

Letter To The Editor

Concerning A Grove Of Maple Trees

Those who, almost fifty years ago, happened by the spot may have wondered what a handful of men had in mind as they dug holes and planted young maples just below the Daniel Boone monument, on the Appalachian campus. Not long before, WWI had ended and Wataugans were mourning the loss of her young men who had given "their last full measure of devotion" in that great conflict.

No one seems to know just who originated the idea of setting out the young, promising saplings as a memorial to these

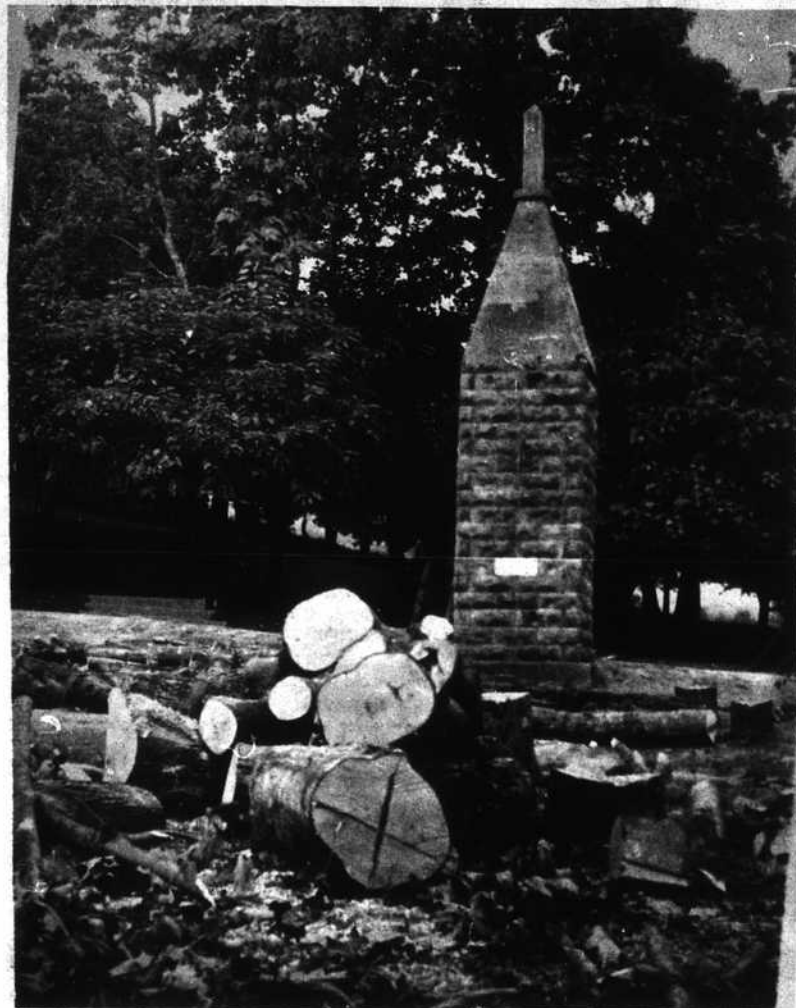
men, but the late Professor D. D. Dougherty, who alive to all good action, saw to it that they were planted and took a hand in the work. He shared the sorrow of those who had given up their dear ones and felt that the undertaking had great meaning and value. These lines, written by one Henry Cuyler Bunner, are fitting:

What does he plant who plants a tree?
He plants the friend of sun and sky;
He plants a flag of breezes free;

The shaft of beauty towering high.
Those who recently have passed along Faculty street saw

that the maples, grown well toward maturity, were in the hands of the power saw and the axe, tools used by men who probably knew little if anything about why they the trees were put there. A considerable pile of ashes, where trimmings had been burned, was near and before long the blocks of woods will also be converted into the same element. The strangers who hurry along the new highway-to-be will never know that here patriotic men who wanted others to remember their fallen brothers through the long years ahead met on this spot and put their feelings into the planting of a young grove of sturdy, growing maples.

It may be said that "the scythe of time" cut them down, an observation that is a little obscure. But it may well be that there are many still living who remember about the origin of the maple grove and appreciate the meaning of it. "Lord God of hosts, be with us yet, Lest we forget, lest we forget."
O, LESTER BROWN



The shady cove once nestled beside the Daniel Boone Monument has fallen to logs in the shadow of progress. The Monument was felled by Tuesday, making this likely the last photograph of it. (Staff photo)

Holshouser "Tar Heel Of Week" In Newspaper Series

The News and Observer of Raleigh featured Boone attorney Jim Holshouser, who is N. C. Republican Party Chairman, as its "Tar Heel of the Week" in the Sunday edition.

Staff writer Russell Clay begins: "The Republican reawakening in North Carolina is considered to date from early 1960s, when a band of 'young lions' came on the legislative scene."

The writer contends that the names of Osteen, Clark and Holshouser stand out in the list of men who "reshaped the image of the typical Republican in North Carolina."

Holshouser went to the General Assembly in 1963 and returned to the 1965 session as House minority leader, Clay writes. It was in March of 1966 that he became minority chairman for the state. He was 31 then.



JIM HOLSHOUSER

assumed the party chairmanship from (Jim) Gardner, a former Democrat and leader of a new GOP breed, who was about to launch a successful campaign for Congress. Gardner . . . followed through in the spring of this year with a victory in the first meaningful Republican primary for governor in modern times.

"Through the buffeting which political growth and primary fights produce, Holshouser has steered the party with a gentle firmness which is part of his nature. "Last January, as Gardner's gubernatorial primary battle with Charlotte's Jack Sticklely was warming up and the State Republican Convention was at hand, Holshouser approached a personal crossroads. He had a mind to step down as party

Democrats

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Plans are to have the headquarters open full time by October 1. Literature and placards from various State candidates were distributed. Placards for Vice-President Humphrey and other materials are expected soon.

Refreshments were served during the afternoon by Democratic women.

chairman and run for lieutenant governor.

"To do so, though, would have led to what he called a divisive bloodletting in which the Gardner and Sticklely forces would be fighting for the vacant chairmanship. Thus, Holshouser stood for a second two-year term and won it."

The lengthy treatise included Holshouser's personal background. Son of James Eubert Holshouser Sr. and Virginia Dayvult Holshouser, he followed his father's route through Davidson College through then the University of North Carolina Law School. At Davidson, he was sports editor of the student newspaper and worked in the sports department of the Charlotte Observer on week-ends.

"Journalism, rather than law, very nearly became his life's work," Clay reported. "He moves easily in newspaper circles and enjoys what is sometimes called 'a good press.'"

Between Davidson and UNC, Holshouser was sidelined for a year by a kidney infection. When he graduated from the University in 1960, he was president of his senior class.

He married the former Pat Hollingsworth, daughter of the Rev. L.H. Hollingsworth, chaplain at Wake Forest University. The couple have a daughter, Ginny, 5, and expect a child early next year. The State chairman attends the Presbyterian Church in Boone where he is in the choir, is a deacon and has been church treasurer and a teacher of Sunday School.

While Holshouser is basically conservative, Clay quoted him as saying: "At the same time, society has gotten so complex a person just can't be blind to the problems this country faces today. While there'll be differences in approaches to a solution, people in public office are coming more and more to realize that these problems have to be dealt with."

Dock Watson

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first National Folklife Festival in Washington, D. C., in 1967. Film excerpts from the 1965 Newport Folk Festival were used to make the documentary film "Festival", which was nominated for an Academy Award in 1968.

The dancers will be accompanied by their leader-director, James Kesterson, of Hendersonville.

Watson, a native of Watauga County, is recognized as one of the nation's leading folk singers and guitarists. He has performed at folk festivals throughout the country and abroad, singing the ballads and folk songs of the mountain region. He is accompanied by his son, Merrill, who is also an accomplished folk musician.

Volleyball Results For Thursday Given

In Industrial Volleyball play Thursday, IRC topped Vermont American twice, 15-11 and 15-1. Vermont American took the final match 15-8.

Independent #1 was edged by Independent #2 17-15 in the first round but #2 came back to win 15-8 in the final two games.

RAY WITNESS FREED

Memphis—Charles Q. Stephens, a key witness in the trial of James Earl Ray accused of the slaying of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., has been released from jail where he had been held under bond since July 22nd.

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