

**BOONE**  
1880 POPULATION 2,873  
The educational center of Western  
North Carolina. Home of Appalachian  
State Teachers College, which attracts  
hundreds of students annually from  
all parts of the nation. Modern busi-  
ness district. A good place to live.

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## KING STREET BY ROB RIVERS

"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 attention 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 the place... you can't miss it!"

... But folks do miss the directions 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 the man from Kankakee how to get down to Bill Tedder's place, where he was told he could do 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 mountain, the strangers picked up some youngsters who obligingly 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.



READY FOR SEASON—Standing beside the special bus of the Blue Ridge Parkway touring party last week are, left to right G. C. Robbins, president of the Blowing Rock Chamber of Commerce; Chief 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 Wjiegold, Winston-Salem Journal.)

## Newsmen And Travel Officials 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 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 called 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 statement 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 probable successor on the ticket.

Some forty-five newsmen, photographers, magazine travel editors, and travel bureau officials from many sections of the nation were of one voice in declaring that the scenic wonderland of the Blue Ridge Parkway is excelled only by Watauga County hospitality, as the caravan stopped at Boone and Blowing Rock last Wednesday in the third annual Blue Ridge Parkway Tour.

In Boone, they visited the Daniel Boone Theatre, site of the outdoor drama, "Horn in the West," then moved on to Blowing Rock and Cone Memorial Park, where an old-fashioned picnic lunch awaited them, prepared and served by Kirk's Bar-B-Q, of Boone, and sponsored by the Boone and Blowing Rock Chambers of Commerce.

Sponsored by the Carolina Motor Club, in cooperation with the National Park Service, the Blue Ridge Parkway Association, the National Park Service, Blue Ridge area communities, Virginia Trailways, and the Smoky Mountain Tours Company, and directed by T. Ed Pickard, of Charlotte, vice president and general manager of the Carolina Motor Club, the tour began in Roanoke and ended Friday in Asheville.

An able group of lecturers, under the leadership of Sam P. Weems, superintendent of the Blue Ridge Parkway, explained various aspects of the scenic highway.

Members of the tour who visited Boone and Blowing Rock included:

- Mrs. Ephemie Anderson, Auto Club of Michigan, Detroit;
- Mrs. Louise T. Baker, travel counselor, Orlando, Fla.;
- Mrs. Jean Burton, Louisville Auto Club, Louisville, Ky.;
- Miss Nellie Mae Caldwell, Winston-Salem Auto Club;
- George M. Carter, Carolina Motor Club, Charlotte;
- Miss Marcia Cantlin, D. C. Division, AAA, Washington, D. C.;
- E. M. Dale, Chief Park Ranger, Roanoke, Va.;
- Mrs. Lois Delancey, Parkersburg Auto Club, Parkersburg, W. Va.;
- Thomas Eckles, Cincinnati Auto Club, Cincinnati, O.;
- Miss Judy Ann Evans, West Virginia Auto Club, Beckley, W. Va.;
- Mike Frome, American Automobile Association, Washington, D. C.;
- Mrs. Anne M. Gibson, Virginia State Chamber of Commerce, Richmond, Va.;
- Thomas G. Gorman, Automobile Club of New York;
- Mrs. Ruby N. Hatch, Blue Grass Auto Club, Lexington, Ky.;
- Miss Doris Holt, East Tennessee Automobile Club, Knoxville, Tenn.;
- Josh L. Horne, publisher Evening Telegraph, Rocky Mount, N. C.;
- Mrs. Marjorie Hunter, Winston-Salem Journal;
- Mrs. Lanier G. Krise, Tidewater Automobile Association, Norfolk, Va.;
- Miss Jean Linnaman, Hoosier Motor Club, Indianapolis, Ind.;
- Henry Lollis, South Florida Division, AAA, Miami, Fla.;
- Miss Jerry Lucas, Parkersburg Auto Club, Parkersburg, W. Va.;
- Miss Joan E. Madigan, travel counselor, Washington, D. C.;
- William C. Mallory, Roanoke World-News, Roanoke, Va.;
- Mrs. Louise Maynard, Cincinnati Auto Club, Cincinnati, O.;
- Jack McDonald, Cincinnati Enquirer, Cincinnati, O.;
- Dr. Hugh Miller, Carolina Motor Club, Charlotte, N. C.;
- Clyde Osborne, Charlotte Observer, Charlotte;
- Lawrence O'Neill, Automobile Club of New York.;
- Mrs. Mary Parker, Mademoiselle Magazine, New York;
- Corbin Patrick, Indianapolis Star, Indianapolis, Ind.;
- T. E. Picard, Jr., Carolina Motor Club, Charlotte;
- Mrs. Elizabeth Potter Toledo, Automobile Club, Toledo, Ohio;
- Miss Mildred Rauschkoeb, Cleveland Plain Dealer, Cleveland, O.;

## Home For Alcoholics Is Dedicated Sunday

Grace Home, for the rehabilitation of women alcoholics, was dedicated Sunday with a service held at 3:30 p. m. in the new building located near Shulls Mills, one and a half miles from Hebron Colony, the men's home for alcoholics.

Dr. E. A. Dillard, founder of both Hebron and Grace homes, spoke briefly, explaining the purpose and methods of operation of the new home, and gave a brief history of Hebron Colony.

"Our ministry is spiritual, not medical," Dr. Dillard told the gathering. "We try to prepare our men and women for their lives after they leave here. We plan to prepare them for work with children later."

Approximately 250 guests called at the Grace Home Sunday and inspected the new building with its highly polished pine walls and shining floors. Many windows provide a surrounding view of mountains, and the bedrooms and living rooms are well

# College Summer Term Is Seen As Record-Breaker

## Man Buried As Frank Shore Is Identified As Indianan

### More Teachers Than Ever Are Expected Here

The 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 Mitchell, Ind., May 31, 1900. He hadn't been guilty of any serious offenses against the law, it was stated.



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.)

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 her brother for many years, and could not identify the body, but that she would accept the fingerprint 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 identified 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 Coroner 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 checked at Charleston, S. C., Minneapolis, Dothan, Ala., Houston and Indianapolis.

**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., Burlington, Lenoir, Hickory, Gastonia, Johnson City, Birmingham, Ala.; Atlanta, Ga., and Asheville.

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

The first "company call" of 1953 for the full cast and production staff of the outdoor drama, "Horn in the West," will be held Saturday, June 6, at 7:30 p. m. in the Daniel Boone Theatre.

Dr. D. J. Whitener, vice president of the Southern Appalachian Historical Association, producers of the play, will welcome the group on behalf of the association, and recognize civic leaders, and officials of Watauga County, Boone, and Blowing Rock.

Kai Jurgensen, director of the drama, has announced that many popular actors and actresses are returning from last year's production to take leading roles in the play this summer.

The drama opens its second season June 26 and will run six nights weekly through September 7. The cast of 75 actors, singers and dancers chosen after tryouts at Boone and Chapel Hill this spring will begin rehearsals next week.

Mr. Jurgensen, who is associated professor in the Department of Dramatic Art at the University of North Carolina, is spending his second summer as director of the drama.

Ned Austin, native of Watauga County who originated the role of Daniel Boone during the drama's first season, will again play the famous woodsman who exemplifies the spirit of the pioneers who followed the "horn of freedom" to the Southern Appalachians in the 1700's. Charles Elledge, principal of the Marion High School, Marion, N. C., will repeat the role of Amos Howard, the tall booming-voiced frontier leader.

Irvine N. Smith, who played John Sevier last summer, will be seen this year in the leading role of Geoffrey Stuart, English-born physician who moves to the Appalachians after the Battle of Alamo.

The story of the Kermit Hunter drama centers around Geoffrey

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 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 outstanding 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 teachers to continue their study during the summer months.

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 Chapel 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 in-service 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 smaller numbers 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.

## 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 early Saturday night. The loss of buildings and contents was estimated at six thousand dollars. There was a partial insurance coverage.

The family was away from home when the blaze started, and the frame structure quickly burned. The fire department rushed to the scene and prevented the spread of the flames from the doomed building to nearby structures.

A 9 per cent increase in North Carolina's watermelon acreage this year is predicted.

### H. W. Hiott, Jr. 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 Association is the promotion agency for the 500-mile scenic drive which begins at Front Royal, Va., and extends South and West along the crest of the Southern Appalachian, Blue Ridge, and Great Smoky Mountain ranges to Gatlinburg, Tenn.

## Civil Air Patrol Heads Expected To Meet Here

Civil Air Patrol personnel from four states will converge on Boone June 27 for a mountain outing and the second 1953 performance of the outdoor drama "Horn in the West."

The Boone CAP Squadron, with the cooperation of the North Carolina CAP Wing, is sending invitations to the 5,000 officers and members of the Civil Air Patrol in North and South Carolina, Virginia, and Tennessee.

The Southern Appalachian Historical Association, sponsors of "Horn in the West," and Boone civic organizations are cooperating with arrangements for entertaining the visiting CAP members and their families.

L. H. Smith, commanding officer of the Boone Squadron and legal officer for the North Carolina CAP Wing, is chairman.

A specially invited guest will be Maj. Gen. Lucas V. Beau, national commander of the CAP, who is expected to arrive in Boone from Washington on June 26.

On the morning of June 27 the CAP visitors will participate in a parade through Boone. At noon they assemble on the grounds of the Daniel Boone Theatre for a picnic luncheon. A bus tour of the Blue Ridge Parkway, with

stops at the Blowing Rock, Grandfather Mountain and Linville, has been arranged for the afternoon. At 8:15 p. m. the visitors will see a performance of "Horn in the West" which will be designated "Civil Air Patrol Night."

CAP members and officers who arrive in Boone June 26 are invited to a banquet honoring Gen.

### Horn Offices Are Moved To Theatre

Administrative offices for "Horn in the West" are now located in a new building at the Daniel Boone Theatre, where the outdoor drama opens its second summer season June 26.

The new building will be headquarters for a spacious tourist information and accommodations center as well as the business and publicity offices formerly located in downtown Boone. It is a 24 x 48 foot rustic structure of board and batten, and will be painted a soft gray to match the nine other auxiliary buildings surrounding the 2,500-seat amphitheatre, and adjoins the main parking lot.

### Boone People In Horn Cast

Residents of Boone who will be members of the cast of the outdoor drama, "Horn in the West," which begins its second season here June 26, include the following:

Ned Austin, as Daniel Boone; William Ross as Colonel McKenzie, Stanley South as the Indian 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 Houshouser.

Hay stocks on North Carolina farms May 1 totaled 292,000 tons, compared with 230,000 tons on May 1 last year.

### 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.

### 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 confirming that we're printing a newspaper when the sheet goes in white and comes out covered with reading... We don't care

## Watauga Wool Pool To Be Weighed On June 16

The Watauga Wool Pool will be weighed on June 16 and 17 at Boone, according to L. E. Tuckwiller, county agent. Details will be given next week, he said. Mr. Caldwell took up wool in Avery County Monday and gave a good grade, but was very much displeased because the wool was not packed in large bags. He asked that all clear wool belonging to one man be packed in one bag. A small supply of wool bags has been left at the county agent's office and any farmer may obtain one for packing his wool by calling at the office and giving his name.

Any farmer who brings his wool in many small bags to the pool will be given a wool bag and asked to resack his wool before it is weighed, the county agent stated.

It is not necessary to have a wool bag to put the wool in. Two to four feed or seed bags sewed together will make a good bag for wool.

Mr. Tuckwiller urged farmers to "please have all your clear wool in just one bag so that it can be weighed and loaded quickly."