

Jean Rivers' woman's page reviews the social scene. Besides personal mention, weddings, parties, club meetings are reported on page five.

BOONE WEATHER				
Date	High	Low	6 a.m.	Rain
June 21	76	52	61	
June 22	79	53	65	
June 23	77	52	61	1.0
June 24	72	52	64	
June 25	69	50	58	.87
June 26	73	53	62	.82
June 27	75	52	65	



THE TRUSTEES of Appalachian State Teachers College, whose job it is to choose the successor to founder-president Dr. B. B. Dougherty and interim president J. D. Rankin. Left to right, B.

C. Brock, W. W. Mast, Mrs. Harry Caldwell, S. P. Jones, William J. Conrad, Fred N. Colvard, Mrs. Eunice Moose, L. A. Dysart, and J. R. Hix.

## Rain-Soaked Audience Greets First Showing Horn In The West

### Directors Of Development Group To Meet

Directors of the Northwest North Carolina Development Association will meet at the Gateway Cafe in Boone July 8, at 4 o'clock. It has been announced by H. W. Wilcox, executive member of the board for Watauga County.

The three directors for Watauga county are Glenn Andrews, Alfred Adams and Herman Wilcox, Knox Johnstone, president, of Mocksville; Fred Linton, Secretary, Winston-Salem, Archie Davis, board chairman, and Chester Davis of Winston-Salem will be on the program.

The directors will attend Horn in the West.

Committee members planning to attend should notify Fred Linton or Herman Wilcox, so that dinner may be reserved.



DR. RANKIN  
Interim President



DR. WHITENER  
New Dean

## Whitener New Dean Appalachian College

By EARLEEN G. PRITCHETT

Dr. J. D. Rankin, president-elect of Appalachian State Teachers College, announced here this week that Dr. J. D. Whitener, head of the college's social studies department, has been chosen to serve with him as dean of the college.

Dr. Whitener's training and experience fit him well for the position of dean. He holds the A. B. M. A., and Ph.D. degrees from the University of North Carolina. He has served as principal of high schools in his native Catawba county, was a teaching Fellow at the University of North Carolina, served as acting head of the department of history at Lenoir-Rhyne college for one year, and has been head of Appalachian's social studies department since 1932.

During the 23 years that he has been at Appalachian, Dr. Whitener has served closely with Dr.

Rankin in the position of assistant dean. He has likewise been associated with him for the past twenty years as a member of the college's faculty executive committee, is a member of the Graduate Council, and is faculty sponsor of the student handbook, The Appalachian (newspaper), the Student Council, and Pi Kappa Delta.

Along professional lines, Dr. Whitener is one of the founders of the Western North Carolina Historical Association, and has served as its president. Last year he was vice-president of the State Literary and Historical Association, and also vice-president of the Historical Society of North Carolina. He is one of the founders

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### Many Wataugans On Honor Roll

The list of those students from Watauga County who made the honor roll at Appalachian State Teachers College during the spring quarter has just been released by the Registrar's office at the college.

Included in this honor list are the following:

Joanne Aldridge, Boone; Ted Barnette, Boone; Rebecca Calloway, Boone; George C. Carter, Boone; Georgia Check, Deep Gap; Sarah Collins, Boone; Martha Colvard, Boone; Jane Corey, Boone; Glenn E. Davis, Boone; Elizabeth B. Eggers, Boone; Betty Lou Finch, Boone; Roy E. Furr, Deep Gap; David Thomas Greer, Boone; Raymond C. Hayes, Boone; Bessie W. Hollingsworth, Boone; Frieda Hoover, Boone; Charles Larry Kerley, Boone; Mary Audrey Lentz, Boone; Blowing Rock; Benjamin Vardry Mast, Sugar Grove; Ruby Mast, Rominger; Bobby McConnell, Boone; Fred C. Miller, Boone; Mildred Jackson Miller, Boone; Louise Mitchell, Boone; James W. Moon, Boone; Mary Stout Sinnamon, Boone; Jean Templeton, Boone; Doris Vance, Boone; Mary Sue Walsh, Boone; Jimmie West, Boone; Etta Maude Wilson, Boone; Sue Vance Wilson, Boone; Anna Boyce Winkler, Boone.

### Outdoor Drama Is More Pleasing To Theatre-Goers

By VIRGIL G. ROLLINS  
Democrat Staff Writer

The 1955 version of Kermit Hunter's outdoor drama, Horn in the West, was unveiled Saturday night at the Daniel Boone Theatre before a rain-soaked audience of some 700.

The rains came shortly before the half-time intermission, sending playgoers scurrying back to the shelters. The play was resumed, however, and the first half was completed. An attempt was made to open the second half, but a fresh downpour forced Director Kai Jurgensen to call it off for the night.

The weather was clear and cool for Sunday night's performance, as a crowd of 500 saw the entire presentation.

### SPECIAL SHOWING JULY 4th

Horn in the West, which ordinarily is not staged on Mondays through the summer season, will be presented Monday night, July 4th, to accommodate the holiday crowds.

The only other Monday performance this season will be September 5 (Labor Day), the season's final showing.

As for the play itself, Author Hunter has proved once more that he is a firm believer in his own oft-repeated words that "plays are not written—they are rewritten."

Although it may seem repetitious to report that the drama, now in its fourth season, has been revised into a faster moving, tighter, harder hitting story of our forefathers' rebellion against the tyranny of the British Crown, that is just what has happened, and to an even greater extent than ever before.

Bowing to public reaction against the relatively minor role hitherto played by Daniel Boone in the play, the author has made Boone the central figure in this year's presentation.

To accomplish this, huge Charles Elledge, who had gained fame in outdoor drama circles as Amos Howard, leader of the mountain villagers, was given the Boone role, the character Howard was eliminated, and Boone's role altered to absorb the warmth and native humor of Howard. In fact, the greater portion of Howard's lines have been retained, now spoken by Elledge as Daniel Boone. The result will please the majority of playgoers, it is believed.

The underlying theme of the drama, however—the thread of continuity that makes "Horn" a play instead of a pageant—is the same. It is the struggle of Dr. Geoffrey Stuart, forcefully played by Robert Thomas, with his conscience.

He is pulled on the one hand by his allegiance to the Crown, then, as now, a dominant factor in the life of the true Britisher, and on the other by the freedom-loving "Regulators" who have befriended him and his family, and who are in open rebellion against constituted authority, seeking to throw off, by force, if necessary, the yoke of tyranny.

His son, Jack, again played by Carl Clarke, who has wholeheartedly embraced the cause of freedom, finally wins him over, and they fight side by side.

Other outstanding performances are again turned in by Nancy Greene (who portrayed Jessie Howard last year) as Daniel Boone's wife, Rebecca; Martha Hardy as Martha Stuart, the doctor's wife; Ruth Arrington as the half-English, half-Indian heroine, Nancy Ward; Rogers (Spud) Whitener as the blacksmith, Toby Miller; William Ross as the malicious Colonel MacKenzie; Irvine Smith as John Sevier; and Patricia Gibson as the Quaker lass, Mary.

As always, there are redskins and fighting enough to satisfy the most bloodthirsty, and plenty of romance, too.

History lives again as Horn in the West unfolds the drama of the birth-throes of a new world—the one we live in today.

American Airlines orders turbo-jets.



TRAFFIC CONGESTION NEAR COLLEGE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING DURING FIRST TERM.

## Fourth Celebration Set At Blowing Rock

BLOWING ROCK, June 27—

Plans have been formulated for a diversified Fourth of July weekend program at Blowing Rock. The square dance will lead the way on July 1. On July 2 the finals in the tennis, horse-shoe and shuffleboard tournaments will be played. On Saturday evening the movies and auction galleries will offer entertainment for everybody.

On July 3, in the morning the public is invited to attend church services.

A baseball game will be played on the high school grounds in the afternoon.

Community Singing

The evening will be devoted to community singing, both religious and patriotic, under the direction of Dr. H. E. Spence, pastor of the Blowing Rock Methodist Church.

All the churches and their pastors are being invited to participate in this program, which will be given in the pavilion and tennis

court area of Playground Park.

On the morning of July 4, the Blowing Rock Rockets will play another baseball game. In the afternoon, the annual field day will be held at the Horse Show Grounds under the direction of Lloyd Tate, Blowing Rock's nationally known horseman and showman. Four riding events will be held along with the popular pet show.

The holiday entertainment will end with the free-for-all Square Dance in the evening.

Prizes To Be Given

Prizes will be given for the best individual dancers, couples, and man-and-wife events.

All of the events of July 24, except the picture shows, will be presented without charge.

The Rotary Club, Chamber of Commerce, American Legion, Firemen's Association, Horse Show Association, Community Club, all churches and other organizations of Blowing Rock will jointly sponsor these activities.

## Says Postal Service Costs Much Less Now

A national postal official told delegates to the North Carolina Rural Letter Carriers Association Monday that the Post Office Department deficit has been reduced about 42 per cent in the past two years.

The speaker was A. J. Dumas, assistant to the director of the Employment and Placement Division of the Post Office Department.

Mr. Dumas was speaker at the morning session. Ninth District Rep. Hugh Alexander of Concord was speaker at Monday night's banquet session.

The three-day convention closed Tuesday. Approximately 300 persons had registered.

Mr. Dumas discussed the Post

Office Department program. He also discussed the salary program, the efforts to improve transportation service, efforts to provide adequate and proper headquarters, and such benefits for active and retired employees as life insurance and group unemployment compensation.

Monday afternoon speakers were Mrs. John E. Grace, vice-president of the Ladies' Auxiliary, and Ray Lick, vice-president of the National Rural Letter Carriers Association.

Delegates attended a performance of "Horn in the West" on Sunday night and held a memorial service in the Boone Baptist Church Monday afternoon.

## Leander Norris Dies In Arkansas

Leander Norris, 96 years old, a native of Watauga county, died in a Bentonville, Ark., hospital June 18.

Mr. Norris was married to Miss Maggie Floyd of Boone in 1881 and they moved to Arkansas shortly thereafter where he engaged in farming. He served one term as county judge.

Surviving are two brothers: M. H. Norris, Route 2, Boone, and E. C. Norris, Route 1, Blowing Rock. His wife died some years ago.

U. S. forces in Formosa revise command set-up.

## Appalachian Trustees Ponder Election President

By EARLEEN G. PRITCHETT

When the trustees of Appalachian State Teachers College meet again in July, the matter of great importance to them will be the discussion of the selection of the institution's new president. Since the founding of the college in 1899 by B. B. Dougherty and his brother, the late D. D. Dougherty, Appalachian has been headed by B. B. Dougherty. This year, upon his own request, Dr. Dougherty is retiring. The board of trustees has elected Dr. J. D. Rankin, who has served under Dr. Dougherty as the college's dean for 32 years, as the interim president.

The board of trustees are well qualified for this important job of seeking their college's head.

B. C. Brock of Mocksville, the vice chairman of the board, is a lawyer, a farmer, and has served ten terms, or twenty years, in the North Carolina legislature as senator. He is high in local circles of the Republican Party in North Carolina. He has always been an active lay worker in the Methodist Church, and has identified himself with all public and civic affairs in his home town and home state.

William J. Conrad of Winston-

Salem, chairman of the board, is secretary of the R. J. Reynolds Company. He is past chairman of the board of trustees of Wake wide church, civic, and educational Forest College, is active in state affairs, and has been interested for a long time in the activities of the Baptist orphanage and hospital.

Mrs. Harry B. Caldwell of Greensboro is director of public relations for the North Carolina Grange. She is one of the state's most widely known women, and has held offices in many state and national groups of civic importance.

Mrs. Eunice Moose of Taylorsville is secretary to the county superintendent of schools in Alexander county. She is fully conversant with public school problems on local and state levels, and with public school viewpoints and procedures.

J. R. Hix of North Wilkesboro is President of the Bank of North Wilkesboro. He is secretary-treasurer of the American Furniture Company, the Grier Mills Company, and the Gordon Spinning Company, and is treasurer of the North Wilkesboro Hotel Company. He is chairman of the board of trustees of Wilkes General Hospital, member and trustee of the First Methodist Church of North Wilkesboro, director of the Wilkes Young Men's Christian Association, and an active Kiwanian. He is a member of Appalachian's Executive committee of the board of trustees.

W. W. Mast of Valle Crucis is

chairman of the executive committee of the board of trustees. He has been a member of the board of directors of the Northwestern Bank since its organization, and on the board of managers of the Boone branch of the bank. He is a well-known merchant and farmer.

S. P. Jones of Statesville is sales manager of the western district of the Farmers Cooperative Exchange. He has been active in the FCX on a state-wide basis over a period of years. He has extremely wide acquaintance among the farmers and rural people of North Carolina.

Fred N. Colvard of Jefferson is one of western North Carolina's biggest farmers, and is owner of a farm machinery business. He has been instrumental in helping to develop several new varieties of vegetables, cooperating with the North Carolina department of agriculture and the extension division. He is a member of the college's executive committee.

L. A. Dysart of Lenoir is president of the Union National Bank of Lenoir, and one of that city's prominent citizens. He is affiliated with a large number of worthwhile church and civic groups.

Inasmuch as their first-hand knowledge and experience encompasses the fields of education, legislative and financial affairs, intimate acquaintance with rural and urban viewpoints, it would appear that the affairs of Appalachian State Teachers College are in most capable hands under the present Board of Trustees.

## Bids Received On County Farm

Bids totalling \$26,115 were received for the old county home property at a public auction held Tuesday morning, said County Tax Supervisor J. E. Brown. The bids had not been confirmed at noon Tuesday.

A three-acre tract of land on the property was reserved for possible future county use, said Mr. Brown.

## Commissioners To Gather Tuesday

The board of county commissioners, which usually meets the first Monday of each month, will hold its July meeting at the court house on Tuesday, July 5, due to the fact that Monday, July 4th, is a holiday.

All county offices will be closed Monday, it has been announced.

### NATO

A meeting of the North Atlantic Council, in advance of the scheduled Big Four meeting, has been proposed in order to permit the United States, Britain and France to take counsel with their allies.

## Dr. Campbell To Preach Here



Dr. Carlyle Campbell, president of Meredith College, and noted Baptist minister, will occupy the pulpit at the Boone Baptist Church at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. July 3 and 10.

He will also appear at the mid-week prayer service Wednesday evening. Dr. Campbell is a son of Dr. Carlyle Campbell, president of Buie's Creek Academy, now Campbell College. He was educated at Wake Forest College and Columbia University, and has an LLD degree from South Carolina University.

## P. M. Winkler Succumbs Monday

Pinkney Monroe Winkler, 78, resident of Boone Route 3, died Monday at the home, following a long illness.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon at the Poplar Grove Baptist Church by Rev. Maurice Cooper and Rev. R. C. Eggers. Burial was in the Winkler cemetery near Boone.

Surviving are the widow, three sons and three daughters: Milton Winkler, Willoughby, Ohio; Grant Winkler, North Wilkesboro; Glenn Winkler, Boone; Mrs. Thos. Holloway, Boone; Mrs. Henry Rogers, Boone; Mrs. George Triplett, Blowing Rock.

Mr. Winkler was born and reared in the Winkler's Creek section. He was a farmer by occupation.

Corn Belt studies show that better and cheaper roughage production is possible on many farms.

## Blowing Rock Amusement Park Perched On Rim Of River Gorge

The Skyland Amusement Park, a development of the Robbins Lumber Company, is now open at Blowing Rock, according to an announcement by Grover C. Robbins, Jr.

The park is located on a ten acre tract of land overlooking the Johns River Gorge at the intersection of highways 321 and 321-A on the Lenoir road.

The park features a giant ferris wheel on the edge of the gorge, which is one of the largest made,

and is the only one so situated in the entire country, said Mr. Robbins. There is also a roller coaster extending over the gorge, rocket rides for the smaller children, and a refreshment stand.

Future plans for the park, which is in the initial stages of its development, call for the installation of a full-sized roller coaster which will be the largest between here and Washington, D. C. and will dip down into the gorge for a considerable distance, the owner said.

Other attractions expected to be completed within the next three years are an ice skating rink and a swimming pool.

"We're just getting started," said Mr. Robbins, "and there's no telling how much we will have out here before we are through."

A Democrat reporter was among those who took the first ride on the ferris wheel. "It's really up there," he reported.