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APPALACHIAN TO CLOSE APRIL 29; DR. GRAHAM TO SPEAK

President Dougherty Will Confer Bachelor of Art Degrees On 125 Seniors; Is Largest Class in History of College

In anticipation of the most elaborate graduation ceremony in the history of Appalachian, tentative plans for the event were revealed this week by college officials. The time has been set for Friday morning, April 29, at 10 o'clock, with Dr. Frank Graham, president of the University of North Carolina, delivering the principal address. The exercises will be held in the college auditorium.

Dr. Graham is widely sought after as a commencement speaker and can be counted on to deliver an interesting and inspiring address.

Recent figures released by Prof. H. R. Eggers reveal that approximately 125 students are expected to graduate at this time. An authentic list cannot be published at the present, since final examinations have not yet been given.

According to Mr. Eggers, the 125 represent the largest number of bachelor degrees ever awarded by this college at one time.

Thirty-one collegians will receive degrees in the primary field; forty-five in the grammar grade department, and the remaining in the high school courses.

Dr. B. B. Dougherty, president of Appalachian, will confer the degrees and award the diplomas.

Program for the exercises follows: Processional; Hymn, "Holy, Holy, Holy"; Invocation; "How Lovely Are the Messengers" (Mendelssohn) by Orchestra; Literary address by Dr. Frank Graham; "Hallelujah Chorus" (Handel) by the College Glee Club; Conferring of degrees and diplomas by Dr. Bland B. Dougherty; Recessional.

Mrs. Nancy Crisp Claimed By Death

Mrs. Nancy Crisp, sister of Rev. S. E. Gragg of Shulls Mills, died at the home in Collettsville Sunday from an illness with a heart ailment which had been apparent for several years. She was 70 years old.

Funeral services were conducted Monday from the Advent Christian church in the home community by Rev. R. L. Isbell of Lenoir, and interment was in the family cemetery. There was a large attendance, many having come from distant points to pay their respects at the bier of the beloved lady. There was a profuse floral offering.

Survivors include the husband, J. T. Crisp; one son, Judge A. R. Crisp, Lenoir; two daughters, Mrs. Grace Rader, Collettsville, and Mrs. Hessie Roberts of Oak Ridge; one brother, Rev. S. E. Gragg, Shulls Mills; two sisters, Mrs. J. M. Crisp, Collettsville, and Mrs. W. M. Lamberth, Lenoir.

Rev. S. E. Gragg, Watt H. Gragg and Miss Annie Moore were among those from Boone and Watauga county attending the rites.

Marketing Quotas For Burley Tobacco

The marketing quota for burley tobacco, voted for by growers in the April 9 referendum, will permit growers to sell 350,000,000 pounds from the 1938 crop without penalty. This is 53,000,000 pounds less than the 403,000,000 pounds grown and sold last year. The 1937 crop was considerably in excess of consumption, and it was feared that another such crop in 1938 would demoralize the market.

DOG SHOW PLANNED

Tentative plans have been made for holding a dog show at Blowing Rock during the summer, it is announced. Mr. Edgar A. Moss of Greensboro, who has been in charge of various shows and who heads the Greensboro Kennel Club, will likely superintend the local exhibition. Something like 200 entries are expected and if the plans for the show are completed, it will probably be held the latter part of July.

Bees, during hot weather, suck up water into their honey sacs, and carry it to the larvae in the hive.

The wandering albatross measures 14 feet from wing tip to wing tip.

BOB REYNOLDS A VISITOR HERE

Senator Calls on Friends Saturday En Route to Asheville for Easter

Senator Robert R. Reynolds was in Boone Saturday and was a luncheon guest at the home of Rob Rivers, who is again in charge of his campaign for re-nomination in this county. The senator was accompanied by his son, Robert R. Reynolds, Jr., and Mr. Elwood Cox, organizer for the Young Democratic club of the state.

Senator Reynolds was en route to Asheville to spend Easter Sunday with his aged mother, and mingled with friends on the streets and in the country for a few hours.

The senator, when questioned as to his prospects for holding his seat in the senate, stated that he would win this year by an increased majority. Asked about the failure of his opponent, Congressman Hancock to vote on the reorganization bill, Senator Reynolds stated that he was not talking about his opponent, that "Frank" and he were the best of personal friends, and that so far as he was concerned no personalities would be engaged in during the campaign.

"I have not yet made a political speech," said the senator, "and I don't expect to. It isn't necessary. However, I have delivered many addresses before patriotic and fraternal organizations throughout the state, and shall likely be in Boone again before the primary."

Senator Reynolds believes that the western part of the state should have representation in the upper house of congress. It is pointed out that Congressman Hancock lives within 40

miles of Raleigh, the home of Senator Bailey, and that a north and south line would show Hancock five miles farther east than Bailey. The senator believes that since the so-called "west" furnishes more Democratic votes than the east; that some man in this region of the state should be in the senate. However, if the old custom is changed and the east is to have both senators, Reynolds thinks Hancock would be the best and most popular man to succeed him.

MECKLENBURG GROUP VISITS BLOWING ROCK

The graduating class of the Pew Creek high school in Mecklenburg county, which composed a party of 35, came to Blowing Rock Monday by special bus and spent the day sight-seeing in that vicinity. A picnic dinner was enjoyed by the group.

Miss Mary Cartledge, a member of the faculty of the high school, was in charge of the outing.

MINISTERS LAUD STAND OF EDITOR

Pastor's Conference Passes Resolution Praising The Democrat for Dry Position

The Three Forks Baptist pastors' conference in session at the Boone Baptist church Monday, April 11, expressed appreciation of the position of the local newspaper for having refused to advertise any alcoholic beverages, and the following resolution was unanimously passed:

"We deeply appreciate the stand that the editor of The Democrat has taken on the liquor matter. We thank him for his recent editorial endorsing our stand on this matter. We assure him of our support and prayers in his continued effort to uphold the right in our county and state."

The motion for the resolution was made by Rev. W. D. Aahley, was seconded by Rev. Vilas Minton, and was written and presented by Rev. J. C. Canipe.

Cooking School To Be Held At Rock

The Community Club will be in charge of the cooking school which is to be held at Blowing Rock during the latter days of May, it has been announced. The school is under the sponsorship of the Northwest Carolina Utilities.

DR. BONN AT ROCK

Dr. E. T. Bonn, head of the history department of the University of South Carolina, visited last week with William Meacham at Blowing Rock. Dr. Bonn is greatly impressed by the Blowing Rock region and will likely occupy a cottage in the popular resort town this summer.

THE FISH ARE BITING!



The fishing season opened in this section last Friday and anglers are having unusually good luck. Pictured above, (standing) is Miss Mavis Smith of Lenoir, "Miss Appalachian," proudly exhibiting to the cameraman a string of fine brook trout, and Miss Jean Buchanan of Marion, another Appalachian college student, who has just landed a huge rainbow. The photograph was made on Winkler's Creek near Boone by Gene Wike, of the publicity department at Appalachian College.

BUS FRANCHISE IS AUTHORIZED

Celebration Will Be Held in Boone Honoring Establishment of New Bus Service

The North Carolina utilities commission Friday authorized a through bus route between Boone and Wilmington by granting the Atlantic Greyhound corporation a franchise to operate between Raleigh and Lexington.

The commission also granted a franchise to W. L. Marshall, Jr., of Wadesboro, operating as the Piedmont Coach Company, to run buses between Wadesboro and Winston-Salem via Thomasville.

Both routes will be established within 30 days of the actual signing of the franchises, Stanley Winborne, utilities commissioner, said.

The Raleigh-Lexington order pointed out that Greyhound operated an extensive system of buses in both eastern and western North Carolina but has no connecting link between the systems.

Mr. J. L. Gilmer, vice-president of the Atlantic Greyhound lines was in town Tuesday and held a meeting with Chamber of Commerce officials and other leading citizens. The chamber is sponsoring a celebration in connection with the inauguration of the new bus schedule, which will be held here May 5th, at which time numerous state officials and perhaps 75 people from eastern Carolina will come to Boone in special buses. A picnic dinner will be served the assemblage at 6 o'clock and a speaking will take place at the hotel at 7 p. m.

Boone Girls Winners In Amateur Program

Clarence Shadwell, "The Old Shepherd," from Station WBT, was master of ceremonies Friday night at a Young America Amateur program in the courthouse. The program was sponsored by Mr. Nash's band department, Mr. Shipley's agriculture department, and the Farmers Hardware & Supply Co.

The purpose of this program was to give all young people under 17 years of age a chance to demonstrate their talent and to try out for radio appearance.

Around 25 people took part. The winners will go to Charlotte and appear on the Norge Young America Amateur program over WBT on May 2 at 10:30 a. m.

The winners were: First place, Rachel Ann Vance, who gave a reading entitled, "Mary Had a Little Lamb;" second place was won by Mary Elinor Cook, who sang "Thanks For the Memories;" third place, Betty Reeves Lovill, who sang "Little Old Lady;" and fourth, Eva Bingham, who played a selection from Tannhauser by Wagner.

Messrs. A. D. Wilson, Lee Stout, George Farthing, Richard Kelley and W. W. Williams are among those from Snow Lodge attending the sessions of the Grand Masonic Lodge of the state which convened in Raleigh Tuesday evening.

To Hold Court



Judge Julius A. Rousseau of North Wilkesboro, who will preside at the spring term of court, which opens in Boone next Monday. This is Judge Rousseau's first visit to the local bench since his induction into the judiciary. A mixed docket of state and civil cases is expected to last throughout the week.

MANY ANGLERS ON MIDDLE FORK

Famous Trout Stream Being Visited by People From Different Sections of State

Middle Fork of New River was opened to fishermen Wednesday, after having been closed to anglers for a year, and Wade E. Brown, secretary of the Middle Fork Fishing Club, states that more than 50 sportsmen were this morning casting their flies over the waters of the famous trout stream.

Judge G. H. Hastings of Winston-Salem, early in the morning, landed a 16-inch trout, while others reported catches of good-sized fish. Jake Wade, sports editor of the Charlotte Observer, and a party of friends are enticing the trout. Dr. Garvey and others from Winston-Salem are on the banks, and Rev. Mr. Johnson and five friends of Asheville are taking part in the sport. It is thought that a careful checkup will reveal that anglers from most all sections of the state are on Middle Fork today.

Hosier Inaugurates Safety Campaign

Mr. Walter Y. Hosier, safety director for the Carolina Motor Club, inaugurated a safety campaign at Blowing Rock Tuesday with an address to the school children at 10 o'clock.

The campaign is sponsored by the motor club and a committee has been named to further the campaign, which consists of Lyles Harris, H. P. Holsbouser and Jack Rainey.

CLEAN-UP WEEK IS DESIGNATED

Mayor Gragg Calls Upon People to Make Premises Presentable During Next Week

Mayor W. H. Gragg on Tuesday designated the week of April 25-30 as a clean-up period for the city and urges the people to co-operate with the town authorities in an effort to make Boone the cleanest and most attractive town in this section of the state.

Mr. Gragg insists that the citizens of the town remove all rubbish from their premises, place in boxes, bags or other receptacles so that the trucks may load it easily. The city trucks will start Wednesday hauling away the rubbish and will continue as long as the people will co-operate.

Business men are asked to make the back of their establishments presentable, owners of vacant lots are urged to remove the rubbish and old automobiles, which are no longer usable, should be removed. Mr. Gragg calls attention to the fact that the usual large summer school enrollment is expected at the college, and that with the construction of the scenic highway, the number of tourists through this region will be materially increased. Therefore, he and his board are making an especial effort to have the town in spick and span shape before summer arrives.

Poultry Expert To Be In County

C. F. Parrish, extension poultry specialist of State College, will be at County Agent Collins' office at the courthouse in Boone on Thursday, April 28, at 9 a. m., to discuss poultry problems with the farmers of the county.

Anyone interested in better feeds for poultry, poultry disease control, or any other problems in connection with poultry should call at Mr. Collins' office on Thursday, April 28, at 9 a. m., and discuss these problems with Mr. Parrish.

FEDERAL COURT JURORS

The following Wataugans have been drawn to serve as jurors at the spring term of federal court which convenes in Wilkesboro on May 16:

Roy Triplett, Beech Creek; Grant Hodges, Deep Gap; Earl D. Cook, Boone; J. Edgar Young, Blowing Rock; Joe J. Miller, Boone Route 2; Nathan M. Greene, Boone Route 2; J. M. Brown, Meat Camp; Fred Lewis, Zionville Route; Marvin Thomas, Mabel; Wayne Miller, Zionville Route; Marshall Ward, Beech Creek; T. C. Baird, Valle Crucis.

INFANT DIES

Mary Emily Butt, infant daughter of Rev. and Mrs. E. Dargan Butt of Valle Crucis, died at the Methodist hospital in Memphis, Tenn., on last Thursday and the funeral services were conducted from the Spencer-Sturvia Memorial Chapel in that city.

REGISTRARS AND JUDGES SELECTED JUNE PRIMARY

County Board of Elections Designates Officials for Holding Primary and General Elections; Republicans Name Judges for Election

The Watauga county board of elections met at the office of the chairman, Mr. A. D. Wilson, Saturday, and a slate of registrars and judges were named to conduct the Democratic primary election on June 4th.

Since no Republicans are to be voted on in the primary, none but Democratic officials will participate in conducting the balloting.

Following are the names of those elected for duty in holding the primary, the first named in each instance being the registrar and the last two being the judges of election:

Bald Mountain—Glenn Howell, Fred Krider, James Miller.
Beaver Dam—Alvin Hagaman, Len Norris, Asa Reese.
Blowing Rock—Allen Gragg, Clyde Clawson, R. L. Greene.
Blue Ridge—Marion O. Coffey, Roscoe Cook, Mrs. Pearl Rendall.
Boone—Ed B. Mast, F. C. Wyke, Grady Greer.

Cove Creek—A. S. Johnson, Allen Adams, Allen A. Perry.
Elk—Mrs. C. C. Triplett, Clay Hodges, Mrs. P. G. Carroll.

Laurel Creek—J. L. Shull, Oils Mast, Edd B. Hagaman.
Meat Camp No. 1—Eynum Gross, Thos. Jackson, Hamp Clawson.
Meat Camp No. 2—L. E. Beach, Ronda Ragan, Henry Beach.
North Fork—W. C. South, Jim Brown, Mrs. Myrtle Mink.

Shawneehaw—Lloyd Welch, Ernie Triplett, Fayette Townsend.
Stony Fork—R. L. Gentry, Ralph Moretz, Tilden Miller.
Watauga—Fred Edmisten, Haden Fox, Clint Baird.

Republican Judges

The first of the week, Mr. T. E. Statham, chairman of the Republican executive committee, submitted to the board the names of the following judges, who will serve in the November election:

Bald Mountain, Wade F. Norris; Beaver Dam, Spencer Warren; Blowing Rock, G. C. Robbins; Blue Ridge, J. G. Keller; Cove Creek, Chas. G. Lewis; Elk, V. C. Cox; Laurel Creek, Chas. Trivett; Meat Camp No. 1, A. W. Hodgson; Meat Camp No. 2, Wayne Miller; North Fork, A. N. Thomas; Shawneehaw, W. C. Smith; Stony Fork, Lloyd Wilcox; Watauga, O. L. Coffey; Boone, Mabel Bingham.

The registration books are to be open on May 7, 14 and 21, while Saturday, May 28, will be observed as challenge day.

LADIES' NIGHT AT LIONS CLUB

District Governor Unable to Attend Banquet and is Represented by Judge Hastings

Ladies' night was observed by the Boone Lions Club at a banquet meeting at the Daniel Boone hotel Tuesday evening. The district governor, Corbis A. Walker, was to have been present for an official visit, but was unable to come. Judge G. H. Hastings of Winston-Salem, past-district governor and for many years a director of Lions International, made an eloquent speech, calling attention to the fine work being done by the Lions and the possibilities for further accomplishments.

The attendance was unusually large and a special feature of the program was Capt. W. H. Brown and his famous "Prison Camp Quartette."

Mrs. Kniple Dies At Valle Crucis

Mrs. Elizabeth Herman Kniple died at her home in Valle Crucis on the 14th, after a long illness. She was 25 years old.

The funeral services were conducted from the Episcopal church in the home neighborhood on the 15th, the Rev. E. D. Butt being in charge of the rites. Burial was in the near-by cemetery.

Mrs. Kniple was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Herman, was reared in the Valle Crucis section, and her death is mourned by a host of friends.

Besides the parents she is survived by one small child.

Seven times the volume of an iceberg above the water is below the water.