

## KING STREET BY ROB RIVERS

**SPEAKING AWARD**  
From Principal S. F. Horton, of the Cove Creek High School, we learn that the late Eddie B. Hagaman, well-known resident of Laurel Creek township, set aside a \$100 fund, from which each year for ten years a ten dollar award is to be made for public speaking at Cove Creek School. . . . The dissertations which are to compete must be on some phase of the constitution, or on world peace topics. . . . This gesture on the part of one of our most public-spirited citizens will doubtless promote a good deal of interest in public speaking in that section of the county, and no doubt provide the basis for increased interest in problems of national and world concern.

**MILE HIGH KITIN'**  
Hugh Morton, owner of the Grandfather mountain, who has built a highway to the top of the massive peak, and made it possible for all and sundry, to look over the country from the towering heights, has a new notion. . . . He told the Democrat the other day that he's making plans for a mile-high kite flying contest on the Grandfather this summer. A thousand kiddies are likely to be present, the price of admission will be a kite, and those who don't bring 'em along can buy one at the entrance. . . . Fox movietone has agreed to film the novel event, and each contestant will be given a big badge, noting "I flew a kite a mile high." . . . This new Morton promotion will get a lot of national publicity for the region, and Linville can't do well without spilling some of the prosperity over in this locality!

**McRAE DESCENDANT**  
In answer to some questions dealing with the early days of Linville as a tourist resort, Mr. Morton tells us that Hugh McRae (his grandfather) graduated from Carnegie tech in 1885 and came to Linville soon thereafter, bringing with him Alexander McRae, of Fayetteville (no kin), who was employed to construct the Yonahlossee Highway. . . . Mr. McRae formed the Linville Improvement Co., which pioneered the development at Linville, and resulted in the construction of the old Esceola Inn, which catered to the select tourist trade more than sixty years ago, and which later burned. . . . Morton fell heir to the Grandfather and his continuing effort in the development of the peaks as tourist attractions mark the culmination of efforts started by others of his family in another century. . . . At any rate, Grandfather Mountain, Linville, Blowing Rock and Boone should be considered all the same in the matter of tourist promotion. . . . Together they offer wide variety and an unparalleled vacationland.

**WE MAYBE LIVE LONGER**  
Folks have contended in these parts from time immemorial that the mountain air and the pattern of hill country living combine to bring about a longer life span. . . . That Wataugans invariably live longer than people who inhabit the regions down below the State's roof top.

**AND A VERIFICATION**  
Of this claim comes to Watt Gragg from the Security Life and Trust Co. . . . Twenty years ago Watauga Building and Loan depositors began to buy policies to protect their savings and the home they built through the B & L plan. That is, in case of death, the insurance company would lift the mortgage on the home and everything would be fine. . . . This is good, and the stockholders liked it. But back to the beginning, the insurance company says that in the entire twenty years they have never paid a death claim through the local Building and Loan, which they say is "nothing short of phenomenal." It is added that no such record exists in any other building and loan served by Security. . . . And this is good news to the folks who like to stay around!

## Tri-County Lamb Show To Be Held Here May 28

### Rites For Senator Hoey Are Held On Saturday

Final rites for Senator Clyde R. Hoey, 76, of Shelby, senior U. S. Senator from North Carolina, were held at 2:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon from Central Methodist church, Shelby.  
The pastor, the Rev. J. G. Huglin, Jr., officiated and burial was in Sunset Cemetery.  
Senator Hoey, who reached the age of 76 last December 11, apparently died in his sleep of heart failure at 2:45 p. m. Wednesday, while resting in an upholstered armchair in his private office in Washington.  
The capitol physician, Dr. George Calver, was called by Spain. The doctor's official bulletin stated that the senator had died of "coronary heart disease."  
Dr. Calver later stated that the left side of Senator Hoey's face was drawn when he arrived at the office, and the senator's left hand clutched the arm of his chair, "But I doubt," Dr. Calver added, "that he had a stroke. His heart just went back on him."  
The capitol physician further revealed that Senator Hoey had had a heart condition "for several months. We tried to get him to go to a hospital but he wouldn't quit. He wanted to keep on with his work."  
Until his death, Senator Hoey had followed his regular schedule of work. During the morning, he spent three hours with the Senate finance committee, of which he was a member, working on the new tax bill. He made a recorded radio broadcast with Senator George S. Mathers of Florida, then lunched with Senators Burnett Maybank of South Carolina and Spessard Holland of



SENATOR HOEY

Florida. All who had associated with him during the day reported he had been in good spirits.  
The House of Representatives heard tributes by its North Carolina members after the news reached the House chamber, and then adjourned in token of respect. Speaker Joseph Martin appointed all twelve of the North Carolina members as an official committee to join the official Senate committee in attending final rites.  
Mrs. Hoey, the former Miss Bess Gardner of Shelby, died February 13, 1942.  
Surviving are: two sons, Clyde R. Hoey, Jr. of Canton, and Charles Hoey of Shelby; one daughter, Mrs. Dan Paul of Raleigh; a sister, Mrs. John Shanhouse of Shelby; and six grandchildren.

The Tri-County Lamb Show will be held in the Burley Warehouse No. 2 in Boone Friday, May 28, at 1:00 p. m., W. C. Richardson, assistant county agent, announced this week. Lambs will be exhibited by 4-H and FFA club members from Watauga, Ashe and Alleghany counties. The show is sponsored by the Business and Professional people of Watauga, Ashe and Alleghany counties, the N. C. Extension Service and the American Hampshire Sheep Association.  
Listed below are the classes to be shown:

1. Individual lambs.
  2. Pen of three lambs (owned by one club member).
  3. County group of five (shown by three club members).
  4. Lambs sired by registered Hampshire ram.
  5. Registered ewe lamb.
  6. Registered ram lamb.
  7. Fitting and showing.
- The rules that will govern the show are:
1. Exhibitor must be a bonafide 4-H or FFA member and be the owner of lamb from birth to show date.
  2. Members may feed and show a total of four lambs. Three of these may be shown as a pen and any two as individuals.
  3. The Grand Champion and Reserve Champion individuals, Grand Champion and Reserve Champion pens must be sold.
  4. The Grand Champion and Reserve Champion cannot compete in the pen of three lambs or county group of five.
  5. All lambs entered in the fat class must weigh at least 70 pounds and not more than 120 pounds.
  6. Registered lambs may show in either the breeding or fat classes but not in both.
  7. Fat lambs will not be blocked, but may be trimmed around the dock.
  8. Blocking of registered lambs optional.
  9. No prize money will be awarded to lambs that do not grade good or better.
  10. County groups must contain lambs from at least three exhibitors.
  11. Fitting and showing class—To show in this class the lambs do not have to be owned by exhibitor, but if registered and owned by exhibitor may compete in registered classes.
  12. To compete in the class, lambs sired by Registered Hampshire Ram, club member must have the number of the ram at the show or forfeit prize money.
  13. To compete in the registered classes the lambs must be registered in the owner's name and have the registration number in lamb's ear on date of show.

## 161 Given Degrees At College Finals

President B. B. Dougherty of Appalachian State Teachers College granted degrees and presented diplomas Friday to 161 graduates, including 22 who received the master of arts degree.  
Students who were graduated with honors included the following: Barbara Bingham of West Jefferson, cum laude; Clara Lee Brown of Mocksville, cum laude; Jane Bullock of Albemarle, cum laude; Alma Thrift Carpenter of Shelby, cum laude; Gaynelle Chandler of Albemarle, cum laude; May Frances Cochrane of Charlotte, cum laude; Rita Faye Crowell of Charlotte, cum laude; John P. Coulter of Catawba, cum laude;  
Boyd Daugherty of Boone, cum laude; Barbara Davenport of Mount Holly, cum laude; Jane M. Dixon of Pleasant Garden, cum laude; Lenna Duncan of Todd, cum laude; Isabel Anne Eggers of Boone, magna cum laude; Euvalle Kimball Gibson of China Grove, cum laude; Carol Goodrum of Belmont, cum laude; Jo Anne Graybeal, of Creston, cum laude;  
Jo Anne Hardin of Boone, cum laude; Floyd Bryan Houck of Todd, cum laude; Mary Frances Kilpatrick of Asheville, cum laude; James Moffett of Charlotte, magna cum laude; Ann Marie Moses Goldson, cum laude; Joyce Putnam of Kannapolis, cum laude; Ruth Yancey Ray of Boone, magna cum laude; Rebekah Robertson of Winston-Salem, cum laude; Betty Ann Robinson of Hickory, cum laude;  
Ray Shrum of Newton, cum laude; Naomi Ruby Smith of Rockingham, cum laude; Harold Songer of Sherwood, magna cum laude; Myzelle Rosa Ruth Stubbs of Shelby, cum laude; Vera Bernice Troutman of Barium Springs, cum laude; Alice Ann Wilde of Asheville, cum laude; and Richard Zuber of Hickory, magna cum laude.  
Dr. Harley Fite, president of Carson-Newman College of Jefferson City, Tenn., was the commencement speaker, talking to the graduates on the subject of "The Beginning of Wisdom."

He said, "Let me begin by asking you to question, and to question seriously and soberly, the present-day purveyors of gloom and the counsellors of despair.  
"Since Hiroshima," he said, "there have been a great many people who are honestly convinced that this old world is bent on its own destruction. I don't believe that for a minute. You see, I happen to have a great deal of confidence in the architect who built this world in the first place, and I do not believe that mere mortals will ever succeed in destroying his hard work.  
"Ever since the invention of gunpowder, some seven centuries ago, man has engaged in an unsuccessful effort to destroy himself and I do not think he is big enough, smart enough, or almighty enough to do so now in spite of all the progress he has made," the speaker said.  
He continued, "If ever there was a good day to be graduating from college, this is it. If you had tried for a thousand years to pick an age in which to live, you could not have chosen a better one. In no other day could you have selected more interesting men and women as your associates or been exposed to a better education. In no other hour in the world's history that I know of could you have picked a better time to graduate and to start wrestling with more really fine opportunities or more really dangerous problems crying to be solved.  
"May I just call your attention to a few opportunities," Dr. Fite said. "The plastic industry; the glass industry; the titanium industry, and many many others, and last but not least the great forward movement in religion."  
He continued, "Herein lies the greatest opportunity for growth and advancement. Life is primarily an adventure of the spirit. The greatest opportunities for pioneering in the world today lie not in the field of science but in the realm of the spirit.  
"We are 100 years behind in social, political, and spiritual thinking," he said.  
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## Davenport Will Appear At Meeting Of Boy Scouts



JOE DAVENPORT

The regular monthly meeting of the Watauga District Committee for the Boy Scout will be held on Thursday, May 20, at the Gateway Restaurant at noon. Joe Davenport, new field executive for Watauga, Ashe, and Wilkes counties, will attend the meeting.  
Mr. Davenport has recently taken up residence at North Wilkesboro after the completion of a training course in New Jersey for scout field executives. A former student at N. C. State and a resident of Raleigh, Mr. Davenport has had years of practical experience with scout work.  
At the Thursday meeting, plans will be further discussed for the Watauga district camporee to be held at Tater Hill Lake on May 28, 29 and 30. A bulletin on the camporee has been issued by Fred Gragg, chairman of the camping committee.  
The monthly round table on scouting problems will be held on Thursday at 7:30 at the Legion Hut.  
Dr. Lee Reynolds, chairman of the advancement committee, will discuss promotion as a result of the camporee, as will Mr. Gragg.  
Mr. Davenport will discuss the summer camp program of Old Hickory Council.  
Further discussion of the camporee and camping program will be made at the district roundtable Thursday night at 7:30 at the Scout Hut, over which Mr. F. C. Miller, assistant district commissioner, will preside.  
Every troop in the Watauga District is expected and urged to send representatives to these two meetings, so that the summer scouting program will benefit scouts as much as possible. A door prize will be given to a lucky scout.

## First Lamb Pool Next Saturday

The first 1954 lamb pool for farmers in this area will be held at West Jefferson on Saturday, May 29, it was announced this week by L. E. Tuckwiller, county agent. Farmers who plan to sell lambs in this pool should notify the county agent by Monday, May 24, so that cars may be ordered for the lambs. It will be necessary that farmers give the number of lambs they expect to sell in the pool.  
Lambs will be weighed from 7:00 a. m. until 10:00 a. m. and will be loaded at once, Mr. Tuckwiller said.

Akron, Ohio—A thief, using a blue gill hook, fished about \$400 from a safe at a local bakery company. The hook was lowered through a deposit slot and two bags of money hauled out. Police found the hook inside the slot.

## Weather

By DR. ARNOLD VAN PELT  
Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday saw an end to last week's scattered showers, and produced slightly rising temperatures. However, rains began again on Thursday afternoon and lasted until Saturday morning, giving a total rainfall of 3.38 inches.

Max.	Min.	6 p.m.	Date
51	31	42	May 10
57	33	55	May 11
64	39	59	May 12
59	44	46	May 13
47	42	43	May 14
54	41	51	May 15
66	45	63	May 16

Precipitation: May 10—0.05 in.; May 14—2.55 in.; May 15—0.82 in.; May 16—0.01 in.

## Hunter Says Horn Has Essentials Of Success

### Frank Baird Named Democrat Chairman

#### Sudderth Named Commander For American Legion

George Sudderth, Jr. of Blowing Rock was elected Commander of the Thirtieth District at the American Legion district meeting at the Legion Hut here Friday night.  
Representatives from all of the posts in the district except Newland were present. William H. Greene of Deep Gap was named vice-commander. Wade E. Brown was elected delegate to the national convention and Edwin Dougherty is alternate.  
J. W. Norris, District Commander presided over the meeting and gave a brief review of the years work in the district. Wade E. Brown was the principal speaker.  
Watauga Post No. 130 was host to the meeting with dinner served by the post and auxiliary members.

D. Frank Baird, prominent Valle Crucis farmer, was elected chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee at the county convention held in Boone Saturday.  
Mr. Baird succeeds Mr. W. R. Winkler, who has served as chair-



D. FRANK BAIRD

## Wool Pool Sold For Good Prices

The 1954 Watauga Wool Pool has been sold to James H. Caldwell and Company, Philadelphia, Pa., according to L. E. Tuckwiller, county agent, for the following prices:  
Clear tied wool 61.70c per pound, clear untied wool 60.70c per pound, light burry 53.70c, medium burry 49.70c, heavy burry 41.70, stained wool 41.70c, coarse wool 35c per pound, rejects, dead, grey and black 50c and tags 10c per pound, with double tare on small bags. Wet wool will not be purchased.  
According to the county agent's announcement, Mr. Caldwell well promised to send wool bags at once and they will be available at the county agent's office as soon as they arrive. More bags will be available at the pool so farmers can rebag their wool there.  
The wool will be weighed in Boone on Wednesday and Thursday, June 2 and 3, and the place will be announced later. Mr. Tuckwiller urges that wool be kept dry and as clean as possible.

## Medical Society Meets Wednesday

The Ashe-Watauga County Medical Society held its regular monthly meeting May 11 at the Old Towne Restaurant in Jefferson. Dr. Mary B. H. Michal, secretary, reported on the house of delegates of the State Society at the 100th anniversary meeting held at Pinehurst, N. C.

Miss Helen Underdown was named vice-chairman and Mrs. Rob Rivers, secretary.  
Mr. Winkler, local automobile dealer and State Highway Commissioner, who had notified precinct leaders of his inability to serve further, due to the pressure of both private and public business, told the Democrat that he felt Mr. Baird would make a fine chairman, and added: "Mr. Baird will have my fullest support in his activities in behalf of the Democratic party, and I bespeak for him the cooperation of the people of the county."  
On motion of Dr. H. B. Perry it was voted that any Democrat in Raleigh at the time of the State convention would be a delegate and be able to cast his proportionate share of Watauga's convention vote.  
Dr. D. J. Whitener presided at the convention which was largely attended, every township being well represented. Mrs. Rob Rivers was secretary of the convention.  
The session adjourned out of respect to the late Senator Clyde R. Hoey on motion of Dr. H. B. Perry.

## Draft Quota For May Is Filled

The local draft board has announced that the following inductees constituted the Watauga County Selective Service quota for the month of May. The first three named are Selective Service Volunteer inductees:  
Tony Greer Cook, Zionville; James Charlie Mitchell, Zionville; James Junior Lewis, Todd; and Charles Stanley Townsend, Banner Elk.

## Stallings Slates Third Annual Fishing Rodeo

The third annual Fishing Rodeo, sponsored by B. W. Stallings, Boone jeweler, for children 1 to 10 years of age, will be held Wednesday, May 26, from 3 to 5 p. m., at Diamond S Lake, Mr. Stallings has announced.  
Only poles, hooks and worms may be used, and no children will be entered in the contest unless accompanied by their parents, he said.  
Many valuable prizes will be awarded, with two new prizes added this year, and a special feature will be refreshments served to all who register for the event before May 25.  
About 75 contestant participated in each of the first two rodeos, and Mr. Stallings said he is expecting 100 to register this year.  
Diamond S Lake is dedicated to the youth of Watauga County, and is closed to the public all year because of this special annual event.

## Historical Body Holds Meeting At Rock Monday

By VIRGIL ROLLINS  
Democrat Staff Writer  
Kermit Hunter, author of "Horn in the West," said Monday night that the outdoor drama, which opens its third season here June 25, has all of the essential ingredients for success, and "that is why I think the show will never fail."  
Mr. Hunter, addressing more than 100 members and guests of the Southern Appalachian Historical Association, producers of the play, who were gathered in the dining room of the Ranch Motel near Blowing Rock for their annual spring dinner meeting, said Horn in the West is one of only four surviving outdoor dramas in America, and outlined a 4-point formula for the lasting success of any such project, namely: (1) Right location; (2) Good script; (3) Good production and promotion; and (4) Community and area backing.  
The speaker modestly disclaimed credit for the excellence of the Horn script, citing invaluable contributions and cooperation from Paul Green, author of "The Lost Colony" and other successful plays, Samuel Selden, head of the dramatic department of the University of North Carolina, the people of Boone, and others.  
"Plays are not written; they are rewritten," he said, adding that constant revisions are being made in an effort to implement the theme of the drama.  
Dr. I. G. Greer of Chapel Hill, (Continued on page seven)



GREEN VALLEY VISITORS.—The Sixth grade of John Marsh, of Green Valley School, is shown as they paused during their trip to Blowing Rock at the Watauga Democrat office, where they were shown several mechanical operations used in the production of the county newspaper. They were enroute to the site of their class picnic last Tuesday.—Staff photo by Joe Minor.

**ALL OF CLASS AT REUNION**  
Rocky Ford, Col.—A reunion of the class of 1898 of the Rocky Ford High School was held recently with all four members present. The class had only four girls, no boys.