



A fleet of trucks made a two and one half mile haul from the bottom of the mountain for the more than 5,000 cubic yard fill which effectively doubles the size of the parking area on top of Grandfather Mountain at the Convention Table Rock. A portion of the mile high swinging bridge leading to Grandfather's Linville Peak is shown in the upper left.

## Many Improvements Made On Grandfather; Opens May First

### KING STREET BY ROB RIVERS

#### MAYBE 'T WAS ALWAYS SO!

Mr. Cecil Miller loans us the following clipping about an editor, who like folks nowadays, was deeply troubled. . . He could find little of comfort and consolation as he scanned the reports from around the country and from abroad. . . Finally he began to write, and these glib words slowly took form:

"It's a gloomy moment in history. Not for many years . . . not in the lifetime of most men who read this . . . has there been so much grave and deep apprehension; never has the future seemed so incalculable as at this time.

"In France the political caldron seethes and bubbles with uncertainty; Russia hangs as usual like a cloud, dark and silent upon the horizon of Europe; while all the energies, resources and influence of the British Empire are sorely tried, and are yet to be tried more sorely, in coping with the vast and deadly disturbed relations in India and China.

"Of our own troubles no man can see the end. It is a solemn moment, and no man can feel an indifference, which happily, no man pretends to feel in the issue of events."

The editor sent his copy to the composing room, where the type slowly translated it into lines of type. . . Then the editor put on his coat and hat and strode into the night, wondering whether it would be days, weeks or months before the explosion came. . . He knew that many others would read, and perhaps share, his dismal views on the morrow when they purchased their copy of "Harper's Weekly" for October 10, 1857.

#### WINKLER'S CREEK

Mr. H. W. Horton has returned to his home on Winkler's Creek, where he has spearheaded considerable development during the past few years. . . Tourist cottages have been built, lots sold to others who developed them and built, and now the State Highway Department is rebuilding the road up the creek, which has been a mecca for fishermen, swimmers, and sightseers since the minds of local citizens run not to the contrary. . . Winkler's Creek used to be known as Flannery's Fork, and that may be the official name of the rocky, picturesque stream which makes its tortuous way through wooded fastnesses on down to New River. . . But we like the name Winkler's Creek better. . . Josina Winkler, ancestor of the Boone Winklers, lived on the (Continued on page four)

## Arsonist Is Given Life Term

John Marshall Witherspoon, 26, Boone Negro, was sentenced to life imprisonment Wednesday, April 21, in Watauga Superior Court by Judge J. W. Pless, Jr., on a charge of first degree arson.

Witherspoon pled guilty to setting fire to the home of Della Horton, in whose house he was rooming at the time. The woman was not at home when her home burned February 27, 1954.

Witherspoon said he set fire to the house with a match and piece of paper. He said he did not know why he did it, for he was not mad at anyone, but "just did it for no reason at all."

The incest charge against Raymond Presnell was dismissed because of lack of evidence. The warrant for his arrest was sworn out by his wife last September a few days after his picture appeared in Life magazine showing him completely covered with bees he raises.

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## Democrats To Hold Convention May 15

The Democrats of Watauga county have been asked by Chairman W. R. Winkler to meet in convention at the courthouse in Boone Saturday May 15, at 2 o'clock, for the purpose of setting up the county organization and naming delegates to the State Convention which will be held in Raleigh May 20.

Precinct meetings will be held Saturday May 8 at 2 o'clock, when township organizations will be set up, and delegates named to the county convention.

The date for the Democratic nominating convention hasn't been set.

## Jones T. Ashley Succumbs Monday

Jones Thomas Ashley, 44, died Monday at the local hospital, following a long period of illness.

Funeral services were conducted from the Boone Methodist Church at 2 o'clock Tuesday. The pastor, Rev. J. T. Shackford was in charge of the rites. Burial was in the city cemetery.

The survivors include the parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Ashley; two brothers, Herman Ashley, Los Alamos, New Mexico; Dr. Grant Ashley, Bothell, Wash.; a sister, Mrs. Ruby Rainey, Hampton, Va.

## Road Officials At Nags Head

State Highway Commissioner W. R. Winkler, Mrs. Winkler; Highway Engineer James H. Council and Mrs. Council left Wednesday morning for Nags Head, where they are attending sessions of the State Highway and Public Works Commission.

The sessions will begin Thursday and will continue until Saturday. Tours of the roadways in the National Seashore Recreational areas, and inspection of the highway systems in the various counties of the tidelands will feature the sessions, while various social events have been planned for the meetings.

While away the officials will also visit Ocracoke and Hatteras. A similar meeting for the western Carolina area was held in Asheville last fall.



CHARLES E. ZOUBEK

hand Simplified," and many other texts in the shorthand field. He has contributed articles to many professional magazines and for more than ten years was editor of "World List of Gregg Short-

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## Business Ed Meeting To Be Held Saturday

The Department of Business Education, Appalachian State Teachers College, will hold a one-day Business Education Conference for the business teachers of North Carolina, on Saturday, May 1, in the auditorium of the Music and Fine Arts Building, it was announced by Jim Thompson, Professor of Business Education.

The meeting will begin with a coffee hour at nine o'clock lasting until ten o'clock, at which time the meeting will convene. The morning session will adjourn at noon and reconvene at 1:30 for the afternoon session.

Principal speaker for the conference will be Mr. Charles E. Zoubek, shorthand editor of the Gregg Publishing Company, New York City, who will speak on methods of teaching shorthand. Mr. Zoubek is co-author of "The Gregg Shorthand Manual Simplified, Functional Method;" "Gregg Dictation Simplified;" and the "World List of Gregg Short-

## Engineers Completing Work On CinemaScope Movie Equipment

Engineers are this week completing installation of CinemaScope equipment at the Appalachian Theatre, readying the house for its premier CinemaScope epic, "The Robe," that opens Saturday for a three-day run. J. W. Beach, manager of the Appalachian, said Tuesday that of the many good pictures available now in CinemaScope, "The Robe" was chosen to lead the program at the local theatre because of the great public demand for its showing.

By installing CinemaScope at the Appalachian the management is bringing to Boone the very latest and very best of projection equipment and methods. This is a big step up in the playhouse that was already rated as one of the top movie theatres in the State as far as motion picture equipment is concerned. Anamorphic lens, built to project the picture to the full width and height of the dimensional curved screen, stereophonic sound, for pin-pointing the sound at various

parts of the auditorium, and the gigantic miracle mirror screen, are but three of the revolutionary changes in equipment.

The story of "The Robe," Lloyd C. Douglas' widely read book, is about a Roman tribune who gambled at the foot of the Cross where Jesus was crucified and won the garment—the robe—that he wore to his death. It is, moreover, the story of guilt and haunting repentance, of Marcellus' conversion to Christianity and of the (Continued on page four)

# Annual Clean-Up Effort In Boone Now In Progress



PVT. ALBERT DOTSON

## Pvt. Dotson Accorded Honor

Mrs. Bina Dotson of Valle Crucis has been informed that her son, Private Albert B. Dotson, who is serving in the infantry in Korea, was selected as the outstanding soldier in his unit for the week of March 20.

The notification, which is signed by Major Peter J. Eaton, says: "The selection of 'Soldier of the Week' is based on careful observation of Private Dotson's performance of duty, soldierly bearing, and exemplary conduct. You can be indeed proud that your son has been chosen from among his fellow soldiers for this honor. His outstanding performance indicates his high mental, moral and physical attributes as well as his fine upbringing.

"Men such as your son, working together, are what makes the Spearhead Battalion of the 160th Infantry Regiment one of the Army's finest fighting teams. "I am indeed proud to be the commanding officer of men such as your son, and feel certain, that because of such men, the defense of the free world by the United Nations forces here in Korea will bring world peace."

## Mable Student Is Best Speller; Wins County Bee

Glinda Bumgardner of Mabel school and a member of Mr. South's eighth grade won out in the county spelling bee. One contestant from each school in the county participated in the contest which was held April 12, in the college science lecture room.

Glinda is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Bumgardner of Creston, N. C. She will participate in the Journal-Sentinel WJSS Spelling Bee in Winston-Salem Saturday, May 1.

## Health Clinic At Blowing Rock

On May 5, between the hours of 2 and 4 p. m. the Health Department will hold a foodhandler's Clinic at the Blowing Rock Hospital. Dr. Charles Davant will be in charge of the clinic.

It is important that all foodhandlers who were x-rayed through the mobile x-ray unit in 1953 bring the card stating the result of this x-ray. It will be necessary for those who did not get a chest x-ray during the survey to have one.

## Weather

By DR. ARNOLD VAN PELT  
This week, with summer temperatures prevailing, began with clear days. On Friday showers began, giving a total of 0.22 inches.

Max.	Min.	6 p. m.	Date
75	44	65	April 19
74	45	66	April 20
59	40	45	April 21
70	49	60	April 22
67	49	58	April 23
73	46	58	April 24
73	47	63	April 25

Precipitation: April 24—0.17 in.; April 25—0.05 in.

## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the general health and welfare of our citizens depend upon wholesome surroundings arising from good clean living conditions, and

WHEREAS, the lives and property of our people are endangered by fire caused by cluttered conditions in homes, business places, alleys and streets, and

WHEREAS, unity of effort is required for the future development of our community, and

WHEREAS, the outdoor drama, "Horn in the West," which opens its third season in June, is expected to bring thousands of extra visitors to our community during the summer months,

THEREFOR, I, Gordon H. Winkler, Mayor of the Town of Boone, do hereby designate April 26 to May 8 as the official inclusive dates of the annual CLEAN UP, PAINT UP, FIX UP PROGRAM, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and the Worthwhile Woman's Club, and call upon all departments of the city, its commercial organizations, civic clubs, schools, churches, boys' and girls' clubs, and all other associations, and our people in general to take an active part in this constructive program for community improvement to insure success.

GORDON H. WINKLER,  
Mayor of Boone.

## Baptist Association To Meet Next Saturday

The 45 churches comprising the Three Forks Baptist Association will gather for their annual spring session next Tuesday, May 4, at 9:30 a. m.

The meeting this year will be held with the Bever Dam Baptist Church, the Rev. Bynum Trivette, pastor. Mrs. Blanche Perry, clerk of the association, in announcing the meeting, expressed the hope that it would be the best attended spring session in the history of the association.

Highlight of the program will be a message by the Rev. M. O. Owens, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Lenoir. His message will be around the general theme of the meeting, "The Revival We Need."

Moderator L. H. Hollingsworth will call the meeting to order promptly at 9:30 a. m. for a song and praise service for 15 minutes, led by Mr. W. M. Hodges. Appearing on the morning program will be the Rev. S. S. Gray, pastor at Laurel Springs, Mr. A. R. Smith, deacon in the Boone church, and the Rev. C. O. Vance, pastor at Oak Grove. The message by Mr. Owens will come at 11:00 a. m. Following lunch on the church grounds, the Rev. Lloyd M. Culler, pastor at Meat Camp, Mr. C. J. Farthing, deacon at Oak Grove, and the Rev. G. C. Cox, pastor at Blowing Rock, will speak in that order. The session is scheduled to adjourn at 2:15 p. m.

## New Feed Mill Plans Early Opening Here

The Watauga Feed and Milling Co. is the name of Boone's newest business establishment, which is soon to be in operation just outside the city limits on the Wilkesboro Road.

The new concern is owned by John W. Hodges, Jr., and A. E. Hamby, Jr., and is designed to mix the farmers' grain and straw, etc. in proper fashion, and give him good quality feed at a considerable savings.

Now being installed is a Myers-Sherman 24 inch grinding, and pulverizing hammermill, powered by a 75 horsepower motor, which will grind all types of feed. As the feed is ground, it is

blown to dust collector, which discharges it into batch mixers that mix the feed with cottonseed meal, or a concentrate, if desired. Then it may be conveyed to the molasses machine, where blackstrap molasses will be added. No expense was spared in purchasing the machinery. Included in the machinery is a magnet which removes iron, for the protection of livestock.

Farmers are asked to save their straw and have it ground and mixed with molasses, thus getting good feed at low prices. Corn stalks may also be converted into feed.

## Commerce Group, Clubwomen Aiding In Civic Project

The annual Clean-Up, Paint-Up, Fix-Up, Plant-Up campaign was launched in Boone Monday morning under the co-sponsorship of the Chamber of Commerce and the Worthwhile Woman's Club.

The intensified program will continue for two weeks, through Saturday, May 8, according to a proclamation by Mayor Gordon H. Winkler, who calls upon all organizations, business places, and individuals to cooperate in a united effort to make the drive a success.

Rev. Edwin F. Troutman, chairman of the Clean-Up committee of the Chamber of Commerce, said a slogan has been adopted for the campaign, "Keep Boone Blooming," and urged that after the trash and debris has been disposed of, flowers and shrubs be planted in all appropriate places to further enhance the appearance of the town.

Other goals, he said, are the elimination of billboards in the city limits, cleaning of all vacant lots, elimination of open garbage cans on the streets, and the removal of old, unused buildings.

In discussing the campaign, H. W. Wilcox, president of the Chamber of Commerce, quoted a remark by Chester S. Davis of the Winston-Salem Journal, in a recent speech to the Boone Chamber of Commerce, to the effect that the streets of Winston-Salem were "a disgrace," and that he (Mr. Davis) didn't know of but one town whose streets were dirtier, and that was Boone. Mr. Wilcox further stated that he (Mr. Wilcox) felt "our city government should be more interested in keeping our streets clean."

Mayor Winkler said city trucks are available, not only during the campaign, but all other times, to pick up accumulated trash and debris. The number to call is AMherst 4-8851.

In addition to Chairman Troutman, the Chamber of Commerce Clean-Up committee includes Mayor Winkler, Mrs. James Winkler, Barnard Dougherty, Mrs. B. W. Stallings, Dr. A. P. Kephart, and James Brown.

## Oversize Jeep Is Work Boone Man

An oversize Jeep, put together by Luther Oliver of Boone, is pictured in the May issue of Popular Science Monthly. Designed to haul more than the original affair yet keep a Jeep's zing forumping over mountain roads, Mr. Oliver's "truck" was made by cutting a Jeep in two and adding to the drive shaft. He then built the extra 4½ feet into a full-size pick-up.



Students of Mrs. Dave Mast's Life Adjustment class at Cove Creek High School pose for their picture in front of the Watauga Democrat building after visiting the county newspaper plant last week.—Staff photo by Joe Minor. Story on page three.