

KING STREET

BY ROB RIVERS

Tossing his mane of snows in wildest eddies and tangles. Lion-like March cometh in hoarse, with tempestuous breath.

March roared in "like a lion," with half a foot or so of snow, which would have been a lot deeper had it not started falling right on the heels of Sunday's deluge of rain...

THE ORDER CHANGETH New telephone books have been mailed out, together with the usual instructions for the use of the dial telephone...

AND WE THINK BACK... To the days when Mrs. Etta Horton operated the switchboard in Boone, and later when Miss Mattie Toppings took care of the messages when the exchange was located in her living quarters...

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Jerry Oddo as Proteus and Lauren Farr as Valentine, two merry madcap gentlemen of Verona, in William Shakespeare's comedy, "Two Gentlemen of Verona," which the world famous Barter Theatre of Virginia will present in Boone on Monday, March 8.

High School Students May See Barter Play

High school students in Watauga county will have an opportunity again this year to see a professional performance of another of Shakespeare's plays. The occasion will be the famous Bar-

Fire Destroys Rooming House

A rooming house owned by Della Whittington in the colored section of Boone was completely destroyed by fire Saturday at about 6:30 p. m.

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Paul H. Norris Fatally Hurt In Accident At Mill

Paul Hoover Norris, 17-year-old son of Elbert S. Norris, of Boone RFD 2, died Sunday, February 28, in Watauga Hospital of injuries he received Friday when his arm was caught in a belt of a hammer mill, and he was thrown from the farm machine.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 2, at 2 p. m. in Bethel Methodist Church, conducted by the Rev. C. R. McKinney, and burial was in Fairview Cemetery.

Norris suffered a compound fracture of the head, a severe brain injury, and a compound fracture of the arm.

He was reared in the Children's Home in Winston-Salem after the death of his mother. He had been residing with his father about two years.

Surviving besides the father are three brothers, Denver and Edward, of Boone RFD 2, and Jacob Lutz of Belwood; four sisters, Mrs. Shuford Edmisten of Blowing Rock, Miss Nina Norris of Boone, Mrs. Roby Painter and Mrs. Linwood Lafferty of Banner Elk.

Terry O. Norris To Get Doctorate



TERRY ORBAN NORRIS Mr. Terry Orban Norris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stuart H. Norris of Maple Hill Farm, Route 2, Boone, has completed requirements for a Ph. D. degree in organic chemistry at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Mr. Norris was graduated from Appalachian High School and also received his B. A. and M. A. degrees at Chapel Hill. As an undergraduate he was elected to membership in Phi Beta Kappa, honorary scholastic fraternity. He was a member of the Naval ROTC unit in Chapel Hill and served in the U. S. Navy in World War II.

Malcom Glover Given Naval Award

Malcom Glover, resident of Boone, but presently an employee of the Chinotague Naval Base in Virginia, was one of those who was recently given a "Beneficial Suggestions Award" by Captain H. T. Johnson, Commandant of the Naval Air Station.

Mr. Glover, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Mont Glover, was a Chief Motor Machinist when discharged from the Navy after World War II.

Mabel Postoffice Is Discontinued

Mabel postoffice, in upper Cove Creek township, was discontinued March 1, in what is described as an economy move by the Department.

The postoffice, which served an important section of the county, had been in charge of Mr. Lee Thomas as postmaster.

Dial Telephone System Placed In Service Today



INTRICATE EQUIPMENT—Employees of Western Electric Co. are seen adjusting automatic apparatus at Boone's new dial telephone exchange. They are: J. M. Riddle, G. B. Davis, W. P. Bumpus, J. R. Bryant.—Photo Paul Weston.

Boone Says Bye To Old Manual Type Of Phone

Boone will say "farewell" to the manual-magneto telephone when the new system is placed into service Wednesday, 12:00 noon, H. M. Inabinet, Manager for Southern Bell, said that there would be no interruption in service here when the changeover is made.

Although telephone users will no longer be greeted by the famous "number please" phrase, the voice with the smile won't disappear entirely from the telephone scene. After dialing "O" for operator, cheerful, efficient young ladies will be there to handle your long distance calls, "information" calls, etc. Complete instructions on how to place calls over the dial telephone are contained in a booklet recently distributed to all Boone subscribers.

The dial system constructed at a cost of well over \$204,000.00 brings to this city the latest type of automatic dial service which will compare favorably with any found in the largest cities in the nation. Currently there are 1200 subscribers in the growing exchange.

An added convenience for telephone subscribers is the telephone business office located in the new building on King Street. The office will be open daily except for Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. Bills may be paid there. Also, other business transactions may be handled there in person or by dialing AM-4-8811 Mr. Inabinet pointed out.

Weather

Table with 4 columns: Max, Min, 6 p. m., Date. Rows show weather data for February 22 to 28, including precipitation and temperature.

The month of February held mild temperatures for people in Boone; the extremes were: high, 87, on the 15th, and low, 5, on the 9th. The most striking feature of the month's weather was the rain which fell on the 21st to total 4.31 inches. Total precipitation for the month was 5.11 inches with traces of snow.

Baltimore, Md.—A front wheel off a city dump truck crashed through a Lamont avenue storefront, completely demolishing the window and narrowly missing a pedestrian. A bystander looking on faintly from the excitement, and was rushed to a hospital to be treated for a sprained back.

Dr. Gartner To Speak Tuesday To Civic Group

Dr. J. B. Gartner, extension horticultural specialist, State College, Raleigh, will be the speaker at the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday, March 9. Dr. Gartner will likely give some pointers on the beautification of the community, as a prelude to the annual clean-up campaign.

Meantime Rev. Edwin F. Troutman, Chairman of the Clean-up Committee calls attention to much unsightliness about the town, which he hopes will be cleared up when warm weather comes. The Committee expresses appreciation for what other clean-up groups have done in the past, and promises to do all possible to make the city clean and attractive.

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7 Wataugans In March Draft Call

Seven Watauga county men went to Charlotte Monday for examination and induction into the army, as Watauga's March quota under the Selective Service law.

The names of those inducted are: Tommy Earl Sluder, Banner Elk; Raleigh Ray Clark, Shulls Mills; Harbin Everett Moretz, Vilas; Kenneth Lee Cook, Boone; Luther Martin Banner, Sugar Grove; Albert Young Greene, Boone; Dillard Glenn Hodges, Boone. The men will likely be stationed at Fort Jackson, S. C.

World Prayer Service Slated

World Day of Prayer Service will be held in Grace Luthern Church, Friday evening at 7:30. For the sixty-seventh successive year World Day of Prayer will be observed on Friday, March 5th.

This mighty Christian Fellowship encompasses the world. From land to land its torch is passed as the earth rotates its daily rounds, until 118 countries have kept this special vigil.

You are urged to join in this fellowship of prayer by attending the World Day of Prayer Service.

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FIRE HELPS COPS

Kingsport, Tenn. — Searching for whiskey in a grass-filled empty lot, officers decided to burn off the grass. They did, and in the ashes found four half-gallon jars and one pint of moonshine. Ten half-gallon jars got away—they exploded in the heat.

Doughton Retires From Party Post; Higgins Will Get Nod

Raleigh, Feb. 25—North Carolina's 90-year-old former Rep. R. L. (Farmer Bob) Doughton is stepping down as the state's Democratic national committeeman because of his health, Gov. Umstead told his news conference today.

The governor told the news-people he hoped that the State Democratic Executive Committee when it meets here March 10 will elect Carlisle Higgins of Winston-Salem to succeed Doughton.

The governor said Doughton had written him telling him that

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Bishop Henry To Visit Boone

The Rt. Rev. M. George Henry, bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Western North Carolina, will administer the apostolic rite of confirmation on a class Sunday, March 7, in St. Luke's Episcopal Church.

The Rev. Thomas Seitz, priest-in-charge, will present the candidates to Bishop Henry at the 11 a. m. service.

In the afternoon Bishop Henry will go to St. Mary's Church, Beaver Creek, of which Mr. Seitz also is in charge, to administer confirmation.

because of his health he is asking to be relieved. Higgins, an attorney, managed Umstead's gubernatorial primary campaign in which Umstead bested Hubert E. Olive of Lexington. Higgins is a former state district solicitor and former U. S. district attorney.

The governor described Higgins as "one of the best Democrats I know" and as one who "has never faltered in any matter I know of pertaining to the Democratic Party."

Doughton's decision to step down came as no surprise. There

had been rumors for several months that because of his health he was considering relinquishing the national committee post.

Gov. Umstead was high in his praise of Doughton and particularly the energetic part he played in the 1952 general election campaign.

He said that since he had been in public life he had not known of anyone who "devoted himself as industriously and effectively" as Doughton did in that election. Doughton stepped down from Congress in 1952 after having

NEW BUILDING—The modern building erected by Southern Bell Telephone Co., to house equipment for the new dial system. The building is located on East King Street. The "cutover" is to be made at noon today (Wednesday).—Staff photo Joe Minor.