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FAMED VISITOR



The Hon. Earl Lloyd George, son of the late David Lloyd George, England's famed prime minister in the first world war, arrives in New York from Europe aboard the S. S. New Amsterdam.

NCEA MEETS NEXT FRIDAY

Teachers' Program Sponsored by Health Dept.; Movie Featured.

The local unit of the North Carolina Education Association will meet Friday February 27th, at 2 o'clock in the high school auditorium.

The program, sponsored by the health department, will feature a film produced by the Public health service in North Carolina and all the characters are residents of the State. The title of the film is "Mr. Williams Wake Up."

University For Scouts Planned

Dr. D. J. Whittener, leadership training chairman of the Watauga District, Boy Scouts of America, announced plans are now being formulated for a University for training Scouting and prospective Scouting in the operation of the Scouting program. These training sessions are to begin March 7.

Three training courses will be given:

1. Basic Scout Leaders

The immediate objective of this course is to train adult leaders to train their junior leaders to share in planning and conducting their activities, judging the results and revising their program in the light of their experience. The ultimate objective is to produce self-reliant, socially minded, resourceful citizens. The Scout Troop Program is not man dominated, nor is it the work of a boy gang running wild. It is a cooperative enterprise of boy groups activity under adult leadership.

Instructional methods include reading in the handbook, discussions, demonstrations, dramatizations, the play way of teaching, and projects for individuals and groups.

2. Advanced Scout Leaders

The purpose of this course is to give experienced leaders who have had the above training an advanced program of study in the methods and principles of leadership which will enable them to go on their own indefinitely and do good scouting. This course will be of an advanced nature and will include discussions and projects on boy nature, membership, individual studies on troop observations, problem evaluations and analysis, leadership problems and relationships, and ways and means of achieving the aims and objectives of scouting.

3. Explorer Leaders' Training

The major aims of this course are:

- To reveal to explorer leaders a multitude of program possibilities.
- To teach the fundamental principles of sound leadership of explorer scouting.
- To acquaint course members with "Adventure for Senior Scouts," by means of studying helps.

d. To provide opportunities for explorer leaders to meet with others and exchange ideas. Certificates will be presented to all members who complete the training specified by the training committee.

LIKEWISE, think the townspeople should be required to lay a bit of cash on the line for the lyceum course, which is provided, as is the case elsewhere, from a portion of the students' fees . . . We have enjoyed being their guests on these many occasions, but think we should kick in just a little . . . Perhaps the collegians have a number of projects, which can't come under administrative expenses, but which need a little financial encouragement.

FULLER SAMS, owner of the Appalachian Theatre and a number of other playhouses in various sections of the State, drops (Continued on page 4)

BAND CONCERT IS SLATED FOR THIS EVENING

Gordon Nash and Appalachian High School Band Will Appear in Concert on Occasion of Tenth Anniversary Of Band; The Program.

The Appalachian High School band in celebrating its tenth anniversary will present concert in the high school auditorium on Thursday evening at 8 o'clock.

Prior to the concert Miss Kelley and the home economics students are serving a dinner for the benefit of the band. Everyone is cordially invited to both the supper and the concert. There is no admission charge to the concert.

The program for the concert is as follows:

March "Invercargill" by Lithgow; "Coronation" by Shornicka; "Bravada" by Curzou; "Bells Across the Meadows" by Ketelby; "In a Chinese Temple Garden" by Ketelby; "Morning, Noon and Night In Vienna" by von Suppe; Overture to the "Barber of Seville" by Rossini; "The Highlander" March by Nash.

W. B. York, Jr. will play a clarinet solo, "Autumn Caprice" by Johnson, and Harry Farthing will play a baritone solo, "Jupiter" by Goldman.

College Joins National Group

Atlantic City, N. J., February 22.—In what was acclaimed today as a milestone in the history of American education, the three leading national teacher organizations began functioning as a single unified, unified organization to be known as the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education.

Among the 260 colleges and universities affected by the merger is the Appalachian State Teachers College of Boone, N. C., which is represented in the new Association by Dr. B. B. Dougherty, the President of the institution.

Officials estimated that 75 percent of all teachers entering the profession will be prepared by colleges in the new association which will expand services formerly carried on by the American Association of Teachers Colleges, the national Association of Colleges and Departments of Education, and the National Association of Teacher Education Institutions in Metropolitan Districts.

The new organization, which will operate as a department of the National Education Association, will be headed by Dr. Walter E. Hager, president of Wilson Teachers College, Washington, D. C. The newly-elected vice-president of the united organization is Dr. William S. Taylor, the Dean of the College of Education University of Kentucky.

"This merger of all the nation organizations of institutions whose primary interest is in teacher education is another important step in the improvement of the education profession," Dr. George W. Diemer, president of Central Missouri State College, Warrensburg, declared. "These institutions will now have an overall national organization in which they can work together."

New standards are to be initiated for the preparation of teachers, Dr. Diemer, who was president during the past year of the American Association of Teachers Colleges, emphasized.

Last Rites Are Held For Floyd McNeil

Mr. Floyd McNeil, 70, of the Rutherford community died Thursday morning at the Watauga hospital following a week's illness.

Funeral services were conducted at the Rutherford Baptist Church Saturday at 1:00 p. m. by Rev. W. D. Ashely and Rev. Moretz and interment was in the Rutherford cemetery.

Surviving are the wife Mrs. Violine Winkler McNeil and one daughter, Malissie McNeil. Two brothers, Bymun and Ethel McNeil of Jonesboro, Tenn. Three sisters, Mrs. Fannie Watson of West Jefferson, Mrs. L. F. Greene and Mrs. Sallie Ford of Jonesboro, Tenn.

Turkey production in 1948 will be another profitable year for those farmers using efficient production methods. (Continued on page 4)

LOCAL BAND IN TENTH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT



Gordon Nash's Appalachian High School Band, which will appear in concert Thursday evening at 8 o'clock at the high school auditorium on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of its founding. The picture was taken some time ago when the band was on parade through the town.

FOURTEEN END COLLEGE WORK

Seniors Finish Work on Bachelor's Degree; To Get Diplomas Later.

Boone — Fourteen seniors at Appalachian State Teachers college will have completed all necessary work for bachelor of science degrees by Feb. 27, the end of the winter quarter. These students will be available for positions immediately, but will not receive degrees officially until formal graduation exercises are held at the end of the spring quarter.

Comprehensive examinations have been taken by all the prospective graduates in their major fields. This is one requirement of graduation at Appalachian.

Of the 14 seniors, only one is a grammar grade major. The others are high school majors, being fairly evenly divided among the fields of physical education, history, mathematics, English, home economics, business education, and science.

Following is a list of the prospective graduates classified as to their majors: physical education and history, C. W. Aldridge, Boone; Julian Holbrook, Charlotte. Mathematics and physical education, Tom Beach, Boone; Lewis Burcham, Elkin, Science and social sciences, J. M. Panetti, Jr., Charlotte.

Grammar grade, Glenn Burtnette, English, Home economics and science, Alene Bowen, Germanton. Business education and history, Wanda Chaney, Monroe; Cleo White, Statesville. Mathematics and science, Margaret Ferguson, Clyde; William D. Robertson, Boone. Science and physical education, Verlin Hutchinson, Boone. English and history, Richard Pierce, Mooresville; Mary Louise Young, Celina.

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Tri-County Cage Tourney to Start

The Appalachian High School Athletic Association basketball tournament will get under way at the college gymnasium Wednesday, March 3, and continue through March 5. The following high schools have entered both boys' and girls' teams:

Watauga county: Appalachian High School, Bethel, Blowing Rock, Cove Creek.

Avery county: Elkland, Fleetwood, West Jefferson, Jefferson, Nathans Creek, Virginia-Carolina, Riverview, Healing Springs, Lansing.

The first games will be played Wednesday at 1:00 when the W. Jefferson boys open with Bethel; at 2:00 the Virginia-Carolina girls meet the Bethel girls.

The following officials have been selected for the tournament: Asa Reese, Barney Oldfield, John Bingham, Lott Mayberry, John Hollar and Melvin Ruggles.

Awards will be made to both boys and girls first and second place teams. A gold basketball is to be awarded to all-tournament teams. A sportsmanship trophy will be awarded by the Stallings Jewelry Store.

Cigarettes accounted for nearly 75 per cent of all tobacco used in 1943-47 compared with around 40 per cent in 1925-29.

ARAB LEADER



GOP LEADERS HEAR SHORT

Missouri Congressman Speaks At Lincoln Day Dinner Last Saturday.

Winston-Salem, February 22.—Comparing the European aid program to WPA, Representative Dewey Short of Missouri told North Carolina Republicans last night that the United States needed assurance that the funds sent abroad would not be diverted to uses injurious to this nation.

"If we are actually going to feed and clothe the world," he said in an address at the Lincoln Day Dinner, "we must have assurance that our aid will not be diverted into dangerous channels, will not be diverted by the Russians, as it was under UNRRA and UNRRA would not be diverted to Russia's satellite nations as coming from her."

The speaker was introduced by Col. Charles R. Jonas of Lincolnton as "one of the fightiest Republicans in Congress."

Representative Short attributed the nation's greatness to its Christianity, its Republican form of government, and its fundamental economic philosophy of competition in a system of free enterprise.

"America is the only country left on the face of the earth where a man can live a decent life and where his virtues and merits will be recognized no matter what his position is," he said. "It is to the everlasting credit of Washington and Lincoln that they tried to pull up one-third without trying to pull down the two-thirds."

He said that the Republican Congress had reduced the number of Federal employees from three and one-half million to two million, and added, "We haven't so much money because there are still some people in Washington who believe in giving money away."

AAA Office To Have 5-Day Week

Due to a change in the policy for a five-day work week for county agricultural conservation employees, the county AAA committee has received authorization from the Washington office for the county AAA office to close every Saturday beginning March 6, 1948.

Daily hours thereafter, Monday through Friday, will be 8:00 a. m. to 12 noon, 12:30 p. m. to 4:30 p. m.

Jonathan Norris Succumbs at Age 89

Jonathan Norris, 89 years old, resident of Boone Route 2, died there February 24th, after a long illness.

Funeral services were conducted last Thursday at 2 o'clock at the Mead Camp Baptist Church. Rev. R. C. Eggers was in charge of the rites and burial was in the church cemetery.

Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. Avery W. Greene, of Boone, and one brother, Milton Norris, Medford, Oregon.

Rise in trade with India is seen by American Export official.

RED CROSS TO START DRIVE NEXT MONDAY

Quota for Watauga County is Set at \$1886.00; Dr. W. G. Bond is Named Chairman For Town of Boone; Names Of Canvassers Released.

Plans have been completed for launching the annual Red Cross campaign on March 1, for funds with which to carry on the work of the local and the National Red Cross. The 1948 quota for Watauga County is set at \$1886.00.

Dr. W. G. Bond has been named chairman for the town of Boone, and in announcing the names of the canvassers, he issues the following statement:

"Continuing a precedent set up through the years in Boone, volunteers have graciously accepted the task of canvassing the town in the interest of the annual Red Cross Roll Call. The canvassers will complete their work during the period March 1st-6th."

The names of the local workers follow:

Mrs. Thelma Dent, Town Hall; Mrs. Paul A. Coffey, King and Green St.; Mrs. Bea Crawford, Donald Thompson, Boone Elementary School; Guy Hunt, Hardware Department Store; Dr. C. H. Mock, Carolina Pharmacy; A. C. Price, Daniel Boone Hotel; Mrs. R. D. Hodges, Jr., County Building; John Wellborn, College Cafeteria; C. C. Wilcox, Wilcox Drug; Alfred Adams, Bank building; J. Edgar Brown, Post Office; Georgia Ayers Colvard's, G. D. Barnett, Barnett Motor; S. G. Tugman, Hagan Hardware; Mrs. S. G. Tugman, Cherry Park; J. W. Beale, Appalachian Theater; Fred Gragg, Court House; Mrs. Wiley Smith, Faculty St.; Clyde R. Greene, Farmers Hardware & Supply Co.; Lloyd Isaacs, Depot St. (business); Mrs. Carl Day, Depot St. (residents); E. Ford King, State Highway; Mr. Ned Norris, Water St.; Mrs. Ralph Green, Sherriff's Office; Jack Hodges, Green Heights; Mrs. James Marsh, Blowing Rock Rd.; Miss Mildred Templeton, Blowing Rock Rd.; Wade Brown, Business houses.

Parkway Fishing Regulations Cited

The following information regarding fishing on the Blue Ridge Parkway area have been released by Mr. Sam P. Weems, parkway superintendent:

The open season for fishing in streams within the boundaries of the Parkway shall be the same as that prescribed for the State within which the stream lies. Fishing is permitted only between sunrise and sunset of the same day.

The legal length of all fish and the daily catch or creel limit, of such fish shall be in conformance with the laws of the State within which the fish are caught.

No special license or permit is required, but all fishermen must possess necessary State or County licenses required for the area in which the stream is located.

The possession of live or dead minnows, chubs, or other bait fish, or the use thereof as bait, is prohibited. The digging of worms for bait within the Parkway is prohibited.

Police To War On Stray Dogs

Chief of police Verne Greene says that something must be done about the packs of stray dogs which are daily wandering over the community, and respectfully asks that owners of canines here keep their pets on their own premises, or they will be destroyed.

A number of complaints have reached the department as to the depredations of these wandering dogs, and Chief Greene says he expects to remedy the situation.

Union Service To Aid Relief

The monthly Union Service on next Sunday the 29th, will be for the benefit of the overseas clothing relief.

A movie, "This Road We Walk" will be shown, and a special offering taken for shipping the clothing collected last Friday morning.

The service will be held at the Presbyterian Church at 7:30 p. m.