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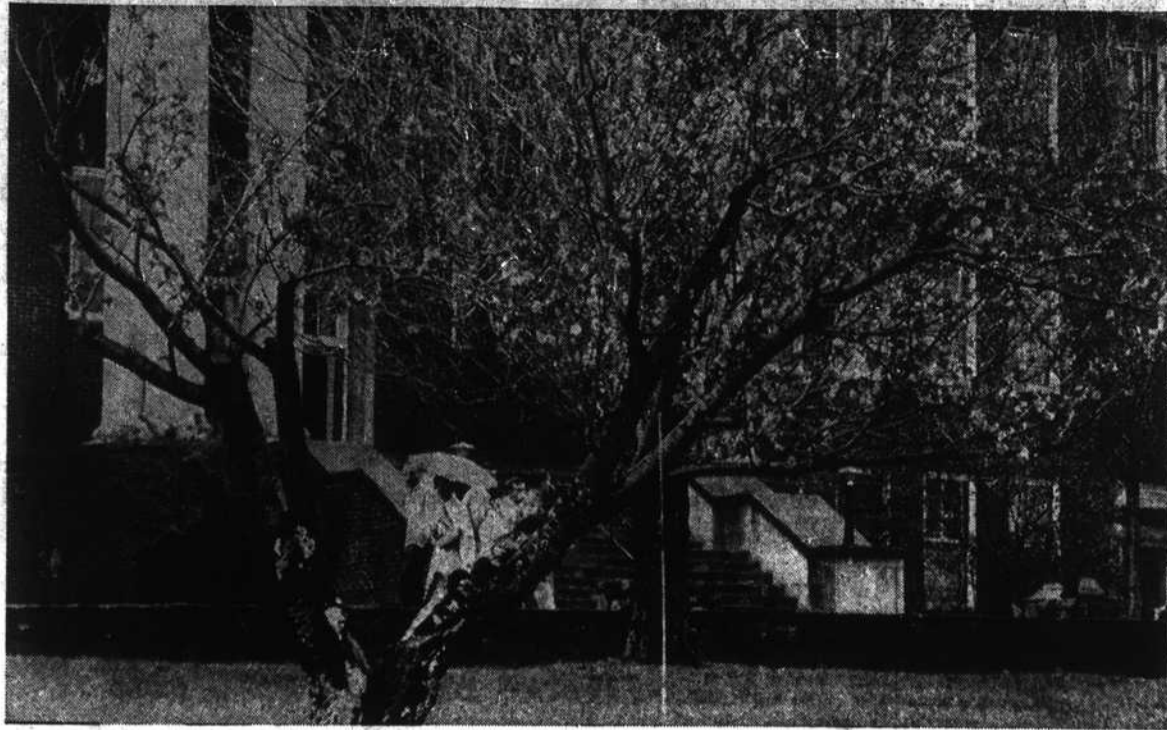
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STORMY WEATHER—still has not dampened spirits too much. Here a blossoming tree spreads before the Administration Building on campus, and umbrella'd students stroll through an afternoon drizzle. (Staff photo)

Miss Ashe County To Be Crowned This Weekend

Fifty contestants from the three Ashe County high schools will compete for the title, "Miss Ashe County of 1966" as the eighth annual Miss Ashe County Beauty Pageant swings into gear at 8 p. m. May 5, 6 and 7 in Beaver Creek High School. The winner will be crowned

by "Miss Ashe County of 1965", Miss Betsy Graham of Todd, who is a student at ASTC. Miss Patti Jones, currently Miss Watauga County, also a student at ASTC, and winner of the coveted Ashe title in 1963, will also be on hand.

The theme for Thursday's program will be "The Daisy Queens". All contestants will appear in evening gowns and half the group will present a three-minute talent number.

On Friday, the theme will be "USS Ashe County" and the girls will file across the stage in bathing suits and the rest of the contestants will present a three-minute talent number.

At the conclusion of this program, the top-ten contestants will be announced, selected by the total number of points awarded them by the judges for three appearances.

The three non-finalist award winners will also be announced on Friday. These include best non-finalist evening gown, best non-finalist bathing suit, and best non-finalist talent. Also

"Miss Congeniality" will be announced. She is chosen by popular vote of the contestants.

On Saturday, the top ten will appear in evening gown, in bathing suit and in a talent presentation. The theme for the finals is "Queens' Night".

The first and second runners-up and "Miss Ashe County of 1966" will appear in the Saturday evening program, and Saturday afternoon the top-ten, other award winners, local persons, Miss Ashe County of 1965, the Rhododendron Queen, Miss Watauga and other guests will parade through West Jefferson.

A buffet will be served to those in the parade and others at 5 p. m. in the Beaver Creek High School Cafeteria by the Touchdown Club.

Winners will receive valuable prizes donated by local firms and individuals.

Charles King will serve as "Master of Ceremonies", and on Queen's Night, the Shaws of Appalachian State Teachers College will entertain.

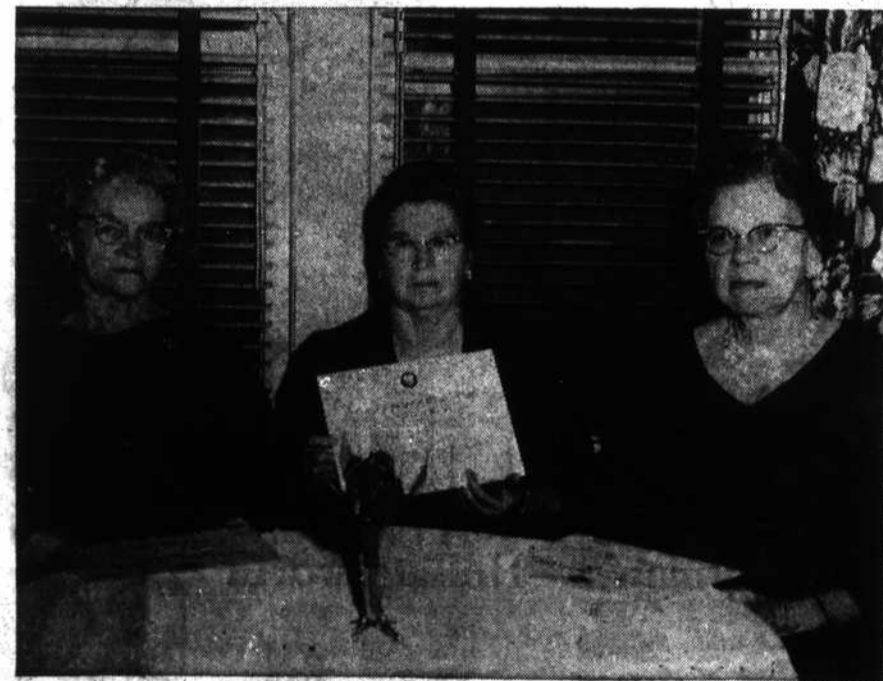
Contestants—from Ashe Cen- (Continued on page two)

Frank Coffey Stars In Opera

Frank L. Coffey, son of Mrs. Paul A. Coffey of Boone, will play the part of Marco in the New England Conservatory Opera Theater's production of Puccini's opera "Gianni Schicchi", Friday and Saturday, May 6 and 7, in the Conservatory's Jordan Hall at 8:30 p.m.

The New England Conservatory of Music in Boston is the oldest private conservatory in this country.

Coffey is a graduate student at the Conservatory majoring in Voice.



At a meeting of the Boone Worthwhile Woman's Club, Inc., Friday, three charter members were honored, left to right, Mrs. W. C. Greer, Mrs. W. G. Hartzog and Mrs. L. L. Bingham. (Weston photo)

Worthwhile Women Honor Three Charter Members

At the forty-third anniversary meeting of the Boone Worthwhile Woman's Club, Inc., Friday, April 29, Mrs. Herman Wilcox, vice-president, displayed a duplicate North Carolina Federation Women's Club Charter she had secured from the state office. It had been issued in 1923, but had been lost.

She introduced three charter members, Mrs. L. L. Bingham, Mrs. W. C. Greer, Mrs. W. G.

Hartzog, who gave a brief program on the history and early events of the club. Mrs. Bingham, who has helped compile the club history from April, 1923, to August, 1934, read an introduction she has written to the history and this also contained some memoirs.

Mrs. Greer humorously told of the club members' trip to Mount Airy to join the state Federation of Clubs. She re-

called several social activities of early club days and Mrs. Hartzog reported that one of the original purposes of the club was to develop leadership in capable women.

Mrs. Hartzog remembered humorously a club-sponsored picnic, held in the interest of establishing a railroad between North Wilkesboro and Boone.

Mrs. Paul Weston, president, (Continued on page two)

Voters May Register On 2 Saturdays

The registration books for the May primary will be open two more Saturdays to register new voters for the May 28th primary, while May 21 will be observed as Challenge Day.

It would bear repeating that the new registration originally ordered by the Elections Board has been called off, so all those who were qualified to vote last election are eligible.

The following is of current interest to those unfamiliar with the voting laws in North Carolina:

Qualifications
Generally speaking, the legal requirements for voting in North Carolina are:

a. That the person be 21 years of age or that he will have attained the age of 21 by the November 8 General Election.

b. That he has resided in the State for one year or will have done so by the November 8 general election.

c. That he has resided in the precinct for thirty days immediately preceding the November 8 general election, or (Continued on page two)

Federal Funds Earmarked \$1,003,500 Is Granted For Water-Sewer Plan

Mayor Says Bids May Be Let In June

BY RACHEL RIVERS

A telegram was received by Boone's Mayor Wade Brown Monday, informing him of a grant of more than \$1 million toward building the city's new water and sewerage system.

United States Senator B. Everett Jordan wrote: "Just informed, Economic Development Administration, has approved grant of \$1,003,500 for Boone to help build water and sewerage system."

Mayor Brown said that upon receiving the telegram he made plans for the engineers, Moore Gardner & Associates of Asheville to come to town Thursday to go over the final plans and check on the rights-of-way.

\$3 Million-Plus
It all comes to a total of \$3,103,500.

Brown: "Available for the whole project is: \$1,800,000 voted by citizens of Boone; an appropriation of \$300,000 from the state of North Carolina; and the grant of \$1,003,500 from the Federal Government."

The Mayor explained that the grant from North Carolina will be Appalachian State Teachers College's part in building the sewer plant. They have their own water system.

"Plans could not be completed until it was ascertained whether the State Stream Sanitation Committee might make available 30 per cent of the funds for the sewer system. Now that the Federal grant has come in," Brown said, "it takes the place of the state funds we might have received."

The Stream Sanitation Committee had approved the plans and the project, but the money had not been made available by the time the Federal grant was made.

Lot Of Work
Before the town gets the (continued on page two)

BULLETIN

The Office of Congressman James T. Broyhill announces that the Office of Education has made a grant of \$600,000 to Appalachian State Teachers College for the construction of a new library building.

The grant is authorized under Title I of the Higher Education Facilities Act.

Tutoring Program Is Operating Here

Youth Educational Services, a state program of education operating out of Durham, has been functioning in Watauga County for 10 months.

Mike Russell, Y.E.S. representative, says that 40 ASTC college students have been working with the program, tutoring one to three children, two to five times a week.

Classes are being held at Appalachian Elementary School and Watauga High School, and Russell says the program is being conducted during regular class hours, in co-operation with the County public school system.

Youth Educational Services got underway last summer under WAMY Community Action, Inc. and Y. E. S. supplied educational tools and training to get the program started, Russell said. Miss Rae Worthington is director of the local program.

Russell says five staff members have been employed to live in Watauga County this

summer to oversee the tutoring project, recruit and train volunteer tutors. The program is known as Mountain Tutorial and (Continued on page two)

Chicken Dinner Sponsored By Deep Gap Dept.

The Deep Gap Fire Department will have a Bar-B-Que Chicken dinner Saturday, May 7, from 4 until 8 p.m., in the Parkway Elementary School cafeteria.

The menu will consist of one-half charcoal bar-b-que chicken, french fries, cole slaw, hot rolls, butter and coffee or tea.

All proceeds will go toward the construction of a fire department building. Boxes will be available to take out.



Four Injured In Crash

Traveling north on Highway 221 south of Boone April 28, a 1964 Chevrolet convertible owned and driven by David Reid Cottrell, 23, of Boone slid from the road taking seven guard posts down and coming to a stop in a creek across from Mystery Hill. Patrolman Gary L. Morgan said the accident occurred about 10:45 p. m. Thursday, April 28. He said wet roads had caused the automobile to go out of control and no charges were made. Cottrell and three passengers—Linda Rob-

inson, 20, of Candler; Sandra Shelton, 21, of Conover and Edward Phifer, 24, of Morganton—all students at ASTC, were hospitalized that night. Morgan said Miss Robinson suffered a fractured leg and multiple cuts. Miss Shelton, Phifer and Cottrell also suffered multiple lacerations. All had been released from Watauga Hospital by Tuesday. The patrolman said the car was a total loss. (Flowers photo)

State Travel Editor Will Speak At SAHA Spring Meet

A former publicity director for "Horn in the West" will address the spring membership meeting of the Southern Appalachian Historical Association on May 16 at the Daniel Boone Hotel.

Mrs. Miriam G. Rabb, travel editor of the Travel and Promotion Division, North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development in Raleigh, was publicity director for the outdoor drama in Boone during its first two seasons.

In 1953, she joined the staff of C & D and has become one of the state's best known travel writers. She holds memberships in the Society of American Travel Writers and the Travel Council of North Carolina.

Her duties with the Travel and Promotion Division involve preparation of news and fea-

ture releases, radio and television programs and design and layout of travel brochures on North Carolina. Mrs. Rabb works extensively with writers, editors and photographers assigned to state travel stories and assists with the Division's special projects.

She makes frequent talks on travel and conducts two weekly travel programs on Radio station WPTF in Raleigh. She also takes pictures and writes magazine articles.

While most of her travel is to resort areas of North Carolina, Mrs. Rabb was one of 41 Tar Heels who went abroad in 1962 on the North Carolina Travel Mission to Europe, and she has assisted with state travel promotion projects in New York, Chicago, Ohio, Washington, Philadelphia and Canada.

Mrs. Rabb was educated at Stetson University in Florida and Lees-McRae College in Banner Elk, where she handled publicity for the college and its summertime Pinnacle Inn for two years. Later, she did newspaper and publicity work in Winston-Salem, South Carolina and Florida.

Mrs. Rabb is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mont Glover, former residents of Valle Crucis and Boone, who now make their home in Raleigh.

The dinner meeting will be at 6:30 p. m. and the price, including tips and tax, will be \$2.50 per person.

Reservations may be made at the Horn in the West office, by phone or in person. Tickets will be made immediately upon receipt of a check, or they may be purchased at the hotel that night, providing reservations have been made.

Candidates Are Asked To Appear For Questions

The Boone League of Women Voters and the Boone Jaycees will sponsor a candidates' meeting at the Courthouse on Saturday, May 7 at 8 p. m. This is the second time the meeting has been held.

Letters have been written to all the candidates for state and county offices, inviting them to participate.

Dr. Robert Reiman of the Appalachian State Teachers College faculty will moderate the meeting. Each candidate will state his platform and time will be allowed for questions from the audience.

The candidates' meeting in 1964 was highly successful, and the public is again invited to take advantage of this opportunity to meet all the candidates at one time.



MRS. MIRIAM RABB