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PARKWAY OFFERS EASY DRIVING AND VARIED SCENERY

Not Too Late To See Blossoms, the Newland Presbyterian Church at 2 p. m. Thursday. The Rev. Leo Hall and the Rev. J. A. Sand-Spring Greenery On Parkway

enchanting greenery, and flower-ing beauty in that area stretching from the Virginia border to the Asheville water-shed along and paralleling the Blue Ridge Parkway. My first thought was to con-fine this report to a more limited area-embracing the counties of the past week duty required one of our family to make the

Norris Elected Post Commander **American Legion**

Troy Norris was elected com-mander of Watauga Post 130, American Legion, at the meeting Other officers elected are:

Charles P. Dougherty, vice-com-

Lionel Ward, adjutant and fi-

nance officer. Wilson W. Norris, chaplin. Will Phillips, sergeant-at-arms. Julus C. McConnell, historian. Service officer, Lionel Ward. Membership chairman, Richard

Rehabilitation, Ralph Greer. Child welfare, Richard Kelley. Americanism, George Baker. Community service, Will Phil-

Boy State, Fred C. Norris. Athletic, Jack E. Ward.
Public relations, Clint Cannon.
Security, Eugene Fox.
Economic, Alvin Cannon. Grave registration, Lionel Ward, Boy Scout, Don Rayfield. House and entertains Charles P. Dougherty.

By DR. WALTER K. KEYS the Parkway to the Mt. Mitchell of knee-high grain, rye, barley, Blowing Rock, N. C.—It is not area, then back by way of U. S. 70 oats, wheat, all magic to this green too late to see the best display of and 221 by Linville Falls, cannot world. The fresh plowed fields, be ignored. Later in the week, several of us made the trip to Roanoke via the Parkway, and unanimously agreed that we had never seen such glorious beauty as now reigns around Doughton Park and to the end this link in the Parkarea—embracing the counties of way. We have recently travelled all Watauga and Avery. But within the highways leading to this moun-

tain-top plateau—U. S. 221, 321, 421 and others; and we are sure trip to Asheville; and her report of that no lover of nature's beauty at the beauty all along the way—out its spring-time best will be disappended in a trip to this area at anytime inclusive of the last week in May and all of June. But many will say, spring is now past and

summer is nearing. Not up here in the mountains where the seasons run about a month later than in the Piedmont even. Going to the mountains, like fishing, should be largely governed by one rule, go when you can. There are always thrills awaiting you there.

If your favorite color is green,

as is mine, in all its varied shades, from palest lettuce-green to darkest hunter-green, hurry up your mountain tripe Every known and imagined shade of green may now be seen along all the highways. The hardwoods and softwoods in bud or almost full leaf show not green alone but many shades of amber, brown, gold, and silver. The conifers, pine and hemlock and balsam, are now at their summit of beauty. The mountain pine, on slope or in vale, almost perfectly spheroid in shape, is lifting long, whitish-green fingers to the sky as if in silent prayer. The hemlock, most graveful of them all, is flecked with myriad pale green splashes on every lacy branch. The balsam, stately and pyramidal, in stature, the acknowledged king of the mountain frontier, holds thousands of soft pale-green cushions in its lardly uplifted hands. The grass upon the hills, the waving fields fall. as if in silent prayer. The

the pushing seed below or the new set plants, remind us of the planter's faith in the God of the harvest. Yes, if your favorite color is green, hie you away to the moun

If your delight is in the flower ing shrubs and trees you will not disappointed now or later Along the Parkway we saw breath (Continued on page six)



She had a perfect attendance record for eleven of her twelve school years, having missed only three days in the fourth grade. For sen from this group will compete leader, had worked in the school store, on the school newspaper, and was library assistant and class secretary for two years. Shares secretary for two years. Shares secretary for two years. speaker at graduation exercises. Jeanette plans to enter college this



North Carolina introduces its 1955 Slow Down and Live campaign with this panoramic shot of 112 Sta Highway Patrol cars and traopers. The big push for safer roads during the summer travel season wextend through Labor Day, Last year's Slow Down and Live campaign is credited with saving 50 live according to the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles.

Avery Co. Banker Taken By Death; Rites Thursday

Newland.—Edwin Cochran Guy, 70, organizer and president of the Avery County Bank of Newland died in a Charlotte hospital las

He had been in ill health th last few years.

Mr. Guy, a native of Staunte Va., started his career in banking 55 years ago in Marion.

In 1913, he organized the bank here. Besides holding the presidency, Mr. Guy also served as chairman of the board of direc-

Active also in civic and church work, he served as a member of the North Carolina National Park, Parkway and Forests Development ion, served for a long time. as a Newland alderman, was chairman of the Garrett Memorial Hospital and a trustee of Crossnore, Inc., and was a member of the Roan Mountain Advisory Board.

He served a number of years as a deacon of the Newland Presby-

Funeral services were held at Graveside rites were held in Oak

Grove Cemetery at Marion. Mr. Guy was a son of the late James Emmett and Martha Wright

His wife, who preceded him in death, was the former Miss Mary Bruce Landis of Marion.

Surviving are five daughters, Mrs. J. E. Penland and the Misses Martha and Jeanette C. Guy of Newland, Mrs. Edward B. McKenzie of St. Louis, Mo., and Mrs Norman D. Potter of Lake Charles La.; two sons, Edwin C. Jr., of Rockingham, and Robert B. of Newland; two sisters, Mrs. Edward Lonk of Greenville, S. C., and Mrs. S. P. Daniels of Drakes Branch, Va.; and six grandchildren.

Arthur Smith To Have Talent Hunt Here On June 11

Arthur Smith and his Crackerjacks will seek local talent to share in valuable prizes and television opportunity at a big variety show TV talent hunt here Saturday, June 11, at 8 p. m., at the

Daniel Boone Theatre.

The Boone Rotary Club is spon soring the event, and Hugh Hagaman, program chairman for the HONOR STUDENT-Miss Jeanette group, said that Nicholas Erneston Stanbery of Trade, Tenn., who was graduated from Coye Creek High

> An audition will be held Wednes day at 7 o'clock at the Appalachian

jack programs over WBTV the week after the contest, and will Funeral Is Held compete in the quarter-finals in Charlotte or vicinity for first prize Charlotte or vicinity for first prize of \$500 cash. Four quarter-finals of Banner Elk, Route 1, died May winners wifl be named this year, 28 at Watauga Hospital.

winners will be named this year, with each to receive \$500 in cash. The popularity winner here will receive a valuable gift from a local merchant.

The popularity winner will be chosen by means of an electric applause meter on the stage, with the grand prize winner being selected by a television talent scout for the Crackerjacks.

28 at Watauga Hospital.

Funeral services were held at 3 p. m. Sunday, May 29, at the Watauga Baptist Church, conducted by the Rev. Calvin Helton and the Rev. S. E. Gragg. Burial was in the Shook cemetery.

She is survived by her husband, W. M. Andrews; five sons, Otha, Banner Elk, Russell, Johnson City, Tenn., Hardy of Hudson, Lonnie,

Half the mammoth two-hour pro-grom will consist of the Arthur Smith and his Crackerjacks in a festive variety show, consisting festive variety show, consisting of the same stars seen on WBTV and heard over WBT on the Arthur Smith program. In addition to Arthur himself, baritone Tommy Faile, guitarist Sonny Smith, the accordianist Ralph Smith will be on hand for the evening.

The second half of the show will be Arthur Smith's Original Television talent hunt, with local talent competing for a place in the quarter finals.

Bids Received

On Paving 421

The State Highway Common to Sugar Good the resurfacing of the results of the resurfacing of the results of the

Mayor Winkler Slated To Head Democratic Municipal Ticket

Safety Record Is Being Set On Boone Streets

to a traffic safety record, and may have established one already, says Stanley A. Harris, president of the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Harris has searched the re-cords and found that Boone, whose last estimated population is 3,300 persons, has gone 3,333 days without a fatal traffic accident (a figure, incidentally, which also cornds with its elevation of 3,333 feet), he pointed out.

The last auto death within the city limits was on 'April 8, 1946,

Motorists are to be congratulated for this outstanding record, he said, and urged to continue to drive safely and make it 333,333 days and more. Town officials al-so should be commended for their constant diligence in promoting traffic safety, said Mr. Harris.

Board To Act On College Vacancy At June 14 Meet

The board of trustees of Appalachian State Teachers College, at their meeting here June 14, is expected to accept the resignation of President B. B. Dougherty, and consider the election of his successor. However, it is not expected the board will be ready to an-nounce its decision at that meeting. Dr. J. D. Rankin, dean of the college is expected to be named acting president until about the

first of September.

Among those who have reportedly been recommended for the post

Dr. Ralph Brimley, superintendent of Forsyth Schools. Mr. Hough, superintendent of

Leaksville City Schools. Dr. I. G. Greer of Chapel Hill. executive vice-president of the N. C. Business Foundation.

J. E. Miller of Raleigh, assistant State superintendent of public instruction.

Stacy Weaver, sluperintendent of Durham city schools.

Dr. William Plemmons of the University of North Carolina fac-Dr: W. Amos Abrams, editor of

the North Carolina Education Association's magazine Claude Gaddy, Raleigh, former

school superintendent. It has also been reported that

erintendent of Public Instruction,

lected by a television talent scott for the Crackerjacks.

Anyone in this area is eligible to compete for a place on the talent hunt program, and talented individuals or groups are urged to obtain entry blanks and return them completed to any member of the sponsoring club as soon as possible. There will be 10 acts on the show. ters, Mrs. Harrison Calloway, New-land, and Mrs. Roby McLean, Banner Elk.

Bids Received



CANDIDATES-Mayor Gordon H. Winkler, Aldermen S. G. Tugman and H. J. Cottrell and Wayne Richardson, who were nominated by the Democrats in city convention Saturday night.

County Tax Rate Left At 90 Cents For 1956

Caldwell Speaks At Grange Meet



HARRY B. CALDWELD

Harry B. Caldwell, master of North Carolina State Grange, will be the speaker at a special meeting of the Deep Gap Grange at the Parkway School Tuesday, June 14, at 8 o'clock p. m., it was announced by W. C. Greene.
All Grange members of the

College Prexy To Have Home

ounty are urged to attend.

Raleigh, May 24-The house orizing an appropriation of up to \$40,000 to build a residence for the president of Appalachian State Teachers College.

House Appropriations Commit-tee Chairman J. K. Doughton told the House the money alredy is available and the president of Appalachian is the only president of a state school without a residence.

Says Many Have No Auto Cards

Capt. Lewis, of the State High-way Patrol, has been in town con-ferring with city and county offi-

The State Highway Commission received a low bid of \$54,457.50 for the resurfacing of highway 421 from Boone to Sugar Grove, a distance of 6.55 miles.

Midstate Contractors, Hickory, were the low bidders.

The commission will review the bids at a meeting in Raleigh today.

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The commission will review the end that the provisions of the law may be fully compiled with.

90 cents per one hundred dollars valuation for the new fiscal year, according to the budget estimate made by the Board of Commis

The new levy is designed to raise approximately \$183,587.50, and will be supplemented by whatever of the delinquent taxes the board is able to collect during the

Five cents more has been added to the school fund for an increase of about \$10,000.

County Accountant Edgar Brown says that the levy is made on a valuation of about one-half million less than last year, which he attributes largely to the lower list value of the beef cattle herds of the county. Tax releases made, for various causes are of course more than offset by new taxes, Mr. Brown says.

Rites Held For Mrs. Mary Dula

Mrs. Mary Jane Dula, 79, of Blowing Rock, Route 1, died Thursday, May 26, at the Blowing Rock

Hospital.
Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Friday, May 27, at the Blue Ridge Christian Advent Church, conducted by the Rev. S. E. Gragg and the Rev. J. F. Whitman. Burial was in the Boone Fork cemetery.

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She is survived by two sons,
Clyde, of Blowing Rock, and E. D.
Dula, of Winston-Salem; seven
daughters, Mrs. W. B. Estes, Blowing Rock, Mrs. May Coffey, Blowing Rock, Mrs. J. Allen Gragg,
Boone, Mrs. K. W. Lentz, WinstonSalem, Mrs. R. C. Self, WinstonSalem, Mrs. Virginia Koontz, Win-Salem, Mrs. Virginia Koontz, Win satem, ans. Virginia Rooniz, Win-ston-Salem, and Mrs. J. T. Nichol-son, Los Angeles, Calif.; a brother, John W. Coffey, Linville; two sis-ters, Mrs. W. W. Collins, and Mrs. Viola Young, both of Blowing Bock; 18 grandchildren, and 22 great-grandchildren.

Lumberman Dies In Fla. Hospital

Word has been received here that Mr. Carl Harmon, 72-year-old retired lumberman of Crystal River, Fla., who has spent the past several summers in Boone, died Thursday, May 26, in Hernando County Hospital at Brooksville,

He is survived by his widow, two sons, and four daughters.

Tugman, Cottrell, Richardson Run For City Council

Mayor Gordon H. Winkler was renominated by the Democrats of the city as a candidate for Mayor, at the Democratic convention held at the courthouse Saturday even-

Mayor Winkler who has served for ten years, was placed in nomi-nation by Dr. D. J. Whitener. On motion of Homer Brown, nomina-tions were closed, and the Mayor received nomination by accla-

Howard Cottrell, Grady Tugma incumbents, and Wayne Richard-son, were nominated for members of the board of aldermen. They were placed in nomination Custer Wallace.

Tugman received 120 votes, Cottrell 118, and Richardson 126. Grady Moretz, the other incumb ent, had withdrawn.

Homer Brown, chairman of the city Democratic committee, open-ed the convention, and designated Wade E. Brown as permanent chairman of the meeting.

Other business consisted of the election of a new committee composed of Homer Brown, E. F. King, Mrs. Rob Ripers, Mrs. Ruth Mc Connell and D. M. Edmisten.

FCX Holds Open House Event Here

The Watauga FCX Service held open house last Thursday, May 26, to formally celebrate moving into their new building on South Water Street. About 800 town and county people attended the affair, said Gales W. Scroggs, manager of the local co-op.

Drawings were held for prizes and the following winners have been announced by Mr. Scroggs: Grand Prize, a steam iron, won

by Talmadge Greer, of Deep Gap. 2nd prize, 500 pounds of fertili-zer, Zaida Trivette, Blowing Rock. 3rd prize, 300 pounds of fertili-zer, Paul E. Hayes, Vilas.

4th prize, 200 pounds of fertilizer, A. C. Moretz, Deep Gap. 5th prize, 100 pounds of feed, Mrs. Ira Harmon, Sugar Grove.

6th prize, 100 pounds of feed, Mrs. Bill Wellborn, Deep Sap.
7th prize, 1 gallon of paint, Mc-Coy Miller, Boone, Route 2.

Refreshments of ice cream, cokes, and chocolate milk were served throughout the day, and the affair was attended by several FCX department heads from Raleigh, said Mr. Scroggs.

Play Program Gets Underway; Gabriel Leader

The Boone recreation program, lee by Shirley Gabriel, got under way today.

Mr. Gabriel states that equip-

ment will be available for the following games: crouquet, horse shoes, tennis, badminton, and soc-cer. The baseball for midgets, softball for girls, and men's softball will begin later in the month. The children's story hour will

begin at three each day. Parents are asked to encourage their children to attend. An arts and crafts program will

he introduced later in the month. Mr. Gabriel asks the cooperation of the people of the commun-ity in making the recreation pro-gram successful.

Rites Held For James H. Brown Funeral services for James Hor-ton Brown, 57, who died suddenly

ton Brown, 57, who died suddenly at his home in the Adams community Tuesday, May 24, were held at 2 p. m. Thursday, May 26, at the Oak Grove Baptist Church. The Rev. Ed Hodge, the Rev. C. O. Vance, and the Rev. Dan Graham officiated at the rites, and burial was in the Oak Grove cemetery.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. May L. Brown; a son, Jack; and a daughter, Jane, both of the home; three brothers, Steve and Roby J. Brown, both of Boone, and Ed Brown of Zionville; and three sisters, Mrs. R. B. Hodges, Mrs. Nors Miller, and Mrs. Will Hagsman, all of Boone.