

KING STREET BY ROB RIVERS

VACATION TIME

Scores of folks are absent from the community, taking annual vacations in other sections of the mountains, or in coastal areas, ironically enough, right when the delightful breezes of summertime are making Boone and environs so delightful. . . . And while we will likewise later on, journey away for a day or two, we don't aim to miss too much of this summertime weather in Boone. . . . When we look back on the hundreds and hundreds of gallons of fuel oil, and the tons and tons of coal which we have used to fetch us through the long winter months, we feel that these beautiful days and cool nights, came too high to miss out on many of them. . . . Rather feel that we should protect a mountainous investment, when at the same time one can enjoy the ultimate in summer comfort right at home.

WANTS LINVILLE ROAD

Mr. J. L. Hartley, the sage of the Grandfather, and the founder of the singing on the mountain, which has been featured in the national publications, was over here Sunday, and dropped by to get some printing done for the songfest, and talked briefly of other things, particularly of a direct highway from Boone to Linville. . . . Mr. Hartley, who loves the hill country and her people, sees in this proposed road a blessing to the Grandfather section, and a boon to the commercial life of Boone. . . . This city, Mr. Hartley believes, would be the trading point for a large section of Avery county, if the road could be constructed. . . . Despite his 82 years, Mr. Hartley is active and takes great interest in all the movements which are calculated to benefit the people of the mountains.

THE OLD SWIMMIN' HOLE

The youngsters and grownups too, for that matter, are spending more and more time at the pools on Watauga River and on Winkler's Creek, where there's water enough amongst the rocks to afford a fair swim. . . . And again there's talk on every hand of the need for a municipal pool, where swim-time would be most everyday, and would not have to wait on mom or pop and the family car. . . . Last summer we were talking to a group of youngsters, and the subject ranged from classroom problems to civic improvements, and we steamed off right lustily on what we had done here in Boone in the way of civic development of one kind or another. . . . We recited some staggering figures on just how much cash "we the people" had laid on the line. . . . We got a fair hand, but one young collegian looked long at the far horizon, and there was a tinge of sadness as she said: "what a heck of a swimming pool and recreation center that much money would have built!" . . . and another chimed in with the observation that "fun for the youngsters" wouldn't afford all, be too profitable! . . . And it wouldn't be, measured in the coin of the realm, but we rather figure that it would be well sometime, for the community to dig down and do some things, "just for fun."

SIGN OF THE WEEK

Sign on the back of an automobile, in letters about three-quarters of an inch tall: "If you can read this, you're too damn close!"

ODDS AND ENDS

Dead song birds lying about the town, make us wish that the songsters could shoot back once in a while. . . . Caravans of automobilists visit the mountains Sunday to catch some cool air and enjoy the wild flowers. . . . Youngsters lie in the sun and suffer from the burns, in effort to get away from the pallor of wintertime. . . . Red boxes on some of the meter standards supposed to be used for paying off parking tickets, we learn—save a trip to city hall. . . . R. F. McDiade, former Boone merchant, sends us greetings from Los Vegas, New Mexico, and from Wyoming comes word from Snooks and Virginia Linney, who were on the way to Oregon for a visit.

Parkway Inspection Group Arrives On Annual Visitation

The Blue Ridge Parkway inspection tour is scheduled to bring some fifty persons to Boone and Blowing Rock on Wednesday of this week in their annual visit to scenic spots in Northwest North Carolina.

The tour is sponsored for the third straight year by the Carolina Motor Club, in cooperation with the National Park Service, Blue Ridge area communities, Virginia Trailways, Smoky Mountain Tours Company, and the Blue Ridge Parkway Association.

The caravan of sightseers, including writers, motor club officials and travel bureau representatives from New York to Miami and several midwestern states got underway at Roanoke, Va. Monday morning and will end in Asheville Friday.

The entourage was slated to swing through Virginia Monday and Tuesday, spend Tuesday night at Doughton Park, arrive in Boone Wednesday at 10 a. m., visit the Daniel Boone Theatre, site of "Horn in the West," tour the town, and then proceed to Blowing Rock at 10:45 for an old-fashioned picnic lunch at Conf Memorial Park, sponsored by the Boone and Blowing Rock Chambers of Commerce. Following the luncheon, they will move on to Linville and Grandfather Mountain.

The Thursday schedule will take them to Chestnut View, Crabtree Meadows, Mt. Mitchell State Park, Pinnacle Gap, and the Vanderbilt Mansion near Asheville.

On Friday the caravan will visit Cherokee, the Oconuftee Indian Village, Mountaintop Theatre, where "Unto These Hills" is presented, and the Great Smoky Mountains National Park Pioneer Museum. The tour will end in Asheville with a dinner at the George Vanderbilt Hotel.

Grace Home, Haven For Alcoholics, To Open

On Sunday May 31st at 3:30 p. m. will be the opening of the Grace Home, Inc. a Christian Home for women alcoholics and a dedication service.

This home is situated on a knoll facing Grandfather Mountain. It is bordered on two sides by the Julian Price Memorial Park, property of the Federal government. There are seven acres in the property of lovely wooded land and mountain streams and springs dashing over large boulders. The building is beautiful containing seventeen rooms in all. There are ten bedrooms which will accommodate twenty women. Already more have applied than can be taken care of immediately.

The principal speech at the ceremony will be made by Mr. W. R. Willauer, a prominent Christian layman of Spartanburg, S. C. Also expected are Senator Moore of South Carolina and Senator Hagen of Georgia, besides other interested and philanthropic men from North and South Carolina and Georgia.

The property has been appraised at \$60,000, although it only cost \$32,000 without furnishings. This has been made possible by the generosity of many business men who furnished materials at cost or free of charge and also due to the fact that many Hebron Colony men have given their labor free.

Highway Official Feted By Workers In Ashe County

Mr. W. R. Winkler of Boone, newly-appointed Highway Commissioner, was honored at a dinner in West Jefferson Friday evening, given by highway employees of Ashe county.

Attending from Boone, besides Mr. Winkler, were Mrs. Winkler, James Council, division engineer, and Mrs. Council. Others present were J. E. Doughton, assistant engineer; Carl Lewis, resident engineer; Paul DuPre, all of North Wilkesboro; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Austin of Jefferson.

Messrs Winkler and Council will be in Raleigh Friday where they will attend the monthly meeting of the Highway Commission.

Health Office To Be Closed

The local health department office will be closed Thursday and Friday, May 28 and 29. The members of the staff are participating in the studies of Education for Responsible Parenthood on Thursday and are attending the Western North Carolina Public Health Association meeting in Marion on Friday.

Output of fresh vegetables during the first quarter of this year was estimated at 7 per cent above 1952.

New Horn Office To Be In Use During Week

The new office building at the Daniel Boone Theatre is nearing completion, and is expected to be ready for occupancy by the business and publicity offices of "Horn in the West" this week.

Just above the new building, which adjoins the upper parking lot, ground is being cleared for additional picnic tables. The entire theatre area is now being cleaned and made ready for the opening of "Horn in the West" on June 28.

During the past few weeks, increasing numbers of sightseers and picnickers have been noted at the theatre area. Mark Hodges, who has been on duty at the parking area for the past two Sundays to distribute folders and

Health Dept. Gives Dates Of Other Clinics

The Health department calls attention to the schedule of remaining immunization clinics to be held in the county. Attention is called to the changes which appear in a few dates.

Remaining Clinic Schedule:
Monday June 1, 2 to 3 p. m.—Tamarack, Pearl Eller's store.
Wednesday, June 3, 9 to 10 — Green Valley School; 11 to 12, Wineberger Methodist Church; 1 to 2 p. m. Windy Gap, V. C. Harmon's Store; 2:30 to 3:30, Victor Ward's Store.
Thursday, June 4—1:30 to 2:30 p. m., Rominger Postoffice.
Friday, June 5 — 9 to 10 a. m. Bamboo School building; 11 to 12, Blowing Rock School.
Monday, June 8—1 to 2 p. m., Foscoe Store; 2:30 to 3:30, Andrews Store, Grandfather.

Victim Of Auto Crash Succumbs; Rites Saturday

Mrs. Doxie Cornett of Beaver Dam township died Thursday at the Baptist Hospital of injuries sustained in a two-car collision at Vilas May 9.

Funeral services were held at the Bethel Baptist Church Saturday at 2 o'clock. Rev. Ed Farthing and Rev. Mr. Crisp were in charge of the rites and burial was in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Cornett, 52, was in a car with four of her children and two others when it collided with a car driven by Junior Simpson of Sugar Grove.

Injured were her four children, Grover, Leo, Dixie and Steve Cornett, Mr. Simpson, and Darrell Baird, his passenger. All of the injured except Dixie Cornett and Mr. Baird are still in the hospital, but are reported to be improving.

Surviving are the following sons and daughters: Grover, Burl, Bill and Steve Cornett of the home; Clinard Cornett, Toledo, O.; Mrs. Annavieve Hilberg, Wakefield, Mich.; Mrs. Maxine Burns, Sugar Grove; Dixie and Leo of the home.

Fishing Worm Cane Pole Reign In Angling Rodeo

The lowly fishing worm and the cane pole will reign supreme on Wednesday, June 3, at the second annual Watauga County Fishing Rodeo, said B. W. Stallings, Boone jeweler who sponsors the event for the small fry (ages 1 to 10) at his Diamond S Ranch near here. No casting will be allowed, he said, and all entrants must register and be accompanied by their parents.

About 50 children entered the contest in 1952, first year of the rodeo, and that number is expected to be doubled this year, he said. More and more "kids" throughout the county have been looking forward to this year's contest ever since the first one was held, he added.

It has been suggested that the lake, which, so far as is known, is the only one in the United States dedicated to the youth in this age bracket, should bear an appropriate name. Among those suggested are "Youth Lake" and "Lake Youth." Mr. Stallings will be grateful for other names to be considered along with those already submitted.

4-H Co. Council Meets Saturday

The 4-H County Council will be held in the Legion hut, Saturday May 30, at 10 a. m.

4-H summer activities will be discussed and parents are urged to attend.

All 4-H club members who are planning to go to camp in Waynesville or to 4-H Club week in Raleigh should make a special effort to be present.

LIGHTER FUEL BURNS
Baltimore, Md.—A leaking can of lighter fluid in the pocket of Carl Bagwus, 19, brought first and second degree burns to the youth. Stopping to light a cigarette, the fuel caught fire, setting his clothing ablaze.

Prospects Brighten For New Manufacturing Plant

Man Buried Was Not Frank Shore; Identity Of Exhumed Body Sought

The body of the man who was buried last Thursday as Frank E. Shores was exhumed Monday by Watauga County Coroner Richard E. Kelley, and puzzled authorities launched a widespread investigation to establish his identity.

The case is receiving publicity through press and radio, while the F. B. I. is checking fingerprints taken from the dead man, but the investigation has proved fruitless thus far, said Watauga County Sheriff Earl D. Cook Tuesday morning. Several reports of missing persons have been received in his office, but none of the descriptions remotely resembles that of the unidentified corpse, he said.

Meanwhile, Shores had a family reunion Sunday with the same relatives who wept at his funeral three days previously.

"It's like seeing a ghost," said his brother, J. Ballard Shores. "I was positive the man we buried was Frank, and now that I have seen him alive, it's almost impossible to believe."

"The dead man looks so much like my brother Frank that he even had two scars exactly where Frank has scars. Frank has odd shaped ears and this fellow's ears were identical. It makes me shudder to think about it."

J. Ballard wasn't the only member of the Shores family to mistake the body of an unidentified stranger for Frank. His mother, his sister, another brother, and even his wife, identified the body.

They buried the man they thought was Frank in their family plot near Boone last Thursday, and it wasn't until Saturday, when J. Ballard met Frank face to face, that the terrible mistake was revealed.

J. Ballard, who runs a motor court in Abingdon, Va., said the family became suspicious that something was wrong when they received a letter from Frank that had been written from his home in Oceana, W. Va., on May 14, just two days before the body of the man they buried was found in Calhoun, Ga.

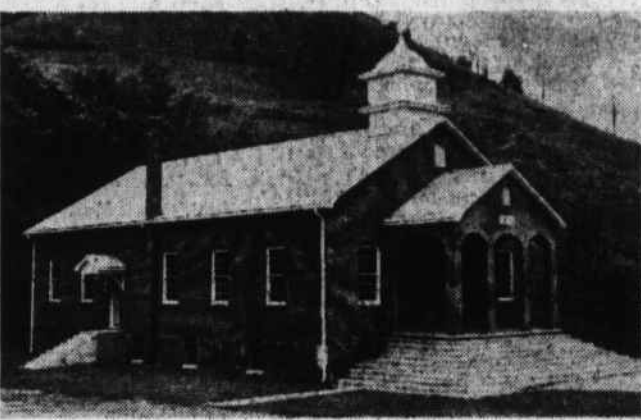
He went to Oceana immediately, found Frank alive and well, and brought him home to his family.

Now, however, police are faced with the task of finding out just who was buried in Frank's grave. Sheriff Cook said a man who looked like Shores asked to spend the night in the Calhoun jail a week ago last Saturday, and they found him dead from a cerebral hemorrhage the next morning.

Police in Calhoun learned that the dead man had told a waitress that he had a wife in Maryville, Tenn. The case was quickly traced to Frank Shores' estranged wife, who lives in Maryville.

Mrs. Shores was shown a picture of the dead man and thought it to be her husband. Both Mrs. Shores and J. Ballard went to Calhoun, identified the body, and had it shipped here for burial.

"It's a shame about that other fellow," added J. Ballard. "I hope they find out who he is. At least, we gave him a nice church funeral."



BRUSHY FORK BAPTIST CHURCH

Dedication Of Brushy Fork Church Sunday

The dedicatory service for the Brushy Fork Baptist Church will be held next Sunday, starting with Sunday School and continuing with an afternoon session.

Rev. R. C. Eggers, Rev. A. C. Moody and Rev. Grady Minton will appear on the morning program. In the afternoon Rev. Victor Trivett, the pastor and Rev. Grady Hamby will appear, along with Dr. J. C. Canipe who is to deliver the dedicatory sermon.

Church History
The program for the day contains the following concise history of the church:
The Brushy Fork Baptist Church was constituted February 26, 1858 by Joseph Harrison and D. C. Harmon in a small school house which was located one mile from the present building with the following charter members: M. C. Harmon, Moses Hatley, J. A. Hagaman, Sarah Reece, Susan Danner, Elvirah Holtzclaw, Elizabeth Hicks, Sally Hagaman and Sarah Munday.

The church was first called Philadelphia, but after three months it was changed to Brushy Fork. The first church which was a log building, was erected in 1859-60. This building was sold to the county for a school house in 1881, but it was still used for church services until 1889. At this time a second church was built on the grounds where the present church is located. In 1928 this church was remodeled and five Sunday School rooms were added. This building was used until 1949 when the present church was built.

In the early days, when courts were few, the churches were the one great moral force in the community. They were strict in discipline and nothing seemed too trivial for the church to correct. Brushy Fork church is fortunate in having its first church records preserved in their original form. They are now very valuable and are kept safe for future generations.

The church has increased in membership from the eleven charter members to the present number of one hundred and ninety-four.

The Pastors
The first pastor, D. C. Harmon, served for 24 years. The following also have served the church as pastors:
A. C. Farthing, E. F. Jones, J. L. Sherwood, E. M. Gragg, J. F. Davis, John Eller, Oney Triplett, David Greene, Sidney King, S. L. Fox, J. M. Payne, Edmond Greene, D. M. Wheeler, L. A. Wilson, G. W. Sebastian, R. C. Eggers, W. D. Ashley, J. C. Canipe, G. A. Hamby, Grady Minton, Tipton Greene, A. C. Moody.

The present pastor is Victor Trivett.

Historical Body Continues Drive For New Members

The Southern Appalachian Historical Association is continuing its campaign for new and renewed memberships, and all persons interested in the work of the organization are invited to join.

Dues are \$10 per year per person, and each member is entitled to a season pass to "Horn in the West" as well as a vote at the Association's fall meeting when officers and directors are elected.

Mrs. Lawrence Owsley, membership chairman, points out that dues may be mailed to James Marsh, Association treasurer, or taken to Mr. Marsh at the Northwestern Bank.

The 100th membership for 1953 was received at the spring meeting of the Association May 18, and since that time more than a dozen additional memberships have been received.

New System Of Paying Tickets To Start First

Beginning June 1, a new system for paying parking tickets in this city will be placed in effect.

Red metal boxes, eight of them, have been attached to meter posts in different sections of the town. If the parking offender will pay the police ticket when he gets it, he will be asked to deposit 25 cents in the box. If he waits, however as long as two days to pay, he will be assessed with the usual dollar.

Police officer Howard Camp, in charge of the meters, believes that the new system will work out to good advantage for all, and says that the new tickets will contain the instructions.

Hardy Goes To East As Drama Consultant

At the invitation of the directors of Old Sturbridge Village, Sturbridge, Mass., William M. Hardy, general manager of Boone's outdoor drama "Horn in the West" will spend two days of this week in New England as a consultant on management and promotion of outdoor dramas.

Old Sturbridge Village, a replica of a New England village of the early 19th century, is producing "The Devil and Daniel Webster" as a musical play in an outdoor amphitheatre.

Mr. Hardy will leave Boone Wednesday afternoon and return to his duties with "Horn in the West" on Saturday.

Prior to becoming general manager of "Horn in the West," Mr. Hardy was general manager of "The Lost Colony" at Manteo for two seasons. He is executive secretary-treasurer of the Southeastern Theatre Conference, and has served as a consultant on outdoor dramas for the Extension Division of the University of North Carolina. His experience in the theatre also includes acting and directing with the Duke Players, the Durham Theatre Guild and the Carolina Playmakers.

Memorial Service At Meat Camp

The annual memorial service will be held at Meat Camp Baptist Church Sunday, May 31, at 2:00 p. m.

Rev. Hollingsworth, pastor of Boone Baptist Church, will be the guest speaker. The Sunshine quartet will render the song service.

Resistance Co. Officials Confer With Local Group

Another step was taken toward securing a new industry for Boone when officials of the National Resistance Corporation, of Philadelphia, met Saturday with members of the industrial committee of the Chamber of Commerce and President H. W. Wilcox.

They said that engineers of the company would be here Tuesday of this week to look over a tentative site, check on water pressure sewage facilities, etc.

The proposed hew plant would engage in the manufacture of electric circuit breakers in the electronics field, and employ about six hundred persons at capacity, seventy-five percent of whom would be women, it was said.

William C. Guthrie, industrial representative of the division of commerce and industry, North Carolina Department of Conservation and development, attended the meeting and indicated to the local committee that chances of the plant's locating here, appear to be extremely favorable.

Also present was a representative of Guest & Company, Gastonia contractors who are slated to build the new plant when and if plans are completed.

Like Labor Prospects
The officials were pleased with the results of the recent labor survey conducted by the Chamber of Commerce, which elicited about 7,000 replies from Watauga County people who would be available to work in the proposed plant. They were particularly impressed by the scholastic standards throughout the county, as indicated on the completed questionnaire, President Wilcox said.

They pronounced the mail service satisfactory, and said the motor freight service and Railway Express facilities would be adequate for their needs. They added that ten to fifteen tons of material would be moved in and out of Boone daily when the plant goes into full production.

Members of the Chamber's industrial committee are W. H. Gragg, chairman, D. L. Wilcox, Stanley A. Harris, Glenn R. Andrews and George C. Greene.

Pfc. Harrell Dies In New York

Funeral services for Pfc. Bobby G. Harrell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Harrell of Valle Crucis, were held at 2 p. m., May 17, at the Liberty Methodist Church at Matney.

Pfc. Harrell died May 14 in the U. S. Army Hospital at Fort Jay, New York. He was 20 years of age.

He became seriously ill April 1 while on a furlough visit from Walter Reid Hospital with a sister in New York, and was admitted to the Fort Jay Hospital, where he was a patient until his death.

He joined the army on May 3, 1951, received basic training at Fort Jackson, S. C., was sent to Germany October 13, 1951. He returned to the United States on December 6, 1953, and was admitted to Walter Reid Hospital at Washington, D. C.

Surviving besides the parents are seven sisters and three brothers: Mrs. Marjorie Rabon, Marion, N. C.; Mrs. Ruby Britt Akron, O.; Mrs. Edith Townsend, Patterson, Mrs. Lucy Bryant, Kingsport, Tenn.; Mrs. Mary Hamel, New York City; Miss Katherine Harrell of the home, Howard, Henry, and Jack Harrell, all of Valle Crucis.

LUCKY STRIKE UNDER OFFICE

Bakersfield, Calif.—The Western Gulf Oil Company located a pool of oil directly under a wing of the firm's home office at Fruitvale, Cal. A rig set up beside the building and dug at an angle, is producing more than 100 barrels a day.