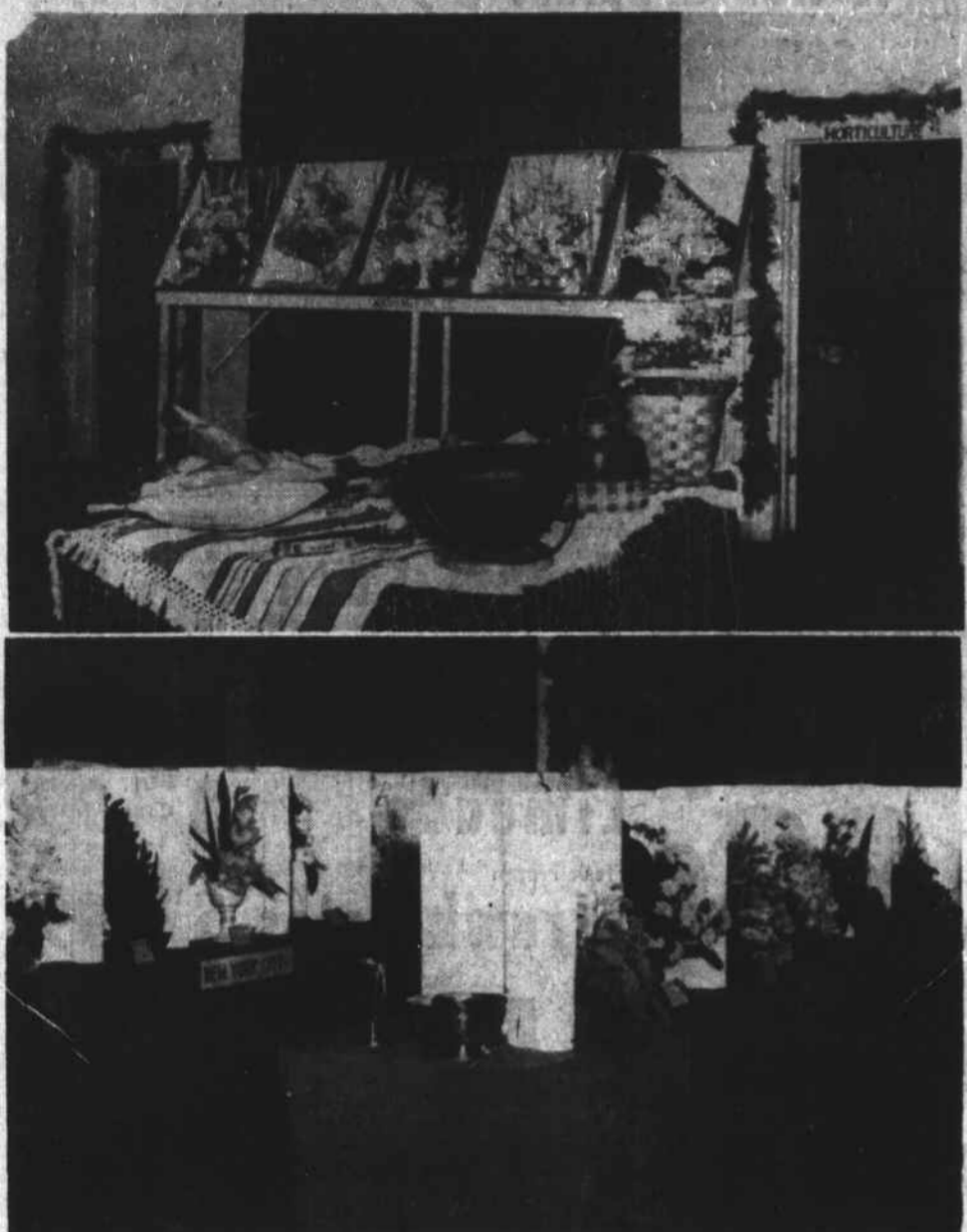


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AT THE FLOWER SHOW.—Scenes from "Travelog U. S. A.," the theme of the annual Boone Flower Show. Above, the Washington, D. C. display is shown, while below New York City and the Golden Gate are labels on the colorful displays of blooms.—Staff photos by Jane Rivers.

Flower Show Witnessed By Crowd From Twenty States

Mrs. Mae Miller, among whose many talents is one of growing and arranging beautiful flowers, won three of the four top honors awarded last week in the artistic and horticulture divisions of the annual Flower Show at the First Baptist Church of Boone; with a bouquet of handsome Sungold sunflowers, she won the coveted tri-color ribbon for horticulture, while in the same division her great array of blue ribbon exhibits won her the sweepstakes award. In the artistic division, Mrs. Miller won another sweepstakes award for the most blue ribbons. Mrs. E. S. Qualls' elegant arrangement of pastel-hued flowers in a compote was chosen as the tri-color winner in the artistic division.

A magnificent stalk of delphinium exhibited by Mr. E. L. Ray was the tri-color winner in the men's division, while Dr. John Bardeen won the sweepstakes award.

Up-and-coming youngsters with a green thumb and an artistic bent put on a show of their own that merited much praise in the junior division, with sweepstakes prizes going to Miss Jane Eliason's third grade, 1-3 grade class; Miss Patty Sue Spencer, 4-6 grade class; Miss Marjorie Reynolds and Marcus Cook, 7-9 grade class.

Advent Christians To Celebrate Dedication

Anniversary Sunday will be observed at the Advent Christian Church on next Sunday, August 19, with special services both morning and afternoon. They will mark the recognition of the dedication of the church building thirty years ago on August 21, 1926.

Pastor George A. Arthur will speak at the 11 a. m. service on the subject: "Still Forward." The Rev. E. F. Troutman will speak at 1:45 p. m. as the guest speaker of the afternoon service. As an important part of this service, new pulpit furniture consisting of pulpit, two pulpit chairs and a communion table will be dedicated in memory of the late Elder S. E. Gragg. These have been made

Chest X-Ray Total Reaches 5,753 In Two Counties

The District Health Department announces that through Saturday, August 11th, the mobile x-ray buses in Ashe and Watauga counties have x-rayed a total of 5,753 persons. The buses will continue to operate in Boone through August 22nd and in West Jefferson through September 5th. They are open Tuesday through Saturday, from 11:00 to 5:00.

Immunization Clinics will be held at the Triplett Post Office, Wednesday, August 15th, at 10:00 a. m., and at the Bethel School house, Wednesday, August 22nd at 2:00 p. m. It is urged that particularly infants and small children be brought to these clinics at Triplett and Bethel. Immunizations for whooping cough, diphtheria, smallpox, and polio, will be offered.

College Graduate List Announced

A number of Watauga County residents will receive degrees at the summer graduating exercises to be held at Appalachian State Teachers college on the night of August 23. Speaker for the occasion will be D. S. Coltrane, North Carolina's assistant director of the budget.

Those who will receive the bachelor of science degree are as follows: Joseph Ray Amburn, Boone; Clyde H. Austin, Route 3, Boone; Janice Coffey Ballard, Blowing Rock; John J. Bingham, Boone; M. G. Brooks, Jr., Boone; Martha Louise Colvard, Vilas; Kelly Maurice Cooper, Vilas; Glenn Eugene Davis, Boone; Wilma Schell Graham, Boone; Bessie Walker Hollingsworth, Boone; Manuel Lorenzo, Boone; Elmer Gragg Miller, Boone; Norval Jackson Ramey, Jr., Boone; Dwight Bynum Story, Blowing Rock; Mildred Farthing Wright, Boone; and Thomas Hill Wright, Blowing Rock.

Cove Creek Grange Is Organized

The Cove Creek Grange met August 3 and elected officers. Tom Ferguson, an officer of the State Grange, was in charge of the installation service of the officers. Officers are: Master, John K. Perry; overseer, Tom Lawrence; lecturer, C. A. Clay; secretary, Jerry Adams; treasurer, R. G. Farthing; chaplain, E. M. Blankenship; steward, R. G. Shipley; assistant steward, Jack Henson; lady assistant steward, Mrs. Jack Henson; gate keeper, Frank Baird; Ceres, Mrs. John K. Perry; Flora, Mrs. Scot Swift; Pomona, Mrs. R. G. Shipley.

Crafts Exhibit Planned This Week

Camp Yonahlossee will hold an exhibit of articles made in crafts and weaving on Thursday afternoon, August 16, and all day Friday, the 17th. Each of the 137 campers has woven at least one article, and a total of 487 pieces have been completed to date. There are eleven looms and three full-time staff members instructing in the weaving program, which is directed by Mrs. Howard Carlson of Boone. One "Helping Camper" and several campers with volunteer responsibility also help with this activity.

Some of the articles made on the Yonahlossee looms are skirts with matching blouses, aprons, plaid wool football scarfs, nylon handbags, neckties, plain and pattern rugs, tile mats, guest towels, and tea napkins. Each girl decides what she wants to make, and she then works out her own pattern and color scheme.

The public is invited to attend the exhibit.

COVE CREEK TEACHERS TO TEACH IN FLORIDA

School Bells To Ring August 30 For 4,000



VETERAN POSTAL WORKER HONORED.—J. A. (Rabbit) Moretz, third from left, is shown receiving a watch from Lyle Cook, acting postmaster of the Boone office, which his fellow workers gave him at a little get-together last week, when Mr. Moretz's resignation from the post office was announced. Left to right are Mr. Cook, Mrs. Addie Clawson, Mr. Moretz, Wilson Norris, Ralph Beshears, Mrs. Nell Lizney, Cecil Farthing and Von Hagaman.—Staff photo by Joe Minor.

Football Practice Gets Underway

Appalachian High School's football coach Jack Groce announced today that about forty-five football prospects drew equipment on Monday afternoon. Practice will get under way on Wednesday, August 15th at 2:00 o'clock.

Lad Is Injured In Bike Accident

E. Ford King II, local elementary school student suffered a fractured pelvis in a bicycle accident Wednesday afternoon. He is a patient at Watauga Hospital, and is showing a normal recovery.

Supper Planned At Valle Crucis

A chicken pie supper will be held at the Valle Crucis school cafeteria at 6:30 p. m. Saturday, August 18, for the benefit of the Methodist Women's Society of Christian Service and the Episcopal Woman's Auxiliary of Valle Crucis. The public is invited.



MISS APPALACHIAN VACATIONS.—Miss Mary Ellen Goines of Charlotte, Miss Appalachian State Teachers College, seen at the wheel of a 1903 Crestmobile auto at Carriage Cavalcade at Florida's Silver Springs. Miss Goines has been a guest of the management of the Springs for a week, enjoying an expense-paid vacation, as a result of winning the contest conducted by the Appalachian Theatre at Boone. A classmate, Jo Graham, is seen at the right.—Silver Springs, Fla., Photo.

"Rabbit" Moretz Leaves Post Office



J. A. (Rabbit) Moretz, employee of the Boone Post Office for nearly 15 years, has resigned his position effective August 7, according to an announcement by Lyle B. Cook, acting postmaster. Mr. Moretz was a mounted letter carrier, and had been on a truck for more than five years.

Scout Camporee Postponed

The camporee of Boy Scouts and Explorers of the Watauga District, originally scheduled for this weekend, has been postponed because of the absence of some Scout officials who had expected to run the program.

Civic Group Is Given County Farm Picture

County Agent L. E. Tuckwiler told the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday that the civic body, and the various agricultural agencies should work together for a more prosperous county, more recreational facilities, and a better understanding of rural problems.

Addressing the regular monthly meeting of the Chamber, the speaker gave a resume of the county farm situation, and told of some of the steps his department is taking to help raise farm incomes.

Principal List Is Released By Superintendent

Watauga County schools will open Thursday, August 30, for the 1956-57 term. W. Guy Angell, county superintendent, has announced.

More than 4,000 students are expected to register, be classified and receive textbooks Thursday and Friday, August 30 and 31, on which days a half-day schedule will be observed. Classes and full schedules will begin Monday, September 3, at which time the lunchroom will also be open.

Teachers and principals will be on duty Thursday and Friday afternoons to talk with parents and get classrooms in shape for the year's work.

Mr. Angell has called a county-wide teachers meeting for Wednesday, August 29, in the Appalachian Elementary School auditorium in Boone at 2 p. m.

- Following is a list of principals for Watauga County schools for the coming school year: Appalachian Elementary School—John T. Howell; Appalachian High School—Dr. A. B. Crew; Green Valley Elementary School—John D. Marsh; Parkway Elementary School—Dwight L. Isenhour; Blowing Rock School—James M. Storie; Valle Crucis Elementary School—James A. Greene; Cove Creek Elementary School—Carl Fidler; Cove Creek High School—John H. Bingham; Bethel School—Clyde S. Greene; Mabel Elementary School—W. Lovill South; Watauga Consolidated School—Mrs. Bertha M. Neal.

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Miss Jean Childers New Home Agent

The Watauga County Board of Commissioners and the N. C. State College Extension Service announce the appointment of Miss Jean Childers as Watauga County Home Demonstration Agent effective September 16.

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Miss Childers is replacing Miss Mary Helen Neill, who has been appointed to the home economics staff of Appalachian State Teachers College.