

Austin Named Head REA Co-Op; Mast Vice-Pres.

The board of directors of the Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation met Saturday, October 21, in their general offices at Le-noir, and elected W. B. Austin president of the corporation to succeed the late A. L. Hurt. They also elected Bert Mast, of Zionville, to fill the post of vice-president, which became vacant when Mr. Austin was elevated to the presidency.

Mr. Austin, prominent attorney in Ashe county, with offices in Jefferson, has served as director of the corporation since 1952 and in the office of vice-president since September 1958, and was currently serving as chairman of the policy committee.

A veteran of World War I and a graduate of the University of North Carolina, Mr. Austin is active in the affairs of state. He has represented Ashe county in the North Carolina General Assembly, serving both in the House and the Senate. Later, he served on the North Carolina Board of Agriculture and in 1950 was appointed by Governor Scott to the North Carolina Board of Conservation and Development where he served under the administrations of Governors Scott, Umstead, and Hodges.

Mr. Austin is a director of the Northwestern Bank of North Wilkesboro, and president of the Ashe County Development Corporation. He served for ten years as president of the Ashe County Memorial Hospital and is an active lay leader in the Methodist Church, currently serving as District Lay Leader. He is a Mason, a Rotarian, and a member of the American Legion, having served as heads of each of these local organizations. In his role as civic leader, Mr. Austin has contributed much to the development of North Carolina, particularly the northwest area.

Mr. Austin is married to the former Miss Eula Wenona Neal and they have three daughters and one son.

In accepting the office of president of the Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation, Mr. Austin expressed his appreciation to the board for the confidence placed in him and stated that he is very much aware of the responsibilities of the office, having worked closely with Mr. Hurt during his tenure of office, and would endeavor to carry out those respon-



BERT MAST



W. B. AUSTIN

sibilities in a manner in keeping with the office.

Mr. Mast, a well-known farmer, has served as director of the corporation since 1938, being one of the first directors elected from Watauga county. He is currently serving as a member of the personnel committee of the board of directors.

Other officers of the corporation are D. R. Moore, secretary-treasurer; Charles A. Suddreth, assistant secretary-treasurer; and C. E. Viverette, general manager.

Most troops going abroad will be there soon.

Rockfeller urges a Federal transportation unit.

New Granges Are Organized

Two new Granges have been organized in Watauga county, or are in the stages of completion. It is learned from Virgil Settle, Special Deputy of the North Carolina Grange.

The Meat Camp Grange will meet November 1 at the Green Valley School. At the last meeting the following officers were elected:

Master, Sam Moretz. Overseer, Earl Greene. Secretary, Mrs. Nancy Winebarger.

Anyone in the Meat Camp area is urged to see the Secretary or be at the next meeting.

A meeting was also held at the Parkway School last week. It was voted to name this new Grange the Parkway Grange. Seventeen members have been enrolled.

Mr. Edgar Hardin was elected Secretary. The next meeting will be held at Parkway October 31 at 7:30 p. m.

Weed Growers Meet Friday

Tobacco growers in Avery, Ashe and Watauga are to meet at the Courthouse in Boone, Friday, Oct. 27 at 1:00 p. m. to discuss problems relating to the growing and marketing of tobacco.

One of the main items will be the discussion of the proposed legislation to allow the transfer of tobacco allotments. Other discussions will deal with marketing problems.

The meeting is being sponsored by the N. C. Farm Bureau in an effort to find out the desire of the tobacco growers in this area in regard to legislation and other problems confronting the growers.

B. C. Mangum, President of the N. C. Farm Bureau and other state officials will be present for the meeting.

All tobacco growers are urged to be present and express their views.

10,000 MORE TROOPS

An additional 10,000 air and ground troops have been ordered to Europe to bolster the allied garrison manning the line between West Germany and the Communist East.

Both the ground and air units in this new augmentation are equipped and trained for conventional warfare.

Baby's first months called vital to welfare.

Kieltsch Concert Will Open College Series

A concert by pianist Arnold Kieltsch will open the 1961-62 Appalachian Artists and Lecture Series for concert lovers on Monday night, October 30, at 8 o'clock, in the Fine Arts Building auditorium on the Appalachian State Teachers College campus.

Mr. Kieltsch, a veteran performer, has had a variety of concert and teaching experience and is much in demand as a concert artist in this country and in Europe.

Born in Transylvania, Europe, he studied for three years in Berlin at the Sternsches Conservatory under Breithaupt, teacher of the pianist Arthur Schnitke. Later he spent four years at the Academy of Music, Berlin's equivalent to New York's Juilliard.

In Europe, Mr. Kieltsch has given concerts in Berlin, Breslau, Hamburg, Bucharest, Vienna, Salzburg, Heidelberg, and Paris. In America, he has performed in major cities such as New York, Detroit, and Chicago, and has played numerous radio programs.

Now an American citizen and living in New York, Mr. Kieltsch travels to Europe each summer for concert and radio engagements. He has recently completed such a trip and will tour the United States this season.

The Boone concert will include selections from the works of Brahms, Schubert, Beethoven, Chopin, Liszt, and Debussy.

Tickets to the concert may be purchased at the door. Students will be admitted upon showing identification cards.

Ashe County Man Held For Murder

West Jefferson—A West Jefferson man waited for his wife to come home from her school teaching job Thursday and shot and killed her in their garage, police said.

Police Chief Estel Miller arrested Leonard Baker on a charge of first-degree murder in the slaying of Mrs. Baker, about 50. Miller said two shotgun blasts took her life.

Baker is in Ashe county jail awaiting trial in Superior Court next week.

Sheriff Billy Brown said Baker claimed he was jealous of his wife. The couple had several children. The youngest son, 9, was at home at the time of the shooting.



ARNOLD KIELTSCH

Funeral Held For Mrs. Warren

Funeral services for Mrs. Emma Greer Warren, of Zionville community, were conducted October 24 at 2 p. m. in Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, by the Rev. R. C. Eggers, the Rev. E. O. Gore and the Rev. James Kisselbury. Burial was in Union cemetery.

Mrs. Warren died October 22. She was 66 years old.

She is survived by her father, Monroe Greer, Zionville; a son, Joseph L. Warren; four brothers, Herbert and Ed of Zionville, Bob and Lonnie Greer, Mentor, Ohio; five sisters, Mrs. Jennie Miller, Mrs. Della Winebarger, Mrs. Lura Cook, Mrs. Edna May, all of Zionville, and Mrs. Lon McGlamory, Trade, Tenn. There are two grandchildren.

H. C. Moretz, 71, Dies On Sunday

Herbert Cleveland Moretz, Sr., 71, of Rt. 2, Boone, died October 22.

Funeral services were conducted October 24 at 2:00 p. m. in Bethany Lutheran church by the Rev. E. F. Troutman, Rev. C. N. Count and Dr. Wade Hook. Burial was in the church cemetery.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Annie Moretz; six sons, Roy, George, Clayton, Willis, John, all of Boone, and H. C., Jr., Hamptonville, N. C.; a daughter, Mrs. H. L. Coffey; one brother, J. L. Moretz; two sisters, Mrs. L. W. Greene, and Mrs. S. W. Greer, White Rock, S. C. There are 14 grandchildren.

Many Attend PTA Meeting

Approximately 425 people attended the annual Boone PTA supper Monday night October 16. A delicious supper was prepared by the parents, who had the teachers as their guests.

Rev. Todd Ferneyhough gave the invocation.

W. C. Richardson, President of the Boone PTA presided at the meeting following the supper. Mayor Wade E. Brown welcomed the teachers and parents to the town of Boone.

The Appalachian High School Ensemble, directed by Eugene Wilson Jr. entertained the group with several songs.

All the elementary teachers, the graduate assistants, and student teachers were asked to come to the front of the room, and as they were introduced by President Richardson they stepped up on a platform so they could be seen by all present. The same procedure was followed for the introduction of the high school teachers, graduate assistants and student teachers.

The meeting was closed with a prayer by Rev. Boyce Brooks.

Mr. Richardson would like to thank the people for their fine cooperation, and a special thanks to the dinner committee, the serving committee, and the clean up committee.

The next meeting will be Monday night November 6th. This meeting will be room visitation at the Boone Elementary School.

Mrs. Emmons To Speak At NCEA

Mrs. Phebe Emmons, field secretary for the North Carolina Education Association will be guest speaker for the Watauga County Unit on Monday, October 30, 7:30 o'clock at the Appalachian Elementary School Auditorium.

In addition to her work with CEA, Mrs. Emmons is state president of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society in North Carolina.

The executive committee will meet at 7:15 o'clock in the lounge of the same building.

Dr. Hardin At Asheville Meet

Dr. J. Ella Hardin will be absent from her office on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, October 26, 27 and 28, attending the annual convention of the North Carolina Osteopathic Society, at the Battery Park Hotel in Asheville.


The meeting will stress teaching sessions on recent developments in osteopathic and nuclear medicine. The main banquet speaker will be Dr. Charles L. Naylor, President of the American Osteopathic Association.



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