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FOURTEEN PAGES—TWO SECTIONS

Parkway Centers Closed

On November 1 all recreational areas and concession operations on the Parkway are closed for the season.

Closing of the recreational area facilities includes all picnic areas, tent and trailer camping areas, comfort stations and all water outlets.

Closing of concession operations includes all gas stations, snack bars, coffee and sandwich shops, lodging, souvenir shops, craft center and the Sharp Top bus which are on the Parkway.

Basic necessities of travel, as gasoline, food, and lodging, are available within reasonable distance of the Parkway at all major highway intersections.

Parkway Motor Road.
With the first snow or the icing of the pavement two sections of the Parkway are closed, gated, and locked until April 15. The first is in Virginia, between Route U. S. 501 at the James River and Route U. S. 460 near Roanoke (mile 64 to mile 106). The second is in North Carolina, from the Mt. Mitchell road at Black Mt. Gap to Route U. S. 70 to Oteen (mile 355 to 381).

Elsewhere, all or part of the Parkway motor road is temporarily closed when ice or snow covers any part of the pavement between major highway intersections; sections are re-opened when the hazardous conditions no longer exist. Please therefore inform the inquiring visitors that when snow, ice, or fog are present or indicated they should avoid the Parkway, use State routes.

For current information about road and weather conditions on the Parkway, call your local representative of the Blue Ridge Parkway District Ranger Ross Reeves. Phone Wilkesboro Exchange 29F013.

Rivers Takes Position With Tax Institute

Washington, D. C.—James C. Rivers, for the last six years director of the Internal Revenue Service's public information division, is leaving to become managing director of Tax Executives Institute, Inc.

It was "disclosed at the same time that the institute's headquarters, now in New York, will be moved to Washington at 1111 E street N. W. on January 1. The organization is composed of heads of tax departments of corporations that pay about \$12 billion a year in Federal and State taxes.

Mr. Rivers, of Boone, N. C., a former newspaperman, has been in Government about 21 years, most of the time as an information officer for Treasury Department agencies. He and Mrs. Rivers will continue to maintain their home at 5813 Augusta drive, Springfield, Va.

The Tax Executives Institute is headed by Walter N. Norris, general auditor of the Great Northern Railroad, St. Paul.

Motel Operators Form Association

Motel operators of northwest North Carolina have banded together and organized the Grandfather Mountain Area Motel Association for the "mutual good of these businesses and the traveling public."

The group elected Harry G. Robbins of Blowing Rock as its first president, together with a complete slate of officers owning motels in this section of the State.

Others named to office include Spencer Robbins, Blowing Rock, vice-president; Harold Ticknor, Deep Gap, secretary; Ferris Baumgardner, Boone, treasurer; and Mrs. Elizabeth Miller, Jefferson, recording secretary.

The organization will embrace eight northwest counties: Surry, Ashe, Wilkes, Avery, Alleghany, Watauga, Caldwell, and Mitchell. A spokesman for the official body said this week that efforts will be concentrated in the near future toward getting all motel operators in the eight-county area affiliated with the association.



COLLEGE TRUSTEES, OFFICIALS—Front row, left to right, Dr. W. H. Plemmons, President; Mrs. J. E. Broyhill, Lenoir; William J. Conrad, Winston-Salem; D. Barnard Dougherty, vice-president and comptroller; second row: Dr. J. D. Rankin, President-Emeritus; W. R. Winkler, Boone; Dr. J. B. Hagaman, Jr., Boone; George Corn,

Shelby; third row: B. C. Brock, Mocksville; L. A. Dysart, Lenoir; John Frank, Mount Airy; C. Watson Brame, North Wilkesboro; Kidd Brewer, Raleigh; and E. G. Lackey, Winston-Salem.—Photo AV Center, ASTC.

College Board Of Trustees Takes Oath Of Office From The Mayor

Appalachian State Teachers college held its Fall Convocation on Friday, November 1, and the occasion was one of impressive dignity and solemnity, as the new board of trustees was sworn into office by Mayor Gordon H. Winkler of Boone.

Speaker for this occasion, which was attended by faculty, students,

Wade Brown Is Occupying New Building Here

Mr. Wade E. Brown, local attorney, moved his offices into his newly-constructed building at 221 West King Street Tuesday.

The vacated building at 309 West King, was sold by Mr. Brown to the Boone National Farm Loan Association, an affiliate of the Federal Land Bank of Columbia. Mr. John Hollar, manager of the association, states that the Land Bank offices will be moved to the new location about the 15th. Mr. Hollar's offices had been in the Watauga Savings & Loan Association building.

Mr. Brown's new building is one-story, constructed along Colonial lines, and the interior is finished in Philippine mahogany paneling. Reception rooms, secretary's room, a private office and library have been provided, in addition to storage and furnace rooms.

Mr. Brown graduated from Wake Forest College in June 1931, and opened his law office in the old Blackburn hotel building in July of that year. He has had offices in Town Hall, Critcher Hotel, Watauga Bank Building, and the old courthouse, before building his first office building, which he occupied for 19 years.

and many guests, was Paul A. Johnston, director of the department of administration of North Carolina.

Mr. Johnston spoke of "what I believe to be the most compelling necessities of our times—namely, that America produce more leaders of excellence in every field of activity, including science, industry, government, etc., and of equal importance that all the citizens of our country be educated to a point where each is equipped not only to make the most productive use of his ability in connection with his individual profession or occupation, but also to bring an intelligent judgment to the pressing public decisions of his community, his State, his Nation, and indeed of the world."

Mr. Johnston pointed out that from one-fourth to one-third of the valedictorians who graduate each year from high schools in North Carolina do not enter college. This he termed "a tragic waste." Another fact often emphasized, he said, is that many students who are without the capacity for higher education are enrolled in many of our colleges only to drop out within a short time.

We must not, according to Mr. Johnston, conclude that merely preventing the enrollment of unqualified students will insure the enrollment of qualified students. There is a great deal more to the problem than that, he said. "Let's face the fact," Mr. Johnston continued, "that we must not only provide space and facilities in our colleges and universities which will accommodate our brightest high school graduates . . . we must also, in those cases where such is necessary, provide in one way or another the financial assistance—or even full financial support—for the complete education of all our qualified high school graduates." This we must do, he says, in spite of the

fact that enrollments and expenses at the state institutions are rising steadily. In answer to the question, "Can we afford, if necessary, to furnish full financial support of all qualified high school graduates in order to insure their enrollment in college?" Mr. Johnston countered with the question, "Can we afford not to?"

The speaker quoted figures showing one group of seventh grade students numbering 73,931 in 1947. By the time this same group of students had reached the twelfth grade the number had dropped to 36,658. Of this number, 15,550 enrolled as freshmen in college, but by the time they were seniors, only 6,406 were still in college—approximately one-twelfth of the number who were in the seventh grade. He quoted also comparable figures for American and for Russian students as to requirements in the sciences and in mathematics. "In view of these figures," he said, "those of us who are concerned for the defense of this Nation ought not to rest easy."

Mr. Johnston concluded by saying, "By mentioning here these several problems connected with education, I have not attempted to place the responsibility for the solving of these problems. It seems probable, however, that those who train our teachers have at least as much, if not more responsibility in this area than anybody else. I can say, therefore, to this audience, which is so closely concerned with the affairs of this great institution devoted primarily to the training of teachers, yours is a high responsibility indeed. I know you will bring to it the very best that is in you."

Mr. Johnston conveyed a message from Governor Luther Hodges to the members of the board of trustees for the occasion.

The members of the board of trustees who were introduced to the audience and installed are as follows: C. Watson Brame, oil distributor of North Wilkesboro;

Kidd Brewer, insurance man and bakery owner of Raleigh; B. C. Brock, attorney of Mocksville; Mrs. J. Ed Broyhill, civic and social leader of Lenoir; William J. Conrad, vice president of R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company of Winston-Salem; George Corn, owner of Shelby Concrete Products, Inc., of Shelby; L. A. Dysart, president of Union National Bank of Lenoir; John Frank, president of North Carolina Granite Corporation of Mount Airy; Dr. J. B. Hagaman, Jr., physician of Boone; E. G. Lackey, secretary-treasurer of Pilot Freight Carriers, Inc., of Winston-Salem.

Dean Hodges Dies Monday

Dean Haden Hodges, 32, of Boone, died Monday, November 4, in Baptist Hospital at Winston-Salem, where he had been a patient for about five days.

Death was said to be due to a complication of respiratory ailments. Mr. Hodges had been in the radio and television repair business in Boone for a number of years until ill health forced him to dispose of his shop in the early fall. He was active in Junior Chamber of Commerce work and other civic affairs.

Funeral services were scheduled to be held at 2 p. m. Wednesday, November 6, at the Advent Christian Church in Boone, conducted by the Rev. George Arthur, the Rev. E. F. Troutman, and the Rev. C. A. Foss, with burial to follow in Mountlawn cemetery.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Ruby Smith Hodges; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Hodges of Boone; a sister, Mrs. W. D. Baxter of Atlanta, Ga.; and three half-sisters, Mrs. James Carter and Mrs. Russell Maltha, both of Boone, and Mrs. Ruby Turner of Fayetteville.

Watauga Countians Given Fair Awards

Several Watauga county exhibitors took premium honors during the North Carolina State Fair and took home a large portion of the more than \$50,000 awarded.

Winners from Watauga were: Field crops—ShIPLEY Farms, Vilas, Hybrid corn Funk G91, G95A, G512W, Woods V28, all seconds; hybrid corn US 13, US282, third. Council Henson, Vilas, hybrid corn US13, W. Va. 1163, first; Open variety rye, first, L. A. Henson, hybrid corn US13, W. Va. 1163, open variety rye, second; open pollinated white corn, third. Horace Greer, Rt. 1, Boone, hybrid corn, W. Va. 1163, open variety rye, third.

Horticulture—Horace Greer, Rt. 1, Boone, open variety sweet potatoes, first; Irish potatoes, two thirds, one fourth. Mrs. Lonnie Henson, Vilas, 5-tray display Irish potatoes, first. L. A. Henson, Vilas,

Kennebeck, Irish potatoes, first; 5-tray display Irish potatoes, Sequoyia Irish Potatoes, open variety Irish potatoes, all second. Council Henson, Vilas, Sequoyia Irish Potatoes, first; Kennebeck potatoes, second; Irish potatoes, two thirds. Livestock (Holstein dairy cattle)—Appalachian Dairy, Boone, bull calf, junior yearling bull, cow in milk, five year cow, dairy herd, all second; two thirds, one fourth, two fifths, two sixths, on seventh, one eighth, one eleventh, one twelfth.

Swine (Hampshire)—ShIPLEY Farms, Vilas, three ewe lambs, get of sire, seconds; one fourth, one fifth, two sixths, one eighth, one ninth. Edd L. Prossell, Rt. 2, Banner Elk, won two firsts in the handicrafts division with wood carving, one second in jewelry and one second in flat wood carving.

1249 Students Are Stricken With Flu

Situation At College Is Improving

Influenza and kindred ailments are still keeping nearly a third of Watauga county's children away from school, while the situation at Appalachian State Teachers College, where about 10 per cent of the student body had been afflicted, is definitely improved, according to official information gathered by the Democrat Tuesday.

County Superintendent of Schools Guy W. Angell, says that 1249 students in the high and elementary schools of the county were out of class according to his latest survey, or 31 per cent of the student population of 4011.

At Parkway School the percentage of absences is greatest, there being 50 per cent away from school there, for a total of 254. At Cove Creek Elementary 42 per cent or 152 students were away from classes, while at Cove Creek High 53 were away. The ailments had visited the high school earlier, and the students had largely recovered there before the elementary group was stricken.

The situation at the other schools follows:

At Bethel 88 or 27 per cent were absent.

Mabel had an absence list of 108 or 38 per cent.

At Valle Crucis 85 or 27 per cent were at home.

Blowing Rock had 117 or 24 per cent away.

Green Valley reported 81 absences or 23 per cent.

Appalachian High School had 115 absent or 24 per cent.

Appalachian Elementary School 196 or 34 per cent.

Not All Are Ill

Mr. Angell points out, however, that not all the absences are due to illness. Normal absences run close to ten per cent, he added. Few teachers have been stricken, Mr. Angell said.

College Condition Better

At Appalachian State Teachers College, where normally absences are almost negligible, the conditions have improved. About 200 or roughly ten per cent, failed to meet classes at the peak of the disease last Thursday, but Dean D. J. Whitener believes the institution is now "over the hump" as regards influenza.

Dr. Whitener says that most of the freshmen are back in their classes and that he feels very optimistic about the situation. The first-year students, he says, were stricken first. He believes that the action of the college in having provided influenza vaccinations well ahead is largely responsible for the relatively low number of students to become ill. The Dean says the fine work of Mrs. Zeb Shook, college nurse, and the splendid cooperation of the students in following preventive measures, have also helped immeasurably.

Among the early precautions taken, besides vaccinations, included the closing of the swimming pool at the college.

Health Department advices indicate that the illnesses include common influenza, possibly some of the Asian variety, and the common cold.

Gasoline Goes Down Another 2 Cents Here

Another reduction of 2 cents per gallon on most brands of gasoline was posted at Boone and Watauga County service stations Tuesday. The latest price drop left regular gas at 22.9 and premium at 25.9.

This represents a total slash in gas prices of 10 cents per gallon since the state's newest price war reached Watauga County on September 19. Prices at that time stood at 32.9 and 35.9.

Distributors expressed the opinion that prices would go even lower, probably to the 19.9 level reached last August when a similar wave of reductions spread over the state. No indication is seen of an early return to "pre-war" levels, one distributor for a major company added.



"AN APPLE a day will keep the Doctor away!"—Not so in this case, as the heavily loaded winter apple tree stands in the back of Dr. Hadley Wilson's office building on King Street. Although stripped of its leaves by the frosts and autumn weather, the tree has enough apples on it to put all the doctors in Boone out of business for awhile if the old adage is true. It is a picture of natural beauty as the red apples stand out against a background of sky.—Photo by Joe C. Minor.

Dougherty Honored At Fall Convocation

When Appalachian State Teachers college held its Fall Convocation last Friday, one of the special guests for the occasion was the Honorable J. Kemp Dougherty of Sparta, Speaker of the House of Representatives of the last General Assembly of North Carolina.

Mr. Dougherty read and presented to the college a very beautiful framed scroll which paid tribute to the late Dr. B. B. Dougherty. The scroll had been hand-printed and framed by James M. White, the executive director of the North Carolina Association of Railroads, a personal friend of Dr. Dougherty and an artist in his own right. The scroll was prepared from a resolution which was passed in tribute to Dr. Dougherty by the last General Assembly. It was done, Mr. Dougherty said, "to eulogize the great service of Dr. Dougherty, one of the greatest educators any of us have ever known," and he presented it, he said, "with pride, thanksgiving, and humility."

Dr. W. H. Plemmons, president of Appalachian, accepted the scroll on behalf of the college, and stated that it would be hung in a prominent and fitting place on the campus, for all to see and appreciate.

The scroll reads as follows: "Resolution of the North Carolina General Assembly

"Whereas, Dr. Blanford Barnard Dougherty has recently died at the age of eighty-five; and
"Whereas, in the death of Dr. Dougherty, patron, longtime President, and one of the founders of Appalachian State Teachers College, the State of North Carolina has suffered the loss of a courageous, sincere, and far-sighted educator and public servant; and
"Whereas, among his many accomplishments and public services during his long and useful life, he served as County Superintendent of Watauga County Schools from 1899 to 1916, as President of Appalachian State Teachers College from 1903 until his retirement a short time before his death, and for a long number of years was a member of the State Board of Education; and
"Whereas, from the date of the founding of Appalachian State Teachers college in 1903 until the day of his death, this native North Carolinian labored early and late, in season and out, in the interests of Appalachian State Teachers col-

lege, and
"Whereas, the General Assembly of North Carolina wishes to make record of its appreciation of his life and accomplishments and of its
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Coy Church Is New Manager At Smithey's

Mr. Coy N. Church of Route 1, Purlear, has moved to Boone and succeeded Arlie Walsh, deceased, as manager of Smithey's Store.

Mr. Church has been in the employ of the Smithey chain for three and a half years, and was in the clothing department of the Goodwill Store in North Wilkesboro prior to coming to Boone.

Mr. and Mrs. Church have established residence in the apartment adjoining the store building. They have one son, who is serving with the Navy and is presently in Germany.

Veterans Day Flags Asked

Lionel Ward, Veterans Service Officer for Watauga County, urges all business places to display the United States flag in front of their establishments in observance of Veterans Day, Monday, November 11.

National headquarters of the American Legion is also asking that all church bells, fire sirens, and factory whistles be sounded for ten seconds beginning at exactly 11 a. m. on November 11. Mr. Ward said.

Open House For Olds Showing

Blue Ridge Motors has announced plans for an "open house" event to be held all day Friday of this week in connection with the first showing of the Oldsmobile line of cars for 1958.

Refreshments will be served and a small gift presented to all visitors, said Tom S. Winkler, proprietor of the dealership on the Bristol Road, in inviting the public to drop in and see the new Oldsmobiles Friday.