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STREET

THE MAYOR'S FORESIGHT

Mayor Winkler, who started his public career by serving in the North Carolina legislature, and who is still going strong as the Mayor of Boone, has been in the habit of telling us how elections are going to come out . . Invariably when the county runners go to the post, the Mayor will have a clear-cut idea of who's going to finish first . . . Likewise in the big league of politics Gordon has been able to call the shots with accuracy . . Back when Dewey was conceded the key to the White House and the Democratic partisans had quite werrying too much about the fate of the Missourian, Mayor Winkler tendered us the information that Harry Truman was going to lead the field in the stretch . . . A couple of years ago he foresaw disaster for the Donkey, and at the same time, when partisans of Governor Umstead some of them-vowed the man from Durham would crowd out Hubert Olive by a hundred thousand, Gordon saw a 25,000 or less victory-and that was right . . And last week, when Gordon dropped in at the Democrat we wanted to know about the senatorial primary . . . The Mayor expressed his belief that Kerr Scott would win, though the Winkler

WHICH REMINDS

vote is to go to Lennon!

that the registration books will be open two more Saturdays for the registration of new voters . . . those who have reached their majorities since the last general election, or those who have moved into the area, and who have become qualified by living in the State a year, or the county six menths . . . Not too many have been enrolled, since the books only opened last Saturday . . . who want to mark a ballot in the Democratic or Republican primary May 29th and are not enrolled had better attend to this before the books close, otherwise they may forfeit their right to vote.

BAREFOOT DAYS ... AND

THINGS First barefoot boy we've seen this spring, gingerly making his way along the path, where pebbles abound . . . Used to be one could take off the shoes and stockings anywhere from May the house rules were . . . We were so bunged up we could scarce Spring in America. endure any sort of shoe . . . And Five college organizations , will we would have never believed it participate in the program: the if we'd have been told kids Modern Dance Club and the Varwould eventually wear shoes in the summer time . . . Mrs. T. M. ected by Mrs. Joy Kirchner, the Greer who had business down in College Choir, directed by Mrs. the sandhill country the other Virginia Linney, the College day, fetched back a cone from a long leaf pine . . . The thing is Spencer, and a Girl's Tumbling the size of a gallon jug, about the same shape, and is a novelty in the highlands. Subscriber to the entire program will be Mrs. the Democraf says: "I knew you Kirchner and Robert Clendenin, got the information from a man -wasn't wordy enough for a woman!" . . . Man mad at child, 'cause it didn't have as hard a time as he had; seems to think nothing is worthwhile unless there's privation and misery involved along the way . . . Stranger asks "Where would one eat?" and we name the places, tell him they're all fine, and either one would make him happy . . . He frowns at us, as he turns to another to try to find the best

A FRIEND FROM THE PAST Alonzo Payne, who has lived in Marion, Virginia for more than thirty years, visits with his old friends along the street, and we help him reminisce about his barber shop which he opened about 1914, in the east room of the brick row, and where he praticed the tonsorial art for several years . . . The crowded shop, where all the men and boys of the town got their hair cropped and their whiskers shaved, was the gathering point for the community
—a sort of clubhouse, where,
one went for a pleasant evening, and to hear the news of (Continued on page four)



WINS FIRST PRIZE IN TALENT SHOW .- Sherry Grimes of Boone, 12-year-old daughter of Gus and Martha Grimes, accepts first prize of \$15.00 cash for her vocal number, "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling," in the Arthur Smith Talent Hunt Show held last Friday night in the Appalachian High School auditorium. She will also appear with Arthur Smith and his Crackerjacks on their regular television show over station WBTV in Charlotte, Thursday, May 6, at 4:00 p. m., as part of the prize. There were ten competing local acts in the

Left to right in above picture are Arthur Smith, Sonny Smith, also of the Crackerjacks, Sherry, and Mrs. A. E. South, under whose tutelage Sherry received her musical and vocal training. Second prize of \$10 cash went to Dock Watson, blind singer and guitar player, and the \$5 es and will costinue for the next third prize was awarded to the Perkinsville Trio, two weeks. Dogwood will shortcomposed of Bobby Barnes Glenn Miller, and Bill ly be at its peak on the Parkway, Hartley, accompanied on the piano and vocally truly making this Tar Heel state by Ruth Wilson.

An overflow crowd of more than 1,000 persons attended the show, which was sponsored by the showing early blooms along the Boone Rotary Club, with Stacey C. Eggers, Jr., as Parkway near Asheville and up chairman of the show committee. Proceeds will to 3,000 feet. Peak blooming for go for the benefit of Prippled children.-Photo by this mountain flower is predict-

# **Annual May Day Program Is** Set For Saturday Afternoon

as Queen when the annual May Day fete will be held on Appalachian College Campus Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Mr. William Spencer will conduct an informal band concert beginning at

Senior attendants are: Betty Ann Robinson, Betsy Rea, Bonnie LaFone. Junior attendants are: Alice Swann, Martha Watkins, Nancy Dickerson, Peggy Long and Inez Orozco are sophomore attendants. Rosemary Carpenter and Nancy Stilwell are freshman attendants. The crown bearer will be Peggy Cline and Sue Hunter and Louise Ross will be flower girls. Sandra Davis and Theresa Davis are train bearers, while Patty Hankley and Anne Bingham are heralds. Miss Mariam Adams of the home economics faculty is sponsor of the May Court.

The theme for May Day will be "Twentieth Century America," first to tenth, according to what the motif being taken from various phases of American life durable to discard the shoes on the ing this period. The program will tenth if there was normal spring be grouped around American Art, weather . . . By the time we Americans in Europe, American started to school, we could bust Music, American Religion, Amera green chestnut bur with a heel, ican Progress, American City and our pedal extremities were Life, American Country Life,

> souvianna (folk dance) Club, dir-Band, directed by Mr. William graduating senior, will be assist-ant director. Mr. William Ross will serve as narrator.

Varsouvianna Club members who will participate are: Burmah Carpenter, president, Bill Craw-ford, Faylene Falls, Joan Eller, Colon Nifong, Gerald Adams, Bill Sofley, Ned Trivette, Mar-jorie Mast, Howard Ledbetter, Julia Ross, Katy King, Joy Mad-ron, Mary Clements, Hilda Thompson, Jim Ollis, Annie Rae

· Modern Dance Club members are: Joe Edmisten, president, Sue Hunter, Hilda Thompson, Lucille Nanney, Becky Robertson, Bill Crawford, Faylene Falls, Jerry Young, Peggy Neal, Janie Mat-thews, Burmah Carpenter, Julia Ross, Ed Lee, Katy King.

The College Choir will be represented by: Suzanne Arrowood, Sara Lind Dowling, Gladys Eastridge, June Good, Elizabeth Hallyburton, Slyvia Massey, Betsy Williams, Rebecca Moxley, Alene Queen, Carol Sloan, Nancy Tatum, Jackie Weathers, Gaynelle will be represented by: Suzanne Arrowood, Sara Lind Dowling, Gladys Eastridge, June Good, Elizabeth Hallyburton, Slyvia Massey, Betsy Williams, Rebecca Moxley, Alene Queen, Carol Sloan, Nancy Tatum, Jackie Weathers, Gaynelle will be represented by: Suzanne Arrowood, Sara Lind Dowling, Gladys Eastridge, June Good, Elizabeth Hallyburton, Slyvia Massey, Betsy Williams, Rebecca Moxley, Alene Queen, Carol Sloan, Nancy Tatum, Jackie Weathers, Gaynelle will be represented by: Suzanne Arrowood, Sara Lind Dowling, Gladys Eastridge, June Good, Elizabeth Hallyburton, Slyvia Massey, Betsy Williams, Rebecca Moxley, Alene Glera Gatties is pianist. Officers Rebecca Moxley, Alene Queen, Carol Sloan, Nancy Tatum, Jackie Weathers, Gaynelle will bill Honey. The College Choir will be re-

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are: Gloria Gattis, Jackie Weath- ley, Tyre Sidden, Maud Morrison ers, Betty Sue Norris, Mary Hudson, Pat Sumrow, Carol Milks, John McAulay, Ann Selvey, Eva Adams, Mary Alva White, Don Knowland, Jeanette Reid, Daphne Campbell, Gene Wilson, Roy Blanton, Freida Hoover, Suzanne Arrowood, Jo Ann Graybeal, Bill Blair, Anne Bingham. Armstrong, Milton Barden, Dorothy Barber, Frank Widenhouse, Buddy Miller, Bob Goforth, Eli-zabeth Earble, Gladys Eastridge,

### Historical Body Start Drive For Memberships

vance of the annual spring meeting which will be held May 17.

Memberships are \$10, payable faculty. to James Marsh, treasurer. With in the association, and a season pass to "Horn in the West," which the association sponsors.

Further information may be received from members of the com mittee: Mrs. Lawrence H. Owsley, Mrs. Rob Rivers, Mrs. W. M. Matheson, Mrs. J. C. Goodnight, Mrs. James Councill, Miss Clyde Kilby, Mrs. Joe Crawford, Mrs. W. C. Richardson, W. W. Chester, Joe Williams, Richard Morehous-

### Weather

The weather this week continued the pattern of summer temperatures and intermittent showers. Rain occurred on four days of the week, and temperatures reached 81 on Sunday.

Max.	Min	6 p. m.	Date
75	54	60	April 2
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Members of the College Band eston, Ed Cullers, Rebecca Mox-

comprise the tumbling group: Janie Matthews, Becky Robertson, Marie Reavis, Julia Ross, Lucille Nanney, Doris Dixon, Joan Eller, Nancy Latham, Marjorie Mast, Faylene Falls, Edith

Attendance at the annual May May Day or similar festivals in ian May Day program as assumed lege and the mountains which at-The membership committee of tract visitors from other sections. the Southern Appalachian His- Since the war the program has torical Association is instituting a been strengthened by the co-campaign for memberships in the operation of various college deoperation of various college desociety for the 1954 season, in ad- partments in presenting a varied program tapping the greatest talent among both students and

Miss Becky Hoover will reign | Shirley Sharp, Mary Alva White, | Gerald - Taylor, Dorothy Kemp, Anne Haynes, Ben Connel, Bob Don Wood, Paul Simpson, Joy Gilley, Landis David, Pat Mat- Brown, Mr. Kemp, Gene McCarr, thews, John McAuley, Marvin Barry Ruth, John Clontz, Joe Thomas, Calvin Haves, Nick Ern-

The following students will

Fete has been steadily growing the past few years. From 2000 to 3000 people are expected to attend this year. Appalachian is one of few college and universities in the United States having which both men and women students participate. The Appalachcharacteristics unique to the col-

# 160 To Receive Degrees At Appalachian Finals

# Spring Color Show Staged On Parkway

white dogwood are dominating general, peak blooming dates are the early spring color show as its\_spreads across the Southern Appalachians. The shadbush or and the brillant purple rhododen-"Juneberry" is also one of the dron will make their appearance. many early mountain flowers to be seen among the Great Smok-

ies and the Blue Ridge Parkway. Pink and white dogwoods are blanketing entire mountain slopthe "Land of Dogwood."

Flame azaleas are already ed for mid or late May.

Mountain ground flowers such as the snowy white trillium and silverbell are now in bloom at many elevations. Silverbell will area during the first two weeks of May. Peak blooming of shadbush is expected to occur about the middle of this month. Redbud may still be seen in some parts but has already passed its

Blooming peaks vary with each year usually according to altitude and weather, although not al- in the West.

from one week to ten days earli-

### **Hotelists And** Others To Meet **Tuesday Night**

All those interested in promoting the tourist trade in Watauga Optometric Society at a recent county are asked to meet at the meeting in Charlotte. Other of-Gateway Restaurant Tuesday ficers elected at the meeting were night, May 11. Dinner will be Dr. Henry B. Day, Jr., of Winserved at 6:30 and the business ston-Salem, president-elect; and session will start at 7:30.

motel, tourist home, filling station or garage should come, it is be at its best in the Soco Gap stated, together with those who have rooms for rent.

Those who expect to attend the dinner should call AMherst 4-3691 for reservations.

This meeting is being called by the Chambers of Commerce of Boone and Blowing Rock, the Northwestern North Carolina Development Association and Horn

# Recreation Areas On Parkway Are Opened

The Blue Ridge Parkway of- Cumberland Knob and Doughton ficially opened its recreational Parks. All picnic grounds, campareas Saturday May 1st.

The areas open on the Bluff district between the Va.-N. C. State line and Blowing Rock are

Gragg Appointed

To B. & L. Post Mr. W. H. Gragg, Secretarytreasurer of the Watauga Building and Loan Association of Boone, has been appointed to the Advisory Section on State Legislation of the United States Savings and Loan League.

The Advisory Section on State Following the program on the Legislation consists of managers each membership there is a vote green Miss Helen Burch, Dean of of state chartered savings as-Women, states that there will be sociations and is primarily constitutions operate.

ing and trailer areas are open to the public. The coffee shop, lodge and gas

station at Doughton Park is open. The Parkway had a visitation of over 4,000,000 people last year and indications are that 1954 will be another good travel year. The Parkway is fast taking on a spring look, with the attractive magnolia trees now in bloom and color showing in the dogwood

Heavy spring rains and warm weather has caused the pink azalea to begin to bloom early this spring. This flowering shrub is beginning to show some color now at lower elevations and should be attractive within the

New sanitary facilities, drink-ing fountain, etc. have been in-Vilas, Mrs. Mary Ann Eggers, Gamble, Virginia Lee Golson. a tea in East Dormitory honoring cerned with the improvement of stalled at the Cascades, popular all participants in the May Day, state laws under which these in- resort area a few miles from

DR. RAY LAWRENCE, local optometrist, who was elected presi dent of the North Carolina State Dr. Hugh Daniel of Waynesville, Everyone who operates a hotel, vice president in charge of organization

### Hollingsworth To Speak At C. Of C. Meeting

The Rev. L. H. Hollingsworth will be the speaker at the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce to be held May 11 at 12 o'clock at the Gateway Restaurant.

Reports will be heard on the Clean-up Campaign and the road situation in Watauga county. A full attendance is asked.

### **Idaho Accident** Is Fatal To Watauga Citizen

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Hodges of Vilas have received a telegram stating that their son, Stacy Paul Hodges, 43, of Whitebird, Idaho was drowned in a boat accident April 25. 8 o'clock p. m. His body has not been located and details are not known.

Surviving besides his parents are the widow, Mrs. Lucille Taylor Hodges, four daughters: Dorothy Lou, Cheryl Ray, Betty Jane and Paula Ann. There are eight brothers and sisters: Robert of Detroit, Mich., Dock of Atkins, Va., Cpl. Billy Dean Hodges, Cincinnati, Ohio, Mrs. Rachel Combs, Vilas and Rosa and Joyce

### Carroll To Speak At N. C. E. A. Meet

The Watauga County Unit N. C. E. A. will hold its annual banquet on the evening of May 11, at 7:00 o'clock in the Ranch Motel dining room, announces the President of the county unit, James M. Storie.\*

The Motel is located just outside Blowing Rock on the Boone Blowing Rock highway.

Dr. Charles F. Carroll, State

Superintendent of Public Instruction, will be the guest speaker. The banquet is by invitation. and it is semi-formal.

### **Boone Citizens Get NCEA Posts**

area have been appointed to state committees of the North Carolina Education Association for 1954-54.

They are: Cratis D. Williams, Boone, board of editors; J. H. Melton, Boone, legislative committee; and James W. Storie, mittee; and James W. Storie, uring farm prices, declared by Blowing Rock, legislative com law to be fair to farmers in rela-

### Dr. Harley Fite Will Deliver **Annual Address**

One hundred and sixty-one students of Appalachian State Teachers College will receive degrees at commencement exercises to be held Friday morning, May 14, at 10:30 o'clock.

Twenty-one of the graduates will receive Master of Arts Degrees and one hundred and thirtynine will be given Bachelor of Science degrees.

Dr. Harley Fite, president of Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn., will deliver the address. The college orchestra and the college choir will take part in the program. President B. B. Dougherty will confer the de-

Following are the graduates: Master of Arts Degree

Albert Lee Bradley, Floyd Lee Bumgarner, Douglas Stewart Carroll, Edison Perry Faulkner, Blanche N. Hardy, George Everette Hemrick, Thuman Finch Horner, Luther Lee Houser, Van Roberson Layson, John Hugh McDonald, Jr., Paul Howard Mc-

Richard Leon Mize; Eloise Boyce Moretz, Joseph Ferd Oliver, Corky Owsley, Bennie Huse Pierce, Zebulon Vance Shook, John Francis Small, Reba Ann Smith, Cynthia Louise Stiles, Faye Lucille Upton, Ruie H. Walker.

Bachelor of Science Degree Gerald Adams, Jane Alexander,

Jimmy Allen, Mary Ruth Ayers, Bobby Joe Baker, Barbara Bingham, Samuel Ralph Blake, Morris L. Branch, Max Brannon, Bobbie Bridges, Boyce Bridges, Catherine Brown, Chancel Brown, Clara Lee Brown, Bruch Buchanan, Jane Bullock, Jean Bullock, Betty Jo Byers; Ernestine Calloway, Daphne

Campbell, Bobbie Carnes, Alma T. Carpenter, Iris Love Champion, Helen Gaynelle Chandler, Robert A. Clendenin, Leonard Cline, Bobbie Coble, Sarah Mae Coble, May Crances Cochrane, Ben Connell, John P. Coulter, Rita F. Crowell, Boyd R. Daugherty, Barbara Davenport, G. C. Davis, Jean Dewese, Betty Dixon, Jane Dixon, Joanne Dixon, Lucy Dixon, Rober Downs, Lenna Duncan:

Isabel Anne Eggers, Carl Eller, Jane Grigg Eure, Rachel Frank-Goodrum, Jo Anne Grav beal, Lawrence Grigg, Patricia Hankley, Jo Ann Hardin, Mack Haynes, Willa Dean Herman, Rayvon Hilliard, Catherine Holcombe, Billy Lee Holsclaw, Charles V. Holt, Alfred Smith Homesley, Rebecca Hoover, Bryan Houck, Robert Lee Huffman, Agnes Sue Hunter;

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# For Burley Is Set At 46 Cents

Minimum government price support for the 1954 burley tobacco crop was set by the U. S. Department of Agriculture at 46.4 cents a pound, two tenths of cent under the 1953 figure.

The figure represents the average for all grades of tobacco. The support level of those typ-

es of tobacco is fixed by law. The law stipulates that burley, flue cured and cigar filler and cigar binder tobacco be supported at 75 per cent of the burley rate, and dark air cured and Virginia sun cured at two-thirds of the burley rate. Parity is a standard for meas-

## Chorus Goes To Winston-Salem



The Appalachian State Teach- state a great honor. Five years Peggy Rogers, Shirley Sharpe,

ers College Chorus, which is directed by Mrs. Virginia Wary sing for the western district Tenor: Jerry Hill, Bill Honey-Linney, will leave today for meeting in Asheville, but this is cutt, James Idol, Lavon Laye,

tum, Jackie Weathers, Gaynelle Wilson, Jerry Hill, Bill Honeycutt, James Idol, Lavon Laye,
Gene Wilson, Rebecca Austin,
Betsy Edwards, Zetta Freeman,
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