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## Final Plans Are Made For State Band Clinic

Appalachian State Teachers College and the town of Boone will be hosts again this year to the annual Band Clinic which is being held on campus Friday and Saturday, January 27 and 28. One hundred and eleven band students from 25 schools will make up the band this year which will be directed by Frank J. Prindl from the University of Kentucky.

The 25 schools represented and their band directors are as follows: Appalachian High School, Boone, Roy Blanton; Drexel High School, Kathryn Sifers; Elkin High School, David Gentry; Glen Alpine



WILLIAM SPENCER  
Clinic Chairman

## Baptist Mission To Be Dedicated Here

Boone Baptist Mission, under the sponsorship of the First Baptist Church of Boone, will dedicate its building at a special service of dedication on Sunday afternoon, January 29, at 2:45. Rev. L. H. Hollingsworth, pastor of the sponsoring church, will preach. Members of both the Mission and the First Baptist Church, members of other churches in and around Boone, and friends and neighbors of the Mission are invited to attend.

Those who will appear on the program in addition to Rev. Mr. Hollingsworth include Mr. Wade Brown, chairman of the deacons of First Baptist Church; Mr. Paul Winkler, Sunday School superintendent of the Mission; Rev. J. K. Parker, pastor of the Boone Presbyterian church, who will represent the Watauga County Ministerial Association; Rev. C. O. Vance, pastor of the Oak Grove Baptist church, who will represent the Three Forks Baptist Pastors Conference; and Rev. Hoyt Robinson, Three Forks Association Missionary. Rev. W. R. Eaton, associate pastor of the First Baptist church and pastor of the mission, will preside.

The present Mission building, a rectangular block structure, will eventually serve as the basement to the main sanctuary and is the first unit of a plan designed after

the building of the First Baptist church of Sparta. The Mission plans to use the offering to be received at the services of dedication to improve its present facilities.

**The Program**  
Sunday School, 2:00 p. m.  
Service of Dedication, 2:45 p. m.  
Prelude  
Hymn—"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"  
Invocation  
Announcements and welcome, Mr. Eaton.  
Recognition of special guests.  
Prayer of Thanksgiving, Mr. Vance.  
Hymn—"Lead On, O King Eternal"  
Offering  
Doxology  
Dedication of gifts  
Presentation of keys, Mr. Brown, Mr. Winkler.  
Scripture reading, Mr. Parker.  
Special Music  
Prayer of dedication of building, Mr. Robinson.  
Sermon, Mr. Hollingsworth.  
Hymn—"Where He Leads Me"  
Benediction  
Postlude  
Beginning in February the Mission will have its services on a different schedule. The new schedule is: Sunday School, 9:45 a. m.; Worship, 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Training Union, 6:45 p. m.; Prayer meeting, 7:30 p. m. each Thursday.

## Grid Schedule Is Released At Appalachian

The 1956 football schedule of Appalachian State Teachers College was released here this week by head football coach E. C. Duggins. The Mountaineers will play a nine game slate this coming season with five contests slated for Boone.

The new schedule is different from the past season as the Appalachian team has been playing eleven games.

No new teams have been added to the '56 schedule. The only change from the '55 schedule is that two teams have been dropped. These are Newport News Apprentice School and East Tennessee State College. The Mountaineers defeat the Apprentice School 46 to 7 in the opening game of the '56 season. East Tennessee defeated the Mountaineers 7 to 0 in the Burley Bowl held in Johnson City on Thanksgiving Day.

The Mountaineers will have a shorter season as far as time is concerned as they do not open until September 22 when they meet Western Carolina at Asheville. Appalachian will close with Tampa University on November 17.

The Mountaineers won 6 and lost 5 during the past season.

**The Schedule:**  
September 22—Western Carolina, away.  
Sept. 29—Elon, here.  
Oct. 6—Lenoir Rhyne there.  
Oct. 13—Catawba here (Homecoming-Game Time 2:45).  
Oct. 20—Emory & Henry there.  
Oct. 27—East Carolina here.  
Nov. 3—Guilford here.  
Nov. 10—Presbyterian here.  
Nov. 17—Tampa there.

## Wm. Matheson Funeral Friday

William Lafayette Matheson, 82, prominent Mooresville leader and brother of the late Mrs. Frank A. Linney of Boone, died Wednesday in Mobile, Ala., where he had resided for two years.

A native of Taylorsville, Mr. Matheson came to Mooresville around the turn of the present century, becoming a civic and religious leader of the town.

Paymaster of the Mooresville Mills for many years, Mr. Matheson also served as Iredeed County's representative in the lower house of the state Legislature two terms, 1917 and 1919. He also served as a member of the board of directors of the Lowrance Hospital for a number of years.

He was also a former county commissioner. Mr. Matheson was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Mooresville and served on the bench of elders. Since going to Mobile, however, he had moved his membership to the First Christian Church of that city.

The survivors are Mrs. C. H. Morehead and Mrs. H. F. Stewart, both of Mobile, Ala.; two step-sons, Robert and Thomas Tarants, both of Mobile, Ala.; and one sister, Mrs. H. Coleman Payne of Taylorsville.

Funeral services were held Friday at 11 a. m. at Cavin Funeral Home.

### THE MIDDLE-MAN

The Agriculture Department blames the increase in the middle-man's profits for the failure of consumers to get lower food costs compared with declining farm prices. Retail prices were down two per cent in November from the level of November, 1954, but the farmer's receipts were off ten per cent.

## Greene Says Farmers At Mercy of Buyers

In commenting recently on the ever-growing spread between prices farmers receive for their farm products and prices consumers pay for these same products, in their local stores, Clyde R. Greene, chairman of the ASC state committee, said that the major reason behind this was that farmers in the market place are entirely at the mercy of the buyers. On products not supported by CCC they have no control whatsoever over the prices their products bring, he said. On supported commodities, their control is limited to the level of support.

Greene said that farmers now receive only 39 cents out of every dollar spent for food in the retail store. This is the lowest share the farmer has received in the last 15 years. This compares with a 53 cents share in 1945 and 42 cents last year.

Greene said that he hopes that this spread can be reduced, not by reducing the price the retailer receives, but by increasing the price the farmer receives. "That's just what ASC has been trying to do for a number of years. That's just what our Agricultural Conservation Program and all of our Price Support Programs are doing now to the full extent made possible under present legislation", he said.

The official said the farmer can do a good deal toward increasing his income by making full use of the Agricultural Conservation Program and by taking advantage of

all available price support provisions.

## Polio Sing Scheduled

Plans have been completed for Watauga County's fifth annual March of Dimes Quartet Singing, according to an announcement made by Hugh Hagaman and S. C. Eggers, Jr., co-chairman of Watauga County's March of Dimes for 1956. The singing will be held at the Courthouse in Boone at 7:30 Saturday night, February 11.

Advance tickets may be secured at Farmers Hardware, and Watauga Hardware in Boone, and at other business houses throughout Watauga county, or at the door before the singing. All businesses and individuals willing to help in selling tickets are urged by the chairmen to contact Farmers Hardware immediately for their tickets.

Many quartets from Watauga and other counties, have indicated a desire to sing for polio. If other groups, who have not been contacted, want to help this worthy cause, Mr. Hagaman said, they may contact him or Mr. Eggers in Boone and their help will be greatly appreciated and welcomed.

If liveweight, production of sheep and lambs in this country in 1954 reached 1 1/2 billion pounds, five per cent more than in 1953.

## 1955 Called Year of Progress in Soil Conservation in Watauga

By D. F. GREENE, Chairman, Watauga Soil Supervisors  
Nineteen hundred fifty-five was a year of progress in proper land use in the Watauga Soil Conservation District. Farmers continue to take advantage of the program to improve their land and increase their yields. During the year greater emphasis was placed on the complete soil and water conservation plan, where each acre is planned for use in such a manner that its soil will remain productive year after year.

Those who have observed farming operations during the six years the district program has been in effect. Those farmers with district soil and water conservation plans, and many other farmers have been doing more row cropping in the areas that are more level with fewer erosion problems. The trend has been to plant the steeper areas in sod crops for hay or pasture. Where it is necessary for farmers to cultivate their steeper areas, many are working their fields in contour strips.

Another indication of better land use, in the district is the amount of drainage installed by farmers. Drainage systems were installed on 87 acres of wet land during 1955. Most of this land is being used for production of row crops. Since these wet areas are almost level, these farmers were able to shift their steeper fields that were formerly needed for row crops to hay or pasture.

## Charged With Murder, Two Plead Not Guilty



MARCH OF DIMES WORKER.—Joe Baird poses with some of his art work at Appalachian State Teachers College. Joe is helping in the Watauga campaign against polio, and has turned in over \$300.00 after making speeches to classes at college.—Staff photo by Joe Minor.

## "Polio Isn't Licked" Says Victim

By JOE MINOR  
Democrat Staff Writer  
"Polio isn't licked yet!" — and polio hasn't licked Joe Baird, student at Appalachian State Teachers College, even though he had the disease when he was two and a half years old. He was left crippled by polio, and has to use crutches to get about now.

He is doing his part in helping to "lick polio," however. Joe, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Baird live at Morganton, has made talks to all the classes at Appalachian, and because of these talks the Watauga County March of Dimes is several hundred dollars better off. His own junior class donated over a hundred dollars after he spoke to it.

When asked why he is willing to give so much time to the March of Dimes, he says, "I feel I owe a lot to it for the help I've had, and I want everyone to know I appreciate everything they have done for me."

## Carolina Symphony To Appear On College Lyceum Schedule

By EARLEEN G. PRITCHETT  
This year, for the first time in several years, Appalachian State Teachers College will be able to invite the public to most of its series of lyceum programs. This is made possible by the opening of the new physical education building which provides auditorium space.

Under the leadership of Dr. Benjamin Swain it is beginning its second decade of service to the people of the state. In a very fine program of educating the people to better music, the orchestra travels all over the state, returning to some communities year after year. It has been appearing at Appalachian State Teachers College annually for several years.

In its programs, the orchestra offers the first number which is designed to get the attention of the audience. A full-length symphony follows, making up the first half of the program. The second half consists of a variety of shorter selections, so chosen that everyone

present will hear something he or she likes. A stirring or entertaining work closes the program.

In ten years the orchestra has traveled 68,000 miles, played for 500,000 adults, and reached 1,203,000 young concert-goers with 664 children's concerts.

The college is very happy to offer to its friends, the general public, the opportunity to hear the Little Symphony on Friday evening, February 3, at eight-thirty. It hopes that each of the 200 seats available will be sold before the night of the concert.

## Plemmons Ceremony During Week April 22

Winston-Salem, Jan. 21.—Dr. William H. Plemmons will be inaugurated president of Appalachian State Teachers College sometime during the week of April 22, William J. Conrad, chairman of the board of trustees, announced yesterday.

Dr. Plemmons, former professor in the department of education at the University of North Carolina, (Continued on page six.)

Mr. Conrad said the trustees appointed an inauguration committee and selected the week at a meeting at Hotel Robert E. Lee.

## Milwaukee Pair To Face Trial In April

Jo Ann Seyerson, 18, and Leonard LaFond, 20, residents of Milwaukee, Wis., pleaded not guilty to murder charges in Watauga Superior Court Tuesday afternoon, and a motion for continuance to the April term was granted by presiding Judge Dan K. Moore.

The grand jury returned indictments against the pair on evidence growing out of the death of Lewis A. Finn, 72, Chicago chemist, July 28. Formerly held in federal custody for transporting a car, allegedly stolen from Dr. Finn, they were recently released to the State by the Federal authorities and placed in the Watauga County jail.

The body of the aged Chicagoan was found in Mammoth Cave Park, Ky. FBI and SBI investigators said their activities disclosed that Finn was slain in Watauga county. Attorneys Wade E. Brown and Louis H. Smith were named by the Court to defend the accused couple.

### Other Court News

The first day of court was taken up largely by submissions in speeding cases. Monday's proceedings are as follows:  
Speeding. In each of the following cases the defendant was assessed the court costs: Charlie L. Rabb, Kenneth C. Baker, William S. Baker, Lonnie F. Beck, Keith L. Bentley, Clarence T. Benton, Cecil Boone, Jacob O. Byerly, Jr., Dale F. Church, Jimmie R. Church, Frank E. Cole, Hershell M. Cooke, John P. Edmisten, Roy E. Furr.

William F. Greene, Roby C. Greer, Gus Grimes, Harold W. Harwood, Edward J. Hayes, Hazel E. Holder, Roger D. Jones, Earl J. Lyons, Marion R. Mercer, Claude W. Misher, Carl L. Motzinger, Carol C. Mott, M. L. Nichols, Jr., Dennis D. Norris, James B. Norris, Ales Roberts, Jr., Paul L. Rominger, Grace H. Sebastian, Swain E. Shelton.

Douglas T. Sink, William L. Smitherman, Roby H. Swift, Kary L. Tilly, Arlie R. Watson, Kathleen Wellborn, Odell Whittington, Thomas W. Whittington, Thomas Junior Worley, Paul Wyatt, L. D. Graham, Walter Hampton, Edward A. Rush, Edward E. Scott, Charles M. Ward, Jerry Younce, Joseph N. Crumpler, Louis S. Ford, James W. Keller, Fred Teague, Jr., Alvin R. Hooks, Lester E. Parsons, Vance L. Sales.

Speeding. The following defendants were fined the amounts indicated in addition to the court costs: James C. Payne, \$25; Robert D. Brown, \$25; John S. Dalton, Jr., \$25; Donald R. Dotson, \$25; Horace L. Gates, \$10; Edward C. Harner, Jr., \$25; Ray E. Jayne. (Continued on page seven)

## Seven Inches Of Snow Falls

Seven inches of snow fell in the Boone area Monday evening, and city and highway workers were kept busy clearing away the streets and roadways. Traffic was not seriously hampered.

The big snowfall was not accompanied by wind and the temperature was around freezing. Tuesday afternoon a warming trend developed and much of the snow was melted.

## DEMOCRAT WINS PRESS AWARD

The Watauga Democrat won second place in the weekly editorial page contest at the Mid-winter Newspaper Institute of the North Carolina Press Association held at Chapel Hill last week.

The awards were presented by Governor Hodges at the opening session of the Institute Thursday evening.