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Part of the more than 500 visiting bandmen and large crowd which attended the college homecoming game with Emory and Henry Saturday. The bands played at half-time and in pre-game ceremonies, and also marched in the parade held Saturday morning. Seven high schools were represented.—Staff photo by Joe Minor.

## ASC Committee Posts Are Filled By Farmers

### Martin Herman Killed By Passing Motor Car

Martin L. Herman, 69, farmer and prominent resident of Brushy Fork township, was killed Monday evening about 7 o'clock, when struck by an automobile as he was crossing highway 421 near his home.

Sheriff Ernest Hodges said Herman had been milking on the other side of the highway from his home and was returning when struck by the car driven by Gray Norris, 27, also a resident of Brushy Fork township.

Coroner Richard E. Kelly, who also investigated the accident, said Herman died from a crushed skull and chest. Both legs were also broken, he said. He withheld further comment, pending the outcome of an inquest which will be held at the courthouse Saturday at 2 o'clock.

Norris, meantime was placed under \$200 bond for appearance at the inquest.

Mr. Herman, a native of Watauga county was long prominent in public affairs. He was election registrar in Brushy Fork township, and was a member of the Cove Creek District School committee. He was a past master of Snow Masonic Lodge No. 363. He was cashier of the Valle Crucis Bank many years ago. Recently he had engaged in farming activities.

Funeral plans are incomplete, pending the arrival of members of the family from distant points.

### Committee To Be Named Today By Delegations

At the ASC community committee elections held October 18 in the 14 communities of Watauga county the following persons were elected as chairman and delegate, vice-chairman and alternate delegate, regular members, first and second alternates in the order named:

Bald Mountain: Roy Moretz, M. H. Stephens, Leslie Norris, J. E. Lewis, and Lester Moretz.

Beaver Dam: Howard Cable, Lynn Norris, Joe Wilson, Clyde Cornett, and Linville Norris.

Blowing Rock: Calvin Shores, W. Leon Coffey, D. A. Klutz, Jr., John B. Lentz, and R. M. Shores.

Blue Ridge: Gordon Day, Joe Hayes, Hugh Hampton, C. G. Critcher, and Darius Hampton.

Brushy Fork: Grady Bradley, C. A. Clay, Hiram Brooks, Howard Dancy, and Don Elliott.

Cove Creek: John K. Ferry, Jack Henson, Clint Eggers, Junior Proffitt, and J. M. Burkett.

Elk: Doc Cox, J. D. Hampton, Bob Hodges, Albert Greer and Sherman Greer.

Laurel Creek: Alfred Rominger, Robert Hagaman, Ned Glenn, Clyde Love, and Stacey Moody.

Meat Camp: Forrest Greene, Bernard Hodgson, Walter Coffey, Earl Moretz, and Billy Byers.

New River: H. E. Brookshire, Bernard Cook, John Cook, Lloyd Moretz, and J. E. Brookshire.

North Fork: C. R. Wilson, A. N. Thomas, Jack Wallace, W. C. South, and Loyd Miller.

Shawneehaw: Henry Tester, Hal Cook, J. B. Christenbury, Victor Farthing, and Ira Townsend.

Stony Fork: Joe Coffey, Sr., Wiley B. Day, Howard Fairchild, E. H. Greene, and A. C. Moretz.

Watauga: Ralph Church, Henry Taylor, Claude Garland, Fred Hatley, and Norman Tester.

The committeemen will assume their duties of office November 1, 1955.

Delegates from each of the fourteen communities will meet in the County ASC Office October 27, 10:00 a. m. for the purpose of electing a County ASC Committee for the term of office beginning November 1, it was announced today by M. L. Shepherd, county office manager.

### Miss Underdown Again Chairman Of Seal Sales



MISS HELEN UNDERDOWN

Miss Helen Underdown, of the Business and Professional Woman's Club will serve as chairman of the 1955 Christmas Seal Sale to raise funds for tuberculosis control in Watauga County.

Accepting the appointment, Miss Underdown said, "The TB association finances the annual chest X-ray survey, and assists each case of tuberculosis needing help."

"These services carried on throughout the United States by the 3,000 voluntary tuberculosis associations affiliated with the National Tuberculosis Association are meshed with the work of the tax-supported institutions such as our health department and hospitals. Together they will bring about the defeat of this disease."

"I am proud to be associated with such an effort," Miss Underdown declared.

Jesse Owens, the sprint star of yesterday, once known as the world's fastest human, is making time public relations-wise for the United States in India.

## Would Divert Parkway Funds From This Area

Waynesville, Oct. 24—A \$2,500,000 allocation originally set for the Linville-Blowing Rock section of the Blue Ridge Parkway has been recommended for completion of the Parkway's southernmost link.

Sam P. Weems, Parkway superintendent, said here today he has recommended the shift to the 13-mile Soco Gap-Ravensford section because of difficulties in obtaining right-of-way for the Blowing Rock-Linville route.

The recommendation, he said, was made to the National Park

service. He told the State Board of Conservation of the proposed shift this morning at the opening session of the board's three-day fall meeting.

Part of the section was graded and three of six proposed tunnels were built southward from Wolf Laurel Gap before World War II construction restrictions halted the work in 1941.

About four years ago, the short link between Soco Gap and Wolf Laurel was paved, and the spur

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## Directors Named At Horn Gathering

### HORN OFFICIALS

Ten new members of the board of directors were named, officers elected, and other business transacted at the annual meeting of the Southern Appalachian Historical Association, sponsor organization of Horn in the West, held Monday evening.

Dr. I. G. Greer, of Chapel Hill, president, opened the meeting which was presided over by Wade E. Brown.

The membership on the board of directors was increased from 20 to 30 members. The new members selected are:

Estel Wagner, W. H. Gragg, R. B. Hardin, L. T. Tatum, Chappell Wilson, Cratis Williams, J. V. Caudill, Wayne Richardson, R. W. Colvard, Paul Coffey.

James Marsh presented an audit report of the drama.

Bob Isbell offered his resignation as publicity director, and his successor will be named by the board.

At the meeting of the board of directors, following the general meeting, the following officers were re-elected:

I. G. Greer, president; D. J. Whitener, first vice-president; Russell D. Hodges, second vice-president.

The secretary will be named later. Mrs. Homer Brown is acting in the interim. James Marsh remains as treasurer.

A committee named to fill other positions is composed of R. E. Agle, W. W. Chester, Russell D. Hodges.

### Major Thomas Is New Justice



Major J. H. Thomas, recently appointed Justice of the Peace for Watauga County by Hon. J. Frank Huskins, resident Superior Court Judge, has been sworn in by Clerk of the Court A. E. South.

Major Thomas will maintain his office in the courthouse. The new Justice of the Peace is a retired Marine Corps Major, following 21 years of service, and has resided in Boone since December 9, 1944.

Major Thomas has been active in community affairs. He has been Chairman of the Watauga County Red Cross Chapter, Treasurer of the Boone Parent-Teachers Association, President of the Appalachian Band Parents Association, and is Chairman of the Watauga County Tax Board of Appeals.

## ASTC Homecoming Is Best In History

Appalachian State Teachers college had her biggest and best Homecoming on Saturday when a record number of former students and graduates returned to the campus.

On Friday night, October 21, the Playcrafters presented three one-act plays, which played to a full house.

Saturday, Homecoming Day, was full of activity planned for the "old grads." At the meeting of the Old-Timers held on Saturday morning, Mrs. Wilson Norris of Boone was re-elected president, Mrs. Hattie Lewis of Sherwood, vice-president; Paul Winkler of Boone, secretary-treasurer; and Mrs. China Lavendar of Boone, assistant secretary-treasurer.

A record number of floats entered the parade which marched through the town and the campus. There were also seven visiting high school bands which participated in the parade and other activities. They were: Appalachian high directed by Roy Blanton; Cherryville high directed by Dale Galkbill; Hickory high, Landon Walker; Scotts high, James Litchos; West Yadkin high, Bill Robinson; Spencer high, Ed Waugh; and Valdese high, George Wilson. The parade marshal was Bobby Harre of Tampa, Florida, a senior, and president of Chi Lambda Chi, leadership organization.

At noon the alumni luncheon in the Appalachian Elementary School cafeteria attracted the largest number that ever attended a like function. Mrs. Daisy Eggers, secretary-treasurer of the Alumni Association, presided in the absence of the president. She introduced Miss Barbara Stephenson, new dean of women; Leo K. Pritchett, dean of men; Dr. Herbert Wey, new chairman of the department of education and associate dean of the graduate school; Chapel Hill, dean of the graduate school; Dr. D. J.

Whitener, new dean of the college; D. B. Dougherty, vice-president and comptroller of the college; Dr. J. D. Rankin, retired dean and interim-president of the college; and, finally, Dr. W. H. Plemmons, new president of the college.

Mrs. Eggers also paid tribute, on behalf of the alumni, to Dr. B. B. Dougherty, president-emeritus, who was not able to attend the affair.

Dr. Plemmons welcomed the alumni on behalf of the college, and spoke briefly, soliciting the continued and increased support of the association in the work of the college.

Greetings were extended on behalf of the county chapters of the alumni association. Dr. Lawrence Owsley of Boone, president of the Appalachian Educational Foundation, told of the purposes of the Foundation to provide scholarships for worthy and needy students, and extended an opportunity to the alumni to participate in this program.

The nominating committee consisted of James A. Greene of Valle Crucis, chairman; Martha Peeler of Raleigh, Charles Younce of Lenoir, and Mrs. China Lavendar of Boone. They submitted, as officers, Harry Hallyburton of Drexel for president; Rebecca Rivers of Raleigh, vice-president; and Mrs. Daisy Eggers of Boone, secretary-treasurer. The report was accepted and these officers elected.

Mr. Hallyburton outlined plans for the Alumni Association for the coming year, stating that the goal would be 50 memberships of \$3.00 each before January 1, so that a part-time secretary could be hired for the association. He also announced that at the Homecoming activities for 1956 there would be an official reunion of the class of 1931, and also the first official alumni meeting of the class of 1936, and that the Homecoming celebration would honor these two groups.

Mr. Hallyburton also stated that a county membership chairman for every county in the state would be appointed, and announced a partial list of those who already had agreed to serve in such capacity.

The football team added to the extreme enjoyment of the day by soundly whipping the strong aggregation from Emory and Henry college. The halftime activities by the bands were very spectacular. President Plemmons crowned Miss Myra Efrid of Albemarle as Homecoming Queen. The judges presented the winning trophy for the float that had been sponsored and built by the Business Club with Bob Myers of Wilkesboro as president.

The annual Homecoming dance, sponsored by the Junior class, was the final event of a full day. The Appatones, college dance orchestra, played superbly, in the opinion of those who attended.

Dr. J. D. Rankin, who has been an Appalachian for thirty-five years, said that he believed it was the best Homecoming he had ever witnessed. And this opinion seemed to be unanimous!

Beauty expert says women prefer to be brunettes.

## Phone System Contract Gets Approval Of REA

Mr. G. W. Edwards, President of the Skyline Telephone Membership Corp., announced today that the construction contract with T. L. Dysard and Son, for the construction of the Watauga County telephone system, was approved by REA on October 17.

A pre-construction conference was held in Statesville on Monday, October 24, and various phases of the construction of the system were discussed and plans were made for the handling of these phases.

The contractor expects to start construction the week of October 31 and will get as much as possible of the project completed before bad weather sets in this winter. The balance will be completed early next spring.

Mr. Edwards also announced that bids on the central office equipment for the project will be opened on Thursday, October 27. He pointed out that this date had originally been set for October 4, but, due to technical difficulties this had been postponed until October 27.

The actual cut-over date for the new system will be dependent on the delivery and installation of this equipment and it is hoped that it will be installed and ready for use by mid-summer.

Mr. Edwards pointed out that those persons desiring telephone service who have not made application, should do so as soon as

possible in order to be included in the original cut-over of the system. To make application they should write the corporation in West Jefferson and they will be contacted by a representative of the corporation.

### Bernard Sweeney Taken By Death

Bernard J. Sweeney, 64, died at Blowing Rock Hospital, Monday night, following a long illness.

Requiem mass will be said at the Church of the Epiphany, Blowing Rock, Friday at 10 a. m., by the Rev. Joseph L. Hart. The wake will be held Thursday evening, at the Reims-Sturdivant chapel in Boone. Burial will be in the Blowing Rock cemetery.

The church has requested that no flowers be sent.

The survivors include a sister, Mrs. Ellen Tate, Blowing Rock; two brothers, Leo and Francis Sweeney, Potsdam, N. Y.; one niece and two nephews: Mrs. William Greene, Blowing Rock; Lloyd P. Tate, Blowing Rock and Pinehurst; William M. Tate, Baltimore.

Mr. Sweeney had been a summer resident of Blowing Rock for many years, spending the winters in Southern Pines.

### Rifle Shot Ends Life Of Carl C. Davis

Carl Carter Davis, 53, resident of the Todd neighborhood, died Saturday morning from a bullet wound, said by the Coroner to have been self-inflicted.

Mr. Davis had been missing since early Saturday morning, and his body was found by Deputy Sheriff Emmett Oliver, member of a searching party, at 10:30 Saturday evening in a wooded area one-quarter of a mile from the home. The bullet, fired from a .22 calibre rifle, had entered the right temple. Time of death was set at 8:30 a. m., since a rifle shot had been heard in the vicinity at that hour.

Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock Monday at Hopewell Methodist Church, by Rev. Roy Lockridge, and burial was in the church cemetery.

Surviving are the widow, two sons, Emory and Bob Davis, Todd; a daughter, Eula Jean Davis of the home; two brothers, Ted Davis, Guilford College; Ron Davis, Todd; a sister, Mrs. Edna Cline, Hickory. The mother, Mrs. Inez Davis of Todd, also survives.

### Gun Discharged, Raccoon Hunter Is Fatally Hurt

Ross Edward Greer, 54, Ashe county resident, was fatally hurt in a hunting accident in Watauga county, near Todd, last Friday at 9 p. m. He succumbed at Watauga Hospital Saturday at 6:15 a. m.

Sheriff Ernest Hodges, who investigated the accident, said the fatal shot was fired by Herman Greer (no relation) also of Todd. The Sheriff said Herman Greer told him that the two were coon hunting and had treed a coon. Several shots had been fired at the animal, he said, and in the process of reloading the .22 pistol, the weapon was accidentally fired. The bullet struck Ross Greer near the left nostril and ranged into the back of the head, indicating to Sheriff Hodges that he was perhaps looking up into the tree when the gun was discharged.

R. E. Greer, born in Ashe county November 13, 1900, was a son of George and Willie Whittington Greer. He was a farmer and saw mill worker.

He is survived by the widow, Mrs. Myra Greer; one daughter, Mrs. Lucy Kelley, Minden, Texas; three sons, Howard Greer, Todd, Everett Greer, Lexington and Bowler Greer, Oxford, Pa.

Funeral services were conducted at Blackburn Tabernacle at Todd and burial was in the Greer family cemetery.



Appalachian High School Band as it appeared in the Homecoming Parade Saturday morning. The band is directed by Roy R. Blanton. Other high schools represented in the parade by bands were Cherryville, Scotts High, West Yadkin, Hickory, Spencer, Granite Falls and the college band.—Photo by Joe Minor.

### AIR ACADEMY

Donald A. Quarles, Secretary of the Air Force, has "tentatively approved the location and architectural style" of five buildings for the new Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, Colo. They are the main academic building, barracks, library, gymnasium and dining hall. Not included was the controversial design for the academy chapel.