

Gay Parade, Other Activities Feature Homecoming Program

Business Leaders Named To Aid Scout Campaign

Approximately sixty men of various Watauga communities have been appointed to the campaign teams for the finance campaign to raise the 1954-55 budget for Boy Scout activities in the county...

Umstead Appoints Mrs. Kirchner To Advisory Board



MRS. KIRCHNER

During the summer Mrs. Joy Miller Kirchner, of the faculty of the Department of Health and Physical Education, was appointed by Governor William B. Umstead to serve on the Advisory Committee of the North Carolina Recreation Commission...

Plans have been completed for the 55th annual Homecoming observances at Appalachian State Teachers College on October 1 and 2...

The festivities will get underway Friday evening at 8:15 when the Playcrafters will present a series of three short plays for the visiting alumni, students, and friends.

Highlight of the week end will be the Alumni Luncheon in the college cafeteria at 12:15 Saturday, October 2. The luncheon will feature welcomes by Dr. B. B. Dougherty, founder and president of the college...

Of special interest to graduates of the predecessors of Appalachian State Teachers College—Appalachian Training School, Appalachian State Normal School, and Watauga Academy—will be the traditional "Old Timers" Reunion at 10:30 Saturday morning...

At 3 p. m. Saturday, the Appalachian football team will be hosts to the Elon College eleven in the annual Homecoming football game. Immediately following the game, the administration will sponsor an Alumni Tea in the new women's dormitory...

Flaunts sponsored by various campus organizations, visiting bands, and dignitaries will participate in the parade.

Horn Office Is Opened Here

Horn in the West has opened a new office in the Building and Loan building. Mr. Robert Isbell, publicity director for the outdoor drama, will occupy the office...

Flower Judges Club To Meet

There will be a luncheon meeting of the Western district of N. C. Flower Show Judges Club at Daniel Boone Hotel Thursday at 1:00 p. m.

There are now around 49,000 sheep on North Carolina farms or an increase of 1,000 over last year.

Religious Emphasis Week Will Be Observed

Religious Emphasis Week will be observed on the Appalachian State Teachers College campus from October 3-7. An outstanding group of speakers has been gathered this year to lead discussions on the theme "Christ And I"...

activities. This will be held on the Administration Building steps beginning at 5:45. There will be a mass meeting each evening at 8 o'clock in the auditorium of the Administration Building...

Improvements In Phone Service Announced Here

Further improvement in the local telephone service, so that Blowing Rock numbers may be dialed direct from Boone, without toll, were announced here Monday by Herman W. Wilcox, Chamber of Commerce President...

Mr. Wilcox had advocated the no-toll, direct service between Boone and Blowing Rock, even before the establishment of the local dial service.

Fountain Will Be Speaker At Rally And Barbecue

Congressman L. H. Fountain, of the second district will be the principal speaker at the Democratic rally and barbecue at the courthouse in Boone Tuesday October 5...

Representative Harold D. Cooley was originally scheduled to speak, but was on the speakers' list of the National Committee and had to address a farm gathering in the middle west.

Mr. Fountain, a former legislator, and one of the younger members of the North Carolina delegation, is known as an able speaker.

A free barbecue on the courthouse grounds at 6:30 will precede the speaking at 7:30, and a full attendance is desired at this county-wide meeting.

Shackford Goes To Walkertown; Lowman To Boone

Rev. J. T. Shackford, pastor of the Boone Methodist Church for four years, was moved to the Walkertown Church at the close of the Western Carolina Conference in Asheville Sunday.

Rev. Mr. Shackford has been active in all the affairs of community betterment during his residence here, and has been particularly valuable in the Boys Scout movement and in local recreational projects.

He is being succeeded here by Rev. E. H. Lowman who comes to Boone from the Rural Hall circuit.

Rev. N. C. Bush was returned to the Watauga Circuit, and Rev. C. R. McKinney to the Boone Circuit. Dr. H. E. Spence, retired, will continue to supply at the Blowing Rock Church.

Rev. S. B. Moss, former Boone pastor, goes to Franklin from Fletcher. Rev. Paul Townsend, also a former Boone pastor, is the new Superintendent of the Salisbury District.

Highway Leaders Attend Meeting

Highway Commissioner W. Ralph Winkler, Mrs. Winkler, Highway Engineer James H. Council and Mrs. Council went to Nashville, Tenn. Tuesday where they are attending the annual convention of the Southern Association of State Highway Officials...

Among those attending from Carolina are State Highway Commissioner A. H. Graham, and State Highway Engineer W. H. Rogers. Governor Clements will be official host to the gathering...

Method Of Holding ASC Vote Is Announced By Dwight Cable

The method of holding community ASC farmer-committee elections was announced today by Dwight Cable, chairman of the Watauga County ASC Committee.

Community meetings have been held in the county's 14 designated agricultural communities. At these meetings farmers nominated from among their friends and neighbors at least ten eligible persons to serve as community committeemen and alternates.

Following these nominating meetings ballots are being prepared alphabetically and will be mailed to eligible voters in the county on October 7. Any farmer who as owner, operator, tenant, or sharecropper, is participating or is eligible to participate in any program administered by the County ASC Committee...

Ballots may be mailed back to the county office providing they are postmarked not later than October 15. They may be delivered to the county office not later than noon, October 18.

Announcements will be made of the community committeemen elected as soon as the ballots are counted on the afternoon of the 18th. Delegates elected by the farmers will meet on October 19 to elect county committeemen. ASC county and community committeemen elected will take office November 1.

Model Mile Judges To Be Here In October

The judges for the State-wide Model Mile contest will be here during the month of October to judge the Blue Ridge's Model Mile east of Boone. This project is sponsored by the State Garden Club and Mr. Coleman Roberts, president of Carolina Motor Club.

The Blue Ridge Garden Club won the \$25.00 prize in 1952, and are now competing in the 5-year program of the winner of the prize money. A \$10.00 prize will be given to the family living on the Model Mile that makes the most improvements during 1954.

The families will be scored on general appearance from the highway including fences, neatness, painting, mail boxes and plantings, particularly dogwood and native shrubs.

The State Highway has been cooperating in grassing the banks, keeping the roadside mowed and caring for Wayside Park at the end of the Model Mile. New-car dealers are said to be facing a better year.

353 Bandsmen To Play Homecoming Parade

A total of 353 bandsmen will participate in the annual Homecoming parade and football game this Saturday, October 2. High school bands from Cherryville, Hickory, Valdese and Boone will join with the A. S. T. C. Band in the parade and in the pre-game and halftime activities.

The directors of these bands are Mr. Dale Grabill from Cherryville, Mr. Landon Walker from Hickory, Mr. George Wilson from Valdese and Mr. Perry Watson from Boone. All of these directors have either studied at A. S. T. C. or are now taking graduate work here, so they can be considered among the alumni to whom this Homecoming, as always is dedicated. The bands will perform on the field both before the game at 2:45 and during the halftime. The pre-game show will be

dedicated to the memory of John Phillip Sousa, whose 100th Anniversary is on November 8th of this year. They will form the word "Bands" and play one of his familiar marches, "Washington Post." The halftime show will start with the playing and singing of the A. S. T. C. Alma Mater by the bands and all the alumni after which will be the crowning of the queen.

Special seats are being put up for the bands to sit on and with their many different colored uniforms, they should add a good deal of color to the game, as well as to their part in the musical activities. Last year was the first time that high school bands were invited to the Homecoming game and all that were there said that it was the best and biggest Homecoming we have ever had.

Watkins Named As Chairman Of Red Cross Here

R. W. Watkins, vice president and water safety chairman of the Watauga Chapter of American Red Cross has been named to succeed Mr. Eber Hudson as chairman of the Watauga Chapter. Mr. Hudson moved to Statesville recently and Mr. Watkins was elected at a board of directors meeting to fill out the unexpired term.

Mr. Watkins, former wrestling and football coach of Appalachian State Teachers College, has worked as a Red Cross field director during World War II and has been largely responsible for the success of the blood donor recruitment program in Boone.

Reports were made of Watauga Red Cross activities at the directors meeting which was held Wednesday, September 22 in the Gateway Restaurant at 12:00 noon, and plans for an active program were outlined by the new chairman.

Free Chicken Supper Planned By V. F. W. Post

There will be a free chicken supper served by the ladies' auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post No. 7031, at the V. F. W. Post home, at 8:45 p. m. Saturday, October 2, according to an announcement by Commander Paul W. Younce.

All V. F. W. and Auxiliary members, as well as all persons who are interested in joining, are cordially invited to attend and join in an evening of good food and good fellowship, said Commander Younce.

He points out that it was the V. F. W. legislative program that provided the basis for the so-called "G. I. Bill of Rights," which has aided so many veterans in job training, loans, and other benefits.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars offers many opportunities for practical patriotic service to the nation, continued Commander Younce, and is the only veteran organization that gives the exclusive companionship of men who speak the language of overseas veterans.

More than a million World War II veterans have found their best friends in their neighborhood V. F. W. posts, Commander Younce declared, adding, "If you served overseas, you belong in the V. F. W."

CIGARETTES Cigarette manufacturers have been advised by the Federal Trade Commission to get together voluntarily and draw up a code to govern their claims in the "light of present-day scientific knowledge."

KING STREET BY ROB RIVERS

HOMECOMING DAY

Saturday is homecoming day at the College, when the old grads from far and near will gather for the colorful parades, the football games, the dancing, and other events, and when the town will enter into the holiday spirit as old friends are greeted and old acquaintances renewed. Homecoming has come to be a big day for the College and the community, and for those who received sheepskins at Appalachian, as well as for those who attended the predecessor schools, and got by without even a commencement address.

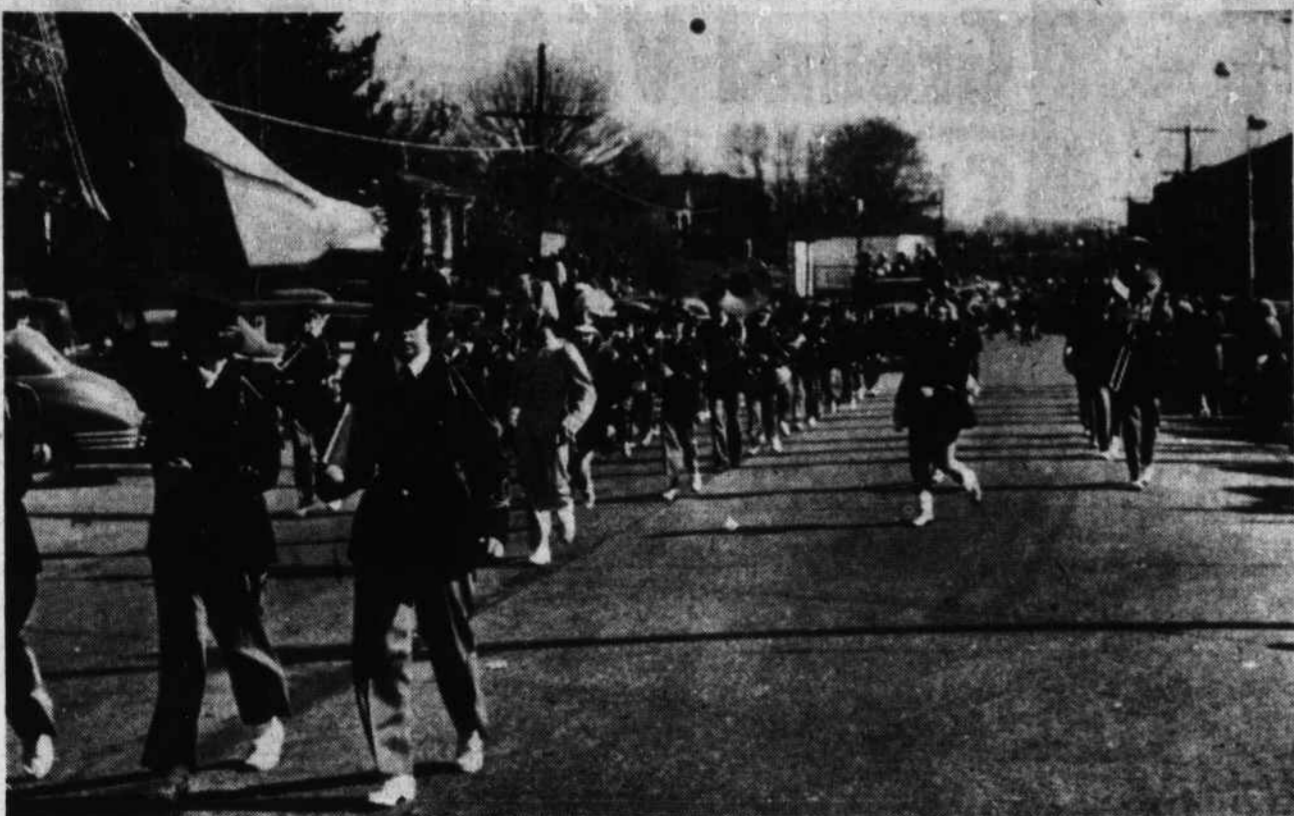
A DAY OF WONDER

And those who return for Homecoming, who used to be familiar with every inch of the campus and every nook and cranny of each building continue to marvel at the expanded educational enterprise which has been reared on the foundations laid in the country schools of more than half century ago. . . . And the grads reminisce about the old days, as grads are supposed to do, and about the old teachers, and the old buildings and the old residents of the town and there are predictions here and there about how great the College may eventually become.

AND WE CAN SHARE THE MEMORIES

of the old Watauga Academy, which supplanted the schoolhouse in the chinquepin patch back of the present Methodist parsonage, and the original administration building, now used by the Home Economics Department. . . . And we recall the teachers of another day—Monroe Francum, the Dougherty Brothers, Dr. Roy Brown, Prof. James Monroe Downum, and many others. . . . And there was Prof. Steadman; and his algebra, which we caught just before we read some selections from Cicero's Orations, for Professor Downum; and there was the Science Building, with its columned entrance and the little balcony which one entered from the upstairs hall, and the funny step-room, where the chairs were placed in rows, the one above the other, and the tin heaters, filled regularly by Richard Minton, who just managed to stay ahead of the hungry flames on cold days with the cord wood, and the chapel exercises, and the one thing we remembered best: Rev. Mr. Downum's prayer, which always included the all-embracing and profound plea: "Bless all those for whom we should pray." And as the gay bands blare forth we think of the huge concert piano with the fancy, but battered legs, and of Miss Sallie Seichnet, repeating endlessly, "One, two, three, four," from the embryonic music department. . . . And along the paved avenues of a modern college campus there will be

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TYPICAL SCENE IN HOMECOMING PARADE OF 1953