



APPALACHIAN IS MADE MEMBER OF SOUTHERN ASSN.

Years of Endeavor Crowned With Success as Local College Gets Highest Rating; Members of Faculty Attend Meeting in Memphis

Appalachian State Teachers College was officially admitted to membership in the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools...

Dr. Dougherty, president of the college; Dean J. D. Rankin, Dr. Wiley Smith and Professor Chappel Wilson made up the delegation...

With the recent event Appalachian State Teachers College is now a member of all the accrediting agencies...

There will not be any radical changes in the college administration and curriculum due to the fact that the standards necessary for membership have been in effect...

The college has been studied from every angle previous to being admitted, chief among these being a study of the graduates...

Among the standards required for membership in the Southern Association, which numbers among its members all the leading universities and colleges of the southern states...

Membership in the three accrediting agencies entails a wider interest and efficiency on the part of the college in belonging to each of these organizations.

10,661 Wataugans Get Sugar Ration Books

Raleigh, Dec. 15—A total of 3,346, 316 persons in North Carolina received War Ration Book No. 1 during the initial registration for sugar rationing held last summer...

Holfer said that holders of the No. 1 book will be eligible to receive the big No. 2 war ration book which will be distributed soon after the first of the new year...

Samuel Allen Ollis Is Wounded in Pacific

Samuel Allen Ollis, 27, seaman second class, U. S. navy, was recently wounded while in line of duty in the Pacific battle zone...

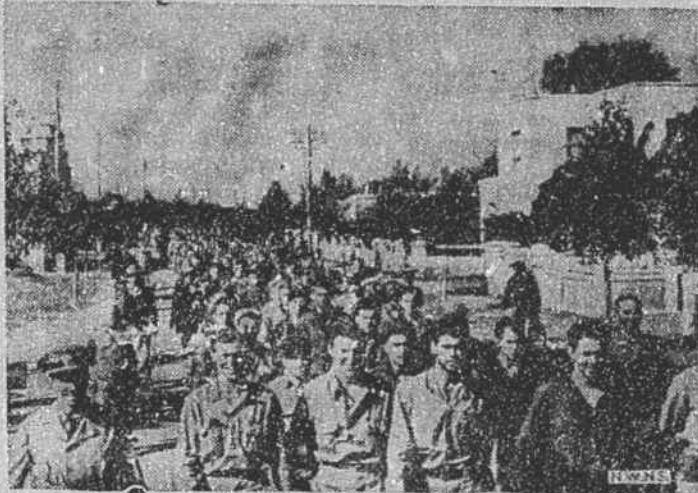
His exact whereabouts were not revealed in the message from Rear Admiral Randal Jacobs, chief of naval personnel.

The wounded sailor is one of the four sons of the Valdese policeman now in the armed forces. Another brother is in the navy, one in the army, and one in the marine corps.

LEGION MEETING

There will be a meeting of the Watauga Post American Legion and Auxiliary on Friday evening of this week at 7:30 at the Legion hut.

Survived Transport Sinking Off Morocco



Light hearted and still ready for action, despite loss of their possessions and ships, survivors of three U. S. transports sunk by enemy submarines off Fedala, French Morocco, in November, march through the town en route to the railroad station for removal to Casablanca, 15 miles south. One man, second row right, still wears his life jacket.

KIDDIES XMAS PARTY SUNDAY

Appalachian Theatre Host to Underprivileged Children Next Sunday Afternoon

The Appalachian Theatre with the co-operation of the Woman's Club and the Lions Club, will entertain the underprivileged children of the community at a Christmas party at the theatre next Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

There will be no movies at the party, but an appropriate and highly entertaining Christmas program is being arranged.

Also it is pointed out today, that if the party is to take care of the needy children adequately, some cash contributions are needed.

Three Students Injured In Sleigh Accident

Blowing Rock, Dec. 12—Three of the pupils of the Blowing Rock school were painfully but not seriously injured when the sleigh on which they were riding hurtled through a barbed-wire fence Tuesday.

U. S. PLANES BLAST JAP FORCES IN NEW GUINEA

Somewhere in New Guinea, Dec. 15—American sharpshooters strapped in the trees in Japanese fashion poured a deadly fire into the Buna mission area today, after taking Buna village in a fierce hand-to-hand fight...

The new enemy landing was made in the Cape Ward Hunt area, 44 miles northwest of Buna on the northeast shore of New Guinea, despite a sizzling 'merry go round' attack by Flying Fortresses, Havocs, Airacobras and Beaufighters...

HOME NURSING CERTIFICATES

Following is a list of those receiving certificates in Red Cross home nursing, taught by Mrs. Virginia B. Jones, county nurse: Mrs. B. W. Stallings, Mrs. S. M. Ayers, Mrs. Beulah Coitman, Mrs. Robert Busted, Mrs. W. A. Irvin, Mrs. W. M. Grubbs, Mrs. A. R. Smith, Mrs. Owen C. Wilson, Mrs. John T. Howell, Mrs. Inez Feathers, Miss Ella Austin, Miss Myrtle Brandon, Mrs. Guy Hunt, Mrs. J. C. Canipe, Miss Clyde Goodman.

WOMEN AT WAR GROUP GATHERS HERE SATURDAY

Reports Indicate Organization 4,000 Short of Goal; Program For Future Activities is Outlined at Meeting

The chairmen of the war savings staff met in the REA office last Saturday afternoon, and reports were received indicating that the group is about \$4,000 short of the quota set for this county by the treasury department...

"We will all have to find some way," says Mrs. J. W. A. Davis, chairman, "to make a little more effort in buying war stamps and bonds. No criticism is intended, as we feel that all co-operated to the fullest extent, but all must keep in mind the dire need of our government, and invest in stamps and bonds—not only for our own future, but for the present—NOW, to supply our boys who are offering their lives."

"It was decided by the committee to concentrate on bond and stamp sales on some special day each week, especially in the schools. Most schools have been doing this right along, and the plan is practical. This does not mean that stamps are available on special days—they can be bought any day."

"Some of the committees plan special bond and stamp parties or other events. There is a need for chairmen to meet frequently. The second Saturday at 2 o'clock in the REA office was elected as the time and place. It is hoped by your county chairman that all chairmen will be present with their reports on that day. Listen to the talks and announcements each week, Wednesday and Thursday at 5:15, over the Boone radio station. The speakers will be from all sections of the county and worth the time it will take to listen."

"The committee wishes to express its thanks to Mr. Walker, all the teachers, and Mr. Eggers for their splendid co-operation. Orders for stamp corsages in any amount from 75 cents up, also for stamp brides' bouquets will be filled Mrs. M. R. Maddux or Mrs. J. W. A. promptly. For these contact Mrs. Davis, also for posters or other information."

WORKERS WANTED

The following are some of the job openings listed with the United States employment service. For further information call at the courthouse in Boone on Fridays. Hours 10 to 1:

Stenographer, typist, break baker, machinist, engine lathe operator, inspector (machine shop), aircraft sheet metal worker, arc welder, lead burner, electrical assembler, linemen, automobile body repairmen, machinist trainees, stationary boiler fireman, construction laborers.

MRS. MARTHA L. HENDRIX

Mrs. Martha Lillie Hendrix, aged 62 years, died at the home in the Laxon neighborhood Monday from a long illness. Funeral services were conducted from the Pilot Mountain church Tuesday afternoon by Rev. Ed Blackburn. Burial was in the family cemetery. Reinstatement Funeral Home being in charge of the arrangements.

The only survivor immediately is the husband, Joseph R. Hendrix.

Stores Open Nights After Saturday; Two Christmas Holidays

The stores of the town will be open evenings until nine o'clock starting next Saturday, according to word from John Conway, merchants association president, in an effort to provide every possible convenience for out-of-town Christmas shoppers.

At the same time it is pointed out that the retailers and others will close on Christmas day and the Saturday following for holiday observance. County offices will observe the two-day closing period.

COMMISSIONERS FILL OTHER POSTS

Ivey B. Wilson Named Tax Supervisor; Paul A Coffey County Accountant

Ivey B. Wilson of Zionville, has been named county tax supervisor by the new board of county commissioners, succeeding C. D. McNeil, while Paul A. Coffey of Boone, has been appointed county auditor. He succeeds C. Gordon Taylor, resigned.

W. C. Greene, chairman of the board of county commissioners, and Mr. Wilson went to Chapel Hill this (Wednesday) morning to attend a school for tax assessors, conducted under the auspices of the Institute of Government.

Grace Lutheran To Present Pageant

A pageant-pantomime, "A Little Child Shall Lead Them," will be presented by the junior and intermediate Sunday school, assisted by the adult choir, in Grace Lutheran church, Sunday, December 20, at 7:00 p. m.

The beautiful Christmas story will be portrayed by small children, bringing to mind the prophecy of Isaiah: "A little child shall lead them."

Valle Crucis Church Is Observing Centennial of Mission Enterprise

Valle Crucis, Dec. 13—Members of the Episcopal church of the Holy Cross at Valle Crucis in Watauga county are celebrating this month the 100th anniversary of the sending of the first missionary of the denomination to this area.

On Sunday, the annual roll call service will be held at the church. Every member is asked to be present to answer to his name as it is read from the church's roll, to pledge his financial support for the coming year, and to vote for members of the mission committee whose duty it is to assist the priest-in-charge in the operation of this rural parish.

Leach in Charge The priest-in-charge is the Rev. W. C. Leach. In December, 1842, the Rt. Rev. Levi S. Ives, then bishop of North Carolina, sent the Rev. Henry Prout to the Valle Crucis section as a missionary. From the time of his arrival, the work flourished and soon a school was established here to prepare men for the ministry.

TUESDAY WEED SALES BREAK ALL RECORDS ON LOCAL MART

Democrat To Issue Monday Afternoon

Pursuant to usual custom, The Democrat will come from the press Christmas week on Monday rather than on Wednesday afternoon, so that the shop may be closed for the holidays. Since the newspaper office has been open every week-day in the year, regardless of holidays, it is felt that this respite from our usual labors is justified.

The advertising columns in the Monday edition will feature Christmas greeting ads for the most part, and it might be pointed out that this is a most inexpensive and effective way of saying "Merry Christmas." These ads may be ordered by phone, and if desired cuts and greeting lines will be supplied without cost. All advertisements, news matter, etc., should be in the office by Saturday evening to insure insertion in the Monday edition.

Sale of Christmas Seals Reaches Sum Of \$580 in County

The sale of Christmas tuberculosis seals in the county has reached the total of \$580.70, the largest single contribution to be reported thus far from Mrs. J. E. Cannon of Blowing Rock and Palm Beach, Fla., who sends in a check for \$50.

The names of recent contributors follow, the amounts being for \$1.00, except in cases where indicated otherwise:

- Boone Mrs. Esther Boone, H. S. Webster, Mrs. Floy Mast, John T. Howell, Gordon Winkler, Mrs. Gordon Winkler, Miss Bessie Hudson, S. E. Eggers, Wayne Caudill 50c, Miss Florence W. Dudley, Dr. William Allen, Mrs. Roy Kepler, Miss Boldin, Dennis Townsend, Mrs. J. C. Cook, Dr. and Mrs. W. M. Matheson \$4, B. K. Osborne, S. B. Greene, D. J. Cottrell, D. E. Benfield, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Council \$2, Guy Hunt, W. M. Grubbs, A. E. South, Bare's Fair Store, \$2, J. L. Qualls, Dr. J. B. Hagaman, Ralph Winkler, Mrs. D. D. Dougherty, Edgar Brown, E. M. Cook, Dr. D. J. Whittier, Coker Triplett, David P. Layettes \$10, Dr. J. D. Rankin, Mrs. Kenneth Iversen, Mack Luttrell, Miss Maxine Pepper, Mrs. Catherine Morris Clark, Mrs. A. E. Hamby, E. Ford King, Miss Louise Moore, Dr. W. A. Abrams \$2, Bill Miller, Wade E. Brown, Greene Inn, Miss Meta Swain Liles, Miss June Lee Russell, Farmers Hardware & Supply Co. \$3, Miss Vida Teague.

Boone Route 2 Grady McNeil, Clark Miller 30c, Mrs. Wilmetta Norris, Mrs. Lucy H. Storie.

Valle Crucis Mr. and Mrs. Duke Tester, Mr. and Mrs. John Horton, Mr. and Roscoe Caudill, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Baird, Mr. and Mrs. Palmer Tester, Mr. and Mrs. Hayden Fox, Mrs. D. F. Horton, Valle Crucis school \$2.31 for bangles.

Cove Creek Miss Alice Bingham, Miss Josephine Bradley, Bun Hodges 10c, C. F. Thompson, Tom Lowrance, Mrs. Roby T. Greer, Miss Alice Mast, Mrs. Mary Lee Glenn, D. T. Brown.

Blowing Rock Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Beard \$2, Mrs. L. J. Benfield, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Cannon 30c, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Cannon \$2, Mr. and Mrs. A. Frank Hamrick, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hollifield 50c, Rev. and Mrs. Walter K. Keys, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Razzoek, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Tate, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Tester, Mr. and Mrs. John Ford.

SOVIET THRUSTS SLOWED BY NAZI COUNTER DRIVES

Moscow, Dec. 16—The Russians announced the capture of two more populated places west of Rzhev on the frozen central front yesterday, but the midnight communique made it apparent that steady Nazi counterattacks still were slowing the Red army both there and on the two wings of the Stalingrad sector. More than 1,000 Germans were declared killed and 40 tanks and 10 planes destroyed, but no significant changes in the general situation in Russia was reported. Waves of Nazi infantrymen supported by tanks were meeting nearly every Russian thrust.

Day's Sales Run Near 300,000, as Million Pound Mark Is Safely Passed

Sales Close Tuesday For Holiday Season

Total Sales Now 1,151,538 Lbs.; Tuesdays Average is \$41.89; Tobacco Continues to Pour In; Floors to Be Cleared, However, in Wednesday's Sale

All records were broken on the floors of the Mountain Burley warehouses in Boone on Tuesday, both as to volume of sales and price average, when 291,566 pounds of weed was auctioned for \$122,135.23, or an average of \$41.89, bringing the total sales of the season up to Tuesday night to 1,151,538 pounds, the money paid to \$467,250.67, which is far ahead of any turnover at this stage of the selling during the history of the local houses. It is definitely stated that pre-Christmas sales this year will far outstrip the entire season's poundage for 1941.

Laborers working throughout the night are able to keep the sold tobacco out of the way, and the arriving weed placed on the floors, and no delay in selling has been reported. Tuesday morning both warehouses were filled, the driveways crowded, and the string of burley-laden trucks extended into the main street of the town. Selling proceeded rapidly, however, and there was no interruption in the unloading of the vehicles. The floors are again full of tobacco for Wednesday's sale, but Mr. Coleman states that they will be cleared during the day, making space for all comers.

To Close Tuesday

The rush at the local market is expected to keep up right up to the last basket sold next Tuesday, the sale on that day marking the close of auctions for the Christmas season. Sales will be resumed on January 4, Mr. Coleman said.

A check-up of the figures reveals that on opening day, Wednesday of last week, 218,404 pounds were sold for \$91,365.03, or an average of \$41.83.

Thursday, 194,946 pounds brought \$80,901.53, or an average of \$41.50.

Friday sales were 204,622, receipts \$81,848.30. Average \$40.19. Monday brought sales of 242,000; \$91,000 changed hands the average being \$40.19.

Parole Is Granted To Rufe Lewis Friday

Rufe Lewis, who was sentenced in Watauga county superior court in April, 1934, to 30 years for second degree murder, was one of the 10 prisoners paroled by Governor Broughton last Friday.

Lewis was convicted of the slaying of Hill Hagaman, who was at that time chief of police of Boone, in an altercation at a filling station in town.

Squirrel Season Is Closed In This County

Walter Edmisten, county game warden, calls attention to the fact that the open season on gray squirrels closed on Tuesday of this week. Squirrels were fairly plentiful this season, and Warden Edmisten takes occasion to thank the sportsmen and the farmers for their co-operation during the open days.

HOME FOR HOLIDAYS

The following students at Mars Hill college from Watauga county have returned home to spend the holidays with their parents from December 18 to January 5: Ned P. Austin of Shulls Mills; Margaret Ellen Miller of Blowing Rock, and Jodie Farthing of Sugar Grove.