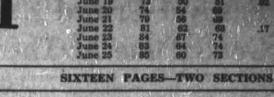
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Call States and Street Street

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.

Caldwell Man Sought For Slaying Deep Gap Woman

at large, and being sought by law house, telling him he wanted a enforcement agents in connection cigarette. Mrs. Parsons was quoted

A cornoner's jury, summoned on Cooke said. order of Deputy Coroner Councill Anyway Parsons went into the 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 Mrs. jury indicated that Phillips shot range. Mrs. Parson pointblank at close Mrs. Parsons with a 16-guage shot-"On Good Terms" Parsons, who works in Boone as an automobile mechanic, said he gun, after calling her husband from the home into the front yard. **Dies Almost Instantly** knew of no reasons why Phillips Mrs. Parsons was said to have would want to shoot either him or

died of a wound in her right his wife. He said he knew the Lenshoulder and right chest. Her husoir man fairly well and their relaband said she cried, "Oh, Lord" tionship had been friendly. and sank to the ground. She died Jake Winebarger, meantime, had reported to the Sheriff's departwithin a few minutes, the testiment the theft of a shotgun. He mony indicated.

The story told by the dead wosaid Phillips had asked him if anyhusband at the inquest, and other evidence ran this way:

one was staying at a previous ad-dress of Winebarger's where the **Grady Greer To Be** New State Senator

Grady Greer of Boone was re-, B. Perry, and he will serve during or appointment as a the July special session of the

s, 30 years old, j' At about 1:15 a. m. Phillips call- shotgun was kept. Winebarger said Lenoir lumber yard worker, is still ed to Parsons, who was inside his he told Phillips no one was at the

The State Highway Patrol, State with the fatal shooting of Mrs. as urging her husband to stay in- Bureau of Investigation agents, Harrison Parsons, 33, a resident of side as she feared there was going and the Sheriffs of Watauga and the Deep Gap section of Watauga to be trouble. Her basis for this other counties, are cooperating in fear was not detailed, Coronor an intensive search for Phillips. **Funeral Services**

Cooke, found that Mrs. Parsons yard, his wife behind him. He told ed. Wednesday morning at 10 died as a result of wounds from a the officials that he saw Phillips o'clock at the Pilot Mountain Baptis a native of Greensboro. ist Church, by Rev. Ronda Earp. and interment was in that vicinity Immediate survivors of Mrs. shotgun was fired, the load hitting Parsons are the husband, a son, Donald, and a daughter, Teresa, of the home.

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

8:15 p. m.

the most suitable person for every role, he has chosen persons from

several states. The cast includes

Bill Ross, a native of Morganton

and presently a resident of Boone,

takes on the lead role of Geoffrey

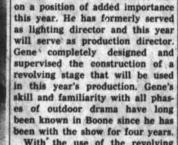
Stuart this year. Bill has been with

the drama since it began in 1952

and has never missed a perform-

play in the 1956 production.

and one foreign country.



production.

With the use of the revolving stage which he designed, audiencchairman of the social 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 al- and the publicity committee. lows for an even more spectacular



Scenes similar to this, taken during Watauga County's Centennial celebration in 1949, will feature the "Horn-capade" here Saturday. Floats, bands and other marchers will also participate in the parade

persons from more than 15 states 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. ance. His versatility and excellent Funeral services were conductportrayals make him highly suited at 2 p. m. Sunday, June 24, at ed for the demanding role he is to the Boone Baptist Church by her pastor, the Rev. L. H. Hollings-worth, and burial followed in city Glenn Causey is to play the role of Daniel Boone this year. Glenn cemetery.

She is survived by her husband, Another favorite of audiences who will return for his fifth year is Charles Elledge. Ho will play Roy H. Hagaman, a son, Rex Hagaman, and a daughter, Mrs. James P. Marsh, all of Boone; three sistthe role of Rev. Isaiah Sims, a ers, Mrs. Charles Swift, Santa pioneer preacher. This role was Rosa, Tex., Mrs. Ed Williams, Zionville, and Mrs. Don Hagaman, Reese.

> **Attend United Fund Meeting**

R. E. Agle, president of the Wa-

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

Rites Held Tuesday Grover Cleveland Robbins, 70, former mayor of Blowing Rock and one of the leading figures in the development of the tourist

Grover C. Robbins

business in this area, died of a heart attack in the Blowing Rock hospital Sunday evening at 7:30.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the home. Rev. Walter K. Keys, Presbyterian minister was in charge of the rites. Others taking part in the services were: Dr. H. E. Spence, Rev. G. Carlton Cox and Rev. John S. McDuffie. Burial was in the Reformed Church ceme-

Mr. Robbins was born in Cald-well county in 1886 and had been a resident of Watauga county for

Holshouser, Sr., Robert Hardin, John Goodwin Bill, Williams, R. E.

Honorary: W. H. Gragg, S. C Eggers, Russell D. Hodges, Stanley A. Harris, Alfred Adams, Bill Lentz, Will Castle, Lloyd Robbins, J. E. Broyhill, R. L. Gwyn, Lloyd Rash, Duke Custer, Dave Wooten, Paul Coffey, Joe Winkler, Cecil Critcher, Kenneth Linney, Paul A. Coffey, Dr. Robt. Dennis, Dr.

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 plc turesque Daniel Boone Theatre.

The showpiece of the extravaganza will be a huge parade Saturday afternoon featuring an ele-gant float bearing a bevy of beautiful girls who will vie for the title of "Miss Horn-capade." 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, poceeding to King Street, thence east to the 421 en-trance to the Horn in the West grounds, and on to the Daniel Boone Theatre.

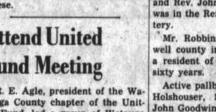
Senior Explorer Scouts under the direction of Crayte Teague will assist the traffic committee, Raleigh Cottrell and Dale Andrews, in handling the traffic.

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 paradé time. Immediately following the pa-

rade, 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

Rufus R. Clarke, President of The Federal Land Bank of Colum- fun." Band members, queens, and Coffey, Dr. Robt. Dennis, Dr. In a real speak at the annual meet-Charles Davant, Randall Foster, D. P. Coffey, Larry Harris, Fred Hartley, Frank Isenhour, Wade Courthouse in Boone on July 7 ac-to everyone is urged to "bring plenty."

"bring your lunch and join in the



tauga County chapter of the Unit-ed 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

een with the show for four years. fall. included the Rev. E. H. Lowman, Kluttz,

Active pallbearers were: Howard

Rufus Clarke To Wilson, Jack Rainey. Speak At Annual Land Bank Meet



RUFUS R. CLARKE

	senate by the Legislature.
emocratic Executiv	e committee Long prom which met in fairs, Mr. Gro
loone Saturday.	the Watauga
Who appointment of	Mr. Cucan in Commissioner

expected to be made by Governor served as chairman of the Wata-Hodges as soon as he is apprised uga Board of Elections, and has of the action of the local commit- been a precinct election official in

tee. Mr. Greer will fill the vacancy caused by the death of Senator H. Boone and New River township for many years. He is a prominent farmer and business man. Trade, Tennessee died at her home in Mountain City, Tennessee, June 3, 1956, after a long illness. She

Gay Fourth Of July Set At Blowing Rock

Day. The Northwestern Bank, di

city and county offices will also remain closed all day, and the

tain, having been taken to the first

one when less than one year old.

The annual celebration of the Fourth of July will be held at Boone Stores To Blowing Rock on the Fourth with all features being presented with- Close July 4th out charge to the public.

If a playable ball ground can be A majority of Boone stores will secured by that date a baseball be closed next Wednesday, July game will be played in the morn- 4, in observance of Independence ing. In the afternoon the popular Day. The Northwestern Bank, dis pet show and gyhmkana will be trict health department, and other presented at the Horse Show nds at 2:00 o'clock.

post office will observe holiday hours. At 7:30 p. m. a patriotic service will be held at the Pavilion featurwill be held at the Pavilion featur-ing patriotic singing and a brief this program a free square dance will be held at the Pavilion and tennis courts. The music will be furnished by the Country Gentle-

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

inent in public af- Mrs. Lawrence County Board of s for two terms, had Mrs. Marjorie (Dollie) Thomas

Lawrence, daughter of the late Frank and Sallie Thomas of

MRS. LAWRENCE

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 fol-lowing children: Mrs. Duluth Brown, Boone; Mrs. Juanita Tho-mas, 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

Steel output at new high in May July 1955. A metric ton is 2,204.6 and first five months. pounds.

4-YEAR CONGRESS?

Recent visitors at the Daniel Recent visitors at the Daniel Boone Theatre have remarked that can Club is urging that the GOP the grounds are the cleanest and platform include a plank favoring look the nicest they ever have. a four-year term for members of Leaves have been cleaned from the the House of Representatives. The picnic grounds and grass set in recommendation, based on a poll many of the bare spots at the of the group's nationwide member-theatre. Many new shrubs and ship, declared that "under the trees have been set out in an ef- present two-year system, congressfort to make the theatre more men are handicapped in the perbeautiful. formance of their duties by the

A rail fence has been construct- necessity of devoting so much time ed along the entrance to the thea-(Continued on page six) ing 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 per-formance of the play Saturday night.

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

Jon Reineking, G. M. Sudderth, G. Eggers, President of this Coopera-M. Sudderth, Jr., Earl Tate, Her- tive Credit group. The meeting man Wilcox, Hugh Morton. will be held in the Courthouse be-Mr. Robbins, who received his ginning at 10:30 a.m.

early education in a one-room school house, helped to organize the Blowing Rock High School distinguished career in cooperaand organized the town's first

Credit Bank of Columbia which is Chamber of Commerce. He served as the Mayor of the resort town for nine terms. He had also been post-Credit Associations and other master at Blowing Rock, and had agricultural credit organizations. been engaged in many business His career in farm credit in ventures. He headed the Robbins cluded the presidency of all the Lumber Co., established the Yondistrict farm credit units, when in ahlossee Theatre, owned a whole 1954 he became president of The Federal Land Bank of Columbia, sale nursery business. He also developed the Blowing Rock, for retaining at the same time his which the town was named, and position of General Agent of the made it readily accessible for the tourists. He established a gift shop Third Farm Credit District. Mr. Clarke was born and reared at the Rock, and had built a motel in South Carolina and is a gradu-

and a restaurant

ate of Davidson College. To civic activities Mr. Robbins devoted a large part of his time and talents. He was the first president of the Blue Ridge Parkway Association, served as President of the Associated Chambers of Commerce(of the Parkway area), the Blowing Rock Chamber of Com-merce and Blowing Rock Rotary Club. He was chairman of the Blowing Rock Park Commission.

Mr. Robbins was a member of the Methodist Church.

Sorviving are the widow, Mrs. Lena Miller Robbins; turre sons, Grover C. Jr., Harry and Spencer Robbins, Blowing Rock; three daughters, Mrs. Paul Brooks, Rock Hill, S. C., Miss Peggy Robbins, Jacksonville, Fia. and Miss Ruth Robbins of the home. There are eight grandchildren.

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 Mr. Clarke has had a long and a dinner at the Daniel Boone Ho tive farm credit beginning in 1925 tel, and end Saturday at 7:30 p. m.

with the Federal Intermediate with coronation ceremonies on the Credit Bank of Columbia which is stage of the Daniel Boone Theatre, a bank of discount for Production 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 pos-sibility of others to be added) are as follows

Carolyn Greene, Merchants As sociation; Becky Bingham, Horn in the West; Muriel Kirby, Palmer's Studio; Betty Hollars, Church's Store; Glenda Lawrence, Jr.,

year ending June 30, 1956 will be presented by John H. Hollar, sec-retary-treasurer of the Boone Na-ficers and directors of the Boone Origination of the Company files and directors of the Company of the Company files and directors of the Company of the Company files and directors of the Company files and files and files and the Company files and f ficers and directors of the associa-Boone Tire & Bargain Store; B dy Wey, Blue Ridge Motors; Linda Wey, Winkler Motor Co.; Mary tion are: S. C. Eggers, President J. Mack Moore, Granite Falis, Vice-President; E. S. Shatley, Jef-ferson; Carlis Lee Mitchell of Sparta; and Gordon A. Chambers

of State Road, directors. The Boone association handles

& Supply Co.; Barbara Winkler, V. L. Moretz

Feathers come into their own dall, Belk's Dept. Store; June ith autumn hats. (Continued on page siz) with autumn hats.

The annual report on operation