



**KIRKMAN GIVEN CUP.**—Vance Vines, left, captain of the 1949 4-H judging team, is seen presenting C. H. Kirkman, Jr., assistant county agent, a loving cup with the following inscription: "To Coach Kirk from the 4-H livestock judging teams of 1947 and 1949." In presenting the cup, Vines said, "We, the members of the state 4-H club livestock judging teams of 1947 and 1949, present this cup as a token of appreciation to Coach Kirk for his untiring efforts and outstanding leadership, which has contributed so much to any success, which we, as teams, have attained."—Photo by Palmer's Photo Service.

## Red Cross Campaign Is Postponed Until March 8

### KING STREET

BY  
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A HUMAN FLY, one of those fellows who scales perpendicular walls for the amusement of a group of onlookers and for the few dimes, nickels and quarters contributed, came to Boone Saturday, and climbed to the top of the courthouse, as a sizeable crowd of us curious ones gathered. About half of the folks plunked a coin into the collection basket, improvised from a cigar box, but everybody stayed to see whether the fellow could actually perform the feat. Advertising the new Chevrolet automobile, and tying in various features of his performance with the qualities of the new vehicles, the climber proceeded in reaching the dome of the building. As he kept up a running conversation with William Carter, caretaker of the building, who chided the "fly" repeatedly about the "rotten walls," loose coping and shingles. Comments among the onlookers: "Nothing to it, as I can see." "Just a matter of practice." "I believe I could do it myself." "I just gave him a brownie." "Well, he did it," said one resignedly, after the performer had stood on his head atop the building, greeted the spectators and gone away. Apparently hoping the fellow wouldn't make it. A few years ago, a great crowd watched a man scale a wall in one of the big cities. He fell several stories. There was pink spit on the pavement, and the folks went away. Many had watched these performances for years and had finally seen it happen. . . . and some of them, at least, were gratified.

**SPICE OF LIFE:** The person who takes time out of a busy schedule and calls our house, to say something nice. . . . To express appreciation for some inconsequential kindness or gesture of to compliment one of the youngsters. . . . When the telephone, traditional conveyor of bad news, brings along a message of friendship, and of cheer and of human warmth, we place a higher value on humanity, and wonder for a moment if the telephone folks are charging quite enough for bringing us such glad tidings, which add a spring to our step, and make the road ahead appear smoother and straighter.

**GROUP OF THE WOMEN:** FOLK telling of their experience with a troop of magazine salesmen who recently visited the community. "Such a nice kid," said one, "he talked of his spinal ailment, which needed correction, of the lack of money for the operation and of his need for so many thousand points in the subscription campaign." I bought the Saturday Evening Post, and helped the fellow along. "My caller," said another, "had a leg missing. I bought the Ladies Home Journal, and helped along a worthy cause." One of the husbands, who had built up an almost perfect sales resistance, chimed in: "The guy who called on me, had no ailments. . . . physically fit, and a bit on the sassy side." I said "nope." . . . Roberta Critcher, back from Draper where she works in the school library, tells of the apartment she occupies with some other school ladies. "Spacious," she says, "Four rooms and a path."

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## SUMMER TERM TO START ON JUNE EIGHTH; NEW TEACHERS

Thirteen Graduate Courses To Be Offered at Appalachian As Final Plans Mapped for Summer Terms; Many Additions to Faculty Noted.

The graduate school issue of the summer catalogue of Appalachian State Teachers college is off the press and is now being mailed, according to Chapel Hill, director of the graduate school. The first summer term will be June 8 to July 15, and the second July 18 to August 24. The catalogue shows offerings of thirteen graduate courses in library science; fifteen in biology; thirty-seven in education; sixteen in social studies; ten in English; and fourteen in mathematics.

The master's degree in education is offered for superintendents, principals, county supervisors, supervisors of student teaching, school librarians, secondary school teachers, and elementary school teachers, with minors in five other fields.

In addition to the regular graduate faculty, Appalachian will have seventeen of the country's outstanding educators on its visiting faculty. Included are Dr. Ellison M. Smith, director of teacher education and certification in South Carolina; Dr. William F. Beck, former head of the department of history at Mary Baldwin college; Dr. John H. Springman, superintendent of Glenview (Ill.) city schools; Miss Nancy Wilson, librarian of St. Clair county (Ala.) high school; Miss Helen Hagan, librarian of Coker college; Miss Ruth Robinson, primary supervisor Bristol (Va.) city schools; Dr. David H. Briggs, head, department of psychology and education, Maryville college; Dr. L. L. Williams, head, department of biology, Maryville college.

Frederick Reed, principal, Greeley Elementary School, Winnetka, Ill.; Dr. A. L. Thomason, principal, junior high school, Champaign, Ill.; Dr. J. W. McCutchan, professor of English and chairman, division of literature, Queens College; Miss Frieda M. Heller, associate professor and librarian, department of University Schools, Ohio State University; Dr. Lillian L. Stevens, elementary teacher in the Lincoln School and the Horace Mann School; Dr. W. F. Taylor, dean of the Blue Mountain (Miss.) college; Fred Wallace, Jacksonville (Fla.) junior college; L. A. Warlick, Bob Jones University; and Dr. Grace Peterson, Rutgers University.

## Soil District Is Now Ready

The Watauga County Soil Conservation district, which was organized last summer, is now ready for operation, as soon as personnel can be transferred into this district.

The district was organized after approval by farm voters in a special election. The supervisors are D. F. Greene, Will Welborn, Henry Taylor. The district has been assured of the best possible personnel to carry on the work, and it is their desire to work closely with all agencies in the county.

U. S. output dropped 2 per cent in '49, Commerce Dept. reports.

## TRI-COUNTY BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT OPENS HERE TODAY

Twenty-Eight High School Teams To Be Featured in Annual Tourney.

Twenty-eight high school basketball teams from Avery, Ashe, and Watauga counties will open play at the College and High School gymnasiums here this (Wednesday) afternoon at 1 o'clock, in the annual tri-county basketball tournament, which continues through Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Coach R. W. Watkins, tournament director, says that the Jefferson boys are the favorites from Ashe county, while Appalachian High School is being picked from Watauga and Avery counties to win the tournament. Both Cove Creek and Blowing Rock, it is said, stand a good chance of pulling an upset. The Virginia-Carolina girls are picked by many as the winners of the girls' division, while the Cove Creek girls are ceded the no. 2 place in this division. Trophies will be presented to the winners and runner-up teams, while gold basketballs will be given the members of the all-tournament team.

## Many Attend GOP Lincoln Dinner

Among local Republicans in Charlotte Saturday for the Lincoln Day dinner, sponsored by the Young Republican clubs of the State, were: Charles G. Lewis, Vernon Castle, Ivy Wilson, Conley Storie, W. H. Gragg, S. C. Eggers, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde R. Greene and daughter, Betty Ray.

## Noah James Carroll Rites Wednesday

Noah James Carroll, 76, died at his home in the Rutherford neighborhood Tuesday morning. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday at 2 o'clock at the Rutherford Baptist Church by Rev. R. C. Eggers, Rev. W. J. Cook and Rev. W. D. Ashley, and interment was in the neighborhood cemetery. The widow, Mrs. Etta Carroll, survives, and a foster daughter, Aida Winkler.



**CORN CLUB MEMBERS.**—Members of the newly organized Watauga county 100 Bushel Corn Club. Left to right, back row: L. E. Tuckwiler, county agent; D. C. Coffey, Ernest Hillard, president; Don Shull, Milton Moretz, Secretary. Bottom row: Ralph J. Norris, Chalmers Phillips, Len Norris, Lewis Norris, vice-president. (Photo by Palmer's Photo Service.)

## 100 Bushel Corn Club Formed

### SAYS HENRY RAGAN COULD HAVE MET "FOUL PLAY"

The body of Henry Ragan, 67-year-old Boone man, was found at the home near Boone Monday morning, and Coroner Richard E. Kelly, whose inquiry hasn't been completed, states that "there might have been foul play."

An autopsy revealed, says Coroner Kelly, that Ragan had died from a subdural hemorrhage—a brain hemorrhage caused by a head blow. A coroner's jury is undecided as to whether the injury came from a blow or from a fall. He said an agent from the FBI is making an investigation, and the verdict of the jury will not presently be returned.

Ragan was found by a son, Calvin Ragan, a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Calvin Ragan, and a friend, Cecil Bumgarner, on their return from a trip to Lenoir. They told officers they left Ragan alone at 11 a. m. Sunday and had not seen him again until their return. Physicians estimated Ragan had been dead two or three hours, when the body was found.

Surviving is a daughter, Mrs. Jack Winkler of Boone. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday at 2 o'clock at the Perkinsville Baptist Church, Rev. Raymond Hendrix, officiating, and interment was in the Sands neighborhood cemetery.

## Merchants Map Courtesy Plan

A courtesy campaign, in which one employee of a Boone business house will be designated each month as the "most courteous employee" in Watauga county, was mapped at a Merchants Association meeting held Tuesday noon.

The plan, according to information released by Stanley A. Harris, association secretary, is to have eight or more nominated as the most courteous employee each month; then a secret shopping committee will shop the stores and offices and report on their reception. They are supposed to consider at least the following items: First, manner of reception, promptness of attention, attitude of the employee, loyalty to the firm, what happens after the purchase has been made, and any other item that may appear to be important.

Any shopper may make nominations, and the reason for making the nomination should be given with each nomination. Nominations may be sent to the Boone Merchants Association, Wade E. Brown Building, Boone, N. C. There will be one person selected each month and this person will not be eligible after winning in any one month. At the end of the year the 12 persons selected as most courteous in the monthly contest will be eligible to compete for a grand prize as "The Most Courteous Employee in the County."

At the end of the month, the person employed will be awarded \$10.00 to be given in merchandise by a local merchant. B. W. Stallings Jewelry Store is posting the first prize—\$10.00 toward the purchase of any article desired in the store; or the winner may elect to receive his prize from Bare's department store, if the jewelry concern does not have what he wants.

A grand prize of not less than \$25.00 will be given by the Association in December. All monthly winners will be invited to a dinner at that time when the grand award winner will be selected, Mr. Harris said.

## To Organize Grange Unit at Mabel School

A meeting will be held at the Mabel School on March 7, at 7:30 p. m., for the purpose of organizing a Grange unit.

## "Model Mile" Being Planned

The Boone Garden Club is sponsoring a "model mile" contest along highway 421, between the junction of 421 and the Blowing Rock road in Boone, to where the Parkway turns south from 421 toward Blowing Rock.

The members of the club will contact all those whose property fronts on 421 for this distance and urge them to clean up and beautify their yards, homes and property.

To give advice on how this can (Continued on page eight)

## Bloodshed Boxscore

Killed Feb. 21 thru Feb. 23	8
Injured Feb. 21 thru Feb. 23	67
Killed thru Feb. 23, 1950	116
Killed thru Feb. 23, 1949	112
Injured thru Feb. 23, 1950	1,548
Injured thru Feb. 23, 1949	1,198

## MOUNTAINEERS TAKE NORTH STATE CAGE CROWN HONOR

### Mrs. Mary Faults Succumbs Friday

Mrs. Mary Faults, 97 years old, a sister of Mrs. Sarah Perry of Sugar Grove, died Friday at the home of a daughter, Mrs. A. E. Dave of Bristol.

### Marion C. Cornett Is Taken by Death

Marion Calvin Cornett, 72, a resident of the Mabel community, died Sunday. Funeral services were held at the Mountain Dale Baptist Church by Rev. Ronda Eerp and Rev. N. M. Greene, and burial was in the Millsaps cemetery. Surviving are two sons and two daughters: Fred Cornett, Reese; Ted Cornett, Shulls Mills; Mrs. Dean Norris, Trade, Tenn.; Miss Charlotte Cornett of Shouns.

The one hundred bushel corn club of Watauga county, recently held its initial meeting at the Skyland Restaurant, where, in keeping with the corn theme, Virginia ham, corn on the cob and corn candy were featured.

Guests of the club were: L. E. Tuckwiler, county agent; R. G. Shipley, vocational agriculture teacher, and C. A. Clay, Farm Bureau president. County Agent Tuckwiler awarded 100 Bushel Club Certificates to the 1949 growers who made official yields of 100 bushels or more of corn per acre. He also gave the club a brief history of the 100 bushel corn growers in the county. He stated that Don Shull of Valle Crucis was the first farmer to make an official yield of more than 100 bushels per acre. The members discussed suitable activities for their club and a committee was appointed to prepare by-laws and program of work. Don Shull, Chalmers Phillips and Milton Moretz will serve as committeemen with the assistance of the county agricultural workers.

The club urges other corn growers to join up by making official yields of 100 bushels or more per acre. It is believed that a number of farmers are making such yields and it is hoped they will have their 1950 corn yields certified by the county committee.

## Goforth Will Be Here On 9th

Highway Commissioner Mark Goforth of Lenoir, will be at the courthouse in Boone on March 9, at 10 a. m. for the purpose of discussing with interested citizens the road problems of the county. Those having suggestions or complaints are asked to attend the meeting.

### Elon Finally Bows to the Rangy Locals, Said To Be "Too Tall, Too Tough."

Statesville — Elon, who had done the impossible two nights in a row, finally had to give in to fate as Appalachian's Mountaineers, too tall and too tough for the courageous Christians, dashed to a 67-53 decision in the finals of the North State conference basketball tournament.

The victory was particularly sweet for the Mountaineers, who got a crack at the flag in last year's finals and muffed it by bowing to underdog Lenoir-Rhyne. But the lanky Apps, playing a cool, heady brand of ball in firing away with deadly accuracy, made sure there were no slippups this time.

The Christians, who had charged into tonight's championship bout by bombing third-seeded Catawba and top-ranking High Point, kept pitching right down to the last. They matched the Apps bucket for bucket throughout most of the first half, but Francis Hoover's competent charges sailed away fast at the start of the second half and coasted home easy winners.

The Christians, clearly showing the effects of the tough road they had to travel to reach the finals, lacked some of the zip and fire tonight that they displayed in slapping down the Indians and Panthers.

## FOUR INJURED, ONE MAY DIE, IN WRECK OF AUTO LENOIR ROAD

Vaughn Smith Critically Injured as Car Crashes into Rocky Bank of Highway, Not Expected To Recover; Others Are Hurt.

Four Watauga county men sustained injuries, one of them hurt perhaps fatally, when the automobile in which they were traveling, went out of control and crashed into a ledge of rock on the Lenoir-Blowing Rock highway Sunday evening.

Vaughn B. Smith of Boone, suffered a skull fracture, and is in a critical condition at the Richard Baker hospital in Hickory. He has been unconscious since the accident, and members of the family do not anticipate his recovery.

Less seriously hurt, but still being treated at the hospital are Darrell Smith, 19, brother of Vaughn, who suffered broken ribs and lacerations of the scalp; Clarence Shirley, 17, broken leg and other injuries; and Ravan Greene, cuts of the face, wrist and chest injuries. Shirley and Ravan Greene are residents of Deep Gap.

The automobile in which the men were en route to Lenoir, was practically demolished, investigating officers reported.

Investigating the accident were State Highway Patrol Corporal Owen R. Roberts, Sheriff George D. Greer, and Deputy Sheriff Eugene Karby of Lenoir.

The cause of the accident was not stated, but officers did say no other vehicle was involved. Relatives hold to the belief that the car was traveling at a good speed, and went out of control.

## Rites For Mrs. Mattux Friday

Mrs. Ruth Dotson Mattux, 48, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Greer of Boone, died of a heart attack at her home in Raleigh last Tuesday evening. Funeral services were conducted Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Baptist Church in Boone, by Dr. J. C. Canipe, of Hendersonville, former pastor of the church, and Rev. J. K. Parker, local Presbyterian pastor, and interment was in the family plot in the community cemetery.

Mrs. Mattux received her education at Appalachian College, Meredith College, Raleigh, and was a graduate of the Corcoran School of Art, Washington, D. C. She had taught art at Appalachian College, Lenoir-Rhyne College, Hickory, and in the city schools, Kingsport, Tenn. She and her husband had made their home in Raleigh for the past seven years. Mrs. Mattux was held in the highest regard by the people of this community and county.

Survivors include the husband, J. W. Mattux, Raleigh; the parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Greer of Boone; a sister, Mrs. H. N. Adams, and a brother, Mr. Mack Greer, both of Boone.

## Talent Event Is Slated Here

Appalachian High school will present all of its talented and well-trained groups of performers in a full evening of entertainment at its first spring talent festival on March 10 at Appalachian High school auditorium.

A fine program of music, drama, folk dancing and other stunts will be presented for the public's enjoyment, as a report to the community of the type of work done in the various classes and activities of the students. The entertainment will include musical numbers by the High School Band, the Boys' and Girls' Glee Clubs, the Choral Ensemble and other groups, the sixth grade chorus, and other musical groups. There will be a one-act comedy presented by the dramatics class, an act by the Baton twirlers and the girls' physical education class will give some folk-dance numbers. In addition to these presentations there will be other soloists and comics etc. Mr. Bill Ross will act as master of ceremonies for the evening and the spectators will enjoy a fine, fast-moving program of entertainment.

This school-wide program is being sponsored by the senior class to raise funds to make it possible for the seniors to take the annual trip to Washington. It is anticipated that a program of this type will be sponsored by seniors each year so that more class members will be able to afford the grand Washington tour to which all students eagerly look forward throughout all of their high school years.