

People You Know
Jean Rivers' woman's page reviews the social scene. Besides personal mention, weddings, parties, club meetings are reported on page five.

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Date	High	Low	6 p.m.	Wind
Feb. 26	64	45	61	1-20
Feb. 27	61	40	43	38
Feb. 28	65	34	34	31
March 1	60	28	34	31
March 2	59	20	40	17
March 3	50	24	40	17
March 4	45	17	32	17

Rainfall read at 7 a. m.; temperature 6 p.m.

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TWELVE PAGES—TWO SECTIONS

Larry Shook Meets Death On Highway; Others Hurt

1 Suffers Critical Injuries

Two men were injured, one critically, when the car in which they were riding left the road and went down an embankment on U. S. Highway 421 last Tuesday (Feb. 26) night about 8:25 o'clock. Charles Rayford Gentry, 29, of Route 1, Boone, was carried to Watauga Hospital with a fractured skull, and moved the next day to Mountain Home Veterans Hospital in Johnson City, Tenn. His condition is reported as still serious, and a relative stated he had not regained consciousness Monday evening.

James Bennett Steelman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Steelman of Deep Gap, suffered fractured ribs but has been released from Watauga Hospital, according to the State Highway Patrol report. The State Patrol gave this account of the accident: Mr. Gentry was driving a 1957 Ford west, toward Boone, near the Overlook Motel, and failed to make the curve there, and went off the road on the left side. The car overturned and landed on its wheels some distance down the embankment. The car appeared to be completely demolished.

Mr. Gentry was home on a furlough from the Johnson City hospital where he had been since May of last year recuperating from another accident not far from the scene of the wreck Tuesday. He was still using a crutch. Mr. Steelman was home on leave from the Navy. No charges have been made by the investigating officer, pending outcome of the injuries to the men.



WATAUGA'S FIRST HIGHWAY FATALITY FOR 1957.—Larry Shook, rt. 1, Banner Elk, died Saturday morning when this car struck a utility pole. Two others, James Donald Hodges, driver, and Oscar Finley Hodges, route 1, Vilas, escaped injury.—Photo by Palmer's Photo Shop.

Matney Man Dies In Crash

Watauga County recorded its first highway fatality of the year early Saturday morning when Homer Larry Shook, 21, of Route 1, Banner Elk, died from a broken neck after the car in which he was riding left the highway and struck a utility pole. Funeral services were conducted Monday, March 4, at the White Rock Baptist Church by the Rev. Dayton Jones and the Rev. Arville Wallace, and burial followed in the White Rock cemetery. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hoyle Shook of Banner Elk; four brothers, Zeb Shook of Boone, Ronda Shook of College Park, Md., Bradley Shook of Parnesville, Ohio, and Earl Shook of Banner Elk; five sisters, Mrs. Mildred Smith of Banner Elk, Mrs. Pauline Ragan of Atlanta, Ga., Mrs. Audrey Rominger of Rominger, and the Misses Linda and Joyce Shook of the home.

Also surviving are the maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Greene Michael of Banner Elk. The accident happened about 5:30 o'clock on Highway 421, four and one-tenth miles east of Boone. According to the report of the accident, Mr. Shook was in the back seat of a 1956 Chevrolet driven by James Donald Hodges, 19, of route 1, Vilas, coming from Baltimore, Md. In the front seat with Mr. Hodges was Oscar Finley Hodges of route 1, Vilas. The men had left Baltimore about 6 p. m. the day before, and Mr. Shook was asleep on the back seat. Oscar Finley Hodges was asleep in the front. The driver is reported to have fallen asleep, and the car left the highway on the left side, striking the pole. Neither of the Hodges men were injured. The State Patrolman investigating the accident, stated that a charge of driving on the wrong side of the road has been placed against the driver.

Eye Bank Program Sponsored By Lions; Dr. Perry Starts Plan

By V. G. ROLLINS
The Boone Lions Club is sponsoring the program for Watauga County of the Eye Bank for Restoring Sight, Inc., it has been announced by President Ira S. Ayers. Dr. R. H. Harmon, Boone optometrist and a member of the club, has been appointed regional director by state headquarters, and the Lions Club Committee to disseminate information on the program consists of Dr. Harmon and Lions J. H. Thomas and Con Yates. The eye bank, a North Carolina organization, was formed in 1951, after passage in 1949 of a bill introduced in the state legislature by the late Dr. H. B. Perry of Boone, who donated his own eyes to the bank at his death in 1955. A statewide education program was launched last May to bring the eye bank to the attention of all North Carolinians. According to Mrs. Harry Borthwick of Winston-Salem, president of the state Eye Bank, which has its headquarters in Winston-Salem, the education campaign has as its goal more eye donors all over North Carolina.

Since the organization of the state eye bank in 1951, Mrs. Borthwick said at the time the campaign was launched, some 925 persons have donated their eyes, and there have been 125 corneal transplants performed in North Carolina. "The Eye Bank has more than justified its existence," said Dr. Harmon. "Exact figures are not available, but certainly there are thousands of people young and old, rich and poor whose regained sight has afforded them a renewed joy and happiness in life. What this means to the individual and members of his family can no doubt be fully appreciated only by one who has gone through the experience. From the economic standpoint alone, their rehabilitation must represent no small saving to society in general and their own community in particular."

Any person can become a member of the North Carolina Eye Bank by signing a pledge to donate his eyes at his death, or by sending in a dollar or more for membership. Some of the things which gifts to the Eye Bank provide are an available supply of fresh or preserved corneal tissue whenever and wherever needed, encouragement for learning eye graft methods, research, and artificial eyes to avoid disfigurement. Eyes must be removed from the deceased within an hour after death and transplanted to the recipient within 24 hours, said Dr. Harmon. For further information and pledge forms, Dr. Harmon or a member of the Lions Club committee should be contacted.

Brown Attends Tax Institute

Attorney Wade E. Brown was at Wake Forest College Thursday, Friday and Saturday of last week, where he attended a taxation institute. The institute was sponsored by the North Carolina Bar Association and the law schools at Wake Forest, the University of North Carolina and Duke University.



EDGAR R. LOESSIN, who will direct "Horn in the West" this year. Mr. Loessin is a Texas native and graduate of the University of North Carolina. He will begin his duties in Boone March 18, when he will arrange for tryouts for the current cast of the drama.

United Fund Meeting Set

The annual meeting of all members of the United Fund, Inc., Watauga County, will be held April 4, it has been announced. The place and hour for the meeting will be announced in the next edition of the Democrat. The meeting is for the purpose of electing officers, and hearing reports of the various committees. Before buying a carpet, put small samples of it under the legs of a chair at night. Then the next day see if the indentation disappears when you move the chair away.

Gragg Given S & L Post

W. H. Gragg, secretary-treasurer of the Watauga Savings and Loan Association, has been appointed to the 1957 Committee on Savings Association and Co-operative Bank Management of the United States Savings and Loan League. The appointment was announced by Roy M. Marr, Memphis, Tennessee, president of the League, which is the nationwide trade organization of the savings and loan business and represents more than 4,300 savings associations and co-operative banks. U. S. finds 9,000 children illegally employed.

1,600 Boys And Girls Will Perform In Music Contest

Sixteen hundred boys and girls will perform in bands, glee clubs, choruses, and as piano soloists, in the annual district music contest at the college this week.

The district contest is sponsored by the North Carolina Music Education Association which sponsors the State contest festival in Greensboro each spring. Bands receiving superior or excellent ratings are permitted to participate in the state event. Piano soloists who receive superior ratings are advanced to the state event and glee club and chorus participants perform in all All-State Chorus.

Events for this week begin on Thursday morning with junior high school piano soloists and senior high school pianists in the afternoon. The piano solos will be judged by Mr. Robert Darnell, professor of piano, Women's College, U. N. C., Greensboro. Friday will bring fourteen bands to the campus to play for ratings as judged by a committee of three: Mr. Robert Barnes, band director at State College in Raleigh; Mr. George Dickieson, orchestra director at Woman's College in Greensboro; and Mr. Harold Smith, band



S. C. RICHARDSON, who died February 25, in Alleghany County. Mr. Richardson was a former sheriff of that county, and father of four Boone residents: Glenn, Odell, Wayne and Woodrow Richardson. director at Western Carolina College. On Saturday, twenty glee clubs (Continued on page eight)

D.F. Greene Succumbs On Friday

Funeral services were held Sunday at 2:30 o'clock in the Bethel Baptist Church for Dudley Farthing Greene, lifetime resident of Watauga County, prominent churchman and pioneer in the field of conservation of our natural resources. He was 77 years old. Mr. Greene died unexpectedly at his home Friday, following a long period of indisposition. Reverend Hoyt Roberson, pastor of Bethel Baptist Church and Rev. L. H. Hollingsworth, pastor of the Boone Baptist Church, spoke the last rites. Pallbearers were deacons of Bethel Baptist Church and flower girls were members of the Sunday School classes of the church. Music was by Mrs. Harold Hughes, organist, Cline Farthing and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Farthing. Burial was in the church cemetery. Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home was in charge of the details. Born October 11, 1879, Mr. Greene was a son of the late J. Warren Greene and Mrs. Sallie Farthing Greene of Beaver Dam township. He was married on May 7, 1905 to Miss Hattie Greer of the Bethel neighborhood.

Mrs. Van Dyke Funeral Held

Mrs. Eva Emma Van Dyke, 68, of Blowing Rock, Route 1, passed away at her home on Wednesday, February 20. Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Thursday, February 21, at the Mount Vernon Baptist Church, with the Rev. Barney Oliver and the Rev. Will Cook officiating at the rites. Burial was in Mount Vernon cemetery. Surviving are her husband, Joe D. Van Dyke; a son, C. C. Van Dyke of Blowing Rock; a foster-daughter, Mrs. George Rader of Kingsport, Tenn.; a brother, C. C. Bowles of Hudson; two sisters, Mrs. Vada Hampton of Blowing Rock, Route 1, and Mrs. Dora Edmisten of Boone; and one grandson.

Western Ewes Are Now Scarce

The Livestock Marketing Division of N. C. Department of Agriculture has informed the county agent that the supply of western breeding ewes is short and prices are likely to go up. The County Agent's office would like to know of any farmer who is interested in these ewes at an early date as possible so that they may be purchased as cheap as possible. Small grains conserve soil, since a well developed vegetative cover reduces the impact of rain on the soil, says W. H. Rankin, research associate professor in soil fertility at North Carolina State College. Also, he adds, a thoroughly matted root system anchors the soil, slowing down water runoff.



CHAMPIONSHIP WRESTLERS—Members of Appalachian High School's wrestling team who brought back the State Championship from Burlington recently are, left to right, back row: Gus Kerhoulas, Austin Moretz, Dale Greene, James Greer, Dick Brown, Kent Coleman, Billy Farthing (manager); front row: David Culler (manager), Larry Norris, Sammy Critcher, Tom Owsley, Joe Miller, Bobbie Reynolds, Coach Dancy. Not pictured: Wendell Critcher.

Last Rites Held For Mrs. Clay

Funeral services for Mrs. Annie Stanbury Clay, 68, of 230 Blandwood Avenue, Greensboro, were held at 2 p. m. Friday at the West Market Street Methodist Church in that city. Dr. Charles Bowles, pastor of the church; Dr. Eugene C. Few, superintendent of the Greensboro district of the Methodist Church, and Rev. Mel Harbin, pastor of Christ Methodist Church, officiated. Burial was in Forest Lawn cemetery in Greensboro. Mrs. Clay died Wednesday afternoon at Cone Memorial Hospital after suffering a heart attack at her home. The former Miss Annie Lou Stanbury of Boone, a daughter of the late John S. Stanbury and Mrs. Alice Taylor Stanbury, Mrs. Clay had been a resident of Greensboro for 14 years. She retired from teaching four years ago. She was the widow of R. L. Clay, who until 1945 was the chief of the field division of the internal revenue service in Greensboro. Her brother was the late Dr. W. A. Stanbury, former pastor of the West Market Street Methodist Church and former District Superintendent of his church. Mrs. Clay was a member of the West Market Street Methodist Church and a former superintendent of the children's division of the Boone Methodist Church. She had taught in Boone, Oxford, Wilson and in Central Elementary School in Greensboro. She had also done demonstration work at Appalachian State Teachers College. She was the executive secretary of the Greensboro Garden Club and a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, honorary teaching sorority. Her survivors include five daughters, Mrs. F. B. Mulloy, Chicago; Mrs. Ned A. Gibbs, Thomasville; Mrs. Shelly Rolfe, Richmond, Va.; Mrs. Betty Rolfe, Hot Springs and Mrs. C. L. Shuping of Greensboro; two sisters, Mrs. W. L. Scott of Greensboro and Mrs. J. A. Boone of Boone; one brother, Jeff Stanbury of Vilas.