



HONORED AT DINNER MEETING.—The above men, members of Boone's Volunteer Fire Department, were honored recently by the Boone Chamber of Commerce and the Merchants Association when they were entertained at a dinner meeting. The firemen are, left to right: Joe Crawford, Grant Ayers, McKinley Ayers, Roger Wilson, Lewis Reese, Cecil Farthing, Cliff McConnell, Johnny Hodges, Greer Hodges, R. D. Hodges, Jr., Raleigh Cottrell, A. E. Hamby, Jr., Phil Vance and Howard Cottrell.

Appalachian Hi Band To Undertake Concert Tour To Many Hi Schools

KING STREET

Rob Rivers' column, which has been appearing here, will be found on page four.

Crayte Teague Is New Forest Fire Warden In County

The North Carolina Division of Forestry, with headquarters in Lenoir, announces that Crayte P. Teague, of Boone, has been appointed Watauga County Forest Ranger effective March 1.

Mr. Teague, who has been electrical inspector for Boone and Watauga County since 1945, lives at 420 West Main St., Boone, with his wife the former Miss Mary Helen Edmisten, and a son, Keith Perry Teague.

Ranger Teague has been a resident of Watauga County all his life, having been reared in the Shulls Mills section. He was a member of the armed forces for three and a half years.

Mr. Teague requests the cooperation of all citizens in Watauga in the prevention and control of forest fires.

National Guard Gets Recognition

The 112th National Guard Service Battery in Boone will receive Federal recognition Thursday, March 17.

All men with prior service who want to enlist in the National Guard with their respective rank must do so on or before Thursday. The unit has only 20 vacancies, and enlistments are open especially to men 17 years of age and older.

Those interested in enlisting should report to the National Guard administration office in the American Legion hut.

Japan wants the right to ship to Red ports.

Says Toll Plan May Stop If Promise Was Made

Washington—Interior Secretary Douglas McKay indicated he might drop the proposed tolls on the Blue Ridge Parkway in North Carolina and Virginia if his department records disclose any document proving that the park service promised to make the road toll-free.

Sens. Sam Ervin and Kerr Scott and Congressman George Shuford brought this report back from an hour-long conference with the secretary. They gave McKay an affidavit

Ben Mast Gets Morehead Award

Benjamin Vardry Mast, senior at Appalachian State Teachers College, is the first student from this institution to be awarded one of the John Motley Morehead Schol-



arships at the University of North Carolina. This grant is to begin in September, 1955, for graduate study at the University.

Mr. Mast is the son of Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Mast of Sugar Grove. He is a graduate of Cove Creek High School where he was active in almost every phase of school life.

He has been an honor student at Appalachian State Teachers College for each of the four years of his stay. In addition he has participated in Varsouvianna (folk dance) club, been on the yearbook and the newspaper staffs, participated in dramatics, and this year is serving as senior representative on the student council. Also he was elected as a representative from the college to be included in Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. Mr. Mast has worked during his spare time as an announcer at the local radio station. He has majored in grammar grade education at ASTC, is particularly talented in art, and is a candidate for graduation with the class of 1955.

Mr. Mast hopes to enter the graduate school at the University of North Carolina, in September.

Major Smith At CAP Conference

Major L. H. Smith, wing leader officer of the North Carolina Civil Air Patrol, attended a regional CAP conference in Greenville, S. C., Saturday and Sunday.

Three hundred and fifty from seven states attended the meeting, Major Smith said.

from E. B. Jeffress of Greensboro, stating that the park service officials agreed to the toll free road in October, 1933, when he conferred with them about it as chairman of the State Highway Commission.

Scott said McKay did not promise, outright, to cancel the tolls, which are scheduled to start May 1.

Shuford gave the secretary a large scrapbook full of Carolina newspaper editorials opposing the tolls.

The Appalachian State Teachers College Band, under the direction of William G. Spencer will tour to several schools in the state Wednesday and Thursday, March 23rd and 24th. They plan to play a concert in Drexel, High Point, Glen High School and Old Town High School among others before returning Thursday night.

The A. S. T. C. Band was formed in 1938 by Mr. Gordon Nash, who is now the chairman of the music department. Since that time it has been active in presenting concerts to the students on campus and the people of Boone, but to surrounding areas as well. During the fall quarter, the band like most other bands, presents drill and half-time shows for the football games both at home and away. This year, in addition to the regular season of football games, attended two bowl games; one in Tennessee, the Burley Bowl, and the other in Raleigh, the Elks Bowl.

The band plays the part of host to high school bandsmen several times a year. The Homecoming football game, parade and half-time show is made quite an occasion with the inclusion of several high school bands in a mass formation which has attracted a good deal of attention. The North-western Division of the North Carolina Band Clinic is held each year at Appalachian, and during the month of March, the district band and choral contest for this part of the state is also held here in Boone.

The summer months are busy ones for the concert band as it gives a regular evening concert every two weeks on the Fine Arts lawn. The band is invited each year also to furnish the music for the annual Masonic picnic in Mocksville.

The members of the band as follows: Flutes, David Eddleman, Dr. Jones, Jackie Weathers; Obos, Mary Hudson; Clarinets, Pat Sumrow, James Stokes, Nancy Harris, Peggy Lawery, Ann Selvey, Jeanette Leonard, Martha Orders, Wynelle Whisnant, Irene Roach, Frances Sisk; Alto Clarinet, Robert Ellis; Bass Clarinet, Nancy Rimer, Betty Calloway; Alto Sax, Suzanne Arrowood, Janna Klutz, Celia Jolley, Betty Hagaman; Tenor Sax, Elizabeth Witt, Bill Armstrong; Baritone Sax, Bob Gilley; Cornets, Frank Widenhouse, Russell Blewitts, Eugene King, Carolyn Bowden, Elizabeth Eargle, Fran Lantz, Trumpets, Bob Goforth, Gerald Taylor; Horns, Don Wood, Audrey Fowler, Paul Simpson, Joy Brown; Baritone, Bill Sneed, Bill Ledbetter; Trombones, Barry Ruth, Bob Long; Basses, Art Morley, Calvin Hayes; Percussion, Ted Barnett, Nicholas Erneston, Charles Honeycutt, Nancy Simpson, Jime Graham.

Mr. Spencer has been the director of the band for the past three years. He came to Appalachian in 1951 and took of the duties of band director when Mr. Nash became the music department chairman. Before coming to A. S. T. C., Mr. Spencer was music supervisor in Washington for two years and band director in St. Petersburg, Florida. He attended Eastern Oregon College of Education, the University of Oregon and Northwest

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Holland Quits As Administrator Local Hospital

The Board of Trustees of Watauga Hospital announces the resignation of Vance C. Holland, former administrator.

The trustees also issued this statement:

"Mr. C. J. Blanchard, Jr. of Rocky Mount, North Carolina, will be acting administrator for a period of two weeks. Mr. Blanchard is a graduate of the University of North Carolina, and is at present associated with Memorial Hospital in Charlotte, where he is undergoing a two year training program. Mr. Don McGrath will replace Mr. Blanchard for another two weeks acting as administrator. In the interim, the hospital Board of Trustees will work with the Duke Foundation in an effort to secure a permanent administrator. Working under the new administrator will be Mrs. Jack Groce, who has been placed in charge of the business office.

"The Board of Trustees has emphasized there will be no interruptions in the hospital services or facilities, which have become so important in the health, welfare, and safety of the people of the county. It is the hope of the Board and the expressed belief of many individual members that these changes will result in an improvement in a patient care, and of public relations of the hospital. The public's understanding and co-operation is solicited in making the job of the new administrators less difficult so that within the next few months the hospital may be of greater value and of more service to the community than ever before."

Greensboro High Group To Appear In Concert Here

The Greensboro Senior High School Symphony Orchestra will appear in public concert in the Fine Arts Auditorium Friday evening, March 18, at 8 o'clock.

Composed of seventy-five members, the orchestra is regarded as one of the best high school groups in the country. It is directed by Mr. Harriman.

The group, whose local appearance was arranged by Mr. Nicholas Erneston of the Appalachian College faculty, will spend Friday night in Boone. They will be entertained by students and faculty of the music department with a dance, following the concert. Members of the local High School band and chorus are invited.

SMITH ELECTED ROTARY PRESIDENT

Louis H. Smith, local attorney, was elected president of the Boone Rotary Club for the year 1955-56 at a special meeting of the board of directors held Monday, March 14, at Kirk's Restaurant. He succeeds G. C. Greene, Jr.

Other officers elected were Peter W. Everett, vice-president; Nicholas Erneston, secretary; and Stacy C. Eggers, Jr., treasurer.

Directors elected for the year

2,000 High School Students Gather For Music Contests



GIRL SCOUTS CELEBRATE.—This group of Girl Scouts took part in the annual Mother-Daughter Banquet, held last Friday in the Boone Methodist Church. The Brownies are in front, with Scouts and leaders behind them. More than 50 Scouts with their mothers attended.—Staff photo by Joe Minor.

Garden Club, Chamber Commerce Join In Campaign Against Litter

Sunday Blaze Damages Local Apartment House

An early morning fire partially destroyed a Boone apartment building Sunday, and damaged furniture in one of the apartments to the extent of \$350 to \$500, said Fire Chief Howard Cottrell. He set damage to the building at about \$500.

The volunteer fire department answered a call to the Eggers apartment on College Street at about 4:45 a. m. Sunday and brought under control a blaze that had started at the front of the apartment occupied by Mrs. Calvin Watson and children. The fire had broken through the roof over the Watson living room, but was extinguished before it spread to other parts of the building.

Chief Cottrell said defective wiring was a possible cause of the blaze.

Rev. Mr. Trivett Goes To Concord

The Rev. Victor Trivette and family left Monday for Concord in Watauga county. This is part of the national drive to end what has been called the great American disgrace. We Americans are both the cleanest and dirtiest of peoples. We use more bathtubs, soap, brooms and germicides than any other nation. We pasteurize our milk, guard our water, and abhor flies. Yet we litter our highways, parks and beaches with beer cans, pop bottles, waste paper, cigarette wrappers and other junk, creating the most appalling mess known to civilized man.

Replacing Mr. Trivette at Brushy Forks is the Rev. Grady Minton, and the Rev. Paul Phipps has taken over the church at Proffitt's Grove.

Total 22 Rabies Cases Reported

The district health department has announced that there have been 22 definite cases of rabies among animals in Watauga County in the first two and a half months of the current year.

With three definite cases this week and a fox head awaiting laboratory analysis, the situation remains serious, a spokesman for the department said.

"A dog owner is violating the law," continued the spokesman, "if he is letting his dog run at large during the present quarantine which requires that all dogs be confined. He is violating the law if he has not had his dog vaccinated within the last year. Are you guilty of one or both of the above?"

Polled Bull Tops Tri-State Sale

Diamond S Ranch, owned and operated by B. W. Stallings, brought a distinct honor to Watauga County last Wednesday when DSR Domestic Prince, a polled Hereford bull sired by Domestic Woodrow 50th, topped the Tri-State Bull Sale in Bristol, Va.

This was the second time Diamond S Ranch has achieved this distinction, and according to Mr. Stallings, the owner and pioneer breeder of polled Herefords in Watauga County, "It sure gives you a thrill."

Speech Tourney To Be Held At Appalachian College April 28

The second annual North Carolina Junior Forensic Tournament will be held at Appalachian State Teachers College on April 28 under the sponsorship of ASTC. Serving as chairman of the tournament will be Professor Leo K. Pritchett, coach of debating at Appalachian.

The debate query will be the national intercollegiate question: "Resolved, That the United States should extend diplomatic recognition to the Communist government of China."

The Blue Ridge Garden Club and the Boone Chamber of Commerce are uniting in putting on the "Don't be a Litterbug" drive in Watauga county. This is part of the national drive to end what has been called the great American disgrace. We Americans are both the cleanest and dirtiest of peoples. We use more bathtubs, soap, brooms and germicides than any other nation. We pasteurize our milk, guard our water, and abhor flies. Yet we litter our highways, parks and beaches with beer cans, pop bottles, waste paper, cigarette wrappers and other junk, creating the most appalling mess known to civilized man.

The emblem of this drive is a cartoon of an ugly bug strewn trash with the slogan "Don't Be A Litterbug." As part of the local drive a contest is being planned for the school children of the county. Each of the schools will be contacted by a garden club member and the purpose and rules of the contest explained. There will be two divisions in which every child may compete—a 100 word, or less, essay and a poster on the subject "Don't be a Litterbug." Prizes of \$1.00 will be donated for the best poster and essay from each school by the Blue Ridge Club and the Boone Chamber of Commerce.

It is hoped that this may be followed up by other projects to combat "litterbugs" as the tourist season approaches.

Three national health organizations have appealed for a \$5,000,000 Federal appropriation to help the states fight an "alarming" increase in venereal disease rates.

Local Tobacco Growers Will Study Surplus Weed Problem

A meeting of great importance to local burley tobacco growers will be held in the courthouse Wednesday, March 23.

Representatives of the Department of Agriculture tobacco division will be on hand to discuss with growers the acute situation resulting from overproduction of burley in 1954 and the accumulation of tremendous stockpiles from previous years.

This surplus, together with an estimated overplanting in 1955, endangers the future of the tobacco program, it is said. All tobacco growers, representatives of industrial agencies, farm organizations, and other interested persons should attend the meeting.

Awards In Annual Competitions Are Made By Judges

More than 2,000 high school students participated in the district music contest at Appalachian State Teachers College last week end. Gordon Nash, chairman of the college's music department, served as coordinator for the contest, and was assisted by the faculty and students of the department.

In the glee club contest Appalachian High School won Excellent ratings in boys' glee club and girls' glee club, and Superior rating in mixed chorus. Ratings of Superior were also awarded to Lincolnton, Newton-Conover, Hickory, Valdese and Morganton; Excellent ratings to Hickory, Cliffside, Glen Alpine, Marion, and Wilkes Central; and Good ratings to Beaver Creek and Glen Alpine.

Judges for the band contests were Allan Bone from Duke University; George Dickerson from Woman's College, UNC; and Phil Magnus from Mars Hill. Superior ratings in band went to Newton-Conover, Drexel, Morganton, and Hickory; Excellent ratings to Glen Alpine, Hickory Junior High, Valdese, and Appalachian; and Good ratings to Taylorsville and Wilkes Central.

In the piano solo contests ratings were given of 1, 2, 3. Judge was Stuart Pratt from Meredith College. Ratings of 1 were given to Billy Duckworth and Julia Fowler of Morganton; Ann Carolyn Stirewalt, Gwendolyn Marshall, Gwendolyn Wannemacher, and Jean Rice of Hickory; Eve Anthony of Fred I. Foard School; Janet Sue Gornto of Burnsville; Ray Conley of Marion; and Linda Waldrop of Forest City.

Ratings of 2 were given to Mary Van Noppen and Tad Buckland of Appalachian; Brenda Lowman of Morganton; Barbara Stamey of Drexel; Marilyn Miller, Carolyn Vaughn, Ann Shuford and Patsy McCollum of Hickory; Sandra Buff, Nicy Lynn and Miriam Mauser of Fred I. Foard; Nancy Young, Cynthia Randolph, Mary Alice Westall, Marietta Atkins, and Susan Shepherd of Burnsville; Jeannie Gray of Marion; Max Yount of St. Stephens; and Evelyn Matheson of Bethel.

Ratings of 3 were given to Janet Coffey and Rebecca McDonald of Lenoir; Ann Brookshire of North Wilkesboro; and Jo Kaye Burney of Valdese.

Boone Weather

By DR. JOHN B. HAMILTON			
Date	high	low	6 p.m. prec."
March 7	38	22	33
March 8	44	19	40
March 9	65	32	50
March 10	65	40	48
March 11	67	45	50 .03
March 12	66	48	61 .85
March 13	62	45	50 .35

*Precipitation for 24-hr. period.

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Oak Ridge Military Institute, Oak Ridge; Mitchell, Statesville; Campbell, Buie's Creek; and Presbyterian Junior, Maxton. The trophy was won in last year's tournament by Mars Hill College. The junior college which wins this trophy for three years in succession has the privilege of keeping the trophy in permanent possession. Mr. Pritchett said that he expects the competition to be keen for the trophy this year.