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Civic Projects For Year Suggested To Chamber

By V. G. ROLLINS

The Boone Chamber of Com merce entertained suggestionsand received quite a few-from members on projects to be under taken this year, at its first regula monthly luncheon meeting of 1956, held at noon Tuesday.

Newly-elected President G. C. Greene, Jr., wielded the gavel for the first time, and the program chairman was Hugh Hagaman.

First order of business was the introduction of guests by Stanley A. Harris, executive secretary and nmediate past president.

Watt H. Gragg, a director of the Business Development Corporation of North Carolina, reported that \$8,200 worth of stock (of a Watauga County goal of \$10,000) has been subscribed locally toward the establishment of a statewide Industrial Bank by the corporation to help finance local industry with long-term loans. The corporation is promoted and sponsored by Gov ernor Hodges, who has named Watauga as one of several "experimental counties" for the entire project. Its chief aim is to better North Carolina's position of 44th in the nation in per capita income, Mr. Gragg said.

Suggestions for projects the Chamber should undertake, after members seated at the various tables had talked it over and appointed a spokesman, included the following, not necessarily in the order of their importance or support:

Control of stray dogs and cats, provide a Chamber of Commerce Scholarship at ASTC, set aside at special day or week for emphasis on the opening of Horn in the West, put a sun shield on traffic lights, promote general cleanup and beautification of town includ ing planting of flowers in public places, promote better garbage conditions, enforce ban on double parking and improve parking conditions in general;

Establish an egg market, pro vide better rural fire protection provide more adult recreation facilities such as a riding stable, shuffleboard, swimming pool; place place large billboards at highway entrances with points and events of interest listed, establish a weather station, advertise our winter weather (?), enlarge water and sewer systems for emergencies and future needs, bring "Tweetsie" State Highway Patrol Sgt. Frank back, dig 1,000 fish ponds in the county, contribute \$500 to ASTC Forest Ranger E. P. Simmons, endowment fund, build a com-

munity center, build an armory; Establish crosswalks for pedestrians, promote United Fund campaign, provide city tags for front of cars, provide for more adequate removal of snow from streets and sidewalks.

President Greene was asked to appoint a committee to study the suggestions and present its renendations at the March meet-

James Proffit

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

World Day Of Prayer **To Be Observed Friday**

A day of prayer begun by a small | ings provided more than \$460,958 group of U. S. women seventy for co-operative Christian minisyears ago will be marked by mil- tries in health, education, and wel-

lions of Christians around the fare at home and abroad Sponsored in the United States globe in services dedicated to world peace and understanding. On by United Church Women, a gen-Friday, the World Day of Prayer eral department of the National Council of Churches, the program will be observed in more than 20, 000 U.S. communities and in more is prepared each year by an author from one of the 134 co-operating than 134 other countries on almost every continent and island. countries. This seventieth year is

marked by a service written by American Indian leaders from the In Boone services will be at the Presbyterian Church at 7:30 p. m. Cook Training School in Phoenix, Student Recital At services circling the earth for more than twenty-four hours, Arizona. With the theme, "One flock, one shepherd," it abounds in people of all ages and races will pray in more than a thousand the picturesque and expressive languages and dialects for under- language of a people living close standing among the nations of the to nature, the lessons in tree and world. And with their prayers will leaf, in the winds, in the sunset. go offerings of money and material Its call is from "The Mighty One, goods to help relieve human need God the Lord who speaks and sumand suffering wherever it exists. mons the earth from the rising of In the United States alone last year, World Day of Prayer offer-ness that alone can bring peace.

Four Alleged Robbers Taken At Blowing Rock

Lenoir .- Feb. 10 .- A chase by evelt Baker, 20.

The sergeant's radio messag State Highway Patrol Sgt. Frank brought bloodhounds as well as officers from Watauga, Caldwell, Bank Gains 37 Kennerly and Caldwell District Avery and Burke counties. The plus the assistance of other officers and bloodhounds from Caldwell other three men, identified as Har-and Watauga State Prison Campe, old Eugene Dillard, 21, his broth- Places In Rank and Watauga State Prison Camps, led to the capture of four alleged er, Manley Price Dillard, 18, and Roy Earl Taylor, 25, were tracked armed robbers near Blowing Rock early this morning. The four men, all from West Jefferson, were accused of holding Blowing Rock. The dog-led chase on December 31st, gained 37 places

up a service station proprietor at covered about three miles. Crossnore at 10 p. m. Thursday and making off with \$150 to \$200 in cash.

They were being held in the Newland jail in Avery county. Sgt. Kennerly, with whom Sim-nons was riding, picked up the W. M. Winters, operator of the compared with 509th place at the Newland jail in Avery county. radioed robbery report shortly af-ter 10 p. m. Thursday while driv-the robbery occurred, identified the the annual roll call of the larger Rev. Collins Benfield, pastor of High School and is an English and ing toward Blowing Rock. The James Franklin Proffitt, 81, died unday, February 12, at his home n Route 2, Boone. Funeral services were held at 2 Ing Rock and Linville, he met an p. m. Monday, February 13, at the automobile which tallied with the One man gave him a dollar, Mr. Winters said, and when he went inside for the change, two of the tone green or gray, with Virginia men followed him, leaving two in rites. Burial was in the church license plates. cemetery. Sgt. Kennerly turned around the car. Survivors include two sons, Tho-Bonno Ports of the sons, Tho-Bon tomobile finally turned into a side pulled guns and told him, "This Zionville, Route 1; a stepson, Oney road near Blowing Rock. Three of is a stickup." Mr. Winters turned over the money to the men and immediately turned in the alarm following the departure of the car.

Boone Postal **Receipts Hit** New High In '55 Postal receipts at the Boone

Postoffice have again reached an all-time record high, Lyle B.

Cook, acting postmaster, says, Postal receipts for the calen-der year ending December 31, 1955, were \$54,991.90 as compar ed to \$49,672,77 for the same period in 1954. This is an increase of \$5,319.13 over the calendar year 1954 and is an increase of approximately \$20, 000. over the five year period from 1950.



from various club groups was held Wednesday evening, February 8th, at the Gateway Restaurant, to disfense Program to cover all of Wa- the enrollment is figured to reach tauga County.

Mr. C. R. Nicholson, Deputy year. Director of the State Bureau of Civil Defensce, met with the group showing a film "Time Of Disaster

and gave an enlightening talk about the probable risks and needs in our area. Further discussion by club groups was encouraged as a

follow-up of this meeting. As Mr. Nicholson pointed

civil defense starts with the individual, therefore, an active educational program is of first import able, public-spirited civil defense director for the county.

Set For Monday

The music department of Appalachian College will present a group of students in recital Monday evening February 20th at the Fine Arts Building auditorium. The following students will appear in vocal and instrumental

Dan Ragan, Barry Ruth, June Good, Christine Gaines, David Eddleman, Ann Moon, Shirley Brady, David Wingate, Basil Free man, Jewel Rogers, Sandy Beam David Eddleman, Nancy Robinson Betty Gminder, and Jerry Hill.

Northwestern

New York-The Northwestern down and captured within a short Bank of North Wilkesboro, which time near the old golf course at reported deposits of \$45,359,216 Taken By Death in its standing among the 500 larg-Sgt. Kennerly said a .22 caliber est banks in the United States dur-

they threw away another gun dur- tor of American Banker.

Retail Sales In Watauga In 1955 Break Records

44,000 Enroll In Colleges

The current enrollment in North Carolin'a colleges stood at about 44,000 students at the end of last year, states a recent report prepared for the White House Conference on Education.

Currently, the enrollment is slowly mounting and is a continuation of a trend begun in 1952. Between 1948 and 1952 the number was on a decline-from an alltime peak of 48,000 down to 42,000

-due to the graduation of students studying under World War II's GI Bill of Rights. cuss the local need of a Civil De- Projected through the year 1970

an all-time high of 60,000 that

The brochure states the decline in enrollment in the years 1932-34 and 1940-42 was just about the same - only about 1,000 - even though the declines were caused by the depression and the entry of the North Carolina students into World War II.

Democrats Select ance and needs the direction of an Three For County **Elections Board**

> Raleigh Cottrell, Major J. H. Thomas and W. G. Hartzog received the highest number of votes for membership on the county board of elections at a meeting of the

County Democratic Executive Committee held last Wednesday. Cottrell and Thomas each received 11 votes, Hartzog 9, Custer Wallace received 8 and C. D. Mc-

Nell 5. The three highest have been submitted to the State Board of Elections which will select two members of the county elections

board. The Republicans will submit three names from which one member will be selected. The present board is compo

Hartzog and Stacy C. Eggers. The committee passed a resolution of thanks to Mr. Greer for his ers.

mocratic party. The meeting was presided over



Mr. E. C. Luttrell, brother of gun was found in the men's pos-session and quoted them as saying leased by Clinton B. Axford, edi-last Wednesday at Crossnore Hos-

was 80 years old. Funeral services were held Fri- on the May Court last year. av at the



Harmon Chosen Queen; Hulon, Maid Of Honor

In a campus wide election held of the Home Economics Club last week, the May Queen and at- Becky also takes part in W. A. A. tendents for this year's festivities Wesley Foundation, and the Colwere chosen. Miss Carolyn Harlege Band, where she is a majormon, a business education major ette. from Lincolnton, was selected May From Princeton, West Virginia Queen. Her maid of honor will be Joan Cotten is also a home econ

mics major. She attended Prince Teresa Hulon, a senior from Lakeview, S. C. Teresa is a grammar ton High School in her home town. grade education major. Joan is a member of the Home Economics Club, the Wesley Foun

Carolyn Harmon is a member of dation, and was Christmas Queen the Business Club, Pi Omega Pi, Vernician Society, and is Business this year. Manager of the Rhododendron. She was on the Mark Court last year, Homecoming and Christmas courts

this year, and was elected Miss Appalachian for the campus super latives this year.

line which operates the 53,000-gross-ton liner. The liner's run-Teresa Hulon is a transfer from Wingate Junior College. At Appa lachian she has been in the A Capella Choir, Appalachian Chorale. She is in the Vernician Society, Pep Club and was in this year's ent of capacity. Christmas Court. She was chosen for "Friendliest" superlative by

the senior class this year. for its final fitting. Senior attendents for May Court are Barbara Proctor, Irma Thomp

son, Nancy Caldwell and Joan Wat Barbara, an English and social

studies major is from Lincolnton, N. C. Irma is from Mt. Gilead and is

majoring in primary education. Nancy is majoring in gramma grade education and is from Charlotte, N. C. She is in the Vernician Society and is an officer in the A. C. E.

Joan is from Lincolnton and is was announced this week by Dr. Mr. Mack Luttrell of Boone, and a resident of Montezuma, died member of the Home Economics William M. Smith, chairman of the Club, Vernician Society and held tauga County. pital, following a long illness. He the senior superlative "Most At; tractive Girl" this year. She was

Dottie Adams, a junior

December Trade 30 Per Cent Over '54 Figure

Watauga county retail stores did over 30 per cent more business last December than in the same period in 1954, it is revealed by the Boone Merchants Association, which has just received the official State report on retail trade in the area

The report further indicates that business activity in Wata-uga showed an increase every month during 1955, and the to tal of the year is about 25 per cent above 1954.

The Merchants Association calls attention to a survey recently made by the Asheville Citizen, indicating the buying capacity of each county in Western North Carolina and the amount of money spent within the county itself.

Watauga county stores, accord ing to the report, sold a larger proportion than any other county except Buncombe, meaning that a great many people from other counties trade in Asheville.

Merchants Association officials point out that a more aggressive advertising campaign was carried on in the local newspaper and through other media of publicity than ever before during the month of December. The increased amount of retail The superliner United States, the advertising was apparent through the year, but there was vorld's fastest passenger vessel, carried 70,104 passengers last year a heavy concentration by the Association and by the indivi-dual merchants at year's end, when the trade figures zoomed to new records. -more than any other in North Atlantic service, according to the

ning mate in trans-Atlantic service, the America, carried 27,472 pass The Merchants Association is engers on 32 crossings for an occuvery proud of the record of busipancy rating of better than 90 pe ness activity in the past year, and of the fact that "Watauga county people are realizing more and more that they can get the best

The Carrier Saratoga floats out deal at home."

Heart Fund Gifts To Be Received By Mail

Collections of contributions to, fight against heart disease gener the Heart Fund for Heart Sunday, ously, went up this week in store February 26, will be conducted by mail instead of by a house-to-house canvass as originally planned, it

windows and other public places throughout the city. "It is hoped," said Dr. Smith, "that an overwhelming majority 1956 Heart Fund campaign in Wa- of our citizens will respond to this appeal in the war again

Marking the climax and high point of the month-long drive, let-ters containing informative litera-ters containing informative literature on dis es of the heart a

st diseases

For the first time in history, col-



of R. T. Greer, chairman, W. G.

Succumbs Sunday

Sunday, February 12, at his home on Route 2, Boone,

Meat Camp Baptist Church, with radioed description of the geta-the Rev. Paul Phipps and the Rev. way car-a 1950 Chevrolet, two-R. C. Eggers officiating at the

mas, Boone, Route 2, and Bynum, Johnson, Boone, Route 2; two the men jumped out and ran, but daughters, Laura and Linda, of the fourth was taken into custody the home; and a sister, Mrs. B. J. by Sgt. Kennerly and Simmons Davis of Boone, Route 2. He was identified as Dwight Roos

Wrestling Tourney **Is Set For March**

-By RUSSELL McDONALD State, Western Carolina, and Phief-Plans for the 1956 Carolina's fer College. State schools in Mor-AAU Wrestling Tournament are ganton and Raleigh will also send

Colonel Ward

Rites Are Held

William Colonel Ward, 78, died Tuesday, February 7, at his home in Boone, following an extended

illness. Funeral services were held at 3 progressing very well, according to an announcement from Appalach-ian wrestling coach, R. W. Watkins chairman of the event. The tourn-Carolina.

chairman of the event. The tournament is set for Boone and the Appalachian campus on March 9 and 10. It is expected that some sev-enty wrestlers will take part in the two-day affair. Teams have already been entered by Camp LeJeune Marine Base, East Carolina, N. C.

four as the men who held him up, Sgt. Kennerly reported. banks in the United States for publication last week by American Burial was in the Newland ceme-ture editor of the Rhododendron,



leader.

From Conover, Martha Christclose a contribution either in cash her attended Newton-Conover High School. She is a primary edupromptly, as no house-to-house solicitation will be made. He pointcation major, and a member of the Rhododendron staff, the Vernician Society, the Modern Dance Club, and was on the 1955 Christmas all donations large and small will the fall of 1954. Court.

Jo Ann Carlton, junior from Kannapolis, attended Kannapolis High School, and is a home econo mics major. Jo Ann is a me of the Home Economics Club, and is assistant editor of the Rhododen-

dron. Sophomore Peggy Lowery is from Drexel, where she attended Drexel High School. She is a grammar grade major, and a mem-ber of A. C. E., the College Band, and was a freshman representa-

ber of A. C. E., the College Band, and was a freshman represents tive to the May Court last year.
Carolyn Wall, a home economics major, comes to Appalachian from Winston-Salem, where she attended South Fork High School. She is a member of the Vernicina Literary Society, the Home Economics Club, and the Pep Club. Last year Carolyn was Homecoming Queen and this year was on the Homecoming Court.
Becky Bingham, freshman, is from Boone, and sitended Appala chian High School. She is a home economics major, and a member
The Senate and House Agriculture Committees last week approved bills to erase cuts in tobacco quotas as efforts went forward to speed final congressional approval. Both committees unanimously approved bills to wipe out quota for burley, dark incurred and dark fired tobacco. The House committee also approved a bill to cancel a cut in the Homecoming Court.
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deaths.

respiratory system, together with return envelopes addressed to Mrs. John- G. Martin, Heart Sunday chairman, will be mailed so as to lege enrollment this year is expected to pass the 3,000,000 mark. reach addresses not later than Saturday, February 25.

Fall enrollment surveys showed 2,721,000 students in institutions of Dr. Smith urges that everyone receiving one of these letters enhigher learning, including junior colleges. Expected additional enor check, and drop it in the mail rollment during the academic year would raise the number by another quarter mililon or so. The total ed out that the size of the gift is this year is 8.8 per cent more than

be gratefully received.

Posters urging all residents of A "poor man's radar" has been this community to support the developed for airplanes.

Benson Burley Cut Proposals Killed

The Senate and House Agricul-| Sen. Butler (R-Md) later intro