

Six App Seniors Are Given Special Awards

During the Honor Day assembly program at Appalachian High School on Friday, May 21, six seniors were awarded special recognition.

Bill Lyons, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lyons, was awarded the Rotary Boy-of-the-year trophy. Bill is President of the Student Body, a member of the National Honor Society, and an outstanding member of the varsity teams. One senior boy had been chosen each month by the Student Council to be honored at a meeting of the Rotary Club. From the eight boys who were selected during the year, Bill Lyons was chosen by a vote of the Student Council and the faculty. Presentation of the trophy was made by G. C. Greene, Jr., president of the Boone Rotary Club.

Betty Ruth Hodges, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Hodges, and S. G. Tugman, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Tugman, were selected as the two best citizens of the senior class. Their names will be engraved on the Citizenship Plaque. Betty Ruth and S. G. are both members of the Student Council, members of the National Honor Society, and outstanding leaders in many school activities.

The Danforth Foundation Award was presented to Ethel Townsend and Buddy McGuire. This award is presented yearly to two seniors who are outstanding in social, religious, mental, and personal achievement. Ethel is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Townsend; Buddy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. McGuire.

A scholarship award, presented this year for the first time, named Bobby Beach, son of Mr. and Mrs. Grady Beach, as the outstanding scholar of the senior class. Bobby

has graduated under the technical program at Appalachian High School, having had courses in mathematics, physics, chemistry, and trigonometry.

Other seniors who rank high scholastically are Mary Jo Arthur, Betty Ruth Hodges, Clara Jean Dancey, Betty Sue Greer, Paul Davis, Bill Brown, Randy Maddux, Thelma Phillips, Mildred Lewis, S. G. Tugman, and Buddy McGuire.

New Scout Troop To Be Entertained

The Boone Baptist Church will give a weiner roast for Watauga County's newest Scout troop, recently organized under the sponsorship of the church, at 7 p. m. Thursday, May 26, at the lake in Highland Park owned by Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Stallings.

Dr. Ray Derrick is Scoutmaster of the new troop, with James White, Jr., Norman Lackey, and Robert Bumbaugh as assistant Scoutmasters.

Cecil Miller, chairman of the troop committee, will have charge of the outing. All Scouts and committeemen are urged to be present and on time for this initial "get-acquainted" picnic.

26-DAY SWIM

Las Vegas, Nev.—Two young insurance salesmen—John S. Daggett, 27, and William K. Beer, 26—recently completed a 179-mile, 26-day swim down the Colorado River. Then entered the river at Lees Ferry near the Arizona-Utah border on Easter Sunday and climbed out on May 5th at Pierce Ferry, near the Arizona-Nevada border. They said they swam and floated the 279 miles, shooting "roughly 280 rapids."



GETTING AN EARLY START—Frederick Moretz, Todd, believes in setting his burley crop early. He and his grandson, Steve, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Moretz, set a three-tenths acre plot with plants they secured in Surry County last week. They expected to set between 2,000 to 2,200 plants on this allotment. Mr. Moretz also rents a six-tenths acre allotment on a neighboring farm.—Staff photo by Joe Minor.

Law On Threshing Cards Of Interest To Farmers

Registrars of Deeds have been relieved of the responsibility of issuing permits for threshing machines and combine machines. The General Assembly of North Carolina has enacted a bill to rewrite sections of the state's general statutes providing for reports on crops harvested by such power machines. It is effective since its ratification on March 18, 1955.

The pertinent sections read as follows:

"(a) It shall be the duty of the Commissioner of Agriculture to collect reports from every person, firm, or corporation who shall engage in the harvesting of crops by means of combines or power threshers; and it shall be the duty of every person, firm or corporation engaging in the harvesting of crops by means of combines or power threshers to keep an accurate and complete record of the acreage harvested, and amounts threshed or combined for each farm, and to make reports on forms to be provided by the Commissioner of Agriculture showing acreage and amounts for the preceding season. For crops combined or threshed between January 1 and July 31

IN MEMORIAM

And under this—a lonely pile, Lies Rufus Rastus Babbitt; He looked the part, a gunner thought, And shot him for a rabbit. Beneath this weeping willow tree Lies Edward Everett Bier, Who, by another hunter, was Mistaken for a deer.

"Doesn't it madden you when a girl is slow about getting ready to go to dinner with you?" "Yes, the longer she takes, the hungrier she gets."

Records show that in 1952, at least three farmers out of five in the United States obtained some of their farm supplies through co-operatives. These purchases amount to about \$1.9 billion, or about a sixth of the total used by farmers.

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Electricity Use Is Being Checked

This is an appropriate time for North Carolina's rural families to check on how efficiently they are using electricity to help them with farm and home chores, says David S. Weaver, secretary of the North Carolina Rural Electrification Authority and director of the Extension Service.

Weaver, who served as principal agricultural engineer with REA in 1936, made this statement while calling attention to the 20th anniversary of the Rural Electrification Administration on May 11. REA has helped make electricity available to 177,189 consumers over REA-financed lines in rural areas of North Carolina.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture reports that 96.9 percent of Tar Heel farms have electric service today, compared with only 3.2 per cent in 1935, the year REA was established.

Weaver emphasizes that to get the maximum benefit from electric service, farm families should make sure their electric appliances are in good repair and they are using them to best advantage. Proper care helps avoid big repair bills and helps assure that the equipment won't break down when it is needed most. It is also important that farm homes and buildings are adequately wired to carry the load needed to operate all the farm equipment needed.

"Overloaded wires result in poor equipment performance, wasted power, higher electric bills, and blown-out fuses, besides creating a hazard," Weaver said.

Recent reports from REA show that from the beginning of its program up to January 1, 1955, REA had lent \$97,288,843 to 33 cooperatives and five other borrowers in North Carolina for building electric facilities. When all the construction authorized in these loans is completed, the facilities will provide electric service to an estimated 190,290 consumers.

PLAYS WITH MATCHES

Arlington, Va.—James Edward Koons, 4, was admitted to a hospital for severe leg burns suffered when his clothing caught fire. Police said the child's trousers caught fire when he and another child were playing with matches in the yard. The flames were extinguished by his mother and a maid who heard the child's screams and ran to his rescue.

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PAUL

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"Pikers," said the third scornfully. "My dad writes out a sermon on a piece of paper, gets up in the pulpit and reads it, and it takes four big men to bring in the money."

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