

Contract Let For \$626,629 School Building

KING STREET

BY ROB RIVERS

WE'VE SEEN 'EM NOW

Through all the years of our life, we have heard of oversize hail stones, but never until early Saturday morning did we ever see for ourselves any of these big economy size, family style balls of ice. . . . The storm broke furiously and the rains were followed with a heavy splash of icy pellets, ranging from regulation size to a couple of inches in diameter, and two hours after the precipitation, chunks of ice an inch through still nestled in the grass. In the immediate vicinity of Boone, damage from the storm was slight, but in some sections, we understand, canvass was ripped from tobacco beds, and the young plants weighted down with the ice. . . . Some tell of apple trees with the blooms gone, and early garden sass beat into the ground. . . . Next time an oldster tells us about hail stones the size of a hen egg, we were going to withhold the scornful look, and the cynical grin. . . . For after all, such things do happen.

NEED STILL EXISTS

We used to dwell at some length on the need for public drinking water, and spots where one could get out of sight. . . . And the other day we noted that the needs about which we used to prate still exist. It happened to be doing nothing but viewing the country, when the man was trying to improvise himself a comfort station, out of a blackberry bush and a few last year's weeds, and from where we looked, there wasn't much comfort in the setup. . . . And the folks who come into the Democrat office and to the Rivers house, and all about, asking for some "drinking water" indicate that the public water supply is still tolerably short.

USED TO BE DIFFERENT

We've come to believe here lately, that the present generation has produced all the material progress, that conveniences were non-existent a few years ago, and that the machine age has brought about all the human comforts we have. . . . Which is nearly so, but not quite. . . . For it hasn't been too long since the town was full of little houses with the diamonds and the crescents for ventilators. . . . Up near the courthouse, at the hotels, at everybody's back lot, and there were no folks undecided as to where to go. . . . There was a public well out in the street opposite the old courthouse, which the county kept in shape, the old oaken buckets were in evidence at every house along the street, and folks didn't have to ask you, when they wanted to quench their thirst or "cut" the fire water. . . . We're not speaking out for the old houses with the holes in the seats, and the sun flowers growing roundabout, so's one wouldn't have to shut the door when the weather was hot. . . . And we're not saying the old public well, and the contrary pump was an improvement over the fine water system we now enjoy. . . . No, we don't want to go back. . . . But we do say that when we had the "johnnies" and the scores of well buckets, a public need was met, which has gone almost unheeded in modern days. . . . One shouldn't have to seek comfort 'mongst the jimson weeds, or ring a door bell to mooch a sip of water, in such a modern and progressive city as Boone.

READYING THE HORN

Bill Hardy, the new business manager of Horn in the West, has arrived, and is making use of temporary office space while the new office is being finished on the grounds of the Daniel Boone Theatre. . . . We share Mr. Hardy's optimism, and believe that 1953 will be a big year for the Horn. . . . An ad in the current edition of "Holiday" features North Carolina's outdoor dramas, and we got a kick out of our own pro-

Many To Take Part In May Day Events

Body Of Wataugan Killed In Crash Found In Calif.

The body of Master Sergeant Ronald C. Rominger, killed in a plane crash in California December 1, 1952, has been recovered from the wreckage, and is being returned to his home at Rominger the latter part of the week. Funeral arrangements are incomplete.

County Republican Primary Slated By Legislature

The bill which would provide for the naming of Republican candidates for county office under the State primary law was passed by the General Assembly.

Deep Gap Grange Holds Meeting

Deep Gap Grange met in regular session Friday night, May 1. Some very important matters were discussed regarding what steps should be taken to beautify the road sides in our county, also the need for drinking fountains in convenient places for tourists, also more roadside tables and parks supported by the State Highway Commission, and a general clean-up around all farm houses, whether located on main highways or not.

Men Are Needed For Crowd Scenes In Horn In West

Four or five men are needed for regular work in "crowd scenes" in Horn in the West, it is stated by William Hardy, manager.

Dougherty State Holstein Leader

Following the recent mail ballot to over 43,000 member-breeder, 189 delegates have been elected to attend the 88th Annual Convention of the Holstein-Friesian Association of America in St. Paul, Minnesota, June 1-4. These include elected representatives from every corner of the nation.

Dr. Whitener Named President Historical Body

The traditional May Day celebration will be held on the campus of Appalachian State Teachers college on Saturday, May 9, at two o'clock in the afternoon. The theme of the celebration this year will be "Americana." The exercises are directed by Mrs. Joy Miller Kirchner of the college physical education faculty.

Participating in the celebration exercises will be the modern dance club, the Varsouvianna (folk dance) club, the folk dance class, the college choir, and the college band. The choir is directed by Mrs. Virginia Wary Linney, and the band is directed by William Spencer, both of the college music faculty.

Betty Jackson of Asheboro will be crowned queen. She will be escorted by Preston "Perk" Collins. Maid of honor is Sara Nell Mathis, escort, Michael Finger. The attendants and their escorts are as follows: Margaret Sebastian and Bob Parrott; Beatrice Sanford and Bill Bullard; Billie Ladd and Ray Ladd; Rebecca Hoover and Bobby Joe Baker; Betty Anne Robinson and Ben Quinn; Bonnie LaFone and Ray Flinchum; Joanne Aldridge and Jim Gold; Patricia Finger and George Holmes; Eleanor Johnson and Jeff Johnson; Inez Orozco and Bennie Mast.

Children Map May Day Program

The May Day of the Boone Demonstration School will be held in the Boy's Gymnasium on the campus of Appalachian State Teachers College at 1:30 p. m., on May 13. All parents and friends of the school are invited to attend.

Mrs. Mary Moody Taken By Death

Mrs. Mary Banney Moody, 37, of Mathews, Va., died Saturday, May 2, in a Richmond hospital, following a brief illness.

Funeral services were held at the Forrest Funeral Home at Mathews, and a second service was held at the Cove Creek Baptist Church on Monday, May 4, conducted by the Rev. Harold Songer. Burial was in the Cove Creek cemetery.

Legislature Allots \$10,000 To "Horn"

The House slammed shut its horn of plenty on Boone's "Horn in the West," then released and gave the historic pageant \$10,000.

Dr. Trabue To Speak At College Finals; 213 To Receive Degrees

The speaker for the fiftieth annual commencement exercises at Appalachian State Teachers College on Friday morning, May 15, will be Dr. Marion Rex Trabue of State College, Pennsylvania, the President of the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education.

'Vacation Wonderland' Title New Brochure

"Vacation Wonderland," an offset-printed, richly illustrated tourist publication expected to include 48 pages of information, photographs and advertising pertaining to the mountain areas of Southwest Virginia, Eastern Tennessee and Western North Carolina, is due to come off the press in June 1 under the auspices of the Tri-State Highlands Association, it was announced today.

Boone Chamber To Hear Reports Proposed Plant

The Boone Chamber of Commerce will hold its regular monthly meeting at noon Tuesday, May 12, in the Gateway Cafe.

Legion To Hold Meeting Friday

There will be a joint meeting of Watauga Post 130, American Legion and Auxiliary Friday at 7:30, at which time officers for the year will be elected. There will also be a free barbecue dinner.

ASTC Playcrafters Give One-Act Play At Chapel Hill

The Appalachian Playcrafters attended the Carolina Dramatic Association at Chapel Hill April 15 through 19. Forty high schools and colleges competed to receive ratings for their plays presented.

Gets Five Years On Bigamy Count

Burford Roten, of Boone, tried on April 22, in Superior Court at Dobson was given three to five years in the penitentiary on a charge of bigamy, it is learned from Police Chief Richardson.

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J. V. Caudill Named To State Merchants Group

Raleigh—J. V. Caudill, prominent business man of Boone, has been named to the Publicity and Attendance Committee developing plans for having large delegations from throughout the State to participate in the 41st annual convention of the N. C. Merchants Association to be held at the Robert E. Lee Hotel in Winston-Salem on May 17-19.

George R. King Dies In Roanoke

Statesville. — George R. King, 23, veteran of the Korean war, who had made his home in Statesville since his discharge from the Army, died Thursday at Veterans Hospital, Roanoke, Va. He had been a patient there since January 1.

Mrs. Nannie Moretz Funeral Is Held

Mrs. Nannie Moretz died at the age of 79 years at her home in Rich Mountain. She had been in poor health for some time.

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The new ultra-modern building is to be located to the north of the present school building on College Street, and the site has been cleared of old buildings, some materials bought, looking to an early start of work.

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The cafeteria will seat four hundred people, and will be equipped to take care of both elementary and high school lunches. The kitchen, which is expected to be one of the best in the State, has been planned, checked, and reworked, by Miss Ann Maley, supervisor of the State school lunch program, and her large trained staff in Raleigh.

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There will be a lounge for the teachers. There will be a health education center, with provision for an office for the visiting doctor and nurse, for first aid, and emergencies.

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The gymnasium, or play room, is provided with a central partition, so that the group may be divided into grade or age groups, boys or girls, but the group may all be thrown together when desired. There is an office for the director of physical education, and storage rooms for equipment and materials. There are also showerbaths for the boys and girls. (Continued page 6, Section 2.)