



NEW TOWN OFFICERS—Shown above is Mayor Gordon H. Winkler as he administered the oath of office to Guy Hunt, Jr., second from right, and Dick Lavendar, extreme right, as they took over the duties of Mayor of Boone last Saturday. This was a part of the local celebration of National Scout Week. Others in the picture are identified as, front row, left to right, Jimmie Cline, Phil McGuire, Bernon Proctor; back row, Bert Curtis, Charles Taylor, Jack Hollars, S. G. Tugman, Buddy McGuire. Another picture of Scout Day officers appears on page four of this edition.—(Photo Palmer's Studio.)

## PLANS MADE TO FIGHT RABIES, CLINICS START

### Dogs In Boone Now Are Under A Quarantine.

Plans for a full-scale permanent rabies program for Watauga county, based on a series of clinics to be started February 15, were made last week by Dr. John G. Martin, local veterinarian and Dr. M. B. H. Michal, county health officer.

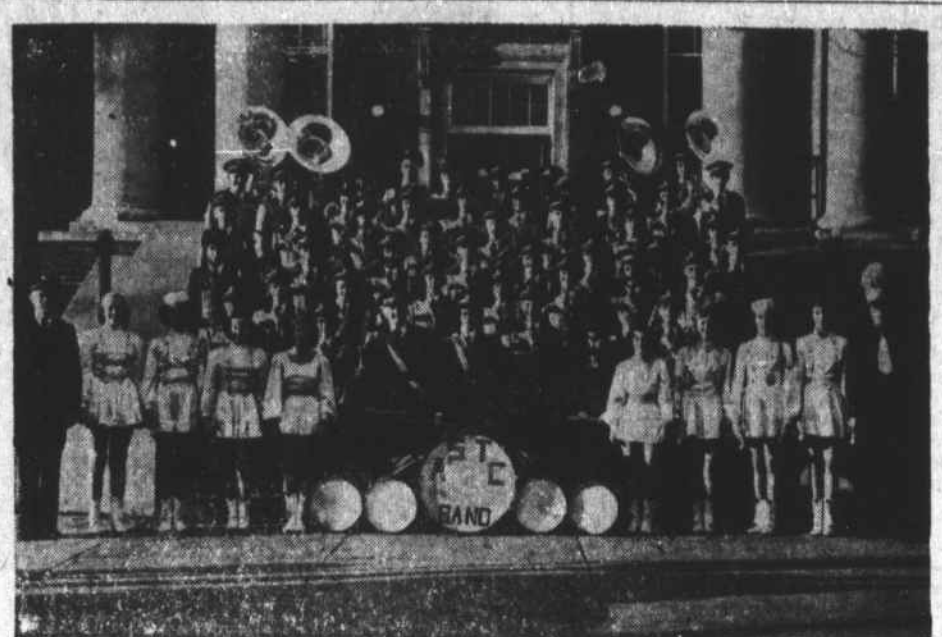
Dr. Martin will hold the preventive clinics throughout the county, at which time he will administer the anti-rabies vaccine at a cost of \$1 per dog. The first clinic will be held February 15, at 2:00 p. m. at Dr. Martin's office, located on East Main St. All persons having dogs which have not had the anti-rabies vaccine within the last year are urged to bring them to this clinic. The time and place of other clinics will be announced later. It is anticipated that this will give 90 per cent protection within four weeks after the animal receives treatment. If a dog develops rabies within four weeks of receiving the vaccine, it is assumed the animal was already infected with the disease.

It is best to kill a dog bitten by a rabid animal, Dr. Michal and Dr. Martin said, but in case of a valuable dog, or one held in great affection by a family, a series of doses might save the dog. However, they emphasized, if the vaccine is administered to a dog which has been bitten, the dog must be kept penned for at least six months.

A quarantine is in effect at the present time which covers the city limits of Boone and in which all dogs must be kept penned or, when being exercised, on a leash. This quarantine will remain in effect for the entire month of February. Members of the sheriff's department and the police department are on full-time duty patrolling and checking in this area.

Dr. Michal added a caution: (Continued on page two)

## Appalachian Band Slates First Concert Of Year



APPALACHIAN STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE CONCERT BAND

### Fifty Member Organization To Present Program.

The Appalachian State Teachers College band will present its first public concert of 1951 at the College auditorium Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

Composed of fifty members, under the direction of Mr. Gordon A. Nash, the band will present the following program: "Come, Sweet Death" by Bach; "Pani Angelicu" by Franck; "Winter Scenes" by Frangkiser; "Student Prince" Overture by Hertert; "The Gypsy Bride" by Weaks; "Athletic Festival" by Fokoffiev; "Second Suite in F" by Holst; "Funiculi, Funicula" by Denza; "Joshua," a novelty for band arranged by Yoder; "His Honor," March by Fillmore.

Featured soloist with the band will be Miss Agnes Baldwin, clarinetist, who will play "Autumn Caprice," a modern composition written by one of the nation's leading composers for band, Clair W. Johnson.

Among the band directors who are planning to be here Friday for the concert are Mr. A. W. Hull of Roanoke, Virginia, Mr. James Godfrey of Pulaski, Virginia, Mr. Charlie Johnson of Mt. City, Tennessee, Mr. Claude Jarrett of Wilkesboro, Mr. George Wilson of Valdese, Mr. Dane Smyre of Drexel, Miss Eva Bingham of North Wilkesboro, Mr. Phil Separk of Winston-Salem; Mr. Harry Snell of Winston-Salem, and Mr. Bernard Hirsch of Marion.

Students, faculty and townspeople are cordially invited to join the out-of-town visitors in attending the concert.

## Scouts Govern Town For Day

### Duggins Called To Navy From Local Grid Post

#### KING STREET

BY ROB RIVERS

LAST WEEK when the mercury slithered down the scale, and the weatherman brought the news that another severe cold spell was blowing into the south Atlantic region from the chill rugged wastes of the high Rockies, and the zero blasts brought stinging torture to those who ventured forth, we felt just a little low. . . . Seemed as how this arctic cold had come to be a habit with Old Man Winter in these parts, and neither our clothes nor our disposition were fitting into the picture of grim frigidty. . . . We were just a bit envious of the folks who dwell in the warmer climes with a divorce absolute from fuel suppliers. . . . Just then a couple of youngsters from down at the graded school rushed in, their faces glowing from the cold, and plunked down a couple of boxes of flower seed on the desk, with the well-known "How many?" query. . . . We took a bunch of the little packages in our hands. . . . There were the fancy lithographs of the nasturtium, the heavenly blue morning glory, the cosmos, the zinnias, sweet peas, etc., on the little packages which contained the tiny seeds. . . . There was life and beauty and color, and joy in the little packages of garden seeds which the little boys offered. . . . We bought some. . . . Soon other youngsters came by with the same offerings, little Rachel called from the house to say she had seeds for sale, and now we find that we have most every sort on the market. . . . The beans, the bright red radishes, lettuce, beets, carrots, added to the blooms, changed our outlook. . . . Our thoughts turned from the snows and the freeze and the frost and the ice, to the warm lush soil in the back lot, to massive displays of flowers, to corn and beans, and garden sass in general. . . . to sky-blue robin's eggs, and green trees and apple blooms and spring-time. . . . A few garden seed brought promise of fairer days and kindly skies, and warm zephyrs. . . . and resurrection. And we quit thinking of the storm and the cold, and journeyed forth into the gale with added strength, and new courage, and high visions of better days ahead. . . . All because some youngsters wanted to sell some seeds to help along some activity down at the school.

AND, with our improved outlook came fairer days. . . . Monday and Tuesday, bright and warm, with the smell of springtime in the air, and while a lot of folks don't lay much store by our weather signs, a flaming red evening (Continued on page seven)

### Highly Successful Grid Mentor Leaves Appalachian.

The Navy dipped into the coaching ranks of the North State Conference and called Appalachian State's successful head football coach, E. C. Duggins, back for active duty.

Duggins left Boone under a leave of absence Tuesday and



E. C. DUGGINS

will report to San Francisco, Calif., Feb. 19, to be assigned to carrier service.

The announcement that Duggins had been granted a leave of absence was made by Appalachian State athletic authorities last week.

Duggins, in the naval reserves, will return to active duty as a lieutenant. He received his orders to report for active duty about two weeks ago.

The Mountaineers, under Duggins leadership since 1947, has won two North State Conference championships—in 1948 and in 1950.

His football teams have appeared in four bowls, twice playing in the Burley Bowl at Johnson City, Tenn., and twice in the (Continued on page seven)

### Mrs. John Greene Taken by Death

Mrs. John F. Greene, 61, died Wednesday morning at the home on Linville Street, following a short illness.

Funeral services were held Friday, in the Blowing Rock Baptist Church by the Rev. Mr. Thomas. Burial was in the Reform Church cemetery.

Surviving are the husband, Mr. John F. Greene, and ten children, Charles, Harlen, Dee and Thomas Greene, of Blowing Rock; Dennis Greene, Mrs. Della Absher and Mrs. Pauline Morrison of Southern Pines; Mrs. Cora Tinker of Lenoir; Mrs. Nelle Garis and Mrs. Dolly Ann Forbes of Blowing Rock; twenty-eight living grandchildren; also surviving are the father, Mr. John Price, two half-brothers, one half sister of Taylorsville, one sister, Mrs. Anna Lovins of Lenoir, two brothers, Mr. Crooks Price of West Virginia, and Mr. Ruben Price of Blowing Rock.

### Local Troops Observe National Scout Week.

By JOE MINOR

The Town of Boone was under a new regime last Saturday. The Air Explorer Squadron 109, of the Boy Scouts of America, headed by Crayte Teague, took over the town during their celebration of National Boy Scout week, and performed the duties of Mayor, clerk, firemen, policemen, garbage collector, and other duties necessary to running a municipality.

In a brief ceremony at 9:30, Mayor Gordon Winkler administered the necessary oath of office to Dick Lavendar, who served as mayor during the morning and Guy Hunt, Jr., who served in the afternoon.

Mayor Lavender, in turn, swore in his staff, which included City Clerks S. G. Tugman and Buddy McGuire; Policemen Jimmy Cline, Bert Curtis, S. G. Tugman, Bernard Proctor, Buddy McGuire, Charles Taylor, Kenneth Wilcox and Jack Hollars; Firemen Kenneth Wilcox, Dick Lavendar, Tony Winkler, Sonny Keplar, Frankie Coffey, Jimmy Cline, Randolph Maddux, Bert Curtis, and Milton Barden.

Other positions filled by the Scouts included Water department superintendents Kenneth Wilcox, Tony Winkler, Charles Taylor and Randolph Maddux; garbage collectors Sonny Keplar, Jack Hollars, Guy Hunt, and Charles Taylor.

The Scouts alternated at the various positions, giving each Scout a chance to see how the duties of several of the town officials are fulfilled.

Scout troop 109, Dr. Lee Reynolds, scoutmaster, spent the day Saturday performing good deeds in the downtown section of Boone. Their work was very evident to many citizens who were in town. Some of their duties included helping patrons at the bus station with their bags, and helping motorists who were "stuck" at the curbs due to ice and snow.

A Father-Son banquet was held last Thursday night in Fellowship Hall at the Methodist Church. The supper was attended by approximately 75 Scouts, their parents, and local Scout officials. Mothers and friends of the Scouts prepared and served the meal, after which a movie on Scouting was shown.

Sunday night an impressive candlelight service was presented at the First Baptist Church in Boone. The Scouts were recognized in the various churches of the community by their pastors (Continued on page three)

### Seeks Names Of All Citizens 90 Years Old

Mr. W. L. Winkler is anxious to know how many people we have in Watauga county who are now 90 years old or older, including those who will be 90 during February.

Mr. Winkler asks that these oldsters write their names, address, and age on a card and mail to Box 513, Boone, N. C.

### Mrs. Phillips Dies At Mebane Home

Mrs. Caroline Bryan Phillips, of near Mebane, mother of Mr. Burrell Phillips, Boone, died at her home Friday, February 2, at the age of 85. She was the daughter of the late John J. Bryan of Mebane.

Funeral services were conducted at her home by the Rev. Hollingsworth of the First Baptist Church of Mebane, and her body was carried to Mebane, where after a brief graveside service conducted by the Rev. Clayton Greene, it was interred in the family cemetery.

Besides a host of friends and relatives she is survived by one sister and three children, Clyde and Verna Phillips of Mebane, and Burrell Phillips of Boone. She also leaves eight grandchildren and one great grandchild.

### Funeral Held for Walter C. Harmon

Funeral services for Walter C. Harmon, 83, of Neva, Tennessee, who died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. Dewey Swift, of Trade, were held at Bakers Gap church Wednesday, February 7.

His death came Monday following a brief illness. The Rev. Ronda Earp officiated, assisted by Rev. Earl Campbell of Elizabethton, Tennessee, and Rev. Arnt Greer of Trade, Tennessee.

Survivors include his widow, the former Belle Cannon, eight daughters, Mrs. John Vannoy of Neva, Tennessee, Mrs. J. Dewey Swift, Trade, Tenn., Mrs. Henry French, Maryville, Tenn., Mrs. Millard McGuire, Detroit, Mich., Mrs. George Truitt, Todd, N. C., Mrs. Edgar Glenn, Sugar Grove, N. C., Mrs. Fred Ward, Boone, N. C., and Mrs. Clyde Moore, Lenoir, N. C.; two sons, Garnett Harmon of Beech Creek, N. C., and Commodore Harmon, Neva, Tenn.; one brother, Mr. Wayne Harmon of Beech Creek, N. C.

The deceased was born in Watauga county, making his home here until the year 1909, when he moved to Neva, Tenn., remaining there until death.

## Farmers Asked to Aid Defense

### Preston Mull Is Chosen To Coach Mountaineers

### College Dips Into Ranks Of Alumni To Get Coach.

Athletic authorities of Appalachian State dipped into alumni ranks and selected Preston A. Mull, former line star, to coach the Mountaineer varsity football team during the absence of E. C. Duggins, who left for the navy last Tuesday.

Mull, who has coached championship teams at Lenoir High School for the past four years,



PRESTON MULL

accepted the post as head football coach last Monday.

Mull's first action was to announce that there would be no changes in the Appalachian State coaching staff.

Francis Hoover, end coach; Bob Broome, backfield coach, and John Kirk, line coach, all alumni of Appalachian State, will remain as teachers and coaches on the school staff. It will give Appalachian and alumni staff.

Mull, a native of Marion, N. C. (Continued on page seven)

### Parrot R. Hardy Dies in Mullins

Parrot R. Hardy, 45, Mullins, S. C. tobacco warehouseman, who, with a brother, Paul Hardy, operated the Boone burley market during the first year of its existence, died at a Columbia Hospital February 6, following a brief illness.

Born in LaGrange, the son of the late Edgar and Betty Hatch Hardy, Mr. Hardy had made his home in Mullins for the past 25 years. Prominent in the tobacco business, he had operated warehouses in Mullins and Henningway, S. C.

Funeral services were held at the late residence and burial was in Cedarvale cemetery.

He is survived by the widow, Mrs. Belle Davis Hardy, one daughter, one stepson, one brother, one sister and one grandchild.

### 25 Collegians To Get Degrees

Twenty-five students will complete work for the bachelor of science degree at Appalachian State Teachers college at the end of the quarter, February 23. Those who will finish, with their fields of specialization and certification, are as follows:

In mathematics and social studies—Luther Abernethy, Lincolnton; A. Frederick Jackson, East Flat Rock; Gordon Martin, Stony Point; and Newell Price, Gastonia.

In business education and social studies—C. H. Robertson, Jr., Boone, and Ann Rudd, Reidsville.

In mathematics and physical education—Edward L. Bost, Henrietta; and Robert Hartzog, Brownwood.

In physical education and social studies—Gilbert Byrd, Marion, Donald M. Cheek, Raleigh; William O. Cleary, Savannah, Georgia; Bill Cross, Maryville, Tennessee; James E. Hall, Marion.

In business education and physical education—Annie Mae Carroll, Boone.

In primary education—Ann Dixon, Pleasant Garden; Patricia Ellis, Boone.

In music—Bettie Horton, Elerbe; and Hoyt Safrit, China Grove.

In grammar grade education—Pauline Mullis, Monroe; and William L. Murray, Bostic.

In French and physical education—John T. O'Neal, Boone.

In social studies—Max G. Rieves, Greensboro.

In science—Regina Tait, Boone.

In English and social studies—Joseph Thurman Watts, Morganton.

In science and social studies—Robert Wood, Fries, Virginia. These students will receive their diplomas with the graduating class in May, but are eligible for certification immediately.

### PMA Chairman Says Needs Of Future Important.

In planning crops to meet defense needs this year, farmers of Watauga County should keep in mind that the needs of the future may be just as great as for this year, says Dwight Cable, chairman of the County PMA committee. Every farmer should do all he can to produce the crops needed but increase in cultivated crops should be made where they will not impair future production. This means, says the chairman, that good productive pasture should not be plowed up to obtain increases of other crops when the other crops will not contribute any more to defense than the production which comes from the pasture.

Nor should farmers abandon good conservation practices for temporary increases in production, in the opinion of the chairman. "For the long pull, conservation farming will result in higher production than the temporary gain that may be obtained at the expense of the land."

As the chairman sees it, the formula is simple: Keep up the fertility of the land. Conserve all possible moisture. Use grass and legumes as a means of protecting the soil for continued abundance. To this end assistance is provided for seeding pasture grasses and legumes and for practices which assure good stands and good growth. Pasture seed will be available after February 15. No assistance will be given for seed for establishing meadows.

The Agricultural Conservation Program this year, he points out, is particularly emphasizing the use of grasses and legumes as a means of restoring and maintaining the organic matter in the soil. Where lime or phosphate is needed before the farmer can obtain a good stand of clover or alfalfa, the program provides for sharing the cost of these materials.

The chairman explains that the program is available to all farmers this year, not only to help produce what is needed for defense but also to keep the land in condition for continued production. The county PMA office will give you full information and assist you in planning these practices.

### Sheriff's Bill Gets Ratification

A bill designed to raise the Sheriff of Watauga county to \$3,000 per year, with certain other allowances, introduced by Representative Wade E. Brown, was ratified and became law last Thursday.

The bill, the full text of which has been published in the Democrat, gives the Sheriff a base salary of \$3,000 plus \$600 expense money for his automobile, \$1,400 per year for two deputies, and mileage for trips made out of the county.

### Junior Order Meeting

There will be a meeting of Daniel Boone Council Junior Order, Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock. All members, especially the older ones, are urged to attend.

### FALL FATAL TO VET

Memphis, Tenn. — Although Samuel G. Logan, of Adamsville, Ala., made many parachute jumps during World War II without a single injury, a fall during a friendly wrestling match near his home on January 13 proved fatal. The 30-year-old coal miner died at a hospital two weeks later of a head injury.

### Green Pasture Essays Sought

The Northwestern Bank of Boone, is sponsoring an essay contest in the schools of the county on the topic, "Green Pastures, Their Place in the Economy of North Carolina," and explains that all the students of the high schools of the county are eligible to participate. Awards of five and ten dollars are being offered.

The contest is under the State sponsorship of the North Carolina Bankers Association, and Mr. Alred Adams, cashier of the local bank, says that students in Watauga county high schools should have their essays by March 23. The winner in the county competition stands a chance to win the \$400 State prize, Mr. Adams says.

A kit of subject matter material is to be made available to all schools, through the county agent's office in time for the needs of interested students.

### Traffic Law To Be Enforced

Chief of Police Walter Johnson states that an official crackdown on those motorists who insist on driving east on the one way street at the High School, is in the offing.

The officer states that the short stretch of narrow street, traversed by hundreds of high school and college students, constitutes a menace to life and limb, and that officers are going to make every effort to apprehend those violating the one-way ordinance and bring them before the Mayor.

The cooperation of the people who use this street is asked, strictly in the interest of safety.

### New VFW Officers Are Elected Here

The Veterans of Foreign Wars elected new officers at a meeting held last Thursday, and they will be installed on March 1.

Bill Murray was elected commander, Crayte Teague, Quartermaster, and Rom Adams, Vice-Commander.

Meat ration cuts forcing British to become vegetable eaters.