

KING STREET BY ROB RIVERS

I SPEAK FOR DEMOCRACY

There are essay contests, world without end, and patriotic dissertations at country picnics, and at small-town Fourth of July celebrations...

I am an American. Listen to my words, Fascist, Communist.

Listen well, for my country is a strong country, and my message is a strong message.

I am an American, and I speak for democracy.

My ancestors have left their blood on the green at Lexington and the snow at Valley Forge.

... on the walls of Fort Sumter and the fields at Gettysburg

... on the waters of the River Marne and in the shadows of the Argonne Forest

... on the beaches of Salerno and Normandy and the sands of Okinawa

... on the bare, bleak hills called Pork Chop and Old Baldy and Heartbreak Ridge.

A million and more of my countrymen have died for freedom.

My country is their eternal monument.

They live on in the laughter of a small boy as he watches a circus clown's antics.

... and in the sweet, delicious coldness of the first bite of peppermint ice cream on the Fourth of July

... in the little tenseness of a baseball crowd as the umpire calls "Batter up!"

... and in the high school band's rendition of "Stars and Stripes Forever" in the Memorial Day parade

... in the clear, sharp ring of a school bell on a fall morning

... and in the triumph of a six-year-old as he reads aloud for the first time.

They live on in the eyes of an Ohio farmer surveying his acres of corn and potatoes and pasture

... and in the brilliant gold of hundreds of acres of wheat stretching across the flat miles of Kansas

... in the milling of cattle in the stockyards of Chicago

... the precision of an assembly line in an automobile factory in Detroit

... and the perpetual red glow of the nocturnal skylines of Pittsburgh and Birmingham and Gary.

Dr. Walter A. Stanbury, Noted Minister, Dies

Local Clinic Slated To Promote History

The clinic on historical sources, which the Western North Carolina Historical Association is sponsoring at Appalachian State Teachers college this week, bids fair to develop a very active and worthwhile movement in local history.

Everyone who is interested in history is invited. It is hoped that many history teachers, school officials, members of local historical associations, and others, will attend.

The clinic will be presided over by Dr. D. J. Whitener of Boone, president of the Western North Carolina Historical Association.

A number of people from western North Carolina who are interested and active in the collection of local history have been invited to appear on the program.

Robert E. Woodside of Crossnore, who has written a history of education in Avery County; Paul Bingham of West Jefferson, formerly of Boone, who has written a history of education in Watauga County; Edgar P. Hunter, Jr., of Burnsville, who has written a history of the Yancey Collegiate Institute; Mrs. Mellissa W. Grill of Valdese, now doing historical research in Burke County; Kyle K. Dickson of Piney Creek, now doing historical research in Alleghany County; Ivan W. Stafford of Banner Elk, who is writing a history of Banner Elk and Lees-McRae college; Mrs. A. C. Trivette of Lenoir, who is writing a history of Concordia College; H. C. Clark of Mount Pleasant, who is writing a history of Mount Pleasant Collegiate Institute; and Harry Hallyburton of Drexel, who is doing research on the history of Burke County.

Also invited to participate are Professor Harley Jolley of Mars Hill College, who is working on North Carolina history; and Dean Bird of Western Carolina college, past president of the Western North Carolina Historical Association.

Easter Seal Sale Is Sponsored By Rotary

Chairman James E. Brown and Co-Chairman Dr. Jack D. Lawrence will direct the 21st annual appeal for funds to support direct help for crippled children and adults in this locality. The campaign got underway last Thursday, and will continue to Easter Sunday.

The Watauga County Easter Seal Society is sponsored by the Boone Rotary Club which stresses the necessity of helping crippled persons. Today, more than ever before, Mr. Brown said, citizens are realizing that rehabilitation is economically important to our Nation and also a humanitarian cause.

Of all funds contributed to the appeal, the chairman said, 91.7 per cent will remain in North Carolin, with 8.3 per cent going

Watson Files For Sheriff Race On GOP Ticket



Clarence Watson, a member of the Board of County Commissioners, has filed his candidacy for the office of Sheriff of Watauga County, in the Republican primary to be held May 29.

Under a special act of the Legislature the Republicans will nominate their candidates for county office in the primary this year, while the Democrats will continue the convention system.

A son of the late Sheriff Charles M. Watson, Mr. Watson is serving his first term as county commissioner. He lives at Sherwood and is engaged in the trucking business.

ATOMIC POWER

The Atomic Energy Commission has announced a five-year plan for intensive exploration of the possibilities of achieving industrial power from the atom at economical cost.

Contrary to popular belief, research shows that American farm crops do not get enough rainfall at the right time even in the more humid regions in normal years for maximum yields.

Local Band Is Given High Contest Rating

The Appalachian High School Band, directed by Mr. Roy R. Bianton, won a rating of Superior in the district music contest held at the college campus last Thursday. This rating entitles the band to represent the school at the State Music Contest at Greensboro in April. The band won a rating of Excellent at the State Contest last year.

Twelve bands participated in the contest at Boone last week. The three other bands winning a Superior rating were Wilkes Central, Drexel, and Newton

Conover. The judges rated the Appalachian band very high in appearance, accuracy, and musicianship. Judges were Mr. Kenneth Moore, from Davidson College, Dr. David Price from Western Carolina, and Mr. George Dickerson from Woman's College. The band is now working on selections for the State contest, and preparing a program for the annual Spring Concert the latter part of April. This concert will include the Beginners Band, Junior High, and Senior High Band.

Dr. Walter Albert Stanbury, 70, native of Boone, and widely known North Carolina Methodist minister, died in an Asheville hospital at 11:30 a. m. Saturday.

He has been pastor of the First Methodist Church at Asheville since 1951. His death came after a two-month illness which began with a heart attack.

Dr. Stanbury was ordained a minister in the Methodist Church in 1910. Since that time he had served as pastor of churches in 12 North Carolina cities and towns. In addition to these duties, he was affiliated with a vast number of religious and educational organizations, and was co-author of two religious books—"The Southern Methodist Pulpit", 1927, and "Victories of the Cross", 1937.

He was also professor of practical theology at Duke University from 1929 to 1933.

He was born Jan. 27, 1884, at Boone, the son of John Senter and Alice Theresa Taylor Stanbury. He received his AB degree at Trinity College (now Duke University) in 1908, and taught Latin at Trinity Park High School in Durham the following year.

In 1929 he received his DD degree from both Duke University and the University of North Carolina, and in 1929 did further graduate study at Columbia University in New York.

He was married on Dec. 29, 1909, to Miss Zulu Virginia Bruton of Mt. Gilead, who survives.

To this union were born two sons, Dr. W. A. Stanbury Jr., of New York City and Dr. John B. Stanbury of Boston, Mass., and one daughter, Miss Elizabeth Wilson Stanbury of the home.

Other survivors include three sister, Mrs. R. L. Clay of Greensboro, Mrs. William Scott of Jamestown, and Mrs. J. A. Boone of Boone; one brother, Jeff Stanbury of Boone, and four grandchildren.

During his approximately 44 years as an ordained minister, Dr. Stanbury served churches in Raleigh, Tarboro, Chapel Hill, Clinton, Wilson, Wilmington, Durham, Greensboro, Asheville, Winston-Salem, Asheville, and Gastonia.

At the time of his death, he was a member of the Executive Committee of the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference Brotherhood; chairman of the Western North Carolina Conference Board of Trustees; Trustee of Duke University, member of the Judicial Council of the Methodist Church; member of the Conference Board of Correction and Training, of which he was formerly vice-chairman.

He had held numerous other positions during his ministerial career, being at one time or another a member of the Methodist Commission on Interdenominational Relations; Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America; vice-president of the North Carolina Commission of Interracial Relations, 1931-1948; president of the North Carolina Council of Churches, 1940-41; member of the North Carolina Conference Board of Christian Education, 1930-33; president of the Western North Carolina Conference Board of Missions, 1944-45; and a delegate to the Uniting Conference, Methodist Church, 1939.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Monday at the First Methodist Church in Asheville. Five ministers with whom he had been closely associated in his work took part in the service—Bishop Coston J. Harrell of Charlotte; Dr. H. P. Powell of Raleigh; Dr. W. A. Kale of Duke University; Rev. Russell Young, associate pastor of First Methodist Church, Asheville, and Rev. M. Teague Hipps, superintendent of the Thomasville district.

Burial was in Oaklawn cemetery, Asheville.

P. O. Examination Set For Saturday

The Civil Service examination for Boone postoffice will be held at the postoffice building in Hickory, Saturday March 27, starting at 8:30 a. m. Sixteen local citizens are expected to take the examination. Lyle B. Cook is acting postmaster, succeeding John E. Brown, Jr.

G. Grant Wilcox, Drug Pioneer, Is Taken By Death

General Grant Wilcox, who founded the business now known as the Wilcox Drug Company in Boone, passed away at his home on Grand Boulevard at an early morning hour Tuesday, March 23, at the age of 84. He had been in failing health for some years, and seriously ill for the past several weeks.

Mr. Wilcox had been a dealer in roots and herbs since the year 1900. He came to Boone from Riverside and established a business here in 1918. His son, C. C. Wilcox, has been associated with him in the Wilcox Drug Company, wholesale dealers in crude botanicals, for many years. Mr. Wilcox was active in business affairs up until his last illness, which occurred some time in January.

Funeral services were scheduled to be held at 2 p. m. Wednesday, March 24, at the Boone Baptist Church, with the pastor, the Rev. L. H. Hollingsworth, conducting. Burial will be in the city cemetery.

Mr. Wilcox is survived by his widow, Mrs. Margaret Wilcox; five sons, O. S. Wilcox, Laurel Springs; Lloyd Wilcox, Deep Gap; Dempsey, Charles, and Herman Wilcox, all of Boone; five daughters, Mrs. Bina Day, Baltimore, Md.; Mrs. Gene Hodges, Alexandria, Va.; Mrs. Walter Cook, Elizabethton, Tenn.; Miss Maude Wilcox, Boone; and Mrs. Ada Krider, Todd; a brother, Boss Wilcox, of Ashe County, a sister, Mrs. Nancy Greene, Zionville; thirty-two grandchildren, and seventeen great-grandchildren.

Geo. Greene, Jr. New Rotary Prexy

George C. Greene, Jr., was elected president of the Boone Rotary Club for the coming year, at the regular meeting of the club Thursday evening, March 18. He succeeds Hugh Hagaman.

Other officers elected were Earl Penick, vice president; Louis H. Smith, treasurer; Dick Allen, secretary; and Phil Vance, sergeant-at-arms.

The new board of directors includes Alfred Adams, Glenn Andrews, Estel Wagner, D. L. Wilcox, Earl Penick, George Greene, Jr., and Hugh Hagaman.

The new officers and directors will be installed at the first meeting in July.

Dr. A. P. Kephart made a talk and showed pictures taken during his and Mrs. Kephart's recent trip to Western Europe and North Africa, as a feature of the March 18 meeting.

A new member, Coach Pete Everette of Appalachian High School, was welcomed into the club.

Child Injured In Auto Accident

Bonnie Mae Byers, three years old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Byers of Lancaster, Ohio, was injured Sunday when she fell from a car being operated by an uncle, Clinton Byers, also of Lancaster. The child was treated at the local hospital for facial cuts and abrasions and lacerations of the face. Members of the family believed her condition to be favorable.

The accident occurred on highway 421, three miles west of Boone.

Roby J. Teaster Ends Own Life

Roby Jordan Teaster, 74, of Shulls Mills, was found dead Wednesday evening at his home. Coroner Richard E. Kelley of Boone said Teaster died from self-inflicted rifle wounds of the head. The death was a suicide, according to Coroner Kelley, who said no inquest would be held.

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon in Shulls Mills Baptist Church with Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home in charge. Survivors include the widow; five daughters, Mrs. Ernest T. White of Shulls Mills, Mrs. Joe Townsend of Banner Elk, Mrs. Paul Wilson of Fayetteville, Mrs. Oscar Miller of Tennessee, and Mrs. Nettie Daniels; two sons, Frances and Charles; two sisters; two brothers; and several grandchildren.

45 Churches Take Part In Preachers' School



HORACE EASOM, of Shelby, who will take an active part in the Three Forks Baptist Association's Preachers' School and revival to be held here April 4-11. Mr. Easom will teach practical church work at the school sessions, and will bring the messages at the Boone Baptist Church each evening at 7:30 during the revival meeting.

The forty-five churches in the Three Forks Baptist Association, are making plans for the annual Preachers' School, which will be held at the Boone Baptist Church April 5-9.

This practice began many years ago while J. C. Canipe was the Boone Pastor and has annually been sponsored jointly by the Boone Church, the Baptist State Convention and the Three Forks Association.

It has come to be one of the big events of the year for Baptist preachers of the county and area.

This year, as for the last several years will be under the direction of J. C. Pipes, Baptist Missionary for Western North Carolina, and Associate Secretary of Promotion, N. C. Baptist State Convention.

Faculty for this year's school, in addition to Mr. Pipes:

Charles E. Parker, Pastor First Baptist Church, New Bern, N. C. will teach a course in Bible—he will also preach each evening at the Oak Grove Baptist Church.

Horace Easom, leader of North Carolina Baptist men in Brotherhood work, a layman and former Minister of Music with Dr. Geo. W. Truett in the First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas and with Dr. Zeno Wall in the First Baptist Church, Shelby, N. C.—will teach a practical course on making use of music and men in the regular church life and program. One of North Carolina's most popular speakers and singers, Mr. Easom will be the preacher for Revival services at the Boone Baptist Church.

L. H. Hollingsworth, pastor of the local church, will preach to the preachers daily on preachers and preaching. He is Moderator of the Three Forks Association.

Various women's groups in some of the churches will be providing lunch each day for the preachers. Oak Grove, Perkinsville, Blowing Rock, Brushy Fork and Popular Grove Churches will provide the lunches. The pastors of Boone, and the general public, particularly deacons of the churches, are cordially invited to attend any or all the sessions. Sessions will be held daily, starting at 9 a. m. Afternoon sessions begin at 10'clock.

Fidler Is Manager Of Horn In The West

Carl Fidler, Watauga County school principal, was named general manager of the outdoor drama, "Horn in the West," at a meeting of the board of directors of the Southern Appalachian Historical Association held Thursday.

Fidler replaces William Hardy, who resigned in January. Fidler has worked with the "Horn in the West" staff since its opening in 1952. During the first summer of production, he worked in the box office. Last year he was in charge of buying for and operating the concessions at the drama.

He has had experience with the business office work, theater operation, the concessions and with other phases of the work which he will be required to do as general manager, drama officials said.

He was elected manager by a unanimous vote of the board of directors of Southern Appalachian Historical Association.

Fidler is a native of Cornelius, where he was graduated from high school in 1941.

His college career began at Appalachian State Teachers College in 1942, but was interrupted for military service.

He served 33 months in the U. S. Army in the European theater. He was discharged as a technician fourth grade in 1945 with three battle stars, a unit citation, the good conduct medal and the European Theater of Operations ribbon.

After his war service he reentered Appalachian and was graduated in 1948 with honors which had been conferred on him by classmates.

Honors included election as president of the freshman class, vice president of the sophomore class, treasurer of the senior class, vice president of Student Council and secretary of the Men's "A" Club.

He was one of the college's leading varsity basketball stars.

Fidler is married to the former Marbeth Winkler of Boone, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Winkler, and they have two children.

Student Recital Next Friday Night

The public is cordially invited to attend another in the series of student recitals in the Fine Arts Auditorium Friday night, March 26, at 8 o'clock.

The program will consist of voice and piano numbers, with the following students performing:

June Good, Rebecca Moxley, Jerry Hill, Jackie Snider, Barry Ruth, Ben Connell, Gay Wilson, Eleanor Helms, Fran Sisk.

Precipitation: March 15—T; T snow.

March 16—T; T snow.

March 20—0.59 inches.

Weather

By DR. ARNOLD VAN PELT Although last week started with low temperatures, spring weather tried again to predominate, and beginning Wednesday, the maximum temperatures remained in the 40's and above. Precipitation came as light snow and drizzle on Monday and rain on Friday.

Table with precipitation data: Max., Min., 6 p.m., Date. Rows for March 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31.

CHRONIC VA PATIENTS

A census conducted by the Veterans Administration on January 31, 1953 showed that 51.7 per cent of the 104,820 patients in VA and non-VA hospitals with the VA footing the bill had been hospitalized more than a year and 66.5 per cent had been patients more than 90 days. World War I veterans made up 41.6 per cent of the average daily patient load, World War II veterans 46.7 per cent and others accounted for 11.7 per cent.

Local Election Board Is Named

The three members of the Watauga County Board of Elections named last week by the State Board of Elections are: R. T. Greer, Gordon C. Taylor, Democrats; Stacy C. Eggers, Jr., Republican.

Tourist Workshop Clinic To Be Held In This Area During May

Tentative plans for a tourist workshop clinic to be held in this area May 12 were set in motion March 16 when representatives of the Boone Chamber of Commerce and tourist accommodation operators of Boone and Blowing Rock met here with Fred Whitaker of the State Tourist Bureau of the Department of Conservation and Development. The luncheon meeting was held in the Gateway Restaurant.

Hugh Morton, president of the Linville Company, owners of Grandfather Mountain, will be asked to preside at the clinic, and Clyde R. Greene of Boone, a member of the state board of directors of the North Carolina Merchants Association, will give the welcome address.

Those who met with Mr. Whitaker March 16 included R. W. Watkins, member of the state recreational committee; Mrs. Roberta B. Ray, Boone Chamber of Commerce; Estel Wagner, Blue Ridge Tourist Court; L. T. Tatum, Mountain Motel; L. B. Williams, Appalachian Tourist Court, Blowing Rock; and Bill Williams, Wagon Wheel Restaurant and Yonahlossee Motel, Blowing Rock.