

KING STREET BY ROB RIVERS

SEPTEMBER

the month of the ripening, and of the golden harvest, and of the first frosts, come in, and despite the record drought, there is corn in the fields, pumpkins lying golden in the sun, cabbage and taters in the row, and other stuff to eat...

AND HOT AS IT IS

at high noon, the insistent buzz of the katydid sounds the knell of growing things, for there's little will flourish after the season of the harvest rolls around...

THE ANCIENT BOUGH

Our colored friends used to sing a never-ending song having to do with a pear tree which set in a hole in the ground, down in that beautiful field, and our friend Ben Norris bolsters our belief in the everlasting qualities of the pear tree by fetching us a few pears from boughs which he says are 150 years old of a certainty...

EVER NOTICE

the many ways advancing age affects a person... It is particularly amusing to observe the studied competence of the middle-aged as he goes about doing something he knows utterly nothing about.

HILL-COUNTRY USAGE

An outsider remarked the other day on the words "clever" which is invariably used by us mountain men as denoting generosity rather than talent, dexterity, or skill...

4,000 Attend REA Meet; Hurt Reelected Prexy

Used Clothing Sorely Needed For Destitute

The local Clothing Closet is urgently in need of used clothing for the destitute school children, and householders are asked to gather their discarded clothing of the youngsters of school age so that all the children may be reasonably well clothed before the advent of winter.

wear, sox, shoes, jeans, overalls, dresses, shirts, jackets and sweaters. The Clothing Closet is a project of the Boone Junior Woman's Club. Those who are willing to contribute clothing should contact any member of the club or call Mrs. W. C. Richardson, AM-herst 4-3795.

Emergency Polio Effort Continues This Week

The March of Dimes Emergency drive is underway in Watauga county and will continue through this week, according to James Brown, emergency director for the county.

Approximately \$400 had been reported through August 31, with \$31.70 coming from a square dance at Valle Crucis, and \$113.25 from the Western Watauga Singing Association. Letters have been sent out and parking meter collection in Boone Saturday was donated to the cause, Mr. Brown stated. No figures were available at press time, but Mr. Brown expressed the hope that those who intend to contribute do so by September 10 if possible so that the funds will be available immediately to help finance the high cost of fighting polio in the county and nation.

Watauga county has had two reported cases this year which were treated in Asheville at the

polio center, and is still attempting to meet the bills of cases of previous years which need attention.

According to report from the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis (NFIP) polio incidence across the nation has climbed steadily through the first 30 weeks of 1954. 9,185 cases were reported from Jan. 1 through July 31, 20 per cent more cases than the average number reported in corresponding weeks of the last five years.

Requests for emergency aid from NFIP increased this year so that by the middle of May, the headquarters' funds for patient aid hit rock bottom, according to the report. The NFIP borrowed money from funds which had been earmarked for research and experimental work in curbing

polio and sent the money to local chapters to help defray their expenses, but this only amounted to token amounts, so the emergency drive was decided upon.

Many of the token payments represented less than half of the money needed to finance hospital bills, equipment and professional personnel.

No goal was set for the county but it is hoped that enough money will come in by the 10th of the month to at least carry the program over until January, when the regular fund campaign is conducted.

Stevens Opens Campaign For Congress Seat

Albemarle.—William E. Stevens, Jr., of Lenoir, Republican candidate for Congress in the Ninth District, made the first address of the official campaign season at a GOP rally at the Oakboro School in Stanly County Saturday night. Stevens has been active for several months in the district, but launched Saturday what he termed a series of addresses "to clarify the issues of this crucial election and explain the urgency of sending President Eisenhower a favorable Congress in November."

Reminding his audience that the Ninth District gave Eisenhower a 21,000 vote majority in 1952, Stevens said that "the record of the Eisenhower administration has justified that overwhelming vote of confidence." He said, "In our talks throughout the district, Allene and I have found that people of both parties are prompt to admit that President Eisenhower has done an outstanding job with the problems he inherited and the small margin in Congress he had to work with."

Ernest Ross Is Rotary Speaker

Mr. Ernest W. Ross of Marion, N. C., Governor 280th District, Rotary International, made his annual official visit to Blowing Rock Rotary Club Tuesday evening, at 7 o'clock in the Wagon Wheel Restaurant on Main Street. Governor Ross discussed plans for the participation of Blowing Rock Rotary Club in the world-wide observance of Rotary's Golden Anniversary in February of 1955.

Blowing Rock's Rotary Club meets each Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock at Wagon Wheel Restaurant and all visiting Rotarians in the vicinity are most cordially invited to attend.

The Woodrow Wilson home is to become a national memorial.

3,000 Have Chest X-Rays Made During Past Week

Nearly 3,000 persons had x-rays of their chest last week in Watauga county, in an effort to determine if they had tuberculosis or not, according to an announcement this week by the district health department, with headquarters in Boone.

According to the figures 725 people were x-rayed in one day by Carl Rowell, x-ray technician for the State Board of Health, who is said to have stated that that was a near record for him since he has been in this work. The x-ray mobile was in Blowing Rock one day, August 31, where 272 people were x-rayed. It was in Boone four days where an average of 672 people went through, making a total of 2,960 x-rays for the five days.

cooperation of the district TB association and the State Board of Health. Mrs. G. K. Moose and Mrs. J. E. Holshouser of Boone and Howard Holshouser of Blowing Rock were instrumental in seeing that volunteers were present to do the card work necessary to carry out the operations. The churches of Boone furnished help for this while the unit was stationed on King street at Depot.

Reports from the x-rays are expected to start coming back in about two weeks, though many of them will not be returned for several weeks. Those with negative reports will be sent a post card to that effect, while those who may have had a positive report or for some reason results were not clear will be notified by letter and referred to their physician.

A. B. Hurt, president of the Blue Ridge Electric Corporation, was reelected Saturday to that post at the annual meeting of the co-op in Daniel Boone Theater last Saturday. All the other officers were reelected as follows: C. L. Mast of Caldwell county, vice president; A. G. Beach, Caldwell, secretary-treasurer; and C. E. B. Viverette of Lenoir, manager.

More than 4,000 persons attended the afternoon meeting, the first to be held away from its home offices in Lenoir, since the beginning of electric co-op. They heard reports by Mr. Hurt and Mr. Viverette, concerning the condition of their business.

U. S. Senator Sam J. Ervin, Jr., of Morganton, made the principal address to the group. He told the farmers that the increase in electrification of farm homes from three to 94 per cent since REA was first established was a miracle.

"When I accepted the office of Senator I considered it an office of public trust and accepted in the belief that I could render wider service to the people of North Carolina than on the Supreme Court bench.

"I believe that the greatness of North Carolina is due, in a great measure, to the fact that there are many of its people engaged in farming.

"North Carolina has more individual farmers than any other state and has the largest number of people on farms of any state." Senator Ervin stated he did not believe "in the government doing anything for the people that the people can do for themselves."

"By the same token, it is the duty of the government to render service to the people by helping them to help themselves.

"The electrification of farms has been of more benefit to the state than any other one factor in recent history," he said.

Senator Ervin also said he was against the flexible price support program, that he thought it would result in lower income and reduced prices.

He also praised the "Nickel for Know How" program in this state. "I am in favor of anything for agricultural research," the Senator emphasized.

Harry B. Caldwell, master of North Carolina Grange, spoke of the challenge presented to farmers today. Mr. Caldwell cited the changes in agriculture, including the increase of crop yields to 45 per cent, of milk production 20 per cent and egg production 50 per cent, of the challenge to the farmer in owning and operating his own business.

Mr. Caldwell told the REA group he favored a sound farm program based on supply and demand, saying that flexible farm prices will mean lowering of farm prices and income.

H. W. Wilcox, president of the (Continued on page six.)

C. of C. Meeting Tuesday Noon

Guest speaker at the September meeting of the Boone Chamber of Commerce will be George Dewey Martin, new district superintendent of the Postal Transportation Service, with headquarters in Greensboro.

The meeting will be held at 12 noon Tuesday, September 14, in the private dining room of the Gateway Restaurant.

Mr. Martin was in the office of the district superintendent for 29 years, three years of which he was assistant district superintendent. For the last four years he has been on the Greensboro-Florence Highway Post Office.

P M EXAMINATION AT BLOWING ROCK IS CANCELLED

The examination for postmaster of Blowing Rock, N. C., has been cancelled, the U. S. Civil Service Commission informed the Democrat in a telegram received Tuesday.

The examination for the \$4770-a-year postmastership had been previously announced as being open for applications until September 28. No reason was given for cancelling the examination.

Michael Taft Honor Guest At Tourist Meeting

Michael L. Taft, director of the State Tourist Bureau of the North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development, will be the guest of honor and discussion leader at a meeting to be held Friday, September 10, at Forbes' Ranch Motel near Blowing Rock.

All persons interested in the tourist business are invited to attend. Lunch will be served at 12 noon, and the business session will begin at 1 p. m. Those who plan to come for lunch should make reservations with the Boone or Blowing Rock Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Taft, a native of Asheville, has had a wide and varied experience in tourist organizations and hotels before coming to the Department of Conservation and Development at Raleigh.

Alexander To Spend Saturday Touring Watauga

Congressman Hugh Alexander tells the Democrat he will visit Watauga County Saturday September 11, to meet with his friends, and to "make my services available to anyone I may be of assistance to in Congress."

The itinerary of Mr. Alexander on Saturday will be as follows: 8:30 a. m. to 9:30 a. m. Vilas Service Station.

9:30 a. m. to 10:30 a. m. Tom Moody's Store.

11:00 a. m. to 12:00 noon, Clyde Perry's Store.

12:30 p. m. to 1:00 p. m., W. W. Mast's Store.

2:30 p. m. to 3:00 p. m., Blowing Rock City Hall.

3:30 p. m. to 4:30 p. m., Parkway School.

5:00 p. m. to 5:30 p. m., Green Valley School.

Hudsons Move To Statesville

Mr. and Mrs. Eber Hudson, Kathy and Ida Margaret left Tuesday for Statesville, where they will re-establish their home.

Mr. Hudson will teach in the Brantley School, Mooresville, while Mrs. Hudson will be bookkeeper at the Iredell Freezer Locker Plant.

The Hudsons have resided in Boone for fourteen months, where Mr. Hudson has been educational secretary at the First Baptist Church.

Young GOP Of County Meet

The Watauga County Young Republican Club met Friday night September 3rd in the courthouse. Mr. Marcus T. Hickman of Charlotte, President of Young Republican Club in North Carolina, was speaker, and presented the club a charter.

The next meeting will be held Friday evening September 17 at 6:30 with a picnic supper on the courthouse lawn and business meeting later in the courthouse. All members and those wishing to become members are invited to attend.

Dem. Rally To Be Held 10th

Wataugans planning to attend the barbecue dinner at the State-wide Democratic rally in Morganton Friday are urged to obtain advance tickets, according to Sam J. Ervin III, who is handling the arrangements.

A limited number of tickets have been placed with Rob Rivers for local sale, and those wishing to go should see him at once.

National Democratic Chairman Stephen Mitchell of Chicago will be the keynote speaker at the rally beginning at 8 p. m. Friday in the National Guard Armory. The barbecue dinner is set for 6 p. m. at the armory.

Many state officials and others have already signified their intentions to attend the rally. Among these are U. S. Sen. Sam J. Ervin Jr.; former Gov. W. Kerr Scott, Democratic nominee for U. S. senator; and several congressional candidates.

160 Will Face Trial At Superior Court Session

Annual Potato Tour Set For September 28

The annual Potato Tour has been tentatively set for Tuesday, September 28. It will be held on this date if the weather is favorable and unless some other conflict comes up.

The tour is sponsored by the Vocational Agriculture Department, Veterans Farmer Training Program of Appalachian High School, the Extension Service, Soil Conservation Service, local produce dealers, The Northwestern Bank, Building and Loan Association, and the Federal Land Bank.

Plans are made to visit 6 or 8 farmers. Any farmer in the area

of the eastern part of the county who has a good crop of potatoes and would like to enter his potatoes should contact the agriculture teacher, county agent, Milton Moretz, or Tom Jackson. It is hoped that several entries will be made.

A small area in each field entered will be harvested and weighed so that a fairly accurate estimate of the yield can be made. A guessing contest will be held at each area harvested and a prize given to the one coming closest to estimated yield. The farmer having the highest yield will receive ten dollars.

Judge Rousseau To Preside At Criminal Term

One hundred and sixty persons will face trial when the fall term of Watauga Superior Court convenes September 20, according to Clerk Austin E. South.

Most of the cases involve traffic violations, speeding heading the list. A number have been indicted for driving while intoxicated and violating the prohibition laws.

Judge J. A. Rousseau of North Wilkesboro will preside at the one-week session, which will try no civil cases, except perhaps a few divorce actions.

The Jury

Following is a list of those who have been selected by the commissioners for jury duty:

Bald Mountain Township — Hade Cook, A. T. Parker, Beaver Dam—Don Greene, Max W. Trivett, Gardner Matheson.

Blowing Rock — Fred Spann, Reese Moody, Glenn H. Coffey.

Blue Ridge—Robert E. Holder, Walter M. Coffey, Roscoe J. Cook, Boone—E. B. Mast, Claude G. Miller, Clifford Craven.

Brushy Fork—Mrs. B. A. Hodges, Assa A. Greene, Forest B. Wilson, Bill Bingham.

Cove Creek—James B. Mast, Tom Lawrence.

Elk Township — Clay Hodges, Will Cook.

Laurel Creek—Wilson Hodges, Ray Harmon, Alfred Rominger, Mabel—Edd Reece, Clay Eggers.

Meat Camp—James A. Hodges, Wade Lookabill, J. D. Miller, New River—H. Grady Farthing, David L. Bingham, Archie Carroll.

North Fork—Ted Potter, Clay-on Main.

Shawneehaw—Bynum Shook, James M. Michael.

Stony Fork—Thomas M. Fairchild, Joe L. Coffey, John D. Wellborn.

Watauga—Joe Presnell, Hardin B. Coffey, Romie Storie, Howard W. Mast.

Frank Teague, 47, Has Fatal Attack

Frank Teague, 47, resident of the Rich Mountain section, died at Blowing Rock Hospital Friday September 3rd, following a heart attack. He had been in failing health for several weeks, but his death was unexpected.

Funeral services were conducted at the Rich Mountain Baptist Church at 2 p. m. Sunday. Rev. W. C. Payne and Rev. Howard Shore conducted the rites and burial was in the neighborhood cemetery.

Mr. Teague was a well-known farmer, and had resided on the Rich Mountain for thirteen years. He is survived by the widow, three daughters, Rachel, Emma Joe and Frankie; two sisters, Mrs. Robt. Swift, Boone; Mrs. Onie Hayes, Vilas; three brothers, Carl, Boone; Hansel, High Point; Lewis of Savannah, Ga.

Horn In The West Is Seen By 40,000

The popular historical drama, Horn in the West, closed its third successful season at the Daniel Boone Theatre here Monday night, playing to more than 3,000

persons over the Labor Day week end.

This brought the attendance for the season to well over the 40,000 figure, comparing favorably with last year's attendance, said Bob Isbell, publicity director.

Among the surviving outdoor dramas, the Boone play was second in attendance only to Unto These Hills, at Cherokee, which is situated in the more heavily-visited Smokies area.

With reduced operating expenses and fewer complimentary tickets issued than in previous seasons, The Horn concluded its third run on a sound financial basis, and many more successful seasons are anticipated, said a spokesman for the Southern Appalachian Historical Association, producers of the drama.

This year the script was improved, trimmed, and tightened into a faster moving story, with most auspicious results reflected in the general comment that Horn in the West is now the best of the three North Carolina dramas from an entertainment standpoint.

Most of the non-resident players who take part in the drama were preparing to leave Boone Tuesday and Wednesday. Department heads and technical crews will remain several days to complete the enormous task of closing the theatre and preparing sets, costumes, properties, and lighting equipment for winter storage.

Plans for the 1955 run of the play are already underway, and inclusive dates of June 24 to September 5 have been announced by R. E. Agie, chairman of the production committee.

Calves Needed For Annual Sale

Nominations for the Boone Feeder Calf sale should be in the county agents office by Friday, September 10.

We need more calves nominated to have a good sale, and continue to have a sale at Boone.

Send your nominations and tell your neighbors to send his in at once.



DR. H. M. COOKE

Dr. Cooke Opens Medical Offices

Dr. H. M. Cooke announces the opening of his office at the Haganman Clinic in Boone, on Labor Day, for the general practice of medicine.

A native Kentuckian, Dr. Cooke was graduated from the Medical College of Virginia, Richmond, Virginia, and after completing his internship in Memphis, Tenn., practiced in the Plaza section of Charlotte for nine years prior to completing a two-year tour of duty in the Army during the Korean War.

Dr. and Mrs. Cooke with their children, Marcus and Evangeline, reside presently at 516 Grand Boulevard.

Office hours will be from 9 to 11 a. m. and 2 to 5 p. m. daily except Thursday afternoon and Sunday.

Roby Gene Thomas Dies In Accident; Funeral Friday

A-2 c Roby Gene Thomas died Sunday, September 5, of injuries he received in an automobile accident last week near Mt. Clement, Michigan.

Airman Thomas' body is scheduled to arrive at the Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home here Wednesday, where it will be prepared for burial and removed to the home of his sister, Mrs. Mae Baton, at Silverstone. The funeral will be held Friday afternoon, September 10.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Jennie Thomas, Zionville; a brother, Lee Thomas, Grundy, Va.; and the following sisters in addition to Mrs. Baton: Mrs. Bessie Shores, Vilas, Mrs. Mona Hodges, Deep Gap, Thelma and Opal Thomas, Zionville, and Mrs. Nell Buch, Mrs. Wilmetta Hampton, Mrs. Marcelee Brown, and Miss June Thomas, all of Cleveland, Ohio.

High School Chorus To Be Outstanding One

The Appalachian High School Choral Ensemble has reorganized for the seventh year under the direction of Mrs. Elsie Erneston.

The group this year, though smaller than the past two years, promises to be a very capable and interested one. Plans are in the making to give a secular program for the student body during the month, and also the usual Thanksgiving program. The group will also be prepared to sing for various churches and civic groups on invitation.

The chorus has gotten off to a good start this year by singing several of the songs that will be sung at the State Chorus Festival, which is held in Greensboro each spring. Some of these songs

are: Barefoot, Early in the Morning, Two Kings, Simon the Fisherman, How Firm a Foundation, Orchestra Song, and the Lord Bless You and Keep You.

Members of the chorus are: Richard Hunt, W. C. Payne, J. B. Jones, Austin Moretz, Carlton Lyons, Glenn Miller, B. M. Miller, Aaron Carrol, Gail Phillips, Betty Ruth Hodges, Peggy Welborn, Becky Bingham, Betty Jane Calloway, Helen Parker, Sheila Gilley.

On Friday, September 3, the following officers were elected to serve for the year:

President—Becky Bingham; vice-president, Carlton Lyons; secretary and treasurer, Helen Parker; librarian, Betty Jane Calloway.