

## KING STREET

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### WHO'S CAUGHT A HORNEYHEAD LATELY?

Fishing time comes around about the time the grass grows green and the willows bud, and the sunny days give away to the unexpected cold snaps, but it's always a time of high good humor and keen anticipation by the lads and the men who like to follow the trout streams or dangle a red worm into the deep pool, where just any sort of small fish might be lurking. . . . It's a time of high excitement, of long tough trips through dense laurels to the dashing cold streams where the wily trout waits for his food, of hunger, of big tales and of wet clothes resulting from the step on the mossy rock, which was spasmodically lapped by the waters of the brook. . . . But it's fun, and we are always afflicted with nostalgia about this time of the year. . . . and sometimes we look back a long time to when the Rivers boys carried willow poles along Boone Creek, snatching minnows and trout and a sucker maybe from the eddies where the creek rounded the clump of willows, or from the deep pool where the water spilled from the Dougherty mill. . . . And there were the horny heads, the tough little fishes, which tied into a red worm with such force that a barefoot boy always thought for a moment he had hooked a near relative to the leviathan that latched on to Jonah. . . . And, come to think of it, we haven't seen a hornyhead for some time, and at least one other fellow has set to wondering what become of him. . . . We quote the following from the Greensboro Daily News, and offer the comment that the fellow who wrote it angled in our time, and certainly knows his crick-bank fishing:

"About this season of the year we invariably start wondering what has happened to the hornyheads that we used to go down to the creek in the pasture and begin catching come late April or May in time agone.

"Don't tell us you belong to the generation which doesn't know what a hornyhead is: A fish built somewhat along the lines of a sucker, but much darker, almost to the point of being black, that ran up to some eight or 10 inches in length and that got its name from the cluster of horns or cones on the top of its head. . . . You used to find them in just about any branch or creek where the water in washout holes ranged anywhere from knee to waist deep. And the rigging you used to catch them? Well, it was just about anything you could lay hands on, a string of any kind, a cork that you got out of some bottle in the medicine chest, a small shot flattened out and hammered back around the line, a small hair hook or a best pin if you could find nothing else and any kind of pole you could cut, preferably a reed, along the creek bank. With that and a can of worms, you were fixed up; and never were you prouder than coming back carrying a twig on which you had strung five or six hornyheads. . . . Of course there was another way of catching hornyheads. With a half-hoop and a burlap bag you made a tow sack seine. You and the boy next door generally went seining together. One of you would hold the spine at the far edge of the hole where you figured the hornyheads were and the other would wade in from the far side, muddying the water with a stick and driving the fish around the bank toward, and you hoped into, the seine. Generally you came up with something; sometimes hornyheads and other little fish that you could keep, and other times with tiny minnows and crawfish that you disdained and not infrequently a snake.

"But it was a great life: so great in fact that it will never be lost in memory and that it sends us back here again asking just what's happened to hornyheads and is anybody catching them these days of branch clogging and creek contamination. Or can it be that hornyheads too have gone the way of the doodlebug?"

## Bethel, Boone Win In Lions Queen Contest; Show Winners Noted

Ann Farthing, Bethel High School, and Margaret Lynn Hagaman, Boone Demonstration School, were selected last Friday night as senior and junior queens, of the Boone Lions Club.

## JOHN F. GREENE IS KILLED IN KOREAN WAR

Marine Pfc. John Frank Greene, 24, was killed in action in Korea April 8, according to a message received Friday by his family in Boone.

Pfc. Greene entered the Marine Corps May 22, 1952, received his boot training at Parris Island and went to Korea December 22, 1952.

Survivors are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Murry Greene of Boone, Rt. 2; his wife, the former Miss Betty Michael of Todd; three sisters, Mrs. Margaret Eubanks, Concord, Mrs. Len Rositas, Maryland, Mrs. Earlene Adams of Sugar Grove, and a brother, Sgt. Robert R. Greene of Fort Bragg. Pfc. Greene attended the Boone schools and was married in August, 1952.

## Historical Group To Hold Meeting

The spring meeting of the Southern Appalachian Historical Association will meet at the Martin Cottage, Blowing Rock, May 18, at 6:30 p. m. All members are urged to come.

At the same time it is announced that the "Horn in the West" office will open April 18, when Mrs. Miriam Rabb, press agent, reports for duty. A temporary downtown office will be used until a new one is completed at the Daniel Boone Theatre.

The Historical Association, meantime, is continuing its membership campaign. The annual dues are \$10.

Big rise in room air-conditioners production is forecast.

## Panel Discussion Is Feature Cancer Drive

Dr. L. H. Owsley, medical advisor of the Watauga County unit of American Cancer Society, announced at the executive committee meeting held at Gateway Cafe at noon on Monday, that a panel discussion will be held on April 29, at 9:45 over radio station WATA. The program was arranged by the Junior Woman's Club and those participating in the discussion will be Dr. Owsley, Miss Madeleine McCain, Mr. Dave P. Mast, and Mrs. John Davis.

Two members of the Junior Woman's Club, Mrs. Martha Hawkinson and Mrs. Vera Richardson, were present and their club has volunteered to baby-sit and also furnish transportation to mothers who are interested in going to the Cancer Detection Center in North Wilkesboro.

Mrs. John Davis, campaign chairman, reported a \$10.00 contribution to the fund by Dixie Home Store in Greenville, S. C. Blowing Rock has sent \$25.00 and a check for \$5.00 was recently received from Swafford's Tire Store. Mrs. Davis also corrected a recent report concerning the Watauga county quota, which is \$430.00 instead of \$300.00 as was previously announced. "Our quota has always been met and I'm sure we will do it again," said Mrs. Davis.

## Horn In West May Get \$35,000 State Funds

A \$35,000 appropriation for "Horn in the West," Kermit Hunter's outdoor drama opening its second season here June 26, won approval last Friday of the joint appropriations subcommittee of the state legislature.

By a margin of two votes, the subcommittee voted to recommend that the full committee give



APALACHIAN DOUBLE MIXED OCTET

## Double Mixed Octet In Series Of Concerts

The Appalachian Double Mixed Octet, under the direction of Mr. Hoyt Safrit, gave a very successful and inspiring program to a capacity audience Sunday evening at the Plaza Presbyterian Church in Charlotte.

This concert marked the first of a series of concerts that the ensemble will give during the rest of this month, and the early part of May. Sunday, April 19, the ensemble will sing at the Pisgah A. R. P. Church in Gastonia, and on April 26 the Boone Lutheran Church will present the ensemble in concert at their church.

Octet personnel includes Helen Cole, Gail Pulliam, Jackie Snyder, Marie Vaught, Mary Alva White, Naomi Smith, Eleanor Helms, Martha Simmons, Clifton Boyd, Lawrence Phillips, Gene Wilson, Jimmy Hart, Ben Connel, Bill Peters, William Whitehead, and Bob Gilley. Mr. James Rooker of the college music faculty, is organist and Miss Frances Sisk is pianist.

The spring concert program is as follows:

Out of the Depths by Bach; All Glory Laud, and Honor by Bach; The Heavens Are Telling by Haydn; Blessed Jesus, Fount of Mercy by Dvorak; Love Divine by Prichard; Judge Me, O God by Mueller; Let My People Go, arr. by Fred Waring; Steal Away, arr. by F. Hall; Set Down Servant, arr. by Robert Shaw; Alleluia, Christ Is Risen by Andre Kopyloff; Blind and Alone in the Darkness by Matthews; the Legend by Tschakowsky; Hail, Bright Abode by Wagner; the Lord Bless You and Keep You by Lutkin.

Indications are that the tourist business on the mountain top will be splendid this summer.

## Warm Weather Brings Tourists To Blowing Rock

Blowing Rock. — April 13. — With the mild weather of the past few weeks, has come an early beginning of the tourist season here, and there has been an impressive procession of out-of-state cars moving into the mountains for the summer.

Watauga Inn and the Wagon Wheel Grill have opened for the season.

Miss Mildred Lou Guy, of Sugar Grove, died at the age of 24 on April 9 in Watauga Hospital, following a protracted illness. She had been a patient in the hospital for the past thirty days.

Funeral services were held Sunday, April 12, at the Timbered Ridge Baptist Church, with the Rev. Cecil Glenn in charge of the rites, assisted by the Rev. Albert Tester. Burial was in the Greene Cemetery.

She is survived by her mother, Mrs. Ira Guy, and two sisters, Mrs. Narvie Rominger and Miss Billie Ray Guy, all of Sugar Grove.

## Burley Papers Must Be Filed

The closing date for filing 1953 combination and division of Burley tobacco farm allotments with the Watauga County PMA Committee is May 15. Burley tobacco growers who have sold or bought, whole or in part, farms on which a 1953 Burley tobacco allotment has been established should file for a combination or division of such allotments before this date in order that allotments may be adjusted for the 1953 production and marketing season.

## Dinner Meeting NCEA Members

A dinner meeting for members of the Watauga County Unit of the NCEA and their guests will be held in the Appalachian State Teachers College Cafeteria Thursday evening, April 16, at 7:30 o'clock. A short but interesting program is in the making, and a large attendance is expected.

Hungary, noted as a European granary, is reported facing a serious crop crisis.

## City Clean-Up Drive To Begin Monday

### Construction Begins On New Nurses Home

Construction work began last week on the new nurses home at Watauga Hospital, and the project will be pushed to completion as rapidly as possible. The Elliott Building Co. of Hickory, the low bidders on the general contract, are erecting the building.

The building, which will contain 21 beds, adequate living room and all the other facilities that go into a modern residence, is being constructed across the driveway to the south of the hospital. It is to be explained that this is no wise an addition to the hospital proper, but is a residence for the exclusive use of nurses and hospital employees. It will be the most expensive residence in Watauga county, and hospital officials say it will measure up in attractiveness to any private home in Watauga county.

More than five hundred individuals and firms have subscribed to the fund for building this nurses home which will, when completed, cost above \$85,000. The committee still needs \$3,500 to complete the fund as well as to

collect that which has already been subscribed.

New subscriptions and payment on subscriptions already made should be sent to the Treasurer, Stanley A. Harris, Box 409, Boone, N. C.

### BLOODMOBILE IS COMING

The bloodmobile from Asheville will be in Boone Thursday, April 16, between the hours of 11 and 5 to collect blood for the prevention of crippling in polio and for the use of soldiers in Korea.

Citizens are asked to come to the Baptist Church in Boone next Thursday and give a pint of blood, so some child may walk, or a soldier's life may be saved.

The next victim, it is explained, may be someone near and dear to you, who will need blood quickly — let's have it ready for him, in the bloodmobile bank when the need arises.

## Dr. Kephart Tells Of Travels In Europe

"In Europe, Americans are variously disliked, despised, admired, and envied, are not thought to be honest, or even civilized, and are not considered typical Americans if they don't do a lot of bragging, drink a lot of whiskey and spend a lot of money."

This is what Dr. A. P. Kephart, director of Camp Yonahlossee, told the Boone Chamber of Commerce at their regular monthly luncheon meeting Tuesday in the private dining room of the Gateway Cafe.

Recently returned from a tour of eleven European countries, Dr. Kephart said the most interesting thing about world travel is meeting and talking with people of all races and religions, who are pretty much the same the world over, he added.

In an entertaining and informative talk, he touched upon many interesting sidelights on the customs, economics, and architecture of the countries he visited.

Among other matters taken up at the meeting, a motion was adopted to invite President Eisenhower, and other high government officials to attend the opening performance of the outdoor drama, "Horn in the West" on June 26.

## State's Initial Opera Institute Slated For Boone

Appalachian State Teachers College will be the site of the state's first Institute of Opera, Norman Cordon, director of the Institute of Opera of the University's Extension Division, announced at Chapel Hill last Saturday.

Two summer sessions will be conducted in co-operation with the Department of Fine Arts, which is headed by Gordon Nash. The sessions will run from June 10 to July 17 and July 21 to August 27.

Students will be taught and coached by well known personalities in the field, Cordon said, in the first organized school of the type ever conducted in North Carolina.

Walter Golde, eminent New York voice teacher and trainer of many well known singers, has been named as chief voice teacher for the sessions.

## Burley Plants Should Be Treated

Treat tobacco plants for wildfire now. Use one and one-half pound blue stone, plus two pounds fresh hydrated lime mixed thoroughly in 25 gallons water. Sprinkle on tobacco plant bed through canvas. Be sure to cover all the bed and the walls to the bed.

## Robinson Is New Manager For Crest Scout Executive To Visit Boone

Mr. J. B. Robinson has succeeded Mr. R. G. Cox as manager of Crest Stores, local variety store, and assumed his new duties on Monday, April 13.

A native of York, S. C., Mr. Robinson has been manager of the Crest store at Spruce Pine for the past year. His family, consisting of his wife and three children, are currently staying with her mother in Fayetteville, and will join him here as soon as suitable living accommodations are obtained, he said.

## Aid Of Every Citizen Is Asked In Civic Effort

The annual Clean Up, Paint Up, Fix Up Campaign will get underway in Boone next Monday morning, it was announced Tuesday at the regular monthly meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, co-sponsors of the event, along with the Worthwhile Woman's Club.

Mayor Gordon H. Winkler proclaimed April 20-30 as the inclusive dates of this year's city-wide clean-up, and has asked for the cooperation of every man, woman and child in the city to make it a success.

Mrs. B. W. Stallings, chairman of the clean-up committee, announced four major goals for this year's campaign:

1. Elimination of billboards in the city limits, and the use of directional signs only, to conform with the new street signs which Mayor Winkler announced will be erected at intersections soon.
2. Cleaning of all vacant lots and making them into parking lots.
3. Elimination of open garbage cans on the streets.
4. Tearing down and removing of old, unused buildings in the city.

Other members of the committee are Mrs. James Winkler, Dr. R. H. Harmon, Mayor Winkler, Dr. J. J. Van Noppen, and T. K. Pease.

Mayor Winkler also announced that town trucks will be available at all times to pick up trash and debris during the campaign. A call to phone number 64 will bring a truck in short order, he said.

Honorable mention will be made for those achieving best results in the following categories, it was announced:

1. Best improvement in business building.
2. Most improved vacant lot.
3. Most improved residential property.
5. Best garbage system.

## G. O. P. In Watauga Seeks Primary Law

A bill to institute the primary system for the Republican party in Watauga county, has passed the House of Representatives.

A bill had been introduced by Representative Winkler on February 24, bringing Watauga under the State primary law. The committee substitute, which was approved by the House, made the bill applicable only to the Republican party.

## Cove Creek To Give Senior Play

The senior class of Cove Creek High School will present the play "The Red-Headed Stepchild" by Charles George, in the High School auditorium Friday night, April 17 at 7:30 p. m. Admission is 25 and 50 cents.

## Winners Are Given Annual Drama Event

Winners in the fourth annual Appalachian Drama Festival held at Appalachian State Teachers College on Wednesday through Saturday of last week are as follows:

Best play in the drama division, "Heat Lightning," presented by Crossnore High School; Mrs. Kate Ranson Cornue, director; best play in the comedy division, "A Young Man's Fancy," presented by Jefferson High School, Mrs. Gertrude Vaught, director.

Best actor in the drama division, Bill Talbert in "The Faithless," presented by Appalachian High School, William Ross, director; best actress in the drama division, Maxine Potts in "The Sanatorium," presented by Cranberry High School, Mrs. George Shook, director; best actor in the comedy division, Jack Simpson in "Father Takes a Wife," presented by Cove Creek High School, Mrs. S. F. Horton, director; best actress in the comedy division, Margaret Testerman in "A Young Man's Fancy," presented by Jefferson High School, Mrs. Gertrude Vaught, director.

Best supporting actor in the drama division, Boyd Ray Bar-

rier, in "Heat Lightning," presented by Crossnore High School; best supporting actress in the drama division, Cozie Mae Painter in "The Sanatorium," presented by Cranberry High School; best supporting actor in the comedy division, Bill Francis in "A Young Man's Fancy," presented by Jefferson High School; best supporting actress in the comedy division, Dolly Kohtz in "A Young Man's Fancy." Certificates of merit were presented to the following plays: "Father Takes a Wife," presented by Jefferson; "The Faithless," presented by Appalachian High School; and "The Sanatorium," presented by Cranberry.

Honorable mention awards were presented to Jerry Spangler from Cherryville High School; Ruby Watson and Jimmy West from Cove Creek High School; Patsy McGuire from Appalachian High School; John Clark and Trula Henson from Crossnore High School; Bobby Sheets from Nathans Creek School; Ralph Bare and Rufus Myers from Jefferson High School; and Cieta Bare from Cranberry High School.