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Holy Week Services Are To Be Held By Fourteen Churches

Simultaneous Holy Week services have been planned by the Watauga Ministerial Association in fourteen churches, starting Monday evening and reaching a climax with the annual Easter sunrise service which will be held at the outdoor theatre.

All services will be held at 7:30 p. m. with the exception of the noon community services which will be held at the Appalachian Theatre 12:25-12:55, Monday through Friday.

Chapel services will be held daily at Appalachian College at 10 o'clock, while Good Friday services will be held in each of the public schools of the county.

Following is the complete schedule of services for the week:

The schedule and plans for the programs are listed below. All evening services begin at 7:30 o'clock.

Noon-time community services will be held daily, Monday through Friday at 12:25 to 12:55, in the Appalachian Theatre.

Friday at 12:25 to 12:55, in the Appalachian Theatre. Chapel services will be held at the College at 10:00 a. m.

Good Friday chapel services will be held at each of the schools in Watauga county.

Boone Methodist Church: Dr. J. G. Huggins, Jr., superintendent of the Gastonia District of the Methodist Church, will be speaker Sunday morning and Sunday through Wednesday evening. Maundy Thursday Holy Communion will be held Thursday at 6:30 and 7:30. A Good Friday service will be conducted by the pastor.

Boone Baptist: Worship and visitation services except Wednesday, when regular Wednesday family services will be held.

Boone Baptist Mission: Visitation Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday night, evangelistic services Thursday through Saturday.

Boone Advent Christian Church: Monday and Tuesday evenings, the Rev. J. Ronald Schoolcraft, Hickory, preacher; Thursday, the Rev. A. C. Kiser, Lenoir, preacher; Wednesday and Friday evening services by the pastor, the Rev. George A. Arthur.

Boone Presbyterian Church: (All evening services) Sunday, Dr. Fletcher Nelson, president Lees-McRae College, Banner Elk; Monday, the Rev. Dan Thomas, pastor Banner Elk Presbyterian Church; Tuesday, the Rev. Earl M. Miller, Jr., pastor Crossnore Presbyterian Church; Wednesday, "The Seven Last Words," by the choir and the College Orchestra; Thursday, Communion Service, Dr. Joseph H. Carter, professor of Bible at Lees-McRae College; Friday, the Rev. J. Kenton Parker, Mt. Mourne, pastor Centre Presbyterian Church, father of J. K. Parker, Jr., of the local church.

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James Storie Named To Board Of School Group



JAMES M. STORIE

James M. Storie, principal of Blowing Rock School, was appointed to the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Education Association on March 30.

Mr. Storie will fill the vacancy created when Glenn Robertson of Surry County was elected vice-president of the NCEA one year before his term as director expired.

This appointment is a signal honor for Watauga County, as the director for the Northwestern District is usually chosen from other sections of the district.

The 11-member Board of Directors is composed of the president of the NCEA, Rosalie Andrews of Charlotte; the vice-president, Glenn Robertson; the immediate past president, O. P. Johnson of Duplin County; state superintendent of instruction, Dr. Charles F. Carroll; National Education Association director, Earl C. Funderburk of Asheville; and one director from each of the six districts into which the state is divided.

Mr. Storie, a native of Watauga County, received his bachelor's and master's degrees from Appalachian State Teachers College. He will complete the course work for his doctorate in education this summer at the University of Denver in Colorado.

Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Caudill were Mr. and Mrs. Rex Kilby and daughter Ann of North Wilkesboro.

Lennie Lee Trivette Is Killed By Truck

Lennie Lee Trivette, seven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Trivette of Sugar Grove, died in Watauga Hospital Sunday of injuries sustained when he was struck by a pickup truck eight miles west of Boone last Friday.

The Sheriff's office said that the child darted into the path of the truck being driven by Donald Lee Hagaman of Beech Creek. The

child suffered a brain concussion and a fractured leg, it was said. The Sheriff said no charges were brought against Mr. Hagaman.

Surviving, besides the parents, are two sisters, Fay and Mae Trivette, and two brothers, Benny and Wayne Trivette.

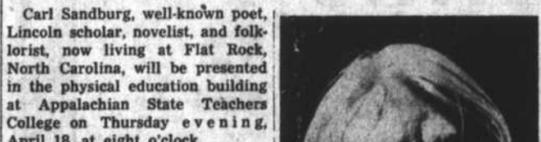
Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock Monday at Antioch Baptist Church. Burial was in the Glenn cemetery.



FLOOD DAMAGE.—The dam of Mystery Hill Lake gave way to the 4.68 inches of rain which fell in the county last week. The dam went out sometime Thursday night. W. F. Hudson, owner of the lake, stated that it was the cement part of the dam, in the channel, which gave way, while the earthen part on the sides, were left standing.—Staff photo by Joe Minor.

Torrential Rains Damage Highways, Wash Out Dam

Carl Sandburg, Noted Poet, To Appear Here



CARL SANDBURG

Carl Sandburg, well-known poet, Lincoln scholar, novelist, and folklorist, now living at Flat Rock, North Carolina, will be presented in the physical education building at Appalachian State Teachers College on Thursday evening, April 18, at eight o'clock.

Mr. Sandburg, son of Swedish immigrant parents, was born in Illinois. As a young man, he worked at various jobs in order to help support the family and pay his way through school. He drove a milk wagon, worked in a barber shop, a tinsmith shop, a pottery shop, and a bottling works. He harvested ice during winter in Illinois and wheat in Kansas. He was a dishwasher in restaurants in several western cities. His experiences equipped him to be the poet of industrial America.

Returning from the Spanish-American War, Sandburg entered Lombard College in Galesburg, where he worked his way through, but found time to edit the college paper and captain the basketball team. After graduating from college, he worked as a salesman, a fireman, an advertising manager for a department store, secretary to the mayor of Milwaukee, a pamphleteer and a newspaper man.

At the age of thirty-six, Mr. Sandburg submitted a group of poems to "Poetry" magazine. Among his poems was the famous "Chicago," which was awarded the Levinson prize. His first book, "Chicago Poems," appeared a year later. He was immediately hailed as one of America's greatest poets.

He has written more than thirty books, each adding to his stature as an American writer. Mr. Sandburg's program at A. S. T. C. will consist of poetry and (Continued on page two.)

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The heavy rains of last week brought back memories of the 1940 flood to many residents of Watauga county. In the 24 hour period of April 4-5 a total of 4.68 inches of water was recorded as having fell in Boone. While this amount was not recorded in all sections of Watauga, the rainfall was the heaviest in several years.

Damage to roads and highways was heavy, and farmers, particularly those in the low lands suffered heavy damage.

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Site For New Plant Located In Boone

School Board Elects Davant Chairman

Charles McConnel Succumbs Monday

Charles Burgess McConnel, 56, of Vilas, veteran State Highway Commission employee, died at Watauga Hospital Monday morning.

Mr. McConnel suffered a heart attack Sunday. Until that time he had been in his usual good health. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday at 2 o'clock from the Henson's Chapel Methodist Church, Sherwood. The Rev. Ted White, pastor, and the Rev. N. C. Bush, former pastor, conducted the rites. Burial was in the Glenn cemetery at Sugar Grove.

Mr. McConnel had been a mechanic for the State Highway for twenty-five years.

Surviving are the widow, two sons and three daughters: James and Joe McConnel of Cleveland, Ohio; Mrs. Georgia Bingham, Johnson City, Tenn.; Mrs. Margaret Watson, Deep Gap; Mrs. Louise Peeks, Sherwood. One brother, J. C. McConnel, of Boone, survives, and one sister, Mrs. Bertie Lee Henson of Reese. There are eleven grandchildren.

Bill Provides Purchase Of Horn Land By Town

A bill authorizing the town of Boone to proceed with the purchase of thirty-five acres of land, known as the Horn in the West property, has been introduced in the House of Representatives by Representative S. C. Eggers, on request of the city council.

Some time ago the city had agreed to purchase the property to provide a permanent home for Horn in the West, and for park and recreational purposes, but after action had been taken it was found that an enabling act was necessary before the deal could be consummated.

Under the proposal the property is being purchased from James B. Winkler and wife for \$105,000, payable \$3,500 on delivery of deed, and \$3,500 annually for 29 years. A deed of trust would be executed to secure payment.

Dr. Charles Davant, Jr., Dr. D. J. Whitener and H. W. Mast, Jr., were reelected as members of the Watauga County Board of Education by the State Legislature and have been sworn in for another two-year term.

At the reorganization meeting, Dr. Davant was reelected chairman, while W. Guy Angell, Superintendent of schools, was reelected for another two-year term, beginning July 1, 1957. Other appointments made include Mrs. Dessa Mae Edmisten, County School Supervisor; Mrs. Ruth H. McConnell, Bookkeeper, and Mrs. Patsy S. Miller, Secretary.

In accordance with the staggered term of office of local school committeemen, two members of each committee were appointed or re-appointed for another term of office. Listed below are the names of the committeemen for each school; the first two names listed are the appointments made by the Board this year:

Appalachian: Walter Edmisten, Mrs. J. C. Goodnight, R. E. Agle, Alfred Adams, Richard Kelly.

Green Valley: Dayton Winebarger, Walter Lookabill, George Moretz, Woodrow Starnes, Willard Norris.

Parkway: Ernest Sims, Fred Norris, Hayes Wellborn, Clyde Moretz, Clark Miller.

Blowing Rock: Bruce Greene, Justin Coffey, Dr. Walter Keys, Mrs. Carrie Johnson, Daniel Klutz, Velle Crucis; Arlie Hodges, Coy Love, L. F. Townsend, Arthur Welch, W. H. Cook.

Cove Creek: Dave P. Mast, Tom Lawrence, Jake C. Mast, John Herman, Mrs. Mary Harris.

Bethel: Grover Johnson, Lewis Norris, Baker Edmisten, Sanford Creed, Ralph Sherwood.

Mabel: Walter South, Tom Perry, John Combs, Herbert Greer, J. E. Cole.

Elkland: Glenn Howell.

Watauga Consolidated: Rev. A. W. Stowe, Ude Moore, Edward Grimes, Lewis Ray, Robert White.

The Board of Education requested the Superintendent to notify committee members of their appointments and requested that they meet prior to April 15, for the purpose of electing school personnel for the 1957-58 school year.

Two Escapees Still At Large

Two prisoners are still at large after their escape two weeks ago from the Watauga county jail.

Sheriff Hodges says that Ambrose Trivett, son of Link Trivett, formerly of Watauga county, but now of Pennsylvania, and Spencer Trivett of Hickory made their escape by blocking the cell bolt, with chewing gum and paper, so that when the jailer threw the lever, the bolt on the one cell failed to catch. Then when all was quiet in the corridor, they slipped from the building.

Ambrose Trivett was in jail for larceny while Spencer was being held for driving without license, the Sheriff said.

Search Is Started For Miss Watauga Hopefuls

Dan Walton, chairman of the Entries Committee for the Miss Watauga county contest to be held here May 11 in the Boone Demonstration School auditorium, said this week that his group will begin their search immediately for a group of representative local beauty to participate in the pageant.

Assisting Mr. Walton will be Dr. Gene Reese, Ken Schaefer and W. R. Winkler, Jr.

Mr. Walton has requested that every Watauga county resident who knows a personable, beautiful and talented young lady suggest her to the committee.

Winner of the Miss Watauga County pageant will qualify for participation in the Miss North

Carolina contest which will be held in July. The girl crowned Miss North Carolina will compete in Atlantic City for the Miss America 1958 crown and the \$5,000 first prize scholarship.

Members of the entries committee will interview each young lady suggested for a place among the group of Miss Watauga County contestants, and the twelve selected will appear in the finals on May 11.

To be eligible for the Miss Watauga County pageant a contestant must be between the ages of 18 and 28. She must be a high school graduate by September 1, 1957, and must never have been married.

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Edmisten Is Given \$4,000 Scholarship



JOE A. EDMISTEN

Joe A. Edmisten, a native of Boone, has been awarded a \$4000 scholarship by the National Science Foundation to the University of North Carolina, for the academic year, 1957-58.

Mr. Edmisten, a graduate of Appalachian State Teachers' College, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter F. Edmisten of Boone. At present he is living in Chapel Hill, where he is head of the science department of Chapel Hill High School and teaches chemistry and general science. This is his second educational award, since he received a du Pont fellowship to the University of North Carolina last year.

New Telephone System Replaces Last Of The Hand Crankers; Operator Friend Of People

By E. P. HOLMES

March 18th saw the Watauga section of the Skyline Telephone Membership Corporation go into operation with a five-year subscriber figure of 511 and with 271 miles of line to meet the needs in this mountainous country of scenic beauty. With an exchange at Sugar Grove it houses the most up-to-date automatic equipment obtainable. This undertaking has been beset with many drawbacks. Mainly the inrush of new business not anticipated by manufacturers created the delay.

However, Watauga's section is now in operation. There is nowhere in North Carolina that rural telephones are needed more than in Shulls Mills section of Watauga. The Hebron Colony, a rescue mission sponsored by the Presbyterian churches of the state, is after seven years, tied into Boone. Heretofore, the only way to get a long distance message to this isolated locality was to hire a taxi for \$3.00 to carry it from Boone into this place of scenic beauty, and the taxi driver made very little for a sixteen-mile round trip.

Also tied to the outside world is Camp Yonahlossee, a very select camp for some 150 teen age girls from all over North Carolina. Now its greatest drawback is eliminated. It has the latest dial

system of phones.

Added to this is the small hamlet of Valle Crucis (Valley of the Cross) and the Valle Crucis Mission sponsored by the Episcopal Church of the State.

This, too, will meet a great need as it will put a location in communication with the outside world that is so historic in its setting that it is famous for its two creeks that cross—not but one other place on earth is this recorded, and that is in Brittany in Old England. Then Vilas, Cove Creek, Sherwood and Bethel will take on new life with an up-to-date phone system. Added to this in a year or so will be Beech Creek and the Road of Pogy that Richard Chase made famous with his Grandfather Tales.

Absorbed into this Watauga part of the Skyline Telephone Membership Corporation will be the Old Watauga Telephone Company that has operated up and down Cove Creek these many years. Some hundred and a half old time telephones will be replaced by the most up-to-date dial phones obtainable.

Many old time habits will be lost and many up-to-date features will be added.

"No longer has the whole neighborhood the privilege of listening in at one time. When these new REA dial phones ring it is only (Continued on page two.)



MRS. NANNIE SWIFT, who for the past 12 years, has spent the better part of her life taking care of some 175 phones in Watauga County. Last week, after saying "Hello" for over a decade, she said "Goodbye," for the Skyline Telephone Membership Corporation has absorbed her small telephone system. In the past, she has translated for the illiterate, handled death messages, helped put out fires, arranged for choirs at funerals and in her spare hours, brought cheer to the shut-ins.