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June 19	73	50	51	52
June 20	74	54	58	
June 21	79	56	59	
June 22	81	62	68	17
June 23	84	67	74	
June 24	85	64	74	
June 25	85	60	73	

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Gene Wilson, production director of Horn in the West, and the revolving stage he designed. Use of the revolving stage, which is exclusive at the Boone drama, will permit an even more spectacular production. The drama opens June 30. Photo by Paul Smith.

## Horn-capade Will Herald Greatest Drama Season

### Producers Predict Fifth Season Will Be Biggest Yet

Officials of the Southern Appalachian Historical Association, producers of Horn in the West, are predicting the biggest season yet for the 1956 presentation of the drama.

Under the capable direction of Dr. George McCalmon, the drama will open its regular season at the Daniel Boone Theatre in Boone on Saturday, June 30, beginning at 8:15 p. m.

Dr. McCalmon, who was co-director of The Lost Colony last season had the tremendous job of selecting the cast for the 1956 production, and in an effort to get the most suitable person for every role, he has chosen persons from several states. The cast includes persons from more than 15 states and one foreign country.

Bill Ross, a native of Morganton and presently a resident of Boone, takes on the lead role of Geoffrey Stuart this year. Bill has been with the drama since it began in 1932 and has never missed a performance. His versatility and excellent portrayals make him highly suited for the demanding role he is to play in the 1956 production.

Glenn Causey is to play the role of Daniel Boone this year. Glenn is a native of Greensboro.

Another favorite of audiences who will return for his fifth year is Charles Elledge. He will play the role of Rev. Isaiah Sims, a pioneer preacher. This role was especially created for Charles. The heartiness of his laughter and his homespun manner have always made him a favorite of audiences.

Jane Plunkett will play the role of Martha Stuart. Jane is an honor graduate of Cornell University and will travel to Europe this fall to study with a Fulbright Scholarship. She hails from New Jersey. Gene Wilson will return to take on a position of added importance this year. He has formerly served as lighting director and this year will serve as production director. Gene completely designed and supervised the construction of a revolving stage that will be used in this year's production. Gene's skill and familiarity with all phases of outdoor drama have long been known in Boone since he has been with the show for four years.

With the use of the revolving stage which he designed, audiences will be able to appreciate the authenticity of the production even more. On the revolving stage, three dimensional scenery may be used. The revolving stage also permits faster scene changes and allows for an even more spectacular production.

Recent visitors at the Daniel Boone Theatre have remarked that the grounds are the cleanest and look the nicest they ever have. Leaves have been cleaned from the picnic grounds and grass set in many of the bare spots at the theatre. Many new shrubs and trees have been set out in an effort to make the theatre more beautiful.

A rail fence has been constructed along the entrance to the theatre. (Continued on page six)



Scenes similar to this, taken during Watauga County's Centennial celebration in 1940, will feature the "Horn-capade" here Saturday. Floats, bands and other marchers will also participate in the parade.

### Parade, Picnic, Queen Contest To Spotlight Opening

By V. G. ROLLINS

Final plans were being polished this week for the "Horn-capade," a spectacular series of events which will herald the 1956 premiere performance of Kermit Hunter's great historical outdoor drama, Horn in the West, opening its fifth straight season Saturday night at picturesque Daniel Boone Theatre.

The showpiece of the extravaganza will be a huge parade Saturday afternoon featuring an elegant float bearing a bevy of beautiful girls who will vie for the title of "Miss Horn-capade." The Queens' float is sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and the Merchants Association.

Heading the parade will be a color guard, thirty marching men and mechanized units, all supplied by the National Guard.

There will be many other entries sponsored by local merchants and organizations, including floats and units blending the old with the new in pioneer scenes, hunting scenes, covered wagons, a hayride, an old whiskey still, surreys (with the fringe on top), buggies, teams, horseback riders, Boy Scouts, convertibles — and of course, a band.

There is still time for new entries, for which Dr. Gene Reese or G. C. Greene, Jr., should be contacted.

**Parade Route**  
The parade will get underway promptly at 5 p. m., forming on Queen Street, proceeding to King Street, thence east to the 421 entrance to the Horn in the West grounds, and on to the Daniel Boone Theatre.

Senior Explorer Scouts under the direction of Crayte Teague will assist the traffic committee, Raleigh Cottrell and Dale Andrews, in handling the traffic.

All other Boy Scouts in the area are asked to report to Chief Parade Marshal Harold Rice at Mountain Burley Warehouse No. 1 an hour before parade time.

Immediately following the parade, at about 6:15 p. m. a county-wide picnic will be held on the Horn in the West picnic grounds. Everyone is cordially invited to "bring your lunch and join in the fun." Band members, queens, and the Horn in the West cast will not be asked to provide their lunches, so everyone is urged to "bring plenty."

**Queens' Dinner and Coronation**  
The pre-opening festivities will begin Friday at 7 p. m., when the thirty-odd contestants in the Queens' Contest will be feted with a dinner at the Daniel Boone Hotel, and end Saturday at 7:30 p. m. with coronation ceremonies on the stage of the Daniel Boone Theatre, at which time "Miss Horn-capade" will be officially crowned.

Out-of-town judges will choose their own time to judge the contestants, and the winner will not be announced until the coronation ceremony.

Entrants in the Queens' Contest and their sponsors (with the possibility of others to be added) are as follows:

Carolyn Greene, Merchants Association; Rocky Bingham, Horn in the West; Muriel Kirby, Palmer's Studio; Betty Hollars, Church's Store; Glenda Lawrence, Jr., Chamber of Commerce; Carolyn Watson, Boone Trail Restaurant; Laura Holshouser, Vance Recapping Co.; Anna Joyce Winkler, Candill's, Inc.; Joyce Tuckwiller, Boone Tire & Bargain Store; Buddy Wey, Blue Ridge Motors; Linda Wey, Winkler Motor Co.; Mary Lawrence, Radio Station WATA; Anne Cottrell, Boone Rotary Club; Minnie Austin, Farmers Hardware & Supply Co.; Barbara Winkler, V. L. Moretz & Son; Betty June Calloway, Andrews Chevrolet, Inc.; Betty Swain, Boone Drug Co.; Emily Smith, Trailway Laundry & Cleaners; Elizabeth Hagaman, The Northwestern Bank; Betty Bland, Bell's Dept. Store; Jimmie (Continued on page six)

## Caldwell Man Sought For Slaying Deep Gap Woman

Bruce Phillips, 30 years old, Lenoir lumber yard worker, is still at large, and being sought by law enforcement agents in connection with the fatal shooting of Mrs. Harrison Parsons, 33, a resident of the Deep Gap section of Watauga county.

A coroner's jury, summoned on order of Deputy Coroner Council Cooke, found that Mrs. Parsons died as a result of wounds from a shotgun, fired by Phillips in the front yard of the Parsons home in the Hot Hollow area near the Blue Ridge Parkway.

Information presented to the jury indicated that Phillips shot Mrs. Parsons with a 16-gauge shotgun, after calling her husband from the home into the front yard. Dies Almost Instantly

Mrs. Parsons was said to have died of a wound in her right shoulder and right chest. Her husband said she cried, "Oh, Lord" and sank to the ground. She died within a few minutes, the testimony indicated.

The story told by the dead woman's husband at the inquest, and other evidence ran this way:

At about 1:15 a. m. Phillips called to Parsons, who was inside his house, telling him he wanted a cigarette. Mrs. Parsons was quoted as urging her husband to stay inside as she feared there was going to be trouble. Her basis for this fear was not detailed, Coroner Cooke said.

Anyway Parsons went into the yard, his wife behind him. He told the officials that he saw Phillips lean over as if he were going to throw a rock at him, and that he ducked. At the same instant, the shotgun was fired, the lead hitting Mrs. Parsons pointblank at close range.

"On Good Terms"  
Parsons, who works in Boone as an automobile mechanic, said he knew of no reasons why Phillips would want to shoot either him or his wife. He said he knew the Lenoir man fairly well and their relationship had been friendly.

Jake Winebarger, meantime, had reported to the Sheriff's department the theft of a shotgun. He said Phillips had asked him if anyone was staying at a previous address of Winebarger's where the

shotgun was kept. Winebarger said he told Phillips no one was at the house.

The State Highway Patrol, State Bureau of Investigation agents, and the Sheriffs of Watauga and other counties, are cooperating in an intensive search for Phillips.

**Funeral Services**  
Funeral services were conducted Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock at the Pilot Mountain Baptist Church, by Rev. Ronda Earp and interment was in that vicinity. Immediate survivors of Mrs. Parsons are the husband, a son, Donald, and a daughter, Teresa, of the home.



MRS. LAWRENCE

### Mrs. Lawrence Funeral Is Held

Mrs. Marjorie (Dollie) Thomas Lawrence, daughter of the late Frank and Sallie Thomas of Trade, Tennessee died at her home in Mountain City, Tennessee, June 3, 1956, after a long illness. She was 66 years old.

She was married to James B. Lawrence of Mabel February 10, 1910.

To this marriage were born ten children, three of whom died in infancy.

She is survived by her husband, James B. Lawrence and the following children: Mrs. Duluth Brown, Boone; Mrs. Juanita Thomas, Alexandria, Va.; Mrs. Pauline Thomas, and Mrs. Estell May, Trade, Tennessee; Stouffer Lawrence, Baltimore, Md.; Eugene and Rainey Lawrence, Alexandria, Va. One sister, Mrs. Pearl Johnson of Hickory. There are 17 grandchildren and five great grandchildren. (Continued on page six.)

### FERTILIZER

Farmers of the world are using more than twice as much commercial fertilizer as they used before World War II, according to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. Exclusive of the Soviet Union, world consumption of nitrogenous fertilizers has increased from 2,400,000 metric tons in 1939 to 5,800,000 in the twelve month period ended July 1955. A metric ton is 2,204.6 pounds.

## Grady Greer To Be New State Senator

Grady Greer of Boone was recommended for appointment as a member of the State Senate by the Democratic Executive committee of Watauga county, which met in Boone Saturday.

The appointment of Mr. Greer is expected to be made by Governor Hodges as soon as he is apprised of the action of the local committee.

Mr. Greer will fill the vacancy caused by the death of Senator H.

B. Perry, and he will serve during the July special session of the Legislature.

Long prominent in public affairs, Mr. Greer was chairman of the Watauga County Board of Commissioners for two terms, had served as chairman of the Watauga Board of Elections, and has been a precinct election official in Boone and New River township for many years. He is a prominent farmer and business man.

## Gay Fourth Of July Set At Blowing Rock

The annual celebration of the Fourth of July will be held at Blowing Rock on the Fourth with all features being presented without charge to the public.

If a playable ball ground can be secured by that date a baseball game will be played in the morning. In the afternoon the popular pet show and gymkana will be presented at the Horse Show grounds at 2:00 o'clock.

At 7:30 p. m. a patriotic service will be held at the Pavilion featuring patriotic singing and a brief inspirational message. Following this program a free square dance will be held at the Pavilion and tennis courts. The music will be furnished by the Country Gentlemen.

An invitation is extended to all the people of this area to attend all these events.

### Boone Stores To Close July 4th

A majority of Boone stores will be closed next Wednesday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day. The Northwestern Bank, district health department, and other city and county offices will also remain closed all day, and the post office will observe holiday hours.

### LIKES THE SINGING

Miss Bobbie Jean Byrd of Foscoe, 20 years old, is said to have attended 20 singings on the mountain, having been taken to the first one when less than one year old.

Steel output at new high in May and first five months.

### Mrs. Hagaman Succumbs Friday

Mrs. Rosa Elizabeth Hagaman died Friday, June 22, at her home in Boone following a long illness. She was 63 years of age.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p. m. Sunday, June 24, at the Boone Baptist Church by her pastor, the Rev. L. H. Hollingsworth, and burial followed in city cemetery.

She is survived by her husband, Roy H. Hagaman, a son, Rex Hagaman, and a daughter, Mrs. James P. Marsh, all of Boone; three sisters, Mrs. Charles Swift, Santa Rosa, Tex., Mrs. Ed Williams, Zionville, and Mrs. Don Hagaman, Reese.

### Attend United Fund Meeting

R. E. Agle, president of the Watauga County chapter of the United Fund, led a group of Watauga citizens to Morganton on June 20 for the fourth annual regional Community Fund Workshop for Western North Carolina. The workshop is held each year for the purpose of exchanging ideas on the administration, budgeting and publicizing of United Fund campaigns such as the one which will be put on in Watauga county this fall.

Those accompanying Mr. Agle included the Rev. E. H. Lowman, chairman of the social planning committee in Watauga; Hugh Hagaman, chairman of the fund-raising committee; and Mrs. L. H. Owsley, a member of the board of directors and the publicity committee.

### 4-YEAR CONGRESS?

The Women's National Republican Club is urging that the GOP platform include a plank favoring a four-year term for members of the House of Representatives. The recommendation, based on a poll of the group's nationwide membership, declared that "under the present two-year system, congressmen are handicapped in the performance of their duties by the necessity of devoting so much time to campaigning for re-election during the second year of their term."

### Are You A Band Member? You're Needed!

Due to the dispersal of local bands for the summer holidays, an emergency call is being issued by the sponsors of the "Horn-capade" Parade, to be held Saturday afternoon beginning at 5 o'clock, for all available members of the Junior High School Band and the Senior High School Band.

All band members who come forward and volunteer their services to march and play in the parade will be given a free picnic dinner on the Horn in the West grounds, and a complimentary ticket to the opening performance of the play Saturday night.

All such band personnel should report for rehearsal to Mr. Roy Blanton at 7 p. m. Friday in the Elementary School Building band room.



RUFUS R. CLARKE

### Rufus Clarke To Speak At Annual Land Bank Meet

Rufus R. Clarke, President of The Federal Land Bank of Columbia will speak at the annual meeting of the Boone NFLA at the Courthouse in Boone on July 7 according to announcement by S. C. Eggers, President of this Cooperative Credit group. The meeting will be held in the Courthouse beginning at 10:30 a. m.

Mr. Clarke has had a long and distinguished career in cooperative farm credit beginning in 1925 with the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank of Columbia which is a bank of discount for Production Credit Associations and other agricultural credit organizations.

His career in farm credit included the presidency of all the district farm credit units, when in 1954 he became president of The Federal Land Bank of Columbia, retaining at the same time his position of General Agent of the Third Farm Credit District.

Mr. Clarke was born and reared in South Carolina and is a graduate of Davidson College.

The annual report on operations of the association for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1956 will be presented by John H. Hollar, secretary-treasurer of the Boone National Farm Loan Association. Officers and directors of the association are: S. C. Eggers, President; J. Mack Moore, Granite Falls, Vice-President; E. S. Shatley, Jefferson; Carlis Lee Mitchell of Sparta; and Gordon A. Chambers of State Road, directors.

The Boone association handles the making and servicing of loans for The Federal Land Bank of Columbia in Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Caldwell, Watauga and Wilkes counties.

Feathers come into their own with autumn hats.