

KING STREET

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SIGNS OF PROGRESS

Two of the most notable improvements along the street are those at the Northwestern Bank and the Farmers Hardware and Supply Company. . . . Down at the Bank, steel windows have been installed along the east side of the building, which not only adds to the looks of the place but affords a much improved type of ventilation, while inside new fixtures have been installed permitting the use of six tellers at a time rather than four, and the added help is certainly needed on Saturdays. . . . The remodeling comes as a considerable help to the patrons of the financial institution and is also an aid to the employees of the place. . . . At Farmers Hardware, the old fashioned front is giving away to one of those modernistic slanting fronts, which looks mighty good, and will, when completed, add greatly to the appearance of the popular store. . . . Other face-lifting operations are going on about the town, but these two are pointed out as being rather more noticeable than some of the others.

"IDEAL SUMMER SPOT"

Mr. Johnnie Bell, of Boynton Beach, Fla., came to the Democrat the other day and left a couple of coconuts in the hull, straight from the palm tree. . . . Mr. Bell says that upon his discharge from the service doctors advised a climate change for him. . . . He traveled far and wide over the western States, and finally came to Boone, where his search for summer contentment ended. . . . He, Mrs. Bell, and ten year old Tyler came to Boone last year, bought property on the Howard's Creek Road, and are now building a summer home here. . . . The Bells, who term Boone the "ideal summer spot" will continue to spend the winters in Florida.

FOLKS WE SEE

Mrs. M. H. Long of Statesville, long-time employee of the Landmark, spending the summer in Blowing Rock, where she is doing a good job editing the Blowing Rocket, summertime newspaper which comes from the presses of the Watauga Democrat each Thursday. . . . Born in the depths of depression days the Blowing Rocket discontinued publication for a time during the war, and failed to come out last year. . . . Anyway, it's back again and Mrs. Long, with her broad experience in newspaper work, is doing a good job on the journal which gives the news in the Blowing Rock summer community. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Bobbie Richards and son of Albermarle recent visitors. . . . Mr. Richards used to work on the desk down at the Daniel Boone Hotel during the administration of Leo Vaughn, and is still in the hotel business. . . . He has many friends in Boone who welcome his infrequent visits. . . . Rogers (Spud) Whitener, and his Missus, who live in Lakeland, Florida during most of the year, where he teaches at Florida Southern College, are spending the summer in Boone. . . . Spud has spent many years in this community, knows most everyone hereabouts, and summertime hasn't officially come till he shows up. . . . Besides professing, Spud goes in for singing, and dramatics, and has done parts down at the Lost Colony for several years. . . . Currently he is billed as preacher Doakes in Horn in the West, and doing his usual good job. . . . Mr. Leslie Atkins, and family of Durham, visit in Boone. . . . Mr. Atkins, chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee in Durham county, sees his county again giving Scott the edge if the Haw River squire seeks the Willis Smith Senatorial toga. . . . The John Milnes here for the summer from Henderson. . . . Man from New Mexico deploring the fact that the parking meter was out of kilter and wouldn't give him credit. . . . Builders assembling, looking to the start of construction on International Resistance Co. plant.

North Carolina's total cash farm income last year was \$929,948,000, down \$17,338,000 from the \$947,286,000 of 1951.

Work Started On New Plant

Work started Monday, looking to the erection of the new electronics part plant in Boone, most of the first work being in the nature of surveying, in an effort to get the proper location in relation to roadways, etc. It is likely that dirt will be broken by the middle of the week and work on the building will go forward as rapidly as possible.

The contractor is C. M. Guest and Sons, of Greensboro. Mr. W. C. Burris, is superintendent of construction, and he, Mrs. Burris and son William of Anderson, S. C., are making their home here for the next several months. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Sandlin of Black Mountain are also here. Mr. Sandlin is carpenter foreman for the new building.

State Health Officer Says No Polio Found In "Tourist Region"

Raleigh—Dr. J. W. R. Norton, North Carolina State Health Officer, declared here that "no polio exists in the tourist regions of the mountains or along the coast", and that "there is nothing connected with the polio situation in North Carolina to interfere with tourist travel."

Dr. Norton made his statement after a survey of the polio outbreak in Caldwell County, which

has been the subject of wide national publicity because of the mass inoculations with gamma globulin. He said he was issuing a formal statement because he was receiving telephone calls and letters from all parts of the country inquiring if the Caldwell County outbreak presented a health hazard to vacations in North Carolina's mountain and coastal resorts.

Dr. Norton's statement follows: "There is nothing connected with the polio situation in North Carolina which would interfere with tourist travel to any part of the state. The only area affected is Caldwell County and to some extent the three adjacent counties of Catawba, Burke, and Wilkes counties. No polio exists as of this date (July 9) in the summer tourist regions or to any extent in any of the other 96 counties in North Carolina.

Lions Club Leaders To Meet Here This Week

Lions Club leaders from all over North Carolina, who will be in Boone this week end for a State Council meeting, will be guests at the July 18 performance of "Horn in the West."

The group will include John L. Stickle of Charlotte, third vice president of Lions International; E. B. Graeber, Charlotte, liaison officer for the North Carolina Lions Clubs; Norman Trueblood, Elizabeth City, state secretary; and three Lions International counsellors: Louis K. Day of Rocky Mount, and Dr. D. J. Whitener and Richard E. Kelley, Boone.

The State Council is made up of present and past district governors as follows: R. R. Barnes, Candler; A. V. Goldiere, Davidson; Hoke Flynt, Winston-Salem; J. D. Peacock, Lumberton; Wallace L. West, Wilmington; Samuel M. Holton, Louisville; H. Bueck, Murphy; E. O. Lane, Denton; Lyman D. Austin, Albemarle; W. Paul Lyman, Raleigh; W. J. Dunn, Washington; and Mr. Kelley.

Turner Storie Hurt In Accident

Turner Storie, of the Farmers Hardware & Supply Company, sustained painful, though not serious, injuries Saturday morning when a stack of heavy tile board squares toppled over, knocking him down and pinning him to the floor in the building supply warehouse of the company on Howard Street.

He was discharged from Watauga Hospital Tuesday morning after undergoing treatment for shock, multiple bruises and abrasions, and is convalescing at his home in Perkinsville. No bones were broken.

Boone Recreational Program To Be Made Bigger, Better

Beginning with next Monday, the Boone Recreation Program will be expanded in several ways, especially with reference to the girls' activities, it was announced this week by the Rev. Joseph T. Shuckford, chairman of the Boone Recreation Committee. At a meeting on Tuesday of several leaders in the girls' work of the community, Mrs. Virginia Holshouser, Mrs. Dolly Matheson, Mrs. Lee Reynolds, and Mrs. Ray Lawrence, Mr. Shuckford and the recreation director, Jack Groce, reviewed the town recreation program and sought to fill the gaps, especially with the girls, where they appeared.

for the remainder of the summer will be Tuesdays and Fridays, 4:00-5:30 p. m. Girls aged 6-9 will meet at the east side entrance to the high school and the girls 10-13 will meet on the playing field in front of the high school at these times. For the younger group, croquet, shuffleboard, and playground games will be planned. If interest is present and supervision is forthcoming, crafts of several sorts may be added to these activities. For the older group, badminton, volley ball, shuffleboard, softball, and, on rainy days, ping pong, will be available. The recreation director, Mr.

Caldwell To Speak At Meet Of Pomona Grange



HARRY B. CALDWELL

Mr. Harry B. Caldwell, Master of the North Carolina Grange, will be the speaker at the Pomona Grange meeting at Parkway school house July 23rd at 8 o'clock p. m.

Mr. Caldwell recently returned from a six weeks tour of farms in Europe as a member of President Eisenhower's interim advisory committee on agriculture. Farmers are asked to come and hear him discuss the changing agricultural policy, which it is said might help in the solution of some current farm problems.

The general public is invited to hear Mr. Caldwell. Immediately after the speaking the Pomona Grange will hold its business session.

Memorial To Be Held For Pioneer Meat Camp Woman

Memorial services for Mrs. Elizabeth Blackburn Miller will be held at the old Hopewell graveyard July 19, at 3 o'clock.

The Rev. Ernest Moretz, grandson of Mrs. Miller, will preach, and others present will participate in the services. Mrs. Miller died about 1883, but not fitting service had ever been held, it is said. A monument is being erected to her memory.

A pioneer citizen of the Meat Camp section, Mrs. Miller was the grandmother of William Winebarger, the late Monroe Moretz and other prominent citizens of Watauga.

New Plan To Aid Motorists

As an added service to motorists of the region an appointment plan to aid busy people in taking the examinations for driver's licenses has been arranged, preventing their standing in line.

These appointments may be made as far as three weeks ahead for Wednesday, Thursday or Friday. Those interested may see the license examiner, W. R. Stanberry, while here or write him at West Jefferson for appointment.

Cancer Campaign In Watauga Over Quota

Thanks to the Junior Woman's Club, local sponsor of the Cancer Drive, the local Executive Committee of the American Society, and a host of volunteer workers the Cancer Campaign in Watauga County went over the top, says Mrs. John Davis, campaign chairman, who adds:

"The goal set for our county was \$433.35 and the amount turned in was \$483.89. We are grateful to all of the workers who so willingly gave their time to this drive. We are proud too of Watauga County whose citizens have never failed to give of their

means to help the American Cancer Society and have always reached their goal and more. I am sure you will be proud you gave too when you hear of some worthy person of our county, maybe your next door neighbor, receiving help from the American Cancer Society who otherwise might have gone on indefinitely without hope for life.

"If some of you have not given to the 1953 Cancer fund and you would like to have a part in this vital life-saving organization send your contribution to CANCER, Boone, N. C."

Cone, Price Estates Will Get Attention Park Body

Bean Mart Active With Sales Of Over 1500 Baskets Daily

The Boone Vegetable Auction Market, Inc., which opened its first season here on Monday, July 6, with sales of 2,000 baskets of beans for Watauga County farmers, has maintained a steady average of 1,500 to 2,000 baskets daily, Joe B. Gourley, marketing specialist with the North Carolina Department of Agriculture, said yesterday.

Prices, which dropped slightly after opening day, have picked up once more, and sales of Monday, July 13, ranged from \$2.25 to \$2.70 per bushel, depending upon the quality of the beans, he said.

Loading and unloading facilities have been improved, and there is now a minimum of waiting by growers for beans to be sold. Sales are now being held each week day every hour on the hour from 4 to 8 p. m. and later sales will be held if necessary.

Additional buyers will be attracted to the market as the volume increases, and three telephones have been installed in the office of Mountain Burley Warehouse No. 3 on the Bristol Road, where the sales are held, for the added convenience of the buyers, said Mr. Gourley.

Other vegetables will be sold at auction at the same location when they are ready for the market.

Dr. Althouse Talks To Men On Saving Beauties Of Town

Dr. H. D. Althouse, of Hickory, who is interested in the beautification of towns and cities, spoke to a number of Boone men at a luncheon last Wednesday in Fellowship Hall of the Methodist Church. Dr. Althouse heads a commission in Hickory dedicated to the beautification of that town by planting and caring for trees, shrubbery, flowers and plants.

The purpose of the luncheon to organize a club of men interested in horticulture in Boone. A good attendance was reported, and Ray Derrick, temporary chairman, appointed Homer Brown, R. W. Watkins and Dr. John G. Barden to a committee to nominate a slate of officers to be voted upon at the next meeting.

Dr. Althouse spoke to the men on "Men's Part in Town and Home Beautification," and explained how a club of the sort planned here would be beneficial in beautifying Boone and in conserving the many natural beauties with which Boone is endowed.

The next meeting was to be held Wednesday (July 15) night at 8:30 o'clock in the Methodist Church basement. All men who are interested in this project were urged to attend.

Lamb Pool In Wilkes July 23

The second 1953 Watauga Lamb Pool will be held at the sheep loading pens at North Wilkesboro on Thursday, July 23. Lambs will be weighed from 6:30 a. m. to 9:30 a. m. and loaded as soon as weighing is completed.

Lambs will be graded by the state grader, and will be sold by grade to the highest responsible bidder.

Any one may sell in the pool but lambs must be brought in early as they must be shipped out on the freight train and it will be waiting to finish weighing lambs.

Mission, Kan.—While mowing grass on a neighbor's empty lot, Robert Guthrie, 16, gulped when he uncovered an old fruit jar, containing \$2,000. The owner of the lot, Charles Asner, claimed it saying his wife had been saving the money without his knowledge over a seven-year period. The court will be asked to determine the owner of the \$2,000.

Eggers To Preside At Farm Loan Meet

The 36th annual meeting of the stockholders of the Boone National Farm Loan Association, which is a local farmer owned and operated credit organization affiliated with the Federal Land Bank of Columbia, S. C., will be held in Boone Saturday, according to an announcement by S. C. Eggers, president of the co-op. The meeting will be held in the Watauga County Court house at Boone beginning at 10:30 a. m., with President Eggers presiding.

The business session will include a report of the past year's operations by John H. Hollar, secretary-treasurer, a report on the activities of the board of directors and loan committee and the election of directors. Following this the stockholders and guests will hear an address by Julian Scarborough, president of the Federal Land Bank of Columbia since 1934, who has had a distinguished career in agricultural credit.

The local farm loan association, along with 72 other associations in the two Carolinas, Georgia and Florida, own all the capital stock of the Columbia Land Bank. These associations handle the making and servicing of all loans made by the bank in their respective territories. The Federal Land Bank system began operations early in 1917 with the Columbia bank receiving its charter on March 16 of that year.

Commission To Gather Here For Summer Session

The first loan made by the bank through a national farm loan association was closed on July 2, 1917. Since then more than seventy million dollars has been



JULIAN SCARBOROUGH

loaned to North Carolina farmers. Other officials and directors of the local association besides Mr. Eggers and Mr. Hollar are E. S. Shatley, J. Mack Moore, Carlis Lee Mitchell and Gordon A. Chambers, directors.

A large turnout of members and invited guests is expected for the celebration, President Eggers stated.

Members of the North Carolina National Park, Parkway and Forest Development Commission will hold their summer meeting in Boone July 20, when they will be entertained by the Chamber of Commerce at a luncheon at the Daniel Boone Hotel.

During their stay in Boone the Commission is expected to review the Cone estate and the Julian Price project in Watauga county, looking to their future development as a part of the National Park system.

Notables Expected
Those expected are Kelly E. Bennett, chairman; W. R. Winkler, vice-chairman; C. M. Douglas, secretary; Edith P. Alley, clerk, and other members of the commission.

Also expected to be present are Sam P. Weems, superintendent of the Blue Ridge Parkway; Hon. Robert L. Doughton, R. Getty Browning, of the State Highway Commission; Charlie Parker, Department of Conservation and Development; Hugh Morton of Linville.

Also expected are Ben Douglas, of Charlotte, director of conservation and A. H. Graham, chairman of the State highway commission.

Arrive Sunday
The visitors will begin arriving Sunday afternoon. Their business session will start Monday morning, and perhaps end in the early afternoon. Business of much concern to Watauga county will come before the session.

Members S. C. Press To Visit Horn Friday

Members of the South Carolina Press Association, which is holding its mid-summer convention at Mayview Manor, Blowing Rock, this week-end, will see "Horn in the West" Friday night, July 17, as guests of the Southern

Appalachian Historical Association, sponsors of the outdoor drama.

Although a number of South Carolina journalists have seen the drama since it opened its second season at the Daniel Boone Theatre June 26, Friday night will mark the first time that an out-of-state press association has attended as a group. The North Carolina Press Association attended the drama during its convention at Blowing Rock in July, 1952.

Some 75 visiting newsmen and their families are expected to witness the production Friday night. H. D. Osteen, publisher of the Sumter Item, is president of the South Carolina Press Association.

Brother Of Mrs. Moretz Killed By Stray Bullet

Mr. Joe Rhyne of Jacksonville, Fla., brother of Mrs. Grady Moretz of Boone, was killed instantly by a stray bullet while he was hunting near a rifle range Saturday.

Surviving are the widow and two daughters, Joan and Shirley Rhyne. Mrs. Moretz has gone to Dallas, N. C., for the funeral rites which are being held on Wednesday.

The U. S. plans billion dollar outlay next year on guided missiles.

Dairy Meeting Is Postponed

The annual meeting of the Yadkin Valley Dairy Cooperative, which was to have been held at Wilkesboro Tuesday the 21st, has been postponed indefinitely.

26 Watauga Students Given School Bus Safety Certificates

Twenty-eight Watauga County students won special Safety Award certificates today for outstanding safety records as school bus drivers during the 1952-53 school term.

Announcement of the awards was made by the N. C. State Automobile Association. This state-wide motor club and the Highway Safety Division of the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles jointly sponsored the safety program which culminated with the awarding of certificates.

John G. Frazier Jr., president of the Automobile Association, congratulated the winners for being among the best out of some 20,000 students who were trained last year as school bus drivers.

"These young people deserve the thanks and praise of the entire community," Mr. Frazier said. "Day after day, in all kinds

of weather, they consistently drove carefully, kept their busses in good, clean condition, and had no accidents.

"Transporting students to and from school is a large responsibility, yet these drivers carried out their duties without mishap."

Out of the 20,000 trained in the state each year, less than half are certified to handle the 7,000 school busses.

The qualified drivers travel 220,000 miles a day to haul 427,000 school children.

The winners abided by a set of rules prepared by the Highway Safety Division. They had to drive a minimum of 120 days without accident, keep their busses clean, be punctual, and show a good attitude and disposition.

Drivers were disqualified if their principals received any verified reports of careless driving or if the youngsters were in-

2.3 Miles Paving Finished Here

Raleigh—The State Highway Commission completed 2.3 miles of paving in Watauga County during the month of June. Commissioner W. Ralph Winkler of Boone reported today.

The following roads, and their lengths, were paved in June: From US 321 toward Parkway, 1.3 miles; and County Road toward Parkway, one mile. Both roads are on the State's secondary highway system.

The Eleventh Highway Division composed of Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Caldwell, Surry, Watauga, and Yadkin counties brought a total of 41.38 miles of road work to completion during June. Headquarters for the Eleventh are in North Wilkesboro; J. H. Council is the division engineer.

Clinic Friday

The regular orthopedic clinic will be held Friday between 8 a. m. and 12 noon, at the Health Department in Boone.

Certificate winners from Watauga County schools:

- Boone — Worth Greer, John Moretz, James McKinney, Ted Townsend, Paul Brookshire, and Alex South.
- Vilas—Lewis Bentley, Ben Fox, Jacob Fletcher, Clay Greene.
- Shulls Mill — Tommy Sluder, Ray Clark, and A. E. White Jr. and Sr.
- Beech Creek—J. C. Tester.
- Tamarack—Lloyd Miller.
- Reece—Earl Scott.
- Sugar Grove — Allen Heaton and Fred Winebarger.
- Meat Camp—J. D. Miller.
- Deep Gap—Billy Welborn, Jack Welborn.
- Stony Fork—J. E. Greene, Triplett—Gordie Triplett.
- Blowing Rock—Howard Hayes, Paul Ruppert, and Roby Weaver.