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Over 3,000 Members REA Co-op Expected At Saturday Meeting

The 16,983 members of Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation will hold their 22nd annual meeting on Saturday September 13, at Appalachian State Teachers College Gym.

More than 3,000 members are expected to attend from the counties of Ashe, Alleghany, Watauga, Caldwell, Wilkes, Avery, Surry, and Alexander. A program of local talent and business has been planned to be of interest to all members and their families.

Registration for the meeting will begin at 12:00 p. m. and at 1:30 p. m. the entertainment program starts. The entertainment is to be provided by Miss Molly Agle of Boone, Gracen Lucas and Ralph Poole of Sparta, Willis and Willard Bleving of West Jefferson, and Rebecca Smith, Dennis Sherrill, Brenda Thomas, Pamela Harris, and Harold Kizes of Whitnel.

The program will be opened by Rev. E. F. Troutman of Grace Lutheran Church in Boone. Dr. W. H. Plemmons, President of Appalachian State Teachers College, will give the welcome. Harry B. Caldwell, prominent North Carolina farm leader will bring the principal address. Mr. Caldwell has been State Grange Master for eighteen years. Some of his other activities are members of President Eisenhower's Agricultural Advisory Committee, and a member of many national and state boards of directors and foundations.

He has also received the Man of the Year award in North Carolina Agriculture.

A. B. Hurt, President of Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation and C. E. Viverette, General Manager, will give their annual reports to the members. During the business meeting the members will elect a fifteen man board of directors. The present board is A. B. Hurt, President; Todd Gentry, C. B. Graybeal, and W. B. Austin from Ashe district; C. L. Mast, vice-president; D. R. Moore, secretary-treasurer; C. C. Poovey, and Henry O. Medlock, Jr. of Caldwell district; A. W. Greene, Bert Mast, Clarence Newton, and Clyde Perry of Watauga district; C. G. Collins, Dan Jones and D. M. Edwards of Alleghany district.

During the meeting there will be electric appliances given away. There will be 3 electric ranges, 1 automatic washer, 2 electric water heaters, all donated by local dealers.

There will also be many smaller prizes. For the children there will be 2 record players, 2 radios, and 4 pop corn poppers. In addition all children will receive free ice cream and see Walt Disney cartoons.

The annual meeting is to give every member an opportunity to voice his opinion in the affairs of his cooperative.



WATAUGA VISITORS.—Foreign students, enrolled at the University of North Carolina School of Public Health, visited the county health center last week. They are, kneeling, left to right: Dr. Ningsanonda, Mr. Boedidarmo, Mr. Mitwally, Dr. Herlinger; middle row: Dr. Kartari, Dr. Mary Michal, hostess to the group while in Watauga, Miss Hackett, Miss Menendez, Miss Santibanez, Mrs. Rodpotong, Miss Bautista; back row: Mrs. Charles Dolan, director of the group, Dr. Oz, Mr. Perez, Mrs. Perez, Mrs. Meekangwal, and Dr. Jamuar. (Story on page 1, second section).—Staff photo by Joe Minor.

Watauga United Fund Adopts 1959 Budget Of \$15,498.50

The Watauga United Fund adopted a 1959 budget of \$15,498.50 at a meeting of the board of directors held Monday night.

Dates for the fund drive, annually held in October since United was organized locally in 1956 to combine many organized charities into one campaign, was scheduled to be set Wednesday at a meeting of the Campaign Committee, headed by Leo Derriek, chairman.

The budget, prepared and submitted by the Admissions and Budget Committee, headed by Grady Moretz, Jr., was approved as follows:

State Package (various medical and welfare agencies), \$1,402.95; Girl Scouts, \$350; Empty Stocking Fund, \$400; Agricultural Workers Council, \$300; Boy Scouts of America, \$2,363.60; 4-H Clubs, \$575; Dread Disease and Disasters, \$2,000; Crippled Children, \$900; American Red Cross, \$2,298; High School Band, \$900; Principal's Fund (for needy children), \$1,000; Teen Canteen, \$400; Mental Health, \$1,200; operating expenses, \$704.50; contingent fund, \$704.45.

It was pointed out that more than 90 per cent of the budget (all except the so-called State Package) will be used in Watauga County.

Officers of the Watauga United Fund organization are: President, Dr. L. H. Owsley; vice presidents, W. Guy Angell and Wade E. Brown; secretary, Mrs. Howard Carlson; treasurer, John H. Thomas; legal adviser, Wade E. Brown.

Committee chairmen in addition to those named above: Public speaking, James Stone; nominating, Fred Gragg; publicity, Mrs. L. H. Owsley and Francis Cook; social planning, Dr. G. K. Moore and Rev. E. F. Troutman.

Fatal Shooting Case Is Being Reopened

J. D. Cook Is Possessor Of Golf Trophy



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Homecoming At AHS To Be Held Friday

Homecoming at Appalachian High School has been set for Friday, September 12, according to an announcement from the Student Council. Since the remaining home games are to be played late in October, Homecoming was scheduled early this year.

Festivities will begin at 2:30 p. m. on Friday, when the Appalachian High School band will appear in the Homecoming parade. Homeroom floats will follow the band the cheerleaders in the parade.

At 6:15 p. m. the cheerleaders will stage a pep rally and bonfire on the football practice field.

The Appalachian High Blue Devils will meet the Beaver Creek Beavers in the Homecoming game at 7:00 p. m. Half-time ceremonies by the band will pay tribute to the Homecoming Queen, to be elected by the student body this week.

After the game on Friday night, the Student Council will sponsor an informal dance for students, faculty, and alumni in the high school gymnasium. Tickets will be on sale at the door for the dance,

which is to be held from 10:00 to 12:00 p. m. One feature of the dance will be the crowning of the Homecoming King and Queen.

Alumni of Appalachian High School are invited to attend all Homecoming events.

Jaycees Will Sell Cokes To Benefit Patrol

The Boone Junior Chamber of Commerce will stage a door to door sale of Coca Cola Monday evening, September 15th, in order to raise funds to buy uniforms for the Boone Elementary School Safety Patrol.

According to Jaycee president W. R. Winkler, Jr. Cokes will be sold at regular prices. Also, President Winkler states that the Cokes you buy will provide the uniforms for the Safety Patrol that might save the life of your child.

U. S. and Japanese aides confer on defense.



FIRST PARADE.—Appalachian High School's band, "Boone's Ambassadors," were seen Friday in the first parade of the school year. The parade preceded the football game with Ashe Central high school. Also in the parade were the cheerleaders and majorettes.—Staff photo by Joe Minor.

Bond Proposal Loses By Narrow Majority

A \$150,000 bond issue to finance the construction of a swimming pool, community center, and other recreational facilities on the city-owned Horn in the West property was defeated by Boone voters in a special election held Tuesday.

A total of 577 valid votes was cast, with 274 voting for the issuance of the bonds (Proposition No. 1), and 303 against, a margin of 29 votes against issuance of the bonds.

On Proposition No. 2, providing for the levy of "an annual tax of not less than three cents nor more than ten cents on each one hundred dollars of assessed valuation

of the taxable property within said Town for providing, conducting, and maintaining a supervised recreation system," the vote was 250 for, and 301 against, a margin of 51 votes against the tax levy.

588 ballots were marked, but 11 had to be thrown out because they were defaced or otherwise improperly marked.

The fact that some voters split their ballots, voting "yes" on Proposition No. 1, and "no" on Proposition No. 2, would seem to indicate that these voters either did not fully understand the interdependence of the two pro-

positions, or simply were in favor of the project as long as it did not involve a tax levy.

Voting was fairly brisk all day, as more than half of a total registration of about 900 voted, with peak periods being early in the morning, during the noon hour, and between 5:30 and 6:30 p. m. The polls were open from 6:30 a. m. to 6:30 p. m.

About 140 new registrations were recorded prior to the special election. City residents whose names were already on the books were not required to register anew.

ASC Elections To Be Held Oct. 2nd

Nominees For Committees Given Out

It has been determined that the Watauga County ASC community committee election will be held in the 10 ASC communities, October 2.

At this election a chairman, vice-chairman, member and two alternates will be elected. The person elected chairman will be delegate and the person elected vice-chairman will be alternate delegate to the county convention for electing the county ASC committee on October 21.

Following are the polling places and list of 10 nominees named by the community election boards:

Beaver Dam: Donley Hagaman's Store—Howard Cable, Buster Dishman, Jake Eggers, C. C. Johnson, Lewis Norris; Linville Norris, Clay Phillips, Asa L. Reese, Sr., Paul Tester and Dean Wilson.

Brushy Fork: Vilas Service Station—Fred Blair, Coy Billings, C. A. Clay, Willie Cole, Howard Dancy, James Greer, Tom Hayes, B. F. Hodges, Joe McNeil and Don Thompson.

Cove Creek: James B. Mast's Store—Cicero Greer, Ford Henson, Jack Henson, Max Miller, John Sherwood, Otto Thomas, Howard Vannoy, Lester Warren, M. L. Warren and Joe Wilson.

Laurel Creek: V. D. Ward's Store—Frank Cable, Charles Glenn, Ned Glenn, Gradon Hagaman, Arnold Pressnell, Ira Pressnell, Bill Rominger, Gene Smith, Leonard Ward, and Luther Ward.

Meat Camp: Davis' Furniture Store—Billy Byers, Wade Clawson, Walter Davis, James Lewis, H. C. Moretz, Wade Norris, Willard Norris, Woodrow Starnes, Paul Stephens and Worth Winebarger.

New River: Basil Smith's Store—Collis Austin, Stewart Barnes, Fred Baumann, Kenneth Brown, R. V. Brown, Jr., Dwight Critcher, R. W. Harmon, Clint Norris, Orrin Sherrill and Roby Vandyke.

North Fork: Eller's Store—Fred Johnson, Willie Laing, Dave Main, Claud May, Ralph May, Loyd Miller, Howard Thomas, Jack Wallace, Archie Wilson and C. R. Wilson.

Shawneechaw: Story's Store—Will Byrd, Howell Cook, Jack Eggers, Victor Farthing, Don Oliver, Hoyle Shook, W. H. Smith, Ira Townsend, William Townsend and Ed Yates.

Stony Fork: Deep Gap P. O.—Joe Coffey, Sr., V. C. Cox, W. B. Day, Thomas Fairchild, Edgar Hardin, Clark Miller, Dick Rhymmer, Charlie Simmons, Arthur Wheeler, Charlie Wheeler.

Watauga: Howard W. Mast's Store—Shulla Aldridge, Clint Baird, George Byrd, Ray Clark, Arlie B. Hodges, Dave Minton, Basil Shores, Jeff Shook, Frank Taylor, and J. L. Yates.

Any name may be added to the list of nominees for any community upon a petition to the community election board signed by ten eligible voters in that community before September 19.

Ninety To Be Tried At Fall Court Term

The September criminal term of Watauga Superior Court will convene Monday September 22, with Judge Hugh B. Campbell, of Charlotte, presiding.

Clerk of the Court A. E. South says that there are about ninety cases to be tried, none involving felonious crimes. Drunk driving, speeding, and larceny compose most of the docket, he said.

Following are the names of those who have been chosen for jury duty for the one-week term:

Bald Mountain: John T. Trivett, John Myland.

Beaver Dam: David A. Greene, Linville Eggers, Jim Adams, Arlie Harmon.

Blowing Rock: L. C. Harris, Clayton Hayes, Clarence Greene.

Blue Ridge: Hammond Hampton, Fred Bradshaw, Marion Coffey.

Boone: George McCaraher, M. R. Maddux, Finis T. Wagoner.

Brushy Fork: Paul Hayes, Clint Mast, George C. Townsend.

Cove Creek: Harley L. Perry, Frank L. Brown, Ralph J. Greene, Elk: Will Cox.

Laurel Creek: John Harmon, B. F. Cole, Wilbur Rominger.

Meat Camp: Earl Miller, Hernando Coffey, Fred Greene, Thomas G. Miller.

New River: Charlie Dougherty,

S. J. Barnes, Howard Brookshire, North Fork: Bill Wallace, Shawneechaw: Henry Tester, Fred Welch, Lee Ward.

Stony Fork: Brian A. Hamby, Wade Moretz, Bill Brown, Dwight Stansberry.

Watauga: Ralph Baird, Ray Danner, Frank Bentley.

Henry F. Jones Dies In Valdese

Henry Forney Jones, 83, died at Valdese General Hospital, Valdese, Monday morning. He had been at the hospital for two years.

Funeral services were held at Hopewell Methodist Church in Catawba Tuesday at 3 o'clock.

Survivors include the following sons and daughters: Joe Jones, Edwin Jones, Valdese; Clarence Jones, Foy Jones, Howard Jones, Charlotte; Thad Jones of Stanley; Leonard ones, Catawba; Mrs. R. H. Harmon, Boone; Mrs. Pansy Reid, Valdese. There are seventeen grandchildren.

M-Sgt. and Mrs. Carl A. Burnam of Ft. Bragg visited with Mrs. Burnam's father, Mr. W. B. Hodges, Mrs. Hodges and other relatives over the week end.

Boy Kills Brother In Woods Accident

Civil Defense Role Will Be Given At Meet

Watauga County will hear at first hand its role in Civil Defense next Wednesday night, in the first public meeting in connection with Civil Defense, according to information from Dr. R. H. Harmon, Director of Watauga County's Civil Defense program.

The meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p. m. in the county courthouse, and features an address by Col. Whately of the Raleigh office of Civil Defense. Dr. Harmon urges all responsible citizens of Watauga County to be present for this meeting.

THIS MECHANICAL AGE

Dayton, Ohio—Now comes a machine that listens to what you say and does what it's told. Tell it to multiply, and it multiplies, just for an example.

The brain, developed by technicians from the Air Force and the Remington-Rand division of Sperry-Rand Corporation, can understand 30 English verbs and carry out their orders.

Charles Stewart Wheeler, 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Wheeler of Triplett, was fatally shot by his brother, Alden Wheeler, 17, in an accident while the two were together in the woods last Thursday.

The younger boy was dead on arrival at Watauga Hospital about 4:30 p. m. The accident occurred at about 1:30 p. m., but the boys were far up on the side of a mountain, and it took some time to bring the wounded boy out. He died while volunteers, summoned by his brother, were bringing him down the mountain.

Sheriff E. N. Hodges termed the shooting an accident and gave this account:

Charles stumbled and the barrel of his rifle fell against Alden's leg. Alden reached down to push the gun away and his own .22 caliber rifle discharged, hitting Charles in the right chest. The younger boy lived long enough to tell rescuers that the shooting was an accident.

The parents and the brother are the only immediate survivors.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Saturday, September 6, at the Mount Ephraim Baptist Church, conducted by the Rev. Roscoe Greene, and burial was in the Triplett cemetery.