

A column of home-spun philosophy and humor, written by "Stretch" Rollins, appears weekly on the editorial page.

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Polio Vaccine Is Being Given In Watauga

Appalachian Choir To Tour Forsyth County



The Appalachian College Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Virginia Wary Linney, assisted by Robert Ellis, has been invited by Arthur Steere, assistant principal of schools in Forsyth County, to present a series of three concerts on Tuesday, April 26, in the following schools: Lewisville, Mineral Springs, and Griffith.

Shulls Mills P. O. To Be Closed, Says Postmaster

The postoffice at Shulls Mills, one of the oldest in the county, will be discontinued as of May 31, 1955, it is learned from Lyle B. Cook, acting postmaster at Boone.

Lester Hardin Goes To Gaffney

Lester Hardin, former Appalachian State Teachers College football star, who has been serving as sports publicity director at the college for the past year, has resigned that post to accept a coaching job at Gaffney, S. C., High School.

Miss Alene Queen Appears In Voice Recital Sunday



MISS ALENE QUEEN

Miss Alene Queen, soprano, will appear in senior voice recital Sunday afternoon, April 14th at 3 o'clock in the auditorium of the Fine Arts Building.

Parkway Visitors Will Note Added Attractions

Roanoke, Va., April 11—Blue Ridge Parkway will have several new attractions for its visitors this summer. But parkway officials note that the new features will not be ready for use when most of the other facilities open May 1.

Lung Cancer Deaths Gain, Say Campaign Leaders

Alarming increase in lung cancer deaths—especially among men over 45—is posing a major problem in cancer control in the United States, Mrs. Howard Williams, chairman of the Watauga County unit of the American Cancer Society, declared today.



TREE PLANTERS—John Ward, on the left, prepares to stick tree seedling in ground, while Warren Ward hands plants to him and to Harold Farthing on the right.

Scout Training Program Is Slated

The Watauga District training program for Boy Scout leaders, troop committeemen, and all other adults interested in Scouting will be held on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, April 20 through the 22nd.

Craven Returns; Is Back In Business

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Craven have returned to Boone, following a two-and-a-half year stay in Florida. Mr. Craven announced that he has repurchased the Craven Furniture Company from his son, Clifford Craven, and is now operating the store on King Street.



QUEEN OF THE MAY... Appalachian State Teachers College at Boone has named Miss Alice Swann (left) of Icard as May Queen for the May Day festivities at the college May 7.

Watauga Burley Growers Vote On Marketing Quotas April 28

Clean-Up Days Set

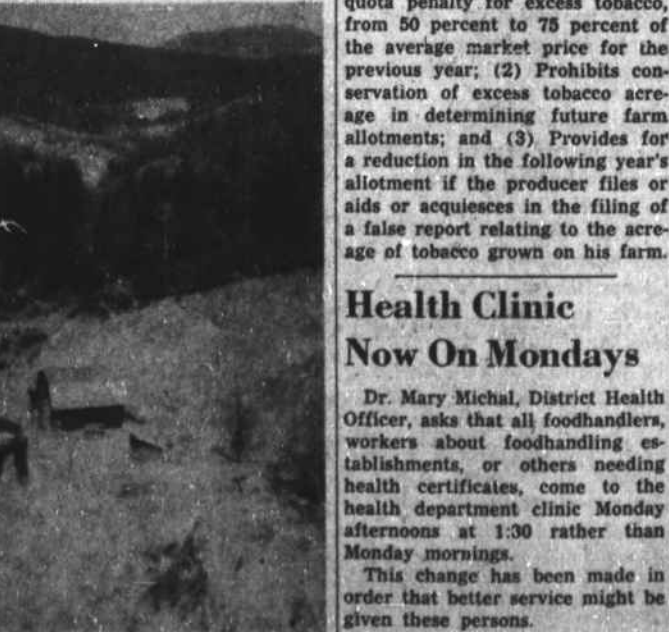
The two weeks period starting Monday, May 2, has been designated by Mayor Gordon H. Winkler as the time for the annual clean-up, paint-up, fix-up campaign in Boone.

New Burley Allotments Now Being Calculated

New burley tobacco farm acreage allotments for 1955 are being calculated for Watauga County, according to Dwight Cable, chairman of the County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee.

Burley Growers Will Go To The Polls Thursday, April 28, To Decide Whether Or Not They Want Marketing Quotas And Price Supports On Their 1955 Weed Crop.

All persons who were engaged in the production of burley tobacco during the 1954 season are eligible to take part in the referendum. City trucks will gather the trash on call to the city hall every week day during the period except Saturday, May 7, and Saturday, May 14.



EROSION PREVENTION—Harold Farthing sets out white pine seedlings on steep slopes of uncle's farm. He hopes that in 30 to 50 years this hill will look like the one in the background, and will provide timber for future generations.

First, Second Graders Have Salk Priority

By VIRGIL ROLLINS, Democrat Staff Writer. One hundred forty-five first and second graders received injections of the new Salk polio vaccine Monday at the Appalachian Elementary School in Boone, and similar clinics are scheduled at all of the other schools in the county this week.

Watauga County Meets Monday Evening To Discuss Plans To Meet The Expected Heavy Demand In Accordance With Information Given At A Closed Medical Television Report In Charlotte Tuesday, April 12, Attended By Drs. Hadley Wilson And Len Hagaman. It Was Recommended That Two Injections Be Given Two To Four Weeks Apart As Soon As Vaccine Is Available, To Be Followed By A Later Dose In Seven Months.

The private physicians of Watauga County met Monday evening to discuss plans to meet the expected heavy demand. In accordance with information given at a closed Medical Television Report in Charlotte Tuesday, April 12, attended by Drs. Hadley Wilson and Len Hagaman, it was recommended that two injections be given two to four weeks apart as soon as vaccine is available.

B. Rock Polio Clinic Thursday

The polio vaccine clinic will be held Thursday April 21 at the Blowing Rock School 10:30 to 12:00 o'clock. Dr. Charles Davant and Dr. R. G. Dennis, both of the Blowing Rock Hospital, will administer the serum.

George Hardin Dies In Tennessee

Mrs. Alice Hardin received a message that a nephew, George Hardin, of Washington College, Tenn., died there Monday. Mrs. Hardin, Mr. and Mrs. H. Grady Farthing will attend the funeral being held at Washington College Wednesday.



ROSA MAE ELLIS, 13-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Ellis, Blowing Rock, Route 1, was judged champion speller of Watauga County recently.

Health Clinic Now On Mondays

Dr. Mary Michal, District Health Officer, asks that all foodhandlers, workers about foodhandling establishments, or others needing health certificates, come to the health department clinic Monday afternoons at 1:30 rather than Monday mornings.

President Eisenhower has put himself on record as favoring "explanatory talks" with the Soviet Union, Britain, and France on all questions affecting world peace.