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APPALACHIAN FINALS SLATED NEXT FRIDAY

Hon. Victor Bryant to Address Class of '82; Commencement Program Gets Under Way With Senior Play Thursday Evening

Plans are completed for commencement exercises at Appalachian State Teachers College Friday morning at 10:30, when Hon. Victor Bryant, attorney and legislator of Durham will bring the address to the graduates of the local institution.

Dr. B. B. Dougherty, Appalachian president, will confer the degrees and award the diplomas to a class of 82 men and women, who will graduate with Bachelor of Science degrees. Student records indicate that eighty-five per cent of the graduates are planning to enter the teaching profession.

The invocation will be said by Rev. J. K. Parker, Jr., and the benediction by Rev. E. F. Troutman. Miss Helen Foster, pianist, and the college chorus will supply the music for the occasion.

The commencement program starts Thursday evening with the senior class play, "Dear Ruth". The two-act comedy is being presented for the first time by an amateur cast, and is said to provide outstanding entertainment.

CO. SINGING FIRST SUNDAY

Annual Event is To Be Held in Boone June 8; Vocalists Asked to Attend

The Watauga county singing will be held at the Gospel Tabernacle in Boone on the first Sunday in June, beginning at 1 o'clock, it is announced by S. C. Eggers, chairman of the organization which annually stages the vocal entertainment.

All the choirs of the area, as well as individual singers are asked to be present, and it is suggested that the choirs of the local churches attend and participate.

Robert L. Mastin Dies at Matney Home

Robert L. Mastin died at his home at Matney on May 6. He had been in bad health for several years.

He was a member of the Liberty Methodist Church and lived a Christian life.

Mr. Mastin was born Aug. 9, 1867. His only daughter, Alma, preceded him in death 17 years ago. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Emma Mills Mastin, and one sister, Mrs. Lizzie Hammond, of Asheboro; six nephews and one niece.

Funeral services were held at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, conducted by Rev. Leroy Woods and Rev. Ira Hodges. Interment was at the Balm cemetery. Pallbearers were Heath Smith, Frank Baird, Garnett Harmon, Elon Yates and J. C. Storie. Flower girls were friends of the family.

Last Rites Friday For Mrs. Henson

Funeral services were conducted last Friday from the Cove Creek Baptist Church by Rev. R. J. Starling, and Rev. H. K. Middleton, for Mrs. Lillie McBride Henson, 59, of Sherwood, who died in a Bristol Hospital last Wednesday, following an operation. Interment was in the Cove Creek cemetery. Reins-Sturdivant, taking care of the arrangements.

Mrs. Henson is survived by one son and two daughters: Henry C. Henson, Sherwood; Mrs. Frank Campbell, Bristol, Tenn.; Miss Rachel Henson, Sherwood. There are two sisters: Mrs. A. S. Johnson, and Mrs. Ed Henson, Vilas.

Speaks Friday



VICTOR BRYANT

TO SURFACE NEW ROAD LINK

Newly-Constructed Section of Lenoir-Blowing Rock Road to Be Surfaced

Workmen are now busily engaged in the final smoothing of the stone and gravel base on 3.8 miles of the Lenoir and Blowing Rock Road, which has been under construction for a number of months, and black-topping of the section will begin in about ten days, it is stated by Division Engineer Zeb V. Stewart of Lenoir.

Road Closed
The Lenoir-Blowing Rock road will be closed for approximately thirty days while surface treatment is being added to the newly constructed section of the road, members of the highway department reported yesterday.

All traffic from Lenoir to Blowing Rock, beginning yesterday, will now go by way of Wilkesboro and only purely local traffic and school buses will be permitted to use the present road and detours, it was stated. The black-topping treatment is expected to be completed in around 30 days if the present weather holds out.

AREA SCOUT MEET SLATED

Camporee for Old Hickory Council to Draw 500 Scouts to County This Week

A district Boy Scout camporee for the Old Hickory Council, will be held at Elk Knob, near Meat Camp Postoffice, next Saturday and Sunday and local Scout leaders state that no less than 500 boys from the 8 counties of the district will be in attendance.

Only those patrols who wear blue pennants for their ability as campers in the recent county camporees, are eligible to attend. Six patrols from Watauga county will be represented.

William H. Miller Taken By Death

William Hosea Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Austin Miller, was born Feb. 6, 1879, and died May 6, 1947, age 68 years, 3 months.

He professed faith in Christ in February, 1896, and joined the Hopewell Methodist Church, where he remained a consistent member until 1924 when he transferred his membership to Pleasant Valley Church where he became a charter member. He had been unable to attend church for several years because of ill health.

He was married to Caroline Cole Nov. 5, 1902. There were 10 children born to them. This union was dissolved by his wife's death Feb. 28, 1929. He later married Minnie Yates.

Mr. Miller is survived by his wife, Mrs. Minnie Miller; eight children, Mrs. Grover Lewis, Boone Route 1; Mrs. Marshall Cole, Brownwood; Wiley Miller, Trade, Tenn.; David Miller, Zionville Route 1; Mrs. Audra Norris, Zionville Route 1; Mrs. Ronda Reece, Trade, Tenn.; Miss Amanda Miller and Solomon Miller, Zionville Route 1; also four brothers, Robert Miller, Todd; Jason Miller, Vilas; Luther and Larkin Miller, both of Zionville Route 1. There are a number of grandchildren, other relatives and friends who mourn his departure.

Funeral services were conducted at the Pleasant Valley Methodist Church at 11 o'clock Thursday, May 9, and burial followed in the family plot in the cemetery nearby.

Popular elections of mayors were not generally adopted in the United States until the 1820s, according to the Encyclopedia Britannica. In colonial days the mayor usually was appointed by the provincial or colonial governor.

NEWLAND BANK ROBBERS GET LONG SENTENCE

Judge Yates Webb, in Asheville Federal Court, Sentences Four to 30 Years in Robbery of Newland Bank Last January

Entering pleas of guilty to half a dozen charges growing out of the robbery of the Avery County Bank at Newland on Jan. 30, three defendants in U. S. district court at Asheville Tuesday were sentenced by Judge E. Yates Webb to serve terms totaling 30 years each in the federal penitentiary.

The three defendants were: D. L. Birchfield, of the Roan Mountain section of Tennessee, and George Dewey Saylor and William Edwards Alred of Harlan county, Ky.

A fourth defendant, Casper Crowe, of Elizabethton, Tenn., tendered a plea of guilty on all charges except one and in that he tendered a plea of not guilty. He was sentenced to serve 25 years in the federal penitentiary.

A fifth defendant, George Crowe, Jr., was not placed on trial Tuesday. He is being held in the Buncombe county jail and Judge Webb indicated that if he is not placed on trial at this time he will set an amount so that he can make bond.

Three witnesses were heard after the pleas had been entered. They were E. G. Guy, president of the Avery County Bank; Newton Johnson and Frank Still, special agents of the FBI.

Mr. Johnson said the robbery was planned at "McGee's beer joint" near Elizabethton after Saylor, Alred and Birchfield had picked up Casper Crowe as the driver of the getaway car. The group then scattered, he testified, and some of them went to Tazewell where they stole the gray automobile used in the actual hold-up.

They arrived in Newland about 8:45 o'clock and parked a block or so from the bank. They then drove to the front of the bank a few minutes past 9 o'clock and entered just after an employee had opened the bank and was in the act of transferring the cash in the vault from the place where it was stored at night to the "day safe."

The holdup, it was testified, was handled by Birchfield, who used two guns and entered the cage, and Saylor who stood by the door and herded the customers into a line as they entered. Alred scooped up the money, taking the cash which was being placed in the day safe and entering the vault to get a bag containing some \$800 in coins. Casper Crowe stayed at the wheel of the car with the engine running. When the robbers had finished they tied up a bank clerk and herded the others into the vault after asking if it was air conditioned and getting no reply, the witness testified.

The witness then told how they drove back to Laurel camp, separated, with Crowe going home and the other three going on a career of high stepping, in which they bought two Chrysler automobiles, paying \$2,500 for one and \$3,250 for the other. This trip finally took some of the group to Mexico.

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VETERANS TAKE FARM TRAINING



Members of the local Veterans' Farm Training class, who enjoyed a banquet last Friday evening, and who are taking great interest in the effort being made to establish them in agricultural pursuits. They are:

Front row, left to right: Claude M. Taylor, Talmadge S. Carroll, Buster G. Eggers, Warren M. Dotson, Lee D. South, Ivey R. Moore, Clyde D. Moore, Carter J. Matheson, Nolan F. Watson, Ernest Hilliard. Second row: Zollie V. Greene, Douglas L. Harrison, Eston S. Greene, Stanford S. Storie, Thomas S. Ward, Gen Terry, Burrell Broynhill, Walter L. Brown, Elmer C. Proffit. Third row: John E. Cheek, Forrest A. Greene, Larna M. Miller, Dean W. Moretz, Calvin C. Byers, Geo. T. Smith, John Ragan, Marvin C. Proffit. Fourth row: Russell E. Winebarger, Fred W. Winebarger, Dean A. Moretz, Dallas Hartley, William G. Proffit, Edward F. Baird, Wilmer Moretz, Earl D. Moretz. Fifth row: Glenn W. Brown, Gilbert O. Edmisten, J. W. Greene, Riley J. Teague, Hubert Hodges, Conor Triplett, Edward J. Isenhower, Paul J. Carroll, Wade T. Tugman. Sixth row: J. P. Palmer, Cicero J. Proffit, John D. Clawson, Conor K. Dotson, Johnnie Weaver, Will N. Wellborn, Ward G. Carroll, Russell L. Watson. Class members not in picture: Joseph F. Brown, Billy J. Cook, Haden J. Cook, Charlie H. Cook, Charles B. Miller, George H. Wellborn.

BAND PARADE BOOSTS SHOW

High School Band to Get Entire Proceeds of Grand Ole Opry Performance

The Appalachian High School band will parade through the streets of Boone Friday afternoon, primarily to focus attention on the W. S. M. "Grand Ole Opry" which is scheduled to be staged at the courthouse Friday, May 16, at 8 o'clock. The performance is under the sponsorship of the Boone Lions Club and the entire proceeds from the event will go to the benefit of the band.

Takes Agency For Milking Machines

Wilson's Feed Store states that it has been awarded the agency for the Surge Milking Machines, and will handle this product exclusively in seven counties in North Carolina, 6 in Tennessee, and 7 in Virginia.

Mr. Jim Harr, of Bristol, who has long experience with mechanical milkers will be in charge of this agency, which will maintain a repair and service department.

Move Up Cash-In Date On Next Sugar Ration

Washington, May 14—The government today moved up the cash-in date of the next sugar ration stamp from July 1 to June 1, but said it must last for five months.

An agriculture department announcement said it must last until Oct. 31, when rationing and price controls expire unless extended by congress.

COVE CREEK SENIORS WILL PRESENT PLAY

"The Antics of Andrew," a comedy farce in three acts, written by Joy Takias, will be presented by the seniors of Cove Creek high school on Friday evening, May 16, at 7:30.

Special music will be provided by Peggy and Dick Farthing. Admission charges will be 15 and 25 cents. Stage furnishings will be provided through the courtesy of Burgess Antique Shop of Boone.

PIE SUPPER TO BE HELD AT VALLE CRUCIS

A pie supper will be held Saturday, May 17th, at 8 p. m., at the Valle Crucis public school. The sponsors of the event say there will be good pies galore, music and cake walk, and the revenue derived will be used for the newly-organized ball team, toward the purchase of gloves, balls, bats and other equipment. The co-operation of the public will be appreciated.

\$60,000,000 campaign for overseas relief is set by Protestants.

CITY ELECTION PLANS MADE

Registration Books to Open May 24 at City Hall; W. G. Hartzog is Registrar

At a meeting of the town board of elections held Monday it was stated that the registration books for the June 17th, municipal election will open on Saturday May 24, at city hall, with W. G. Hartzog acting in the capacity of registrar.

Those who have not previously voted in a town election, and who have become qualified, are required to register. The books will remain open for three Saturdays, Saturday June 14 will be challenge day.

The judges of election are to be J. C. McConnell and Russell D. Hodges.

BRIEF NEWS

Ban on untouchability is assailed by Hindu priests and ascetics. Linder Ile de France is due back in service in 1948.

New child-care measure will set a means test in California. U. S. plans to lift the ban on trading with Japanese on July 15.

Business in Britain still subnormal, displays greater strength. Wheat yield ample for domestic and export needs in prospect.

Poland faces ration cuts to the 1,000-calory level. Panama proposes joint authority for Canal defense bases.

Rise of nationalism in Egypt worries U. S. and British. Russians attack free trade ideas as spearhead of imperialism.

Reduction of prices is losing its momentum, survey shows. At least 7 per cent of U. S. income demanded for schools.

Cost of running Congress increases 100 per cent. Army to conduct new Arctic exercises in Alaska.

Ruml urges Government action to prevent slump. Bishop of U. S. with 146, captures golf tourney in England.

Planting in Russia up in drive for greater food output. Robots are not ready to run ships, says admirals.

Retail lumber prices cut 20 to 30 per cent by yards. U. S. revises its policy in Germany, stresses self-government.

Federal aid to education is opposed by Chamber of Commerce. Hughes demonstrates a new radar warning device for planes.

Virus causing polio is said to be the strongest in two decades. New Orleans opens the country's second foreign trade zone.

SUSIE JANET EGGERS

Susie Janet Eggers, 10 years old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. J. Eggers of Zionville died Monday and funeral services are being conducted this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Pleasant Grove Church. Interment will be in the Mast cemetery, Mabel, by Reins-Sturdivant. The parents survive, together with 2 brothers and 8 sisters: Earl Eggers, Zionville; Everett Eggers, Havre de Grace, Md.; Elsie, Doris Jean, Joan, Betty Sue, Ruth, of Zionville, and Mrs. Phillip Crutchfield, Chilhowie, Va.

FARM TRAINEES HEAR ADDRESS BY DOUGHERTY

Appalachian College Professor Tells Veterans on Farm Training Program of the Advantages of Farm Life; 57 Are Now Enrolled at High School

Dr. B. B. Dougherty, president of Appalachian State Teachers College, delivered the principal address at a banquet given for the members of the Appalachian High School veterans farm training class, and outlined to the young men some of the advantages to be derived from agricultural endeavors.

Dr. Dougherty spoke of the importance of land ownership, the establishment of a home, and the practice of thrift and lauded his hearers for taking advantage of the opportunities being offered by the government, preparing them for places in the realm of modern agriculture.

Referring to the need for conserving the soil, Dr. Dougherty stated that one hundred millions of dollars loss is being sustained each year from soil erosion, and that one fourth of all the farm land is now eroded. Improved farm practices were cited to improve this condition. Life on the farm, stated the educator, is a highly satisfactory livelihood, and contributes to improved citizenship.

57 Are Now Enrolled

There are now 57 veterans enrolled in the farm training class established under the GI bill, at Appalachian High School under the direction of Mr. R. L. Tait, who is assisted by Ernest Hilliard, Tom Jackson and Milton Moretz. The main objective of the program is to establish as many veterans as possible on the farms of the nation. A similar group of veterans is in training at Cove Creek School.

CHILD KILLED AS LOG TURNS

Five-Year-Old Meat Camp Child Meets Tragic Death; Rites Sunday

Patsy Ann Moretz, five-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Moretz of Meat Camp township, was crushed to death Saturday when a log on which she and a group of other children were playing, rolled over, and she was unable to leap to safety.

The funeral services were held at Pleasant Valley Methodist Church Sunday afternoon at three o'clock and burial followed in the nearby cemetery.

Deceased is survived by the parents, three sisters, Pauline, Cleo, and Peggy, and two brothers, Earl and Jerry. The grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Trivett of Boone, and Mr. William Moretz of Zionville also survive.

Veteran Succumbs From Hurts Received In Automobile Crash

James C. Harmon, 21 years old, a resident of Rominger, died in the veterans hospital, Mountain Home, Tenn., May 4th, from meningitis, said to have been brought about by head injuries sustained in an automobile accident in Ashe county recently.

Funeral services were conducted on May 6 from the Zion Hill Baptist Church by Rev. Lawrence Hagaman, and interment was in the cemetery there by Reins-Sturdivant.

Mr. Harmon served in the navy during the war and was wounded while aboard an aircraft carrier in European waters, it is said.

The widow, Mrs. Hazel Mast Harmon, and one son, James C. Harmon, of Rominger, survive. The parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harmon, of Beech Creek, also survive.

Mrs. Lawrence Dies Saturday at Age 42

Mrs. Bessie Mae Lawrence, 42 years old, of Trade, Tenn., died at Banner Elk hospital last Saturday.

Funeral services were conducted Monday at 2 o'clock from the Zionville Baptist Church by Rev. R. C. Eggers, and interment was in the churchyard cemetery.

Surviving are the husband, M. C. Lawrence; one son, Earl, of Trade, Tenn.; three daughters, Mrs. Wm. Burns, Odessa, Del.; Misses Hazel and June Lawrence, Trade. There are two brothers and two sisters.

McAn shoe chain announces price cut totaling over million.

GOOD CITIZENS IN THE MAKING



Pictured above is the third grade of Boone Demonstration school, taught by Mrs. Joe Crawford, who have developed many fine qualities of citizenship through their activity program during the school term now coming to a close. They are, left to right: Front row: Glenda Brown, Margaret West, H. T. Rogers, Gordon Shore, Claude Yates; second row: Earl Brookshire, Pat Jones, Fay Johnson, Jane Moretz, Treva Moretz, Van Johnson, Gene Moretz; third row: Leslie Lewis, James Hodges, Imogene Moretz, Annie Ashkey, Freda Greer, Jimma L. Cullers, Robert Posenbalm; fourth row: Robert Clawson, Helen Hollers, Essie Lewis, Boyd Barlow, Eddie Jester, Fred Gragg, Ted Church, Charles Michael; fifth row: Buster Church, Joan Phillips, Martha Phillips, Billy Haynes, R. H. Phillips, Joan Jones, and Mary Jane Shores. (Story on page eight).