



ENTERTAINED AT PICNIC—Members of the State Highway and Public Works Commission who were entertained by the Boone Chamber of Commerce at a picnic on the grounds of "Horn in the West" Sunday evening included, left to right above: Harry E. Buchanan, Hendersonville; C. A. Hagty, Maxton; W. H. Rogers, Jr., chief engineer, Raleigh; A. H. Graham, chairman, Raleigh; June F. Scarborough, Statesville; James A. Gray, Jr., Winston-Salem; J. Emmett Winslow, Hertford; and W. R. Winkler, Boone.—Staff Photo.

## KING STREET

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### DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

The highway commission, headed by Hon. Sandy Graham, the chairman, and sort of chaperoned by our own W. R. Winkler, member of the group, wound up a mountain tour in Boone Sunday evening, picnicked as the guests of the Chamber of Commerce, and viewed "Horn in the West" . . . The trip of the commissioners throughout the length of the Carolina mountain range was no doubt an enlightening and pleasant experience, particularly to those who are not accustomed to the high altitudes and the pleasant temperatures of the upland region . . . Commissioner Winkler, of course, enjoyed the trip to the fullest. Being a native of Boone, he was the man who could answer all the questions about this section, and in his efforts to produce better highway facilities for his area, this prolonged visit of the whole commission will be helpful . . . Incidentally, Ralph, who started out as an auto dealer in Boone before he owned his first set of long trousers, has always been tremendously interested in the growth of Boone and this entire section . . . And his forbears were likewise folks of progressive tendencies—on both sides of the house.

### ENVISIONED BOONE TRAIL

We particularly remember an uncle of Mr. Winkler's—Mr. Joni Horton of North Wilkesboro, who looked away beyond the horizons of his day and saw the Boone Trail Highway, connecting the Great Lakes with the sea and winding down the mountains from Boone to North Wilkesboro on the way . . . He promoted and worked on this project for years as did his brother, H. W. Horton, and finally the road was graded, bit by bit, through funds derived from county bond issues . . . We often think of the battles fought by the pioneers in the good roads and educational movements, and wish they might have seen some of their most cherished dreams come true.

### BEST PART OF THE TRIP

Mr. G. H. Thomas comes back from a ten day visit with relatives in the vicinity of Baltimore and Washington, and tells the Democrat the "best part of any trip is getting back home." . . . "It's fun to get away once in a while," says Mr. Thomas, "but it's mighty pleasant when you return." When the dog leaps over every obstacle to meet one coming up the lane, he says, and the horses whinny, and the folks rush out to know what sort of time you had, you're back home, and happy again . . . which brings to mind a few lines we hogged along the way:

"If there's a heaven upon the earth, a fellow knows it when he's been away from home a week, and then gets back agin."

### THE PERSISTENT FRUIT

Blackberries like cockleburs and dandelions and plattain, thrive everywhere, and bring (Continued on page four)

## Highway Commission Entertained at Picnic

Members of the State Highway and Public Works Commission and their families were guests Sunday evening of the Boone Chamber of Commerce at a picnic on the grounds of "Horn in the West", historical outdoor drama being presented at the Daniel Boone Amphitheatre.

The group, invited by Ralph Winkler of Boone, member of the commission, was welcomed by Mayor Gordon Winkler and H.

W. Wilcox, president of the Chamber of Commerce.

At the picnic, Grover Robbins of Blowing Rock spoke briefly, and A. H. (Sandy) Graham, commission chairman, responded. Wade Brown, Boone attorney, gave the invocation.

Afterward, the guests were taken on a tour backstage of the drama, and then attended Sunday night's presentation of the play.

## Rev. Mr. Hollingsworth Is Elected Moderator

The Rev. L. H. Hollingsworth, pastor of the Boone Baptist Church, was elected moderator for the coming year, as the one hundred and thirteenth annual session of the Three Forks Baptist Association convened August 25 and 26 at the South Fork

churches now in the association, with a total membership of 8,329 Baptists.

Reports submitted at the session revealed that contributions totaling \$116,814.08 were made by the churches of the association during the past year. Sunday School enrollment was 6,159, and 256 baptisms were reported.

Other officers and committee-men elected by the association included:



REV. L. H. HOLLINGSWORTH and Green Valley Churches. Mr. Hollingsworth succeeds the Rev. R. C. Eggers as moderator.

A new church, Vanderpool, at Vilas, was admitted to the association at this session, making 45

C. J. Farthing, vice-moderator; Mrs. Blanche Perry, clerk-treasurer; Rev. R. C. Eggers, historian; Rev. Rex West, song leader; and Mrs. Kathleen Ward, pianist.

Executive committee: Edgar Greene, Kent Brown, Harlan Greene, and Clyde R. Greene.

Missions committee: Rev. Rex West, Wade Brown, and Rev. Harold Songer.

Finance committee: Woodrow Greene, Rev. C. O. Vance, Mrs. Nora Wilson, Alfred Adams, and Henry Austin.

Associational Sunday School Superintendent, Woodrow Greene; B. T. U. director, Ralph Beshears; hospital director, Rev. C. O. Vance; brotherhood director, L. S. Ayers; orphanage director, Rev. Gene Sherwood; and Home for Aging director, Rev. Harold Songer.

Next year's meeting of the association will be held at the Oak Grove and Boone Baptists Churches.

## Feeder Calf Sale Slated; Rules Are Given To Growers

All farmers who wish to consign calves to the Boone Feeder Calf Sale should do so by Saturday, September 5. A list of the approved rules and entry blanks may be obtained from the Boone Livestock Market, County Agents' Office, Northwestern Bank, or Boone Chamber of Commerce.

The most important things to remember are:

All calves must be of beef breeding.

All calves must be vaccinated for Blackleg and Shipping Fever.

All horned calves must be dehorned, and all bull calves castrated.

All calves sold must be field inspected.

Dry weather this summer is expected to cut North Carolina's hay crop 7 per cent below that of last year.

## Governor Clement In Favor Completion 603

Boone Chamber of Commerce officials state that Governor Frank Clement of Tennessee has promised that he will finish the locating survey of Tennessee's portion of highway 603, and expressed keen interest in the project in a conference held recently with local leaders.

Those conferring with Governor Clement were: President of the Chamber of Commerce, Herman Wilcox; S. C. Eggers, Clyde R. Greene, Stanley A. Harris, D.

## Greenway To Be Speaker At Forum In Bryson City

Mr. O. J. Greenway, vice-president of the International Resistance Co., Philadelphia, was in Boone Monday looking after the construction of his company's new plant.

Mr. Greenway was en route to Bryson City, where he will be the principal speaker at the Industrial Development Forum to be held Wednesday at 7:30 in the county courthouse.

The forum is another in a series of 10 being held by the State Board of Conservation and Development in various parts of North Carolina in an effort to speed plans for bringing more industries into the state.

## Trading Post Is Entered, Robbed During Week End

Watauga Trading Post, general store at Vilas, was entered by thieves some time Saturday night or early Sunday morning and robbed of merchandise valued at several hundreds of dollars, according to a report by Sheriff Earl D. Cook.

The thieves entered the store, operated by Roy and Dick Keplar, by knocking out a wooden panel from a rear door. The robbery was discovered by one of the brothers who went to the store after church services Sunday to pull down the front window shades.

The robbery is being investigated by Sheriff Cook and S. B. I. Agent Robert Epley. Sheriff Cook said Tuesday that no fingerprints have been found, and that apparently the thieves were wearing gloves.

Among items missing were clothing for both men and women, shoes, cigars, cigarettes, meat from a refrigerated case, several watches, billfolds, and other items.

## 'Horn' Attendance Record Given

Total attendance at "Horn in the West" for the 1953 season climbed to 39,832 this week.

Saturday night again set a record, with 2,086 in the audience. For the past seven performances of the drama, August 23 through 30, the attendance total was 6,290.

"Horn in the West" will be presented nightly at 8:15 through September 7. The performance on September 7, Labor Day, will be the only Monday night performance of the entire season.

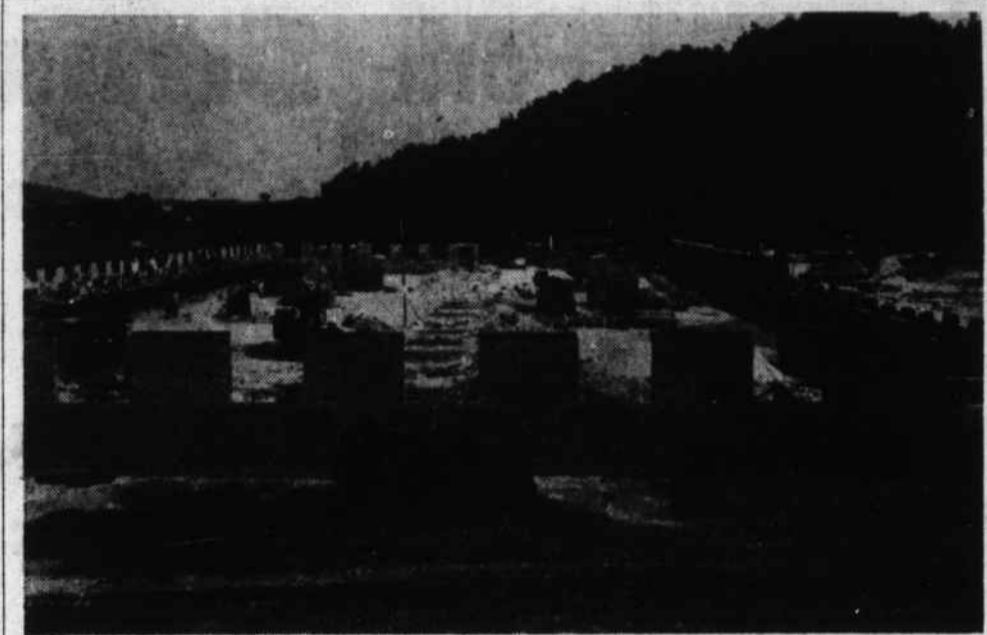
## Thos. Townsend Injured In Korea

One of the last North Carolina casualties to be reported from Korea was Army Private First Class Thomas R. Townsend, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Townsend, of Boone Route 3.

Pfc. Townsend was officially reported Monday by the Pentagon in Washington as having been wounded in battle in pre-armistice combat in Korea. The report, relayed to the Democrat from New York by Columbia Press, did not include the extent of Pfc. Townsend's injuries.

For the first six months of 1953, farm income averaged an annual rate of \$17,800,000,000 some \$2,200,000,000 or 11 per cent less than in the first six months of 1952.

# Election Books To Open Saturday For Bond Vote



MOVING ALONG—Work on the new electronics parts manufacturing plant being built in the outskirts of Boone by the International Resistance Company of Philadelphia, is moving along according to schedule, Joe Burris, construction superintendent, said this week. The above photo, taken last Friday, shows progress up to that time. Erection of structural steel, which is already on the grounds, will begin next week, and the building is expected to be ready for occupancy by December 1, Mr. Burris said.—Staff Photo.

## \$72 Million State Bond Issue To Go To Vote October 3

Mr. R. T. Greer, chairman of the Watauga county board of elections has announced a special bond election to be held on October 3, on the question of the issuance of fifty million dollars in the state of North Carolina Plant Construction and Improvement Bonds and twenty-two million dollars in North Carolina Mental Institution Bonds.

Mr. Greer said that registration books in this county would open on Saturday, September 5, at nine o'clock at the polling places and remain open until sunset on Saturday, September 19 for the registration of new voters or those that have changed precincts.

"The various registrars in the county will be at their polling places for registering voters on the three Saturdays, September 5, 12, 19, with the books open for registration," the chairman said.

"Please take notice that this is not a special registration and therefore all persons who are now registered on the general registration books will not have to register again to vote in this special election. If you are not registered on the general registration books in your resident precinct, you will have to register to vote in this special bond election; however, if you are properly registered you will not have to re-register to vote in this election," Mr. Greer said.

He pointed out that if you are not certain that you are properly registered now, you had better check with the precinct registrar one of these three Saturdays mentioned above.

Gov. Umstead has called the special bond election to be held on Saturday, October 3 on the two questions of whether to issue the bonds for the schools and mental institutions.

## Merchants And Employees Enjoy Annual Picnic

Approximately one hundred and fifty employers and employees of Boone gathered at Camp Yonahlossee for the annual Merchants Association picnic Wednesday afternoon, August 26.

A watermelon feast, softball, horseshoe pitching, and other games and entertainment were enjoyed by the picnickers, and a sumptuous repast, prepared and served by Baxter Hardy and members of his Boone Trail Restaurant staff in the mess hall of the camp, closed out the day's activities.

## \$638,555 Gym Contract Let

Contracts totaling \$638,555 were awarded Tuesday for the new gymnasium-physical education building at Appalachian State Teachers College.

Receiving the contracts were W. E. Dale Construction Company, Morganton, \$508,500 for general contract; Miller and Smyre of Hickory, \$34,460 for plumbing; Mechanical Contractors of Charlotte, \$69,000 for heating and ventilation; and Ralph Dunchan Electric Company of North Wilkesboro, \$26,595 for electrical work.

Bidding was keener than usual, according to Barnard Dougherty, business manager of

## Adlai Tells Hardy He Can't Attend Horn This Season

Adlai Stevenson has written William Hardy, manager of "Horn in the West," expressing regrets that he will be unable to come to Boone this season.

The letter follows: "Dear Mr. Hardy: "So many thanks for your very thoughtful telegram inviting me to visit Boone sometime before September 7 and to see Kermit Hunter's play. "I wish that I could accept, but, unhappily, there is a vast accumulation of work here in Chicago which will keep me anchored to my desk during the next few weeks. "With every good wish and my warmest regards to Kermit Hunter, I am, "Sincerely yours, "ADLAI STEVENSON"

## 'Midnight Revue' Given By Horn Cast Members

"The Midnight Revue", spectacular stage show presented by the cast of "Horn in the West" at Appalachian Theatre Saturday night, was widely acclaimed as the best variety show the town's ever seen, and considering the fact that the performance had to start at 11:00 p. m., the audience was satisfactory.

## Blue Ridge Fair To Start on Wednesday

The Blue Ridge Agricultural Fair will start on Wednesday, Sept. 9, and continue through Saturday, September 12. The fair will be held in tents on the lots just opposite the Cardinal Motel, on the Blowing Rock road.

"We are prepared to hold the biggest fair to date," said L. E. Tuckwiler, county agent, "and can house all entries expected if they come in at the designated time. Most departments have been enlarged and many premiums increased. We urge all farm people to pick up a premium list or catalog and then bring all you can to the fair. Your entry may take a blue ribbon, and even if it does not, you will still get a joy out of helping to make the fair a success. You never know just how good your crop is until you compare it with your neighbor's crop."

Attention is called to a changes over previous fairs. They include a school day program. Details of this is one page 61 of the Fair Catalog.

A dog show has been added. This will be limited to a fox hunter's bench show. Dayton Cook and Jack Lawrence are superintendents.

Horse races are to be held on Friday after the school events.

In the beef cattle department the grade heifer class has been increased and a total of \$64.00 is offered on grade beef heifers.

In dairy cattle there are three grade classes under each breed. "These are only a few of the changes to make the fair bigger and better," said Mr. Tuckwiler. "Help us out by bringing all you can."

## Tucker Joins Chevrolet Staff

G. R. Andrews, president of Andrews Chevrolet, Inc., of Boone, announced this week that Bryan Tucker, has been engaged in the sales department of the agency, and will represent the company in the sale of new and used cars and trucks.

Mr. Tucker, who has conducted a used car business on North Depot Street for the past year, was for a number of years in the sales organization of the Colvard Chevrolet Company, predecessor of the Andrews firm in the Chevrolet dealership. He invites all his friends and former customers to visit him in his new location.

## Health Offices Closed Monday

The Health Department in Boone will be closed Labor Day, Sept. 7. No clinics will be held that day.

## Cannery To Open

The Cove Creek community cannery will be open on Tuesdays only throughout September. The hours are from 9 a. m. to 3 p. m.

## FHA Group Makes Tour Of Watauga Farms

FHA committeemen from Ashe, Alleghany and Watauga counties were in Boone last Thursday and made a tour of Watauga farms operating under the Farm and Home Administration plans of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

J. B. Robinson, county supervisor of FHA in Watauga, directed the tour and explained what Watauga farmers are accomplishing under the plan.

Speaking to the committeemen at an informal meeting in the FHA offices in Boone, Ralph A. Turner, specialist from the state office in Raleigh, briefly reviewed the accomplishments of the

past year, and explained the purposes of the organization.

"Farming is becoming more efficient now than ever before," he said. "This is necessary because farmers will have to produce more in the future than they have in the past, and the quicker they get to doing this, the better they will be able to meet whatever may occur in the future."

W. Bryan Oliver, state field representative, opened the meeting following the tour by explaining the object of the tour. He said that FHA leans on the committeemen to make loans where they are needed and to supervise all loans after they are made.

## Lamb Pool Set For September 10

The fourth 1953 Watauga Lamb Pool will be held at the North Wilkesboro sheep loading pens on Thursday, September 10. Lambs will be graded and weighed from 7:00 a. m. until all lambs that are present by 9:30 a. m. are graded. Checks will be issued as soon as proper calculations can be made.

This will be the last shipment from North Wilkesboro in 1953, but there will be a shipment from West Jefferson in early October.

Lambs that will weigh 75 or more pounds and are fat should be sold now, also all buck lambs should be sold as soon as possible.

It will probably pay to hold ewe and wether lambs that are thin, provided you have the grass and will treat for parasites and feed grain.

No change is indicated in farm control policy.