House

## Martin Banner Places On Paper's All Star Team

Martin Banner, forward, outstanding player with the Cove Creek basketball team, received further honors last week by being named on the Winston-Salem Journal's Northwest All-Star basketball team, which it is believed is the best balanced team ever selected.

Young Banner, one of the famous Banner athletes, is a repeater on the all-star team and richly deserves the award. Martin, teaming with brother John were spectacular performers when Cove Creek swept through a brilliant campaign with only one defeat.

## Unit Test Farmers Hold Meeting Here

The Unit Test Demonstration farmers held their annual Farm and Home Planning Meeting on Friday, March 20, at the Legion Hut. Mr. W. B. Collins, Farm Management Supervisor, gave a report on the summary of all farm record books received in 1952. This report showed that many of the farm incomes were lower than 1951.

The farmers then were asked for suggestions on how to increase production with increasing costs. The following suggestions were made: produce silage for livestock, grow alfalfa for hay, improve pasture, improve quality of livestock, and add an additional enterprise.

local government committee when he spoke up for approval of his bill to make the jobs elective. He explained, says the dispatch, that the county commissioners recently had 13 applicants for one of jobs. They were undecided as to the proper man for the job, so they wrote the names on pieces of paper, put them in a hat, and pulled one out.

Winkler told the committee the bill had the approval of both parties in Watauga. It subsequently got committee approval and was passed by the House.

Another bill designed to fix fees to be collected by the Sheriff of Watauga County went through the House.

## Mrs. Mary L. Mast Succumbs Friday

Mrs. Mary Lou Cindy Mast, 70, died March 20 at her home in Cove Creek. She had been in poor health for some time.

Funeral services were held Sunday March 22 at the Willow Dale Baptist Church with the Rev. E. O. Gore in charge of the rites, assisted by Rev. Cecil Glenn and Rev. Harold Senger. Burial was in the Mast cemetery.

Survivors include three sons: Louey J. and Bud J. Mast of Vilas, and Gilbert F. Mast of Boone; three daughters: Mrs. W. D. Fletcher, Vilas, Mrs. James N. Dennis, Blowing Rock and Mrs. A. B. Brinkley of Milton, N. C. There are 23 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren. Also surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Lottie Calloway, Banner Elk, N. C. and Mrs. Clarice Harmon, Canton, Ohio. Two brothers, Mr. Bennet Eggers, Banner Elk and Mr. Niveny Eggers of Silverstone. Also one half brother, Orville Eggers of Lenoir.

## Dr. Michal Enters School Of Health

Dr. Mary B. H. Michal, district health officer has entered the School of Public Health at Chapel Hill for the spring quarter to complete the requirements for a degree in public health.

Dr. Michal will be out of the office during the regular weekly clinics through May but clinic work will continue at the usual times with the nurses conducting them and making referrals to local physicians for anything needing a doctor's attention.

Monthly clinics such as mother and infant clinics in each county will not be held during April and May.

## Funeral Held For Bumgardner Child

Ronnie Lee Bumgardner, 10 months old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Bumgardner of Madison, N. C., died March 18, 1953. Graveside rites were held at the Sands cemetery, Boone, by Rev. Raymond Hendrix.

Almost one hundred contestants will compete for the five valuable prizes to be offered at the old fashioned spelling bee to be held at the high school auditorium Friday evening at 7:30 under the auspices of the band parents' association.

Mr. R. E. Agle will serve as master of ceremonies, and Mr. Cratis Williams of the Appalachian College English department will act as pronouncer. Judges are: Mr. Fred Gragg, Miss Helen Underdown and Mr. H. R. Eggers.

The words which will be used are words likely to appear in usual handwriting, and will be selected from the seventh grade spelling book, the Freshman spelling list at the college, and Webster's students dictionary.

Mrs. Herman Eggers, chairman of the spelling bee, has arranged an interesting program, and since wide interest has been created in the event, urges everyone to come early in order to secure a seat. Contestants are asked to be on the stage at the High School not later than 7 o'clock. The Appalachian High School Band will play for the event.

The prizes to be awarded to the five best spellers are: First place, radio; second, pen and pencil set; third, months theatre pass; fourth, picnic cooler; fifth, traveling iron. These prizes may be seen in the window of the Boone Drug Co.

Admission is 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for all school children. The proceeds will be used for the benefit of the High School band.

## Mr. James Rooker To Appear Monday In Piano Recital

The Appalachian State Teachers College Department of Music will present Mr. James Rooker, pianist, in recital on Monday evening, March 30, at 8:00 p. m. in the auditorium of the Fine Arts Building.

Mr. Rooker, professor of piano, joined the college music faculty this year. He holds the B. M. degree from Peabody College and the M. S. degree from the University of Kentucky. He has done post graduate work at the Juillard School of Music in New York City. He is a member of the Appalachian duo-piano team which has appeared previously in recital in Boone and various places throughout the state.

The program for Monday night will include Prelude and Fugue in A Minor by Back-Liszt; Sonata in D Major, by Back-Liszt; Sonata in D Major, by Mozart; Soaring, by Schumann; Prophet Bird, by Schumann; Ballad in F Minor, by Chopin; Dead Leaves, by Debussy; The Wine Gate, by Debussy; and The Isle of Joy, by Debussy.

Everyone is invited to attend the recital March 30 at 8:00 p. m. Mr. Rooker will also appear in recital at Mars Hill College on April 7.

## Mrs. Esther Elliott Rites Saturday

Mrs. Esther Louise Elliott, 82, of Vilas Route 1, died March 19 at the Watauga Hospital following an extended illness. She had been a patient at the hospital for ten days.

Funeral services were held March 21 at the Willow Dale Baptist Church, conducted by the Rev. Ralph Miller and the Rev. E. O. Gore. Burial was in the Howell Cemetery.

She is survived by the following sons and daughters: Wade Elliott, Potlatch, Idaho, Wiley Elliott, Wilmington, Calif., Tom Elliott, Cleveland, O., Mrs. Beulah Coleman, Cleveland, O., and Miss Cordelia Elliott, Vilas.

David P. Mast, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dave P. Mast of Sugar Grove, has pledged the Edgar W. Timberlake Chapter of Phi Alpha Delta Legal Fraternity at Wake Forest College. Mr. Mast is a first year law student at Wake Forest College.