

## KING STREET

BY  
ROB RIVERS

### SCOTTY RETURNS

Scotty Wilson, who came to this country from the land of the heather when a lad, and was once a familiar figure along the Street, where he operated the Stuart-Faucett five and ten, came back the other day to visit with friends and to look around on the scenes of his earlier endeavors . . . Scotty, who has been away for some sixteen years, is located in Buffalo, New York, where he sells machine tools to industries in the great lakes manufacturing area, is succeeding well, and expresses pleasure that Boone is still following the paths of progress . . . Scotty notes with pleasure that Boone is to have a manufacturing plant, and says that the competency of Southern workers in the plants of the east have contributed to the southward movement, where labor is relatively more plentiful, highly efficient and maybe cheaper . . . Southern workers, he says, are doing uniformly well in the factories he visits, and he predicts that the IRC folks will be elated with the way Watauga folks take to production activities . . . The genial Scot was one of the sages of the town when he presided over the dime store on the north side of the street—Easy to get along with, carrying a full stock of humor and a foe of violence, Scotty once tried to be peace-maker in a fight down near his store . . .

### TALKED TOO MUCH

'Twas one of those noisy demonstrations which used to be heard quite often along the street, and was showing signs of blossoming into a full-grown brawl, when Scotty decided he couldn't abide such carryings-on, and went to offer the olive branch of peace . . . One of the combatants didn't like the interjection and shifted his attack to Scotty, who found asylum in his store . . . Commenting on the incident Scotty allowed: "There was nothing wrong . . . I just set to talking, when I shoulda been listening!" . . . Which, after all, accounts for an awful lot of the troubles we accumulate.

### PASSING FANCIES

Human nature being what it is, we've noticed that the first seat inside the door of a lunch counter is always occupied, and that the barber nearest the exit gets the most business every time . . . The sub-conscious perhaps dictating the location next the door, so's a getaway would be easier if anything happened . . . And one never sits with his back to a companion, under any circumstance, not because he wants to look at the guy, but because the instinct of self-preservation makes him distrustful . . . But at churches and other public gatherings the back seats are perhaps most desirable so's a fellow can make a run for it, and get going before the traffic is all snarled up!

### SEEKS RESPITE

The fourth grader looked long and hard at the excavation for the new elementary school building, and at the piles of building blocks, and the thousands of red brick . . . and agreed that a new school is much to be desired and would perhaps make the nine-months-long trek a bit more bearable . . . "But," the student added, "Looks like 't would be a good notion to tear the old one out of the way before starting work on the new!"

### ODDS AND ENDS

Mrs. Naomi Tugman, who celebrated her 83rd birthday on the twelfth, came by the other day and renewed her subscription to the Democrat . . . Married in 1888, the same year the Democrat was born, Mrs. Tugman immediately subscribed to the county journal, and hasn't been off the circulation books in the sixty-five intervening years . . . Inate taxpayer raises heck in general with Democrat over publishing name in collector's list . . . Folks standing by, waiting for the pooch on the leash to spoil the evergreens . . . Mrs. Willie Greene of Laxon, fetches us a generous helping of gooseberries, fresh off'n the bush, which we appreciate . . .

## William Hardy Gets Full-Time Position As Manager Of Horn

The Southern Appalachian Historical Association has renewed the contract of William M. Hardy as full-time manager of "Horn in the West," it is announced by Dr. D. J. Whitener, executive vice-president of the



WILLIAM M. HARDY

Association. Hardy's new two-year contract goes into effect October 1, at the end of his first full year.

He will continue to make his residence in Boone. During the winter months he will travel throughout North Carolina and other states in the interest of the drama. One of his first objectives will be the expansion of the school program begun this year to acquaint history students with the drama and make it possible for them to attend.

## Park Officials Boone Visitors

Blue Ridge Parkway personnel from Washington, Roanoke and the Bluffs District attended the July 15 performance of "Horn in the West."

Of North Carolina's estimated 4,000,000 people, approximately 1,347,000 live on farms.

## Baby Gets Complete Blood Change In Rare Operation Performed Here

Widespread public interest was aroused when it was learned that a newborn baby was given a complete change of blood for a fairly rare condition known as erythroblastosis fetalis early Saturday night at the Watauga hospital. This procedure was repeated on Sunday.

## Gets Retirement Pin

## Second Term Registration At College Is Held

The registration for the second term of summer school at Appalachian State Teachers College was held on Tuesday, July 21, and classes already are under way.

## Long Terms Farm Loans Said To Bring Security

Julian H. Scarborough, told a seven-county farm group at the courthouse Friday that being members of a National Farm Loan Association, making long term loans, would bring security to them by helping them to buy farms over long periods of time.

Reassuring the members, Mr. Scarborough said that although one or two sections bordering the Virginia line had suffered severe drought, this would not affect the yield of the crop. He said the tobacco crop in general was in excellent condition and high prices are anticipated.

Steel records are set in June and the half year.

## Annual Flower Show Regulations Given



Mrs. Jessie McGuire, recently retired from the management of the Bell Telephone exchange in Boone is shown receiving a retirement emblem from J. K. Gray during ceremonies held at a dinner in Boone by company employees.

## Wins Ribbon At Crafts Fair

Asheville—Mrs. C. G. Hodges of Sands won the blue ribbon for her brooms today at the sixth annual Craftsman's Fair in City Auditorium.

## Edmisten Home Razed By Fire

The old homeplace of the late Farthing Edmisten, located in Perkinsville neighborhood was destroyed by fire Sunday evening, and although the Boone Fire department promptly answered the call, the frame building had been razed before help could arrive.

## Examination Set For Postmaster At Blowing Rock

The first examination for Postmaster at Blowing Rock, \$4770 a year, under new, more exacting eligibility requirements recently agreed upon by the U. S. Civil Service Commission and the Post Office Department will be open for receipt of applications until August 11, 1953, the Commission announced today.

## Weems Gives Hope Added Park Funds

## Sixteen States To Send Collegians To Workshop

The Music Education Workshop which will be held at Appalachian State Teachers College from August 3 to August 15 has an advance enrollment of approximately 140 students representing 16 states and Canada.

## SGT. JOE FOX IS DROWNED AT WAIANE BEACH

Sergeant Joe Doughton Fox, of Banner Elk Route 1, was drowned on July 19 at Waiane Beach, Aohu, Hawaii. He had recently completed a seven months' tour of duty with the U. S. Marine Corps in Korea.

## Edmisten Home Razed By Fire

The old homeplace of the late Farthing Edmisten, located in Perkinsville neighborhood was destroyed by fire Sunday evening, and although the Boone Fire department promptly answered the call, the frame building had been razed before help could arrive.

## Visitors From 37 States Visit Horn

Automobile licenses from 37 states have been counted on the parking lot of the Daniel Boone Theatre during performances of the outdoor drama "Horn in the West" this season.

## 4-H Contest Winners

**VITAMINS**  
RIBOFLAVIN-VITAMIN A-THIAMINE  
NIAICIN-VITAMIN C-VITAMIN D

Evelyn Matheson, left, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gardner Matheson, and Ann Farthing, right, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Farthing are winners of the Western District 4-H Dairy Foods Demonstration Contest.

## Park Commission Guests Chamber For Monday Meet

Sam P. Weems of Roanoke, Va., superintendent of the Blue Ridge Parkway, told members of the N. C. National Park-Parkway and Forest Development Commission here Monday that he was encouraged by the prospects of getting additional funds to open the Moses H. Cone Memorial Park near Blowing Rock, and to construct three additional miles of paved roads for a Parkway link through the estate.

The additional funds, Mr. Weems said, will make the park "one of the finest recreational centers" in this country.

Other officers re-elected were W. R. Winkler, of Boone, vice-chairman; and C. M. Douglas, of Brevard, secretary.

Former U. S. Rep. Robert L. Doughton spoke briefly and assured the commission that any assistance he could render at any time would be forthcoming.

Mountain owner Hugh Morton, president of the Linville Company, invited the group to visit Grandfather Mountain as his guests Monday afternoon.

## Feeder Calf Sale Set For October

The date of Monday, October 5, has been approved for the 1953 Boone Feeder Calf Sale. The Farmer Selection Committee has been elected as follows: A. W. Greene, Ed Love, Charles Tri-vette, Henry Taylor and R. G. Shipley.