

MARCHING THROUGH BOONE.—This group of marching Shriners from Charlotte presented a colorful scene as they paraded in their Arabic dress Saturday afternoon. Following the parade the visitors ate supper at the Horn in the West grounds.

### Miss Gragg Is Named Editor Of High Life



MARGARET GRAGG

Margaret Gragg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frde Gragg, and a senior at Appalachian High School, has been named editor of the "Appalachian High-Life," school newspaper.

Miss Gragg has been feature editor and co-editor of the publication, prior to being named editor. Last year she served as president of the Beta Club and secretary-treasurer of the Student Council.

She is a "straight A" student, but finds time for playing the piano, listening to records, and going to football games to cheer for the Blue Devils.

After finishing high school, Miss Gragg intends to attend college. She hopes to direct her studies toward the field of education which will lead to a teaching profession in English and foreign languages.

Mrs. Betty Hughes, a co-sponsor

### Morehead Committee Is Now Seeking Scholarship Entries

The Watauga County Morehead Scholarship Committee is now visiting schools qualified to nominate students for competition in the statewide selection for Morehead Scholarships to the University of North Carolina.

Committee Chairman J. H. Council of Boone and members Guy W. Angell, John H. Council and Dr. Gene L. Reese, all of Boone; and Mrs. Charles Davant of Blowing Rock are scheduled to receive nominations from school nominating committees by October 15. The committee will interview and screen each applicant in their selection process. They will make their recommendations to the executive secretary of the Morehead Foundation by November 15. County nominations will then be processed and forwarded to the seven district committees for further screening and selection.

Under the procedure established by the Morehead Foundation, a nominating committee in each of the schools qualified to participate will recommend its outstanding students to the County Committee. The Watauga County committee will select from the nominees one student to compete in the district competition. Watauga County is in Morehead Scholarship District VII.

of the newspaper, said of the new editor: "She has brightened the pages of the 'High-Life' with her delightful wit and humor and sobered it with her understanding, ideas, and thoughts concerning problems faced by the high school students. Everyone on the 'High-Life' staff is backing Margaret all the way, and we feel that this year will be one of the best the school paper has ever had."

### Wm. Farthing Rites Sunday

William Gordon Farthing, Jr., 18, of Sugar Grove, Rt. 1, Bethel Community, died Friday at his home after an extended illness.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday at 2:00 p. m. in Bethel Baptist church by the Rev. J. H. Crisp, the Rev. E. J. Farthing and the Rev. Clyde Cornett. Burial was in the Farthing cemetery.

Surviving are his parents, two sisters, Linda and Madeline Farthing, one brother, Danny Farthing, all of the home.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE TO YOUNG DEMOCRATS

The meeting date has been changed to the last Monday night of each month instead of the usual Friday date.

The YDC will meet next Monday night September 25th at 7:30 at the Boone Trail Restaurant. All members are urged to attend and to bring a prospective member.

GEORGE C. THOMAS, Pres.

### ENVOY TO CHILE

President Kennedy has chosen Charles W. Cole, vice president of the Rockefeller Foundation, as Ambassador to Chile.

Mr. Cole would succeed Robert F. Woodward, who is now Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs.

The Senate will have to confirm this nomination by Mr. Kennedy.

### HIJACK BILL NOW LAW

President Kennedy has signed into law a bill recently passed by the House and Senate making aircraft hijacking an act of piracy with penalties up to death.

There is also a provision for jail sentences and \$1,000 fines for illegally carrying concealed weapons aboard an aircraft.



### Ben L. Smith, Noted Educator, Dies

Greensboro. — Benjamin Lee Smith, Greensboro educator who some school administrators say had a part in building more school facilities than any other superintendent in North Carolina, died September 11. He was a former Appalachian college teacher.

Smith, 68, suffered a heart attack at his home, 2305 N. Elm street, during the night and died at 1 a. m. Monday.

He had been active since his retirement in 1958 as superintendent of Greensboro schools, a post he held for 22 years.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, September 12, at the West Market Street Methodist Church, where he was a member of the board of stewards, by Dr. Charles P. Bowles, pastor, and Dr. J. Clay Madison of Greensboro, district Methodist superintendent.

Mr. Smith was born in Granite Falls, and began school at the age of five in a one-room log cabin. He earned degrees at Trinity College and Duke University and began his career as principal of the old Catawba Farm Life School at Newton.

He served in World War I, one of the few non-career military men to be commissioned (second lieu-

tenant) in the U. S. Cavalry. He was a captain when he was discharged.

Mr. Smith served as superintendent at Forest City, Rutherford, Spindale and Shelby before coming to Greensboro in 1936.

Here, 14 new schools (plus gymnasiums (cafeterias and additions) were built during his administration that saw the minimum and maximum teacher salaries rise from \$518 and \$864 to \$3,171 and \$5,031. The net worth of 35 school buildings and grounds is well in excess of \$15 million today. The enrollment doubled—to 19,284—during his administration. It is now 23,000.

One of his proudest moments was his appointment in 1937 as chairman of the states' 100th anniversary of public school education.

Mr. Smith held scouting's Silver

Beaver Award for distinguished service to boyhood.

He was a former trustee of Palmer Memorial Institute and had served on the Guilford College advisory council. He was a Mason and was active in the North Carolina Council of Christians and Jews and the North Carolina and United States Congresses of Parents and Teachers.

Mr. Smith is survived by his widow, the former Pearl Abernathy, of Rutherford county; one son, B. L. Smith, Jr., of Greensboro; one daughter, Miss Mary Blair Smith, of the U. S. Embassy in Paris; two brothers, Herbert G. and Lloyd B. Smith of Lenoir; four half sisters, Miss Clyde Smith, Mrs. Fred Melton and Mrs. Carl Greene of Granite Falls and Mrs. Carlos Gilliland of Lenoir; and four grandchildren.

### Ford King, V, Out Of Hospital

Ford King, V, who has been in Blowing Rock and Watauga Hospitals for six weeks as a result of burns which occurred while he was working at the Tweetsie Railroad, has been released. Ford, whose enrollment at King College, Bristol, has been postponed due to the injury, was burned accidentally from oil fires used while he was taking part in an Indian scene on the Tweetsie line.

Some skin grafting was necessary as a result of the accident, but it is expected that his recovery will soon be accomplished.

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Army eleven's outlook bright for 1961 season.

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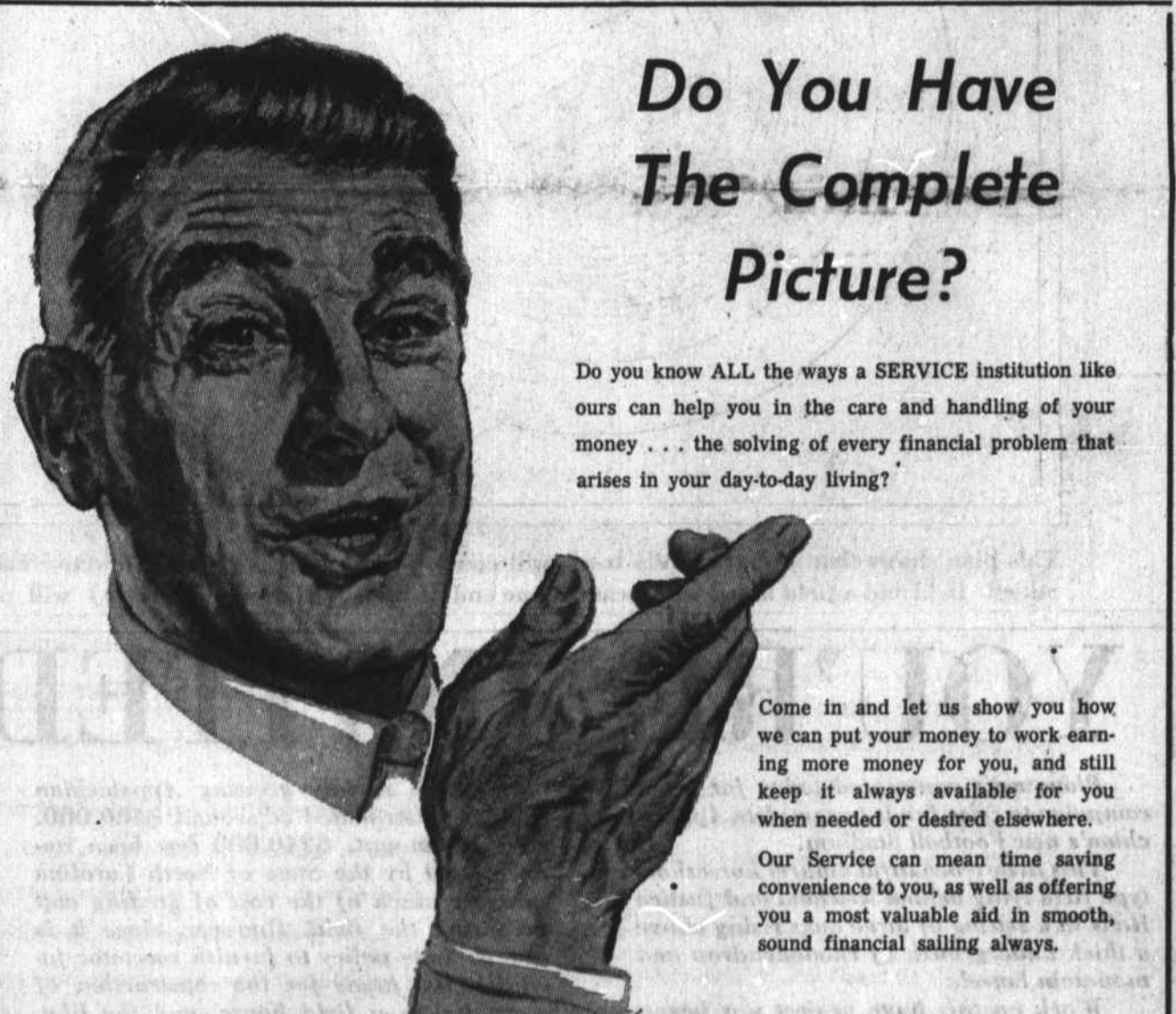
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