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| March 20 | 39 | 19 | SE |
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| March 26 | 53 | 31 | SE |

A Backward Glance
If you like to read of the early days in Boone turn to page four for "Our Early Files" items of sixty, thirty-nine and fifteen years ago.

Union Sunrise Service Sunday

County To Be Asked For Aid To Hospital

Watauga Hospital will ask the county commissioners to make provision in the county budget for patients who are unable to pay their hospital bills, Dr. L. H. Owsley, resident surgeon, said in an address to the Boone Lions Club Tuesday night, March 20.

Dr. Owsley reiterated his earlier statement to the Chamber of Commerce that if the hospital, which operated at a 10.9 per cent deficit last year, could receive payment for indigent patients, it could "break even" in its operation.

The only alternative, he said, is for paying patients to "take up the slack" by paying 10 per cent more than the normal charge. He emphasized that this extra charge has not been made, and is not contemplated, if the deficit can be wiped out by other means, but stated that the hospital can not continue to operate at a loss.

Watauga Hospital is fully accredited, Dr. Owsley told the assembled Lions, by the American Medical Association, the American College of Physicians, the American College of Surgeons, and the Canadian Medical Association.

The rating, he said, is based on (1) the physical plant; (2) equipment; (3) proper organization of the medical staff; (4) efficiency and morale of the nurses and technicians staff; and (5) the existence of a lay board to direct policies and public relations. The hospital measures up to all requirements of an accredited institution on each of these counts, he added.

Dr. Owsley asked for increased cooperation, sympathy, and understanding on the part of the public on behalf of an institution that is trying to serve the people of Watauga County.

Wade E. Brown, chairman of the hospital's operations committee, spoke briefly and stated that Watauga Hospital was built "without a dime of cost to the people of Watauga County." State funds and a grant from the Duke Endowment Fund were secured through the efforts of Dr. B. B. Dougherty and others, he said, but the operation of the hospital is not aided or subsidized in any way from outside sources.

"We're on our own now," Mr. Brown concluded, "and it will be a sad day indeed for Watauga County if the hospital is forced to close its doors."

Wife Of Police Chief Succumbs

Funeral services for Mrs. Clyde Moxley Richardson, 55, wife of Police Chief Glen Richardson of Boone, were held Sunday at the First Baptist Church of Sparta at 11 a. m. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Richardson died Thursday night in a hospital at Sparta where she had been a patient since the last of December. She had been in declining health for two years.

The deceased was a native of Sparta and had spent all her life there until she and her husband came to Boone when he was appointed police chief six years ago.

Survivors, beside her husband, include a son, Allen Richardson of Sparta; two daughters, Mrs. Jack Thompson of Fairbanks, Alaska, and Mrs. Jack Edwards of Sparta; the father, Bud Moxley of Maryland, and several brothers and sisters.

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Meeting Held To Aid Cause Mental Health

Twenty-one persons attended a meeting last week at the Gateway Cafe, called by Dr. Max Raines to promote interest in mental hygiene. Dr. Raines, with the help of Dr. Mary H. Michal, explained ways this interest might be aroused in the community.

Those in attendance are expected to be the nucleus of a Watauga unit of mental health association, with intentions of fostering better mental health education in the county.

Discussion included what might be done in Watauga to reduce mental illness. Education of parents so they might understand the causes of mental illnesses was one of the points brought out. Helping the child at school to overcome environment obstacles was also discussed.

The care and lack of adequate facilities to help the mentally ill was also talked about, and it was pointed out that where more adequate facilities are provided, patients entering institutions for mental illness have a good chance of returning to society as useful citizens. It was explained that more than 70% of those suffering from mental trouble are being cured in the best equipped hospitals.

Dr. Raines will head a move to get the Watauga unit organized, and a meeting will be held again during the week of April 30 to get the unit underway.

Choir To Appear In Schubert Mass

The College Choir, under the direction of Virginia Wary Linney, will be heard in another outstanding choral offering on April 8, when it will present the Schubert Mass in G Major, at the Methodist Church at a 4:30 Vesper Service.

Some of the world's finest music has been set to the form of the Mass, many of them unheard to date because of their specific ritualistic character.

The Schubert Mass in G is the simplest and most lyric of all Schubert's settings of the Mass Text. The music is some of the most exquisite choral music ever written, and continually reveals the great gift of song and joyful faith of its 18 year old composer.

It contains solo parts for soprano, tenor and bass voices.

The organ accompaniment will be performed by James Rooker of the College Music Department.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

Mrs. Matheson Taken By Death

Mrs. Frances Caroline Isaacs Matheson, 77, died Tuesday, March 20, at her home at Sugar Grove.

Funeral services were held at 3 p. m. Thursday, March 22, at the Henson's Chapel Methodist Church, conducted by the Rev. N. C. Bush and the Rev. Mr. Long, and burial was in the church cemetery.

She is survived by her husband, T. J. Matheson; four sons, George and Dean, Sugar Grove, Thomas, Valle Crucis and Don, of Hampton, Va.; four daughters, Mrs. Mae Brinkley, Kimball, W. Va., Mrs. Myrtle Rowland, Chilhowie, Va., Mrs. W. C. O'Brien, Elizabethton, Tenn., and Mrs. Joseph Ferraeo, Detroit, Mich.; a brother, Dock Isaacs, Sherwood; and a sister, Mrs. Rosa Greene, Mocksville.

CONSUMER DEBT

In 1955, consumer credit rose \$8,100,000,000 to a total of \$36,225,000,000. The largest contributing factor was installment financing of automobiles. It soared nearly \$4,000,000,000. However, in January consumer credit declined \$671,000,000 and was expected to continue to decline during February and March, because heavy repayments are piling away at the big debt built up last year.

Harris Gets Rotary Post



STANLEY A. HARRIS, Boone Chamber of Commerce manager, and leading figure in the Boone Rotary Club, was named Governor of District 280, Rotary International, at the State Rotary meeting in Charlotte Tuesday afternoon.

Ministers Take Part In Annual Observance

Union Holy Week observances have been conducted in Boone throughout the week, and will culminate Sunday in the annual Easter Sunrise Service which will be held at the outdoor theatre here, starting at 6:15 a. m.

The Watauga county Ministerial Association sponsors the service. Participating in the program will be the Appalachian High School Band under the direction of Mr. Roy Blanton, and a community choir, composed of vocalists from the different churches, under the direction of Mrs. Virginia W. Linney, of Appalachian College.

An added feature of the service this year will be the pantomime of the unveiling of the cross and the tomb and the coming of the women and disciples to the tomb.

The Rev. E. H. Lowman will deliver the meditation. A public address system, provided by the Men's A Club at the college, is being installed by Mr. Grant Ayers.

The Program: Prelude, Appalachian High Band—"Now upon the first day of the week, very early in the morning they came to the sepulchre."

"Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?"—(Cross unveiled at beginning of song; tomb unveiled at beginning of last stanza.)

"Low in the Grave He Lay"—Choir.

Scripture reading by the Rev. C. O. Vance. During the reading, pantomime of appearances of women, angels, and disciples at tomb. At close of reading, Peter and John exclaim, "He is risen!" All disciples declare in unison, "Christ the Lord is risen indeed." Choir sings "Up from the Grave He Arose."

Congregation joins in singing "Christ the Lord is Risen Today." Interlude of band music, signifying the joyful realization of the Lord's resurrection.

Responsive reading led by the Rev. Rex West.

Prayer by the Rev. L. H. Hollingsworth.

Meditation by Mr. Lowman. Congregation joins in singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."

Benediction by the Rev. Edwin F. Troutman.

Postlude, Appalachian High School Band.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Union noon-day Holy week services are being held from 12:30 to 12:55 at the Appalachian Theatre. The schedule for the remainder of the series follows:

Wednesday, Rev. George Arthur, Thursday, Rev. N. C. Bush.

Good Friday, Rev. E. F. Troutman.

Brewer Quits State Contest

Raleigh, March 21—In a surprise action, Kidd Brewer, Raleigh businessman, today withdrew from the lieutenant governor's race because of his physical condition.

Brewer, who entered Duke Hospital at Durham yesterday, said "danger signals are apparent which indicate that in my present physical condition a strenuous political campaign at this time will probably do permanent harm to my health."

His withdrawal leaves four candidates seeking the Democratic nomination for lieutenant governor: Senate President Luther Barnhardt of Concord, state Rep. Alonzo Edwards of Hookerton, former state Sen. J. Vivian Whitfield of Burgaw, and former State Banking Commissioner Gurney Hood of Raleigh.

Brewer's name will still appear on the ballots for the May 26 primary because the ballots already are being printed.

Brewer said he felt his friends who had promised support "will understand and agree that under the circumstances it will be better for me to forego until later my desire to render public service." He added "Many good and qualified men are candidates for lieutenant governor "which assures the people of ample opportunity of making a choice."

Boy Scout Counselors Are Chosen For Area

Work for advancement by Boy Scouts in Watauga this year has been aided by the publication of a list of merit badge counselors recently prepared by Dr. J. T. C. Wright, district chairman, and Dr. Richard Fisher, district commissioner. The list includes the names of business and professional men in Boone who are qualified to pass Scouts on the requirements for the merit badges which lead to the ranks of Life, Star and Eagle Scout. The counselors, with their subjects, include:

R. D. Hodges, Jr., camping, pioneering, coin collecting.
W. A. Hawkinton, printing, technical drawing.
T. R. Fisher, cooking, hiking, John Kirk, fishing, athletics, marksmanship, skiing.
Robert Davis, cycling, automobilism, seamanship, aviation.
Milt Jordan or R. W. Watkins, swimming, canoeing, life-saving.
Kent Robinson, nature.
John B. Hamilton, weather.
Howard Williams, soil and water conservation, forestry, wildlife management.

Mrs. Fred Gragg, scholarship, reading, public speaking.
Roscoe Allen, business, salesmanship.
J. B. Robinson and L. E. Tucker, farming subjects and animal care.

Dr. John Shaffer, citizenship subjects, world brotherhood, photography.
Fred Kirchner, first aid, public health, safety.
Raleigh Cottrell, fingerprinting, Howard Cottrell, firemanship, Crayte Teague, signalling, radio.

Roy Blanton, music, bugling.
Joe Minor, journalism, printing.
R. L. Tate, all building subjects.
Starr Stacy, electricity.
Bill Ross, dramatics.
Mrs. Lawrence Owsley, book-binding.
Dr. Julian Yoder, rocks and minerals.
Joe Miller, taxidermy.

The services of all the above counselors are available to all Scouts in Watauga county. Chairman Wright and Commissioner Fisher hope, however, that the other scouting communities in the county will add their own specialists to the above list. Names of men serving as merit badge counselors outside of Boone should be phoned in to Dr. Fisher.

Wade Hartley Dies Thursday

Wade Blackwell Hartley, 72, of Blowing Rock, died Thursday, March 22, in a Morganton hospital, where he had been a patient for the past two months.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 p. m. Saturday, March 24, at the Laurel Fork Baptist Church, conducted by the Rev. Carlton Cox; and burial was in the Laurel Fork cemetery.

He is survived by three brothers, Fred Hartley, Blowing Rock; George Hartley, New York, N. Y., and Bynum Hartley, Los Angeles, Cal.; and a sister, Mrs. Ella Storie, Los Angeles, Cal.

Cove Creek Group To Map Improvement Plan

The Cove Creek Development Club met in the high school cafeteria.

Projects discussed were: clean-up campaign, roadside beautification and youth recreation. From March 28 through April 12 has been designated as clean up days through our community. Home neatness, clean fence rows, well kept lawns, planting of shrubbery and flowers are most important and play a definite part in making our roadside beautification program a success.

A dumping area has been secured for our community use and plans are being made for a truck to collect all rubbish that will not burn and dispose of it in a sanitary way. This service is available to private homes, churches, schools, business establishments, etc. and we urge every citizen to take advantage of it.

The Youth-Recreation Committee is presenting two one-act plays in the near future for funds to

finance the recreation program during the summer.

Joe Davenport, Dr. Wright, Dr. Fisher and R. D. Hodges, Jr. who are Boy Scout representatives for the county and district were present. They explained the Scout program and showed the club what it could mean to the youth of our community. After a discussion the club voted to sponsor the Boy Scout program. Since the meeting details have been completed and officers and leaders have been elected.

Since the organization of the club in October 1953, interest has increased in the development and improvement of the community. The attendance has more than doubled since the first meeting. It is felt that many other are interested and anxious to see Cove Creek at its best. Effort and cooperation are the keys to a successful community development program. Plan now to attend the next meeting. Ideas and suggestions are welcomed.

Officers And Directors Named For United Fund

By V. G. ROLLINS

Officers and directors of the Watauga County chapter of Carolina United Appeal were named Monday night at an organizational meeting held in the courthouse.

Mrs. L. H. Owsley presided until the 50-odd civic, farm, and church leaders present had unanimously adopted the report of the nominating committee read by the Rev. L. H. Hollingsworth, then relinquished the chair to the newly-elected president, R. E. Agle, Sr.

Other officers named to serve during the first year of operation were: S. C. Eggers and Dr. J. T. C. Wright, vice presidents; Mrs. R. D. Hodges, Jr., secretary; and Miss Helen Underdown, treasurer.

The post of legal adviser to the organization will be rotated among the practicing lawyers of the county, each serving a one year term.

The purpose of the United Appeal is to conserve time and manpower by making only one drive a year for all worthy charitable causes for which separate campaigns are now being conducted. The Watauga chapter will be affiliated and coordinated with the state and national United Appeal Funds. The concerted drive will be held in October of each year.

John Wood, executive field director of Carolina United for Western North Carolina, was present to aid with the organization and answer questions relative to its operation.

W. D. Halfacre, banker and prominent civic leader of North Wilkesboro, was introduced by Dr. Wright as the keynote speaker of the evening.

He told the gathering how well the united plan has worked in his town and many other cities and communities in the state. It has been an overwhelming success, he said, wherever it has been tried, and has a much more efficient organizational setup than the old Community Chest.

The plan has been in operation for the past three years in North Wilkesboro, the speaker said, where 30 per cent more than the goal of \$24,000 was raised in 1953, \$35,000 in 1954, and \$37,000 in 1955.

The United Fund, he said, is not merely a plan for raising money. It is a systematic method of protecting the giver by preparing a budget, determining where the needs lie, and apportioning the money accordingly. A coordinating agency in Charlotte, in cooperation with local chapter officers, sets the quotas and allots the funds to the various causes.

"It is a practical solution to a serious and puzzling situation," the speaker summed up, "and we believe it is the answer to the problem of never-ending drives throughout the year."

The board of directors, drawn from every township in the county, will serve one, two, and three year terms, with the length of the various terms being determined by lot.

In addition to the directors named below, the current president

of the Watauga County Ministerial Association will also be a member of the board. This year's president is the Rev. George A. Arthur, pastor of the Advent Christian Church of Boone.

Mrs. Ron Davis, Billy Cooke, Hoyt Roberson, S. C. Eggers, Mrs. Nora Wilson, Stuart Simmons, Ben Farthing, Milton Moretz, Sam South, Marshall Farthing, Joe Wellborn, Howard Mast, Jr., Mrs. R. L. Congleton, Mrs. G. K. Moose, Dr. C. H. Mock, Stanley Harris, Mrs. Mae Miller, Dr. Herbert

Dr. Wagoner To Speak At Business Ed. Meet

Dr. George Wagoner, head of the business education department at the University of Tennessee will be the principal speaker for the third Business Education Conference at Appalachian State Teachers College. The conference will be held in the auditorium of the Elementary School, Saturday, April 14. The theme will be "Methods of Teaching Typewriting." Teachers from all sections of the state have been invited.

The conference will begin with a coffee hour from 8:30 to 9:30 a. m. in the lobby of the Elementary School building. Mrs. Nellie E. Dry of the Appalachian faculty is chairman of arrangements for the coffee hour. She will be assisted by Miss Mary Little, Mrs. Peggy Hadden, and members of the Business Club. Sam Dry of the high school faculty is in charge of the luncheon arrangements and will serve as host.

Mrs. Martha Hawkins is program chairman, Miss Elizabeth Brawley, hospitality chairman, and R. J. Allen and Mrs. Kathryn Tully are in charge of invitations. The members of Pi Omega Pi, honorary business education fraternity, will be in charge of registration.

The welcome on behalf of the college will be extended by Dr. W. H. Flemmons, president of Appalachian State Teachers college, at the first assembly at 9:30 a. m.

Dr. Wagoner will begin his lecture at 10:00. He will also conduct a demonstration of teaching techniques.

Appalachian President, Teachers Attend NCEA Gathering Last Week

Appalachian State Teachers College was well represented at the annual convention of the North Carolina Education Association, which met in Asheville last Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

Attending were Dr. W. H. Flemmons, President, Dean D. J. Whitener, Dr. Herbert Wey, Dr. John H. Workman, Dr. John G. Barden, Dr. Lee Reynolds, Dr. John Van Noppen, Dr. W. F. Smith, Dr. J. R. Melton, Mrs. Martha Hawkins, Mrs. Kathryn Tully, Mrs. Ila T. Justice, Miss Lucy

Wey, Mrs. J. E. Holshouser, Mrs. L. H. Owsley, Mrs. Len D. Hagagan, Dr. Ted Glenn, Fred Gragg, Frank Triplett, Cecil Muller, G. C. Greene, Jr., G. R. Andrews, R. Winkler, Dr. John G. Martin, Hugh Hagaman, Dr. L. H. Owsley, Dr. W. H. Flemmons, W. C. Richardson, Dr. J. T. C. Wright, R. E. Agle, Sr., Richard Morhauser, Alfred T. Adams, R. D. Hodges, Jr., W. W. Chester, Wayne Richardson, Mrs. R. C. Rivers, and Mrs. Ralph

Tugman.

Final Auditions Held For Horn

Approximately 25 persons will participate in the demonstration. There will be a tour of the campus and lunch at the college cafeteria between 11:30 and 1:00.

The afternoon session will begin at 1:00, with a short talk on "Motivation of Typing Students" and "Methods of Grading." This will be followed by a group discussion with Mrs. Martha Hawkins as leader.

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Final auditions for the cast of the outdoor drama, Horn in the West, were held here Tuesday by Dr. George McCalmon, of Cornell University at Ithaca, N. Y., the play's new director. The drama is scheduled to be shown nightly at the Daniel Boone Theatre from June 30 through Labor Day.

Dr. A. P. Kephart, vice-president of the Southern Appalachian Historical Association, producers of the drama, said Tuesday an agreement has been reached with the Bristol (Tenn.) Centennial to give two performances of "Horn" in the outdoor theatre at Virginia Intermont College under the auspices of the Centennial. These performances will be given June 22 and 23, said Dr. Kephart.

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Brock, Miss Mary Austin, Miss Madge Rhyne, Miss Janet Sharpe. Also, from the demonstration schools, John Howell, principal of the elementary school, and Earl Petrey, and Miss Betty Jo Henderson, librarian at the high school. Miss Henderson was honored at the meeting by being elected the president of the librarian's division for next year.

Also representing the college were Julia Ross and Coleman Speece, who were Appalachian's elected candidates as Mr. and Miss

Student Teacher. They were in Asheville for the Future Teachers of America division meeting.

In addition to the meeting of the division of higher education, Dr. Flemmons attended the joint meeting and banquet of the principals and superintendents in North Carolina, as their guest. Mrs. Flemmons accompanied him to Asheville, and was also a guest at the banquet of the principals and superintendents.