



Mrs. Herman Wilcox cheers Mrs. Barbara Gragan, a patient from Reidsville, with the morning mail.



Mrs. Len Hagaman (left) and Mrs. Ernest Blankenship (center) confer with Nurse Haas before going on duty. — Rivers photos.

Volunteer 'Gray Lady' Corps Is Rendering Fine Hospital Help

Organized this year in Boone, the voluntary Gray Lady Corps, headed by co-chairmen Mrs. Ernest Blankenship of Sherwood and Mrs. Stanley Harris of Boone and secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Grace Bingham of Boone, is already busy at work.

A very versatile group, the ladies assist the Watauga Hospital staff with visitor control, mail delivery, distributor of magazines and "help just wherever we're needed!" says

Mrs. Blankenship. Twenty-four Wataugas have already joined the volunteer organization, each having completed 22 hours of training and 10 hours of work at Watauga Hospital.

All are anticipating the capping exercise to be held at the completion of the third and final Red Cross class in the near future. The Gray Ladies have voted that each shall donate 50 hours of service to the

hospital each year. But more volunteers are needed. Interested women should contact Mrs. Blankenship at 267-3473.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for their many acts of kindness during the illness, death and burial of our husband and father. May God bless each of you. Allie C. Clay and family.

'Speech Law' Unfortunate, Appalachian's Prexy Says

As on all college campuses throughout the State and elsewhere, there has been much talk on the Appalachian State Teachers College campus about House Bill 1395 "to regulate visiting speakers at state-supported colleges and universities" which was enacted into law during the closing days of the General Assembly of 1963.

President W. H. Plemons says it is an unfortunate piece of legislation, and gives these reasons for such a statement.

He says it is unfortunate, in the first place, in that it presupposes the inability of trustees, who themselves are either appointed or whose nominations are approved by the General Assembly; the college presidents, who in turn are elected by and hold office at the pleasure of these trustees; the faculty and staffs, who are approved by the presidents and trustees; to fulfill their responsibilities, uphold the oaths they have taken, or exercise proper judgment in such matters.

In the second place, the Act is unfortunate, Dr. Plemons says, in that it presupposes that youth, who are fast approaching maturity and almost all of whom come from God-fearing, law-abiding parents whose loyalty and patriotism cannot be questioned, are incapable of distinguishing the true from the false. It presupposes also that best judgments and decisions are reached by being exposed to only a part of what is known about a subject.

Continuing, Dr. Plemons says the Act is unfortunate in that, contrary to tradition and democratic action within the North Carolina General Assembly, it was enacted into law without providing an opportunity for those most concerned, outside the General Assembly, to hear the subject discussed and to be heard in the discussions.

The Act is unfortunate, in the fourth place, in that the administration of it contains sources of embarrassment and will be extremely difficult if not impossible to enforce, Dr. Plemons thinks.

The source of embarrassment lies in what appears to be the necessity of the one extending the invitation to ask the one being invited to indicate in writing, that he has never been in violation of the various parts of the Act.

The patriotic individual would be offended by such a request

and would refuse the invitation. Few of those at whom the Act is aimed, Dr. Plemons believes, would hesitate to sign a false statement.

He also thinks that the Act is unfortunate, in that it contains what can be interpreted to be fear of freedom of thought and discussion, and the intent to suppress this freedom.

Dr. Plemons says, "Even so, and in spite of the fact that I deplore the enactment of this law, so long as the law remains on the statute books, those connected with Appalachian State Teachers College will endeavor honestly to abide by it and to adhere to it. The repeal of it, however, will be sought and worked for by all of us who believe in freedom of speech and discussion and who believe that dangerous and destructive germs thrive best in the dark but die rapidly when exposed to sunlight."

League Women Voters Cancel Meeting Plans

The general meeting of the Boone League of Women Voters, scheduled to be held at the court house July 30, has been cancelled because Senator Ira T. Johnston, who was to preside at a legislative round-up, will not be present as he has not sufficiently recovered from his recent illness.

Mrs. J. E. Holshouser, president, says that the Legislative program will be presented at a later date when Senator Johnston is able to attend.



Dealer Given Award

Mack D. Brown, president of the Brown & Graham Motor Co., received his second Quality Dealer Award at a dinner, July 16, at the Daniel Boone Inn. Making the presentation

(l-r) were D. J. Kraft and J. A. Moss, regional and district managers of Chrysler Motors Corp.

Blowing Rock Homes Tour

Four "showplaces" in Blowing Rock will be featured in the fifth annual tour of homes there Friday, July 26.

The tour, which is sponsored by St. Mary's of the Hills Episcopal Church, will be held from 1-5 p.m.

The four homes to be featured this year are:

"Olibar" on Norwood Circle, owned by Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Black.

"Norwood" on Norwood Cir-

cle, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Finley.

"Shadow Lawn" on Wonderland Trail, owned by Mr. and Mrs. James Harris.

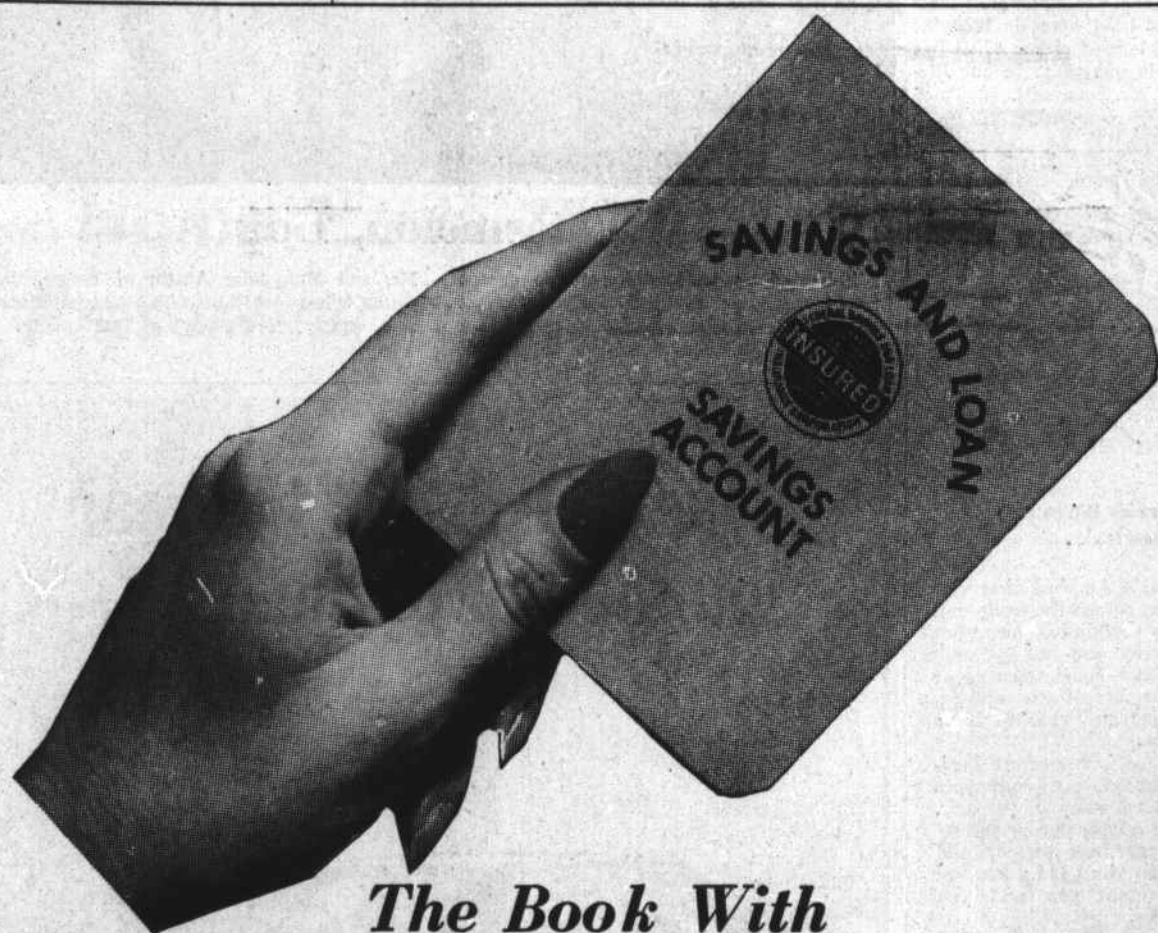
"Gray Stone Towers" in Mayview Park, owned by Mr. Thomas Shelton.

The tour will leave promptly at 1 p.m. Only official cars will be used in order to avoid parking problems at the houses.

Tour tickets are \$3.00. They may be obtained from the Wom-

en's Auxiliary of St. Mary's of the Hills Episcopal Church, from Mrs. George Holt, from Miss Lena Reeves' Women's Exchange and the Chamber of Commerce.

The Women's Auxiliary will serve a light lunch at the Parish House of the Episcopal Church on Friday from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. There will be a nominal charge for the lunch. A tea at the Parish House after the tour will be free.



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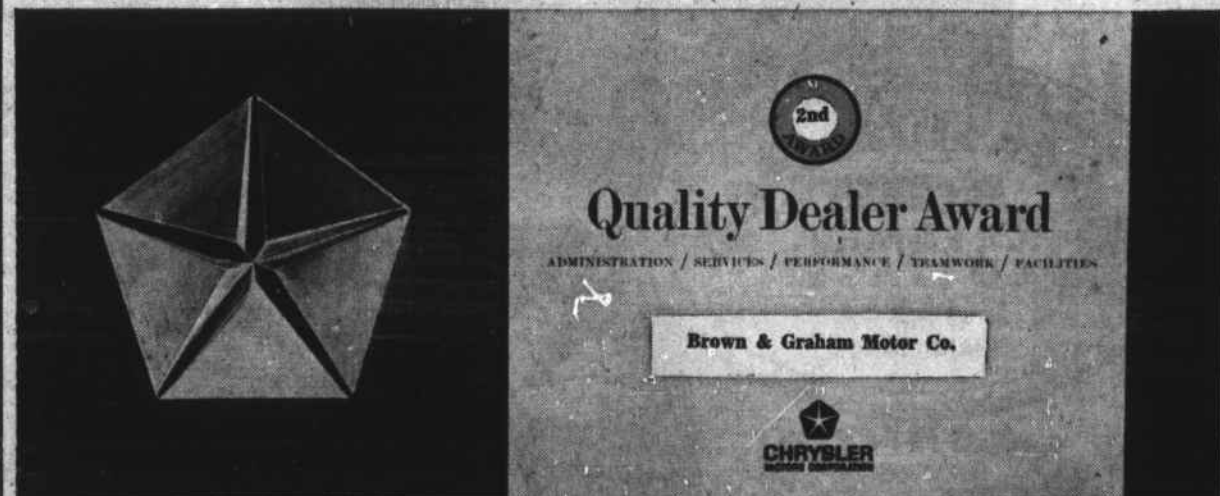
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