

KING STREET

BY ROB RIVERS

COULD HAVE ESCAPED

A lady down the street was trying to extricate a long-coupled automobile from a tight parking space and wasn't doing any good at all. She managed to get the thing far enough in the street to stop the other cars, of course, but she couldn't figure how to get farther without peeling the fenders. . . . Reminding Clyde Greene of the story of the smash in which the man and woman drivers figured. . . . After the fenders had been crumpled, and the lady at the wheel had screamed, she assured the young man that the whole thing was her fault. . . . She just plunked into him—that was all. . . . "Nope," quipped the man; "twas my fault. . . . I saw you on the street two hours ago, and after all, I could have gone on home!"

DAN'L'S PIPE

Had always figured that Dan'l Boone was a good, hound-dog, squirrel rifle sort of a woodsman, who followed the game trails from one ridge to the next valley, and was more concerned perhaps with the movement of the bear, and the buffalo, and the deer and stuff, than with the broadening of the frontiers of civilization. . . . We don't know whether he was musically inclined, but we have always nurtured the hope that maybe after a hard day's shooting with the old muzzle loader, he plunked himself a tune in the cool of the evening. . . . Be that as it may, we don't think the fellow who is said to have camped down by Boone Creek, where the pioneers in educational progress later settled, was a violent man. He wasn't known as much of an Indian fighter back when the gunning of the red man was a favorite, and often, an essential pastime, and we can easily imagine that he swapped tales of big bears, and plenteous squirrels with the big chiefs, and maybe even smoked the pipe of peace with members of the warring tribes. . . . And there's where this tale should've started, 'cause old Dan'l's pipe has showed up.

CAME FROM ALABAMA

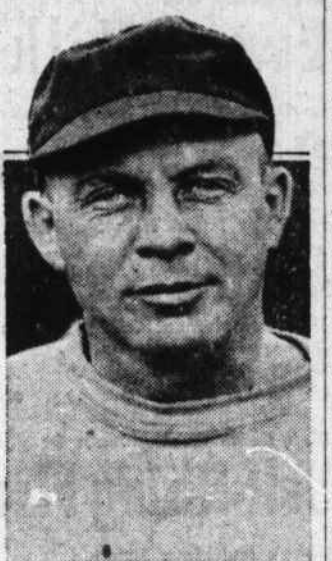
The ancient pipe bowl was brought here by Mr. George Younce, a native of this section, who has lived in Foley, Ala. for the past 40 years, and we got quite a bang out of viewing the relic. . . . The pipe, which Mr. Younce says was made of "goulstone," is adorned on the front with a stern facial likeness, while on the side is the inscription: "DB 1757." . . . And here's the story: Back in 1910 Mr. Younce's father, G. R. Younce had moved a crew into the Walnut Mountain, six miles from Fish Springs, Tenn., to cut out a large boundary of virgin timber. . . . A boarding house, or camp, was being established in a likely spot for the convenience of the timber cutters, and Mr. Younce was engaged in cleaning out an icy cold spring in the fastness of the forest, when he found the pipe, covered deep in the gravel and leaves and debris which eventually obscure the source of a mountain spring. . . . The pipe is well preserved, is quite heavy—has a lot more heft than the clay pipes our grandpa used to smoke, and Mr. Younce cherishes the memento, which he would be willing to dispose of for historical purposes, if someone should want it bed enough. . . . The owner of the Boone relic says it was found close to the trail the old hunter should have followed and not far from the celebrated tree, where "D. Boone cilled a bar."

THE OFF DAYS

The business of newspapering—specifically as concerns columning, is a demanding sort of enterprise, and whatever happens, there must be business as usual, and the presses must roll at the appointed time. . . . And like actors on the stage, there are days when the lines don't come easy and when thoughts refuse to become aligned. . . . And when its powerful hand to make a column come forth in any sort of happy vein. . . . And sometimes the man who searches out the keys and pecks out the words for (Continued on page four)

Flower Show To Begin Today

Flower lovers from all over western North Carolina will be converging on Boone today (Thursday) when the Boone Flower Show opens at the Baptist Church at 3:00 p. m. The show has gained nation-wide notice through the winning of the purple ribbon last year from the National Council of Garden Clubs, and is expected this year to come up to its usual high standard.



DANA X. BIBLE, Noted Grid Coach, Is Local Visitor

One of the nation's best known football coaches, Dana X. Bible of the University of Texas, has been vacationing in Blowing Rock during the past week and attended "Horn in the West" Thursday night.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Bible praised the production and cast of "Horn in the West" and the climate and scenery of Watauga County. During their trip east they have visited their daughter, Mrs. Walter Michalke, of Charlotte, and Mr. Bible's mother, Mrs. J. D. Bible of Jefferson City, Tenn. Mr. Bible is a native of Jefferson City and a graduate of Carson-Newman College.

AMERICAN FOREIGN INVESTMENTS

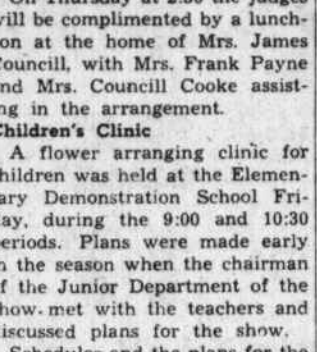
The Commerce Department has reported that there is little prospect for a sharp rise in American private investments abroad "in the next few years." The report followed an intensive study of several months' duration.

Horn To Have 100th Performance Friday; 77,000 Visit Theatre; Hunter To Appear

"Horn in the West" will have its 100th performance on Friday night of this week. Kermit Hunter, author of the play, will attend the drama Friday night and will autograph programs as he did on the opening night of the Show, June 26. Now recognized as one of the leading attractions on North Carolina's outdoor drama circuit, "Horn in the West" has brought some 77,000 visitors to the Daniel Boone Theatre to date. Total 1953 attendance through August 9 was 23,480. The drama played to a crowd of 1,500 Saturday night, and attendance is gaining steadily as the tourist season nears its peak. Of 1,184 cars counted on the parking lots during performances of the play last week, 410 were from out of state, and 774 from North Carolina. The drama has won praise from audiences and critics. John Gassner, the noted New York critic and author, commented after seeing the play last week: "I have seen few productions either in America or Europe as beautifully designed and excitingly staged as 'Horn in the West.' The play expresses the life and spirit of an historic region, and the production projects the playwright's vision with admirable skill and power." Among the local residents who have appeared in the drama ever since it opened in 1952 and will be seen in its 100th performance are Ned Austin as Daniel Boone;

Last Rites On Thursday For Sgt. Joe D. Fox

Funeral services are to be held Thursday August 13 at Watauga Baptist Church for Sgt. Joe Doughton Fox, of Foscoe, who met his death by drowning at Waianae Beach, Hawaii on July 19.



SGT. JOE D. FOX

Cordon To Lead Benefit Concert For Local Hospital

Norman Cordon, director of the Institute of Opera of the Extension Division of the University of North Carolina, announces that members of the Institute will contribute their services for a concert to be given on Sunday, August 23, at 3:00 p. m., for the benefit of the Watauga Hospital.

Medical Group Holds Meeting

The Ashe-Watauga County Medical Society met in regular session Tuesday evening August 11, at the Olde Towne Restaurant in Jefferson. Attending from Watauga county were: Dr. Mary B. H. Michal, Dr. Raymond H. Harmon and Dr. Lawrence H. Osweley. Dr. Albert P. Dixon, III and Dr. Hadley M. Wilson, who will open offices in Boone in the near future, were guests.

Two Watauga Men Missing In Korea War

Two Watauga men have been reported missing in action in Korea on July 14, just before the fighting ended. They are Dennis G. Trivette of Stony Fork, and Squire E. Weaver, Jr., of Blowing Rock. Pfc. Trivette is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Gold B. Trivette and his wife, Edith, is now residing in Carderew, Tenn. He was serving with the fifth regimental combat team. Pfc. Trivette, a cannoner in Battery C of the

New Factory Walls Rise; May Be Ready December 1

The Chamber of Commerce announced this week that Watauga County is to have two new doctors to serve the citizens. Dr. H. M. Wilson, pictured, has established residence in Boone and is living on Pine Street. His telephone number is 220-W.



DR. H. M. WILSON

Two New Physicians To Serve Boone, Watauga

Dr. A. P. Dickson is the other doctor coming. The two men have purchased the property of Mrs. R. L. Bingham on the Wilkesboro road just beyond the corner of Oak and East King Streets. They will open their office in the near future.

Third Watauga Lamb Pool To Be Held On August 20

The third 1953 Watauga Lamb Pool will be held at the sheep loading pens at North Wilkesboro on Thursday, August 20. Lambs will be weighed from 6:30 a. m. to 9:30 a. m., and loaded as soon as weighing is completed.

Says Rotary In United Effort To Promote Good Will

Rotary clubs in eighty-six countries and geographical regions throughout the world are united in an endeavor to promote understanding, good will and peace at home and abroad. That was the message of Tom Lambeth of Statesville, Governor of District 280 of Rotary International, in addressing the Rotary Club of Boone yesterday, following a conference with local Rotary officers, directors and committee chairmen.

State Finishes 2.7 Miles Local Paving In July

Raleigh—The State Highway Commission completed 2.7 miles of paving in Watauga County during July, Commissioner W. Ralph Winkler of Boone reported today.

Burley Demonstrations Arranged For County

Two tobacco priming demonstrations will be held in Watauga County next Wednesday, according to W. C. Richardson, assistant county agent. The first demonstration will be held at Howard Edmisten's farm on Cove Creek at 10:00 a. m. The second will be at W. R. Vines' on Beaver Dam.

Rachel Rivers Injured In Auto-Bicycle Accident

Rachel Rivers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rob Rivers, was seriously injured Sunday afternoon when the bicycle she was riding collided with an automobile driven by Frankie Coffey.

The child suffered head injuries, and minor lacerations of the arms and body. Tuesday afternoon her condition was said to be satisfactory. She is a patient at Watauga Hospital.

Highway Group To Make Trip To Boone

The State Highway Commission will meet in Asheville Friday, August 27, marking the first time in over 20 years the group has convened in Western North Carolina, according to W. R. Winkler, Boone, 11th division commissioner.

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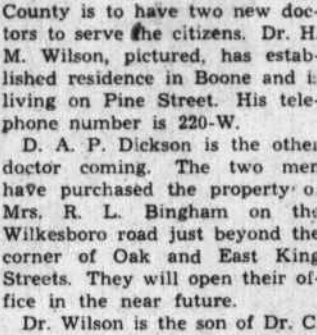
The final unit demonstration farm tour for Watauga County this year will be held next Monday, August 17. The group will gather at the County Agent's office in Boone at 8:45 a. m., and leave by 9:00 o'clock. Business people and farm people not on test demonstration are invited to go on the tour.

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