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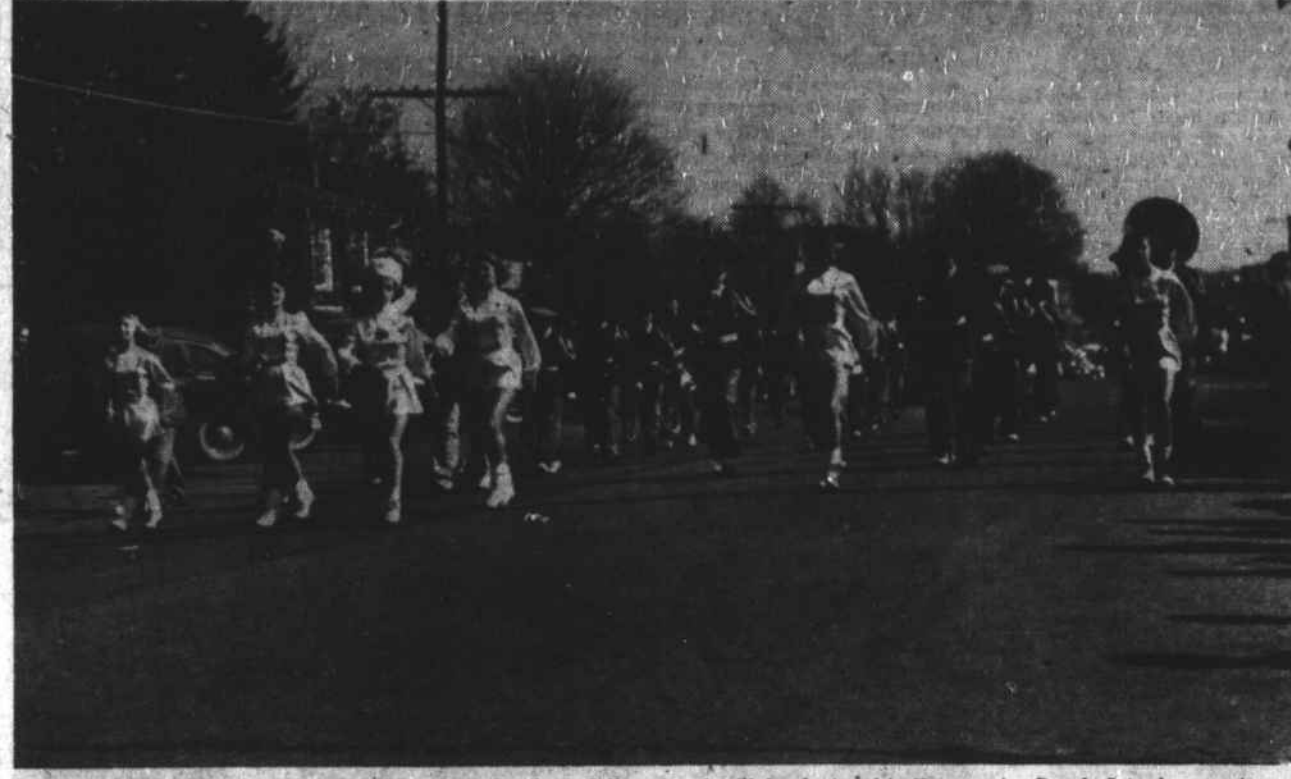
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Many high school bands and Appalachian State Teachers College Band will be featured in Homecoming Parade Saturday morning.

Old Timers Reunion Features Annual College Homecoming

By EARLEEN G. PRITCHETT

One of the features of the Homecoming activities at Appalachian State Teachers College this weekend will be the "Old-Timers" reunion at 10:00 a. m. on Saturday. Presided over by Mrs. Wilson Norris of Boone, the meeting will feature short speeches from graduates prior to 1929.

The main item on the program, however, will be the showing of a television film of college activities giving a history of the college, and telling of Dr. B. B. Dougherty's contribution to education in North Carolina. Everyone is invited to this program.

Lycium Program
First activity of Homecoming week will be a lycium program Thursday evening at eight, when Dr. Allan D. Cruickshank of the National Audubon Society will give an illustrated lecture in the college auditorium. His talk will be on "River of the Crying Bird". He will also lecture at the assembly hour, 10:10, the next morning on "Gatorland". These two lectures will be open to students and faculty of the college under the lycium series.

Old Gridders Meet
Friday evening at six o'clock the first four Appalachian football teams hold their second annual reunion at the Ranch Motel, and at eight o'clock the Playcrafters present three one-act plays in the college auditorium. Admission is free to students, faculty, and alumni.

Registration Plans
Saturday morning the rush of the day's activities gets under way at nine o'clock with the beginning of registration. The Pep Club will furnish identification to all campus visitors for the day, and the International Relations Club will conduct the registration from nine to twelve.

Gap Parade Scheduled
It is expected that the parade at eleven o'clock will be one of the best in recent years. A trophy will be presented at game halftime to the winning organization.

Alumni Luncheon
The place for the alumni luncheon this year has been changed

from the college cafeteria. It will be held in the New Elementary School Cafeteria on College Street. In the absence of Ben Horton, alumni association president, Mrs. Daisy Eggers of Boone, the secretary-treasurer, will preside. The address of welcome will be given by Dr. W. H. Plemmons, president of Appalachian State Teachers College.

Homecoming Football
The game with Emory and Henry College is at 2:45, there is a halftime show of thirty minutes, and following the game the Dean of Women, Miss Barbara Stephenson, will preside over a tea for all alumni in East Hall.

Annual Dance Planned
At 8:30 in the men's gymnasium, the newly-formed and very popular Appatoes, college dance orchestra, will play for the annual Homecoming dance to which all students, faculty, and alumni are invited. The price of the dance will be \$1.50 single, \$3.00 per couple. The alumni association will receive one-fourth of the proceeds of the dance.

Many Bands To Appear
Participating in the pre-game show on college field at 2:30 will be the Appalachian State Teachers College Band, and bands from the following high schools: Appalachian, Cherryville, Hickory, West Yadkin, Scotts, Spencer, and Val-des.

Foundation To Hold Meeting
The Appalachian Educational Foundation will hold its annual meeting Friday evening at 7:30 in the men's gymnasium, as a feature of the Homecoming week end.

A representative of the Foundation will be in a booth at the College entrance for the purpose of registering the alumni. Identification pins will be given Foundation members.

Dr. L. H. Owsley is President of the Foundation.

The United States, moving to forestall a possible like Soviet step, has offered to sell arms to Egypt.

Jury Is Drawn For November Court Term

The county commissioners have drawn the names of the citizens who are to serve as jurors for the November term of Watauga Superior Court.

The court convenes Monday, November 7, with Hon. J. Frank Huskins of Asheville presiding, and will hear only civil cases.

The following have been summoned for jury duty:

Bald Mountain—Fred Holman, John Davis, Elbert S. Norris.

Beaver Dam—Asa Reece, Charlie Tester, Claude Norris, Stacy Moody, Clyde Robinson.

Blowing Rock—Olin Shores, Harlen J. Greene, Butler Craig, Fred Andrews.

Blue Ridge—Mrs. Donia Coffey, Ralph J. Broyles, Stanley Critcher, Clyde Bentley.

Boone—Herman Wilcox, Ted S. Hagaman, Mack Luttrell, Andy Greer, Hoyt Edmisten.

Brushy Fork—Ray Ellison, Larina Miller, Frank Billings, Grady Bradley, Mrs. Muriel Hodges Brown.

Cove Creek—Mrs. F. T. McGinnis, Dick Henson, Dock Isaacs, Roby Hayes.

Laurel Creek—Clyde Tester, Don Trivette, J. M. Mast.

Mabel—Frank Mains, Stanley Norris, Lewis Burkett, Earl Norris, Ivan Younce.

Meat Camp—Bernard Hodgson, B. F. Warren Greene, Joe E. Burkett, Garren Lookabill.

New River—Rhonda Carroll, Ed Farthing, Don Ragan, Collis Austin.

North Fork—John K. Brown, David Main.

Shawneehaw—Marshall Farthing, Ira Townsend.

Stony Fork—Prince Hamby, Glenn Moretz, Fred T. Greer, Bob Smith.

Watauga—Creed Taylor, Charlie Johnson, J. Edgar Harbin, Hubert Thomas.

Rev. Jos. Hart Priest For Area

The Most Rev. Vincent S. Waters, Bishop of Raleigh, has assigned a new Catholic Priest to serve Boone and Blowing Rock.

He is the Rev. Joseph L. Hart, a priest of the Society of St. Edmund. Father Hart, who took up his residence in Boone last week, was assigned as assistant to Father Francis Murphy of North Wilkesboro in September.

Father Hart, after graduating from high school in 1943, joined the U. S. Navy and served with the Pacific Fleet until the end of the war. Upon receiving his discharge in 1946, he began his studies at St. Michael's College in Vermont. He completed his college, novitiate and seminary training in the spring of this year and was ordained in June.

Prior to coming to Boone he served as treasurer for his community's novitiate in Connecticut.

Father Hart is giving a talk to the general public Friday evening, the 21st of October, at 8 o'clock in the Daniel Boone Hotel. All residents of this area are invited. There is no charge.

School Principals Hear Angell; James Storie Presiding Officer

The Watauga County NCEA division of principals held their last meeting at Kirk's Restaurant on October 11 at 6 o'clock with Chairman James M. Storie, principal of Blowing Rock schools, presiding. All principals of the county were present with the exception of Dr. A. B. Crew who was absent because of illness.

Mrs. Dessie Mae Edmisten, secretary, read the minutes of the last meeting which was for the last meeting of the 1954-55 school year following which Mr. Storie introduced the following new members: Mr. Guy W. Angell, Mr. Dwight Isenhour, Mr. John Bingham, and Mr. James Greene. Mr. Fetry, assistant principal of Boone

Elementary School and president of the Watauga Unit NCEA, gave instructions for voting for social security, the election on voting for this to be held on October 26.

Mr. Angell, Watauga County Superintendent of Schools, was first complimented the principals on the publicity from their schools in the newspaper, and discussed with the principals the matter of telephone bills. The principals voted to pay all long distance calls from their schools. Mr. Angell also discussed with the principals the coming State School Board meeting to be held in Boone on October 26. He asked the principals to invite their local school

committees to attend this meeting.

Mr. Storie announced the State-wide Principals' Conference November 1-2-3 in Durham which will have as speakers Dr. Guy Phillips of the University of North Carolina, Dr. McSwain of Northwestern University, and Dr. Carrpl, State Superintendent of Public Instruction in North Carolina. Persons in attendance at this meeting, Mr. Storie said, will tour industries in Durham. Mr. Storie also announced the coming NSEA district meeting November 11 in Winston-Salem.

Election of officers was held with Mr. Storie and Mrs. Edmisten (Continued on page eight)

Milwaukee Couple Is Charged With Murder Of Aged Chemist

Noted Folklorist, Author To Talk On Need For Local Theatre Project

By CRATIS WILLIAMS

Richard Chase, folklorist, master of folk arts, director of the Daniel Boone Folk Arts Festivals, and author of "Jack Tales," "Grandfather Tales," "Hullabaloo," "Wicked John and the Devil," and other works, will give a lecture on the need for a folk theatre in the auditorium of the Fine Arts Building on Thursday evening, October 27, at 8 o'clock.

Students, faculty members and administration, and townspeople are cordially invited to his lecture.

Mr. Chase plans to discuss and illustrate phases of the folk traditions and culture of the Appalachian mountain region in his talk. The heritage of the mountain folk he calls one of the richest in the world, and claims it is an organic continuation of the genuine culture of the British Isles from Queen Elizabeth's time through the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries to the present day. Mr. Chase, eager to establish a permanent home for a folk theatre that will

catch up and revitalize what are left of the cultural roots of the heritage of the mountain folk, will discuss ways and means of implementing a center for such preservation and revitalization.

His talk will be studied with types of balladry, song, tales, riddles, folk-say, and folk-way to illustrate his thesis that the folk materials still preserved in the mountain regions are the basic materials out of which great drama and music as well as rich and poetic speech must grow.

Say Chicago Man Fatally Stabbed At Blowing Rock

An investigation which spread over several states since August, has resulted in murder charges being lodged against a Milwaukee man and woman, accused of killing an aged Chicago chemist July 28 in Cone Memorial National Park at Blowing Rock.

The warrants were issued against Leonard William LaFond, 26, and Jo Ann Severson, 18, following a conference and review of the case by Solicitor James C. Farthing of the Sixteenth district, Watauga County Sheriff Ernest M. Hodges, Ray H. Garland of the State Bureau of Investigation and Samuel D. Smith of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The body of the victim, Lewis A. Finn, was found September 1, wrapped in a blanket and covered with canvas in the Mammoth Cave National Park in Kentucky. He apparently had been dead several weeks.

LaFond and Miss Severson were arrested in the southwest on Federal charges of taking Finn's stolen automobile across state lines. They have been in prison in North Carolina since September 21. Federal authorities brought the accused to the Blowing Rock area, where officers say they pointed out the scene of the alleged murder.

Solicitor Farthing said the evidence, gathered by Federal and State authorities, indicates that the Milwaukee people fatally stabbed Finn at the State-maintained picnic ground near the Sandy Flat Church on U. S. Highway 221.

Watauga Sheriff E. M. Hodges forwarded the murder warrant to federal authorities for further action. Farthing said the couple probably would be brought to trial at the term of Watauga Superior Court beginning January 23. It is expected that the Federal authorities will release the prisoners to the State.

LaFond is being held in the Forsyth county jail at Winston-Salem, and Miss Severson is in the Stanly county jail in Albemarle. Federal District Attorney Edwin Stanley is quoted as saying his office "will cooperate with the State in every way to expedite the trial."

Finn was on vacation when he disappeared. He left West Palm Beach, Fla. July 20 to visit a brother in Yuma, Ariz.

LaFond was arrested August 20th at Truth or Consequences, New Mexico. Officers there said he was driving a car for which he had traded Finn's automobile at El Paso, Texas. They said he had Finn's wallet and other personal belongings. Miss Severson was arrested August 31 in San Antonio, Texas.

The FBI said the pair gave them information leading to the discovery of Finn's body.

The Soviet Union has offered conditional acceptance of the Eisenhower plan for an exchange of military blueprints with the United States.



DR. W. H. PLEMMONS

Dr. Plemmons To Speak At Meeting Of School Boards

"More Effective School Board Operation" will be the theme for a regional meeting of the State Association of School Board members to be held on Appalachian College campus next Wednesday.

Dr. Herbert Wey is chairman for the gathering, which will be attended by about 300 school district committees, school board members and professional educators.

The principal address will be delivered by Dr. W. H. Plemmons, president of Appalachian State Teachers College.

The meeting will begin at 2 o'clock and end by 8:45.

Registration will be held at 2 p. m. and will be followed by a welcome address by Dean D. J. Whitener, an overview of the work of the Association by Ben Fountain and an afternoon address by a speaker yet to be selected.

Also in the afternoon session, which will be presided over by Dr. Wey will be a series of discussion groups led by leading lay committees and a tour of the new Appalachian Elementary School.

A dinner meeting will be held at 6 p. m. and will be followed by discussion group reports and a question and answer session led by Dean Guy B. Phillips of the University of North Carolina. There will be a short business session and the meeting will be climaxed by the address by Dr. Plemmons.

District school committees, city and county school board members, principals, and superintendents are expected from the following counties in western North Carolina:

Alleghany, Alexander, Ashe, Avery, Burke, Caldwell, Cabarrus, Cleveland, Catawba, Davie, Davidson, Gaston, Forsyth, Iredell, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, McDowell, Mitchell, Rowan, Rutherford, Stokes, Surrey, Watauga, Wilkes and Yadkin.

Apps Meet Emory-Henry In Last Home Battle

By RUSSELL McDONALD

The last home game of the season for the 1955 Appalachian Mountaineers will be played this Saturday, October 22, at 2:45 p. m. in Boone. The Mountaineers will meet the Wasps of Emory & Henry College of Emory, Virginia.

This afternoon game will be the featured attraction of the 1955 Homecoming program of Appalachian State Teachers College.

The Wasps, members of the Smoky Mountain Conference, have only dropped one game this season having played five games. The lone defeat came by the hands of Hampden-Sydney with the score 8 to 0. Emory and Henry holds victories over Concord College (21-7), Newnessee Wesleyan (32-0), Carson-Newman (25-7), and Maryville College (44-0). The Wasps have averaged 24 points per game in the '55 season.

The Mountaineers of Appalachian State are now sporting a 3-2 record. This past week the Appalachian team defeated the Indians of Catawba College 21 to 19 in their fourth conference game of the season. The conference record is 2-2 as the Apps have lost to Lenoir Rhyne and Western Carolina College. The other conference win was over Elon. The game with the Wasps will be the second non-conference game for the Mountaineers as they played Newport News in the season's opener.

Seven high school bands will take part in Saturday's activities including a pre-game and halftime show. The bands that will take part are Hickory High School, Scotts High School, Appalachian High School, Granite Quarry High School, Cherryville High School, Spencer High School, and West Yadkin High School.

Six Mountaineers will be making their last home appearance as a part of an Appalachian team. These six seniors are R. E. Cummings, Buck Hall, Jim Kiser, Jim Ollis, Ray Morris, and Johnny Matthews.

The starting line-up for the Mountaineers will have Johnny Matthews and Bob Poe at ends. Poe scored one of the Apps touchdowns against Catawba last week as he took a pass from the quarterback, Charles Taylor. Matthews also saw action in last week's game.

The tackles will be Frank Auten of Belmont and Ted Freeman of Chimney Rock. Both are juniors and both weigh 210. Fredrick Lippard, all-conference last season, will also see action here.

The guards will be R. E. Cummings and Hillard Clark, senior and junior respectively. Cummings hails from Winston-Salem and Clark from Lenoir.

Center Buck Hall will start Saturday afternoon for the Mountaineers. Hall turned in a fine performance last week against Catawba.

The quarterback will be Charles Taylor or Jimmy Moore. Both are seeing a lot of action at this post and the starter won't be known till game time. Taylor and Moore are both juniors with Taylor hailing from Boone and Moore from Winston-Salem.

At halfback for the Mountaineers will be Jim Ollis and Orbe Elam. Ollis is a senior who should rate all conference honors again this season. Elam, a junior from Niles, Mich, will start at left halfback.

The fullback will be Jim Kiser of Shelby. Kiser is another who will probably receive all-conference honors this season.

The Mountaineers have five more games on their 1955 schedule, all of them away. The remaining games include East Carolina, Guilford, Presbyterian, Tampa, and East Tennessee State College.

Saturday's game will mark the sixth meeting of these two teams. The first game was played in 1947. In the five games played Appalachian has won four times and Emory and Henry one. The Wasps lone win came in 1950 when these two teams met in the Burley Bowl in Johnson City. The score of that game was 26 to 6.

Fund Grows For Cornett Child

The Orville Cornett Medical Care Fund has already attracted considerable interest, in Watauga county and even in other states. A public appeal for money to buy medicine for the Cornett child was first made last week in the Watauga Democrat, after his plight had been made known by Miss Hazel Holder, public health nurse with the local health department.

Orville Cornett, needed expensive medicine regularly, and it appeared his parents would not be able to obtain the \$60 or more a month that it would take to supply this medicine. He is suffering from a disease which makes him susceptible to colds and pneumonia because his body can not build up resistance to combat the disease.

Several local business men, upon learning of the situation, made arrangements to buy the necessary medication until other help could be obtained. The Orville Cornett fund was begun and as soon as the public learned of the boy and his condition letters containing help and encouragement began to come in. Already, by Tuesday morning 155 letters had been received by Alfred Adams, custodian of the funds. This does not include help locally which has been offered.

Funds are being received by: The Orville Cornett Medical Care Fund, care of Alfred Adams, Northwestern Bank, Boone, N. C.

Fall Colors Blaze In Parkway Region

The fall colors are new very attractive along sections of the Blue Ridge Parkway between the Virginia-North Carolina State line south to Blowing Rock.

The sourwoods, black gums, maples, birches and poplars all now have a brilliant color and the scene is changing rapidly as the days go by.

Parkway rangers are predicting the height color along the Parkway in this vicinity to be between October 15 and 26.

The Parkway is now ablaze with color both along the ground and in the forests. Autumn is a time of flaming colors. The sour gums turn a brilliant red, dogwoods pur-

ple. By mid-October fall color is at its magnificent best. The birch and tulip trees are yellow, the sasfras orange. The sumac scarlet, the oak and hickory have a leathery sheen.

Red maple, "Color King of the Southern Highlands," is everywhere ablaze. The first sharp frosts came in late September. Already the temperature is dropping down into the thirties at night. This is the time of year to take hikes along the trails of the Parkway.

The air is crisp and the evenings real cool. Be sure and carry a sweater or light wrap when you plan your trip across the Blue Ridge Parkway.