

ASTC Seeks \$10 Million For Expanded Facilities

(Continued from page one) It was recommended that three facilities requested be provided 100% by self-liquidation (increase in charges). Included are a student center, a residence hall for women, and a residence hall for men, amounting to \$2,675,000.

Not recommended by the State Advisory Budget Commission were: Participation with the Town of Boone in cost of improving and enlarging sewerage system; fire truck; renovation of old administration building; roads, walks, landscaping; continuation of placing electrical system underground; nursery school building; addition to Fine Arts Building; and ten all-weather tennis courts. These amount to \$935,000. In an appearance before the Joint Appropriations Committee some weeks ago, the college requested that the sewerage system project and the nursery school building be replaced in the budget.

The 100% self-liquidation policy is being opposed by Appalachian, as well as by the presidents of every state-supported institution in the state. These are the major reasons:

- (1) At the time when parents are paying for the education of their children is the worst possible time to add to this expense. And many students are on their own financially, and this would add intolerably to their burden.
- (2) It is a generally recognized fact that the state has accepted education as a state responsibility and this responsibility properly involves keeping costs of education at the lowest possible minimum.
- (3) It has been the established policy of the state to collect the money wherever it is to educate the children wherever they are; and that should apply likewise to youth of college age.

The cost of these buildings, with interest, is to be paid back over a period of 40 years, after which the buildings become the property of the state. Since the buildings are to become the property of the state, the state should share in the cost of building them. Buildings properly constructed and properly maintained should last twice 40 years or longer, which means that the state will have free use of these buildings for many, many years. In addition, not only the buildings, but the cost of maintaining and repairing them would have to be borne by the students.

Appalachian is, therefore, requesting the state of North Carolina to bear at least 50% of the cost of constructing dormitories and student centers, and that it bear the entire cost of the health and physical education building (which is to replace two outmoded buildings now existing) which is a teaching facility.

Dr. Plemmons said to the Joint Appropriations Committee, "To require . . . students to help pay for replacements of buildings no longer usable seems questionable in terms of sound and long-established educational policy. We ask that the entire cost of this replacement and addition to be paid for with State funds."

Between now and the adjournment of the General Assembly the college will be working to secure at least two facilities added to its capital improvements budget, and to have the self-liquidation restrictions removed in whole or in part. Whatever happens, it is anticipated that the face of Appalachian will continue to change within the next four years, as the institution strives to meet the challenges of ever-enlarging enrollments and calls for service to the teaching profession.

Celebration Group Meets

(Continued from page one) ary Celebration. Clyde R. Greene, Chairman of the Wagon Train Committee, said that plans are being formulated to start the wagon train at Holman's Ford (Ferguson area) and come into Boone via Cooks Gap, the Blue Ridge crossing of Daniel Boone trail, on into Boone for the parade and celebration by Saturday afternoon, June 29th. Greene stated that the train would originate on Thursday, camping out two nights on the way. The last night's camp will be pitched in Cooks Gap.

The Wagon Train Chairman said that much interest has been shown by groups as far away as West Virginia who want to participate in the event. He said that some ox teams and wagons have already been lined up for the Wagon Train.

Reports were made concerning state, national and international dignitaries that will be invited to the Boone celebration. Information on these will be released as soon as possible.

Approximately fifteen to thirty thousand people are expected to attend the big celebration in Boone and relive with the pioneers the history making events of Daniel Boone's Crossing of the Blue Ridge.

Every effort is being made for the convenience of visitors to the Boone area during the celebration.

John Boone Is Promoted

(Continued from page one) Ohio, serving as a buyer for Boys' Wear.

Mr. Robert Hodges, Merchandise Manager of Home Furnishings, and Mr. Sidney Scher, Merchandise Manager of Men's and Boys' Wear and Luggage, will report to Mr. Boone.

Communists order committee to air Poland's complex farm problems.

Yadkin Dam Opening Set For June 1

North Wilkesboro. — The official opening of the W. Kerr Scott Reservoir at the flood control dam on the Yadkin River is set for June 1.

Harold H. Mullins, engineer in charge of the \$8-million project, said facilities in public-use areas around the 1,500-acre lake will be ready by that time.

He said work is progressing on development of the public-use areas as rapidly as weather will permit in order to get recreation facilities ready for the reservoir's first summer season.

The reservoir shore will have three public-use areas on the south side near N. C. 288 and one large area on the north side of the lake accessible from U. S. 421.

Heavy rains during the past week raised the water level in the reservoir three feet.

This represented an increase in acre feet of water from 41,400 at normal pool elevation of 1,030 to 1,033. An acre foot of water, say the U. S. engineers in charge of the flood control and water conservation project, is one acre of water one foot deep.

And in terms of gallons, the three feet on the 1,400-acre lake amounted to 200,376,000.

And at elevation 1,033 the engineers also knew the number of gallons in the lake—1,502,820,000.

Harold H. Mullins, engineer in charge of the project four miles west of Wilkesboro in the Yadkin Valley, said rainfall March 6 in the area measured 1.7 inches, which was one of the heaviest rains in recent years but far under the amount which would produce a substantial flood in the valley on tributaries of the Yadkin.

Anniversary Of Legion Cited

The American Legion and Auxiliary will celebrate their 44th anniversary of the founding of the Legion with a covered dish supper at the Legion Hut Friday, March 15, at 6:45 p. m. All members and interested friends are invited to attend.

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Attends State Meet School Secretaries

Mrs. Earleen Pritchett, administrative assistant to the president of Appalachian College, attended the state convention of the educational secretaries of the NCEA in Durham Thursday.

Currently Mrs. Pritchett is serving as president of the northwestern district of the educational secretaries. She was given the responsibility of preparing the annual report for the state-wide meeting of secretaries in Durham.

On Friday Dr. W. H. Plemmons, president of Appalachian College, attended the "bosses banquet" with Mrs. Pritchett. Mrs. Pritchett has served as secretary to the dean, directed the college publicity and was assistant director of placement. In 1956 she became secretary to the president.

She has participated in activities of the Democratic Party

Rain Deluge Raises Waters

(Continued from page one) of water was measured here. This, with the .03 the day before and .65 recorded on March 2, makes a total of five and three-quarters inches of precipitation already for March.

The temperatures remained comparatively mild for March. Lowest recording was 27 degrees on the ninth and eleventh, and the thermometer went as high as 60 degrees on March 4.

The storm which began early Monday morning with snow and sleet, turned into rain after about two inches of snow covered the area. The rain continued through the afternoon, and during the evening thunder and lightning added its sound and light effects. The thunder continued on through Tuesday, and most of the snow disappeared as the warmer rain fell.

since her college days. She organized and was the first president of the Avery County Young Democratic Club. She has also served as a member of the State Democratic Executive Committee. Mrs. Pritchett was instrumental in organizing the Watauga and Wilkes County Young Democratic Clubs. She served as vice president of the Young Democratic Club of North Carolina under the presidency of Terry Sanford.

Site Of Plant Not Revealed

(Continued from page one) such statement to any newspaper and that he did not know who had given such information to the press. He did not deny the report, however.

"Nothing has been put in ink, yet," Greene stated, as he has said in previous weeks. "And until we have something definite down in writing, we can not say where the site will be."

The company being negotiated with is the Blue Ridge Shoe Company. The Winston-Salem account stated that the shoe company has about 1,200 retail outlets over the nation.

2498 Register For Spring Term

(Continued from page one) (March 5). Saturday registration, though incomplete, was held between morning classes March 9.

The office of student teaching reported that 159 seniors are doing student teaching in 56 North Carolina counties. All the schools are within a 100 mile radius of Boone, with the cities of Charlotte and Greensboro being the farthest points from the Boone campus.

Mrs. Michael Rites Held

Mrs. Mary Etta Baird Michael, 88, of Banner Elk, Rt. 1, wife of Green Riley Michael, died Tuesday night, March 5, at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Tom Shook of Banner Elk.

She was born in Watauga County to William C. and Sarah McKnabb Baird.

Surviving are her husband; two daughters, Mrs. Hoyle Shook of Banner Elk, and Mrs. Tom Shook of Rt. 1, Banner Elk; one sister, Mrs. Ethel Triplett of Rt. 3, Boone; 16 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted at 2 o'clock Thursday, March 7, at the Liberty Methodist Church by the Rev. W. H. Keys and the Rev. Oliver Wallace. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Rites Held For Mrs. Sanders

Mrs. Sarah Isobel Sanders of the Deep Gap community died at her home Tuesday.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday at 3 o'clock at Mount Paron Baptist Church. Burial was in Laurel Springs cemetery.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Maybee Watson, and two sisters, Mrs. Nora Greene and Mrs. Melissa Miller, all of Deep Gap. There are eight grandchildren and twenty-one great-grandchildren.

Grant Greene Dies Monday

(continued from page one) Mrs. Ruth Day Greene and one son, Harris Greene of Mount Airy. There are two brothers, Neal Greene of Deep Gap and Neil Greene of Kingsport, Tenn.; one sister, Mrs. Olin Burgess, Mooresville. There is one grandchild.

Alumni Edition Name Changed

The name of "The Alumni Edition of The Appalachian" has recently been changed to "The Appalachian Alumnus."

John Corey, ASTC director of alumni affairs, said that those in the alumni office responsible for preparing the publication think that the new label better defines the contents of the newspaper.

The alumni paper as it is today started in 1957 when Bill Noblett, editor of "The Appalachian," permitted an alumni supplement to be inserted in the student newspaper. Noblett, now publicity director for the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce, even helped finance the first alumni edition. The paper was mailed to approximately 1,000 alumni that year.

In time news of alumni activities grew so extensive that circulation of the student section of the publication was discontinued and the entire communication was devoted to alumni and college news.

"The Appalachian Alumnus" is now mailed to 7,000 former students and friends of the college.

Know The Weather

By E. H. SIMS

Has the current winter been the coldest in the South for many years?

Yes, in many parts of the South, and in other parts of the country, the dying winter has been the most severe ever recorded. Strange as this may seem to oldtimers, who believe the oldtime winters were the coldest ever experienced, this winter has surpassed all others recorded in some parts of the country.

In Florida, for example, the months of December, January and February were the coldest ever recorded there. New low temperatures were established throughout the United States, and the average was the lowest on record.

The damage caused truck and citrus growers by the abnormally cold winter in the South has been enormous.

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