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FOURTEEN PAGES—TWO SECTIONS

## Teachers Are Added In County

Authorization has been received by the Watauga County Board of Education to increase the allotment of teachers from 140 to 142 due to the increase in enrollment at the close of the first two weeks of school, it was announced by W. Guy Angell, school superintendent.

Appalachian High School and Green Valley Elementary School have each qualified for one additional teacher which will greatly reduce the teacher load in these schools.

The enrollment at Appalachian High School increased from 423 to 473, an increase of 50 students. The Green Valley Elementary School enrollment has increased from 304 to 346, a gain of 42 students. Enrollment increases at Appalachian are due to increase in local population and the increased number of eighth grade graduates entering high school from Green Valley and Parkway schools as well as the elementary school at Appalachian.

The increase at Green Valley is almost entirely due to the large number of people moving into that community.

Blowing Rock School enrollment has increased 24 over the enrollment this time last year.

The largest decrease in enrollment is reflected at Bethel in which a total of 34 pupils are reported short as compared to enrollment this time last year. Most of the other schools in the county have reported a slight decrease as compared to last year.

Listed below is a comparative summary of school enrollments at the close of the first two weeks of school in 1956 and 1957 ('56 enrollment first, '57 second, and the plus or minus last):

Appalachian Elementary—583, 583, same for both years.

Appalachian High—423, 473, plus 50.

Green Valley Elementary—304, 346, plus 42.

Parkway Elementary—516, 506, minus 10.

Blowing Rock Elementary—342, 346, plus 4.

Blowing Rock High—112, 133, plus 21.

Valle Crucis Elementary—307, 310, plus 3.

Cove Creek Elementary—380, 366, minus 14.

Cove Creek High—343, 338, minus 5.

Bethel Elementary—276, 245, minus 31.

Bethel High—87, 84, minus 3.

Mabel Elementary—301, 285, minus 16.

Watauga Consolidated Elementary—43, 53, plus 10.

Watauga Consolidated High—9, 12, plus 3.

Totals—1956: 4026; 1957: 4080; plus 54.

## Local Citizens To Attend Meet In Asheville

A number of local citizens are expected to be in Asheville Thursday, September 26 for the Western North Carolina Fire Prevention Conference.

County Forest Warden Crayte Teague who will go to the meeting, states that the members of the Board of Commissioners—Bynum Greene, Grover Lewis, Fred Hatley, R. G. Shipley, Howard Williams, Jennings Robinson, L. E. Tuckwiller, Sheriff Hodges, and perhaps others from Watauga county are expected to attend.

The conference will last from 10 a. m. to 3:30 p. m. and there will be a number of speakers on subjects related to the forest fire problem, from the standpoint of lumbermen, the pulpwood industry, farmer, businessman, banker, schools, wildlife, etc. It is designed to create broadened interest in the protection of the forests of Western North Carolina.

Counties included in the meeting are: Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford, Swain, Transylvania, Yancey and Watauga.

The purpose of the foundation planting around the house is to blend the house into the lot.



BURLEY SEASON NEAR—Sticks of burley tobacco stand like ghosts, getting their initial open air cure, before being placed in the barns. Grandfather Mountain is shown in the distance. The crop this year is said to be very good.—Hugh Morton photo.

## United Fund Maps Drive

### Community Committeemen Slate Chosen For ASC Vote

The ASC community election boards from the ten ASC communities in the county met September 10 with the County ASC Election Board and named nominees for community committeemen in their respective communities. In this meeting the chairman, L. E. Tuckwiller, stressed the importance of naming the men for nominees best qualified to administer the various county ASC programs. Instructions were then given these boards as polling place boards for holding the ASC community committee elections October 8, at the designated polling places in the communities. In each community three community committeemen and two alternates will be elected. The person elected as chairman of the community committee will be delegate to the county convention October 8, for the purpose of electing a county ASC committee. The vice-chairman will be the alternate delegate to this convention.

Polling places, polling place boards and community committee nominees for each community are as follows:

**BEAVER DAM:** Polling place, Donly Hagaman's store. Polling place board: Cecil Swift, chairman; G. D. Matheson, vice-chairman; Baker Edmisten. Community committee nominees: Howard Cable, Clyde Cornett, Loyd Dishman, Carl Johnson, C. C. Johnson, Linville Norris, Lynn B. Norris, Aaa Reese, Sr., Paul Tester, Joe Wilson.

**BRUSHY FORK:** Polling place, Vilas Service Station. Polling place board: D. M. Glenn, chairman; Sherman Hollar, vice-chairman; Jack Hicks. Community committee nominees: S. E. Anderson, C. I. Billings, Hiram Brooks, C. A. Clay, Willie Cole, Don Elliott, Harvey Gilliam, B. F. Hodges.

## Claire Booth Luce Will Appear On First Public Program Series

The Public Programs Series for 1957-58 will open October 10 with a presentation of Claire Booth Luce as a dramatic monologist in "Fashions in Love."

Miss Luce, currently visiting Rome, will return to this country soon to begin an itinerary of public appearances. Among her first will be the program in the Physical Education Building here on the evening of October 10.

The following series has been arranged for the current year: The Don Cossack Chorus and Dances will appear here November 21. The program will be held in the Men's Old Gymnasium. The group, which uses music from Russia and the Ukraine, was on the campus three years ago when

they presented a program of music and dancing.

On January 30, the Grass Roots Opera Company will bring to the campus the opera "Don Giovanni." The opera will be in English, as those presented by the company have previously been.

Donald Grant, a world traveler, will give a lecture on world affairs February 3. Mr. Grant, who is a former superintendent of the Scotland schools, will spend two days on the college campus, attending classes and speaking in assembly. He will give his final program February 4 at 8 o'clock in the auditorium of the Administration Building.

Edwin Gercheski, composer-pianist, will present a piano con-

## Farm Owners May Borrow Now From FHA

Eligible farm owners in Watauga county may borrow from the Farmers Home Administration to repair or remodel farm dwellings or other essential farm buildings. Interest on the loans will be 4 percent per year on the unpaid principal. Repayments will be scheduled over periods up to 33 years.

The agency expects applicants to obtain the building plans and specifications for the improvements to be financed with the loans. To help the borrower obtain construction that meets generally accepted standards of soundness, the Farmers Home Administration will review the plans and inspect the construction as it progresses.

The local Farmers Home Administration county committee will determine whether or not an applicant is eligible for a housing loan. To be eligible, an applicant must be the owner of a farm, be unable to obtain suitable credit for dwellings and other buildings from other lenders, and have enough income from the farm or from the farm and other sources, to meet family living and farm operating expenses and repay his debts.

Further information on the loans may be obtained at the county office of the Farmers Home Administration located in the County Courthouse in Boone.

## Open House At Shadowline Is Set For Friday

The management and personnel of Shadowline, Inc., extend to the people of Watauga county an invitation to visit their new plant on Blowing Rock Road Friday, September 27, between the hours of 1 and 4:45.

Mr. Hal Johnson, manager, issued the following statement, in connection with the open house announcement:

"Shadowline is happy to be a part of this community and to have a part in the development of a well rounded economy for all its people. Our relationship has been wonderful since we moved to Boone. In order to show you what we make and our products we want you to come to our plant and see first hand the Boone plant of Shadowline, Inc."

A campaign committee meeting of the United Fund for Watauga County was held at Appalachian Elementary School Thursday evening, at which the pre-plans were made for the forthcoming United appeal drive, to be carried out in the county October 21 to November 2.

Division chairmen selected for the campaign are:

Grady Moretz, Jr., and Mrs. Howard Carlson, co-chairmen of the drive, in charge of Boone and New River townships.

Conrad Yates, chairman of the commercial division.

Cecil Miller, industrial division.

Earl Petrey, educational division.

Mrs. David Reich, residential.

Carl B. Greene, coordinator for solicitor training.

Mrs. Carlson appointed Miss Jean Childers, home demonstration agent, as chairman of the Home Demonstration clubs. Working with her will be Mrs. Aaa Reese in the Beaver Dam, Timbered Ridge and Bethel communities, Mrs. Howard Murray of Valle Crucis, working in the Valley Mountain, Brushy Fork and Hodges Gap areas; Mrs. Harold Ticknor working in the Laxon, Sands, and Green Valley communities; Mrs. Hattie Lewis, working in the Willow Valley, Silverstone, Mabel and Cove Creek communities.

Mrs. Carlson has appointed W. Harold Anderson, assistant county agent in charge of the Rural Farm Betterment Program, and R. G. Shipley, vocational agriculture teacher at Cove Creek High School, to assist in the work by having charge of the five community developments that are operating in the county. Working with them will be Lewis Norris, of the Bethel community; Jerry Adams, Cove Creek; Frank Taylor, Valle Crucis; Truman Critcher, Bamboo; and Stewart Simmons, Triplett. Joe Welborn will assist in the campaign at Deep Gap and Stony Fork.

M. C. Rominger Taken By Death

Manuel C. Rominger, 72, resident of Banner Elk, Route 1, died Sunday in Grace Hospital, Banner Elk.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Liberty Methodist Church in the Matney neighborhood. Rev. Mr. Surrat and Rev. Mr. Wood conducted the rites and burial was in the church cemetery.

Surviving are seven sons and two daughters: Dexter, Boone; Charles, Atlanta; Fred, Matney; Clyde, Orlando, Fla.; Grady, Banner Elk; Ernest, Rominger; Howard, Banner Elk; Richard, Baltimore, Md.; Mrs. Mae Wren, Burlington; Mrs. Edith Glenn, Vilas. There are three sisters: Mrs. J. Y. Walker, Sugar Grove; Mrs. Winnie McNeil, Zionville; Mrs. Bessie Harmon, Beech Creek. There are fifteen grandchildren.

Leading Federal economists have predicted that the next surge in the national economy would come from a tax cut.

## Handicraft Guild To Meet In Boone

### Craftsmen From Wide Area Are Expected

Craftsmen from all over the southeastern mountain area will arrive in Boone Thursday, October 3, as the fall meeting of the Southern Highland Handicraft Guild gets underway. The meeting will last through Saturday and a majority of the more than 200 members is expected to attend.

Appalachian State Teachers College has opened its campus to the guild, and through the courtesy of Miss Catherine Smith and Gordon A. Nash of the Fine Arts Department most of the meetings will be held in the Fine Arts Building.

Miss Elizabeth Lord of Watauga Handicrafts is chairman of the reception committee which includes Mrs. Howard Carlson, Mrs. D. W. Cook, Mrs. Wayne Richardson, Mrs. A. R. Smith, Mrs. Ruth South, Mrs. C. G. Hodges, Mrs. Bill Jackson, Mrs. Joseph Norris and Clingman Miller, all of the Boone area. Among their other duties they will be manning the information table in the lobby of the Fine Arts Building, registering guests and helping with program arrangements.

Main business of the Thursday evening meeting will be planning for the 11th annual Craftsman's Fair next July in Asheville's City Auditorium. The fair is a major event for the guild members, who set aside their finest work for exhibit there and look forward all year to demonstrating their skills to thousands of fair visitors from all over the country.

Friday morning there will be a guided tour of the college campus and a visit to Watauga Handicrafts, one of the guild's craft centers.

The public is invited to the special Friday afternoon program at 2:15 o'clock in the Fine Arts Building. The education committee of the guild is presenting as speaker David R. Campbell, director of the League of New Hampshire Arts & Crafts and executive vice-president of the American Craftsmen's Educational Council.

Friday evening members will gather at nearby Parkway Craft Center to hear Sam P. Weems, superintendent of the Blue Ridge Parkway, speak on the interest of the National Park Service in crafts and pioneer culture. Park naturalist Don Robinson will accompany Mr. Weems.

Also open to the public in the Fine Arts Building Saturday at 9 a. m. is the general guild meeting when Mr. Campbell will be present to discuss craft problems with members.

The purposes of the Southern Highland Handicraft Guild, a non-profit member corporation, are to encourage the creative use of materials, build a cooperative spirit among craftsmen, improve the quality of the crafts taught, produced and sold in the area and provide opportunities for their exhibition and sale. Members must be residents of the Southern Highlands.



DOUBLE CHECK—Pat (left) and Nancy Hollingsworth of Boone check to see if they still look very much alike after arriving on the Wake Forest College campus in Winston-Salem. Daughters of the Rev. and Mrs. L. H. Hollingsworth of Boone; they're freshmen.—(Photo by Irvin Grigg.)

## Area Mail Service Improvement Slated

In an effort to improve mail service in Watauga county, a number of changes have been made in rural route and city delivery service, effective October 5, 1957, states Lyle B. Cook, acting postmaster.

The changes were made as the result of a survey made last May, looking to the improvement of mail service in the county. To that end the following changes were proposed and approved by the Department:

**City Delivery**  
 1. Extension of service to patrons on Hill Street and Highland Circle.

2. The establishment of City Mailed Delivery to curb boxes in the Perkinsville area. (This includes service in the Hardin development, Perkinsville, and to Watauga Produce on U. S. 421.)

3. The establishment of a substitute auxiliary route for city delivery service.

**Rural Delivery**  
 1. Transfer of patrons from Rt. 3, Boone to Rt. 1, Blowing Rock in the area between Jarvis E. Greene corner and the Parkway Overpass, and between the Parkway Overpass and Clyde Downs Corner. (This eliminates bad road on Rt. 3.)

2. Transfer of rural service from Deep Gap to Rt. 1, Boone consisting of the territory West of Laxon.

3. Transfer of rural service from Zionville to Rt. 2, Boone, consisting of the Meat Camp territory.

In addition to the changes as listed above, some rearrangements in rural service have been made between the three rural routes of this office.

All patrons involved in these changes will be notified by letter this week of their correct street or rural address.

## New Publicity Head Named

Mr. James F. Jones has been appointed to handle the new position of Publicity Director for Athletics at Appalachian.

Mr. Jones will be in charge of releasing information about Mountaineers' teams to other schools and persons and serving as statistician for Appalachian teams.

An old hand in the North State Conference, he earned his Bachelor of Arts degree at Elon College and his master's degree at



JAMES F. JONES  
 East Carolina. He teaches social studies and business education and also coaches tennis here. Assisting him is Sonny Fields, a freshman student from Arlington, Virginia. Sonny graduated from Washington-Lee High School, Arlington, where he was a columnist for his school paper. He also wrote for an Arlington daily, The Northern Virginia Sun.

## College Improvements During Current Year Cited By Dougherty

Mr. Barnard Dougherty, controller of the college, has released a list of improvements made on the campus during the spring and summer of this year.

Among the renovations made this summer is the converting of the Watauga Hotel into the "College Hall for Men." College Hall is located on King Street in Boone.

Mr. Dougherty cited numerous improvements made in regard to the walks and streets on the campus. Those walks removed and replaced or widened include: the walk from the Book Store to Lovell Hall, Locust Street in front of the Book Store, and the street leading to the president's home was hard-surfaced.

The president's home was completed during the summer and Dr. and Mrs. Flemmons now occupy

the home which overlooks the college campus. Landscaping around the president's residence was partially completed.

Mr. L. B. Tyson, Mr. Dougherty announced, has been engaged to make a complete survey of the campus and other college property. Mr. Tyson is preparing a "topo map," a map of the topography, for the college.

Furniture for the Student's Lounge, which is located on the first floor of the new addition to the cafeteria, was purchased. Hat and coat racks were installed in the cafeteria. East Hall was equipped with double-decker beds in order to make room for the large number of co-eds attending Appalachian.

Other projects were noted by Mr. Dougherty. Included are: a

new chlorinator for the water system, a new lake constructed between Justice and Newland Halls, the soundproofing of the practice rooms in the Fine Arts Building, the addition of many walls for decorative and retaining purposes, and the purchasing of instructional aids for teachers.

## Mabel Grange Meets Monday

The Mable Grange will meet Monday night, September 23 at 7:30 in the Mabel School.

At the last meeting officers were elected and installed. The charter will be closed at this meeting and those who have not joined the Grange must do so in order to be charter members.