

Winners Are Announced In District Music Contests

The Music Department of Appalachian was host on March 7th, 8th and 9th to the District Music Contest. Mr. Gordon A. Nash, chairman of the contest, reports that there were 16 high schools and five junior high schools represented in piano, band, and choral contests, making a total of 1600 students on the campus.

The following piano students made superior ratings: Rebekah Conrad and Lydia Sanders of Hickory; and Jennie Gray, Marion. Those receiving excellent ratings were Margaret Dancy, North Wilkesboro; Camellia Seagle, Brenda Aultman and Carolyn Vaughn of Hickory; Carolyn Ray, Marietta Atkins and Charles Adair of Burnsville; Julius Fower, Morganton; Jane Story and Shelby Jean Duncan of Marion; and Doris Jacobs and Billy Pruitt of Spindale.

In the band division the classes of music played were from Grade I to Grade V, Grade I being the most simple to play and Grade V the most difficult. Those playing Class V music and receiving excellent ratings were Marion, Morganton and Appalachian High School Bands. In Class IV music, Drexel High School received the rating of superior and Wilkes Central and Valdese received the rating of excellent. In Class II music, Hickory received a superior rating; Glen Alpine, excellent and Beaver Creek, fair. Those receiving superior ratings in Class II were Hickory and Newton Conover Junior High Bands. Also in Class II and receiving good ratings were Hudson and Appalachian Junior High School Bands. The Appalachian Training School Band, playing in Class I, received an excellent rating.

In the choral division the classes of music played were from Grade I to Grade IV. The following is a list of the class of music, the schools participating and the ratings received:

Class IV: Morganton Mixed Chorus and Hickory Girls Glee Club, excellent; Valdese and Hickory Mixed Choruses, good. Class III: Appalachian Mixed Chorus; superior; Wilkes Central Mixed Chorus and West Mecklenburg Glee Club, excellent; Newton Conover, West Mecklenburg Mixed Choruses, Wilkes Central Girls Club, good; Beaver Creek Mixed Chorus, fair. Class II: Appalachian Girls Glee Club, superior; Cliffside Girls Glee Club, excellent, and Glen Alpine and Cliffside Mixed Choruses, good. Class I: Appalachian Boys Glee Club, excellent. In the Junior High School Division Hickory and North Wilkesboro Mixed Choruses and Appalachian Girls Glee Club received the rating of good. Hickory Girls Glee Club received an excellent rating.

The judges for the contest were as follows: Piano—Mr. Robert

Darnell of Woman's College, Greensboro. Band—Mr. George Dickerson, Woman's College, Greensboro; Mr. Robert Barnes, State College, Raleigh; and Mr. Harold Smith, Western Carolina College, Cullowhee. Choral—Mr. Elwood Roberts, Mars Hill College, Mars Hill; Mr. Donald Platt, Davidson College, Davidson; and Mr. Lew Louis, High Point College, High Point.

Thomas Hayes Rites Are Held

Blaine Thomas Hayes, 34, resident of Vilas, died suddenly while engaged in a lumbering operation at Globe last Thursday.

Funeral services were held Saturday at 2 o'clock at the Mount Lebanon Baptist Church, Route 1, Vilas. The Rev. Lawrence Hagaman and the Rev. Horace Pitts conducted the rites and burial was in the Adams cemetery at Vilas.

Mr. Hayes is survived by the widow, Mrs. Mildred Hayes, and two daughters, Jean and Joan Hayes of the home; his father, Mr. S. B. Hayes, survives. There are three brothers and eight sisters: Carl Hayes, Boone; Ray Hayes, Vilas; Edward Hayes, Raleigh; Mrs. Arlie Hodges, Valle Crucis; Mrs. Bynum Anderson, Mrs. Ralph Hodges, Mrs. Arville Greer, Mrs. Clyde Townsend, Vilas; Mrs. Odell Teague, Boone; Mrs. Carl Lewis, North Wilkesboro; Mrs. Ernest Shore, Blowing Rock.

Wm. M. Beard Taken By Death

William M. Beard, 82, resident of the Globe neighborhood, Lenoir, Route 8, died at Blowing Rock Hospital Sunday from a brief illness.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 11 o'clock at the Reins-Sturdivant Chapel in Boone by the Rev. J. H. Crisp and burial was in the White Springs cemetery.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Nellie Beard, two sons and four daughters: William E. Beard, Tacoma, Wash.; Cecil E. Beard, Route 8, Lenoir; Mrs. George Moody, Johnson City, Tenn.; Mrs. Lester Race, Marion, Ohio; Mrs. Quincey Hill, Burnsville; Mrs. W. T. Blevins, Johnson City, Tenn.

Mrs. Hodges, 85, Dies Saturday

Martha Jane Parker Hodges, 85, died at her home, Route 1, Boone, Saturday, following a long illness.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Three Forks Baptist Church. The Rev. Raymond Hendrix and the Rev. Will Cook officiated, and burial was in Mountlawn Memorial Park.

Survivors are a son, Clyde Hodges, Boone, and two daughters, Mrs. Ray Brown and Mrs. Frank Lewis of Boone.

The Soviet Union recently extended new credits and aid to Bulgaria in the latest of a series of moves to cement its links with the satellite nations.

R. G. Shipley Named Chairman In Cattle Body

R. G. Shipley of Vilas, has been named membership chairman in Watauga County for the North Carolina Cattlemen's Association. This was announced this week by Emerson Black, county agent at Sparta, area chairman, in the current campaign of the association to acquire members for 1957.

Mr. Black states that the N. C. Cattlemen's Association was formed about a year ago for the purpose of promoting the production, marketing and consumption of North Carolina beef. He urges that cattle growers in the county and others join the association, stating that it has been set up to promote the interest of livestock producers in the cattle industry. Membership in the organization was 1300 last year. Goal for 1957 is 2500 which the association leaders hope will be reached this month. Annual membership dues are \$1.00.

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