

Local Debate Team In Contest With Emory U.

Debate coach Leo K. Pritchett, and the women's debate team from Appalachian State Teachers College, returned Sunday from Emory University where the team participated in the West Point Elimination tournament.

Misses Joanne Aldridge of Boone and Jeanna Coffey of Hudson entered the tournament and debated both sides of the question, "Resolved: That the United States should extend diplomatic recognition to the communist government of China."

The top teams in the entire Southeast were entered in the tournament. The Appalachian team was chosen to participate by virtue of having won the women's championship of the South Atlantic Forensic Tournament recently.

In Atlanta the ASTC representatives held nine debates, as each team in the tournament debated every other team. They debated one hour on the affirmative side, and the next hour on the negative side. Their competition included the University of Miami, former national champions (whom, incidentally, Appalachian defeated), University of Alabama, Wake Forest, University of South Carolina, David Lipscomb College, University of Kentucky, Memphis State College, Howard University.

Against this stiff competition, although not chosen to participate in the national tournament, Appalachian placed fourth in the tournament.

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ament ratings, and missed going to the national championship matches by one rank.

The debate teams of the college, under Mr. Pritchett's coaching, have won extensive commendation for the college throughout the Southeast, and on a national scale for the past several years. This is the third consecutive year that a women's team from Appalachian has won the South Atlantic tournament. Last year they placed second in the regional tournament held at Tallahassee, Florida, and missed the trophy for the regional Pi Kappa Delta championship at Seawannee, Tennessee, by only one point, although they tied for first place.

Mr. Pritchett will be conducting high school triangular debates on the ASTC campus, will hold the North Carolina Junior College Forensic Tournament on April 28, and in addition, plans to sponsor an intramural debate tournament before the Pi Kappa Delta banquet toward the end of the year.

Beaver Dam Has Grange Meeting

The Beaver Dam Grange met on Tuesday night, March 8, with David Farthing, master, presiding.

A short business session was held, after which L. E. Tuckwiller, Watauga County Agent, discussed the Community Improvement Program. The following officers were elected to serve on the program:

Chairman—David Farthing; vice-chairman—Mrs. Baker Edmister; secretary—Mrs. David Farthing; reporter—Mrs. Johnny Greene; scrapbook compiler—Miss Carol Lawrence.

The project committee is as follows: Mrs. Edna Vines, Mrs. Melvin Millsaps, Johnny Greene, Lewis Norris, Mrs. Ivan Farthing and Mrs. Clyde Perry.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday night, March 16, at 7:30 o'clock.

B-52 JET BOMBERS

The Air Force has announced that it will begin late this spring to equip one of its Strategic Air Command wings with B-52 bombers, which are capable of delivering hydrogen bombs to faraway targets at high speed and at high altitude. The first outfit to be equipped with the all-jet Boeing Stratofortress, will be the 93rd Bomb Wing, stationed at Castle Air Force Base, Merced, California.

Band Tour

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ern University where he earned his B. of M. Ed. After four years in the Army Air Force as a fighter pilot, he attended T. C. at Columbia University for a M. A. and is now working on a Ed D. Since coming to North Carolina, he has been a judge at the solo and ensemble contest and at district contests for two years. He has been the chairman of the band clinic held in Boone each year for the past two years.

The program will be as follows:



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"Symphony in B flat" 1st movement, by Paul Fauchet, an original band composition which really makes full use of the band's rich color. Written in 1926 and first performed in America in 1933, this first symphony for band is music of unusually high calibre. Leroy Anderson has done it again—this time "Bugler's Holiday" for cornet trio and band. For those of you that enjoyed such numbers as "Sleigh Ride" and "Blue Tango," this will be refreshing music.

Another original band composition "Sequoia" by Homer C. La Gassey pictures the grandeur and beauty of the giant redwood trees located in California. "Psalm for Band" by Vincent Persichetti, who is head of the composition department of the Philadelphia Conservatory, was first performed in

1952. The Psalm was selected by the CBDNA convention in 1952 as one of the eight most outstanding compositions written for band in the last several years.

The second half of the program will feature music on the lighter side. Starting with a Mexican novelty "Hey, Pedro!" the band will take you to South of the border with Sambas, Rhumbas, and other Latin-American rhythms.

Mamie Dishman Taken By Death

Mamie Carolyn Dishman, 12-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis J. Dishman, of Reese, died March 8 in Baptist Hospital at Winston-Salem, following an illness of six months.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Thursday, March 10, at the Timber Ridge Baptist Church, conducted by the Rev. Carl Wilson and the Rev. R. C. Payne. Burial was in the Greene cemetery.

Surviving besides the parents are two sisters, Norma and Phyllis, of the home.

Marciano and Cockell have signed for a 15-rounder in May.

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