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SOME OF THE 2,000 PERSONS ATTENDING PROGRESS DAY EXHIBITION

Over Two Thousand Gather For First Annual Progress Day

More than 2,000 people attended the first annual daylong Watauga Progress Day, held in Boone last Wednesday, under the sponsorship of the Rural Development Committee and the chambers of commerce of Boone and Blowing Rock.

Fifty-four exhibits were on display in the Mountain Bury Warehouse No. 2 in the morning and the event ended about 4 p. m. when a half-truck-load of watermelons were cut on the Daniel Boone Theatre picnic grounds. Commercial exhibits totaled 24 and educational displays 30.

Dr. I. G. Greer, native of Watauga, spoke in the theatre to a large group preceding the watermelon feast. He spoke of progress in Watauga county as he saw it, and reminisced about his boyhood in Watauga.

Many persons from out of Watauga attended the event and leaders of Progress Day said they expected the idea carried out here will be used in other places to stimulate the growth and progress in areas represented by these visitors.

The educational exhibits were judged by R. W. Shoffner, assistant director of N. C. Extension Service; D. G. Harwood, Rural Development specialist, Raleigh; and Grover C. Dobbins, Western District Farm Agent, Asheville and Raleigh. The Danish system of judging was used with 27 exhibits receiving blue ribbons and three red.

Judging was on general appearance, content, how well the story of progress was told or how completely an idea was put across, and the amount of time and effort put forth.

Many of the commercial exhibits carried out the progress theme, and contained articles or notes showing the progress made in businesses represented.

Herman W. Anderson, assistant county agent and Rural Development leader, had this to say about the event: "The event was very successful. Interest and cooperation received by the committees and the hard work which went into the program is greatly appreciated. This is just one small example of what can be done through working together. With this kind of spirit great things are in store for Watauga county."

Father Mrs. Agle Taken By Death

J. W. Eury, 76, Bessemer City, died at his home early Tuesday morning after a long illness. He was the father of Mrs. R. E. Agle and W. L. Eury of Boone.

Survivors include his widow, Lona Douglas Eury of the home; six children, Mrs. Agle and Mr. Eury of Boone; the Misses Louise, Kathryn and Miriam Eury of the home; and Mrs. Walter Rogals of Columbia, S. C.

Funeral arrangements were incomplete at the time of this report.



WATERMELON A'PLENTY

Booster Club Maps Drive For Members

Several members of the Booster Club for Appalachian High School met last Wednesday evening at Kirk's Restaurant with Coaches Jack Groce and Steve Gabriel and made plans for an extensive membership drive.

Solicitation has already begun, and Coach Groce urged those desiring membership in the club to sign up immediately as the first home game of the Blue Devils football team is scheduled for September 5, with Ashe Central. Membership in the club offers admittance to all home sports events of the Blue Devils, which include football, basketball, wrestling, and baseball.

Last year there were approximately 120 members and the membership fees were used to equip the teams with the best equipment available.

Coach Groce said that "without the support of the Booster Club, it would be almost impossible to carry out a sports program at Appalachian High School."

The football squad has been practicing for nearly two weeks and the coaches were optimistic as they looked over the nine-game schedule set up this year:

- Sept. 5—Ashe Central, Boone.
- Sept. 12—Beaver Creek (homecoming)—7:00 p. m., Boone.
- Sept. 19—Open.
- Sept. 26—Elkin High at Elkin.
- Oct. 3—West Wilkes at West Wilkes.
- Oct. 10—Granite Falls, Boone.
- Oct. 17—Lansing High at Lansing.
- Oct. 24—Harris High at Spruce Pine.
- Oct. 31—Hildebran High, Boone.

Nov. 7—Mt. Airy at Mt. Airy. Game time for all games is 8:00 p. m., except the homecoming affair.

Catawba Dairy Manager Goes To Legion Meet

Gene Arndt, manager of the Boone office for Catawba Dairy, will leave Boone Saturday to attend the National Convention of American Legion in Chicago. He is serving on the Child Welfare Committee for the North Carolina Department under appointment of the State Commander of the American Legion.

Mr. Arndt is also on the national law and order committee of the Legion. He was placed on this committee by National Commander John Gleason. He expects to attend sessions of both these committees.

Mr. Arndt is a member of Post 48, in Hickory, where he lived before moving to Boone recently. He has served as commander of that post and held various other offices in the Legion.

Democrats Are Asked To Meet

A rally of the Democratic voters of Watauga county will be held at the courthouse Saturday September 6 at 2 o'clock, it is announced by H. C. Hendrix, county chairman.

Mr. Hendrix states that the meeting is for the purpose of discussing important party matters.

Hoyt Edmisten Is Winner Of Havana Cruise

Mr. John Hoyt Edmisten has been awarded a five day vacation in Havana Cuba where he will stay at the fabulous Havana Riviera Hotel. He will be guest of Mitchell-Powers Hardware Company and Gibson Refrigerator Company.

The award of this trip to Mr. Edmisten was made in recognition of his outstanding performance during the past eight months in the sale of Gibson products.

Mr. Edmisten is a partner of Edmisten Furniture Company in Boone.

Seeing Eye Dog Gets New Home

Miss Betty Sigle, a case worker for the blind in this area, had a seeing eye dog, who was retired and needed a home.

The plight of the dog came to the attention of the Democrat, and following the publication of Joe Minor's feature in regard thereto, a good home was promptly found for the deserving canine, that had contributed so abundantly to human happiness and well-being.

Nearly fifty offers of homes for Dotty, the dog, came to the welfare department, and inquiries continue to come, Miss Sigle said.

Yadkin Dairy Distributor Is Named Here

R. L. Lewis, manager of sales and advertising for Yadkin Valley Dairy, announced this week the appointment of "Queen Bess of Watauga" as distributor of the dairy's products in Watauga county. Bruce Higgins was listed as owner and operator of the distributorship.

Following the announcement, Mr. Higgins said that Lloyd Jones will be salesman and routeman for the distributor.

Both Mr. Jones and Mr. Higgins are Watauga men. Mr. Jones has had dairy experience in Boone and Mr. Higgins is part owner of Todd and Higgins Esso station.

Mr. Higgins said he is glad to get the Watauga distributorship of the Yadkin Valley Dairy, and that he intends to service the stores in the area and to make home deliveries of the dairy products.

221 Are Given Degrees At Appalachian Finals

Rites Are Held For Tyre Elrod

Lloyd Tyre Elrod, 75, retired rural mail carrier on Route 1 out of Boone, died at Blowing Rock Hospital last Wednesday.

Funeral services were conducted at Mount Vernon Baptist Church on Friday. The Rev. R. E. Eggers and the Rev. Barney Oliver conducted the rites and burial was in the Critcher cemetery.

Surviving are two sons, Donald Elrod, Route 1, Boone; and Darrel R. Elrod, Ferandina, Fla. There are three sisters and one brother: Mrs. Claudia Hampton, Statesville; Mrs. Lunda Bradshaw, Boone; Mrs. Florence Norris, who resides in New Jersey; Phillip Elrod, Lynchburg, Va. There are two grandchildren.

Welfare Of Aged Citizens Sought

The week of July 13-19 was set aside in North Carolina as a period during which special consideration would be given to the health, happiness, and welfare of the state's aging citizens.

The Governor's Co-ordinating Committee on Aging was created in 1956 to study and evaluate the many problems affecting senior citizens.

This committee saw a great need for a better understanding and greater cooperation at both state and local levels with respect to the problems of the aging.

Watauga County Committee on Aging is arranging for a program on Monday night, September 8, at 8:00 in the Boone Elementary School Auditorium, to consider the problems of our older people.

All clubs and organizations in the county are being asked to participate in this meeting.

Kindergarten Opens Sept. 2

The Boone Junior Woman's Club will again sponsor a kindergarten for five year old children, under the direction of Mrs. Louis G. Farthing, 432 Grand Boulevard.

Opening date will be September 2. School days will be Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a. m. to 12:00 noon.

Open house will be held Friday, August 29, from 3 to 4 p. m., for students and parents.

Interested persons may call AM 4-6329, or Mrs. Farthing at AM 4-3867 for further information.



THE PROFESSOR of the "College of Musical Knowledge" Kay Kiser, left, is shown as he and Dr. W. H. Plemmons and Dr. I. G. Greer leave the watermelon feast following a speech on the progress of Watauga county by Dr. Greer. The "professor," was visiting Dr. Plemmons and attended part of the Progress Day activities. Kiser was master of ceremonies of a popular radio program several years ago, but has since retired to his home in Chapel Hill.—Staff photo by Joe Minor.



SPEAKER, PRESIDENT, STUDENT.—The Rev. L. H. Hollingsworth, left, was speaker at commencement exercises at ASTC last week, when his wife, Mrs. Bessie Hollingsworth, received her master's degree. Dr. W. H. Plemmons, college president, looks on as the husband and wife face each other following the ceremonies.—Photo by AV Center.

Saturday Last Day To Register For City Vote

Saturday is the last day to register for participation in the municipal election called to approve or disapprove the issuance of \$150,000 in bonds for the construction of a swimming pool and recreational area for the town of Boone.

The project would provide for a community club house, a swimming pool, playground, teen canteen and concession stand, all to be located on Horn in the West property, now owned by the city.

Long range plans call for the development of the entire area, including picnic grounds, horseback riding facilities, museum, memorial gardens and overlook.

The election is to be held September 9. Mrs. Elsie Hagaman is Registrar. No completely new registration of voters is required but those who have never registered for a city election will have to register.

Two propositions will be voted on. One will empower the city to issue \$150,000 in bonds for the construction of the civic facility, and to levy a tax sufficient to pay the interest and principal on the bonds. Fifteen cents on the one hundred dollars valuation had previously been estimated as suf-

Local Pastor Speaker; Gill Was Ill

A graduating class of 221 were told Thursday night at Appalachian State Teachers College commencement exercises that teachers need to know the difference between knowledge and wisdom.

"The accumulation of facts is wisdom," stated the Rev. L. H. Hollingsworth, who substituted for State Treasurer Edwin Gill, the scheduled speaker who was absent because of illness.

The Rev. Mr. Hollingsworth is president of the general board of the Baptist State Convention and pastor of the First Baptist Church here.

Teachers should know what gives education true integrity, what gives life true quality, and what is truth, the Baptist minister advised the graduates.

True integrity involves recognizing and respecting the human personality.

"To have true quality, life must have purpose, depth and breadth. Truth is found not in data but in living persons," he said.

ASTC president W. H. Plemmons introduced the Rev. Mr. Hollingsworth.

Of the 221 students graduating, 126 received master of arts degrees. Bachelor of science degrees were awarded to 95.

Graduating honor students (magna cum laude) were: Helen Borders Blanton of Shelby, Jennie Irene Disman of Kannapolis, John L. Idol Jr. of Boone, Mrs. Nellie Jean Coffey Lindley of Collettsville, Annie Woods of Norlina, and Fannie Baker Walton of Valle Crucis who was graduated in absentia.

State FHA Meet At Blowing Rock

The annual State meeting of the Farmers Home Administration was held Tuesday and Wednesday of this week at Mayview, Manor in Blowing Rock.



MISS RUBY AKERS

Miss Akers To Take Position In Mississippi

Miss Ruby Akers, member of the faculty of Appalachian High School, has accepted a position at Holmes Junior College in Goodman, Mississippi, and will leave Friday. She will head the English Department at Holmes.

Miss Akers came to Boone seven years ago to teach in the English Department of Appalachian. While here she served as one of the consultants in Language Arts at Appalachian State Teachers College, also teaching English Methods and College English.

Miss Akers is a native of Mississippi.

A-Model Caravan On Week End Trip Here

Forty-five people, passengers in a caravan of refurbished model-Ford cars, spent the night Saturday at the Longvue and Oakwood Motels, on their regular summer meeting trip.

Mr. Harold Swanson of Lenoir was in charge of the caravan of ancient vehicles, and the group held its club meeting on the Horn in the West grounds Sunday morning.

The old cars were completely reconditioned and rebuilt, some of them colorfully painted, and the value of the vehicles is said to have ranged in some instances to four thousand dollars.