

Watauga leads State in sheep production. Read Joe Minor's farm features in the Democrat today, along with other stories touching on the local farm economy.

John Lett, Jr., writes of his trip to South Carolina's most historic city—one of many interesting features appearing in the Democrat this week.

Municipal Election Set for Tues., June 21

The city election, in which candidates for Mayor and three aldermen will be voted on, is to be held at city hall Tuesday June 21. Registration books will be open Saturday at the city hall by Mrs. Elsie Hagaman, registrar, and will be open also on Saturday June 4 and Saturday June 11. June 18 is challenge day. Those who have reached 21 since the last town election, or who have qualified since moving to Boone will have to register.

The Democrats have called their nominating convention for next Saturday evening. Republicans have not called a convention.

D. Grady Moretz, member of the board of aldermen for eight years, announces today his withdrawal. Other Democratic incumbents, Mayor Gordon H. Winkler, Grady Tugman and H. J. Cottrell haven't indicated their intentions, but are being widely talked of for re-nomination.

Last Rites Held For O. W. Stone; Died Thursday

O. W. Stone, 82, prominent resident of Blowing Rock, died at the home Thursday.

Funeral services were conducted at the Rumble Memorial Presbyterian Church at 11 o'clock Friday and burial was in Roanoke, Va. Dr. Walter Keyes conducted the rites.

Survivors are the widow, Mrs. O. W. Stone of Blowing Rock; three sisters, Mrs. E. C. Tyree of Bluefield, W. Va., Miss Mamie Stone and Mrs. Richard A. Jones, Roanoke; two brothers, Dr. Harry B. Stone of Roanoke and Edmund B. Stone of Bluefield.

Mr. Stone had official connections with the town of Blowing Rock for more than twenty years. He had served as executive secretary of the Chamber of Commerce and retired in 1951 from the office of town Treasurer and Clerk.

Born in Pittsylvania county, Va., August 21, 1872, he was educated at Virginia Military Institute, and served in the Spanish American war with the rank of Lieutenant. He had been in the tobacco business in Virginia and set up the Virginia Tobacco exhibit at the St. Louis World's Fair fifty years ago. He later moved to Missouri, marrying Miss Martha Boogher of St. Louis and Blowing Rock on November 12, 1907.

Mr. Stone was a charter member of the Blowing Rock Rotary Club, a member of its first board of directors and its first secretary. In his eight year membership he never missed a club meeting.

Miss Davis To Travel Abroad



Miss Suzanne Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Davis of Seven Springs, N. C., and niece of John R. and Sam F. Horton of Cove Creek, is one of seven North Carolina delegates chosen through the International Farm Youth Exchange program, to go abroad this summer. She will sail from Quebec June 18, and will go to Switzerland to live with farm families for five months.

During this time she may spend ten days or more traveling to other places of interest.

Miss Davis is majoring in religion at Meredith College, Raleigh, and will resume her studies upon her return to the States.

Mrs. E. N. Hahn Succumbs; Rites Held On Tuesday

Mrs. Blanche Kincaid Hahn of Boone, 81 years of age, died Monday, May 23, at Watauga Hospital. She was the widow of E. N. Hahn, a former mayor of Boone, and had been a resident of this city for the past 35 years.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Tuesday, May 24, at the Boone Methodist Church, conducted by the pastor, the Rev. E. H. Lowman, assisted by Dr. J. D. Rankin, of Appalachian State Teachers College.

Mrs. Hahn is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Margaret Brown, of Winston-Salem and Mrs. Mary Edith Jackson of Boone; a stepson, Eric Hahn of Amarillo, Tex.; a brother Theodore Kincaid of Lenoir; a sister, Mrs. W. L. Minish of Lenoir; and five grandchildren.

North Carolina's crop brought in about \$710 million in 1954—about 77 per cent of the state's cash farm income. This state ranks third among all states in income from crops.

South Archaeologist For Survey To Locate Indian Villages Of Roanoke

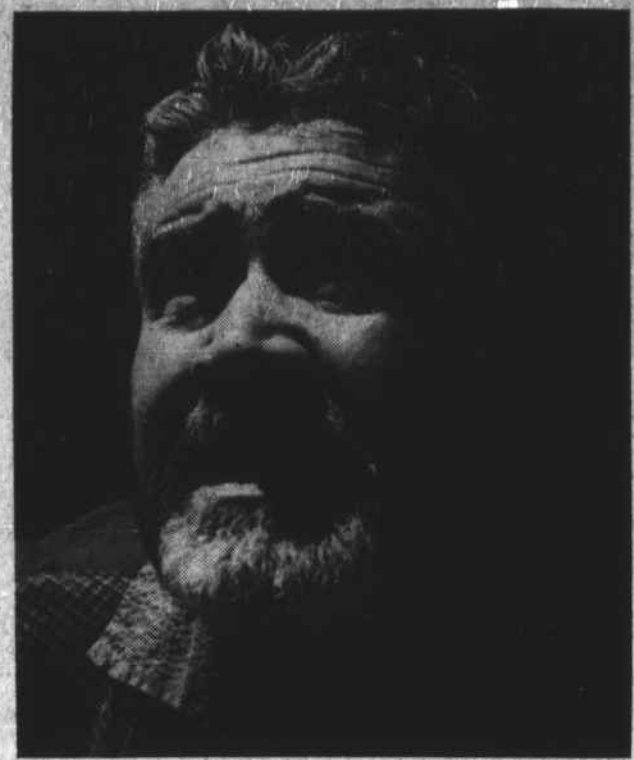
The Research Laboratories of Anthropology at the University of North Carolina directed by Joffre L. Coe is at the present time engaged in an archaeological survey of the Roanoke River Basin in the area near Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina. Field archaeologist for the survey is Stanley South of Boone who is at present a graduate student in Anthropology at the University. Assisting him in the survey are his wife Jewel and Lewis Binford who is also a student at the University.

The archaeological survey was made possible by the cooperation of the Research Laboratories of Anthropology at the University and the Virginia Electric and Power Company whose president is J. G. Holtzclaw.

The purpose of the survey is to locate the Indian villages and camp sites which were located along the banks of the Roanoke River. These village sites will soon be under water from the Roanoke Rapids Dam now nearing completion at Roanoke Rapids. At the present time 70 sites have been discovered by finding on the surface bones, bits of pottery, shell, pipes and other objects which indicate to the archaeologist that at some time in the past Indians camped or lived in a village on the area where the material is found.

At some of the sites excavation has been undertaken in order to add to the information gained from the examination of the surface.

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CHARLES ELLEDGE — THE NEW DAN'L BOONE

Elledge Is Given Role Of Boone In 'Horn'



Charles Elledge, the big fellow who, for three years has played Amos Howard in Horn in the West, has been named to portray Daniel Boone in the lead role of the drama's new version.

The announcement came from Kai Jurgensen, Chapel Hill, director of the show. He said that Elledge, a high school principal at Marion, was given the nod in view of his "tremendous popularity" in the part of Howard.

"Charlie is considerably larger than the real Boone," he explained, "but the public has refused to accept a smaller man in the role, anyway."

The part played by Elledge in the previous seasons has been taken out of the script in the rewriting by author Kermit Hunter.

"The role of Amos Howard is absorbed in most part by the new Daniel Boone," Jurgensen said.

The scrip revision was brought about early this year when Hunter announced that public reaction had demanded more Daniel Boone in the drama. Each year, Hunter had revised the play to include more Boone, but finally he was forced to make a complete alteration. The show, previously known as "a drama of the Southern Appalachian Highlands," is now "a drama of Daniel Boone."

Elledge was born and reared within four miles of where Daniel Boone lived before his ventures into Kentucky. The trail made by the famous frontiersman into the mountain wilderness began at his home on Holman's Ford, 33 miles southeast of here on the Yadkin River. It stretched across what is now the Wilkes County farm of Elledge's father, and followed the streams and valleys of the Watauga country which led through Deep Gap, the present site of the town of Boone, and on into Cumberland Gap and the Kentucky country.

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Jim Brown Dies Suddenly Tuesday

Jim Brown, well-known resident of the Adams neighborhood died suddenly at the home Tuesday from what was believed to have been a heart attack. Mr. Brown was about 65 years of age.

Funeral services had not been arranged when the Democrat closed its forms.

Surviving are the widow and several sons and daughters.

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Get Diplomas From Mars Hill

Among those graduating from Mars Hill College next Monday are Charles Lee Crook, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Crook, and Bob Joe Ray, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Ray, both of Boone.

Survey finds that one in six teachers are substitutes.

June Civil Court Session Will Convene; Huskins Will Preside

Fishing Rodeo Wednesday Will Attract Kiddies

The fourth annual Fishing Rodeo, sponsored by B. W. Stallings, Boone jeweler, for children 1 to 10 years of age, will be held Wednesday, June 1, 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.

Prizes will be awarded for (1) Sportsmanship; (2) Largest fish; (3) Most skillful fisherman; (4) Most fish; and (5) Biggest thrill. There will also be a registration door prize, and all contestants are asked to register at the Stallings jewelry store by 12 noon, Wednesday, June 1.

The event has grown in popularity each year, said Mr. Stallings, and was attended last year by approximately 150 youngsters and their parents. A similar or greater number is expected this year, he added.

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.



HOWARD MAST



BILL LYONS

Rotary Boys Of Year Are Student Leaders

Bill Lyons of Appalachian High School and Howard Mast of Cove Creek have been named Boys of the Year by the Boone Rotary Club.

The selections—one for the county and one for town—were made on the basis of service, leadership, scholarship and character. Final choices were made by the faculties and student councils of the two schools.

Lyons, who is president of his student body, is also a member of National Honor Society, sports editor of the annual and school paper, treasurer of the men's "A" club, past president of both the Audio-Visual Club and his class, and a member of the basketball and baseball teams.

Mast was president of his senior class, vice president of the Future Farmers of America, past president of the junior and sophomore class and a member of the student council. Also, he was a member of the livestock judging team and the ritual and parliamentary procedure team.

Each boy was chosen out of a field of eight Rotary Boy-of-the-Month selections during the past school year.

Hollingsworth Goes On Visit To Holy Lands



REV. L. H. HOLLINGSWORTH

Rev. L. H. Hollingsworth leaves Wednesday for New York City to join a study tour sponsored by the Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C.

The party will leave Idlewild Airport next Saturday arriving in Cairo, Egypt Sunday afternoon. The tour is designed to "trace the history of the growth of Christianity in the lands of its beginnings and the lands of its development, under the academic guidance of Drs. More Lovelace and Pope Duncan of the Seminary Faculty."

Fifteen countries, the Holy Land, Middle East and Europe will be visited, and the party will attend the golden jubilee sessions of the Baptist World alliance in London in July.

Mr. Hollingsworth expects to return to his pulpit Sunday July 31. The supply pastors will be Dr. William Tyndall, of Winston-Salem; Dr. Carlyle Campbell of Raleigh, and Mr. John Davis, BSU Secretary at Appalachian College.

The Chamber of Commerce of the United States recently voted opposition to the guaranteed annual wage and to repeal of "right-to-work" laws.

Atlantic travel is behind last year so far.

Yoder Speaks At Mabel Finals

Dr. J. C. Yoder, professor of geography at Appalachian State Teachers College, delivered the address to 33 eighth grade graduates at Mabel School last Wednesday morning. Dr. Yoder used as his topic: "Education With Dedication."

Following the exercises a luncheon was held with Andy Dickerson, member of the Mabel faculty acting as master of ceremonies.

Memorial Rites At Meat Camp

Memorial services will be held at the Meat Camp Baptist Church Sunday May 29th at 2 o'clock.

Rainbow Girls' Camp Is Being Established

A Rainbow girls' camp, built under the auspices of the Rainbow Camp Committee, Order of the Eastern Star, is to be formally dedicated in the Foscoe neighborhood Saturday morning June 4th at 11 o'clock.

All Eastern Stars, Rainbow girls, and Mother Advisors are invited to attend, bring a picnic basket, and enjoy the occasion.

The three new cottages which have been completed will be ready for occupancy by the last of June, grounds have been cleared, and it is hoped the swimming pool will be completed by the opening date. The project is being completed through the generous contributions of Eastern Star members over the State.

Mrs. Martha D. Watkins of Boone, has been named chairman of the organization committee to plan the opening and to secure adequate and capable personnel. Mrs. Watkins and other members of her committee earnestly solicit the aid and cooperation of every Star in Carolina.

Staff members should be members of the Order, it is said, and applications should be sent to Mrs. Watkins.

County Jail Is Empty For First Time This Year

The Watauga County Jail was empty Monday night for the first time since Sheriff Hodges was sworn in last December, says Deputy and Jailor George Smithman.

The population of the jail for the past six months reached a high with eighteen prisoners. Smithman says that the average number behind the bars is perhaps three or four.

Preliminary Plans For Daniel Boone Memorial Garden Made

Preliminary plans for a Daniel Boone Memorial Garden were laid Saturday night when H. Stuart Orloff and Henry B. Raymore, New York landscape architects, spoke before a group of Boone garden enthusiasts.

The meeting was called by Mrs. B. W. Stallings, chairman of the Southern Appalachian Historical Association committee which has been studying plans for a Daniel Boone Memorial here.

The specialists spent Saturday looking over the grounds at the Daniel Boone Theatre, proposed site of the Memorial, and talking to Association members. They will submit a tentative plan for consideration of the Association.

Mr. Orloff told the group that considerable effort should be made to build up the area of the theatre in order to attract more visitors. He added that the outdoor drama, Horn in the West, which plays each summer for 10 weeks at the theatre, would be sufficient to draw visitors only during the hot months of the summer. He pointed out that Boone, with its natural attractiveness and climate, should be a spot of tourist interest for an extended period, especially in the spring and autumn months.

Mr. Raymore, asserting that a project must continue to go forward, because "to stand still is to lose ground," supported Mr. Orloff's suggestions that added interest is needed to extend Boone's tourist season.

Each speaker emphasized the need for a garden, a place so planned that the native Appalachian plants would appear to have grown there naturally and without obvious planning. A site suggested was the plot of land adjacent and below the lower parking lot at the Daniel Boone Theatre. After this spot has been planted, the advised, other parts of the theatre property should be groomed.

Jurors Listed; Criminal Cases Not To Be Heard

The June term of Watauga Superior Court will convene Monday June 13, for the trial of civil cases. Judge J. Frank Huskins of Burnsville will preside over the term, which is set for two weeks, and which will try about twenty cases.

**Jurors Drawn**

Following is a list of the jurors selected for service during the term:

First week, June 13th:

Bald Mountain—Elbert S. Moritz.

Beaver Dam—Claude Cornett, Dean Wilson, T. C. May, Dolph Combs.

Blowing Rock—William Dale, Romie Gragg.

Blue Ridge—Dayton Cook, Bascom Hampton, Mrs. Frances Coffey.

Boone—Gordon Taylor, Howard T. Hodges, Dwight Hayes.

Brushy Fork—W. M. Hodges, Ernest Elmo Hodges, V. C. Shore.

Cove Creek—John G. Mast, Charles E. Combs.

Elk—Johnnie Hodges.

Laurel Creek—Ernest Glenn, McKinley Trivette, Carl Pressnell.

Mabel—Howard Younce, Blanche Younce.

Meat Camp—Geo. W. Lookabill, Hubert S. Norris.

New River—Fred H. Brown, Watt Tester, James Cottrell.

North Fork—James Wilson.

Stony Fork—A. G. Miller, Clarence Greene.

Shawneehaw—Alvin Storie.

Watauga—Larkin A. Yates, Roy C. Townsend, Marshall Cornett.

Second week, June 20th:

Bald Mountain—Wade F. Norris.

Beaver Dam—Jones D. Keller, Ray Smith.

Blowing Rock—Marion T. Trivette, Rhonda Foster.

Blue Ridge—Story Greene.

Boone—M. R. Maddux, Fred Grimes.

Brushy Fork—Allie R. Church, Virgie Danner Hayes.

Cove Creek—Albert H. Wilson, Reid Potter.

Elk—Jones Hendrix.

Laurel Creek—Howard Glenn.

Mabel—Emory Mitchell.

Meat Camp—Burl Davis, Grady McNeil.

New River—Fred Hollars, Rose J. Greer.

North Fork—Charles Snyder.

Stony Fork—Grady G. Greene, Mack Watson.

Shawneehaw—Russell Matheson.

Watauga—Wesley Sluder, Charlie Byrd.

County Singing Set For June 5

The Watauga County semi-annual convention will be held at the Gospel Tabernacle in Boone, Sunday, June 5, starting at 11 o'clock.

An added feature of the song-fest will be the Favorite Melody Quartet, better known as the "Crippled quartet" from Knoxville, Tenn.

A spokesman for the singing says: "If you have never heard these singers, you have missed a great blessing. All singers are invited to come and be with us, and take part in the singing."

Bell Telephone Strike Is Ended

The Southern Bell Company and the communications workers of America-CIO signed an agreement last Saturday which will end the 68 day old strike of 20,000 telephone employees upon ratification of the contract which is to be completed no later than May 27.

The one-year agreement includes the basic provisions which Southern Bell has insisted are essential to assure uninterrupted service to the public while the contract is in force.

The wage increases provided for the 50,000 nonsupervisory employees range from \$1 to \$4 weekly, depending on the employee's experience, location and job classification. Under the new contract, the company's costs will be increased by over \$7,000,000 annually.