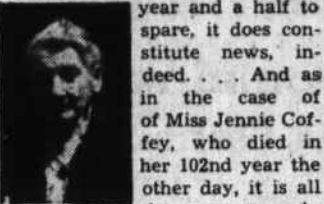


KING STREET

BY ROB RIVERS

A HUNDRED YEARS . . . AND MORE

It is not given to a great many people to live five score years, and when a person does pass the hundred mark, with more than a year and a half to spare, it does constitute news, indeed. . . . And as in the case of Miss Jennie Coffey, who died in her 102nd year the other day, it is all the more remarkable when one retains a considerable degree of reason after one hundred winters and summers have been counted. . . . In the march of history one hundred and one years is not a long time, but in the measure of one human life it covers an age. . . . a period of change unequalled in any other period in history. . . . From the primitive carts and wagons to the automobiles and flying machines, from rutted and muddy county roads to four-lane highways, and from sleepy country villages to bustling centers of industry, commerce and education.

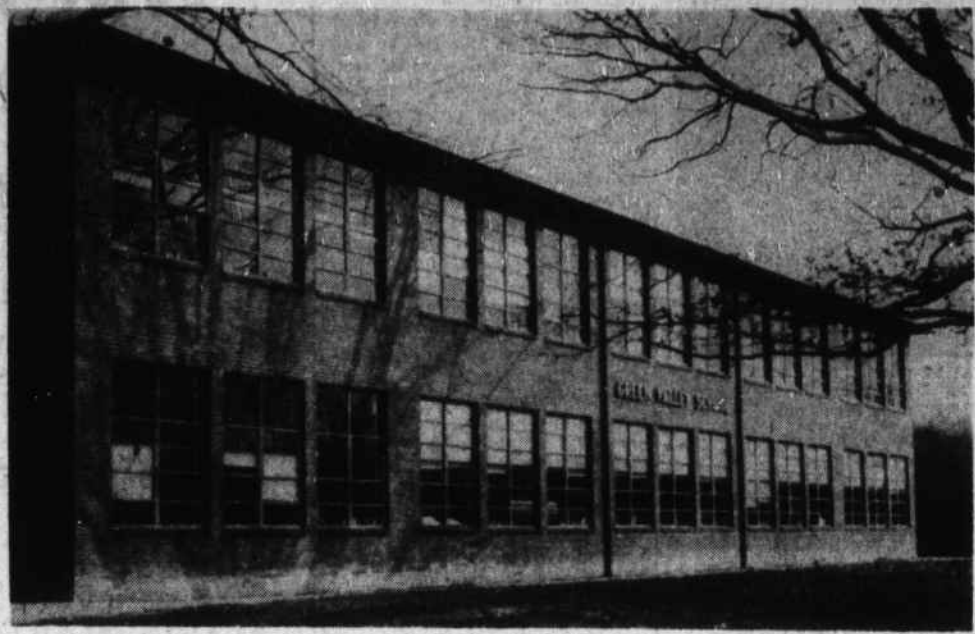


BORN IN CALDWELL
Miss Jennie Coffey was born in Caldwell county in 1852, three years after the founding of Watauga county, in the same year Daniel Webster and Henry Clay succumbed, and shortly after Harriet Beecher Stowe wrote "Uncle Tom's Cabin," to spark the emancipation movement. . . . She was eight years old when Abraham Lincoln was elected President, and was old enough to sing "John Brown's Body Lies A-mouldin in the Clay," when John was hanged. . . . She was a big girl when the Civil War flared and members of her family marched forth to do battle under the banners of Lee and Jackson. Miss Jennie was ten when Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, and eleven when the Emancipator was shot down. . . . She was a teen-ager when Alaska was bought, and was twenty-four when General Custer and his troops were mowed down by Indians, united under Sitting Bull, and when Wild Bill Hickok was shot in the back by Jack McCall in Deadwood. . . . She was 17 when the golden spike was framed down and there was a railway connection to the Pacific coast.

AND HERE AT HOME . . .
A lot happened during Miss Jennie's lifetime too. . . . Even though she had grown old at the time, the muddy road through town was paved, through highways had linked the backwoods area to the rest of the State, and pioneer schools which operated a few weeks in the year gave way to modern school plants and one of the South's great teachers colleges. . . . She was past middle age when Wilbur and Orville Wright wobbled uncertainly through the air in their flying machine to inaugurate the age of air travel, and a few years later saw the first automobile cough and snort its way up King Street. . . . She was the town's oldest merchant, and dispensed pencils and paper and text books to us when we were educatin' down at Prof. Dougherty's Academy. . . . She taught Sunday School at the old Methodist Church on the site of the Boone Body Shop for a generation or so, and saw the small frame churches give way to big houses of worship, fashioned of brick and stone. . . . She watched the town change from a little country neighborhood to a place of many people and much commerce, but remained herself unchanged in the age of the powered wheel and the power politics and the quickened tempo of life.

WE SHALL REMEMBER
Miss Jennie, who lived simply for more than a century. . . . who carried on without benefit of hospitals, or of medicines or without a complex pattern of life. . . . We shall remember her hat shop, and the pencils which came two for a nickel, if you wanted better than the penny number, and the elementary text books which sold for twelve cents, with an exchange price a good deal lower; and we

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GREEN VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Green Valley School Second In Watauga To Get Accredited Status

W. H. Walker, superintendent of schools of Watauga county, and Earl Greene, principal of Green Valley school, recently received a letter from the Division of Instructional Service, State Department of Public Instruction, informing them that Green Valley

had met the requirements for an accredited school and was being placed on the State's list. This school is the second elementary school in the county to meet the requirements. Appalachian Elementary was first.

To meet the requirements of accreditation a school must have a plant with facilities adequate for the enrollment and must own equipment and instructional supplies, such as library books, maps, globes, art prints, supplementary readers and other items, sufficient for effective teaching. The organization must meet the States' requirement in providing relatively equal teacher load, and a curriculum schedule that meets the daily schedule suggestions of the Division of Instructional Service.

The letter from the State Department states in part: "Much commendation is due to the joint efforts of the teachers, principal, community helpers, supervisor, and superintendent in that area for the interest that they have shown and the wonderful support that they have given in helping to provide that school with the needed instructional materials over and above the building which is such a credit to any community."

"Your report indicates twenty-five items, such as 16" globes, art prints, pitch pipes, that have been a joint project in your community in working for this school to become accredited."

"While you have worked together for accreditation, you have also pooled your resources, your interest and study for the improvement of instruction in the school. This accomplishment should be a stimulation to continue to grow and to make the Green Valley School a more purposeful living experience for every child in the school."

"With best wishes to your school and community for the school year, 1954-55."

Green Valley is at present a ten-teacher school. The faculty consists of Mrs. Sinesca Wright, Mrs. China Lavender, Mrs. Daisy Adams, Mrs. Florence Greene, Mrs. Nora Greene, Mrs. Margaret Hagaman, Mrs. Ruth Winkler, Mrs. Susie Buchanan and Mr. Earl Greene.

Mr. John Marsh will serve as principal for the 1954-55 term.

Three Watauga Lads Are Given Scholarships

Marion Combs, Roy Miller and Jack Simpson have been granted \$100.00 scholarships to N. C. State College, according to W. C. Richardson, who is Watauga County chairman for the Talent for Service Scholarship to N. C. State.

These boys were recommended for scholarships by their principals. Dr. J. R. Shaffer of Appalachian, who recommended Roy Miller, and Mr. Sam Horton, who recommended Marion Combs and Jack Simpson.

These scholarships were awarded under a new program which was set up last year at State College.

Less than one-third of the high ranking graduates of North Carolina high schools attend college. Less than one-half of the technical personnel needed by industry and agriculture is being trained and supplied today in North Carolina, Mr. Richardson said.

An average of six jobs were available to each member of the latest graduating class at N. C. State College.

For these reasons North Carolina State College has established a new scholarship program as an incentive for many more promising high school graduates to continue their education.

Mrs. Ray Aids In Credit Clinic

Boone's Credit Bureau manager, Mrs. Roberta Ray has been appointed a member of the attendance and publicity committee of the Southern Consumer Credit Clinic. The Clinic is holding its sixth annual meeting Wednesday September 15 in Charlotte.

More than 300 credit managers and executives from the South will be in attendance.

Most of the program will be in panel form, with four moderators and 24 panel members.

Stapp Stables' Black Wilson and Gray Gold of Winston-Salem

Winners In Flower Show Announced

Boone's eighth annual flower show closed Friday evening after more than 1300 guests had visited it during a two-day period. The show committee was well pleased over the reception of the many exhibits which exemplified the many glories of Carolina from the landing of the Raleigh colony to the present day developments.

The stage portraying the garden of the Colonial period with the young ladies of Boone in the occasion while the "tiny" miniatures were most cleverly displayed in a large frame bearing the map of North Carolina on which were placed at intervals a "Tar Heel" which served as a mount for the dried and fresh materials in fifteen miniatures.

Pirates treasures depicted eight unusual and different interpretations of the infamous pirate, Blackbeard, who haunted the North Carolina coast.

From Tryon on the east with the elegant period arrangement to the Blue Ridge shadows symbolic

of the western area in the Hogarth curve or better known as the S design, to the "Old North State Heritage" showing the highlights of the historical development, including the Edenton Tea Party, Ancestral Heritage, Duke University in education, Wright Brothers first in the air, Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, Indian influence, religious prominence, and the Civil War period of the Blue and the Grey; into the forests with native plant materials to the echoes of the west, the pioneer treasure brought to the homes by the mountain peoples.

And to herald the fruitfulness of our ever present bounties, a special exhibit highlighted the far end of the show floor with a large driftwood and fruit display also carried out in the individual niches with many exhibits of fruits and plant materials native to the state.

Winners in the various classes are listed below, with 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places winners listed in that order, except when designated otherwise:

- PETUNIA—1 bloom, ruffled, Mrs. W. R. Richardson, 2nd; Mrs. Wiley Hartzog, 3rd.
- ZINNIA—1 bloom, large flowering white, Mrs. Wiley Hartzog.
- ZINNIA—1 bloom large flowering pink, Mrs. Wiley Hartzog, Mrs. W. R. Richardson.
- ZINNIA—1 bloom, large flowering red, Mrs. Wiley Hartzog, Mrs. Mae Miller.
- ZINNIA—1 bloom large flowering, lavender, Mrs. Wiley Hartzog, 3rd.
- ZINNIA—1 bloom, large flowering yellow, Mrs. Wiley Hartzog, 2nd.
- ZINNIA—1 bloom, any color not mentioned above, Mrs. Wiley Hartzog, Mrs. W. R. Richardson, Mrs. Lee Reynolds.
- ZINNIAS—4 blooms, one or more varieties, Mrs. Wiley Hartzog.
- Six blooms or stems of annuals not listed above, Mrs. Reynolds, two 1st places.
- Specimen of any annual not listed, Mrs. Lee Reynolds, 1st and 2nd.
- DELPHINIUM—1 stalk, Mrs. W. C. Greer, Mrs. G. K. Moore.
- DELPHINIUM—3 stalks, one or more varieties, Mrs. Hale Vance, 1st, Mrs. G. K. Moore, 3rd.
- PHLOX—3 stalks of one or more (Continued on page two)

Baptist Church In Charge Of Vesper Program

Community Vesper Services at Horn in the West Theatre Sunday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock, will be in charge of the Boone Baptist Church. Guest speaker for the occasion will be the Rev. M. O. Owen, Jr., pastor of First Baptist Church, Lenoir.

Special music will be provided by the choir of the Boone Baptist Church, under the direction of Hoyt Safrin. Mrs. Graydon Eggers will accompany at the organ. In event of rain, the service will be held in the Boone Baptist Church. Everyone is invited to attend the services, which continue to grow in popularity.

At the services on last Sunday, the largest attendance of the season was observed, when more than four hundred people were present.

Feeder Calf Sale To Be Held Friday, Oct. 8th

The Boone Feeder Calf Sale will be held on Friday, October 8, with all calves graded and weighed in on Thursday, October 7.

The farm committee elected to manage the Boone Feeder Calf Sale are as follows: B. W. Stallings, Lester Carroll, R. G. Shipley, Henry Taylor, Tom Lawrence, Tom Ward, A. W. Greene, G. D. Barnett, Charles Clark, Russell Farthing, Lynn Norris, Howard Gragg, Billy J. Cook, and Wade Tugman.

All nominations must be made by September 10 and advertising fee of 50 cents per head paid. Blanks may be obtained from the County Agents' Office.

Buckland Gets Ed. D. Degree

At the summer graduation, on August 7, of the Pennsylvania State University, State College, Pennsylvania, Mr. Golden T. Buckland, professor of mathematics at the Appalachian State Teachers College, was granted the Ed. D. degree in mathematics. This was the 99th annual commencement exercise to be held at the university.

Dr. Buckland has been in the mathematics department at Appalachian for the past six years. He received his Bachelors and Masters at Appalachian, the latter being awarded in 1949.

RUMOR BACKFIRES

Spokane, Wash.—In answer to numerous childish questions as to "What're you doin', mister?" Glen Aiken, bulldozer operator, answered, "Digging for gold." The kids told their mothers, who told other mothers and soon the whole neighborhood was in a tizzy. Confronted with the rumor, Aiken laughed and said, "That was a joke for the kids; I'm helping put in a lawn."

Italy maps a five-year speedway building plan.

Dr. Elliot To Speak As 163 Are Given Degrees

Mrs. Doris T. Perry Rites Held Thursday

Mrs. Doris Taylor Perry, 66, member of one of the county's most prominent families, and wife of Dr. H. B. Perry of Boone, died in a Greensboro hospital last Wednesday.



MRS. PERRY

Mrs. Perry had been in failing health for a year, and her illness had been considered critical for several weeks.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday afternoon at 3:30 at the Boone Methodist Church. The pastor, Rev. J. T. Shackford, was in charge of the rites, and was assisted by Rev. O. L. Brown of Greensboro. Interment was in the Taylor-Mast cemetery at Vilas.

The survivors include the husband, one son, Dr. H. B. Perry, Jr., of Greensboro, and one daughter, Miss Gertrude Perry of the home. There are two grandchildren. There are four brothers and two sisters: Bynum Taylor, Gordon Taylor, Boone; Henry Taylor, Vale Crucis; Gilbert Taylor, Raleigh; Mrs. Sue Taylor Murry, Valle Crucis; Miss Nancy Taylor, Durham. Her mother, Mrs. Lou H. Taylor of Valle Crucis, also survives.

Mrs. Perry was born in Valle Crucis, the daughter of the late Charles D. Taylor and Mrs. Lillie Veach Taylor. She had resided in Boone for 30 years, where she engaged in all religious and other worthwhile activities. She was a member of the Boone Methodist Church, and actively engaged in the work of the church as long as her health permitted. She was held in the highest regard by a wide circle of friends in Boone and surrounding areas.

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Finals Are Set At Appalachian; The Local Grads

Dr. Phillip L. Elliott, president of Gardner-Webb College, Boiling Springs, will be the speaker at the summer commencement exercises of Appalachian State Teachers College the evening of August 19th.

The program will be given on the athletic field at the college at 8 o'clock p. m., or, in the event of rain, in the college auditorium.

Music for the occasion will be by the College summer school band, under the direction of William Spencer. For the procession they will play "Coronation March" by Meyerbeer, and for the recessional "Huldigungs-marsch" by Grieg. They will also play "Folk Song Suite" by Vaughn Williams and "Trumpet Tune" by Purcell during the course of the program.

Degrees will be conferred and diplomas awarded by Dr. B. B. Dougherty, President of Appalachian College.

Marshals are: Gwyn W. Ramsey of Boone, chief; Kenneth Ray Greene, Concord; Lucy Barker of Roaring River; Hayes Hoover of Boone; Carol Howell of Todd; James Ziglar of Rural Hall; Kathryn Millsaps, Hiddenite; Robert Culbreth, Ellensboro, and Louise Mitchell of Zippville.

Seventy-two students are candidates for Bachelor of Science degrees, and 91 for the Master of Arts degree. From the Watauga county area are the following:

- Bachelor of Science—Christine King Bingham, William Wiley Blackburn, Mildred T. Bolick and Neva Ann Norris of Boone; Truman Amos Critcher and Martha Ann Herring, Blowing Rock; Ann Henson, Sherwood; Willie Falls Sims of Deep Gap.
- Master of Arts—Homer C. Lertz Blowing Rock; Nora Austin Greene, Betty Lou Raines and Beatrice Culler Winkler, Boone.

National Teachers' Group To Meet Here

Dr. Mildred Dawson, professor of education at Appalachian State Teachers College, has announced plans for the August conference of the National Council of the Teachers of English, which is to be held at ASTC August 16-20. Dr. Dawson is director of the conference and national consultant to the Council.

One hundred and six delegates have pre-registered from twenty-four States: Alabama, Arkansas, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Minnesota, Missouri, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

There will be 15 elementary teachers, nine from elementary teacher training institutions, four editors, five elementary supervisors, five elementary principals, seven junior high school teachers three librarians, one junior high school principal, one from a junior high school teacher training institution, and one elementary school psychologist. There will be 38 high school teachers, three high school supervisors, three heads of high school English departments, three from high school teacher training institutions, and two college English teachers.

Registration for the conference will take place Monday, August 16, from 2 to 3:30 p. m. in the lobby.

Commerce Group Told Of NW Area Progress

Archie K. Davis, vice-president of the Wachovia Bank & Trust Company, Winston-Salem, and president of the Northwest North Carolina Development Association, outlined the objectives and enumerated the accomplishments of the association as guest speaker Tuesday at the August meeting of the Boone Chamber of Commerce, held at noon in the Gateway Restaurant.

After being introduced by Alfred T. Adams, Mr. Davis said the association was formed last November to seek agricultural, industrial, and recreational growth in the nine-county area comprising the organization, through regional cooperation. All economic problems can not be solved at the county level, he declared, but many must be undertaken on a regional basis, with all counties and towns working together for the good of all.

In discussing the agriculture division of the association, the speaker pointed to the fact that a total of 9,000 acres of the area's

tobacco allotment was not planted last year, representing a farm revenue loss of three to four million dollars.

The association's goal to increase tobacco planting by 20 to 25 per cent this year has met with excellent cooperation from FFA and 4-H groups, who have planted 15,000 square yards of new plant beds and made these plants available to farmers in the area, he said.

Great strides have been made, said Mr. Davis, in North Carolina agriculture and industry during the past 50 years. As an example, he cited the fact that the state's agricultural products in 1900 had a total valuation of 89 million dollars, whereas in the past three consecutive years, they have been valued at more than one billion dollars.

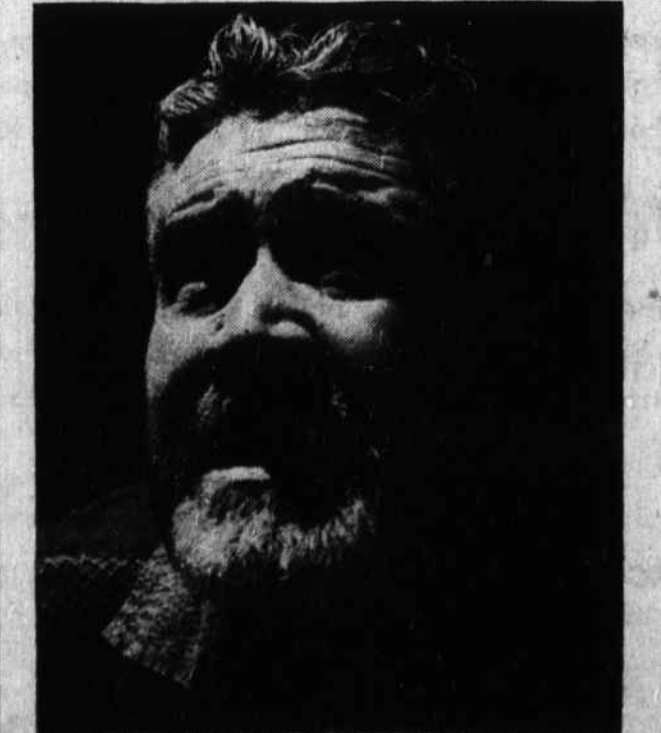
The speaker said North Carolina has a historical heritage second to none, and lauded this community for helping to tell part of the North Carolina story.

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Watauga Ranks 70th In Per Capita Sales

Watauga county ranked seventieth among the 100 counties in North Carolina in per capita retail sales for the fiscal year ending June 30 of this year. Total retail sales for the year amounted to \$7,286,000, which was equivalent to \$393.83 per capita, based on estimated population as of January 1, this year. Watauga's per capita of \$393.83 compared with \$716.43 for the State as a whole and \$1,056.65 for the Nation as a whole.

Watauga's per capita retail sales of \$393.83 during the 1954 fiscal year was an increase as compared with the year before when the per capita was \$378.16. The county also moved up in rank from seventy-third to seventieth. The per capita for North Carolina as a whole dropped from \$725.53 to \$716.43, as did the Nation, from \$1,075.01 to \$1,056.65.



HORN IN WEST STAR—Charles Elledge, of Marion, as Amos Howard in Horn in the West, now playing in Boone's outdoor theatre. Crowds are increasing as the summer season approaches its height.