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COUNTY MARKS Summer Session Registrations **County School Bond Issue Is** INITIAL TRAFFIC Authorized By Commissioners DEATH OF YEAR Begin At Appalachian College



In this locality where Daniel Boone is supposed to have set up his abode and lived for a spell, and where the best town in the country is named for him, we've wondered some about what manner of man it was who so symbolizes the pioneer spirit of another generation . . . We have always liked to think of Dan'l, not as an unlettered philosopher, or a leader in any great sense, but as a hankerin' to find out what there was up at the headwaters of the Yadkin, and across the wide expanse of blue hills to the west er of the canebrakes and the woodlands was keen with a squirrel rifle, and we can imagine him as a free spirit, traveling on whenever he felt the urge for new adventure or the need for more abundant game . . . And our mental picture of the woodsman has always included a passel of strum upon in the cool of the evening when the breezes rustled in the trees and there had been in the trees and there had been good meat for supper, and there Bids Sought On were rose-tinted clouds as an evidence of good weather on the morrow . . . And we've imagined that this lad who left such an indelible imprint on this locality knew all about the birds and the beasts, and the trees and the flowers and maybe lived fairly close to the Lord . . . And that he was a restless soul shouldn't be doubted, as he trudged rainbow trails through enchanted forests, in a plodding search for happiness

WHAT ... NO COONSKIN? But when Gary Cooper plays the part of Daniel Bdone on the screen, he won't be wearing a coonskin cap . . . and that is the word that comes by Bob Thomas through AP sources right direct from Hollywood . . The reason Cooper will shy from the furry head covering is 'cause Dan'l couldn't himself abide wrapping his head up in furry leather ... 'Twould. they say, have been terrifically hot in the fairly temperate climates traversed by Boone, and the moviemen add. "besides, you're liable to collect fleas that way."

and peace.

FACTS HARD TO COME BY

Horn In The West **Rehearsals Begin** At Theatre Today

"Horn in the West" rehearsals will begin at 9 a. m., Thursday, were issued for the payment of at the Daniel Boone Theatre, di- the cost of providing school DAN'L BOONE LIVED HERE rector Kai Jurgensen announced buildings and school plant facilithis week. He said three practice periods a day would be conducted until the opening performance, June 25. Some of the cast of 85 actors and technical personnel began arriving Monday and preparations were begun for the opening rehearsal. \$15,464.13.

Mr. Jurgensen said the rehearsal period, cut from three weeks follows: "A tax sufficient to pay two weeks, and numerous the principal of and interest on to river bottom lad who had a script changes have necessitated the Refunding Bonds authorized the stepped-up practice sessions. by this order, when due, shall Several cast changes have been be annually levied and collected." made since last year, he explained. Notably among these is the "shall take effect upon its pass-

Without a doubt this wander- role of Martha Stuart, played last age, and shall not be submitted to year by Martha Hardy. Virginia the voters." Michalak will play the part this season. The order was passed June 7, less and that hundreds of mines had been closed.

onia, was fatally injured Friday order authorizing the issuance of night when the car he was driv-School Refunding Bonds" in the ing overturned and plunged down amount of \$24,000, to be applied a 125-foot embankment on the on payment of the principal of notes aggregating \$39,464.13, dated August 1, 1936, and payable August 1, 1954. 1:50 a. m. Saturday.

It was Watauga County's first The order states that the notes traffic fatality of the year, said State Highway Patrolman G. E. Baker, who investigated the accident. ties to enable the county to main-

Friends said Cochran, who was tain public schools, and that no alone in the car, was in the counpart of the principal has been ty on a fishing trip. paid. It further states that the

Surviving are his wife, his partotal amount of money in the ents, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Cochran county treasury required by law of Cornelia, Ga., and several broto be used for the payment of thers and sisters. Interment will this principal does not exceed be in Cornelia, Ga. Arrangements are incomplete. Section 4 of the order reads as

COAL CRISIS

Coal mine operators, at an emergency meeting held in Chicago recently, warned the Federal "This order" (states Section 6) Government that it must not "remain blind" to the plight of the coal industry. They said that 100.000 coal miners are now jobhad been closed.



of the North Carolina Supreme Lennon remains the senior.

In making the appointment Saturday, Governor Umstead said

BULLETIN

Carlisle W. Higgins, who managed Governor William B. Umstead's campaign in 1952, was appointed an associate justice of the State Supreme Court Tuesday. The Winston-Salem attorney will succeed Sam J. Ervin, Jr., of Morganon, who last Saturday was appointed U. S. Senator to fill the vacancy created by the death of Senator Clyde R. Hoey.

Mr. Higgins has served as both solicitor of the state ju-dicial district and U. S. district attorney for the Middle District of North Carolina, holding the latter position for 12 years. He assisted the United States Government in the prosecution of the Japanese war criminals in 1945 and 1946.

that Ervin will resign from the court this week and proceed to the high standards established by Washington.

By going now to Washington, Ervin will become senior senator served this state in the United when Kerr Scott takes oath in States Senate.'

Boone Man Is Third In Grandfather Race Grandfather Mountain .-- John- | ington Robie, great-great-great-

winner.

ny Belk, 18, of Burlington, set granddaughter of Tsali whose faa new speed trial record Sunday mous story is told in the outdoor on the two-and-a-half mile tor- drama, "Unto These Hills," at tuous dirt track of Grandfather Cherokee, came in fifth. It was Mountain. his first race and he was only 20 seconds behind the first place

Bob Davis, Boone, ran the course in four minutes and five seconds to take third place in the Jaguar division.

Gunning his unmodified Jaguar toward the mile-high peak, spectators who lined the last half-Belk spun through hair-pin mile of the course. curves to cover the course in Second and third place winners

three minutes and 55 seconds. He shaved a full minute off the Wooten of Winston-Salem, 4:37; previous record set in 1953 by and Tommy Way, Burlington, Stanly Humley, also of Burling- 4:42. ton, who crossed the finish line in four minutes and two seconds to win seconr place in the class.

Two Six-Week Periods Planned The summer session will begin at Appalachian State Teachers College today (Thursday), when

registration will be held for the first six-week term. There is a full schedule of activity planned for the summer at the college, in both graduate and undergraduate work. The first would mean Ervin would serve six-week term will extend from June 10 to July 16. Also on July 5 short courses will begin to extend for two weeks. They will include not only a number of short courses, but several workshops, such as a piano workshop conducted by Dr. Leo Podolsky,

an international authority on piano teaching; elementary education workshop conducted by three national authorities in this field: and a workshop on facts about alcohol and alcoholism. The second summer term of six

weeks will begin July 20, and will extend to August 20. Also beginning on July 20 are short courses of two weeks' duration; a second elementary education workshop; an audio visual education workshop; a guidance workshop; an instrumental work-

Beginning on August 2 and extending through August 14 are short courses and workshops in States Senator, and will reflect student teaching, music educa-

Hundreds of courses in both graduate and undergraduate work will be offered for the entire summer.

high school principals, supervisors, superintendents, school coun

selors, and school musicians. Some of the college dormitor Thirty-four sports cars comies have been filled for sometime. peted in the time trials which but there is still room in one of were viewed by more than 1,000 the men's dormitories for reserva-

tions to be made. HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

in the MG division were Ed MEMBERSHIPS DUE Mr. James Marsh, treasurer of Southern Appalachian Historical

Association, requests that all Hugh Morton, owner of Grandthose who plan to become memfather Mountain and sponsor of bers of the association for the Watauga farmers sold 28,919 to win second place in the day was of racing this year was superior afternoon, June 9, in order that the annual event, said the quality 1954 season do so by Wednesday

Workshop Conference Slated hound dogs, and surely he had something akin to a banjo to Here By Council Of Teachers Of interest to all those connect-

Parkway Work

The National Park Service called for bids last week on a new link of the Blue Ridge Parkway through the Moses H. Cone Mem-orial Park at Blowing Rock. Scaled bids will be received at the office of the division engineer, Bureau of Public Roads, Arlington, Va., until 11 a. m. (EDT) June 28.

The project calls for 2.778 miles of grading, draining and crushed gravel or crushed stone base from U. S. Highway 321 to a point near Sandy Flat Gap. The specifications call for 240,900 cubic yards of excavation and 35,000 tons of gravel or crushed tone for the base.

Cost of this and three other projects will be met out of \$726,-000 in construction funds appropriated for 1954.

Horn in the West **Picnic June 18**

The facts in the life of Boone 18, at 5:00 p. m., at the Daniel Hendrix, are hard to gather, the AP quot- Boone Theatre picnic grounds. Survivors include the widow, es Milton Sperling, who will pro- Everyone interested in the drama Mrs. Mary H. Davis, of the home; is urged to come and bring one brother, Bud Davis; two sisenough food of their choice for ters, Mrs. Nanny Thomas and be kept open for persons who There were 20,169 pounds clear both of Greensboro, fifish second

ed with public education is the pate in the conference are Dora

apnouncement that arrangements V. Smith, director of the Counhave been completed for a workcil's Curriculum Commission, who shop-conference to be held at Ap- will speak at the general session palachian State Teachers College each morning; Angela Broening, this summer by the National chairman of the committee for Council of Teachers of English. Volume III for secondary teach-The dates of the conference are ers; and two members of the Pro-August 16 through 20. The an- duction Committee for Volume II, nouncement comes from Dr. Mild-red Dawson, professor of educa-foile who was chairman for eletion at Appalachian State Teachmentary personnel.

ers College, who is the chairman Dr. Dawson announced that the of the NCTE summer conference. early part of the afternoon dur-Dr. Dawson is widely known as ing the conference will be devota national consultant and writer ed to interest groups to be set up in the field of language arts. on the basis of the expressed in-Dr. Dawson says that the four

terests of participants in the zes. day conference will be devoted workshop. The late afternoon and to the new curriculum program evening will be spent on scenic of the National Council as pre- drives, in attendance at Boone's sented in Volumes II (elementary) outdoor drama, "Horn in the and III (secondary) which are to

be in print soon Among the famous speakers 'new look" at the elementary and Neill. and consultants who will particisecondary curriculum in English and reading, and at the same time

Harry Davis Dies afford a vacation in one of the most scenic areas in the United States during the delightfully cool mountain summer weather.

At Age of 61 The workshop will not carry Funeral services were held college credit. Any person who is Friday for Harry Davis, age 61, interested in the English language WOOL SALE HERE of Blowing Rock, Route 1, who arts curriculum is eligible to at-

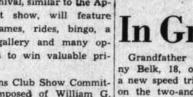
died June 2. Services were con- tend. The enrollment will be lim- BRINGS \$17,446.87 The annual "Horn in the West" ducted at the Laurel Fork Bap- ited to 100 persons. It is expected picnic will be held Friday, June tist Church by the Rev. Raymond that a large number of states will led in the ent

their favorite charity of aid for Gateway Restaurant.

The Carnival, similar to the Ap ril benefit show, will feature clowns, games, rides, bingo, a shooting gallery and many op portunities to win valuable pri-

The Lions Club Show Commit West." Thus, Dr. Dawson says, Hoyt Safrit, John Robinson, L. the conference will provide a W. Carpenter, Jr., and Royce Mc-

gambling devices.



Robert Congleton, Guy Hunt,

General admission to the show

Plans Second Spring Carnival Boone Lion Clubbers, plugging

the blind, will sponsor their second spring carnival June 18-19 or the vacant lot adjacent to the

DR. MATHESON

Dr. W. M. Matheson was re

elected to the North Carolina

State Board of Dental Examin-

ers for a period of three years

at the May, 1954, meeting of the

North Carolina Dental Society

Boone Lions Club

held at Pinehurst.

tee is composed of William G. Spencer, chairman; J. C. Cline,

Members stress the fact that the carnival will be clean in all respects and will deature no

Ervin's appointment runs until Court, will succeed the late Clyde R. Hoey of Shelby in the United Integeneral election, but the Demthe general election, but there is States Senate. Ervin, 57, is a ocratic Executive Committee will native of Morganton. heartily endorse him as the par-Senator Hoey died May 12. ty's candidate in November. That

term. He would run again in 1956 for a full six-year term.

Ervin's appointment was widely applauded throughout North Carolina and in Washington. His colleagues on the court were highly commendatory, saying that though they hated to see him leave, they recognize him as a potentially outstanding senator. In making the appointment Governor Umstead said: "I be-

out the unexpired part of Hoey's

lieve the outstanding record character and ability of Judge Ervin eminently qualify him for the high office of United States Senator. As a student, as a soldier, as a lawyer, as a judge and

as a citizens, his record has been outstanding. "He is widely known throughout the state and has the confi-

dence and the respect of all those who know him. I believe he will make a distinguished United honor and credit upon the State tion, and in choral work.

of North Carolina in keeping with the late Senator Clyde R. Hoey and other great men who have

In addition to a large number of the regular college faculty who have been retained there is also added to the faculty for the summer some of the country's foremost teachers and scholars. There will be more than one hundred on

the faculty. The work offered by Appalach-ian State Teachers College will count toward degree credit, either Bachelor's or Master's, and in addition certificate renewal may be obtained by primary, elementary, and high school teachers, school librarians, elementary and

duce "Daniel Boone," this summer . . . The producer, it seems, many misconceptions about him . . Most folks think of him as being tall, when actually, it is pointed out, he was of medium size . . . Likewise he is considered as the discoverer of Kentucky, when he wasn't at all.

"A FABULOUS MAN"

But he was a fabulous man, 'tis shid . . . He could read the signs of nature and live off the land . . . He had amazing escapes from danger in the Ind-ian-infested wilds . . . He was a great walker, and didn't bother with horses. 'cause the beasts scared the game away . . He walked all over the continent, the movie folks say, up to Canada and down to the Everglades in his younger days, and it is related that at 84 he walked from his home in Missouri to Yellowstonel . . . Sper-ling said the movie scrip will stick largely to fact.

"KIND AND GENTLE"

white and red, but strangely, service. placed great value on human life

(Continued on page four)

real story—one that has become almost like folklore ... Mr. Spurling says the public has **Observed By Lutherans**

Two outstanding speakers will awarding of perfect attendance feature the Homecoming Sunday certificates for the Vacation Bi-activities at Holy Communion Lu-ble School being conducted this theran Church near Valle Crucis week and the reception of memthis week, it was announced by bers by the congregation by the the pastor, the Rev. G. W. Shu- rites of Confirmation and Baptism.

The morning sermon will be The Rev. Mr. Stirewalt is head delivered by Dr. M. L. Stirewalt, of the Classical Languages De-Jr., of the Lenoir Rhyne College partment at Lenoir Rhyne, the faculty of Hickory, and Mrs. Syd- Lutheran college in Hickory. He ney R. Kepner of Pottstown, Pa., holds a doctorate in that field a former president of the Wo- from Duke University. He is also man's Missionary Society of the an Associate Professor of Relig-United Lutheran Church, will address the homecoming gathering of Lenoir Rhyne College and the in the afternoon. The Rev. Mr. Lutheran Theological Seminary Shuford will be in charge of the at Gettysburg, Pa.

Mrs. Kepner, who will address day's activities. Homecoming on the second the group in the afternoon, is Sunday in June is a highlight of widely known in this area, since the year's program of Holy Com-munion Lutheran Church, situ-mer here. She has long been acated on the Clark's Creek Road tive in the women's work of the between Valle Crucis and Fos-"KIND AND GENTLE" coe. Dinner on the grounds will The doughty pioneer, says Sperling, killed many men, both friends, following the morning president of the national organi-

One particularly interesting James H. Caldwell Company on Greensboro, at 3:35, in a Riley ing event was inaugurated. feature of the conference will be June 2 and 3, according to b. E. Special. He was the Class B win-Thursday, August 19, which will Tuckwiller, county agent. ner. Ed Welch and Garland Blair,

There will be no limit on the en- wool.

one day only. It is designed es- pounds and 7,766 pounds clear class B event. pecially for those who live with- wool not tied, that brought 60.7c In the time trials for MG's,

Dawson at ASTC in Boone.

in easy driving distance of Ap- per pounds. Farmers lost the sum Tony Haig of Oxford, England, palachian State Teachers College. of \$77.66 by neglecting to tie this who now makes his home at Hampton, Va., won first place in

rollment for this one day. The registrations, which will be graded light burry, and 18 pounds in this class with a time of four minutes and thirty-three seconds. accepted in the order of their re- as trasy, 366 pounds as dead, Fred Robie of Cherokee, drivceipt, should be addressed to Dr. gray, black and lambs wool. The ing "The Thunderbird," a Jaguar remaining 510 pounds were tags, entered by his wife, Erma Wash-



CAMPFIRE-Boy Scouts and their parents and friends are shown as they gathered around the campservice. Special events which are also schedule for the program are the Church. Special events which are also Society of the United Lutheran Church. Count Finite—Boy Scouts and their parents and friends are shown as they gathered around the camp-fire af the scouts' recent three-day encampment on Tater Hill. Joe Davenport, field executive of the Old Hickory Council, leads the Watauga scouts in singing as the campfire builds up to a brilliant blaze for the rest of the ceremony—Staff nhote by Lee Minor

surice Poole, Jr., to that of last year, when the rac- there may be a complete list of names in the program

has culled most of the historical works on old Dan'l, separating people. Mrs. Fanny Patrick, all of Bris-tol, Va. Wish to attend the workshop for one day only. It is designed es-pounds and 7,766 pounds clear both of Greensboro, finish second and third respectively, in the class B event. **Open At Valle Crucis**

The annual Rural Episcopal Zandess of Knoxville, Tenn., and Church Institute will open June the Rev. Dumont Clarke of Ashe-14 at Valle Crucis with a three- ville. The Rev. Don C. Shaw of day supervisors conference for the men under whom the boys turer.

will work. Of the students enrolled at the Students from a number of institute 10 will do their field theological seminaries in the work in Western North Carolina, southeastern area will arrive June three in Southern Ohio, two in 18, and remain at Valle Crucis Tennessee, two in West Virginia, through July 10. On July 11 un- one in Alabama, two in Cuba, one til August 29 the students will in the Virgin Islands, two in serve in the field, returning to Southwestern Virginia, and one Valle Crucis for an evaluation in Virginia.

period on August 30. The Rev. E. Dargan Butt, pro fessor of town and country work at Seabury Western Seminary, Evanston, Ill., will direct the institute and teach classes in "Rural Life and the Church," and nique."

Weather .

By DR. ARNOLD VAN PELT Temperatures this week drop-"Rural Community Survey Tech- ped from warm to chilly as the mercury stayed in the 50's on

Other members of the staff will June 5 and then returned to norinclude the Rt. Rev. M. George mal by the end of the week Henry, bishop of the Episcopal Max. Min. 6 p.m. Date Diocese of Western North Caro-79 June 1 June 2 June 3 lina, the Rev. A. Rufus Morgan 77 72

of Franklin, Miss Irene Scudds of Worcester, Mass., Mr. and Mrs. 64 Frank H. Smith of Berea, Ky., the Rev. Robert Marks of McDon-74 50 47 44 40 50 52 ough., N. Y., Mrs. Mont Glovier, 78

R. N., of Boone, Johnson Chris-tenbury of Valle Crucis, W. M. June 5, trace.