

Jean Rivers' woman's page reviews the social scene. Besides personal mention, weddings, parties, club meetings are reported on page five.

| BOONE WEATHER | | | |
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| Date | High | Low | 8 p.m. |
| March 12 | 56 | 43 | 48 |
| March 13 | 59 | 30 | 46 |
| March 14 | 51 | 40 | 46 |
| March 15 | 60 | 41 | 50 |
| March 16 | 53 | 30 | 41 |
| March 17 | 65 | 34 | 52 |
| March 18 | 54 | 31 | 42 |

Derrick News Man For Horn

Leo Derrick, Jr., a native of Chadbourn and veteran newspaperman, has taken over the job as publicity director for Horn in the West, stirring outdoor drama presented each summer in Boone.

Derrick began his duties this week and his appointment was announced by James Marsh, executive vice-president of the Southern Appalachian Historical Association, the organization which yearly sponsors the historical presentation.

The play, written by the noted playwright Kermit Hunter, will open its doors to the public on June 28 in the beautiful and spacious Daniel Boone Theatre.

Derrick formerly served as editor and co-publisher of the Columbian. (Continued on page six.)

Tom Lawrence Leading Man In "The Sparrow"

Tom Lawrence, a freshman at Mars Hill College, will play the leading part of King Edward of Northumbria in "The Sparrow" an original play by Elizabeth Webster Watson. The play will be presented in the Spring Drama Festival at the University of North Carolina. He will also play the part of Bogey in "Hands Across the Sea" by Noel Coward as a production play.

Tom is traveling with the college choir on their annual spring tour. A number on their program is "The Creation" by James Weldon Johnson, narrated by Tom.

On Sunday evenings he has a radio program "Stairway to the Stars" on station WISE, NBC radio network in Asheville. Tom is the son of Dr. and Mrs. C. Ray Lawrence.

Miss Reid Has Total Of 926 In Cage Season



MISS ANN REID

Ann Reid, Blowing Rock High School senior, scored a total of 926 points during this year's basketball season for an average of 35.6 points in 26 games. In each of two games, on February 22 and March 2, this high-scoring lass chalked up 63 points.

Ann scores in the classroom as well as on the court, having a high B average for her four years in high school.

Mrs. Jackie Sells has been the coach of the girls' team for two years.



HELPING CELEBRATE Girl Scout Week were these Brownies of Troops 4 and 5. They are, front row, left to right, Carolyn Mode, Sara Lou Hagaman, Jeanette Wagner, Leslie Hardin, Ruth Ann Williams, Linda Dixon, Barbara Barnett, Jennie Lou Robinson, Linda Barnett, Becky Wright, second row, Sylvia Crew, Mackie Hagaman, Carol Lee Critcher, Judy Rayfield, Linda Hollingsworth, Carol Congleton, Rita Graham, Linda Lyons; third row, left to right, Carolyn Mode, Sara Lou Hagaman, Jeanette Wagner, Leslie Hardin, Ruth Ann Williams, Linda Dixon, Barbara Barnett, Jennie Lou Robinson, Linda Barnett, Becky Wright, second row, Sylvia Crew, Mackie Hagaman, Carol



sell, Janie Price, Jane Buckland, Martha Moretz, Gail Wilson; third row, Marjorie Reynolds, Wanda Lowman, Elizabeth Bartlett, Nancy Pease, Gay Kirchner, Marsha Parker, Patty Beshears, Elizabeth Greer, Margaret Glenn, Judy Snyder. Not pictured are Jane Harrison, Margaret Gragg, Carolyn Coffey, Betty Broome, and Joyce Brewer. These girls are members of Troops 2 and 6.

"Miss Watauga County" Is To Be Chosen By Jaycees

"The next Miss America might be living in Watauga County," said Dr. Gene Reese, when he announced the contest to pick "Miss Watauga County." The contest is sponsored by the Boone Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Miss Watauga County will represent this community at the Miss North Carolina pageant in Burlington in June.

Dr. Reese said the Boone Jaycees had been invited to select a Watauga county girl to compete in the contest staged by the State Junior Chamber of Commerce. Plans for the local contest call for the selection by May the first. Dr. Reese stated he will appoint operating committees for the local event immediately.

Miss Watauga County will compete in the State finals. The winner of the state event gets the title of "Miss North Carolina," a scholarship, and the right to compete in the Miss America pageant in September at Atlantic City in

New York. The winner of that contest gets a \$5000 scholarship and an estimated \$75,000 in modeling and personal appearance contracts.

"The next Miss America might very well be the girl who sells you movie tickets, is your receptionist or secretary, or perhaps is one of the youngsters in the high school play," Dr. Reese said in seeking publicity for the local contest. (Continued on page six.)

Brother Of R. E. Agle Succumbs

E. H. Agle suffered a heart attack and died at his home in Greensboro on Monday morning, March 11. Funeral services were held Wednesday morning.

Mr. Agle is survived by his wife, the former Miss Lucille Greene, and the following brothers and sisters: R. E. Agle, Boone; S. P. Swaringer, Aberdeen; and Mrs. Waite Covington, Ellerbe.



WILLIAM S. GREENE, JR.

Blowing Rock Teacher Given Science Grant

Mr. William S. Greene, Jr., science and mathematics teacher in the Blowing Rock High School, is a recipient of a \$4,000 grant from the National Science Foundation for a year's study at the University of North Carolina.

Mr. Greene was graduated from the University in 1952. He was connected with a textile designing firm in Charlotte before coming to Blowing Rock in 1955. He lives with his wife, the former Mary Ann Tate, and their two children on Linville Road in Blowing Rock.

The Blowing Rock School Board has given Mr. Greene a year's leave of absence from his position in the high school. The National Science Foundation's purpose in giving grants to (Continued on page six.)

Dr. Plemmons Makes Hit In Legislative Hearing

Says College Teachers Quit For Better Pay

Dr. William H. Plemmons, president of Appalachian State Teachers college, appeared before the Joint Appropriations Committee in Raleigh last week, and apparently made a "big hit" with members of that group.

He spent ten minutes before the committee and asked for \$24,500 for furniture to equip one of the buildings to be built on the campus.

This was a welcome change in requests for money-seekers to the harrassed legislators as they have listened to pleas for millions of dollars above budget recommendations from other sources.

Dr. Plemmons stated that the \$24,500 was not all the college would like to have and needs but he told his law makers he realized, all needs can't be met in one biennium, and that it was all he was seeking in immediate increases.

However, he said he hopes the Legislature will see fit to provide larger salary increases.

The eight to 10 per cent increase recommended, he said, "will not in the long run enable us to compete for the kind of teachers we feel future teachers are entitled to."

He said the college lost 13 of its (Continued on page six.)

Choir To Give Variety Program



THE COLLEGE CHOIR

Do you like songs from the favorite musical shows?

Do you like well known selections sung in concert style, or do you favor a combination of chorus and orchestra?

If so, which ever you prefer, you will find that preference in the miscellaneous program that the College Choir will present under the direction of Virginia Wary Linney on Monday night, March 25th at 8:00 p. m. in the College Auditorium.

The program will be enhanced by lighting effects, costuming, dancing and action.

Where ever the magic names of such composers as Edward Grieg, Kurt Weill, Earl Robinson, Hoagy Carmichael and Richard Rogers appear the music is sure to captivate the interest of the public. These names will all appear on the program.

One portion of the program will be done in concert style and will consist of favorite numbers, both

sacred and secular and will climax with a group of numbers performed with the orchestra under the direction of Nicholas Erneston.

Collaborating with the College Choir in this performance will be Joy Miller Kirchner and members of the Varsouviana Dance group; Roberta Hamilton and members of the Playcrafters, Nicholas Erneston and the College Orchestra, and student directors, Bill Sneed and James Stokes.

Stallings Is Named Hereford Assn. President

Mr. B. W. Stallings was elected president of Watauga Purebred Hereford Breeders Association at their annual meeting Thursday, March 14. R. G. Shipley was elected vice-president and Council Henson, secretary-treasurer.

Directors elected were as follows: Harry Hamilton, Charles Hodges, Dave Minton, W. H. Walker, H. Grady Farthing and Cloyd Bolick.

The date for the 1957 sale was set for Saturday, October 12. L. E. Tuckwiller, County Agent, will be sales manager, and the executive officers with the sales manager will constitute the sales committee.

A pre-sale show is planned at which time any Hereford that the judges see as unworthy will be rejected. The judge will also select not more than 35 heifers that have not calved, and not more than 20 bulls now over 2 years of age for the sale.

A Hereford heifer will be given free to a lucky winner at the end of the sale.

Hospital Gets \$7,950 Grant

Announcement is made by the Ford Foundation of its payment to Watauga Hospital of \$7,950, in its \$200 million program to improve and extend community hospital services in the forty-eight states, Alaska, Hawaii and Puerto Rico. The total grant to the local hospital was given at \$15,900.

REA Corporation Chalks Up Rapid Growth Record



DR. CHARLES DAVANT, JR.

Dr. Davant Is Named Head Of School Group

Dr. Charles Davant, Jr. was unanimously elected president for 1957-58 of District 15 of the North Carolina State School Board Association at the district meeting in Morganton March 15.

Dr. Davant is chairman of the Watauga County Board of Education. (Continued on page six.)

The Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation, which operates in eight Western North Carolina counties, including Watauga, continues to show rapid growth, according to figures released by Cecil E. Viverette, general manager. This has been especially true of the farm accounts of the corporation which make up 80 per cent of the membership of the Rural Electrification Administration affiliate.

The sale of electric energy increased 21 per cent in 1955 over 1954, and 20.2 per cent in 1956 over 1955. At this rate of growth, the use of electric power by members of the Blue Ridge Membership Corporation is doubling every four years, Mr. Viverette explained.

Neil Faries, manager of the Watauga District of the corporation, stated that his district serves 3,269 farm accounts and listed figures to show how farmers are using the power.

Mr. Faries stated that, according to a survey made in February the following electrical equipment is in use in the Watauga District:

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Hollers Gets Morehead UNC Scholarship



RUSSELL J. HOLLERS

Russell J. Hollers, of Durham, a grandson of R. W. Hollers of Boone, has been awarded a Morehead Scholarship to the University of North Carolina. The award announcement was made March 6, following a series of interviews at Chapel Hill.

Russell is a senior at Durham High School. Besides his scholastic ability, he has been a stand-out in athletics at that school. He has starred in football, baseball and basketball, making All-State honors (Continued on page six.)

Fog-Shrouded Highway, Wrong Side Driving Bring Accidents

Fog and driving on the wrong side of the road was given as the cause of two related accidents which occurred last Thursday at 11:30 a.m. Five vehicles were involved and about \$1500 property damage was suffered, besides minor injuries to two persons, according to the State Highway Patrol.

The accident was near the Pine Run Road and highway 421 intersection at Rutherford. The patrol account stated that Glenn Allen Oaks, of Russell Springs, Ky., and Camp Lejeune was travel-

ing west on 421 in a 1950 Buick and was attempting to pass a car transport when he collided with a 1951 Chevrolet pickup being driven east by Joseph Grant Miller of Deep Gap.

William Marcus Ford, of Route 5, Lenoir, was traveling behind the Miller truck, and was unable to see because of the fog and ran into the rear of the Miller vehicle.

Lawrence Alfred Church of Route 1, Purlear, had stopped in his truck about fifty feet from the first wreck because the road was blocked. A car driven by Doris

Odell Church, Meadows of Dan, Va., ran into the rear of the Church truck and then ran off the left side of the road. The driver of the last vehicle said he could not see in time to stop because of the heavy fog which shrouded the area that day.

Mr. Miller and his granddaughter, Debra Lynn Welch, were treated at Watauga Hospital for lacerations and then released.

Mr. Oaks was charged by the investigating patrolman with driving on the wrong side of the road.

AAU Wrestling Tourney To Be Held Here For The Third Time

The Carolinas AAU Wrestling Tournament will be held here at Boone March 22 and 23 for the second consecutive year. Appalachian State Teachers College tied for the team event last year with the Camp Lejeune Marines which had to be decided and approved by the National AAU Ruling Committee. Appalachian has already been entered for the meet again this year, and will be trying for their nineteenth AAU championship.

There are quite a few of the individual champions entered thus far. They are Jerry Daniels, 123 pounder and most outstanding

wrestler of last year's tournament, who will once again represent Appalachian; Kermit Ashley, former Marine champion in the 137 pound class who is now a student at Appalachian; Gayle Speaks, last year's 155 pound champion who is now a freshman at Appalachian State; Jim Gregor 177 pound champion who has just enrolled at Appalachian; and J. W. Welborn, 145 pound champion who wrestled for Boone High School last year and is now a freshman at the University of North Carolina.

Over 50 college, high school, and independent wrestlers are expected to enter the tournament this

year. Entry blanks may be obtained from R. W. Watkins, Director of Physical Education, Appalachian State Teachers College, Boone, North Carolina. Entries close March 22 at noon. The first round opens at 7:00 o'clock Friday.

Team trophies will be awarded for the champion and runner-up teams. AAU medals will be awarded to the individual wrestlers who place first, second, third, or fourth in each weight division. All awards will be presented at the end of the championship matches Saturday night March 23.

Highway Bids Being Asked

The State Highway Commission has called for bids on the resurfacing of highway 421 from Boone east for 6.55 miles.

Also bids have been asked on 8.49 miles of high-type resurfacing on the new mountain highway NC 105 from Linville in Avery county to a point near Foscoe in Watauga county.

U. S. 321 is also to be resurfaced from Bailey Camp south for 2.9 miles.