

AHS Choir Gets Honor Rating Of "Excellent"

The 50 voice Appalachian High School Choir received the honor rating of "Excellent" in Grade IV music, (the most difficult classification) at the District Choral Contest-Festival Friday, March 8th.

The event was held in the Fine Arts Building Auditorium at Appalachian State Teachers College, with seven choral groups participating.

Student accompanist for the Appalachian Choir was Toi Cooke.

These state-wide contest-festivals, a function of the North

Carolina Music Educators Conference, are designed to provide those participating a means of receiving constructive criticism from competent judges, to encourage and recognize growth and achievement, and to provide the opportunity for students and teachers to hear performances by other groups.

Serving on the panel of judges were Thane MacDonald, Wake Forest College; Richard Cox, Woman's College; and E. L. Williams, Greensboro College.

Grade School Mixed Chorus Places High

The Appalachian 7th and 8th Grade Mixed Chorus earned the honor rating of "Excellent" when they participated in the District Choral Contest held Friday, March 8th. The Boone district contest, covering ten northwestern counties, was held in the Fine Arts Building at Appalachian State Teachers College.

The group is directed by Mrs. Gaynelle Wilson.

Ashe Native Is Victim W. Va. Mine Accident

West Jefferson—James Carl Marsh, 53, of Covel, W. Va., formerly of Jefferson, was killed Sunday in a mine accident in Covel. No other details were available here.

He was born in Ashe County to Frank and Laura Burkett Marsh. His wife, the former Helen Liddle, survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Daniel Marsh of Boone, Dale Marsh of Alexander, Va., and David Marsh of the home; his mother of Jefferson; a brother, Grover Marsh of Jefferson; and six sisters, Mrs. Emery Brown of Churchville, Md., Mrs. Frank Brown of Bel Air, Md., Mrs. Annie Blevins of Salem, Va., and Misses Ella, Leona and Lula Marsh, all of Jefferson.

The funeral will be conducted at 2 o'clock Wednesday at Friendship Baptist Church at Jefferson by the Rev. Carroll Burkett and the Rev. W. E. Denney. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Continued rise in influenza brings plea to vaccinate.

Loan Of \$520,000 Is Sought For Beech Mtn. Ski Project

Application for a \$520,000 loan has been submitted to the Federal Small Business Administration by the Beech Mountain Development Company, Inc., according to Jack Williams, Boone accountant and a director of the corporation.

Williams said Monday that it is the hope of the corporation that "a definite reply will be made within three or four weeks." He added that additional funds are necessary before work can be continued at the ski site.

In relation to the topic of moneys, Williams explained that as a requirement for a loan, local industry must raise ten per cent of the fixed cost. Avery Industry Inc., has been formed and is in operation, he said. "Stock is now being sold," Williams commented, "and Avery Industry is reaching the half-way point in the fund drive."

The ultimate goal set by Avery Inc. is "approximately \$85,000," Williams said.

The ski resort is to be built on Beech Mountain, about 17 miles southwest of Boone. The total expenditure will be \$850,000.

When completed, the ski area would be the third in North Carolina. Plans call for 12,000 feet of ski runs, including three slopes equipped with snow making machinery. A 5,000-foot novice trail would depend entirely on natural snow.

The opening date has been set for December 15. "Proceedings are on schedule," Williams said. "If all continues well, we will be able to open on time."

Robert A. Dreisbach of Pennsylvania has been employed as General Manager and Ski Professional at the Beech Mountain Development Company Inc., according to an announcement made in Boone this week.

Dreisbach was formerly with the Split Rock Lodge in Harmony, Pennsylvania. More complete details will appear in next week's Watauga Democrat.

Ted Kennedy and photographer tangle over a candid photograph taken at ski resort.



CHECKING TEMPERATURE

Four Watauga Students Doing Practice Teaching

Four Watauga County students at Appalachian State Teachers College are among the 150 seniors who are engaged in student teaching this quarter. The foursome is composed of Miss Tari Jones, Mrs. Mary Keller Maine, Mrs. Annie Van Noppen Millsaps, and John Ragan.

Miss Jones is doing her student teaching at Morganton Senior High School. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Jones and is a 1968 graduate of Cranberry High School. She is teaching business education.

At Happy Valley High School for the twelve-week internship is Mrs. Maine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Doss Keller. She is teaching algebra. Mrs. Maine was graduated at Blowing Rock High School in 1968.

Teaching a section of third graders at Valle Crucis Elementary School, Mrs. Millsaps is the daughter of Drs. John and Ina Van Noppen. She completed high school at Appalachian in 1969.

Ragan is with the department of social studies at Beaver Creek High School. He is the son of D. S. Ragan and was graduated from Appalachian High School in 1964.

The student teachers began their duties March 6 and will continue with their work through May 23. The student devotes full time in the school and gradually takes over the full teaching load, always under the supervision of a teacher and the principal.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our many friends for their helpfulness and sympathy during the long illness and death of our dear wife and mother, May God bless each of you.—Clay Taylor and children.

National Girl Scout Week Being Observed

The four Girl Scout and Brownie Troops of Boone are celebrating National Girl Scout Week (March 10-16) with varied activities. Wearing their uniforms and sitting in groups, they attended the church of their choice on Sunday. Tuesday or Wednesday they are to be the guests of the Appalachian Theatre for a free movie. On Thursday night there is to be a covered dish supper for the Scouts and their parents at the Elementary School cafeteria at 6:30 p. m.

Girl Scout Troops formed by girls whose interests coincide, guided by fine leaders teaching activities supplemented by the Scout Promise and Laws gives youngsters continuity and a variety of ever expanding activities. Bound together by a code of ethics, Scouting gives girls the opportunity to pursue their own interests, and to combine their efforts in groups projects to aid not only their program, but others around them. The annual cookie sale to be completed this week is just such a project.

Leaders for the Boone troops are Mrs. Geneva Lackey, Mrs. Martha Davis, Mrs. Wanda Sawyer, Mrs. Carolyn Moore, Mrs. Alma Winkler, Mrs. Ruth Ray and Mrs. Precious Smith. Mrs. J. Lou Carpenter is neighborhood chairman and Mrs. Elsie Erneston is troop consultant.

Others who are active as members of troop committees are Mrs. Hal McNeeley, Mrs. Mary Neil Marsh, Mrs. Bennie Yates, Mrs. Becky Steele, Mrs. Nane Spainhour, Mrs. Ann Tuckwiler, Mrs. Ray Bosworth, Mrs. Lois Isley, Mrs. Bea Stone and Mrs. Mary Ann Lawrence.

POLICE CHECK POLICE

Memphis, Tenn.—A new department in the police department will be established to investigate reports or rumors of any misconduct on the part of police officers.

It will probably be called a police department to police the police department, with a high-ranking officer in charge.

Mrs. Main Succumbs

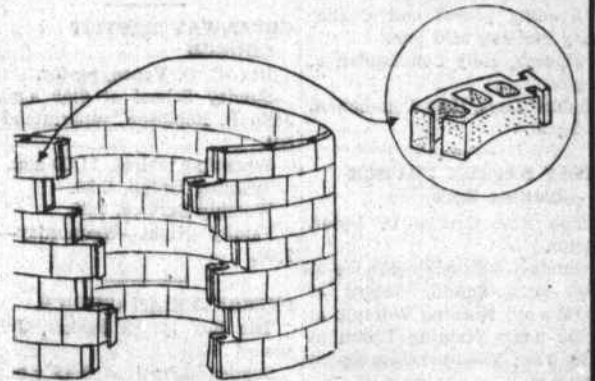
Mrs. Rose Allie Main, 80, of Todd, died Friday, March 1, at the home of a son, Marvin Main of Todd.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Wade Miller and Mrs. Dean Miller, both of Bristol, Tenn.; two sons, Marvin Main of Todd and Charlie Main of Boone; two brothers, Thomas and James Holman, both of West Jefferson; 27 grandchildren and 34 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at the Hopewell Methodist Church on Sunday, March 3, by the Rev. R. H. Ballard and Rev. Ed Blackburn. Burial was in the church cemetery.

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The Appalachian group performed two numbers, "Sleep, Baby, Sleep" by Norman Bell and Robert Shaw, and "Ezekiel Saw the Wheel", spiritual arranged by James Moulton. Both numbers were three part arrangements. Student accompanist was Kathy Dotson.

The honor rating certificate will be presented to the school and placed in the display cabinet located in the front entrance hall.

Serving on the panel of judges were Richard Cox, Woman's College; E. L. Williams, Greensboro College; and Thane MacDonald, Wake Forest College. Selection of judges, as well as the sponsoring of contest-festivals throughout the state, is a function of the North Carolina Music Educators Conference. Only teachers who are members of the conference may enter groups.

The 7th and 8th grade chorus has a current membership of 65 students. Auditions are held at the beginning of each school year, and at various times during the year, to fill vacancies.



"I don't ski, but..."

... this new resort has meant a regular pay check for my husband... and a lot of the other folks in our community."

Yes, rural electric systems are helping their communities survive the economic blow that has struck traditionally farming and mining areas.

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8 '63 CHEVROLETS	2	9, 14
2 '63 PONTIACS	3	7, 8, 18
8 '63 PLYMOUTHS	3	6, 16, 22
2 '63 BUICKS	0	
1 '63 CHRYSLER	0	

Daytona is no "private" test arranged by a manufacturer to favor his car's strong points. It is open competition—anyone can enter—and the one thing that is proved by its searing 500 miles is just exactly how well a car hangs together. At Daytona, Florida, on February 24, five brand-new 1963½ Fords showed the world what durability means by sweeping the first five places. And that has never been equaled in Daytona history!

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