

KING STREET

BY ROB RIVERS

"SEE YE SATDY"

Saturday is a special day in the life of the country . . . A time when the cares of the week are laid aside for a spell and the folks gather in town or about the country stores, and take it easy, and catch up on the visitin' and the news of the neighborhood . . . It's a kind of semi-holiday for the folks . . . a day when the pay check, if any, is passed out, and when workers are apt to put on their best bibs and tuckers, crank up the flivver and go to town, or to the country, or maybe far away, for a good time . . . And of course everybody's going to pay you "come Satdy" . . . And it is, for a fact, a great day, and we love it!

BUT THERE ARE GRIPES

No matter how lovely the week end may be . . . And our pet Saturday peeve comes from the disruption of radio and television service . . . We have never been able to understand why a radio news broadcast on Saturday should be done away with, and supplanted by some nonsensical recorded routine, why some of the better television features have to give way to those which leave lots to be desired, and western movies prevail all over the country . . . It could be that in keeping with Saturday's festive spirit that the folks who depend on the air waves for news, don't want to know what's happening on the last day, and that the folks who enjoy quiz shows and good stage shows and variety performances on other days, can't abide anything but string-plunking and cowboys on Saturday . . . we don't know, but have often wondered if good programming, and sustained news coverage wouldn't be appreciated right on through the week.

AMBLING ALONG

The public telephone booths on the sidewalks . . . Don't recall having seen any before, but they should be a considerable convenience to the people, particularly transients, who otherwise would have to search out a pay telephone . . . Big possum, being annoyed by lads on the Street, opposite the Democrat, while a couple of hound dogs look on disdainfully, Marsupial later released Austin South way, in what Austin generally refers to as "Hoot Owl Hollow" . . . Speaking of possums, farmers tell of an over-supply of the grinning creatures, plenty of groundhogs and gangs of foxes, but little other game . . . The fox is getting the blame for the decrease in the cottontail population and the scarcity of birds.

WINGED DYNAMITE

Henry Hagaman tells of a new sort of stinging insect, which looks like the sharp-tongued yellow jacket, but which is several times as large . . . They are half-finger length, bigger than a hornet, and fashion a nest in the rocks . . . The habitat is large, and has a dome shape, with point like a church steeple, says Henry, who incidentally hasn't found out about the fire power of this super-jacket . . . If they are close akin to the little yellow buzzers which abound in hayfields, they might be expected to deliver a shock somewhere between a poisoned arrow and a hollow-pointed bullet.

MOUNTAIN FOLKS AND PINE TREES

A visitor to the county from another section remarks on the bundance of evergreens around most every home in the region . . . They add to the attractiveness of the premises, and those unfamiliar with the rigors of these long bleak winters don't now just how much solace one gets from the greenery which flows through the frosted wind-blows . . . Youngsters having gay times experimenting with the hundreds of old dry cells left by the telephone company, when the new telephones were put in . . . Paffodils and jonquils in rare bundance, contribute mightily to the joy of being alive these first spring days . . . We don't for a certainty know which is the affodil and which is the jonquil . . . We thought one had double petals and the other single, but

Appalachian BSU In Favor Of Campus Leaders Under Fire



DR. WALTER A. STANBURY, noted Methodist minister, who died in Asheville recently, after an extended illness. Dr. Stanbury was a native of Boone.

The Baptist Student Union of Appalachian State Teachers College issued a statement last week signed by 52 students which expressed confidence in the three BSU leaders who are reported to have been asked to resign their positions by a committee of the Baptist State Convention. The three leaders are the Rev. James Ray, the Rev. J. C. Herring, and the Rev. Max Wicker. Miss Dot Barber, president of the Appalachian BSU, released the student statement which said that removal of the men would be detrimental to the Baptist student work in the state. The statement follows: We, the undersigned members of the Appalachian Baptist Student Union, wish to express our complete confidence in and support of Rev. James Ray, Rev. J. C. Herring and Rev. Max Wicker. We feel that the removal of these three men will be detrimental to

Bids Received For Swimming Pool Annex At College

Sealed bids are being received for construction of the proposed Swimming Pool Annex to the Physical Education Building for Appalachian State Teachers College, according to an announcement by Dr. B. B. Dougherty, president. Plans for the building call for a Class A semi-fireproof structure containing approximately 352,180 cubic feet. The framing will be a combination of reinforced concrete and structural steel. Walls and partitions, generally, will be brick and tile. Exterior finish will be brick. Interior floor finishes include concrete, vinyl tile and ceramic tile. Inside wall finishes will include plaster, structural facing tile and ceramic tile. The ceilings will be plastered with some of the structure exposed. Steel windows and plastic sky domes will be used, while the door frames and doors will be steel and solid core wood. Bids are to be accepted until 2 p. m. Thursday, April 15, at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read, according to the president of the college.

Ralph Critcher Hurt In Crash

Ralph Critcher, mechanic of Greene Buick, Inc., in Boone, is receiving treatment at Watauga Hospital for extensive head and back injuries sustained when the 1953 Oldsmobile he was driving went out of control and overturned on a sweeping curve about one and one-half miles east of Boone Sunday shortly after 6 p. m. A hospital report Tuesday afternoon gave his condition as "apparently out of danger," but said he will be hospitalized for an "undetermined" period. Patrolman J. R. Chandler, who investigated the accident, said twelve or thirteen fence posts were knocked down when the car left the road, and added that the car is a "total loss."

Paul Younce New VFW Commander

Paul Younce was elected commander of Watauga Mountaineer Post 7031, Veterans of Foreign Wars, at the meeting of the organization held Friday evening. Mr. Younce succeeds Custer Wallace. Other officers elected are: Senior Vice-Commander, Hort Bledsoe. Junior Vice-Commander, Grady Barnes. Quartermaster, Bert Ellis. Adjutant, Hort Bledsoe. Chaplain, Stanley Houck.

Many To Attend Stevenson Rally

Adlai Stevenson, former Governor of Illinois, and 1952 Democratic Presidential candidate, will speak at the Armory in Charlotte Friday evening at 8 o'clock, and a large number of Watauga county Democrats are expected to attend. Mr. W. R. Winkler, Democratic county chairman, suggests that each neighborhood in the county make up at least one automobile of voters to go to Charlotte to participate in the first Democratic state-wide rally of the election year.

National Foundation Gives \$19,000 To Local Polio Fund

Many Gather For Public Induction O. E. S. Officers

On the evening of March 29 in a beautifully decorated chapter room, members, friends, and visitors witnessed the installation of officers of Snow Chapter No. 220, for 1954-55. Mrs. Martha D. Watkins was installing officer. Assisting in the ceremony were Mrs. Lena A. Geer, Marshal; Mrs. Amelia C. Greer, Chaplain; Mrs. China R. Lavender, Conductress; Miss Bernice Gragg, organist; Mrs. Nina Martin, associate matron; Mrs. Faye G. Hodges, assistant conductress; Mrs. Lucy G. Luther, secretary; Mrs. Ollie E. Greer, warder.

A check for \$19,000 has been received from the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, to help provide care for polio patients here, it was announced this week by R. D. Hodges, Jr., chairman of the Watauga County Chapter of the March of Dimes organization. "This financial help comes as part of a general National Foundation arrangement to provide needy chapters with immediate emergency aid," Mr. Hodges said. Mr. Hodges explained that March of Dimes funds raised each January are shared with national headquarters. The chapter spends its portion for patient care and national headquarters finances research, epidemic services, professional education and emergency aid to chapters. This year, national headquarters added another program, Polio Prevention, which consists of increased supplies of gamma globulin and studies of a trial vaccine against polio.

"We have in Watauga County," Mr. Hodges said, "a good example of how the local chapter and national headquarters work together to fight infantile paralysis. If we run in the red, the National Foundation will pull us out." Previous to the current advance, the chairman stated, this chapter has been advanced \$7,500. Mr. Hodges said it is quite possible the local chapter may require even further aid from national headquarters. The local chapter at present is providing funds, in whole or in part, for the care of five patients stricken this year.

Three Forks Revival Gets Under Way 4th

Plans are nearing completion for the annual Three Forks Baptist Associational Revival, to be held simultaneously at the Boone and Oak Grove Baptist Churches from April 4 to 11 inclusive. The services will begin at both churches at 11 o'clock Sunday morning, April 4, and will continue each evening at 7:30, with morning and evening services Sunday, April 11. Mr. Horace Eason of Shelby, leader of North Carolina Baptist men in Brotherhood work, will be the preacher for the Boone services, and the Rev. Charles E. Parker, pastor of First Baptist Church at New Bern, will bring the messages at the Oak Grove Church. Both Mr. Eason and Mr. Parker are also on the faculty for the Preachers' School, which will hold morning and afternoon sessions Monday through Friday at Boone, beginning at 9 a. m. All deacons and preachers in the association are especially urged to attend the Preachers' school, said Rev. L. H. Hollingsworth, pastor of the Boone Baptist Church.

The revival is being sponsored by the men of the church, and two laymen will be on the rostrum with Mr. Eason to conduct

the Boone services. After the first Sunday morning service, the pastor, Mr. Hollingsworth, will sit in the congregation throughout the meeting. Home visitations are being made this week by 75 laymen in preparation for the revival, and 23 cottage prayer meetings are being held in various homes each evening this week, with laymen in charge. The Brotherhood will hold a supper meeting in the basement of the church Tuesday evening at 8:30, and every member is asked to bring a "buddy" with him. Next Thursday evening at 8 o'clock the ladies of the church will be hostesses to the men at a supper in the church basement. Mr. Hollingsworth said the Boone Baptist Sunday School is striving to make next Sunday's attendance the highest in history. The goal has been set at 800 persons, he said.

With 3 per cent more milk cows on United States farms January 1 than a year earlier and feed supplies likely to be plentiful, barring drought, milk production in 1954 probably will rise above the 1953 record of 121 billion pounds.

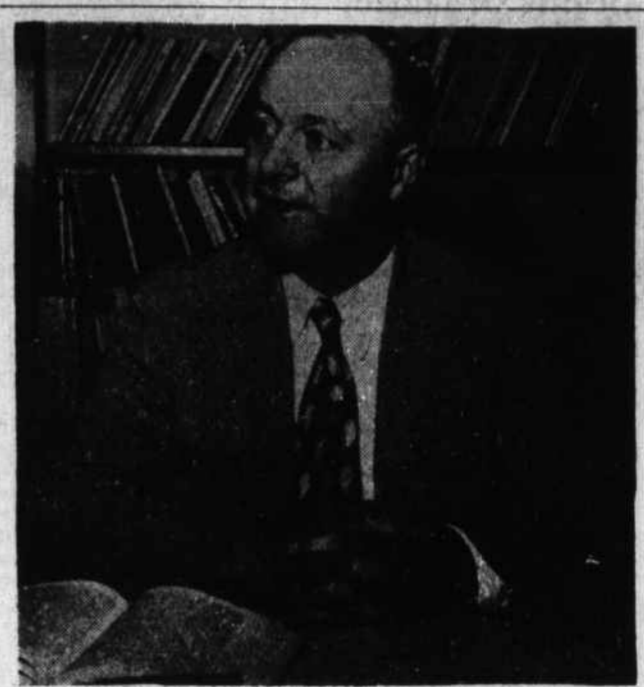
Fire Warden List Is Given

Bynum Proffitt, county forest fire warden, stresses the importance of securing burning permits, and at the same time announces the names of the following deputy wardens: Clint Eggers, Zionville; John O. Potter, Tamarack; Eldredh Trivette, Reese; Clyde Eggers, Dutch Creek. Warden Proffitt's telephone number is AM4-3356. Fire permits are issued at the following places: A. G. Miller, Deep Gap. Mrs. W. S. Collins, Blowing Rock. Church Store, Foscoe. Howard Mast Store, Valle Crucis. Victor Ward's, Sugar Grove. Vilas Service Station, Vilas. D. E. Church's Store, Mabel. Ivan Farthing's Store, Bethel. Parkway Co., Boone.

CinemaScope Screen To Place Local Theatre With Leaders

Within a few short weeks the people of this area will be able to enjoy CinemaScope at the Appalachian Theatre here, according to an announcement made by J. W. Beach, manager of the Appalachian Theatre. Contract for the installation of equipment has been let and the first CinemaScope attraction set for the Boone house is THE ROBE, to play soon. CinemaScope is the new dimensional photographic medium that does not require the use of special glasses, and its advent was a milestone in the movie industry, equal to the introduction of sound to film that took place in 1927 and changed the entire course of motion pictures. Recently the Appalachian Theatre's screen was enlarged to dimensions equal to any of the screens in the largest playhouses in the state, but the new CinemaScope screen, with its millions of tiny "lenses" reflecting greater light, will dwarf the old screen by comparison. A width of 32 feet, height of 17 feet, will fill the entire proscenium of the big Appalachian with curved CinemaScope screen. Stereophonic sound, one of the marvels of CinemaScope, can best be described as "natural sound," coming from the direction in which the action takes place, whether it be in the upper bal-

Annual Drama Festival Attracts Many Students



CLINIC DIRECTOR—Dr. D. J. Whitener, above, directed a historical clinic in Boone last Friday, sponsored by the Western North Carolina Historical Association, of which he heads. The clinic was attended by representatives from Avery, Burke, Watauga, Caldwell, Wilkes, Ashe and Alleghany counties, and was held for the purpose of determining ways and means of preserving the history of this section.

Event Said To Surpass Former Play Efforts

The fifth annual high school drama festival, sponsored by the Playcrafters of Appalachian State Teachers College Wednesday through Saturday, was one of the best in the history of the festival, according to Miss Audrey Eichelberger, who directed it. Represented were the high school drama groups of Jefferson, Cranberry, Crossnore, Hudson, Mountain View, East Mecklenburg, Cove Creek, Hickory, Newton-Conover, and Edneyville. Approximately 75 students participated in the plays with many more attending the performances. The calibre of the performances of the various groups was above the usual level in the opinion of those who saw the plays, and the direction was of a high quality. Following the presentation of plays on Saturday afternoon, a reception was held for the participating groups in the Playcrafters Club room, after which the awards were made in the auditorium. Harold Bennett, President of the Playcrafters, presented the awards as follows: Trophy — 1st place drama — GRAVEYARD DAY placed by Cove Creek High School and directed by Mrs. S. F. Horton. Certificate of merit for runner-up play — SPECIAL GUEST by Crossnore High School, under the direction of Mrs. Kate Ranson Carnus. Best actor medal for acting in (Continued on page three)

Farm Loan Group Wins District Award

The Boone National Farm Loan Association won the Third Farm Credit District attendance award offered by the Federal Land Bank of Columbia for having the highest percentage of members present at the 1953 annual meeting of any association in the district. The district includes the two Carolinas, Georgia and Florida. This meeting was held last July in the county courthouse. The award, a large electric office clock, was presented to the officers and directors of the association at the North Carolina conference of directors held in Columbia the early part of March. S. C. Eggers, president, and John H. Hollar, secretary-treasurer of the association, received the

award on behalf of the association. The association has a large membership of farmers in this area and over 50 percent of them attended the meeting. The Boone association has assets totaling approximately \$75,000 of which \$50,000 is capital invested by the members. Reserves total approximately \$15,000. The association handles approximately one and a half million dollars in loans for the Columbia Land Bank. The Boone association makes and services long term, low interest loans to farmers for any eligible purpose such as refinancing, building, schooling, or hospital bills.

'Seven Words' Theme College Double Octet

The Appalachian Mixed Double Octet, under the direction of W. Hoyt Saffrit, will present Haydn's "Seven Words of Christ" and Mendelssohn's "Hear My Prayer" on Sunday at 8 p. m. in the Boone Methodist Church. Featured soloists will be Amelia Cardwell, Billie Ann Witherspoon, Harry Logan Smith, and William L. Head, outstanding performers with the Greensboro Opera Association.

Thee I Sing," and "La Traviata." Mr. Head, bass, has had experience in opera, oratorio, radio, and television, and is choirmaster of Ebenezer Lutheran Church in Greensboro. His musical education was received at the University of Arkansas and the Memphis College of Music. Mr. Smith, tenor, is soloist at West Market Street Methodist Church, Greensboro. He also sings with the Greensboro Opera Association. He appeared in Boone last August in the role of Don Jose in the opera "Carmen." He, also, is a student of Mrs. Cardwell, and has studied in Italy. Mr. Smith has been soloist with the North Carolina Symphony and the Greensboro Community Chorus. Organist for the performance will be James W. Rooker, Boone Methodist Church organist and a member of the music faculty at Appalachian State Teachers College.

Weather

By DR. ARNOLD VAN PELT

Temperatures this week were mild. Precipitation occurred during a major portion of the week.

Max.	Min.	6 p. m.	Date
52	20	44	March 22
50	35	45	March 23
46	38	42	March 24
74	42	64	March 25
64	44	53	March 26
53	42	44	March 27
53	38	47	March 28

Precipitation: March 24—0.24 inch.
March 25—0.07 inch.
March 26—0.63 in.
March 28—0.20 inch.

Lions Map Plans For Gay Carnival Benefit

The Boone Lions Club, which for the past several years has been conducting an annual Talent Show about this time of the year, has announced a change in plans. This year the club will stage a Carnival, complete with clowns, a "grab bag" containing prizes valued up to \$20, bingo, shooting gallery, and many other games at which contestants can try their skill and win valuable prizes. The Carnival will be held in the High School Auditorium two nights, Friday and Saturday, April 9 and 10, beginning at 7:30

o'clock, and general admission is free. Proceeds derived from the games will go to the principal project of all Lions Clubs, aid for the blind. The Lions Club Show Committee is composed of Roy Blanton, chairman; J. C. Cline, Robert Congdon, Guy Hunt, Hoyt Saffrit, John Robinson, I. W. Carpenter, Jr., and Royce McNeill. An advertisement elsewhere in this issue urges: "Come and bring the family for the time of your life! Everyone wins a prize!"