

# Palmer Blair Scholarship Being Established For Appalachian

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A group of friends of the late Palmer Blair are organizing to carry out a project which he had expressed a desire to start by establishing at Appalachian State

friends about setting up a scholarship at the college. He stated that he wanted to do this because of what the college had meant to him.

The young men forming the organization are all friends, and business associates of Palmer. It is their idea to set the fund up on a "living endowment basis"—that is, each one will contribute a certain amount each year to make the scholarship possible. No solicitation will be made, but other friends of Palmer's are invited to participate in the scholarship. It is the hope of the organizing group that those who contribute this year will do so within the near future, so that the first scholarship may be awarded for the session of 1957-58.

The scholarship will be only for a Watauga county boy or girl. It is felt that there are many high school graduates in Watauga county who do not go on to college because of the lack of funds. This scholarship will make it possible for others to continue. The scholarship will be awarded on the basis of character, citizenship, leadership, and academic ability, with special emphasis upon the qualities of professional ambition and need.

Since the group has not yet formally organized, they have designated James Marsh, of the Northwestern Bank, to be treasurer of the scholarship fund, and any who wish to contribute may send their contributions to Mr. Marsh.

As soon as a formal organization is perfected, a county-wide selection committee will be appointed to make recommendations for boys and girls throughout the county to receive the scholarship. A smaller committee will study carefully all the recommendations made, and will make the final selection of the winning candidate.

Palmer Blair graduated from Appalachian High School in 1939, and from Appalachian State Teachers College in 1945. The following year he did special work at Appalachian. It was while he was at ASTC that he developed the interest in photography which was to become his profession. He was elected senior superlative—most handsome—at the college, was voted "Mr. Appalachian", and was a member of the Student Council. Ever since his graduation from the college he had kept a keen interest in all the happenings on the campus, and had participated in many events over the years. He was a member of the first high school band organized in Boone, and of the first dance band ever to be organized at the college.

He was a member of the Boone Baptist Church, where he also taught Sunday School for a number of years. He held membership also in the Boone Rotary Club, the North Carolina Press Photographers Association, the North Carolina Photographic Association, at the last convention of which he was awarded two second and one third prize for his work. For several years he has worked closely in photography and on the year-books of the high schools in Watauga, Ashe, and Alleghany Counties, at Mountain City, Tennessee, at Pfeiffer College, and at Appalachian State Teachers College.

His business in photography in Boone is being carried on by his widow.

It is felt by the young men who are taking leadership in establishing the scholarship that other young people in the county, who have the same fine qualities that Palmer had, can thus be helped to become citizen-leaders for the county.

Additional information about the scholarship may be obtained from Dr. Gene Reese, Dr. Jack Lawrence, James Marsh, Joe Williams, Carl Greene, Tom Winkler, and John Bingham of Boone, and Olin Goodnight of Newton.

Cash receipts from farm marketings in North Carolina in 1956 amounted to \$950 million.



PALMER BLAIR

Teachers College a scholarship which is to be known as the Palmer Blair Memorial Scholarship.

Palmer had talked within recent months with some of the college officials and with some of his

## Eighth Graders Witness "Easter, The Awakening"

Chapel Hill—Thirty-five eighth grade students of Appalachian Elementary School at Boone witnessed "Easter, the Awakening" at the Morehead Planetarium while on their recent visit to the University of North Carolina here. They were accompanied by Mrs. Eunice Lowman, their teacher, and Miss Ellen Kate Koonce, student teacher from Appalachian State Teachers College.

The children included: Austin Adams, Benny Austin, Marcus Cooke, R. A. Cornette,

Douglas Elrod, Gene Kowell, Ford King, Randy Kircaner, Gene Miller, Butch Parker, Harold Richardson, Jimmy Riggins, Olin Swift, Chester Trivette, Sonny Tugman, Jack VanNoppen, Ronnie Wilson, Glenda Beech, Sylvia Bingham, Pat Brady, Alice Cain, Linda Cline, Mary Hampton, Faye Henderson, Rubye Lane, Barbara Matheson, Barbara McKarher, Priscilla Miller, Joanne Pennell, Marie Roark, Jackie Rogers, Dianna Watkins, Ann West, Geraldine Wilcox, and Beth Wood.

## Social Workers Go To Asheville Meet

Dave P. Mast, superintendent of the Board of Public Welfare for Watauga county, and Mrs. Amelia C. Greer and Mrs. Clea Harmon, social workers, will attend the N. C. Conference for Social Service at Asheville April 28-30, according to Mr. Mast. Mrs. W. M. Matheson may also attend.

The conference will mark its 45th anniversary when it meets, R. Eugene Brown, of Raleigh, president of the conference stated.

A feature of the three-day meeting will be a period honoring two of the founders of the organization: Dr. Clarence Poe of Raleigh, the first president, and Dr. W. S. Rankin of Charlotte, the first secretary-treasurer.

The speaker for the opening session Sunday night will be the Rt. Rev. M. George Henry, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese of Western North Carolina of the Episcopal Church.

"Medical Care in the United States" will be the subject of the first general session on the morning of the second day. The speaker scheduled is Dr. Beatty H. Dimit of Indiana, Pennsylvania, chairman of the Interim Health Committee of the National Grange and a member of the Advisory Committee of the Rural Health Council of the American Medical Society.

Sectional meetings running concurrently until noon Monday and sponsored by the four standing committees of the conference will discuss areas with which these committees have been working during the past year. Subjects include: "Implementing the Bill of Rights for North Carolina's Senior Citizens," "Psychological Exam-

inations for Pre-School Children," "Special Education as a Means of Delinquency Prevention," and "North Carolina Views Chronic Illness."

The conference business meeting is scheduled for the afternoon of the second day. "Medical Care in North Carolina" will be stressed the closing morning.

## Easter Closing Set At College

Appalachian State Teachers College will close at noon, Friday, April 19, for the beginning of Easter holidays. All dormitories on the campus will be closed.

The holidays will end on Tuesday, April 23, when classes begin again at eight o'clock in the morning.

For the remainder of the spring quarter the schedule includes the final examinations for seniors during the week of May 6-11, examinations for underclassmen on May 15 and 16, and commencement exercises at 10:30 a. m. on Friday, May 17.

Extracurricular events on the campus include the following: Carl Sandburg, famous author, to appear under the lyceum series on April 18; May Day exercises, afternoon of May 4; May Day dance, night of May 4. Many of the clubs and other campus organizations are scheduling picnics, and end-of-the-year get-togethers for the final weeks of the session.

Baby chicks require lots of water.

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of spring pastures. Feed some roughage before putting them out to pasture, let them graze only a short time at first, keep a close watch on their condition, and if trouble comes call a veterinarian.

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