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**STADIUM SITE.**—Workmen have been busy for several weeks cutting, clearing, and burning brush at site of Appalachian State Teachers College's new football stadium and athletic field. The stadium is not expected to be finished in time for use this year, and the Mountaineers will play all their "home" games in other stadiums with North State Conference foes.

## 2,000 Grade School Children Guests At Symphony Matinee

Two thousand elementary school children in Watauga county were treated to a matinee performance of "Symphony Stories," by the North Carolina Symphony Monday. The musicians also played at a Public Programs event at the college that night.

The students, in grades 3 through eight, were transported from their schools in 34 school buses, in what may have been the largest assemblage of elementary school students in the county. W. Guy Angell, superintendent of Watauga county schools, said the group was "the most attentive and best behaved" group he had witnessed in a long time.

The children came from their various schools and assembled in the New Physical Education Building at the college at one o'clock. Several of the students were invited to the stage to help in the percussion section of the orchestra, and all the students joined in singing several of the numbers, arranged especially for elementary age children.

The program, on its annual tour, is directed by Benjamin Swalin. The group is supported by the State of North Carolina. The matinee for the children was sponsored by the Watauga County United Fund.

The program had been coordinated by Mrs. Dessa Mae Edmisten, county supervisor. She and several teachers in the school system had attended a workshop with other teachers over the State in preparation for the visit. The students had been briefed on what to expect at the performance, and several had written verses to a folk song, "Old Joe Clark," which were read by Mrs. Swalin.

Teachers helping Mrs. Edmisten were Mrs. Reba Moretz, Mrs. Jimmie Mast, Mrs. Agnes Shipley, Mrs. Susie Buchanan, Mrs. Gaynelle Wilson and Mrs. Hazel Mast.

Numbers on the program included: Excerpts of Mozart's Symphony in E Flat, No. 39.

The students joined in singing, "All Night, All Day."

The orchestra played the "Dance of the Princesses" and excerpts from "The Firebird," Victor Herbert's "March of the Toys."

Everybody joined in singing "Old Joe Clark" after Mrs. Swalin had called attention to one of the verses written by Richard Mast of Valle Crucis School, and one of the grades at Valle Crucis.



**L. M. VENABLE**  
**Venable Gets UNC Fellowship**

Word has just been received by Mr. L. M. Venable, assistant principal of Appalachian High School, that he is the recipient of an all-expense fellowship to the University of North Carolina—R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company Summer Program in Economic Education.

Mr. Venable is one of sixty candidates chosen from a large group of applicants to receive this fellowship. The following excerpt is taken from the letter received by him from Roy W. Holsten, Assistant to the Dean and Program Coordinator of the University of North Carolina School of Business Administration: "The Admissions Committee was very much impressed with the large number of highly qualified applicants who were nominated by their schools and feels that the sixty candidates who were finally chosen represent an outstanding array of teaching experience and potential in the Southeast. We congratulate you on your fine application."

Mr. Venable received the A. B. degree from High Point College and the M. Ed. degree from the University of North Carolina. He has had nine years of teaching and coaching experience.

### Chamber Board Meets Tuesday

An important meeting of the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce will be held at the Daniel Boone Hotel Tuesday April 4th at noon.

### Most Stores Close Monday

Most stores and other business institutions in the town will be closed for Easter Monday, according to word from the Chamber of Commerce.

City and county offices will be closed, as will the Bank, and Saving & Loan Association, it has been learned.

The postoffice will remain open.

### Horn Tryouts Next Friday

Tryouts for prospective singers and actors for this year's production of Horn in the West will be held in the Fine Arts building at Appalachian State Teachers College March 31, at 3:30.

The director, Mr. David French, in making the announcement, asked that all those who wish to take part in the production of the drama, be present, since only a few places in the cast are unfilled.

## Candidates Slated At Blowing Rock

Mayor R. B. Hardin was nominated to succeed himself, without opposition, when Blowing Rock citizens turned out in record numbers Monday evening to slate a ticket for the municipal election which will be held May 2.

Nominated for city councilmen were the following:

J. D. Jones, John Gaumer, John

### Geo. Thomas YDC Prexy

Mr. George C. Thomas was named the new President of the Watauga Young Democratic Club at a well-attended meeting held at the courthouse last Friday evening.

Other officers named are:

Ivan Dishman, first Vice-President.

Charlie Mitchel, second Vice-President.

James Dugger, Treasurer.

Eddie P. Norris, Secretary.

At the organization meeting it was decided that the club would meet the last Friday evening in each month.

Mr. Thomas, in assuming the presidency of the club, expressed his desire to cooperate fully with the regular Democratic organization through the Executive Committee, to the end that a unified party may result in the county.

Speaking to the Democrat he expressed approval of Governor Sanford's tax proposal, and his intention of backing the Governor's educational program in every way possible.

Mr. Thomas is a son of Clint Thomas of Trade and Mrs. W. P. Smith of Chelan, Wash. He is a retired rural mail carrier and has a disability retirement from the Navy. He has long been active in Democratic party affairs.

Goodwin, Hayden Pitts, Allen Craig and Cecil Rhodes.

From this group the voters will choose three for the town board.

The nominating convention at Blowing Rock takes the form of a mass meeting of all citizens. Candidates are nominated without regard to politics.

### A TIME OF BETRAYAL AND SUFFERING

## Story Of Easter's Beginnings Is Retold

The last week in the life of Jesus Christ is remembered by Christians with special services and great solemnity, for it was a time of betrayal and suffering that led up to the resurrection of the Son of God.

Jesus arrived in Jerusalem on Sunday, cheered by hopeful throngs who showered His path with branches of palm trees. It was dangerous for Him to enter the city because of the high priests who feared and resented Him; but He believed it was His duty to preach there.

According to the Bible, reports Mrs. Francine Klagsbrun, religion editor of World Book Encyclopedia, Jesus spent the first few days teaching and visiting the Temple. Once again He threw out the moneychangers and those who sold doves for sacrifice. Some of the time He prayed and meditated in Bethany, just outside the city.

On Thursday night He joined the 12 disciples for what was probably the first meal of the Jewish Passover. During the Last Supper, He told His disciples that one of them would betray Him. Then He gave them bread and wine, saying, "This is My Body" and "This is My Blood." From this meal originated the sacrament of Communion, or Lord's Supper.

Jesus knew that His hour of suffering was near. He led the disciples to the Garden of Gethsemane, on the slope of the Mount of Olives. Late that night a band of armed men, with Judas Iscariot among them came to the garden. Judas kissed Jesus, identifying Him to the armed men, who took Him away to the high priest.

Charged with blasphemy for calling Himself the Son of God and King of the Jews, Jesus was taken early Friday to Pontius Pilate, the Roman governor, and then to Herod Antipas, ruler of Galilee. Herod mocked Jesus, dressed Him in a kingly robe, and sent Him back to Pilate.

## PROJECTS IN WIDE VARIETY

# One Hundred Prospective Scientists Gather Here

### District Fair Draws Students Of 17 Schools

The Northwest District Science Fair was held at Appalachian State Teachers College Friday, with more than a hundred young scientists from 17 schools of the area displaying exhibits. Ten of the top senior high students earned the opportunity to participate in the State Science Fair at Duke University April 7-8.

Exhibits covered subjects from the atomic age, back as far as Creation itself. Jet engines and what makes them work were among the displays, as were rocks and minerals that were identified with the places they may be found.

For the junior high student winners, the district fair was the height of their achievement. They are not eligible to enter the State event, but this fact did not keep them from displaying excellent projects.

The junior and senior projects were in both the biological and physical sciences. The divisions were in separate rooms and the many visitors to the fair could study the science projects of interest to them easily.

Some of the exhibits were elaborate, with working parts, while others told their story simply with nothing more than just the subject and charts and containers to show how the study had been conducted.

Schools participating were: Sparta High, Crossnore High, Wilkes Central, Rutherford-Spindale, Cool Springs of Forest City, West Wilkes, West High of Purlair, North Wilkes, Glen Alpine, Appalachian High of Boone, Spindale Elementary, Ruth School of Rutherfordton, Blowing Rock Elementary, Wilkesboro Elementary, C. C. Wright Elementary of Union Grove, Deyton Elementary of Spruce Pine, and Rutherfordton Elementary.

Kent Robinson, faculty member of the Science department at Appalachian and director of the fair, said he was "pleased with the exhibits." He indicated the displays in the physical area particularly, were of high quality, in both the senior and junior division, and that the biological exhibits would measure up to the quality of previous fairs.

Winners, their school and projects were:

In the senior physical sciences: Steve Holloway, Central High, linear traveling-wave accelerator.

Elmer Clyde Hollifield, Glen Alpine High, experiments with high frequency electricity.

Roddy Morrow, Wilkes Central High, the atomic jet engine.

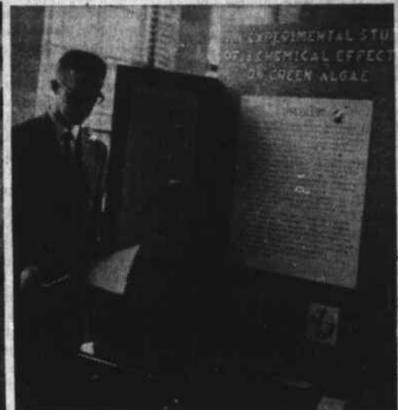
Patricia McIntosh, Rutherfordton-Spindale, soil and minerals from each of the 50 States.

Robert Thomas Gibbs, Rutherfordton-Spindale, a study of the moon.

Honorable mention, Gary Sevier (Continued on page six)



**Photo Flowers' Photo Shop**  
**FAIR EXHIBITS.**—Picture on left shows a sawmill, built by Alton Shore, Jerry Adams and Norwood Ford of Blowing Rock for display in Northwestern District Science Fair. At right, Preston Sommers, of North Wilkesboro stands with his experimental study of 3 chemical effects on green algae.



**LLOYD E. SLATER**  
**Slater To Speak At Appalachian**

As future teachers, the students of Appalachian State Teachers College need to be informed of the numerous occupational opportunities for school youngsters in order to give them proper guidance, says Dr. W. G. Sink, ASTC chemistry department head.

To give them the word in the science field, Lloyd E. Slater, an engineer who is executive director of the Foundation for Instrumentation Education and Research, has been invited to the ASTC campus by Dr. Sink.

Slater will appear at the college Thursday, April 6, at 7 p. m.

Slater has been active as an engineer, reporter and consultant in the field of instrumentation and automatic control during its spectacular emergence in the past ten years. He is a member of the Instrument Society of America, American Association for the Advancement of Science and the American Society for Engineering Education, has authored over 50 articles on various aspects of instrumentation, and is a contributing author on automation to the "Encyclopedia Americana."

Soviet scientists disagree on latest satellite.

## Good Friday, Sunrise Services Slated Here

The community Good Friday Service, a one-hour program from 1:00-2:00 p. m., on March 31, will be held at the Advent Christian Church. The pastor of the host church, the Rev. Floyd Boston, will be in charge of the service. Special music will also feature the service.

The following pastors of the association will participate in the presentation of the Seven Last Words of Christ: "Father forgive them," by the Rev. Tod Ferneyhough; "Today thou shalt be with me in paradise," by the Rev. Homer Greene; "Woman, behold thy son," the Rev. Rock Hatton; "My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me?" by the Rev. E. F. Troutman; "I thirst," by the Rev. Ernest Blankship; "It is finished," by the Rev. Blake Brinkerhoff; and "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit," by the Rev.

Alvin Wilson.

The Easter Sunrise Service on Sunday morning will be at 6:00 o'clock at the Daniel Boone Theater parking lot on the Horn in the West road. The Rev. Mr. Ferneyhough, priest-in-charge, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, will bring the message. Special music will be furnished by the high school band.

Those in charge of the service have urged that the congregation at the Sunrise Service move in close to the microphone in order that they might hear better and also contribute to the congregational singing.

Ushering for the service will be in charge of Howard Cottrell. An offering will be taken to defray cost of the services.

Both these programs will be broadcast over radio station WATA.

### Would Favor Aged Anglers

Representative Murray Coffey has introduced a bill in the House which would amend Chapter 113 of the General Statutes to the end that persons sixty-five years of age or over shall not be required to purchase a hunting or fishing license in Watauga county.

The bill was referred to the committee on Wildlife Resources. Representative Coffey's measure which would provide for the election of tax officials in Watauga County was reported unfavorably in the House.

### Surplus Food To Be Given

Arrangements have been made for the distribution of Federal surplus food commodities in Watauga county, it is announced by Dave P. Mast, Superintendent of Public Welfare.

These food items will be issued to assistance recipients and other needy persons in Watauga county, and it is hoped that the distribution will commence during the month of April.

Meal, flour, lard, canned foods, canned gravy, and many other staple items of food will be made available.

Those wishing to apply for this surplus food will need to come to the Welfare Department and make application for themselves and their families. This will have to be done before the necessary amounts of food can be ordered, Mr. Mast said. The quicker applications are filed the quicker the food distribution can be arranged for.

Cancer Society report indicates rise in cures.

### Would Favor Parkway Leads In 1960 Visits

Washington.—The Blue Ridge Parkway in North Carolina and Virginia continued to lead all other units in 1960 in the national park system in the number of visits.

Recorded 1960 visits to units in the park system were reported by the National Park system. Visits to all parks in the system reached a new high of 72,288,000.

The total number of visits on the Blue Ridge Parkway was 5,503,200, slightly down from 1959's 5,589,400.

The total was based on a new counting system inaugurated during the year which materially affected the results in some units and was regarded as making no difference in others.

However, the service said, had there been no change in counting procedure the 1960 visit total would have been 65,587,000, or an increase of 4.8 per cent over the previous high of 62,812,000 recorded in 1959.

Director Conrad L. Wirth explained that in previous years some areas were not counting per-

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## Miss Watauga Entries Sought

Entries are now being accepted by the Boone Jaycees for the Miss Watauga County Beauty Contest which will be held May 13th in the Appalachian Elementary School auditorium at 8:00 p. m.

Contestants must be 18 years old by August 1961; a high school graduate, single and a resident of Watauga County. ASTC girls are considered as county residents. Information and applications forms may be received by writing to "Beauty Pageant", Box 271, Boone.