

KING STREET BY ROB RIVERS

THE SHOOTING STOPS

The end of the fighting in far-off Korea, where so many of our lads have died in the struggle against totalitarianism, created no great amount of enthusiasm along the street. . . . And while we think the folks are glad—even grateful—that there has been a cessation in the shooting, so 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 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 things. . . . We don't like to see us become reconciled to the carnage of mass conflict. . . . We can have peace if we cherish decency, and honor, and love the folks 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 the other folks along the street in 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 full-length likeness of old Dan'l himself, and is different enough to look plumb good. . . . Miss Jennie Coffey's mimosa again blooming full. . . . The plants grow quite as well here as below the crest of the Ridge, and they are hardy. . . . 'Twould be simple to have a 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 available in the city limits perhaps, and a good deal of interest is being shown in the new Green Heights development. . . . Incidentally the area to the Northwest was named Greene Heights many years ago by the late Bob Rivers, out of respect to his good friend Judge Lee Greene, who owned the first home in the pretty neighborhood. . . . Mrs. Earleen Pritchett passing the time o' day as she makes her busy way about the town. . . . Mrs. Pritchett is a key figure down at the College, where she does the top secretarial at the Dean's office, and handles the press dispatches to boot. . . . 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.

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Work Progresses On Boone's New Factory

Ground was broken on Monday, July 20, for the electronics parts manufacturing plant which the International Resistance Company of Philadelphia, Pa., plans to erect here, and grading has been going forward since that time.

Of modern design, to be constructed of red brick, steel and concrete, the plant will contain 40,000 square feet of floor space. It will be located on a 20-acre tract, known as the Winkler and Della Rogers land, just outside the southern limits of Boone, just off the Winkler's Creek road.

C. M. Guest and Sons of Greensboro will erect the building, and the firm of Biberstein, Bowles and Meacham, of Charlotte, are the architects and engineers for the project.

The building is expected to be completed and production started about the first of 1954, employing 150 to 200 persons at the beginning, of which about 80% will 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 transferred from the Philadelphia plant to serve in a supervisory capacity.

Many Librarians Attend Workshop At Appalachian

A workshop for trained school librarians was held at Appalachian State Teachers College from July 21 to August 1. Twenty-five school librarians from North Carolina, Virginia, Georgia, and Florida attended and discussed problems and situations of school libraries. This work conference was sponsored by the Department of Library Science at Appalachian State Teachers College, and was directed by Mrs. Eloise Camp Melton, a member of that department.

Conference committees and the chairman of each included: Publication, Mrs. Melton and Miss Ila Taylor, library science department, Appalachian; general secretary, Miss Beatrice Holbrook, Hugh Horson high school, Raleigh; resolutions, Miss Edith Stafford, Union Cross School, Forsyth county; evaluation, Miss Elizabeth Council, Hickory school library supervisor, Hickory.

Group leaders included the following: Enriching the library lesson, Mrs. Hallie S. Bacelli, director of libraries, Guilford County Schools, Greensboro; varied uses of library periods, Mrs. Kathryn M. Harris, Coral Gables, Florida; student assistants in the school library, Mrs. Margaret P. Ertel, Goldsboro high school library; library publicity, Mrs. Mildred D. Lonidans, Columbus, Georgia.

Librarians attended the workshop from Forest City, Greensboro, Hickory, Pembroke, Goldsboro, Asheville, Durham, Winston-Salem, Raleigh, Robbinville, Albemarle, Fairview, Walkertown, in North Carolina; St. Petersburg and Coral Gables, Florida; Columbus and Lincolnton, Georgia; Appalachia, and Marion, Virginia.

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.

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

As Division Engineer for the newly-created Eleventh Highway Division, James Hardin Council will supervise all construction and maintenance of the State's 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 Commission and named A. H. (Sandy) Graham to head it. W. Ralph Winkler of Boone is Commissioner for the Eleventh Highway Division.

Council's highway service dates from summer work in the twenties 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 ladder as resident engineer, maintenance supervisor, district engineer 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 eight counties.

Jim Council, son of the late Benjamin James and Blanche Hagan Council, was born January 31, 1903, in Boone. He received his early schooling at Appalachian Training School (now Appalachian State Teachers College) and then attended the University of North Carolina where he was a student in the Engineering School, class of '25.

In 1925, he was married to Margaret Hooker Moore of Sylva. 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.

Council 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.

Reunion Off

The Story reunion which had been scheduled for the Aho neighborhood on August 2, has been called off, it is announced by the sponsors.

Mayor Urges Clean-Up Of City's Vacant Lots

Mayor Gordon H. Winkler cites the following town ordinance regarding the cleaning up of vacant lots in the town, and asks that the people cooperate, both to make the city more beautiful, and to aid the programs of the Garden Club and other groups.



JAMES H. COUNCIL

The ordinance says: "No person shall permit any accumulation of waste paper, weeds, litter or combustible or inflammable waste or rubbish of any kind to remain upon any roof or in any court, yard, vacant lot or other open space. Every owner or occupant of property shall cut down and remove therefrom all weeds, grass, vines, and other growth, which endangers the same or any other property, which is likely to be fired."

1900 Farms Are Participants In 1953 Program

The 1953 "Agricultural Conservation Program is moving toward 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 participating 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 or 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 conservation 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 county or 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 be awarded at the July 31 performance of "Horn in the West".

Prize winners are Mary Caroline Cridlebaugh, of Route 2, High Point, and Russell Rice of Gastonia. Miss Cridlebaugh will come to Boone as a guest on Atlantic Greyhound's "Horn in the West Special" from Winston-Salem.

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 picnic dinner. The sermon will be preached at 2 o'clock by Rev. E. C. Hodges of Hendrix.

Annual Farm Tour Starts On Monday

Horn Ticket Sales Reach Year's Record

Attendance and advance ticket sales for "Horn in the West" are gaining steadily, and the combined admissions total of 2,308 for Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights was the largest for any three-night period since the drama opened its second season June 28.

Overall attendance at the drama for the week ending July 26 was greater than that recorded for the week in spite of a rain-out last Wednesday night—the first time this season that any performance of the drama has been canceled.

Thirty members of the Shelby Woman's Club came to Boone by chartered bus Saturday afternoon and enjoyed a picnic on the theatre grounds before seeing the

Special Guests To Visit The Better Farms

The annual Unit Test Demonstration 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 farm 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 specialist, State College.

The schedule for the tour is as follows: 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 Swift, 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. M. 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 that day.

Reports Of Chicago Meet Heard By Local Lions

Boone Lions, at their regular Tuesday night meeting, heard an interesting and lively report on happenings in Chicago at Lions International Convention. Reports were made by Mr. Jack Mock and Mr. A. R. Smith, delegates with Richard E. Kelley to 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 spread by Lionism throughout the free world.

The club, dedicated to work among the blind, was lastingly impressed by Mr. Mock's vivid description of the keen intellect and high competence of Helen Keller—that shining American example to all who are handicapped.

A. R. Smith, much at home amid State, National and International gatherings in Lionism, brought a note of merit to the meeting with his report on goings-on 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 state, look ahead in anticipation of the North Carolinians' full presidency of Lions International.

Charles Boone To Be Head New 50-Bed Hospital

Durham, July 27—Charles C. 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 entered the Duke Hospital course after receiving his A. B. degree in business administration at Duke University in 1951. He formerly attended Appalachian State Teachers College.

A native of Boone, he served a year and a half in the Merchant Marine and a year and a half in the army, being stationed at a medical supply depot in Korea.

He is the son of Mrs. J. A. Boone, of 204 Rivers Street, Boone, and is married to the former Betty Hobby, of Concord. They have been living at 903 Sixth Street, Durham.

Trout Season Ends In Area

The trout season for Watauga, Ashe and Alleghany counties closes on July 31, according to Tommy Osborne, district game protector. The bass fishing season is now open in Watauga and New Rivers.

The plastics industry expects record sales in 1953.

Watauga 4-H Members Attend State Meeting

Thirteen Watauga county 4-H club members attended 4-H Club Week in Raleigh July 20-25. The total club members from throughout North Carolina was 1000. Some of the highlights of the week were as follows:

Monday—Registration and an address by D. S. Weaver, Director of Extension.

Tuesday—Judging dress revue, talent screening and 4-H demonstrations on "Improving Your Personality", "My Spokesman", "My Record", "Working Together for World Understanding", and "Platform Department." Also a visit to Governor's Mansion.

Wednesday—Address by Governor Unstead, 4-H Demonstration Elimination Contest, and Health Pageant.

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 7 p. m. Included on the program will be some of the very latest band music published, and for those of you that like to hear the old familiar numbers, there will be several of the famous Sousa marches.

The band is preparing for their annual trip to the Masonic picnic on the 13th of August where they will furnish the music for the program there.

North Carolina's burley tobacco acreage for harvest this year is estimated at 11,300 acres, 6 per cent below the 12,000 harvested last year.