Arthur A. Mast

Dies At Age 68
Arthur Andrew Mast died April 28 at his home in Valle Crucis at the age of 38.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Friday April 30, at the Valle Crucis Methodist Church, conducted by the Rev. N. C. Bush. Buiral was in the Mast old Songer officiating at the rites.

Vance Presnell **Funeral Is Held**

Vance Mills Presnell, of Sher-wood, died April 30 in Watauga Hospital. He was 62 years of age.

Surviving are his widow, a son, Arnold, of Alameda, Calif.; a daughter, Mrs. Grace Cleaver, Laurie, Bristol, Pa.; Gray, Oceanwaterman, Ill.; and three sisters, Mrs. Stella Dunn, Green Acres, Wash.; Mrs. Essie Clark, Valle Crucis; and Mrs. Lena Reddick, Valle Crucis; and Mrs. Lena Reddick, Valle Crucis; and Mrs. Lena Reddick, Valle Crucis. six grandchildren.

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Elementary Students To Observe May Day

The students of Appalachian elementary school will hold their anual May Day exercises at the College gymnasium Wednesday Gerald Fletcher on Wednesday May 12 at 1:30.

Betty Cooke will resign as Queen of the May, and the topic for the program will be "May Day in the South." Susie Yates will be maid of honor and the attendants will be: third grade, Mary Byrd; fourth grade, Ann Edmisten; fifth grade Wanda

Dances will be presented by nembers of each grade, tumblers will perform from the sixth grade and the May pole dance will feature six girls. Marjorie Reynolds, Pricilla Hampton and Mary Rose Hagaman will appear in toe dance numbers.

The crown bearer will be Ralph Beshears, and the flower girls will be Marie Erneston and

Melba Edwards. Mrs. Cottrell's First Grade

Judy Rayfield spent last week end in Wilmington. She gave an interesting report of her trip and showed some souveniers from the sea shore during "Show and Tell" on Monday afternoon.

Larry Triplett went to Taylors-

ville last Sunday. Larry Hayes and Doris Cornette were absent a few days due to illness.

Billy Brewer visited in North

Wilkesboro last Sunday.
Linda Hollingsworth and Steve Cannon continue to have perfect

attendance records. Mrs. Nash's Fifth Grade Benny Austin brought an early Edison phonograph to school this week. This old Edison plays cylindrical records and is hand wound. Many students were

Potato Acreage Hits New Low

Raleigh - Reports from Tar Heel farmers indicate intentions to plant a total of 40,000 acres of Irish potatoes this year. According to the records of the North Carolina Crop Reporting Service, this would be the smallest acreage for "all" Irish potatoes since 1921 when 38,000 acres were harvested. Compared to last year, the currently intended acreage is 13 percent less than the 46,000 acres harvested in 1953 and 58 percent less than the 1943-52 average of 69,000 acres.

The commercial early crop with an expected decrease of 4,500 acres (from 19,500 in 1953 to a prospective 15,000 this year) has accounted for the major portion of the "all" potato decline.

ed it for several other grades. He was assisted by Olin Swift and Gerald Fletcher on Wednesday and on Thursday and Friday by Tony Cornett and Jerry Fletcher, Larry Lancaster and Johnny Richards.

Phyllis Bentley has had per

Open House At Art Department

In conjunction with the Physical Education Department, the Art Department of Appalachian College will hold an open house exhibit immediately following the May Day exercises Saturday

Projects done by majors in the fields of home economics, grammar grade and primary education will be on display.

The exhibit will open also on Sunday afternoon from 3 to 5:30 and all day Monday until 9 p. m The public is invited.

Parlier Child Dies Saturday

Larry Wayne Parlier, five months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Haden Parlier died Saturday.

Funeral services were conducted Monday at 2 o'clock at'the Bethel Fairview Methodist Church by the pastor, Rev. C. R. McKinney, assisted by Rev. Will Cook and Mr. Charlie Taylor. Burial was in Bethel cemetery.

Surviving are the parents, one sister, Janis Gayle of the home.

The cost of producing milk in North Carolina can be greatly reduced by feeding more roughage

Commercial slaughter of cattle, calves, sheep, lambs and hogs in North Carolina during February totaled 21,031,000 pounds liveweight, the highest on record for

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The furniture of today is comfortable and sturdy. The pieces are usually related but not matching. Lighter colored woods are replacing the dark-toned woods of the past because they are less prone to show marks and dust.

est use of what they have. Combinations of furniture are interesting and individual and can be tied together with color.

make a cented of interest if you have not the ready-made note of 38,300 last year. a fireplace. There are various ways to do this. One of the best is a sofa grouping, either in con- creased in value 5 per cent since

There must be "uprights" in decorating. The mantel-piece is an upright. This makes the horizontal lines of a sofa or chairs form a pleasant composition. Place a picture or group of pictures and the picture of the street was a sofa to sink them. tures above a sofa to give the upright line.

Often a large, tall piece of fur-niture, flanked by pictures, can be made into the center of interest of a room. A secretary, or a

Traffic Deaths

traffic accident, on the average, People are learning to make the once every 8 hours, a study by the Motor Vehicles Department reveals.

The 1953 traffic death toll in our state reached 1,118, or three more than the previous year. a decorating problem. It need not be so, however. The point is to make a cented of interest if

California farm land has denection with a group of windows 1947-49, while North Carolina or with an upright wall decora- farm land has increased in value 36 per cent.

The United States winter wheat crop is estimated at 678 million bushels, 23 per cent smaller than the 1953 crop.

Feed costs make up between 35 and 60 per cent of operating a dairy herd in North



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