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BOONE, WATAUGA COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, THURSDAY, JULY 30, 1953

KING STREET

ROB RIVERS

THE SHOOTING STOPS The end of the fighting in faroff Korea, where so many of our against totalitarianism, created no great amount of enthusiasm along the street . . . And while we think the folks are gladeven grateful—that there has been a cessation in the shooting, no excitement marked the cooling off of the guns . . . Which might indicate that a lot of the folks don't think the thing will last, that we maybe lost a bit of face in the first round of the peace negotiations, or that there are many who just don't care And in this latter group lies the peril to continuing peace . . . The economy of the land has been so tied up with the fortunes of war for so many years, that we fear there is a growing disposition on from July 21 to August 1. the part of the folks, to regard war as a necessary evil-something we have to endure, like deadly bodily diseases, or other tortures of the flesh which come along in the natural course of This work conference was sponthings . . . We don't like to see sored by the Department of Libus become reconciled to the rary Science at Appalachian carnage of mass conflict . . . We State Teachers College, and was

can have peace if we cherish directed by Mrs. Eloise Camp decency, and honor, and love the Melton, a member of that departfolks who don't see eye to eye with us . . . At any rate, we're mighty happy that the lads are coming back, and we join with lication, Mrs. Melton and Miss the other folks along the street Ila Taylor, library science dein the fervent hope that the settlement sticks, and that we shall have an enduring peace! NO SERPENTS

S. C. Eggers of Boone is quoted in The State as saying there are no rattlesnakes in Watauga county, which so far as we know is the truth-unless a few of the reptiles might lurk in the warmer spots on the south side of the hill . . . The last rattler we've known of in Boone was killed by A. W. Beach down near the College, perhaps thirty-five years ago . . . It was quite a big fellow, and the skin was stuffed and hung in the little museum which "Professor Dolph" maintained ... Fact is, it's the only one of the noisy snakes we've known of in this locality.

ODDS AND ENDS Boone Trail Cafe installs huge Neon sign, which carries a fulllength likeness of old Dan'l himself, and is different enough to Albemarle, Fairview, Walker- plies to men up to the age of 50, look plumb good . . . Miss Jennie town, in North Carolina; St. Pet-Coffey's mimosa again blooming The plants grow quite of the Ridge, and they are hardy Twould be simple to have lot of them up here . . . S. C. Eggers busily engaged in the development of the land for his Auction sale today . . . The property is the last acreage avail-

able in the city limits perhaps, and a good deal of interest is being shown in the new Green Rivers, out of respect to his good parity. friend Judge Lee Greene, who busy way about the town . . down at the College, where she the market. does the top secretarying at the

fast friendship of Sonny Tugman, and his dog Topsy . . . When Sonny was sick a while back, 'twas said Topsy was troubled to the extent that she wouldn't eat wouldn't even take a gnaw

at a bone. GOOD SINGING

Miss Mary Jennings captivated the audience at the Methodist Church Sunday with her masterly rendition of "How Beautiful Upon The Moun-tains", and a lot of folks set to wondering just who it was with the golden voice . . . Miss Jennings, it is explained, is in the choir at the Horn, and taking some classes at the sum-mer school of opera being conducted by Norman Cordon . . . She was "Miss Arkansas" at Atlantic City in 1951, finished third in the national beauty contest there - and shoulds been first . . . Rev. Joe Shack-ford pleased that Miss Jennings will do another solo for

the Methodists and visitors next

Work Progresses On Boone's New Factory

manufacturing plant which the southern limits of Boone, just off International Resistance Com- the Winkler's Creek road. pany of Philadelphia, Pa., plans to erect here, and grading has Greensboro will erect the buildbeen going forward since that

Of modern design, to be constructed of red brick, steel and gineers for the project. concrete, the plant will contain 40,000 square feet of floor space. It will be located on a 20-acre about the first of 1954, employ- capacity.

Many Librarians

Attend Workshop

A workshop for trained school

librarians was held at Appala-chian State Teachers College

Twenty-five school librarians lib-

rarians from North Carolina, Vir-

ginia, Georgia, and Florida at-

tended and discussed problems

Conference committees and the

chairman of each included: Pub-

partment, Appalachian; general secretary, Miss Beatrice Hol-

brook, Hugh Horson high school,

Raleigh; resolutions, Miss Edith

Stafford, Union Cross School,

Forsyth county; evaluation, Miss

Elizabeth Councill, Hickory

school library supervisor, Hick-

Group leaders included the fol-

County Schools, Greensboro; var-

ied uses of library periods, Mrs.

Kathryn M. Harris, Coral Gables,

Florida: student assistants in the

school library, Mrs. Margaret P.

Ertel, Goldsboro high school lib-

rary; library publicity, Mrs. Mild-

red D. Lonidans, Columbus,

Librarians attended the work

shop from Forest City, Greens

boro, Asheville, Durham, Wins-

Georgia.

and situations of school libraries.

ment.

At Appalachian

C. M. Guest and Sons of ing, and the firm of Biberstein, Bowles and Meacham, of Charlotte, are the architects and en-

be women. Increased production will bring the total employment up to more than 500 persons later, a company official said. These employees will be recruited almost exclusively from Watauga County, with the exception of about ten persons who will be The building is expected to be transferred from the Philadelphia completed and production started plant to serve in a supervisory

J. H. Councill Has Had Long Experience As N. C. Highway Engineer

As Division Engineer for the sion and named A. H. (Sandy) newly-created Eleventh Highway Graham to head it. W. Ralph Division, James Hardin Councill Winkler of Boone is Commissionwill supervise all construction and maintenance of the State's vision. roads in Caldwell, Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Surry, Watauga, Wilkes, and Yadkin counties.

In May, the Governor and a five-man study group, authorized by the 1953 General Assembly, realigned 'the State's counties into 14 highway divisions. Since the mid-thirties, the State had been divided into ten geographic highway divisions. The Governor appointed a 14-member Commis-

Called To Army

master of properties for "Horn in the West" ever since hte drama opened last week, has been called into the armed forces and left Boone Saturday to report for

basic training.

Succeeding Mr. Epler as master lowing: Enriching the library lesson, Mrs. Hallie S. Bacelli, director of libraries, Guilford of properties is King Rimbach, who has been an assistant technician on the "Horn in the West" staff this summer. A student at Duke. University, Mr. Rimbach was born in Cleveland, Ohio, and his family now lives in Califor-

DOCTOR DRAFT

Under legislation signed recently by President Eisenhower, docboro, Hickory, Pembroke, Golds- tors, dentists and veterinarians will be subject to draft calls for ton-Salem, Raleigh, Robbinsville, another two years. The law apwho may be called to active miliersburg and Coral Gables, Flor- tary service for 24 months unless ida; Columbus and Lincolnton they have already seen at least well here as below the crest Georgia; Appalachia, and Marion, 21 months of duty since Septem-

Cattlemen Ask Ike To Support Weak Prices

Heights development . . . Incidentally the area to the North-Southwest asked President Ei-Right now 90 pe west was named Greene Heights senhower this week to support would average about \$18.90 per many years ago by the late Bob cattle prices at 90 per cent of 100 pounds. The Agriculture De-

Accompanied by senators from the prices placed the average owned the first home in the four of the drought states, the market price at \$16 per 100 pretty neighborhood . . . Mrs. delegation called at the White pounds in mid-June. Earleen Pritchett passing the House to urge the President to time o' day as she makes her use price support powers already United Livestock Producers Asauthorized by law. Members said sociation formed several weeks Mrs. Pritchett is a key figure this was the only way to stabilize ago. S. E. (Eck) Brown, head of

Under a price support program, Dean's office, and handles the the government would obligate cattle producers. press dispatches to boot . . . The itself to buy cattle any time the market price dropped below 90 Association has consistently op- E. Doughton is the assistant diper cent of parity. Parity is a posed a government price support vision engineer. laws as fair to the producers in

Joe A. Gragg Taken By Death

Joe Adams Gragg, aged 68, of Banner Elk Route 1, died July 26 at his home in the Foscoe community, following a brief illness Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 28, at the Watauga Baptist Church, with the Revs. Will Cooke, E. F. Troutman and Eber Gragg officiating. Burial

was in the Foscoe cemetery. He is survived by his widow; three sons, Boone, Rom, and lots in the town, and asks that or in any court, yard, vacant lot Doyle, all of Banner Elk Route the people cooperate, both to of other open space. Every own-1; four daughters, Mrs. U. B. Po- make the city more beautiful, and er or occupant of property she rach and Mrs. Frank Eggers, both to aid the programs of the Gar-of Banner Elk Route 1, Mrs. How- den Club and other groups. all weeds, grass, vines, and other ard Townsend, Boone, Mrs. Ted | The ordinance says: Townsend, Hudson; and six

· Washington-A delegation of relation to the cost of basic things

Right now 90 per cent of parity partment's 'latest report on cat-

The delegation represented the the organization, said it has about 2,000 members, mostly smaller

The older National Livestock

The delegation included cattlemen from Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Kansas and Colorado. It was agcompanied by Senators Lyndon Johnson (D-Tex.), Dan- been scheduled for the Aho iel (D-Tex.), Kerr (D-Okla.), An- neighborhood on August 2 derson (D-N. M.), and Edwin has been called off, it is announce Johnson (D-Colo.)

er for the Eleventh Highway Di-

Councill's highway service



JAMES H. COUNCILL

dates from summer work in the wenties between terms at the University of North Carolina. In 1925, he started on a permanent basis as an instrumentman. Through the years, he moved steadily up the engineering fadder as resident engineer, maintenance supervisor, district en-gineer and assistant division engineer of the old Eighth Highway Division-a position he held until his recent promotion. His many years of experience in the construction field amply qualify him to guide the roadbuilding in these ight counties.

Jim Councill, son of the late Benjamin James and Blanche Hagaman Councill, was born January 31, 1903, in Boone. He received his early schooling at College) and then attended the University of North Carolina

va. Today they live in Boone and have two children: Fred and Martha. Fred, a '52 graduate from UNC, is a Second Lieutenant in the Air Force and stationed in Landsberg, Germany. Martha will be a sophomore at Duke this fall.

Councill is a charter member and former president of the Boone Lions Club. He is a member and past president of the North Carolina State Highway Employees Association

Headuarters for the Eleventh will be in North Wilkesboro. J

The Story reunion which had ed by the sponsors

Mayor Urges Clean-Up Of City's Vacant Lots

"No person shall permit any same or any other property, accumulation of waste paper, which is likely to be fired."

Mayor Gordon H. Winkler cites | weeds, litter or combustible or the following town ordinance re- inflammable waste or rubbish of garding the cleaning up of vacant any kind to ramin upon any roof growth, which endangers the

1900 Farms Are Participants In 1953 Program

The 1953 Agricultural Conser vation Program is moving towar completion. Already nearly 1900 out of 2400 farms have participated and others are expected to complete the use of the assistance on their practices in the near future. Half of the praticipating farmers have made their performance reports and other farmers are coming in to the PMA office daily and making their reports.

Those farmers who have not yet participated are urged to either purchase their materials come to the county office and get their purchase orders for materials while there is still time to carry out their practices in the late summer or early fall. No farmers can afford to lose the onservation which the assistance offered by PMA will buy. Every year this conservation is lost means that it will take longer to catch up with the conservation needs on your farm.

For further information call at the PMA office or see your counor community committeeman

Caudill Resigns From Newton's

J. V. (Jake) Caudill, manager of Newton's Department Store in Boone since June 18, 1951, has resigned his position effective at the close of business Saturday, July 25.

Mr. Caudill plans to open a ladies' and men's ready-to-wear shop in the building formerly occupied by the Skyline Restaurant on King Street, he said. The building has been restored and modernized since it was gutted, along with other in the block, in the big Christmas Day (1952) fire. "My association with Newton's

has been most pleasant," he said, and I deeply appreciate the generous patronage of the fine people of Boone and Watauga County. It has been a vital factor in my decision to establish a business of my own."

Before leaving for New York to buy fall merchandise this week. Mr. Caudill, who is president of the Boone Merchants Association, told the Democrat that he expects to open his new store about September 1st.

Horn Contest Winners Given

The two grand prizes in the historical quiz and essay contest sponsored in North Carolina school by the Southern Appalachian Historical Association will N. C. Appalachian Training School be awarded at the July 31 per-now Appalachian State Teachers formance of "Horn in the West." be awarded at the July 31 per-

Prize winners are Mary Caroline Cridlebaugh, of Route 2, High where he was a student in the Engineering School, class of '25.

In 1925, he was married to Margaret Hooker Moore of Syl
Interestry of North Carolina in the Cridiebaugh, of Route 2, High Hooker Mose as a student in the Point, and Russell Rice of Gaster Hooker Moore of Syl
Miss Cridiebaugh will the formerly attended Appalachia State Teachers College.

A native of Boone, he served a year and a half in the Merchant West Special" from Winston-Sa

> The awards, checks for \$25 each, will be presented in behalf of the Historical Association by Mrs. Charles Cannon of Kannapolis and Blowing Rock, a member of the board of directors.

Hodges-Greene Reunion Slated

The Hodges and Greene family reunion will be held on August 9 at W. D. Culler's on Howard's Creek.

Everyone is asked to come and bring pienic dinner. The sermon will be preached at 2 o'clock by Rev. E. C. Hodges of

Hendrix. FOOD PRICES

Retail food prices remained unchanged on the average between June 15 and 29th, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Most of the increases occurred for fresh fruits, pork and eggs, while the most significant decreases were for fresh vegetablles, poultry and meats other than

U. S. BUTTER

The Government now holds a record total of more than 250,-000,000 pounds of butter, or about 14,000,000 pounds nfore than the G. Mitchell, Director of Agriculprevious record set on August 31, ture, Central Division National 1950. Stocks of cheese also reach-Broadcasting Company. 4-H Deed a record by June 30 of 339,-

Annual Farm Tour Starts On Monday

Horn Ticket Sales Reach Year's Record

for Friday, Saturday and Sunday Rock. nights was the largest for any Hubert Playes, author of "Thunthree-night period since the

Overall attendance at the drama for the week ending July 26 in "Thunderland," and the Hostwas greater than that recorded ettler family of near Statesville for the week in spite of a rain- The Hostettlers, a Swiss family out last Wednesday night-the first time this season that any three years ago, were guests of performance of the drama has the dramas at Cherokee and been canceled.

Thirty members of the Shelby day nights. Woman's Club came to Boone by theatre grounds before seeing the next Sunday night.

sales for "Horn in the West" are night a party of 46 came over gaining steadily, and the com- from the Associated General Conbined admissions total of 2,308 tractors' meeting at Blowing

derland," saw the play Sunday drama opened its second season night. Accompanying him were June 26.

Mrs. Hayes; Mrs. Anna Lee Styles, who plays Granny Sparks who settled in North Carolina Asheville on Friday and Satur-

chartered bus Saturday afternoon technical staff will charter a bus and enjoyed a picnic on the and attend "Horn in the West"

Reports Of Chicago Meet **Heard By Local Lions**

Boone Lions, at their regular spread by Lionism throughout the Tuesday night meeting, heard an free world. interesting and lively report on happenings in Chicago at Lions International Convention. Reports were made by Mr. Jack description of the keen intellect Mock and Mr. A. R. Smith, dele- and high competence of Helen gates with Richard E. Kelley to Keller-that shining American the Chicago convention.

Of particular significance today, were Mr. Mock's remarks on his impression at seeing first hand evidence of democracy and international goodwill being

Charles Boone To Be Head New **50-Bed Hospital**

Boone, a graduate of the Duke Hospital Administrative training course, has been named superintendent of a new 50-bed hospital to be built in Barnwell, S. C., it was announced here today.

Boone will assume his duties at Barnwell in September when actual construction of the new hospital will begin.

Meanwhile he will serve as actford Hospital in Rutherfordton, Boone entered the Duke Hospi-

tal course after receiving his A. B. degree in business administration at Duke University in 1951.

Boone, and is married to the for- New Rivers. mer Betty Hobby, of Concord. They have been living at 903

The club, dedicated to work

among the blind, was lastingly impressed by Mr. Mock's vivid example to all who are handicapped. A. R. Smith, much at home

amid State, National and International gatherings in Lionism, prought a note of mreriment to the meeting with his report on goings-or at the convention, and displayed an interesting array of promotional materials dreamed up by those with political aspirations, Lionwise.

District Governor Richard E Kelley made a brief report on the meeting of the State Council, which met in Boone over the week end. Mr. Kelley reported the awarding of the State's highest honors to the Boone club.

The local club, as does all North Carolina and the South, greets with cheers the nomination of Jack Stickley of Charlotte as 3rd vice-president of Lions, International. Boone Lions, long one of the most illustrious clubs in the ing superintendent of the Ruther- state, look ahead in anticipation of the North Carolingian's full presidency of Lions International.

Trout Season Ends In Area

The trout season for Watauga, Marine and a year and a half in Ashe and Alleghany counties the army, being stationed at a closes on July 31, according to medical supply depot in Korea. Tommy Osborne, district game 10, 1913, in Glasgow, Va., the He is the son of Mrs. J. A. protector. The bass fishing sea-Boone, of 204 Rivers Street, son is now open in Watauga and

The Plastics industry expects

Watauga 4-H Members **Attend State Meeting** Thirteen Watauga county 4-H| Friday -- Address by E. W

Week in Raleigh July 20-25. The Programs, Election of Officers, total club members from through- 4-H demonstration, recognition Some of the highlights of the lighting ceremony. week were as follows:

address by D. S. Weaver, Director of Extension Tuesday-Judging dress revue.

Talent screening and 4-H demonraient screening and 4-H demon-strations on "Improving Your Personality", "My Spokesman", "My Record", "Working Together for World Understanding", and "Platform Deportment." Also a visit to Governor's Mansion. Wednesday-Address by Gover-

nor Umstead, 4-H Demonstration Elimination Contest, and Health Pageant.

Thursday-Address by Everett monstrations and State Dres

club members attended 4-H Club Aiton, National leader 4-H Club out North Carolina was 1000. of State winners and candle In addition to the above high-

Monday-Registration and an lights, each afternoon and night there was organized recreation.

Glenn Reese and Bobby Gene Norris were recognized as state 7 p. m. Included on the program winners in sheep shearing Club members attending from

Watauga county were Rebecca those of you that like to hear the Bingham, who entered the State old familiar numbers, there will Dress Revue; Evalyn Matheson be several of the famous Souss and Ann Farthing, who entered the Dairy Foods Demonstration contest; Helen Hardin, Joyce and Sue Hagaman, Sue Fletcher, Paul Brookshire, Douglas Clawson, they will furnish the music Bobby Gene and Dudley Norris, the program there. Lowell Cable and Glenn Reese They were accompanied by Miss Kathelcen Coaton, assistant home agent, and W. C. Richardson, assistant county agent.

Special Guests To Visit The Better Farms

The annual Unit Test Demon stration Farm Tours will start Monday. All people interested in farming are invited to go on the tours, and all demonstration farm

families are expected to go. Points of interest will include purebred livestock, pasture improvement, two tobacco variety demonstrations, different type silos, weed control irrigation, and other items.

Special guests expected on the tour for one or more days include Fred McAfee, Tennessee Valley Authority; Dr. B. C. Ratchford, in charge form management extension, State College; W. B Collins, western district agent; Miss Mannie Whisnant, home management specialist, State College; and Dr. D. D. Brown, farm management extension specialists. State College.

The schedule for the tour is

Monday, August 3, meet at Cove Creek High School at 9:00 A. M.; visit Joe Wilson, Zionville; Otto Thomas, Mabel; Ned Glenn, Sugar Grove; Howard Edmisten, Sugar Grove; Ernest Hillard, Vilas; Hiram Brooks, Vilas; R. G. Shipley, Vilas; vote on best farm visited that day.

Tuesday, August 4, meet at Bethel School at 9:00 A. M.; visit Cecil Swfit, Reese; W. R. Vines, Sugar Grove; Mrs. Janie Dishman, Reese; Ivan Dishman, Sugar Grove; D. F. Greene, Sugar

Grove; vote on best farm. Wednesday, August 5, meet at County Agents Office at 8:45 a. or Howards Creek Road at 9:00 A. M.; visit Martin Moretz, Zionville; Claude N. Greene, Zionville; Bill Krider, Todd; Roy L. Moretz, Route 2, Boone; Milton Moretz, Route 1, Boone; vote

on best farm visited. Thursday, August 6, leave County Agents Office at 8:30 A. M.; visit W. C. Smith, Rominger; Victor Farthing, Rominger; Tom Ward, Valle Crucis; Royce Perry, Route 1, Boone; Odes Greene, Deep Gap; Clyde Moretz, Deep Gap; vote on best farm visited

Mrs. G. T. Bare Dies On Sunday

North Wilkeshorn July 27. -Mrs. Lydia Brady Bare, 39, wife of Gilbert T. Bare, died at 3 p. m. yesterday at her home in North Wilkesboro after an illness of several months.

Her husband owns a department store here. Mrs. Bare was born December

Thompson Brady. Surviving are her husband; two daughters. Carole and Jane Bare of the home; her parents who live in Glasgow; two broth-

ers,. Douglas Brady Jr., of Lexington, Va., and Thomas T Brady of Clifton Forge, Va. Funeral services were to be con ducted today at First Presbyterian Church by the Rev. James B. Mac-Leod. Burial was to be in the

Mount Lawn Memorial Park.

Band Concert Next Monday

The Summer School Band will give its third concert on the lawn of the Fine Arts building next Monday evening, August 3rd at will be some of the very latest band music published, and for

The band is preparing for their annual trip to the Masonic picnic on the 13th of August where

North Carolina's burley tobacco acreage for harvest this year is cent below the 12,000 harves last year.