

Dr. Kephart writes informatively of his current tour abroad. Read this fascinating travel story on page four, section two.

BOONE WEATHER			
Date	High	Low	Wind
April 4	60	38	56
April 5	67	38	60
April 6	58	42	57
April 7	62	40	42
April 8	51	38	39
April 9	52	25	50
April 10	70	31	62

Rainfall: April 6, 41 in.; April 7, 35 in.



STUDENTS VISIT CAPITOL—Appalachian High School seniors on Capitol grounds are: front row, sitting—Odus Welborn, Luther Miller, Kyle Hodges, George Main, Charles Bolick, Keith Van Dyke, Tex Culler, S. G. Tugman, Bill Lyons, D. C. Payne, Kenneth Wilcox, Tony Winkler; second row—Thelma Phillips, Becky Bingham, Helen Parker; third row—Randy Maddux, Glenn Wellborn, Mark Hodges, Betty Ruth Hodges, Lena Greer, Ethel Townsend, Mr. Robbins, bus driver, Mr. and Mrs. Gentry, sponsors, Janie Cline, Frances Rush, Betty Calloway, Carl Lyons, Buddy McGuire, and Bill Brown. The students returned Saturday from their Washington trip.

R. L. Coffey Enters Mayor's Race At Blowing Rock

By MRS. LUCILE LETT
Mr. Rhonda L. Coffey has filled his application for the candidacy for mayor of Blowing Rock in the coming municipal election to be held on May 3. Until the filing of Mr. Coffey, incumbent mayor, Mr. R. B. Hardin, was unopposed for this office.

A native of Blowing Rock, Mr. Coffey is an active member of First Baptist Church here, is 33 years of age, member of the Civil Air Patrol, and also of the Ground Observer Corps.

Mr. Coffey, the son of Mr. R. M. Coffey and the late Mrs. Emma Robbins Coffey, is married to the former Miss Leona Hampton and they have one child, Barbara, who will finish high school this year.

Navy Recruiters In This Section Have Best Record

It was announced today that the Navy Recruiting Station in Lenoir has been chosen as the "Station Of The Month" by the office in charge of navy recruiting in North Carolina. This means that out of all the stations in North Carolina the station in Lenoir was picked for their recruiting efforts and filling the quota that was assigned to them for the month of March.

The personnel assigned to the station in Lenoir are R. G. Farthing, Chief Gunners Mate; J. F. Hahn, Quartermaster First Class; and W. J. Steelman, Boilerman First Class. Steelman is the local navy recruiter for Watauga County and visits the postoffice in Boone on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Farthing is the recruiter in charge in Lenoir and is a native of Sugar Grove. Hahn is the other traveling recruiter and makes his home in Hickory.

It was also announced today by Steelman that two high school graduates from this area may enlist in the Navy this month and be graduated to go into the Navy Air Force under the new program the Navy has for high school graduates. In this the man is guaranteed the job field of his choice before ever entering the Navy if any questions just contact Steelman at the Postoffice.

Mrs. Alice Miller Dies Wednesday

Mrs. Alice Eggers Miller, 86, died Wednesday, April 6, at her home at Zionville.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m., Saturday, April 9, at the Zionville Baptist Church, with the Rev. Carl Triplett in charge of the rites. Burial was in the church cemetery.

She is survived by four sons, the Rev. R. C. Eggers, Zionville, Clint Eggers, Post Falls, Idaho, Joe Eggers, Somerset, Ky., and Henry Miller, Zionville; five daughters, Mrs. Ollie St. John, Washuena, Wash., Mrs. Maggie Norris, Sugar Grove, Mrs. Kemp Wilson, Zionville, Mrs. Gertie Lewis of West Virginia, and Mrs. Mary Holman, Zionville.

Burley Growers To Gather Here

A meeting of vital interest to all Burley tobacco growers will be held in the courthouse Wednesday, April 20, 2:30 p. m. The issues of the Burley referendum to be held April 28 will be fully explained at this meeting. All growers are urged to attend.

Farm Deadline Date Extended

The date of reporting Practice 19, the application of minerals, or fertilizer to restore stand and growth of vegetative cover, has been extended to April 15. All farmers who have approvals for cost-sharing for this practice are advised to make a report by this date, otherwise a refund must be obtained for the materials received for the practice.

WATER STARTS FIRE

Conway, Ark.—A bottle of water, acting as magnifying lens for the sun, is believed to have started a fire in the home of R. T. Cole, a water distributor, causing damages estimated at \$75.

Bus Strike Cancels Boone Runs; Travelers Are Re-Routed

Burley Planters To Vote Again On Control Plan

Washington, April 8—Burley tobacco growers will vote April 28 on a new production control program for this year proposed by the Agriculture Department.

The suggested allotment is 320,000 acres, compared with 369,000 acres announced earlier. A two-thirds approval is needed to put the program into effect. If it is rejected, there will be no more price supports for burley.

The allotment has been reduced because of what the department calls a "serious surplus problem."

The supply for the 1954-55 season is estimated to be enough to meet demands for 3 1/2 years, while a supply for 2 2/3 years in advance is considered adequate.

Polio Vaccine Works; Malady Is Checked

The Salk polio vaccine works! That's the word that came Tuesday morning from the University of Michigan, where researchers have been busy classifying the results of last year's mass tests of the new vaccine.

It was found that the serum is effective in 80 to 90% of the cases. The shots had been tried on 1,800,000 children last year.

The announcement says that the malady "has been slowed to a snail's pace" by the developments of Dr. Salk, of the University of Pittsburgh, who believes that 52,000,000 may secure virtual immunization by next June 1.

Folks here, who have always been concerned in the Infantile Paralysis Foundation, will be interested in knowing that Dr. Salk's successful program was financed by March of Dimes Funds.

Local Points Hurt Worse In Drivers Walkout

The strike of the Atlantic Greyhound company's bus drivers, which has stopped the big transportation system's vehicles throughout ten states, has caused the minimum of inconvenience to travelers in and out of Boone, employees of the Boone Bus Terminal said Tuesday.

Although Boone is served by four daily Greyhound schedules between Boone and Bristol, Tenn. (two complete round trips), the bus terminal people say they have been able to take care of 95 per cent of the travel through the facilities of the Trailways system.

However, Postmaster Lyle Cook has advised that the mail to Winston-Salem which normally leaves Boone at 6:05, for Winston-Salem, using Greyhound facilities, has been cancelled due to the strike. Mr. Cook further advises patrons of the postoffice that there is a mail at 3:20, with connections to Winston-Salem and all parts of the country and one at 3:25 to Lenoir, which has good connections to the South. No other local mails are handled by bus.

Mr. Glenn Wilcox at the bus terminal says that travelers can still go most anywhere by making detours over Trailways, but that service to North Wilkesboro, Mountain City and local points has been crippled.

Union spokesman and company officials are trying to negotiate settlement of the strike against the company which normally handles about 43,800 passengers a day.

Scouts Collect Tons Of Paper

In the recent scrap paper collection staged in Boone by Boy Scouts, a total of 8,030 pounds of old newspapers, magazines and other paper was collected. The paper was carried to Charlotte last week for the Scouts by Goodnight Brothers, Inc., and sold for a total of \$48.18.

Troop 109, of the Boone Methodist Church, which did the collecting, will use the proceeds of the campaign for their summer activities. They plan to hold another drive soon, probably during cleanup week, and residents of Boone are asked to save their old papers for them. If help is needed for tying the paper in bundles, housewives may call on Scouts of that troop, and some one will call at the homes and bundle it up.

J. B. Robinson is Scoutmaster of Troop 109, and has the help as assistants, of Bob Davis, Milt Jordan, and Dr. Richard Fisher, who serves as Explorer advisor for the older boys in the troop.

Watauga's Farm Leaders Speak Chamber Commerce Meeting



REP. HUGH Q. ALEXANDER

Alexander To Address Grads At Blowing Rock Hi

By MRS. LUCILE LETT
US Representative Hugh Q. Alexander of the 9th district has accepted an invitation to speak at the commencement exercises at Blowing Rock High School on the evening of May 20 when fourteen seniors will be presented with diplomas by Principal James M. Storie.

The baccalaureate sermon will be held Sunday evening, May 15, at 7:30 in the St. Mary's of the Hills Episcopal Church with Rev. Thomas Seitz, vicar, delivering the sermon.

There will be no class day activities. Plans are now in the last stages for the annual junior-senior banquet which will be held this year at the Ranch Motel on the Boone Road on the evening of April 23. This is a formal occasion.

Roland Simmons Is Found Dead

By MRS. LUCILE LETT
Blowing Rock—Roland Burl Simmons, aged 53, was found dead by members of his family on Monday morning, April 11, presumably having died in his sleep, according to Coroner Richard E. Kelley. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 2 p. m. at Skyland Holiness Church and burial followed in the Blowing Rock cemetery. The Rev. Alfred Pitts was in charge of the rites.

Survivors include the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Simmons of Boone; the widow, Molly Simmons; four sons, Arlon, Eugene, and Claude of Blowing Rock, and Bill of Morganton; three daughters, Mrs. Lucile Bolick of Statesville, Mrs. Peggy Simmons of El Paso, Texas, Miss Shirley Simmons of Blowing Rock; one brother, Frank of Blowing Rock; two sisters, Mrs. Emma Patterson of Morganton, and Mrs. Belle Mayes of Candler, Arizona.

The Boone Chamber of Commerce heard talks by county farm leaders on agricultural aims and progress in Watauga County, at its regular monthly luncheon meeting, held at noon Tuesday.

Dr. O. K. Richardson, in charge of the program, first introduced W. C. Richardson, assistant county farm agent, who said the aim of the county agent's office, and all of the county, state, and federal farm agencies, is to improve living conditions of rural families. Eighty per cent of the people in Watauga County live on farms, he said.

M. L. Sheppard, county administrator of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation (ASC) program, stated that this program is two-fold, comprising conservation and price supports. He said there is too much burley tobacco on hand, and the allotments are being cut by 25 per cent this year. In citing the importance of burley to the economy of Watauga County, he cited figures showing that there are 1607 burley farms in the county, which last year produced 673.8 acres of tobacco, with an average yield of 2,145 pounds per acre. This tobacco brought nearly one million dollars to Watauga County burley farmers, he said. Only 22.8 acres of the total allotment was not planted, he added.

Mr. Sheppard also said a belt-wide referendum on burley controls will be held April 28, and urged all tobacco farmers to vote for continuance of controls.

In the absence of Miss Mary Helen Neill, home agent, a brief outline of this work was given by L. E. Tuckwiller, county agent. The extension service, he said, has

been called a partnership of Federal, State, and County governments. There are 18 Home Demonstration Clubs in the county, he said, with a membership of 350 adult farm women.

Touching briefly on 4-H Club work, Richardson said "boys and girls are the most important crop raised on the farm." He outlined 4-H projects and activities.

J. B. Robinson, of the Farmers Home Administration, said the FHA is an agency of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, making loans to farmers who are unable to secure the credit they need from other sources. He explained the four types of loans available under this program, including (1) Improved practices loans; (2) Real estate loans; (3) Soil and water loans; and (4) Emergency loans. Maximum amounts, rates of interest, and time required to repay vary with each type of loan, he said.

Howard Williams, of the Federal Soil Conservation Service, said his agency assists farmers in a technical way to make the best use of their land through improved conservation practices. Most of our food, clothing, and shelter come from the soil he said, and soil depleted by erosion could become a serious problem in a relatively short time if approved conservation practices are not followed. Farmers are being shown how to make the best year-round use of their land, he said.

In summing up, W. C. Richardson said the great needs today are better relations between the farmer and the business man, and a better understanding of each other's problems.

Assembly To Keep Faith With A. S. T. C., Others

Raleigh, April 5—A House committee voted, in effect, today to "keep faith with" the presidents of Appalachian and two other state supported colleges.

Defeated by a vote of 9-5 was a motion that the bill creating the State Board of Higher Education be amended to delete any reference to the college status of persons named to the board.

The bill subsequently was approved and sent on to the House.

As originally introduced, the measure would have barred more than two graduates from any one of the 12 state-supported institutions of higher learning from serving on the nine-member board.

But a subcommittee headed by Forsyth Rep. William Womble agreed, after hearing protests from presidents of three of the colleges, to change the limit from two to one in order that the university's three branches not be able to have a monopoly on the board.

Rep. Edward F. Yarborough of Franklin offered an amendment today to strike out any reference

to how many members could be graduates of any institutions.

"The people of North Carolina are entitled to have the best nine folks on the board that can be found," he argued. "It shows a lack of faith in the governor and in the persons who are to be appointed to presuppose they would try to represent just the institutions from which they graduated. It would be sophomoric to leave it in the bill."

Rep. Henry Wilson of Union pointed out that the subcommittee had conferred with college presidents to try to reach a meeting of minds to adopt the Yarborough amendment, he said, "might mean the death of the bill."

Rep. Oscar Barker of Durham also discussed the conferences that had been held with Presidents J. D. Dougherty of Appalachian, J. D. Messick of East Carolina and Paul Reid of Western Carolina. He suggested that adoption of the amendment would mean a breaking of the faith with those three presidents.

National Guard Armory Plans Await Local Site Acquisition

An armory building in Boone for the National Guard unit recently organized in Watauga County looms as a definite prospect provided a tract of land can be secured for the site, according to an announcement made this week by Stanley A. Harris, president of the Chamber of Commerce, speaking for the National Guard committee of the Chamber.

The Federal and State governments have set aside funds to build an armory here at a cost of more than \$100,000, but application for these funds cannot be made until the land is acquired, said Mr. Harris.

At a recent meeting, some thirty outstanding citizens of the community agreed with the National Guard committee that about \$10,000 will be required to provide a site and certain furnishings for the new building when it is completed.

The Town of Boone has offered to contribute \$1,000, and three other private subscriptions have been received, one for \$250 and two for \$100 each. Plans are being made to present this matter for individual subscriptions in the near future. Funds for the land

and furnishings must be raised locally.

The full complement of the Guard unit will be fifty-two men and three officers, with one full time employee, Mr. Harris said, and the payroll may amount to as much as \$1,500 a month or \$18,000 a year. The men are paid for the time they actually serve. They drill one night a week and are paid for one day a week according to their rank. In addition to the payroll, about \$10,000 worth of equipment and supplies a year will be purchased. Practically all of the payroll will be spent in Watauga County, the committee said.

"We believe every citizen in Watauga County should be interested," said Mr. Harris. "The National Guard not only distributes money in our community, but gives our teen age boys military training while they continue, at home, in school or at work. Boys who join from 17 to 18 1/2 are exempted from the draft. Anyone interested in joining should see Capt. Conley Clarke at Appalachian State Teachers College, or come to the American Legion hut any drill night."



MRS. DAVID J. EDMISTEN

Mrs. Edmisten New Health Nurse

A recent addition to the staff of the Watauga County Health Department is Mrs. David J. Edmisten. She is a native of Watauga County and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Garland of Route 3, Boone.

Since receiving her nurses' training at the City Memorial Hospital School of Nursing in Winston-Salem, she has been employed by Dr. J. B. Hagaman, Jr., and Dr. Len Hagaman.

During February the cotton spinning industry operated at 142.5 per cent of capacity on a two-shift, eighty-hour week basis. This compared with 138 per cent during January and with 128.1 per cent during February, 1954.

Local Workers Ask For Support Cancer Effort

Three million working hours were lopped from the potential life span of the nation's bread-winners by cancer deaths in a single year, Mrs. Howard J. Williams, chairman of the American Cancer Society's Watauga County Unit, disclosed in commenting this week on the society's fund-raising crusade which opened here April 1.

This estimate, she said, is based on a statistical study for 1945 prepared by the Bureau of Medical Economic Research of the American Medical Association. It was calculated on the assumption that the average adult is capable of working from the age of 20 to 65.

"The human aspect of these impersonal figures has a more tragic meaning," Mrs. Williams explained, "when we realize that every year cancer robs 31,000 children under the age of 18 in the United States of their fathers and 29,000 of their mothers."

"But aside from the financial calamity that cancer deaths bring to so many homes in our country by taking away a wage-earning parent, the illness costs of cancer victims have a disastrous economic impact on thousands of families."

"An ACS study conducted in a single state revealed that the hospital costs of 800 cancer patients varied from a few dollars to \$1,800, with an average of \$225 yearly per patient. This included room, board, and medicines, but did not cover bills for doctors, surgeons, special nurses, transportation, or home care."

A total of 700,000 cancer patients are under treatment in the United States yearly, according to U. S. Public Health Service figures, and

70 per cent of them are in hospitals. At an average cost of \$225 per patient, the annual cancer hospitalization bill in this country would exceed \$100,000,000.

"Of course most of us think of cancer, not in terms of losses in dollars and cents," Mrs. Williams added, "but in terms of human suffering, of saddened, disrupted homes, of orphaned children, and of husbands and wives separated by death."

"The American Cancer Society is waging a magnificent fight against this scourge. Its weapons are a three-front program of professional and public education, of medical research, and of volunteer service to cancer sufferers."

Residents of our community have the opportunity to assist in this life-saving project by contributing generously to the Cancer Society's annual fund drive and, if possible, by volunteering as campaign workers."

Section Of 321 Closed At Lenoir

Lenoir, April 7—U. S. Highway 321 was closed to through traffic from Whitnell traffic light to Smith Crossroads this morning to facilitate construction of a new section of the highway which begins between Hickory and Granite Falls.

The new section of 321 will bypass Granite Falls, Hudson, Whitnell and other communities along the present highway.

The Whitnell to Smith Crossroads section is expected to be closed about a month, and traffic will move on Ned Jones hill during the period.

Southern Bell Asks Workers To Return; Statement Is Made

Southern Bell Telephone Company today urged its employees still on strike to return to their jobs and declared that "it has become increasingly clear to the public, and it must now be clear to those still on strike, why an interrupted-service clause is essential to the new contract."

The company statement said: "Telephone people belong on the job fulfilling the trust placed in them by the public, and we believe most of them take this responsibility seriously and would like to be back. We urge those remaining on strike to consider whether they are serving their own best interests and those of the public by staying away longer."

"The company guarantees wages and all the many other contract benefits and in return asks the union to guarantee the only thing they have to offer—that their members will work for the wages and other contract benefits while the agreement is in force."

Herbert Hoover Main, 20, of Lenoir, Route 4, and two juvenile relatives, have confessed burglarizing the Paul Pugh grocery and Postoffice at Hudson, five other robberies in Caldwell and three in Watauga. Sheriff's officers here have been advised.

Main and a brother and nephew, 14 and 15, were arrested after a search of the Cline Moody residence, where most of the loot from the Pugh store was found.

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