

KING STREET BY ROB RIVERS

CHOKING THE CREEK

Folks who live along Boone Creek (which was changed to Kraut Creek by Gene Wyke several years ago, due to the kraut juice which ran down with its waters at certain seasons,) say that the little stream is being hopelessly choked with all manner of refuse, and that the small amount of water normally going down the branch can't begin to handle the oil cans, tires, planks, old shoes, dead cats and dogs, and other sorts of refuse which are being cast in the ditch by the residents of the town. Some of the householders say they have to clean out the branch at times, and remove the debris to get rid of the odiferous condition . . . and we note that long since the fishes which used to inhabit the creek have given up the fight, and fact is we don't see any water snakes anymore . . . The contamination, of the streams, both the big rivers, and the clear mountain streams, like Boone Creek, is one of the big problems of the modern economy. We don't pretend to know the answer for the overall problem, but we do believe that in Boone, where there is ample garbage removal schedules, folks should refrain from throwing all the rubbish into the waters of the nice little stream, which could add a touch of beauty to its immediate environs . . . Leastwise folks who established their home along the branch when it was a clear, babbling brook, don't like its conversion into a catch all for every kind of refuse . . . Those of us who inhabit the upper reaches of the stream should have a care for the welfare of the folks on down the creek!

A SURE CURE

There are bugs, and blight, and termites and all sorts of vermin to plague the gardener and the housekeeper, and likewise plenty of pesticides, insecticides and poisons of all kinds to kill the bugs, which multiply as we kill the birds, and before the sure-fire chemicals came in, there was always the fellow who came through the country and offered a new cure for later bugs . . . One of these is recalled by a relative of one of the victims . . . The glib-tongued young fellow offered a dead shot for the later bugs, one year when the spuds were taking a beating from the insects . . . The householder laid 75 cents on the line . . . In a few days, there came through the mails, two little pine blocks, numbered one and two, with printed directions, something like this: "Lay the later bug on block number one. Place block number two on top of him, and smash him!"

MARKS ON THE PAD

A picture is said to be worth a thousand words, and there's a certain appeal about photographs, to be sure . . . For instance the picture carried in the Democrat last week showing Dr. D. J. Whitener being handed the ten thousand dollar Horn check by State Auditor Henry Bridges . . . The State official looked exactly like he'd changed his mind, and was about to retrieve the check . . . Then Herman Wilcox was seen adjusting a coonskin cap on the head of a comely visitor to the Daniel Boone theatre at about the same time the new Queen was being crowned with five pounds of diamonds and emeralds and such . . . Posed pictures of course are good for more amusement than the press service versions, so many of which are unexpected . . . New street signs look good . . . City officials are to be congratulated on this move which will aid newcomers so much, when trying to follow directions . . . Baxter Hardy completing the remodeling and repainting of his Boone Trail Cafe, all by himself, in spare time . . . And he's done a good job and added much to the appearance of the popular restaurant . . . An old-timer might be defined as one who recalls the days when tourists were known as "summer boarders," and when co-eds were referred to along the street as "dormitory girls" . . . Farmer bemoaning the lower cattle prices, and vowing that a \$20 calf was sickened by the milk from a four hundred dollar cow

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College Registration Finds Dormitories Full

City Officials Given Nod; Cottrell Named

The incumbent slate of city officers-holders was renominated by the Democrats in convention last Friday, with one exception. Howard Cottrell was named to replace Guy W. Hunt, who declined re-nomination.

The slate is:
For Mayor; Gordon H. Wink-

ler; for aldermen: Grady Moritz, Grady Tugman, Howard Cottrell.

Mr. Homer Brown, Democratic chairman for the town of Boone, presided at the meeting.

Republicans have not indicated convention plans. The election will be held June 23.

Watauga Wool Clip To Be Weighed Next Week

The 1953 Watauga wool clip will be weighed on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week at Farmers Burley Warehouse in Boone. Farmers living west of Boone are asked to bring their wool in on Tuesday, June 16, and those east of Boone on Wednesday morning, June 17. It is hoped to have the work done by noon on that day.

Jim Caldwell, the buyer, will be on hand at 7:00 a. m. to inspect and weigh the wool. He asks that all clear wool be packed in one bag, to have wool dry and keep it clean.

Since the wool pool must be loaded on the buyer's truck and the insurance and light bill must be paid, it will be necessary to deduct a fraction of a cent per pound to cover these charges.

Checks will be written as soon as proper calculations can be made, but checks will not be accepted at the bank until all wool is checked to find errors. Therefore your check will not be good before Thursday.

Farmers will enter the warehouse from the back door so that traffic will not be disturbed on the main highway.

The farmers in neighboring counties where Mr. Caldwell has bought the wool seem to be well pleased.

The price is as follows:
Clear tied wool, \$62.76; clear untied wool, 60.76; light burry, tied, 56.76; light burry, untied, 54.76; hard burry, tied, 48.76; hard burry, untied, 46.76; gray and black, tied, 50.00; dead and trashy, tied, 30.00; lambs wool, tied, 56.00.

Many Wataugas On Honor Roll At Appalachian

According to figures released recently by H. R. Eggers, registrar of Appalachian State Teachers college, the following students from Watauga county were listed on the spring term honor roll:
Joanne Aldridge, Boone; Roscoe Brown, Boone; Betty B. Bursell, Boone; C. P. Calloway, Boone; McDonald Cook, Boone; Charles Driver, Boone; Joe Allen Edmisten, Boone; Isabel Eggers, Boone; Winfield Harry Farthing, Boone; James A. Greene, Boone;
Martha Anne Herring, Blowing Rock; Eugenia R. Luttrell, Shulls Mills; Marjorie Ann Mast, Sherwood; Ruby Mast, Rominger; Bobby McConnell, Boone; Louise Mitchell, Zionville; Rebecca Moore, Boone; Nell Norris, Boone; Corky Owsley, Boone;
Lawrence Phillips, Boone; Bobby Gene Ray, Boone; Mrs. Ruth A. Ray, Boone; Florence Songer, and Harold Songer, Sherwood; Jewel B. South, Boone; Lovell South, Tamarack; Janice Ray Swift, Reese; Lois Townsend, Boone; Mary Sue Walsh, Sherwood.

Paul Brookshire Wins Lamb Show Honors

Paul Brookshire, 4-H club member from Boone, won the championship with a lamb that tipped the scales at 122 pounds. The lamb was sold to Swift and Company for 35c per pound.

Paul also won first place in the class of lambs sired by registered Hampshire ram.
Dudley Norris, another 4-H

Graduates From Nurses School



At a candle-lighting ceremony at Dilworth School auditorium, the pre-clinical class of Charlotte Memorial Hospital School of Nursing received their caps on May 22. In the group was Miss Nancy Coffey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Coffey of Blowing Rock, Route 1.

The caps were received after nine months of study and clinical experience.

Horn Players To Have Picnic

The cast and production staff of the outdoor drama, "Horn in the West", will be given an old-fashioned picnic dinner by the Southern Appalachian Historical Association, producers of the play, in the picnic area near the Daniel Boone Theatre at 5:30 p. m. on June 19.

The board of directors of the association met Monday and appointed the following picnic committee: Mrs. B. W. Stallings, chairman; Mrs. R. H. Harmon, Mrs. W. W. Chester, Mrs. Virginia Holzshouser, and Mrs. Grady Moritz.

CAP Officer To Visit Boone

Colonel Early W. Duncan, member of the staff of General Lucas V. Beau, national commander of the Civil Air Patrol, has advised Captain L. H. Smith, commanding officer of the Boone Squadron and legal officer for the North Carolina CAP Wing, that he will attend "CAP night" of the drama "Horn in the West", to be held June 27.

Civil Air Patrol personnel from four states are expected here for the second 1953 performance of the play.

The job of "plain citizen" keeps Truman busy.

The summer term registration at Appalachian State Teachers college began on Wednesday, and will continue through June 18, which is the last day that students may register for credit for the first six-week term.

All indications are, according to Professor Chapel Wilson, director of the summer terms, that it will be one of the largest summer sessions on record. At the time registration started, only limited space was left in any women's dormitory, though space was still available for men because of the opening of a new men's dormitory last year, to take care of 324 additional men. New dormitory facilities have been provided on the campus for more than 500 additional students.

Several hundred courses are being offered this summer in both graduate and undergraduate work. In addition to the very wide variety of courses available, there are a number of additional attractions which will be of interest to students and to residents of Boone.

A course in weaving is being taught by Miss Peggy Holcombe from Berry college in Georgia, one of the South's leading handicraft centers. This course is for those who want to learn weaving as a recreational craft, or for class work. All articles made in the course will become the property of those who make them.

A summer school chorus will be made up of students interested in good choral music. It will be under the direction of a member of the graduate music faculty, and several programs by this group will be given in the college auditorium during the summer session.

The summer school band will also give a number of outdoor concerts during the season.

The Institute of Opera of the University of North Carolina Extension Division will conduct a summer session program on the campus from June 10 to August 27. In addition to giving voice and opera training, the group will present a number of operas in English. These are the operas which the group will present next winter as the Grass Roots Opera Division of the Institute. Dr. Norman Cordon, formerly of the Metropolitan Opera Association, is director of the Institute of Opera.

The first six-weeks term of summer school will be from June 10 to July 17. In the meantime, a two-week term will also be operated from July 6 to 17. The second term of six weeks will be conducted from July 21 to August 27. A second two-week term will run from July 21 to August 1, and a third two-week term from August 3 to 14.

Workshop courses will also be offered. The audio-visual education workshop will be from July 21 to August 1; the first elementary education workshop from July 21 to August 1; the librarian's workshop from July 21 to August 1; the second elementary education workshop from August 3 to 14; the student teaching workshop from August 3 to 14; the music education workshop from August 3 to 15; and the health education workshop from August 17 to 27.

It is expected, Professor Wilson stated, that the graduate school will have the largest enrollment in history, and that the majority of the summer school students will be teachers in service. Graduate students may major in education, library science, or music. Or they may select minors in biology, English, library science, mathematics, music, social science, or physical education. This is the first summer that graduate work has been offered in physical education. It is possible for a student to obtain the master's degree entirely through summer school residence work.

The elementary demonstration school will open on June 22 and will close on August 14. The high school will open on June 15 and will close on August 14. The work in the elementary school will cover the seven grades, and the work in the high school will cover the high school subjects. Dr. Herbert Wey is principal of the high school, and Professor John T. Howell is principal of the elementary school.

The Senate follows the House lead in extending "doctor draft."

Norris Named Commander 30th Legion District



J. W. Norris of Boone was elected District Commander of the Thirtieth District of the American Legion at the district meeting held at Newland last week. He will be installed at the state convention in Wilmington this week.

Mr. Norris has been an active Legionnaire since Watauga Post was chartered and has held many offices in the American Legion. He was commander of the local post when the Legion home was built on their eight and one half acre park in Boone. For three years he conducted the Oratorical contests for the district. He was National Defense Officer for Watauga County during World War II and for his work in that capacity and his excellent cooperation the F. B. I. Watauga Post of the American Legion was awarded a special citation by J. Edgar Hoover, head of the F. B. I.

Rotary Club In Regular Meeting

The Boone Rotary Club held its regular meeting at Kirk's Barbecue at 6:30 p. m., Thursday, June 4, with President Jim Thompson presiding.

Program Chairman Louis Smith presented Wade Brown, local attorney, who addressed the club on recent legislation in the state legislature. He discussed recent statutes enacted of interest to all citizens concerning financial responsibility act, state constitution amendments, parking meter legislation, and revision of state income tax laws.

The Boone Rotary Club will now hold all of its meetings at Kirk's Barbecue, on Thursdays, at 6:30 p. m.

The committee for installation ceremonies made a report on the forthcoming installation of new Rotary officers for the Rotary fiscal year 1953-54. The club will combine the installation with a ladies night on June 25. Past District Governor Macon Williams of the 280th District, Rotary International, will install the new Rotary officers and Board of Directors.

The officers to be installed are as follows: President, Hugh Hagaman; vice-president, Alfred Adams; secretary, Dick Allen; treasurer, James Marsh; sergeant-at-arms, Stacy Eggers; assistant sergeant-at-arms, Phil Vance.

One of the nation's airlines—North American Airlines—has inaugurated commercial passenger service with rearward-facing seats. The company said the backs of the specially-designed seats will support the head and body to minimize effects of any accident.

Heavy Week End Rains Brighten Crop Outlook

Heavy week end rains brought hope back to Watauga county where no appreciable rain had fallen for thirty days, and where farmers faced a critical situation both in the matter of livestock production and the raising of row crops.

Starting Saturday afternoon and continuing through the night, with additional rain Sunday evening, the parched ground got a pretty good soaking.

Farmers had been unable to get their tobacco plants to grow, many had set them, only to have most of them die, but now the

Horn In West Cast Officially Greeted

Wilcox, REA Head Discuss Dam Plan With TVA Leaders

H. W. Wilcox, president of the Boone Chamber of Commerce, and C. E. Viverette, of Lenoir, district manager of the Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation, have an appointment Thursday, June 11, in Knoxville, Tenn., with Tennessee Valley Authority officials, for further discussion of the proposed Beech Creek Dam project in Watauga County.

Dr. Wey Will Be A Professor At Miami U.

Dr. Herbert Wey, principal of the local high school and director of teacher training at Appalachian State Teachers College, has been granted a one year leave of absence in order to accept an Associate Professorship in the School of Education at the University of Miami, Miami, Florida. Dr. Wey will teach graduate courses in School Administration.

He will leave for Florida September 1 and return to Boone for the summer session of 1954.

Dr. Shaffer New Principal

Dr. Richard Shaffer, who served as assistant principal last year, was elected principal for the school year of 1953-54 to take Dr. Wey's place while he is gone.

Seamstresses Needed At Horn

Volunteer seamstresses are urgently needed by Horn in the West to aid in repairing and altering the numerous costumes used in the outdoor drama.

Miss Helen Lauterer, costume designer, is in charge of this work, which is being done at the workshop at the Daniel Boone Theatre.

Those who can help are asked to call Mrs. James Winkler at Horn in the West office. Workers are needed immediately.

Mrs. Oliver Greene Rites Are Held

Mrs. Oliver Greene, 64, died at Blowing Rock Hospital Sunday.

Born in Watauga county, Mrs. Greene was a daughter of Tolliver and Margaret Greene. She is survived by the husband, two sons and a daughter, all residents of Blowing Rock; Stanley Greene, Sylvester Greene, Mrs. Cecil Rhodes.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at the Blowing Rock Reformed Church and burial was in the church cemetery.

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Prices for city people are much the same as for farmers, —prices are down somewhat, but not enough to affect the cost of living.

The cast of "Horn in the West," Kermit Hunter's historical outdoor drama which opens its second season here June 26, held its first 1953 rehearsal Sunday afternoon, following official welcoming ceremonies Saturday night in the Appalachian State Teachers College auditorium by the Southern Appalachian Historical Association, town officials and civic leaders of Boone.

Kai Jurgenson, drama director, introduced Dr. D. J. Whitener, vice president of the historical association, who welcomed the group and introduced a number of officials who made brief talks.

Among those speaking were Mayor Gordon Winkler, Dr. Chapel Wilson, dean of the Graduate School at Appalachian College; Herman Wilcox, president of the Chamber of Commerce; J. V. Caudill, president of the Merchants Association; W. L. Winkler, Watauga's representative in the State legislature; and the Rev. J. K. Parker, president of the Boone Ministerial Association.

William M. Hardy, business manager of the drama, spoke briefly about the play to those assembled.

Also recognized by Dr. Whitener were the Revs. J. T. Shackford and L. H. Hollingsworth, Clyde R. Greene, chairman of the executive committee of the association's board of directors; and board members R. D. Hodges, Wade E. Brown, Alfred Adams, Mrs. B. W. Stallings, and James Marsh.

Members of the production staff present included Gene Graves, stage manager; Dr. Wilton Mason, musical director; Harry Coble, choreographer; Miss St. Clair Williams, assistant costume designer; Victor Michelak, voice coach; Gene Wilson, lighting director; Dick Epler, master of properties; and Mrs. Miriam G. Rabb, publicity director.

The seats have been installed in the theatre, and morning, afternoon, and evening rehearsals will be held until the drama opens, it was announced.

Martin Cottage Is Damaged By Flames; Noted Tourist Place

Rev. Mr. Shuford To Be Ordained Next Sunday



REV. GEORGE W. SHUFORD

The Rev. George W. Shuford, pastor of the Blowing Rock Lutheran Parish, will be ordained Sunday afternoon at 3:30 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Statesville. Seven young men will be ordained in the Lutheran ministry in the ceremony to be conducted by Dr. F. L. Conrad, president of the North Carolina Lutheran Synod. Dr. Walter Freed of Charlotte will preach the sermon for the occasion.

Rev. Mr. Shuford became pastor of the Blowing Rock Lutheran Parish June 1, and preached his first sermon last Sunday. The Blowing Rock Parish was formerly a part of the Boone Lutheran Parish with the Rev. Edwin F. Troutman as pastor. On January 1 this year the parish was reorganized, and Rev. Mr. Troutman remained as pastor of the Boone Church.

Four men from North Carolina besides Rev. Mr. Shuford and two who will serve churches in South Carolina will be ordained in Statesville. All of them are recent graduates of the Lutheran Seminary at Columbia, S. C.

In 1950 Rev. Mr. Shuford graduated from Lenoir Rhyne College in Hickory. Before entering college he served in the U. S. Army infantry in Europe with two battle stars. He is a native of Lincoln County, near Iron Station, where his parents reside.

Singing To Be Held Saturday

The regular Saturday night singing will be held at the Stony Fork Baptist Church Saturday night June 13th at 7:30 p. m.

All singers as well as those who enjoy Gospel singing are invited to attend.

By MRS. LUCILE LETT
Blowing Rock. — The Martin Cottage, owned and operated by Mrs. Johnnie Martin, suffered extensive damages last week from fire which broke out in the top floor of the building. No figures were available at the time of this writing due to the fact that the adjuster had not appeared but damage was heavy from fire, smoke and water.

Quick work on the part of the Blowing Rock Volunteer Fire Department prevented the fire doing greater damage and also from spreading to other buildings. Almost all the furnishings were saved by members of the department and the townspeople who quickly entered the burning building and carried furnishings out.

It is not known at this time how the fire started on the third floor adjacent to the flue. Firemen had to enter hose lines through holes cut in the roof and also through windows on the upper floors.

Due to the fact that the season is only beginning, there were few guests in the home, and also due to the fact that the fire broke out at midday, there was little loss of personal items belonging to members of the family, guests and the personnel, what there was being due to water and smoke, rather than fire.

It was first thought that the establishment would have to be completely closed for the season, which would have been the first time in some 40 years. However, Mrs. Martin tells us she plans now to be only temporarily closed for repairs, and plans to re-open for at least a part of the season. Opening again will, of course, be determined by the length of time necessary for the repairs and Mrs. Martin hopes to be open by August 1. However, if repairs take too long the cottage will just have to be closed for the season.

Martin Cottage is known far and wide for its homey atmosphere, delicious food, and congenial personnel. Guests who have been coming here will surely miss being back again this summer.

Considerable repairs and improvements had just been completed early this spring. A new gas range was installed, new linoleum laid on kitchen and pantry floors, dining room floors re-worked, and other improvements. This area of the building, however, was not severely damaged.

WELFARE JOBS

The Health, Education and Welfare Department has given dismissal notices to about 1,200 employees because of prospective budget cuts. Public Health Service received a net cut of 1,000; Food and Drug Administration, 100; Office of Education, 50, and miscellaneous, 50.