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## BRYANT TELLS OF EFFORTS TOWARD PEACE

Durham Attorney, in Commencement Address, Goes Into Realm of International Conference; Cites Difference in Attitudes of Chamberlain and Marshall

Eighty-one graduates received their degrees from Appalachian State Teachers college Friday morning in the annual spring commencement exercises at which Victor Bryant, attorney and legislator of Durham, was principal speaker.

Mr. Bryant contrasted the experiences of two secretaries of state who have traveled by plane. The first Neville Chamberlain and the second George C. Marshall.

He told of Chamberlain's return from the Munich conference and his announcement that a compromise had been effected and there would be no war "in our time." He discussed various other trips of the British diplomat and told the story of Hitler's aggression in which he took one small piece of territory after another, declaring that each was his last.

Termining the entire situation at that time as a matter of appeasement, the speaker asserted that history will show that appeasement is no way to obtain peace and stay out of war.

Mr. Bryant then spoke of the recent return of Secretary Marshall from the Moscow conference. He declared that the secretary did not report to the president any success won, but asserted that he had succeeded in setting up a new order in diplomacy the object of which is peace with honor but no appeasement. He referred to this policy as a dangerous one, but added that the big things in life are dangerously won.

Referring to the academic field, the speaker asserted that he feared colleges today are not challenging the most intellectual students to do their best. "We are inclined to seek short cuts and easy methods, but there are no such that lead to a desirable end."

He declared that there is an abundance of intellect, but not so much energy and said this is shown in reports in colleges which reveal veterans are doing much better work than others. He attributed this to the fact that veterans who are in college returned with a purpose.

Degrees were conferred by Dr. B. B. Dougherty, Appalachian president, the Rev. J. K. Parker, Jr., pronounced the invocation and the Rev. E. F. Troutman the benediction. Miss Helen Foster was pianist and music was furnished by the College choir under the direction of Miss Virginia Wary.

The summer term will begin June 12 and indications are there will be a capacity enrollment.

## CLOTHING TO BE GATHERED

Sunday Afternoon Canvass for Clothing and Shoes for Relief, Will Be Conducted

The collection of clothing for overseas relief will be made in Boone next Sunday afternoon. Collection will begin at 2 o'clock.

To expedite the collection, all persons who are giving clothing, bedding or shoes, will please have these articles ready and placed in bags or boxes on their front porches. All donations will be promptly sent to New Windsor, Md., for shipment overseas.

Those persons giving shoes should tie them together in pairs. Any clothing in need of repair should be repaired before it is collected. The Church World Service program does not have adequate facilities to repair clothing. Any wearable clothes for children, youth or adults can be used. Bedding of all sorts and sizes is needed. The primary thing is to give.

Persons who wish to give money to the cause should give it to one of the ministers of the town. These individuals will see that it gets to the proper handlers.

North Carolina is the only state conducting this relief program on a strictly inter-denominational basis.

## Local Builder Is On Job In Mountain City

The W. C. Greene Construction Company on Monday began the erection of a building for Joe Blackburn in Mountain City, Tenn., which it is stated will be used for business purposes and will cost about \$50,000.

## AT NIGHT GAME



Mrs. Harry S. Truman, a baseball fan, chats with George Allen, former RFC board member and a close friend of President Truman, during a lull in a night game at Griffith Stadium, Washington.

## SAYS NO NEED OF DEPRESSION

President Truman Cites Common Sense and Control of Greedy as Economic Remedy

Washington. — President Truman declared today there is no need ever to have a depression and presented this formula to prevent it: Just use common sense, and don't let the greedy people get control of the country. He again expressed belief that prices are too high.

The president's views were sought at his news conference in connection with a report by Chester Bowles, former price administrator, which a questioner interpreted as predicting a "bust." Mr. Truman declined to comment directly on the report on the ground he had not seen it. But when asked whether he believes a "bust" is coming, he answered no.

Then he was asked for a positive expression, and to that question he returned that he does not think there is any necessity for ever having a bust provided common sense is used and greedy people do not get control.

Mr. Truman added that there has not been much cooperation toward that end legislatively or publicly but praised the price reductions that have been made.

Bowles made his report as head of an economic stability committee of Americans for democratic action, a new political organization. It declared a business drop is "imminent" but can be minimized if:

1. Prices are rolled back an average of 10 per cent through a presidentially-appointed "price adjustment board."

2. The 15-cent hourly "package" wage increase is adopted generally by industry and by federal and local governments.

3. Congress scraps the 20-20-30 per cent income tax cut bill and adopts, in its stead, a simple increase in individual exemptions from \$500 to \$700.

The report was released at an ADA luncheon today. Leon Henderson, executive committee chairman, declared it would be ADA's "guide and marching orders."

## Senior Play to Be Given May 27th

The senior class of Appalachian high school will present "Sixteen in August," a three-act comedy by Dorothy Bennett and Link Hannah on Tuesday, May 27, at 8 p. m., in the high school auditorium.

The cast includes Annie Mae Carroll, Bill Aldridge, Sonny Williams, Ada Belle Moretz, Betty Lou Clawson, Bill Winkler, Virginia Moretz, Claudeen Garland, Erma Norris, Mary Moss, Sallie Penick and Mary Sue Greene.

"Sixteen in August" is an amusing play of American family life. The authors have tried to present both sides of the endless struggle between the older and the younger generations. With results that add up to a whole evening of rich humor and hearty laughter for the audience.

## Finals Are Planned by Mabel Primary Dept.

The primary grades of Mabel school will present their commencement program Friday evening, May 23, at 7:30 o'clock which consists of spring songs, poems and a Tom Thumb wedding. The public is cordially invited. There will be no admission charge.

## CIVIC MEETING TO CONSIDER VITAL NEEDS

Chamber of Commerce to Discuss Ambitious Program of Transportation, Industry, etc.; Membership Campaign Ends With Highly Satisfactory Results

At a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce to be held Thursday evening at 7 o'clock at the Carolina Cafe, many matters of vital interest to the community will come up for discussion and President Herman Wilcox hopes that there will be a general participation in the consideration of some of the civic proposals.

Mr. Wilcox lists as some of the pending projects an airfield, more and better highways out of Boone, a manufacturing industry to consume low grade lumber products and provide a payroll, and wants to know the opinion of the people regarding the sponsoring of "something that would bring an additional million dollars to Watauga county each year."

Those who would like to attend the dinner, are asked to call Wade E. Brown's office for reservations.

Now 98 Members  
One of the most successful membership drives in the history of the Chamber of Commerce has been concluded and it is stated that there are now 98 members, "indicating the confidence of the community in this organization." Mr. Wilcox asks that others who would like to join the organization get in touch with him or with Secretary Wade Brown.

Following is a list of the current Chamber of Commerce memberships:

City Cabs, Appalachian Theatre, Dr. E. T. Glenn, Dixie Home Store, Daniel Boone Hotel, Carolina Hotel, McGuire's Beauty Salon, City Meat Market, Burgess Antique Shop, Dr. W. M. Matheison, Boone Drug Co., Belk-White Co., Hunt's Department Store, Colvard Chevrolet Co., Todd's Esso Service Station, Dr. J. G. Martin, Farmers Hardware & Supply Co., Economy Store, Winkler Motor Co., Wilson's Feed Store, S. C. Eggers, H. W. Wilcox, Florescent Sign and Sheet Metal Works, Maddux Esso Service Station, Wade E. Brown, Stallings Jewelry Store, I. S. Ayers, Boone Candy Co., Kelsey & Triplett Service Station, Moretz Upholstering Shop, Hampton Bros. Service Station, Hollars Produce and Fertilizer, Hollars Food Center, Boone Super Market, Boone Oil Co., Boone Super Cleaners.

Reins-Sturdivant, Boone Flower Shop, Ben Wallace Grocery Co., Colvard Auto Parts Co., Letcher's Taxi, A. & P. Tea Co., R. C. Coleman, Queen City Coach Co., Atlantic Greyhound Corp., Standard Oil Co., Northwestern Bank, Frank M. Payne, Watauga Building & Loan Association, Watauga Insurance Agency, L. H. Smith, Home Electric Supply Co., Bare's Fair Store, Parkway Co., Western Auto Store, Walker's Jewelry Store, Hollars Grocery, Boone Tire & Bargain Store, Honcycutt Real Estate Co., Watauga Democrat, Swofford's Tire Store, Main Street Service Station, Friendly Market, Edmisten Furniture Store, Smithey's Store, Wade E. Eller, Watauga Hardware, Inc.

H. Grady Farthing, Crest 5 & 10c Store, Craven Furniture Co., W. C. Greene Construction Co., Edgar Brown, Watauga Sales & Service, Boone Body Shop, Moore's Bakery, Paul A. Coffey, Lionel Ward, New River Light & Power Co., Southern Agricultural Insecticides, James Winkler, W. A. Smith, Blue Ridge Music Co., Auto Parts Co., Watson & Cook, Hamby Music Co., Boone Trail Cafe, Carlina Pharmacy, Daniel Boone Shoe Shop, Fashion Shop, Appalachian Soda Shop, Tuck's Cabs, ASTC Book Store, Boone Steam Cleaners, Black Bear Grocery & Tourist Court, Barnett Motor Co., Skyline Restaurant, Ellison Motor Co., J. E. Holshouser.

## DEMOCRATS TO PUT OUT SLATE

Candidates for Mayor and Aldermen Will Be Chosen at Convention on May 30

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The convention call, which is issued by T. B. Moore, chairman of the municipal organization, states that a candidate for mayor and candidates for the three places on the board of aldermen will be chosen at this time.

## State Auditor Will Address Legionnaires

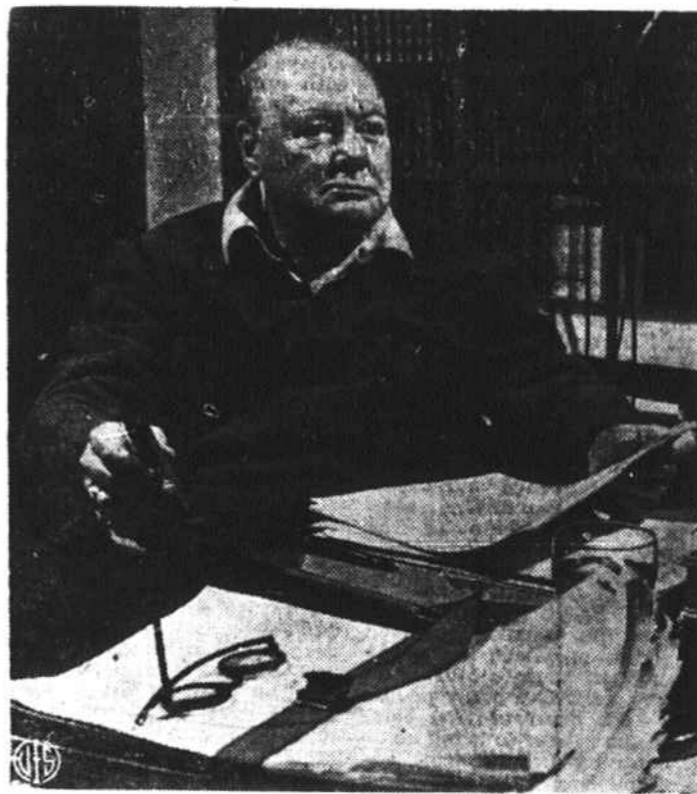
Hon. Henry Bridges, state auditor, will be the speaker at the meeting of the Watauga Post American Legion, to be held at the Legion hut Friday evening at 7:30.

Officers will be elected at that time, and there will be a discussion of the Legion baseball teams which have been organized. Schedules for the season will be released soon. Refreshments will be served.

## PREACHER DIES IN CHURCH

Baltimore, Md. — The Rev. Henry Robertson, 91-year-old Negro preacher, fell dead just as he entered his church. Christ's Institute Church, to preach a sermon entitled "I Am Going To See Jesus For Myself."

## WORKING ON MEMOIRS



Garbed in his favorite blue Blitz suit, Winston Churchill relaxes for a moment from the task of editing his history-making memoirs. This latest portrait, taken in the study of his home at Chartwell, England, shows the familiar features and characteristic cigar of Britain's indomitable wartime prime minister.

## Eisenhower Will Speak in Carolina



GEN. EISENHOWER

Dwight D. Eisenhower, Army Chief of Staff and General of the Armies, has accepted an invitation to be a featured speaker at Farm and Home Week, to be held on the State College Campus, August 25-29 as a function of the extension service and cooperating farm organizations. The distinguished general will speak in Riddick Stadium, the evening of August 28, according to present plans.

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## BURGLAR-ALARM STOLEN

Long Beach, Calif. — Amos Heneise, city foreman, rigged up a burglar alarm for his home, after being bothered by prowlers. It consisted of a shelf from his refrigerator and an electric bell. He's now looking for a burglar-proof alarm because someone slit a screen and stole his shelf and the bell.

## WED, UNWED, REWED

Long Beach, Calif. — Married on September 25, 1897, Frank L. Rector and his wife, Nellie, were divorced 27 years ago. Rector remarried but his wife did not. After his second divorce, he's been trying to talk Nellie into remarrying him. She finally consented and they were rewed recently.

Many internal parasites infesting swine and poultry can be eliminated through better sanitation practices.

## BIDS RECEIVED ON HIGHWAY TO BLOWING ROCK

W. E. Graham & Sons of Cleveland, Submi Bid of \$298,240.50 on 4.31 Miles of Boone-Blowing Rock Thoroughfare; Structures \$188,014

The State Highway and Public Works Commission opened bids Tuesday on 28 road building projects, including a proposal to build 4.30 miles of highway 321 between Boone and Blowing Rock, from a point three miles north of the latter city to a point in the town of Boone.

W. E. Graham and Sons of Cleveland, submitted the low bid of \$298,240.50 on the project while John H. Brinkley of Thomasville was low bidder on the structures on the highway link, with a proposal of \$188,014.

If the low bids are accepted, contracts will be let at a later date, and presumably work on the local road will be started within a short time. Considerable interest has been manifested locally in the construction of the Boone and Blowing Rock road, believing that a class one road between these points would contribute to the further development of the area. It is also recalled that Watauga county has not had a major Federal aid road building project in about 16 years.

The low bids on the 28 projects totaled \$2,857,682.66, and 128 contractors submitted bids. The projects included work on 210 miles of road, mostly farm-to-market and on five bridges. The highway commission had previously estimated that the jobs would cost approximately \$2,500,000.

## ALCOHOLICS ASKED TO MEET

Representatives of Alcoholics Anonymous Will Be in Boone Sunday Afternoon

Representatives of two groups of "Alcoholics Anonymous" will be in Boone on Sunday afternoon. These former "alcoholics" are persons who recognized that they were unable to voluntarily give up drinking. Alcohol was ruining their lives. Now numbers of them have not touched any intoxicating drink for months.

This movement began in 1936. Since that time it has been the means of reclaiming to normalcy many who had been given up as hopeless drinkers. This unique organization is made up only of people who have given up the drink habit, or who wish to do so. The unique strength and success of the program lies in this very fact. The program itself is one that relies on a definite personal discipline of the individual and a genuine fellowship with others who have been in the same circumstances.

"Alcoholics Anonymous" is non-sectarian. Its members are all deeply religious, but no special religious doctrine, or sect, or dogma is required of adherents. The organization is also non-political. It has no candidates for office, or party affiliations. On these premises it can make an appeal to any sufferer who may be interested without compromising his religious, or political principles.

The meeting in Boone will be conducted at the county courthouse at four o'clock in the afternoon.

## Four Are Released In Hickory Homicide

Newland—Four men taken into custody here for questioning in connection with the death of Robert Hunnicutt, 21, of Linville, whose body was found in Lake Hickory, near Hickory, April 7, were released Thursday afternoon, according to Avery county officers.

Mrs. Denna Daniels, wife of the Avery county jailer, had identified the men as Obie Gragg, Dallas Gragg and Orvil Gragg, brothers, and Guy Coffey, all of the Gragg section of Avery county.

Hunnicutt was employed in Hickory at the time he was reported missing March 1. It was reported that the men who were questioned also were employed at Hickory at the time of Hunnicutt's disappearance.

## Band To Profit From Box Supper Tuesday

A box supper, the proceeds from which will go to the Appalachian High School Band, will be held in the Junior Hall Tuesday evening, May 27, at 8 o'clock, and the public is cordially invited to participate.

The affair is under the joint sponsorship of the Jr.O.U.A.M. and the Daughters of America.

## NAVY RECRUITER TO BE HERE MAY 28TH

Chief Rogers, of the navy recruiting service, will be in Boone on Monday, May 26, Chief Rogers will be at the post office building from 10:30 a. m. to 3:30 p. m. Men interested in enlisting in the navy, or veterans desiring information on the naval reserve or other matters, are urged to contact Chief Rogers at that time.