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SPRING BLOSSOMS IN BRIGHT CONTRAST WITH AN EVERGREEN IN BACKGROUND (Staff photo)

New Rural Telephone Exchange Service Starts Next Saturday

Mr. G. W. Edwards, President of Skyline Telephone Membership Corporation, has announced that plans are complete for initiating service in the Cooperative's new Watauga exchange at midnight, Saturday, April 30—May 1.

This will be the second of two exchanges in Watauga County now serving approximately 1,200 members. Service in the Sugar Grove exchange commenced in 1957 with approximately 250 members. This exchange was recently greatly expanded with new equipment.

For the past eight (8) months a contractor has been working for the Cooperative installing heavier cables for the new Watauga exchange as well as the Sugar Grove exchange. Mr. J. H. McGuire, Manager, pointed out that much of the new cable has been buried where it is less susceptible to damage and trouble than aerial cable. Mr. McGuire advised that this

new exchange and cable plant is another step in the plans of the Cooperative to provide improved service in the rural areas of Watauga County. Equipment and basic cable plant are provided for reducing the number on party lines from 8 to 4 and furnishing one and two party service at a reasonable rate. Extensions from the basic cable plant will be required in many areas before

the regarding can be completed. It will take several months to install the necessary extension of lines to regrade all members, as well as add approximately 200 applicants for service.

Skyline now has 6,000 phones connected in five counties. Nine exchanges are in operation with two others scheduled for completion in Alleghany County in July, 1966.



APPEARS AT APPALACHIAN ARTS FESTIVAL—Neil Rankin, mezzo-soprano of the Metropolitan Opera and called one of the great Carmens of the age, will appear in concert at Appalachian State Teachers College on Thursday, April 28. She will appear in Greer Hall at 8 p. m. Miss Rankin's concert marks the opening of the spring Arts Festival at the college. The Festival runs through May 7 and also will feature the appearances of Charleen Whisnant, editor of the Red Clay Reader, and Edwin Grzesnikowski, violinist and artist in residence at the University of Kentucky. Mrs. Whisnant will appear at 8 p. m. on Monday, May 2, and Mr. Grzesnikowski will bring the festival to a conclusion on Saturday, May 7, at 8 p. m.

Democrats To Hold Convention Here May 14th

The Democratic County Convention will be held Saturday, May 14, at 2 p. m. at the courthouse for the purpose of electing delegates to the State Convention, it is announced by James A. Dugger, chairman.

The Executive Committee will also meet at that time to name a Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing two years. Precinct meetings will be held May 7 at 2 o'clock at the various voting places to elect precinct committees and delegates to the county convention.

Meets Mayor's Committee N. C. Fund Specialist Calls WAMY One Of Better Efforts

Courthouse Plans Being Gone Over

The Watauga County Board of Commissioners have received preliminary plans for the proposed Watauga County Courthouse to be built on the site of the present courthouse structure.

County Tax Supervisor Ralph Greene said that the plans call for a modernistic two-story building of brick veneer, with partial basement, measuring 122 feet by 97 feet and facing West King Street as does the present Courthouse.

Greene said the plans have not been accepted, but that the Commissioners are studying them, especially as regards the layout of floor space. The plans are at Greene's office in the Courthouse.

Estimated cost of the new building is around \$400,000, he said.

County Students To Aid In Drive For Handicapped

Students of all the schools in Watauga County will participate in a drive, May 9-17, to collect donations of used clothing, shoes, toys, rags and small appliances for the Goodwill Industries in Winston-Salem, N. C.

These discards make available vocational training and jobs for many blind, crippled and handicapped persons from all over North Carolina. Perhaps you have some of these articles gathering dust at your house and would like to do your part.

Students from these schools will be glad to accept your generous donations. Assist these students in filling their Goodwill bags, and you will be helping a disabled person to get a new lease on life by giving him a means of vocational therapy.

Goodwill Industries is a charitable, non-profit agency which gives jobs and vocational training to 140 handicapped persons each day. These handicapped persons launder, clean, repair and sell the used clothing, shoes, toys and other donations. These handicapped persons represent many of the counties of North Carolina. Won't you give today, that they may work tomorrow?

Research Grants Are Announced

The Appalachian Regional Commission announced Saturday the award of two research contracts totaling \$264,600 for an industry location study and a recreation study in the Appalachian area.

The \$195,000 industry study, the commission said, will help determine how the competitive position of the region can be enhanced through coordinated programs of public investment.

In it, the Fantus Co. of New York, a subsidiary of Dup & Bradstreet, Inc., will make a detailed evaluation of factors affecting the location of new and expanded industrial facilities of 25 industries expected to have growth potential in the region.

The \$69,600 recreation study will be made by Robert R. Nathan Associates and Resource Planning Associates of Washington. The commission said it will help provide the information needed to assess the impact of recreation on regional development.



ASTC STUDENT CENTER—Despite a recent illness of George Durden, Superintendent for Juno Construction Company, and the fact that several workers have been out with influenza, the foundations are in, and

the columns and walls are going up on the Student Center beside the College Book Store. A spokesman for Juno Construction says that the contractors are right on schedule.

\$208,000 Student Center To Be Dedicated By Baptists

A new Baptist Student Center, erected at a cost of \$208,000 and designed to serve students at Appalachian State Teachers College, will be dedicated on Sunday, May 15, as the climax to a week of special services.

Speakers during the "Week of Dedication" preceding the dedicatory service will include Dr. Warren Carr, pastor of Wake Forest Baptist Church; Arthur Driscoll, administrative consultant from the student department of the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tenn.; Dr. W. Perry Crouch, executive secretary of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina; Rev. James Y. Greene, former Baptist Student Union director at Appalachian and presently a

missionary to Korea; Rev. J. Boyce Brooks, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Boone, and Rev. Henry W. Greer, Baptist campus chaplain at Appalachian.

Rev. Mr. Brooks will preach the dedicatory sermon at 11 a. m. Sunday, May 15, with Rev. Greer conducting an outdoor service in front of the new center at 11:45 a. m.

Dr. Carr will speak at two services each on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, May 8, 9 and 10. His series will include five lectures on "A Dialogue Between the New Reformers and Free Churchmen" following an opening worship service Sunday at 6 p. m. on "The Essentiality of Form."

Driscoll will speak at 7:30 p. m. Wednesday, May 11, on "The Southern Baptist Convention, Ministers to The College Campus."

Dr. Crouch will speak at 7:30 p. m. Thursday, May 12, on "The Baptist State Convention—Partner With The Local Church in Ministering to The College Campus."

An open house is scheduled for 7:30 p. m. Friday, May 13, and on Saturday Rev. Greene will speak on "The Baptist Student Union Looks Backward—and Forward" at 7 p. m.

The new structure, which is adjacent to the First Baptist (Continued on page two)

Harmon Seeks Area House Seat

George M. Harmon of Beech Creek in Avery County has filed as a candidate for the North Carolina House of Representatives for the district



GEORGE M. HARMON

comprising Watauga, Avery and Mitchell counties.

His bid will be subject to the Republican primary on May 28. Harmon is retired from the Postal Service, under which he was postmaster 16 years; he is a veteran of World War I, and now is a merchant.

Harmon is married, has a daughter and a grandchild. He and his wife attend the Beech Valley Baptist Church.

Poverty And Its Causes Are Discussed

BY RACHEL RIVERS

John E. Murray, N. C. Fund Community Education Specialist, addressed a meeting of the Mayor's Committee Wednesday, April 20, in the conference room of City Hall.

Murray told the group he wished to put into focus the local work of the WAMY organization and later showed how \$916,000 tax dollars could be added to county books through development of the program.

He said WAMY is one of the Fund's 11 projects in North Carolina, and added that it is one of the better developed in the state. He named the poverty program of Craven County and that of WAMY—Watauga, Avery, Mitchell and Yancey counties as the two best, and outlined the local program in the context of the entire problem in North Carolina.

"The problem of poverty must be surmounted if North Carolina is to become a first class state. It is not impossible that North Carolina be on the level of Pennsylvania, New York or California"—considering the resources available, he said.

Foresight

"Our state," Murray said, "has led in the notion of war against poverty."

The North Carolina Fund was planning to do battle against poverty one year before the Federal Government. He said that former Governor Terry Sanford and other interested individuals requested and ultimately received \$7 million from The Ford Foundation toward a poverty program for North Carolina.

An additional 2½ million was received from The Smith-Raynolds Foundation and The Babcock foundation.

The North Carolina Fund is not in the give-away business, Murray said. "We are a research organization, which devised a five-year program to discover why people are poor, why they remain poor and how to get them out of the rut of poverty. We do not believe that laziness (Continued on page two)

New Parking Rules Set

No more indiscriminate parking will be permitted on the Street, it has been decided by the city council.

Heretofore, when a car had been once ticketed, it might remain parked all day. In the future, Mayor Brown says, cars will be ticketed every time the meter checker makes the rounds.

The public parking lot at North Depot and Queen Streets will be open May 1.

Andrews To Head New River Assoc.

The New River Valley Development Association met in West Jefferson Monday evening, April 18, and elected Glenn Andrews of Boone to the presidency of the organization.

Andrews succeeds Gwyn Gambill of Ashe County. He is owner of Andrews Chevrolet, Inc., on North Depot Street.

Elected vice-presidents are R. C. Mitchell of Alleghany County and Paul Byer of Ashe County.

Clayborn Sheets of West Jefferson was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

Over 200 School Officials To Attend Area Gathering

Plans have been completed for the annual District School Board meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 28 at Watauga High School.

Registration and open house will begin at 4 p. m. followed by panel discussions at 5 with the general theme of Federal Aid To Communities.

The meeting will be concluded with a banquet in the school cafeteria at 6:15. J. E. Miller, Assistant State Superintendent of Public Instruction, will make the address at the banquet.

District 15 of the State

School Boards Association is composed of school administrative units in Avery County, Burke County, Morganton, Glen Alpine, Caldwell County, Lenoir, and Watauga County. H. W. Mast, Jr., member of the Watauga County Board of Education, is president of the District Association and will preside at the meeting. Other officers are Martha Guy, member of the Avery County Board of Education, vice-president, and N. A. Miller, Principal, Watauga High School, secretary.

The discussion leaders for the panel discussions are Dr. Woodrow Sugg, Director, Community School Improvement Project, State Department of Public Instruction; Ernest Epley, Executive Director, WAMY Community Action, Inc.; and J. E. Miller, Assistant State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Clyde R. Erwin, Jr., Executive Secretary of the State School Boards Association, will be present and participate in the overall program. Over 200 school board members, committeemen, and school administrators are expected to attend the meeting.