

### People You Know

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## Big Welcome For Tweetsie

By V. G. ROLLINS

"Tweetsie" is coming back home.

The narrow-gauge track, engine and cars which constituted the last railroad to come into Boone, has been purchased by Grover C. Robbins and associates of Blowing Rock, and will be operated as a tourist attraction near Boone, the exact site to be selected later.

The little train is going to get quite a homecoming celebration.

Governor Luther H. Hodges will issue a proclamation on May 14 declaring Sunday, May 20, as "Tweetsie (Choo-Choo) Homecoming Day," at which time the victim of the 1940 flood will be brought into Hickory in style on flat cars powered by a modern diesel engine of the Southern Railway.

The Southern Appalachian Historical Association, in cooperation with the Hickory Chamber of Commerce and the American Railway Association, is sponsoring the celebration to welcome "Tweetsie" back home.

Governor Hodges and mayors of various cities in the area, as well as personnel who operated the obsolete train, will be on hand to greet her with appropriate ceremonies.

Thousands of people are expected to line the streets of Hickory as the National Guard marches to stirring music by the high school bands of Boone and Hickory as fitting accompaniment to "Tweetsie's" triumphant homecoming.

Clyde McLean, of WBT and WBTW in Charlotte, will act as master of ceremonies. Other entertainment will be furnished by the "Twilighters", a singing group of young ladies of Charlotte, and nationally-known radio and television stars. Rumor (but only rumor) has it that Pat Boone, the rock 'n' roller of the Arthur Godfrey show, will also be on hand.

Later when the tracks are laid for "Tweetsie's" excursion run, a replica of a frontier village will be constructed at the end of the line for the edification of tourists, and one of the coaches will be set up as a stationary museum to house relics of the former little mountain choo-choo.

Al Boyles, publicity director of Horn in the West, requests that anyone who has any sort of memento or historical reminder of "Tweetsie" please bring it to the Horn office for use in the "Tweetsie" museum.



GIVEN CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION.—Principal John H. Howell (left) of the Boone Demonstration School, and Dr. A. B. Crew (second from right), principal of Appalachian High School, were presented Certificates of Appreciation last Friday in special chapel programs, climaxing a day of Teacher Appreciation celebration. Mayor Gordon H. Winkler presented the awards which were given by the PTA, of which Ralph Tugman (right), is president.—(Staff photo Joe Minor.)

## PTA Honors Local Teachers

The teachers of Appalachian High School and Boone Demonstration School were honored last Friday in a day long celebration sponsored by the Boone PTA. Teacher Appreciation Day featured feasting the teachers at parties, gifts of flowers and fruits, telephone calls from patrons and students, climaxed with a special chapel program in each of the schools.

A Certificate of Appreciation was presented each principal in chapel programs by Mayor Gordon H. Winkler in behalf of the

PTA, of which Ralph Tugman is president. Inscribed on the certificates were the following words:

"In acknowledgment of meritorious and unselfish dedication to the guidance and development of young lives, be it hereby known that the parents of Appalachian elementary and high school make this expression of appreciation to all who engage in the noble enterprise of instilling in young minds the highest concepts of truth, of personal integrity, of human dignity, and the teaching of Arts, Sciences, and the accepted patterns

of culture."

Mayor Winkler, in presenting the certificates, said: "We are proud of the progress our children have made under your teaching and supervision. We are indebted and grateful to each one of you."

The principals accepted the certificates with pledges of service to the community in years to come.

Miss Goodman's fourth grade gave the chapel program at the Demonstration school, which was planned especially for the occasion.

## Special Vote On Water Issue Looms

### City Officials Lay Plans Before Civic Meeting

By V. G. ROLLINS

A special election will be called in the Town of Boone in the near future to vote on a \$75,000 bond issue to finance an expansion of the city's water supply system.

Mayor Gordon H. Winkler and Water Commissioner Howard Cottrell laid the plans before the Chamber of Commerce at its regular monthly meeting Tuesday.

Mayor Winkler said the town is ready to go ahead, but needs the vote of the people to finance the project.

There are a number of factors which will influence the date of the election, said City Attorney Wade Brown, one of which is that it cannot be held within thirty days of any other election.

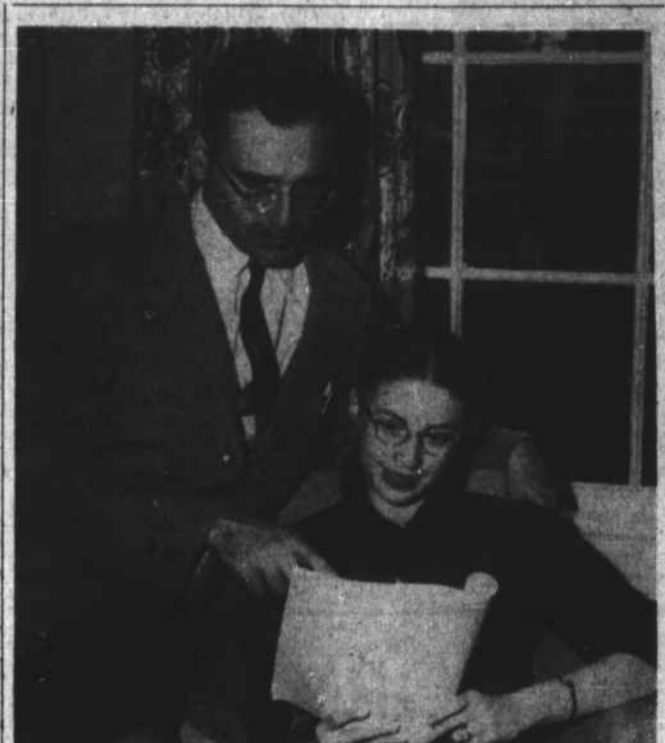
Commissioner Cottrell said the plans, calling for a new fluoridation plant, a chlorinating system and settling basin, clearing out the present reservoir which has not been used for several years, and the installation of \$4,000 worth of new lines (already installed) would cost about \$75,000, and would increase the present water supply three-and-a-half fold. This would assure the city of ample water supply for many years to come, he added.

Cottrell recalled the severe water shortage in Boone two years ago, and said if it had not been for aid from the college water lines at that time, the situation would have been far worse.

A once-considered filtering plant, he said, would cost about a half-million dollars, but the proposed expansion of the present gravity-flow system is more practical and will be adequate for the city's needs.

Mayor Winkler said town officials have been studying the problem for some time, and that they recommend the proposed expansion to the taxpayers as a sorely needed project well worth their whole-hearted support.

Also at Tuesday's meeting, Dr. W. H. Plemmons, newly-inaugurated president of ASTC, expressed his appreciation on behalf of the college to the Chamber of Commerce and other organizations and townspeople, business people, radio station WATA, and the Watauga Democrat, for their cooperation in making the recent inauguration ceremonies a memorable occasion. He added that he received many compliments from visiting dignitaries on Boone and its people.



DR. AND MRS. HAROLD V. GOULD

## Dr. Harold Gould To Portray Stuart Role

### Miss Street New Home Agent Here

Miss Mary Harris, Western District Home Agent of the North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service and the Watauga County Board of Commissioners announce the appointment of Miss June Street as assistant home demonstration agent for Watauga County.

Miss Street will be filling the vacancy created by the resignation of Mrs. Catherine H. Palmer, effective June 15. Mrs. Palmer will continue to reside in Boone on the Blowing Rock Road.

Miss Street is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Street of the Balahean community of Mitchell County. She is a graduate and honor student of East Tennessee State College, Johnson City, Tennessee. Miss Street will graduate June 1st and will report for work on June 15.

Lynchburg, Va.—Dr. Harold V. Gould, member of the English faculty and director of plays presented by the Dramatic Club at Randolph-Macon Woman's College, Lynchburg, and Mrs. Gould will have parts in the outdoor drama, Horn in the West at Boone, this summer.

Dr. Gould will play the part of Geoffrey Stuart, one of the leading roles, and Mrs. Gould will portray Widow Howard.

The first showing of this year's production will be at Intermont College, Bristol, Va., June 22 and 23. It will open at the amphitheater in Boone, June 30, and will be given nightly, except Monday, through Sept. 3.

Dr. and Mrs. Gould, the former Miss Lea Shampianer of New York, met at Cornell University where both were doing graduate work in the theater. Mrs. Gould directed and acted in plays while there. After completing his graduate work, Dr. Gould was an instructor at Cornell. He also has done radio work and summer stock in Massachusetts. Three years ago, they came to Lynchburg where Dr. Gould joined the Randolph-Macon faculty.

Mrs. Gould was with the Briar Patch Theater at Sweet Briar College last year, and Dr. Gould played Thomas Jefferson in "The Common Glory" at Williamsburg last summer.

In Boone, they will work again with George McCalmon, director of the theater at Cornell, who will direct this year's production of Horn in the West.

### Yoder To Go To Eau Claire, Wis.

Dr. Julian C. Yoder, of Appalachian State Teachers College, has been chosen to represent this community in the Institute of Astronomy to be held from June 18 to July 13 at Wisconsin State College, Eau Claire.

O'Connor says paralytic polio is on the way out.

## Travel Editors' Tour Of Area Set For June

Roanoke, Va., May 6—Plans for a tour for about 35 travel editors from nationally known magazines and newspapers were discussed by the Blue Ridge Parkway Assn. at its annual meeting here yesterday.

It will start in Asheville, N. C., June 3 and end in Roanoke June 7.

"You can't buy what they'll write about the parkway," said Jack M. Goodykoontz, assistant to the executive director of the Roanoke Chamber of Commerce, who was elected president of the association.

Goodykoontz, who succeeds Douglas Kouns of Asheville as president, said the tour will result in valuable advertising for the parkway and should stimulate tourist travel.

About 20 representatives of chambers of commerce from Front Royal, Va., to Gatlinburg, Tenn., attended the association's meeting.

Charles H. Gullickson of Gatlinburg was elected vice president; Francis L. Loth, Waynesboro, Va.,

was elected secretary and R. D. Hardin, who is mayor of Blowing Rock, N. C., was elected treasurer.

The Chamber of Commerce representatives discussed publicizing this year as the 20th anniversary of the parkway. Parkway naturalist Leslie Armerberger said June 30 is the anniversary date. Special lectures will be held that day at key spots along the mountain top drive.

Discussion developed that two more outdoor dramas will be produced next year at cities along the parkway by Kermit Hunter. One will be at Sherwood Burial Park at Salem, Va., and the other at Gatlinburg. Two Hunter productions are going on now—"Horn in the West" at Boone, and "Unto These Hills" at Cherokee (N.C.) National Park.

The association announced it will distribute 4,000 copies of a booklet "Nature Notes," which deals with flowers, shrubs, trees and animal life along the parkway.

## National Hospital Week Recalls Local Donations

### Variety Show Set By Lions

The Boone Lions Club and the elementary school will jointly sponsor a Variety Show Friday night, May 11, in the elementary school auditorium, beginning at 7:30 o'clock.

Featuring local talent, the show will present such acts as Charles Osborne and his electric organ; Tom Winkler, vocal solo; Al Boyles, magic, comedy and ventriloquism; Grady Lewis and his string music; the Rhythmaires Quartet; as well as singing, dancing, instrumental, comedy, and trampoline acts by Bobby Brendell, Jack Groce, and other high school and elementary school students.

Admission is \$1.00 for adults and 50 cents for children, and all proceeds will go to the Lions Club Blind Fund and the Elementary School Cafeteria.

The board of directors of Watauga Hospital and the administrator, Mrs. Jack Groce, in calling attention to National Hospital Week, took special notice of the time services and money donated recently in the hospital improvement program.

They gave special attention to the Home Demonstration Clubs of Watauga who had adopted hospital service as their April project. Under the guidance of Miss Mary Helen Neil, home demonstration agent, these clubs have made numerous pairs of draperies for the private and semi-private rooms as well as for the reception room.

Materials for the draperies was purchased with money donated by Mr. and Mrs. John Lanning, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Taylor, the Friday Afternoon Club, Frank Church and Belk's Department Store. The clubs have done a tremendous amount of mending, have made patient gowns, wash cloths, towels, waste baskets, pot holders, dish towels and have donated many other items which were needed.

Farmers Hardware Warehouse donated paint for a semi-private room.

The reception room has been redecorated with material furnished by the American Legion by Don Hodges.

Mr. and Mrs. George Harmon donated two lamps for patient use.

The personnel of Watauga Hospital invites everyone in the county to visit the hospital.

## Agle Names Committees For United Fund; Bylaws OK'd

Another forward step in the organization of the United Fund in Watauga County was accomplished on May 5 with the adoption of the constitution of the new volunteer and non-profit association, and the appointment and approval of standing committees on admissions and budget, fund raising, social planning, speakers' bureau, promotion and publicity, and nominations.

The board of directors was called to order by the president of the United Fund, R. E. Agle, and the constitution and by-laws were read by Mrs. L. H. Owsley and unanimously adopted by the group. Mrs. Owsley was chairman of the committee on the constitution, Dr. J. T. C. Wright and Hugh Hagaman serving with her.

President Agle announced his committee appointments, which were also approved by the directors. They included:

Admissions and Budget: Dr. L. H. Owsley, chairman; Alfred Adams, J. K. Parker, Jr., Cecil Miller, Mrs. Dean Andrews, W. C. Richardson, Ben Farthing, Joe Welborn, Ted Glenn, Frank Triplett, Mrs. Ralph Tugman.

Fund Raising: Hugh Hagaman, chairman; J. T. C. Wright, co-chairman; W. C. Richardson, Glenn Andrews, Mrs. John Martin, Mrs. O. K. Richardson, James Marsh, Fred Gragg, Billy Cook, Mrs. Grace Bingham, Arlie Moretz, R. D. Hodges, Jr.

Social Planning: E. H. Lowman, chairman; John Davis, co-chairman; A. B. Crew, Mrs. R. L. Congleton, Stanley Harris, Mrs. Len Hagaman, Hoyt Roberson, Stewart Simmons, Marshall Farthing, Mrs. G. K. Moose, Mrs. Mae Miller, W. H. Plemmons, George Arthur.

Speakers' Bureau: Herbert Wey,

chairman; Lee F. Reynolds, John B. Hamilton, J. R. Melton, James E. Stone, Barbara Stephenson, Leo K. Pritchett, Ralph Winkler, W. W. Chester, Fred Gragg, Leroy Rogers.

Promotion and Publicity: Francis Cook, chairman; Mrs. R. C. Rivers, Joe Minor, Ralph Tugman, Mrs. Leo K. Pritchett, Mrs. L. H. Owsley, Mrs. Nora Wilson, Milton Moretz, John G. Martin, Richard Morehauser.

Nominations: G. C. Greene, Jr., chairman; Howard Mast, Jr., S. C. Eggers, Sr., Mrs. J. E. Holshouser, Mrs. R. C. Rivers, W. R. Richardson, Mrs. Ron Davis, Sam South, C. H. Mock.

President Agle stated that he was pleased that none of the over sixty people asked to serve on committees had declined. This enthusiastic response and co-operation seemed a sure sign of the success of the United Fund, Mr. Agle said.

James Marsh was elected treasurer by acclamation after a letter was read from Miss Helen Underdown stating that she would be unable to take the office.

S. C. Eggers, Jr., legal advisor to the Fund, was instructed to apply for the necessary papers for the incorporation of the new organization.

## Ira S. Ayers New President Of Lions Club

Ira S. Ayers, Boone appliance dealer, was elected president of the Boone Lions Club for the year beginning July 1, at the regular meeting of the club Tuesday night, May 1.

Other new officers elected were Dr. J. H. Workman, 1st vice president; A. E. Hamby, Jr., 2nd vice president; Guy Hunt, 3rd vice president; C. A. Price, secretary; J. H. Thomas, treasurer; W. A. Batts, Jr., and John Robinson, tail twisters; and D. O. Ray, lion tamer.

Named to the board of directors were C. M. Yates and V. G. Rollins.

The speaker of the evening was Dr. Max Raines, head of Appalachian College personnel department, who spoke on mental health.

Citing mental health as the nation's number one health problem, Dr. Raines said there are more mentally ill persons in the United States than heart, polio, tuberculosis, and cancer patients combined. About one in every sixteen persons suffers from some form of mental illness, he said.

There are about 95,000 psychiatrists in the country, said Dr. Raines, and many more are needed.

The speaker suggested that a mental clinic be established in Watauga County as an aid to the psychology department of the college, and to enable parents to learn more about the emotional status of their children.

## Blowing Rock Girl Does Well In Spelling Bee

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Two hundred and seventy-one words were used, beginning with the word "buffalo" and ending with "kaleidoscope," the extra word "tintinnabulation" making history in the 1956 Bee.

Miss Craig was 33rd to leave the floor in the tenth round on the word "zephyr," after a spelling period of two hours and twenty minutes.

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## Miss Matheson Gets Honor At Music Contest

Miss Evelyn Matheson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gardner D. Matheson of Vilas, recently participated in the North Carolina Music Contest-Festival sponsored by Woman's College of the University of North Carolina in Greensboro. She received an honor rating of superior plus.

Out of the fifty-three district winners competing in the state contest, twenty-six were given rat-

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## Proclamation Issued By Mayor

Mayor Gordon F. Winkler this week proclaimed May 6-12 as Boone Hospital Week. Communities throughout the United States are joining in the observance of National Hospital Week during this period.

In his proclamation the Mayor said, "It is fitting that we take the opportunity presented by this observance to become better acquainted with our excellent hospitals. I urge all of you to visit your hospital and see the efficiency and competence which means protection for you and yours in time of need. Rediscover the great community asset which is our hospital."

"Whereas the continued high standard of hospital care is possible only through the community's understanding, appreciation, and support of its hospital.

"Now, therefore, I, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor, do hereby proclaim the week of May 6 through May 12, 1956, as Hospital Week, and

"I urge that all citizens join with me and people throughout the United States in observing National Hospital Week and show their appreciation to our hospital whose service is so necessary and important to all of us."

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## Democrats To Gather In County Convention

The Democratic organization state of candidates named the townships committees in nine precincts in the county last Saturday afternoon, while the so-called old organization group tallied victories in seven townships.

The meetings were well attended. Besides naming the committee members, delegates were named to the county convention, which will be held at the courthouse Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The executive committee, composed of the chairmen of the township groups, will meet during the course of the convention and elect the county chairman. Incumbent D. Frank Baird is expected to be retained.

Other business will include naming of delegates to the State convention to be held in Raleigh on May 17.

## Commencement Set At Cove Creek

The thirty-second commencement at Cove Creek High School will begin Sunday evening, May 13, at eight o'clock, with Rev. Edwin F. Troutman presiding at the baccalaureate service.

The theme of the sermon will be "Forward and Upward". Rev. Newell C. Bush will also assist with the program.

Music will be furnished by the girls' choir under the direction of Miss Cynthia Stiles. The public is invited to all commencement events.

### Students Visit Boone

Mr. James Dotson and his seventh grade class from Ball's Creek elementary school, Catawba county, spent Wednesday in Boone. They enjoyed a picnic at the Daniel Boone Theatre, visited the College and other places of interest in the community.