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Rhododendron Queen Crowned Saturday

Miss Betty Rae Lawhon of Rutherfordton was crowned North Carolina Rhododendron Queen for 1962-63 on Saturday afternoon.

June 18, climaxing the 16th. annual North Carolina Rhododendron Festival held in Bakersville and on top of Roan Mountain. She was crowned by Miss Gail Robertson of Spindale 1961-62 queen.

James Steer To Speak To Men's Club

James Steer, North Lima, Ohio will show slides on his recent trips to Israel, Arabian and Scandinavian Countries, according to an announcement by the program committee of the Burnsville Men's Club, at their regular meeting on Monday night, June 25 at 7:00 p. m. in the Community Building.

Wiley Blevins of Burnsville showed mineral specimens native to North Carolina at the last Men's Club meeting.

Services For Mrs. Simmons

Mrs. Wood Simmons, 85, of the Celso community, died Thursday night in the home of a son, Arceus, after a short illness.

Services were held at 2:30 p. m. Saturday in Brown's Creek Baptist Church.

The Rev. Ralph Mumpower officiated. Burial was in the Autrey Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Philip Simmons, Claude, David and John Young, Jack Powers, Arthur Caudle, Robert Kennedy and Richard Hollifield.

Surviving in addition to the son are four daughters, Mrs. Walter Young of Hudson, Miss Sallie Simmons and Mrs. Robert Gregory of Marion, and Mrs. Harold Gibbs of Rt. 5, Burnsville; and another son, Russell of Asheville; two sisters, Mrs. Laura Westall of Rt. 5, Burnsville and Mrs. Rita Byrd of Asheville; a brother, W. M. Westall of Burnsville; 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Services For Honeycutt Infant

Michael D Honeycutt, six-day-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Honeycutt of Burnsville, died in an Asheville Hospital Tuesday morning.

Services were held at 2:15 p. m. Wednesday in Holcombe Brothers Funeral Home.

The Rev. Dave Z. Jamerson officiated and burial was in the Honeycutt Cemetery.

Surviving in addition to the parents are one brother, Marty, of the home; the maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Seth Honeycutt of Burnsville.

Locals

Mrs. Jeanne Crowsey of Taylorsville is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Proffitt of Burnsville.

Mrs. Rush T. Wray underwent surgery in St. Joseph's Hospital in Asheville this week.

Miss Peggy Jean Huskins will undergo surgery in St. Joseph's Hospital, Asheville this week.

Col. and Mrs. Sam Huskins, Jr. and children of Macon, Ga. are visiting his mother, Mrs. Sam J. Huskins, here this week. Col. Huskins is stationed at Robbins Air Force Base in Macon, Ga. Bill Huskins of the State Highway Patrol Headquarters in Raleigh is also visiting his mother here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Bailey will leave Saturday for Spokane, Washington where they will visit Mrs. Bailey's sister and will also go to Seattle to the World's Fair.

Mrs. Ethel Boone underwent surgery in St. Joseph's Hospital in Asheville this week.

Mr. Clarence Hunter and Mr. Dean Brown of Hampton, Va., are visiting friends and relatives here this week.

E. B. Bailey, Educator, Dies At 60

Erskine B. Bailey, 60, of Green Mountain died Tuesday afternoon in a local hospital after a lengthy illness.

Mr. Bailey was a member of East Yancey High School for the past three years and had taught in Campbell College at Buies Creek. He was principal at several schools, including Mars Hill for seven years, Clearmont High School in Yancey County for 16 years, and Bald Creek for two years.

He was a member of Zion Baptist Church, Burnsville Men's Club, The NCEA and National Education Association. He was a former member of Burnsville Lions Club.

Services were held at 2:30 p. m. today (Thursday) in Zion Baptist Church.

The Rev. Jesse Hughes and the Rev. E. G. Hall officiated. Burial was in Bailey Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Woodrow Anglin, Burl Maney, Lyda Ray, Ford Bailey, Robert Howell, Bruce Phillips, Herbert Allen, Bobby Thomas and Janie Tutterow.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Gladys Honeycutt Bailey; three daughters, Mrs. Lee Wallace of Green Mountain, Mrs. Hershey Higgs of Burgaw and Mrs. Robert Bengston of Asheville; four sons, Edward of Pasadena, Tex., Earl of Smyrna, Ga., Claude of Burnsville and John Bailey of Green Mountain; the mother, Mrs. D. C. Bailey of Green Mountain; one sister, Mrs. Everett Johnson of Green Mountain; two brothers, Yates Bailey of Bald Creek, and N. G. Bailey of Garden City, N. Y.; and 10 grandchildren.

Boone Completes Summer Training With Marine Corps

Daniel Boone's son has just completed two weeks of annual summer training with the Marine Corps Reserve at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

He commented before his departure that he had "really enjoyed summer camp" and that he was "really impressed with the base."

These words were spoken by Gary Carroll Boone, a seventh generation descendant of one of America's most legendary figures, Daniel Boone.

Gary is a rifleman with the rank of private in the 57th Rifle company Organized Marine Corps Reserve, Greenville, South Carolina. The unit, 130 men strong, completed two weeks of annual summer training at this vast Marine base today.

As a civilian, Gary lives with his family and is a blacksmith by trade in his home town of Burnsville, N. C.

"Blacksmithing has been in the family since the days of the first Boone," Gary commented. "My father, Daniel, runs the shop now but when and if he retires I plan to follow in his footsteps and carry on the family tradition."

Gary started helling his father in the shop when he was 13 years old. His father, who started when he was 16, has been a smithy for 47 years.

"To my knowledge there are only 13 blacksmiths in the country," Gary stated. "I mean real smithys — ones that use a furnace, make their own horse shoes and forge the materials they use."

My father and I order our steel and melt and shape the metal to fit the job at hand," he said. Gary, related that while a young man, his father, then a corporal in the U. S. Cavalry, shod 7,000 horses. "And during World War II," Gary continued, "My father made more than 11,000 hunting knives for sportman and servicemen alike."

Gary explained that the knives were made upon special order and that only the best Swedish tool steel was used in their manufacture.

"Dad still makes knives upon request," Gary says, "the detail going into each knife determining its cost."

Gary was born in Burnsville, N. C., (pop. 1,341) 20 years ago on April 11, 1942 and is one of six children. He recalls how as a child his father would prop him up on his knee, bring out the family scrapbook and tell him bedtime stories about the "Greatest frontiersman of them all."

Gary graduated from East Yancey High School here his favorite subject was — yes, you guessed it — American history. "I enjoyed reading about those early days and of course about Daniel," Gary said. "My classmates knew I was related to Daniel Boone but after awhile forgot it. I guess and I resumed being a regular person to them."

Burnsville, N. C., is located some 400 miles from Camp Lejeune, and the town Boone, N. C., named after Daniel Boone, is approximately 60 miles across the mountains from Burnsville.

When this reporter asked Gary why his family lived in Burnsville rather than Boone, N. C., he replied, "I don't know. I was born in Burnsville, my family lives there and there we will stay, I guess."

Gary enjoys working with his hands and his hobbies include anything that can be put together. "Just sort of a handyman?" I asked. "That's right," he replied. He also enjoys hunting squirrels and rabbits near his Smoky Mountain home. This raised the question of just how good a shot he was.

"As far as the Marine Corps is concerned," Gary said, "they aren't losing any sleep over my breaking any records. I have a

Memorial Collection Receives New Additions

The Memorial Collection in the Yancey County Public Library which honors the late Mrs. J. Frank Huskins has received several additions this week. Two sisters of Mrs. Huskins, Mrs. R. V. Day and Mrs. Harmie Briggs, have given the following fine books of prose and poetry: the classic "The Black Arrow" and "Treasure Island" by Robert Lewis Stevenson, "Adam Bede" by George Elliot, "Tess of The D'Urbervilles" by Thomas Hardy, and "Sense and Sensibility" by Jane Austen; as well as these standard collections of poetry: The Complete Poetical Works of Oliver Wendell Holmes, The Portable Emerson, The Oxford Book of English Verse, and The Complete Tales and Poems of Edgar Allan Poe. The memorial collection has been planned and established by Judge J. Frank Huskins. It is already enriching the county library and will mean much to both young and old readers of the county. Books and recordings in the collection will be available for regular lending after July 1. As other donors and titles will be announced.

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Film Sponsored By Friends Of Library Shown June 28

A film sponsored by the Yancey County Friends of the Library will be shown at the library in Burnsville on Thursday evening, June 28th at 8 p. m.

The film, EGYPT AND ISRAEL is a report by Edward R. Murrow on the Arab-Israeli dispute. It begins with a brief review of the geography of the region, then shows the historical, political and cultural heritage of the nations. People from all walks of life - from Arab refugees and Israeli farmers to national leaders are interviewed for their views. The film is 90 minutes long and was made in 1955, but still provides the basic information for understanding the great undersolved conflict of the Middle East.

In view of the length of the film, the Friends of the Library have planned a break between reels for refreshments. The public is invited to attend this film in the study-discussion series.

Little difficulty shooting with sights that have elevation and windage adjustments. Just give me that 'ole Kentucky windage', he said, "and I'll hit what I'm aimin' at."

The conversation drifted to the future of the blacksmith profession. I asked Gary what he planned to do if and when horses outgrow their need for shoes.

"Oh, shoeing horses is really incidental now," he replied. "We shoe an occasional riding horse or farm mule, but the biggest call for blacksmithing comes from people interested in having furniture made."

"Furniture"? I said inquisitively.

"Yes". He answered. "Wrought iron furniture for patio use, wrought iron lamps and wrought iron gates and hinges are our biggest work orders at the present."

"And", I added, "A little safer than shoeing mules, I would imagine."

"Well, I've only been kicked once", Gary stated. "And that was by a mule. They're harder to shoe because they're so jumpy and quick-tempered."

"Well, I guess that about does it", I said. "I have all the information I need". I thanked Gary for his time, we shook hands and "Crunch"! Darned if he didn't leave his brand on me.

Rev. Finley To Be Installed as Pastor Here

The Rev. Woodard Nelson Finley, and wife, will arrive in Burnsville on June 27th to assume his



REV. WOODARD N. FINLEY, duties as pastor of the Presbyterian church here.

Mr. Finley who graduated at

Louisville Presbyterian Seminary, Louisville, Ky. this June has accepted a call from the Burnsville Presbyterian Church and will be installed as pastor at a service in the church at 7:30 p. m. Sunday, July 1st.

Rev. Finley is the grandson of the late Dr. Woodard E. Finley, who was at one time Principal of the Stanley McCormick School and pastor of the Burnsville Presbyterian Church. He is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. Ted Finley, missionaries in Xocenpich, Yucatan, Mexico.

Rev. Finley received his high school education at Polytechnic High School, Riverside, California and Warren Wilson College, Swannanoa. In 1956 he received his AA degree from Warren Wilson College where he was President of the Men's Student Government. In 1958 he received a B. A. degree from Guilford College, where he also served as president of Men's Student Government.

His four years of seminary training has been at Louisville Presbyterian Seminary where he received his bachelor's degree. While there he served as Vice Moderator of the Student Body. He has served his ministerial internship in the First Presbyterian Church of St. Joseph, Missouri. For seven summers he served as counselor in summer camps in New York, Colorado and North Carolina.

During the summer of 1959 he did field research in West Virginia for the Southern Appalachian Studies. In August, 1959, Rev. Finley was married to Miss Barbara Coreen Case of Charlotte, North Carolina, who is also a graduate of Warren Wilson and Guilford Colleges.

A cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend the installation service at the Presbyterian Church on the evening of July 1st.

Faye Harris Wins Teachers Contest

Miss Faye Harris, second grade teacher of Harris Elementary School, Spruce Pine, formerly of Yancey County won first place in the 1962 Silver Bear Teachers Contest. This entitles Miss Harris to a three-day expense paid trip to New York. The contest is sponsored by the Silver Bear Manufacturing Company of paper school supplies.

Miss Harris plans to go to New York for the 3 day all expense paid trip the latter part of June. She is the second teacher from Harris Elementary School to win this trip. Mrs. Tillie Brooks won several years ago.

Mrs. McCurry Celebrates Birthday

On Sunday, June 10, Mrs. Demmie McCurry of Micaville celebrated her 76th birthday by attending a picnic dinner given in her honor at the Carolina Hemlock picnic grounds. The occasion was arranged and sponsored by her close relatives and friends.

Those attending included Mr. and Mrs. Guy McCurry of Micaville, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon McCurry of Asheville, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mayberry and family of Celso, Miss Tina Byrd of Appalachian State Teachers College, Boone, Mr. and Mrs. Brant Chrisawn, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sherertz and son of Micaville.

BLOODSHED BOXSCORE ON N.C. HIGHWAYS

RALEIGH — The Motor Vehicle Department's summary of traffic deaths through 10 A. M. Monday, June 18, 1962:

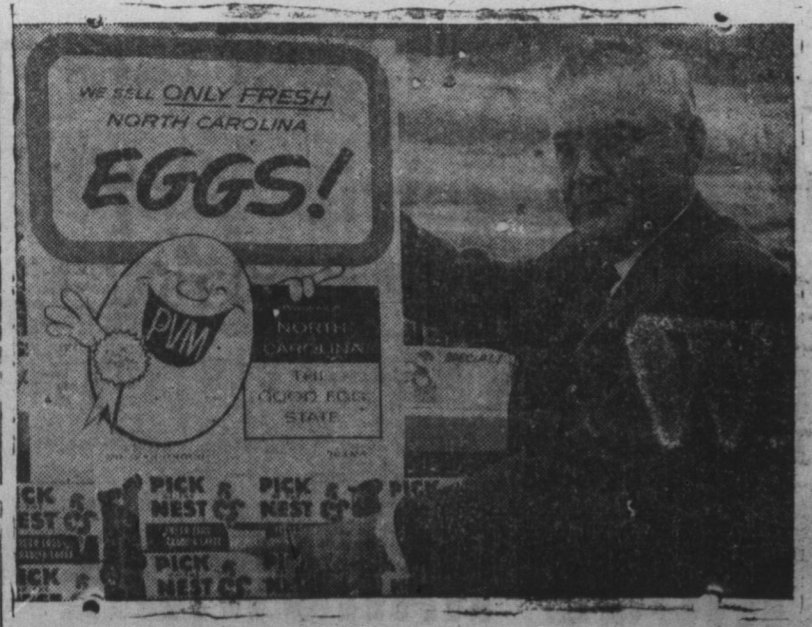
KILLED TO DATE 512

KILLED To Date Last Year 484

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YOU'LL HAVE TO WAIT, ELMER — says Marine Corps Reserve Private Gary Carroll Boone of Burnsville, North Carolina, as he takes time out from his regular occupation as a blacksmith to "shoe" a "mechanical mule" while fulfilling two weeks annual summer training with his ready Reserve unit at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. Boone, a member of the 57th Rifle Company, Greenville, S. C., is a seventh generation direct descendent of frontiersman Daniel Boone. (OFFICIAL U. S. MARINE CORPS PHOTO BY SGT. P. T. CUMMINGS)



NORTH CAROLINA EGGS ONLY... Steve Wilson, produce merchandiser and dairy buyer for Colonial Stores, holds the permanent display sign to be placed over the refrigerated egg case in each of the seventy-nine Colonial Stores in North Carolina. The signs supplied by the North Carolina Egg Marketing Association call attention to the fact that this large chain sells only eggs produced in North Carolina.