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## BAND CONCERT TO BE HEARD APRIL 2



Culminating weeks of rehearsal, the fifty-member Appalachian college band will present its annual spring concert at 8 o'clock on Friday evening, April 2, Mr. Gordon Nash, director, has announced. With a zest for variety this band will feature both popular and classical tunes including arrangements of Jerome Kern's "The Way You Look Tonight" and "Make Believe"; overture themes from Beethoven's Symphony no. 3; and the novelty number "Hillbilly Whozit" by Chester Leoni.

The full program is as follows:

### PART I

"Amparito Roca" (Sheltering Rock) Jaime Texadi  
"Erioca" Overture themes from Beethoven Symphony no. 3  
"Waltz" from Tschaiakowsky's Serenade, Opus 48  
"Poet and Peasant" Overture Van Suppe  
"Mountain Majesty" Paul Yoder  
March—"The Adventurer" Forest Buchtel

### PART II

"South of the Rio" J. Olivadoti  
"Caravan Overture" Duke Ellington  
"The Way You Look Tonight" Jerome Kern  
"Make Believe" Jerome Kern  
"Strike Up the Band" George Gershwin  
"Miserlou" (A Beguine) Robanis  
"Hillbilly Whozit" Chester Leoni

This same program will be heard in six cities of the state when the band begins its annual tour on April 7. In each of the cities visited, the band is to be directed by a graduate of Appalachian, and a former member of the college band. The concert there is at their request in order that the high school students might see the product of continued musical training in the field of teaching.

The first concert on the road will be given on Wednesday afternoon, April 7, in the high school auditorium at Mt. Holly. From there the band will journey to Forest City for its evening performance. The following afternoon will be devoted to Rutherfordton and the evening concert is to be given at Hendersonville. On Saturday afternoon the band will travel to Drexel for a concert there, completing the tour with an evening performance at North Wilkesboro.

Band members will be entertained and lodged in Forest City and Hendersonville by members of the local high school bands.

## KING STREET

BY  
ROB RIVERS

**MOVEMENT ON FOOT** to renumber the houses of the city and to mark the various streets for the convenience of both strangers and natives. Town has grown so much in the past few years that old residents even, are not acquainted with all the new streets. Hear that the street program which was interrupted last fall, its to get going again this spring, with a view to repairing and rebuilding all the streets in need of attention as soon as possible. A lot of streets were made ready for surfacing last fall, but the cool days came and no paving contractor wanted the job. A warm weather concoction.

**SNOW FALLS ON EASTER** day. Have vivid recollections of another snowy Easter a long time ago. The time we stepped forth in our first long pantaloons. Despite the fact that the ground was covered to a considerable depth, we sallied forth to "meeting"—all dolled up in the salt and pepper suit, with the pencil-like legs, which were the vogue in that day. . . and the little squeaky needle-toed shoes. . . felt pretty cocky and present day youngsters have missed that big thrill for they wear long pants from post-cradle days right on in.

**BOONE WILL CONTINUE TO** build and grow. All the local contractors say they have their hands full. Most everybody wanting to build a house, a business building, or just do some repairing. One of the builders tells us that the high prices are a little deterrent, and that as a matter of fact, a lot of folks are finding their most favorable time to build. When prices were low, they had no money. Now, prices are way high—but the funds are forthcoming. . . anyway Boone will experience a busy year, from the talk we hear.

**CLEAN-UP WEEK** has been announced—April 5-17—and the city officials are anxious that the citizens fall in and pull together to make the city spick and span. . . looking for a big lot of visitors this summer and want everything to look good. Let's join together in trying to get the place cleaned up. It will look good to strangers—and rather think we would enjoy it that way ourselves.

**FAMILY WASHING** hanging on line gives stranger idea of the size of family living there. . . and reminds one of the "blue Mondays" of long ago when the fire was built around the old iron pot in the backyard. . . G. I. collegian sporting whiskers about two inches long. . . teams plowing gardens on the hillsides. . . afternoon coffee sippers not quite so chippy these warmer days. . . spring fever. . . small tot spills ice cream from cone, and doesn't cry. . . maybe wanted a different flavor, anyway. . . the newly painted interior of the Northwestern Bank subject of the conversation about the tellers' windows Saturday. . . Tiny tot quarrels when radio's turned off; says she wanted to hear President Truman. . . Those of voting age evidently didn't. . . lot of kiddies around the (Continued on page 4)

## Many Treated At Eastern Star Baptist Hospital

Patient visits of Watauga county citizens to the outpatient department of the North Carolina Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem totaled 148 for the year 1947, according to the annual report released today by Mr. C. Nash Herndon, director. This figure means that 93.4 visits were made to the hospital's outpatient department for each 10,000 residents of the county.

The figures refer to service patients only. Nominal fees are charged with the difference between the total cost and amount that the patient can pay being defrayed by the annual Mother's Day offering from the Baptist churches of the State.

Yearly totals issued at the same time by Reid Holmes, administrator of Baptist Hospital, showed a total of 579 patient days spent by residents of Watauga County in the hospital during 1947. This included both service and private patients. The total number of patient days reported by the hospital for the year was 88,618.

## Dogs Cease To Be Local Nuisance

Mayor Winkler joins with the Police Department in thanking the people for their fine cooperation in the matter of keeping their dogs around home.

Far fewer dogs than usual are to be seen about the streets and relief from the nuisance has been accomplished with the destruction of only a relatively small number of the canines.

Official allocations for all grains during April total 864,500 long tons, led by 30.5 million bushels of wheat and flour equivalent.

## CANCER FUND DRIVE STARTS

Mrs. Ellis Chairman Of Local Campaign; Others To Aid in Work:

Mrs. Bert Ellis has been appointed chairman of the Cancer Fund Campaign which opens April 1st, and runs through the 30th and the following have been named members of the campaign committee:

Mrs. Lee Reynolds, Mrs. Julian Yoder and Mrs. F. E. Warman of Boone; Rev. W. C. Leach, Vaile Crucis; Mr. Harris, Blowing Rock and Mr. Marion Thomas, Zionsville and Cove Creek community.

Watauga county, says Mrs. Ellis, is being asked for only a small amount of money to help fight the disease which killed 8 persons in Watauga last year and 14 the year before. Mrs. Ellis continues:

"Cancer is the largest killer of people in the world today, next to heart disease. Give your small amount for the study and cure of this dreadful disease about which so little is known that seven out of eight of the persons who died in Watauga county, might have been saved, had they known about cancer in time. The money received in this drive is to be used partly to help victims know the symptoms of the disease before it is too late, and to promote research and study of effective treatment of the disease by the medical profession."

## Says Dogs Must Get Rabies Shots

Dr. Robert King, district health officer calls attention to the State law that all dogs must be vaccinated against rabies every year. Considering that there have already been a number of outbreaks among dogs and livestock in other parts of North Carolina this spring, the efforts of the town boards of Boone and Blowing Rock to get rid of stray dogs are to be encouraged and commended, says Dr. King.

During the period of April 15-30, 1948, all dogs are to be confined to the owner's premises and any stray or unvaccinated dogs will be shot.

## Stallings Trophy Goes To Virginia - Carolina

The B. W. Stallings sportsmanship trophy was awarded to the Virginia-Carolina high school girls' basketball team, during the annual tri-county basketball tournament held at Appalachian.

Mr. Stallings plans to extend this award next year to both boys and girls' teams. The Appalachian High School Association expresses its appreciation for this award, and feel that this will be a great help in promoting good sportsmanship in all basketball games played in the Association.

## Directors Named For High School Band

At a call meeting the following men were elected as a Board of Directors for the Appalachian High School Band. Lee Stout, president; J. E. Holsouser, secretary; Clyde R. Greene, treasurer; Guy Hunt, Dempey Wilcox, W. W. Chester, and G. K. Moose, directors.

## ASHE YOUTH IS KILLED AS CAR LEAVES ROAD

Joseph B. Vannoy Dies in Crash of Car Near Boone Saturday; Companions Are Injured; Rites for Deceased Held at Tolliver.

Joseph B. Vannoy, 16 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred G. Vannoy of Tolliver, was killed about ten o'clock Saturday night when the automobile which he was driving failed to negotiate a curve on the West Jefferson highway about three miles from Boone.

Two other youths, Herbert Tucker, 18, and Eugene Rash, 18, both of Todd, were injured in the accident. Both were taken to the local hospital for treatment and it was determined that Tucker's injuries were not serious. Rash is yet a patient at the hospital.

Funeral services for the Vannoy youth were to have been held at the home in Tolliver, Ashe county Monday afternoon.

He is snrvised by the parents, a brother, William F. Vannoy of Tolliver, and a sister, Mrs. Paul Phillips of Statesville.

## Red Cross Gives Final Figures

The total amount received to date in the Red Cross campaign in Watauga County is \$1,976.06, which substantially exceeds the established quota of \$1,885. Of the total \$595, it was pointed out, was contributed by residents of the town of Blowing Rock. The committee there was assisted by Rev. Mr. Harris, the Baptist pastor.

In commenting on the successful campaign, County Chairman Richardson has this to say: "The American Red Cross appreciates what each person in Watauga county has done to help raise the quota for 1948. I personally want to thank each worker and each person, whose contribution helped make the Red Cross campaign a success. All workers who have not sent in their reports are asked to do so immediately."

The names of late contributors to the fund follow:  
Bethel School  
Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Greene \$2.  
Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Goins 2.  
John Perry 1, Mrs. Minnie Johnson  
Lower Elk, Gordis 1, Mr. and Mrs. A. Spainhour 5, Mrs. Dave Wilson 1, Mrs. Sarah Perry 1, Joe Perry 1, A. C. Shoun 1, Carl Huffman 1, Mary Carolyn Perry 1, First grade 13, Third grade 5, Seventh grade 20, Ninth grade 30, Tenth grade 50, Twelfth grade 32.  
Lower Elk, Gordis R. Triplett, Worker  
Hattie Hendrix \$1, Sallie Hendrix 1, Hazel Miller 1.  
Cove Creek High School, Mrs. Marion Osborne, Worker  
Miss Jennie Love \$1, Miss Roxanna Bingham 1, Miss Phoebe Wakefield 1, Mrs. Winnie Stokes 1, S. F. Horton 1, Robert Shipley 1, Mrs. Mattie Lou Wilson 1, Mrs. Grace Mast 1, Miss Cynthia Stiles 1, Mrs. Mary Henson 1, Sam Osborne 1, Marion Osborne 1, Mrs. Dora Strother 1.

Chas. Lavender 5, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Phillips 1, J. R. Webster 1, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Cook 1, Mr. and Mrs. Green Carroll 1.  
Boone Postoffice, Edgar Brown Worker  
B. H. Watson \$2.50, J. W. Norris 2, H. E. Greene, Worker  
D. L. Stansbury \$1, Clyde Moretz 1, A. G. Miller 1.  
Vaile Crucis, H. W. Mast, Jr. Worker  
Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Mast \$10, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Mast, Jr. 5, Mrs. Sarah Wagner 20, Mrs. MacL. Norris 50, D. J. Glover 50, T. C. Baird 2, R. A. Farthing 5, W. J. Farthing 5, Howard Mast 5, Frank Mast 1, Miss Gladys Taylor 10, Bob Taylor 50, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mast 150.  
Triplett, R. Sherrill, Worker  
Don Miller 5, Doris Triplett 10, Taft Randall 10, Luther Wheeler 10.  
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## Lions Club Show To Benefit Blind

The Boone Lions Club will present its annual benefit show at the Appalachian Theatre Wednesday afternoon and night, on April 7.

Under the direction of Lion Cratis Williams this year's show will be in the form of a minstrel with a lively one-act skit between the acts of the minstrel. A preview of the show indicates it will be the best yet staged by the local Lions.

## Christopher C. Guy Dies at Beech Creek

Christopher Carson Guy, 46, died on March 24 at his home in the Beech Creek neighborhood. Funeral services were held at the Beech Creek Baptist Church by Rev. Jim Allen and Rev. Dayton Jones, and interment was in the Beech Valley cemetery.

The widow, Mrs. Ola Guy, survives with a step daughter, Celia Guy. The mother, Mrs. Eliza Guy, also survives.

## SPECIALIST TO AID COUNTY BEEKEEPERS

Mr. W. A. Stephens, extension beekeeper, will assist with a beekeepers meeting at Mrs. Docia Greene's at Deep Gap, Wednesday, April 7th at 2:00 p. m.

Mr. Stephens will discuss some of the important steps in beekeeping and will answer questions on bees and their management.

## Choir Director



MISS VIRGINIA WARY

## LOCAL CHOIR GOES ON TOUR

A Capella Choir To Give Concert Here Before Starting On Brief Tour.

The Appalachian A Cappella Choir will present a concert of choral selections in the college auditorium on Monday night, April 5, at eight o'clock.

The program has been carefully selected with music drawn from all periods of composition, bearing always in mind to strike a balance between the light and the serious, and, at the same time, neglecting neither the educational values of fine concert nor the elements of pure entertainment.

The choir will start on a short tour beginning April 12, and will sing in colleges and high schools as well as present a radio program over WILX in North Wilkesboro. On April 23, they will sing in Johnson City, Tennessee, at Eastern Tennessee State Teachers College, on an annual all college night program in which colleges from Virginia, Tennessee and North Carolina will participate.

The A Cappella Choir is under the direction of Miss Virginia Wary, head of the Music Department, with Miss Margaret Manning acting as assistant director. Among the several soloists of the group are Rachel Ann Vance and Stanley South, both popular singers of Boone.

The public is cordially invited to attend the home concert.

## Local Students At State College

Raleigh, March 27.—N. C. State College's winter term enrollment includes 13 students from Watauga county, a survey of the institution's registration figures indicated today.

The college now has a total enrollment of 5,151, including 5,093 men and 58 women. Veterans now enrolled in the college number 3,884.

The following Watauga students are enrolled:  
Homer M. Barnes, Watauga; Gene J. Bingham, Boone; Cyrus A. Greene, Deep Gap; George M. Hanna, Blowing Rock; Peter J. Harris, Blowing Rock; Charles M. Hodges, Boone; Robert D. Hodges, Boone; Samuel F. Horton, Sugar Grove; Charles N. Isenhour, Blowing Rock; James C. McConnell, Boone; Earl B. Payne, Boone; Dana F. Tugman, Boone; William G. Winkler, Boone.

## Red Cross Chairman Expresses Thanks

As Chairman of the Watauga County chapter of the American Red Cross, I wish to thank all those who have contributed to the 1948 campaign fund. I also wish to express the appreciation of the national and local organization of the American Red Cross to all those who have generously given of their time in making the canvass necessary to raise our quota, and to the Watauga Democrat for donating space in its columns to promote the drive. Without this publicity our task would have been more difficult.

E. F. TROUTMAN, Chairman, Watauga Chapter, American Red Cross

Miss Nadine Gragg of Kannapolis spent Easter with her mother, Mrs. W. R. Gragg.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Adams and family of Portsmouth, Va. are spending a two week vacation with homefolks in the county.

## SPRING CLEAN UP DAYS SET BY MAYOR OF CITY

Mayor Winkler Asks For Full Cooperation in Cleaning Up the Town Before Summer Comes; Trucks Will Haul Away Refuse.

Springtime and clean-up time go hand in hand, says Mayor Gordon H. Winkler, who is appealing to the people of the city to clean up their premises and vacant lots during or prior to the officially designated clean-up period of April 6th to April 17th.

Due to the fact that large numbers of collegians and other visitors will come to Boone this summer, everybody is being asked to join in the campaign to make Boone more beautiful and attractive by making it clean.

The Boy Scouts of the town are going to assist in checking those who fail to clear premises of trash and rubbish.

Citizens are asked to put the trash and rubbish in a pile where it will not blow away, and where it can be reached handily by the truck. If this is done the city will haul away all the refuse. It is not necessary to call the city hall as to trash disposal. The trucks will make regular rounds for this purpose.

## Dimes Won't Work in Parking Meters

Many people persist in putting dimes in the parking meters, it is stated by Mayor Winkler, who points out that the machines are designed to work when nickles and pennies are inserted. Those using dimes, are not only wasting their money, but are apt to receive a traffic ticket to boot.

Those not familiar with the operation of the meters are asked to read the instructions thereon.

## Dr. Perry Takes Polio Training

Dr. H. B. Perry, Jr. is attending a one weeks course in Infantile Paralysis at the Knickerbocker Hospital in New York, under the sponsorship of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

Dr. Perry's appointment to participate in this course was obtained by the local chapter of the National Foundation. The local chapter is very fortunate in being able to send a physician from Watauga county to take this course. Enrollment is limited to 12 physicians from all over the United States.

All phases of Poliomyelitis will be studied, but emphasis will be placed on the early diagnosis and treatment of the disease.

## Local Teachers To Hear Abrams

Plans for the next meeting of the teachers of Watauga county are soon to be announced, it was said Monday, and although the date for the gathering has not been set, it was said that Dr. W. Amos Abrams, former Appalachian professor, now with the NC EA in Raleigh, will deliver the principal address to the local tutors.

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