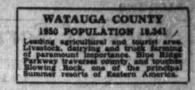


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"YOU CAN'T MISS IT!" "Go straight on down this road for about two and a quarter, pass a field full of sheep, but pay no 'tention to that, take a left turn onto a gravel road, go four miles and a bit over to Jim Smith's red barn, just below the Athens High School, then take a right turn, and keep going till you get to a big white house, close to an oil station, where there's a lot of cows grazing nearby . . . That's ... you can't miss it! the place . But folks do miss the direc-

tions we give our visitors . . . Fact, is, most folks traveling in strange parts, are determined to become confused when they stop and ask, and we ought for a fact, to be a bit more polite, and not quite so involved when we tell get down to Bill Tedder's place, some fishing, or buy a country ham, or visit some folks he used

to know away from here . . . For instance the other day, some folks from Florida were trying their best to get to Blowing Rock, and in some fashion toured up Howard's Creek, and came down into Boone via the Junaluska Turnpike . . . On this side of the ly showed them how to get to the Rock, which they appreciated, since of course they had no great appetite for banging their automobile around over bumpy roads when they were overdue at their destination.

EASY TO DO

We often overlook the fact that it's easy to get lost in the hill country, and those of us who are called upon often for traveling instructions should try to be explicit . . . and by all means courteous . . . Nothing is so appreciated by weary travelers as the fellow who will go to some pains to tell them where to go . . . It's good manners, and good advertising for the area . . . Let's lend a helping hand when the fellow says, "Here, I'm a stranger, could you . . .?" . . . and don't be mad with him 'cause he don't know as much about your county as you do.

PICNIC TIME

The time of picnics and sand-wiches and outdoor furnace cookery, and trips to cool brooksides and mountain peaks is here and we look forward to these brief forays into pleasant places, with the basket and the thermos jug and the other equipment which a good picnicker is liable to accumulate . . . The cold cuts, the cold pop, tea or buttermilk, the able successor on the ticket. deviled eggs, and the fried chicken, and the jelly and the



the man from Kankakee how to READY FOR SEASON-Standing beside the special bus of the Blue Bidge Parkway touring party last week are, left to right G. C. Robbins, president of the Blowing Rock Chamber of Commerce; Chief where he was told he could do Parkway ranger E. M. Dale; Highway Commissioner W. R. Winkler of Boone; Superintendent Sam P. Weems of the Parkway and Ed Pickard of Charlotte, tour director. (Photo Carl Wiegold, Winston-Salem Journal.)

Newsmen And Travel Turnpike ... On this side of the mountain, the strangers picked up some youngsters who obliging-by showed them how to get to the Offficials Visit County

Democrats Will Hold Convention On Friday Night

The first signs that this is a municipal election year for Boone comes today with the call for a way Tour. Democratic convention issued by Homer Brown, chairman of the committee for the town of Boone. The convention will be held at the courthouse Friday evening, June 5th at 8 o'clock, and candidates for Mayor and the three members of the board of aldermen will be nominated. The election will be held June 23. The Republicans haven't call-Chambers of Commerce. ed a convention.

It is generally believed along the street that Mayor Gordon H. Winkler, who has occupied the top spot at city hall for ten years will be renominated. Guy Hunt, member of the board of aldermen, has made a public state ment withdrawing from another race. It is predicted that the other members of the board, Grady Moretz and Grady Tugman will be nominated again by the Democrats. Little speculation has

developed over Mr. Hunt's probdining and good times ... And Horn Offices Are of course one needs the eggs pickled in a bit of beet juice, and Moved To Theatre

forty-five newsmen, Cantlin, D. C. Division, AAA, her brother for many years, and photographers, magazine travel Washington, D. C.; E. M. Dale, photographers, magazine travel Washington, D. C.; E. M. Dale, could not identify the body, but editors, and travel bureau offici- Chief Park Ranger, Roanoke, Va. that she would accept the fingerals from many sections of the Mrs. Lois Delancey, Parkersnation were of one voice in de- burg Auto Club, Parkersburg, W. claring that the scenic wonder- Va.; Thomas Eckles, Cincinnati land of the Blue Ridge Parkway Auto Club, Cincinnati, O.; Miss is excelled only by Watauga Judy Ann Evans, West Virginia County hospitality, as the cara- Auto Club, Beckley, W. Va.; Mike van stopped at Boone and Blow-ing Rock last Wednesday in the third annual Blue Ridge Park-Mrs. Anne M. Gibson, Virginia

State Chamber of Commerce, In Boone, they visited the Richmond, Va.; Daniel Boone Theatre, site of the outdoor drama, "Horn in the bile Club of New York; Mrs. West," then moved on to Blow- Ruby N. Hatch, Blue Grass Auto ing Rock and Cone Memorial Club, Lexington, Ky.; Miss Doris Park, where an old; fashioned Holt, East Tennessee Automobile picnic lunch awaited them, pre- Club, Knoxville, Tenn.; Josh L. pared and served by Kirk's Bar- Horne, publisher Evening Tele-B-Q, of Boone, and sponsored by gram, Rocky Mount, N. C. the Boone and Blowing Rock Mrs. Marjorie Hunter, Win Mrs. Marjorie Hunter, Winston-

Salem Journal; Mrs. Lanier G. Sponsored by the Carolina Mo- Krise, Tidewater Automobile Astor Club, in cooperation with the sociation, Norfolk, Va.; Miss Jean National Park Service, The Blue Linnaman, Hoosier Motor Club, Ridge Parkway Association, the Indianapolis, Indiana; Henry Lol- ton and Indianapolis. National Park Service, Blue lis, South Florida Division, AAA, Ridge area communities, Virginia Miami, Fla.; Miss Jerry Lucas, Trailways, and the Smoky Moun-tain Tours Company, and direct-burg, W. Va.; Miss Joan E. Madied by T. Ed Pickard, of Charlotte, vice president and general mana-ger of the Carolina Motor Club, Roanoke World-News, Roanoke, the tour began in Roanoke and Va. Mrs. Louise Maynard, Cincin-

ended Friday in Asheville. An able group of lecturers, un- nati Auto Club, Cincinnati, O.; der the leadership of Sam P. Jack McDonald, Cincinnati En- lington, Lenoir, Hickory, Gas-Weems, superintendent of the quirer, Cincinnati, O.; Draughn Blue Ridge Parkway, explained Miller, Carolina Motor Club, Ala.; Atlanta, Ga., and Asheville. various aspects of the scenic Charlotte, N. C.; Clyde Osborne

ed Boone and Blowing Rock in- Club of New York.



Man Buried As Frank Shore Is Identified As Indianan man buried May 21, as

Frank Shore, and exhumed after Shore showed up, has been identified as a homeless wanderer, a former popcorn vendor with Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey shows, and a member of a substantial Mitchell, Indiana family. Coroner Richard E. Kelley, who

exhumed the body May 25, and who has been holding it at Reins-Sturdivant mortuary since that time, received word Monday from the FBI at Charlotte, identifying the corpse as that of John W. Lynn, 52, of Mitchell, Ind. The FBI told Coroner Kelley

that the man was a "homeless wanderer;" and was born in Mitchel, Ind., May 31, 1900. He hadn't been guilty of any serious offenses against the law, it was stated.

A sister of the deceased, Mrs. Bessie Lynn Hufford, Bloomington, Ind., the wife of an associate professor at the University of Indiana, was contacted, and told Mr. Kelley she had not seen

print identification. The body was shipped Tuesday to Mitchell, where it will be interred in the family plot beside the parents. He was a veteran of world war I. Died In Georgia

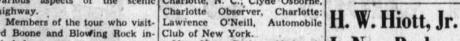
The man died in Calhoun, Ga the night of May 16, after he had secured permission to sleep in the

jail. The wife and brother of Frank Shore of Watauga identi-fied him as Frank, and spent a considerable sum for funeral expenses, only to learn that Frank was alive and well. He returned home soon after the funeral and the body was exhumed by Cornor Kelley, who is also the local mortician. Officials took the fingerprints taken at Calhoun and sent them to the FBI. Since 1939 the FBI said he had been Minneapolis, Dothan, Ala., Hous-

Many Inquiries

Since the body has been at the local funeral home, there have been many callers, seeking to identify the man who was given a church funeral as a Watauga countian. Besides those who came in person, letters and phone calls

were numerous. Inquiries were listed from Chilhowie, Va., Burtonia, Johnson City, Birmingham,



GETS \$10,000 CHECK-A check for \$10,000, the amount appropriated to the outdoor drama, "Horn in the West" by the 1953 Legislature, was delivered last week by State Auditor Henry L. Bridges. Mr. Bridges, left, is shown presenting the check to Dr. D. J. Whitener, executive vice-president of the Southern Appalachian Historical Association, sponsors of the drama. (Photo Palmer Blair.)

First 'Company Call' For Horn Cast Set For Saturday Night

The first "company call" of ate professor in 1953 for the full cast and product-ion staff of the outdoor drama, sity of North Carolina, is spend "Horn in the West," will be held ing his second summer as direc-Saturday, June 6, at 7:30 p. m. tor of the drama. Ned Austin, native of Watauga

in the Daniel Boone Theatre. Dr. D. J. Whitener, vice president of the Southern Appalachian checked at Charleston, S. C., Historical Association, producers drama's first season, will again of the play, will welcome the play the famous woodsman who group on behalf of the associa- exemplifies the spirit of the tion, and recognize civic leaders.

and officials of Watauga County, of freedom" to the Southern Ap-Boone, and Blowing Rock. Kai Jurgensen, director of the Elledge, principal of the Marion drama, has announced that many High School, Marion, N. C., will popular actors and actresses are returning from last year's pro- the tall booming-voiced frontier duction to take leading roles in leader. the play this summer.

Irvine N. Smith, who played The drama opens its second John Sevier last summer, will be season June 26 and will run six seen this year in the leading role nights weekly through September of Geoffrey Stuart, English-born 7. The cast of 75 actors, singers physician who moves to the Apand dancers chosen after tryouts palachians after the Battle of Al-

at Boone and Chapel Hill this amance. spring will begin rehearsals next The story of the Kermit Hunter

Than Ever Are **Expected Here**

Appalachian State Teachers College is expecting an enrollment this summer that will be equal to or will surpass that of last summer, which was the largest in the history of the institution, according to Professor Chapell Wilson, director of the summer sessions. Last summer 233 from Watauga county were in attendance.

The college has two new dormitories, one for men and one for women, which are open for the summer. This will make it possible to accommodate more than five hundred additional students on the campus. At present the business office states that it has available a limited number of rooms for women, a limited number for married couples, and a larger number for men. However, they say also that these . rooms are being reserved rapidly.

Last summer the majority of the students enrolled were inservice teachers. They came from 18 states and two foreign countries. However, of the 2453 enrollments, 1888 came from North Carolina, with South Carolina next in line with 158, and smalleranumbers from the additional states represented.

Mr. Wilson also predicts that the graduate school enrollment will be larger this summer than last, when 869 students already holding the bachelor's degree studied at Appalachian. Of this number 144 already held the master's degree. The 869 came from 147 different colleges and

universities. With the stated ideal of the college "to improve the teaching in the public schools," and all work that is offered pointed toward the avowed purpose of giving the teachers something to County who originated the role of Daniel Boone during the carry back to their own individual classrooms, larger numbers are attending each summer. The college also brings to its campus each summer many of the outpioneers who followed the "horn standing teachers in the country. These facts, and the cool, invigorating climate of the 3333-foot elevation of the college, make Appalachian a desirable place for repeat the role of Amos Howard, teachers to continue their study during the summer months.

> Arden Wilcox House Is Razed: Loss Is \$6.000

A five-room frame house, the

property of Arden Wilcox, and

occupied by himself and family,

was totally destroyed by fire

carly Saturday night. The loss of buildings and contents was esti-

mated at six thousand dollars.

There was a partial insurance

The family was away from

home when the blaze started, and

the sour cucumbers, and some cake . . . And all the discomforts of the place are forgotten in the joys of the outdoors, and you try to imagine that you are more comfortable than at home, and outdoor drama opens its second that the tangy taste in the sandwich wasn't an ant after all, and that certain foods are better when they are sogged . . . Yes, its picnic time, and we're for center as well as the business and these outdoor feasts, which are publicity offices formerly locatas fundamentally American as ed in downtown Boone. It is a 24 baseball, income taxes, or hot x48 foot rustic structure of board dogs . . way, the other afternoon we no- a soft gray to match the nine ticed something that looked a other auxiliary buildings surlittle off ... The folks had taken rounding the 2,500-seat amphi their food out into the boiling sun theatre, and adjoins the main where they stood around a table

and ate without respite from the torrid insistence of Old Sol Boone People nicking!

THEY'LL DO IT ... ALWAYS

When a crew is unloading machinery or thousand-pound rolls of paper, there'll always be 'a fellow who'll ask if it's heavy . . . When the presses roll, and the Democrats are being mailed, we're often asked. "Are you printing off a few?", and when we take to cleaning up the lawn, someone is apt to want to know if we're mowing the grass . . . These things are amusing and are only an effort on the part of the folks to promote pleasant conversation . . . We don't mind at all confirm-We don't mind at all commu-ing that we're printing a news-paper when the sheet goes in white and comes out covered with reading ... We don't care (Continued on page four)

cluded: Administrative offices for "Horn in the West" are now located in a new building at the Daniel Boone Theatre, where the summer season June 26.

The new building will be headquarters for a spacious tourist information and accommodations tor Club, Charlotte; Miss Marcia

highway.

. But down Charlotte and batten, and will be painted parking lot.

In Horn Cast

ing:

Residents of Boone who will be Dr. E. A. Dillard, founder of members of the cast of the outboth Hebron and Grace homes, door drama, "Horn in the West," spoke briefly, explaining the purwhich begins its second seasor pose and methods of operation of here June 26, include the follow-

history of Hebron Colony.

Ned Austin, as Daniel Boone "Our ministry is spiritual, not William Ross as Colonel McKen-zie, Stanley South as the Indian medical," Dr. Dillard told the gathering. "We try to prepare our men and women for their leader, Atakulla; Jerry McCracken, Dr. J. J. Van Noppen, Dr. Ann Van Noppen, Phil McGuire, David Culler, James Blanton, Coaker Triplett, Glenn Miller,

Keith Phillips, and James Hol-

Hay stocks on North Carolina farms May 1 totaled 292,000 tons, compared with 230,000 tons on May 1 last year. rooms and living rooms are well 1946.

Mrs. Mary Parker, Mademoi-Mrs. Euphemia Anderson, Auto selle Magazine, New York; Cor-Club of Michigan, Detroit; Mrs. bin Patrick, Indianapolis Star, Louise T. Baker, travel counselor, Indianoplis, Ind.; T. E. Picard, Jr., Orlando, Fla.; Mrs. Jean Burton, Louisville Auto Club, Louisville, Mrs. Elizabeth Potter Toledo Ky.; Miss Nellie Mae Caldwell, Automobile Club, Toledo, Ohio; Winston-Salem Auto Club; Miss Mildred Rauschkolb, Cleve-George M. Carter, Carolina Mo- land Plain Dealer, Cleveland, O.; (Continued on page four)

Home For Alcoholics Is Dedicated Sunday

Grace Home, for the rehabilita- | appointed.

Members of the board met tion of women alcoholics, was dedicated Sunday with a service carlier Sunday afternoon and held at 3:30 p. m. in the new discussed policies to be carried building located near Shulls out in administration plans to Mills, one and a half miles from promote the work financially. Hebron Colony, the men's home Among board members present for alcoholics. were Dr. Dillard, Claude Best,

Chapel Hill, vice president; H. W. Wilcox of Boone, treasurer; R. C. Rigdon, Greenville, S. C.; Mrs. W. R. Taylor, Norfolk, Va.; the the new home, and gave a brief Rev. Wayne Moore, San Mateo,

Fla.; Mrs. Joseph Cannon, Blow-ing Rock; and Mrs. D. W. Alderman, Florence, S. C

Paul Frazier, head of the alco holic state home in Georgia, County Sing

with its highly polished pine walls and shining floors. Many windows provide a surrounding view of mountains, and the bed- since Hebron was founded in

Is New Parkway **Group Official** North, Wilkesboro-Harry W. Hiott Jr., manager of the Wilkes

Chamber of Commerce, has been elected vice-president of the Blue **Ridge Parkway Association.** He succeeds Randolph H. Perry

of Charlottesville, Va., who now serves as president of the group. Arthur Myles Jones of Asheville," outgoing president, reported at the recent meeting that during 1952 the Parkway drew more than 3,000,000 visitors, breaking all records for attendance at any national park in the nation.

He added that visitors thus far in 1953 are averaging 30 per cent ahead of last year.

The Blue Ridge Parkway Asalong the crest of the Southern Great Smoky Mountain ranges to Gatlinburg, Tenn.



cek. Mr. Jurgensen, who is associ-(Continued on page four) **Civil Air Patrol Heads Expected To Meet Here** Civil Air Patrol personnel stops at the Blowing Rock,

from four states will converge on Grandfather Mountain and Lin-Boone June 27 for a mountain ville, has been arranged for that the frame structure quickly outing and the second 1953 per- afternoon. At 8:15 p. m. the visi- burned. The fire department rushformance of the outdoor drama tors will see a performance of ed to the scene and prevented the "Horn in the West." The Boone CAP Squa with the cooperation of the North Night."

Carolina CAP Wing, is sending invitations to the 5,000 officers arrive in Boone June 26 are in-

Patrol in North and South Carolina, Virginia, and Tennessee

The Southern Appalachian Historical Association, sponsors of "Horn in the West," and Boone sociation is the promotion agency eivic organizations are cooperat-

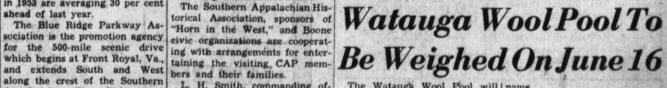
"Horn in the West" which will be spread of the flames from the

designated "Civil Air Patrol doomed building to nearby structures.

coverage.

A 9 per cent increase in North and members of the Civil Air vited to a banquet honoring Gen- Carolina's watermelon acreage (Continued on page four)

this year is predicted.



The Watauga Wool Pool will | name.

Appalachian, Blue Ridge, and ficer of the Boone Squadron and be weighed on June 16 and 17 at Any farmer who brings his legal officer for the North Caro- Boone, according to L. E. Tuck- wool in many small bags to the

lina CAP Wing, is chairman. A specially invited guest will be Maj. Gen. Lucas V. Beau, na-tional commander of the CAP, who is expected to arrive in Beane from Washington July and Jul

but men and work being done by Dr. Dillard plan to prepare them for work with children later." Approximately 250 guests call-ed at the Grace Home Sunday and immeeted the new building and immeeted the new building in Boone, Chairman Ivan Younce has announced. All singers are welcome to participate in the event, and the public is cordially invited to attend, said Mr. Younce.



L. H. Smith, commanding of-