



Wataugans In Marching Band

According to band director Charles Isley, Jr., two Watauga County students are among the 75-member marching band at Appalachian State Teachers College this fall. They are Mickeal Lee Johnson and Ben Miller. The marching band functions during the fall quarter, playing at all home and "away" games during the football season. Often it is featured in parades in Watauga County and throughout the state. Most of the members remain with the organization after fall quarter when it becomes a concert band.

Bob Yoder In Editor's Seminar

Misenheimer, N. C. — Bob Yoder, son of Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Yoder, 118 Highland Circle, Boone, on October 1 shared in a communications seminar led by Richard L. Tobin, managing editor of The Saturday Review. Tobin opened the college's 1963-64 convocation series at the college. During his visit he met with student and faculty groups at which time current literary affairs, particularly related to mass communication media, were discussed. The veteran newspaperman, former City Editor of the New York Herald Tribune, was also honored at a luncheon during his visit. Yoder is a member of the senior class, a pre-ministerial student, and a leader of several campus organizations.

L. P. Colvard Dies At 67

Jefferson, Oct. 4—Larry P. Colvard, 67, of Jefferson, an Ashe County civic leader and former register of deeds, died about 6 p.m. yesterday at his home after a heart attack. He had served as register of deeds for 20 years and resigned to become cashier of the Jefferson branch of the Northwestern Bank. He retired in 1961. Colvard also had served for many years as chairman of the Ashe County Chapter of the American Red Cross and once served as county chairman for the U. S. Savings Bond sales program. Other Activities He also was active in the Boy Scouts, the Masons, the Jefferson Baptist Church and the Jefferson Rotary Club. He had served as Rotary president. He was a veteran of World War I and a former commander of the P. G. Wright Post of the American Legion. Surviving are his widow; two sons, Parks Colvard in the Air Force and Hal B. Colvard of Jefferson; two sisters, Mrs. Annie Dent of Jefferson and Mrs. Maude Holloway of Charlotte; and four grandchildren.

Old Campaign Button Silent Reminder Local Congressman

Statesville, Oct. 3—A Statesville man, walking around an old homeplace which was being cleared by a bulldozer, uncovered a page from Fredell's political past when he found a small metal tag this week. Earl Bustle who lives on the Amity Hill Road, didn't know what he had found, but brought the tag, which resembles a dog collar, by the local newspaper office. "I thought it was an old dog tag with somebody's identification on it," Bustle said. The tag is about one and one-half inches wide and two inches long, with a small slit at the top for fastening.

It had this inscription on it: SPENCER BLACKBURN FOR CONGRESS, 1904. The tag was found at the old Tom Cashion homestead at the city limits on Amity Hill Road. Bustle lives next door to where the bulldozing and clearing operation was underway. He said the tag was slightly bent and he was able to make out a little of the inscription before using a piece of steel wool on it. "I saw it was someone for Congress in 1904 and that's the reason I cleaned it up," Bustle added. The tag was probably used in a political campaign before Bustle was born. How long it had been on the ground was not known. Bustle is 49 years old and the tag as to be at least 59 years old. Blackburn was elected to the 59th Congress (1905-1907) and the campaign was in 1904. A check through the Biographical Directory of the American Congress, 1774-1927, turned up some information concerning Blackburn.

The congressman was Edmond Spencer Blackburn. He was born near Boone in Watauga County Sept. 22, 1868. Blackburn studied in the "common schools and academies of his native state," according to the directory, and studied law, being admitted to the bar in 1896. He practiced law in Jefferson. He served as reading clerk of the North Carolina State Senate in 1894 and 1895, was a member of the State House of Representatives in 1896 and 1897. He served as speaker pro tem in 1897. Blackburn was named assistant United States attorney in 1898. In 1900, he was elected as a Republican to the 57th U. S. Congress and served from March 4, 1901, until the term ended on March 3, 1903. He was an unsuccessful candidate for re-election in 1902 to the 58th Congress. The tag which was found by Bustle was evidently campaign material used by Blackburn in 1904 in his bid for another term in Congress. He was elected to the 59th Congress in the 1904 race, serving from March 4, 1905, until March 3, 1907. Blackburn was not a candidate for renomination in 1906. After serving the two terms in Congress, Blackburn resumed law practice in Greensboro. He died at Elizabethton, Tennessee, March 10, 1912, and is buried in Old Hopewell Cemetery near Boone.

Annas To Head Alumni Group As Of October 26

Miles Annas, an Appalachian State Teachers College graduate of 1942, will head the school's 7,000 member alumni Association beginning October 26. Annas was elected to the president-elect post during the ASTC Homecoming ceremonies last year. He will be officially installed during the Homecoming luncheon in the Men's Old Gym. Leroy Sossamon of Bryson City, President of the Alumni Association, will install Annas and relinquish the gavel to the new president. Annas, a resident of Charlotte, is president of the Southern Comfort Company, a heating and air-conditioning contracting concern. His company has installed heating and air-conditioning systems in such buildings as the Hawthorne Medical Center in Charlotte and the Westgate Shopping Center in Asheville. After graduation from ASTC, Annas spent four years in the U. S. Army as a combat engineer. He earned two bronze stars for bravery during the war. After World War II, he joined the N. C. State Highway Department as a resident engineer. In 1950, he was recalled to active duty and served two years in Europe during the Korean conflict.

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