

Dr. Harris Will Be Speaker At Northwest Development Meeting

Dr. Pierce Harris, pastor of the First Methodist Church in Atlanta, Georgia, will be the principal speaker at the tenth annual dinner meeting of the Northwest North Carolina Development Association in Elkin on Thursday, December 5.

Final plans for this meeting of the Association were completed by the Board of Directors at their November 8 meeting. The dinner is scheduled at the Gilvin Roth YMCA at 6:30 p. m.

Association president, Hight Helms, has appointed former president Atwell Alexander of Stony Point as general chairman for the annual event. Ticket sales are now being handled in the eleven counties by association directors. Mr. Alexander expressed regret that space will permit only 800 guests.

Prior to Dr. Harris' address, Community Development



DR. PIERCE HARRIS

Awards will be presented to the 35 winning communities. Awards for 1963 total \$5,000.

in the past nine years, these awards generate much excitement and constitute a feature part of the program.

Messrs Helms and Alexander praised the selection of Dr. Harris, the speaker for this occasion. The Georgia native is now in his twenty-third year as pastor of Atlanta's First Methodist Church, where more than 5,000 new members have been added during his tenure of leadership.

It has been said that Dr. Harris has spoken at more Methodist Conferences than any other Methodist minister in America. He is also a popular speaker at a wide range of national conventions.

Persons wishing to attend the dinner meeting in Elkin on December 5 are urged to secure tickets without delay, for the maximum capacity of the YMCA is 800.



SAM W. DIXON

Sam W. Dixon Is Named County Key Banker

A prominent Watauga County banker has been named "County Key Banker" for Watauga County by the N. C. Bankers Association.

NCBA President John J. Mason has announced that Sam W. Dixon will serve as County Key Banker for the next 12 months. Mr. Dixon is Executive Vice-President of the First National Bank of Boone.

Pointing to the recognition that Ter Heel bankers have won for their service to agriculture through the farm programs of the NCBA, President Mason thanked the 100 County Key Bankers for their service. He noted their continuing help in the promotion of the NCBA's programs to assist in building a sound farm economy in North Carolina. The Association continues to spend more time and money on its farm programs than any other phase of its activity, he reported.

Among the projects sponsored by the Association are a two-week school at North Carolina State College each February, attended by 150 young farm leaders from every section of North Carolina. These scholarships have totaled over 1,250, all expenses being paid by their hometown banks.

The annual farm credit conference brings together several hundred farmers and bankers. A land judging contest in the interest of soil conservation is another project of the NCBA. Meanwhile, the banks of North Carolina continue to lend more money to farmers than any other institutional group of lenders.

Three Members Of Dougherty Family Have Been ASTC Business Managers

By LARRY PENLEY

Three members of the Dougherty family have served as Business Managers of Appalachian State Teachers College since 1921—a period of 42 years.

Dauphin Disco Dougherty served from 1921 until his death in 1929; Mrs. Lillie Shull Dougherty served from 1929 until her retirement in 1938; she was succeeded by her son, David Barnard Dougherty in 1938.

D. D. Dougherty, co-founder of Watauga Academy in 1899 and Appalachian College in 1903, began his teaching career as a math and physics professor at Holly Springs College, Butler, Tenn. At Appalachian he taught math, science, physics, and German.

"Professor Daugh," as he was familiarly known on the campus, was largely responsible for introducing into the college program an art department, a manual training division (where printing was taught), and home economics. These were quite progressive steps for a college—especially a young college—to take during the early 1900's.

The first Business Manager was also instrumental in starting the college's first library which occupied several rooms in the administration building. The present 100,000 volume library is named in memory of D. D. Dougherty.



A capable business office staff assist Vice-President Barnard Dougherty in carrying out the diverse operations of his office. In the picture are (l-r), standing, Ned Trivette, Mrs. Melba Tugman, Mrs. Pat Hodges, Mrs. Ruth Redmond, Mrs. Carolyn Mitchell, Ed Kerley, Mrs. Mary Buchanan, Mrs. Maude Carroll, Mrs. Eloise Bagley and C. C. Coffey. Seated is Mr. Dougherty.—Larry Penley photo.

Mrs. D. D. Dougherty

Mrs. D. D. Dougherty became Business Manager following the death of her husband. Her son, Barnard Dougherty, worked along side her as assistant Business Manager until her resignation in 1938. The college board of trustees then designated young Dougherty as Business Manager.

David Barnard Dougherty

In 1955, the trustees appointed Barnard Dougherty to the newly-created post of vice president and comptroller. Dougherty supervises the activities of 300 non-academic personnel and administers an annual \$3½ million budget in carrying out his duties as vice president and comptroller of Appalachian.

He and his capable staff help the president prepare the college's biennial budget and then supervises distribution of the money in salaries, services and equipment to the institution's 560 employees.

Vice President Dougherty also assists the president in preparing capital improvements budget requests, which totals (continued on page three)

Brewer, Burch Start Time At State Prison

Raleigh—Raleigh businessman Kidd Brewer and former highway engineer Robert A. Burch entered Central Prison in Raleigh last Wednesday to begin serving 18-month terms for influence-peddling.

They were taken to the prison by Wake County Sheriff Robert Pleasants after commitment papers had been turned over to him by Superior Court Clerk J. Russell Nipper.

Prisons Director George Randall said the two men will be kept at Central Prison "for two or three days for processing."

He added, "They will be interviewed and given a battery of tests to determine their job placement."

Randall said they will be sent to a county camp or the 400-man unit outside Central Prison since the main prison is a maximum security institution.

Earlier in the day Nipper had received certification of the U. S. Supreme Court's refusal to hear the case.

Brewer and Burch were convicted last year of influence-peddling charges in connection with State Highway Department sign purchases.

Brewer held a big "going in" party Sunday to mark his imminent entry into prison. He told newsmen at the affair he was prepared to enter prison cheerfully and anxious to get his prison sentence behind him.

The state accused Burch of rigging highway sign specifications to favor sign companies represented by Brewer. Evidence was offered that Brewer had divided more than \$80,000 in commissions received from sign companies with Burch and his son, Robert M. Burch. Young Burch received a suspended sentence and was fined.

PAID TO LEAVE

Olathe, Kan. — Ten cars of enthusiastic persons followed a hot-air balloon in a 45-minute flight over Johnson County which ended on the farm of Jack W. Meyers.

When the balloon landed in Mr. Meyers' pasture of bluegrass sod, they opened the gate and drove across the fields.

Observing the damage to his bluegrass, Meyers locked the gate and charged each driver \$10 before he would let him leave.

Ethel Merman sings in nightclubs again.

Dr. Spencer To Go To Chicago

Dr. William G. Spencer, chairman of the music department at Appalachina State Teachers College, will attend the National Association of Schools of Music in Chicago on November 29-30.

Dr. Spencer has been a member of the NASM since 1953.

The NASM has been designated by the National Commission on Accrediting as the responsible agency for the accreditation of all music degree curricula with specialization in the fields of applied music, music theory, composition, music therapy, musicology, and music as a major in liberal arts programs. Its deliberations will play an important part in music education trends in this country during the coming years.

KING-SIZE CAKE

Nashville, Tenn. — Considered the biggest cake baked anywhere, was baked here to mark the 80th anniversary of the Life and Casualty Company. It was more than 18 feet high and weighed more than 6,000 pounds.

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