

Balmy Weather Greet Throng At Homecoming

Beautiful skies and shirt-sleeve weather greeted homecomers as they returned to their alma mater and Appalachian State Teachers College last week end. The activities were almost perfect, as the Mountaineers won their ball game, a beautiful queen was crowned and a near-record dance ended the two-day celebration.

The celebration was held under quite different circumstances from those of last year. Homecoming, 1957, held a week later than this year, was greeted by the season's first snow, which chilled the crowds along the route of the annual parade during the morning and played havoc to the floats. This year, the queen, her court and all others in the parade were comfortable in the balmy weather.

Seven hundred graduates registered at Alumni Headquarters in the Elementary School building, according to John Corey, executive secretary of the Alumni As-

dent's post to head the alumni. Miss Jean Carmichael of Smyrna, S. C., succeeded Lackey as vice president, and Mrs. Vegie Cox of Crumpler succeeded Mrs. R. G. Taylor of North Wilkesboro as secretary-treasurer of the group.

A float, sponsored by the Science Club of Appalachian, won first place in the parade competition. Campus display prize was captured by the Tri-Beta club. Trophies were presented to the two groups as half-time of the football game.

The celebration actually got underway Thursday when the college Playcrafters presented a homecoming play, "My Three Angels." The play was repeated Friday night.

A pep rally was staged on campus Friday evening. The parade, which included several visiting high school bands, began downtown Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. The Appalachian High School band, Hickory, Drexel and Marion bands furnished music, along with the college band, for the parade and for pre-game and halftime entertainment.

Oldest Alumni Present

W. S. Harmon, Beech Creek, oldest ASTC alumni present, with his wife, at the homecoming proceedings, had many memories of his years at Appalachian.

He enrolled in 1900, he said, along with 39 other students, and attended school for three years before beginning his 34-year teaching career, most of it in Watauga and Avery counties.

Mr. Harmon remembered living in the home of Prof. D. D. Dougherty, co-founder of Appalachian and father of Barnard Dougherty, comptroller and vice president of the college now, and how Mrs. Dougherty looked after the welfare of the students. He bears the scars of working on the first building of the school. He saw the ends of several fingers while sawing shingles for the roof, and it was the Professor's wife, he said, who bandaged his hand and cared for him while it was healing.

He has followed the growth of Appalachian with interest, and has been a faithful attendant of the institution's homecomings.

They dated back to the year 1900 when the school was first established as a training school. Many were at the ball game, according to reports, who did not arrive in time to register and attend the business sessions of the association.

The morning sessions of the association was climaxed by a luncheon which was largely attended. John V. Idol, of North Wilkesboro, presided over the first part of the luncheon, and later turned the gavel over to E. G. Lackey of Winston-Salem, who stepped up from the vice presi-

1,562 Cars Are Counted Sunday

Mr. E. E. Earp, of Vilas, tells the Democrat that last Sunday afternoon, en route home from Whitnel, he counted 1562 cars which he met from that point to Danner's Siding, a distance of about 35 miles.



1937 FOOTBALL TEAM HONORED at Homecoming.—Left to right, front row, they are: Rovie Angel, Grip Daugherty, Jack Ruffin, Earl Henson; back row: Hummie Adams, Charley Walters, Francis Hoover, Dr. Roy Wilson, and coach Kidd Brewer.—Staff photo by Joe C. Minor.

Boone, B. Rock Area Draws Thousands For Fall Spectacular

Saturday Last Day To Register For Nov. Vote

Saturday, October 25th, is the last day to register to vote in the election of November 4. It is pointed out by J. D. Winebarger, chairman of the Watauga County Board of Elections.

Saturday, November 1, will be observed as challenge day.

Archie Mode Dies In Crash

Wenfred Archie Mode, former resident of Sugar Grove, Watauga county, was one of three United States sailors killed in an automobile accident in Puerto Rico October 8. He was 24 years old.

Details of the fatal crash are unavailable.

Mr. Mode had served five years in the Navy.

Funeral services were held in Charlotte October 15, and interment was in Oaklawn cemetery.

He is survived by the widow and one son, Winfred Archie, Jr.; the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Mode, Sugar Grove; three sisters and two half sisters: Mrs. Irene Church, Newport News, Va.; Mrs. Frankie Hendrix, Valdese; Mrs. Georgia Lenher, of Scotland; Mrs. Betty Joe Greer, Mrs. Margie Lee Phillips, Deep Gap; two half brothers, Clarence and Larry Hicks, Sugar Grove; the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Dotson, Sugar Grove.

"The rushingest week end of the season," was the comment of one Boone motel operator when asked to comment on the heavy traffic in the mountains over the past week end.

Several lodging places were filled by noon Saturday, according to reports, and many private homes were called on to help care for in influx of visitors who came to see the Colorama parade and other events in this area.

A report from Blowing Rock said that two thousand travelers spent the week end there, and that more than 15,000 people passed through the resort.

Three thousand people rode Tweetsie Sunday, according to figures given by Grover Robbins, owner.

No figure was available as to how many people visited Grandfather Mountain, but it was believed to have been the most since the place has been developed as a tourist attraction. Lines of cars were halted at intervals as they ascended the mountain by parking attendants to wait until parking space became available at the top. Picnickers were seen at many of the tables along the climb.

At least one eating place in Boone was forced to close Sunday when it ran out of food. Lines of people, waiting to be served, were observed at other eating establishments. Many places put on extra help to care for the visitors.

The greater part of the influx of traffic, of course, was probably due to the Colorama parade which was on in the mountains. The peak of Colorama had been advertised to be over the week end, and even though -rain late Saturday after-

Gates Linney Rites Are Held

Virgil Gates Linney of Route 1, Hiddenite, died Saturday at a Winston-Salem Hospital, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Funeral services were held at 3 o'clock Monday at Linney's Grove Baptist Church in Alexander county and burial was in that neighborhood.

Mr. Linney was a cousin of Kenneth Linney and Mrs. Paul A. Coffey of Boone, and resided here many years ago, where he attended College.

Survivors: wife, Mrs. Juanita Linney; sons, Mitchell Linney, of Huntsville, Ala., Hayes Linney of Hickory, Frank Linney of Richmond, Va., Baxter Linney of the home; daughter, Mrs. D. W. Patterson of Alexander County, Miss Martha Linney of Mars Hill; mother, Mrs. Isaac Linney.

Funeral Held For Lon Norris

Lon Norris, 29, former Watauga county resident, died September 22 in the Ohio Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio.

Funeral services were held at the Vodrozko Funeral home in Cleveland September 26, at 2 o'clock. Rev. Mr. Starm was in charge of the rites and burial was in the Lutheran cemetery.

Survivors are the widow, the father and mother, Bynum and Sarah Norris of Boone; seven sisters and three brothers: Bertha, Verna, Millie, Reda, Betty, Ronda, Frank of Cleveland, Ohio; Grace, Patsy, J. B. of Boone.

Historical Group Re-Elects Greer

Bridges Says Horn In West Good For Area

Dr. I. G. Greer of Chapel Hill was re-elected president of the Southern Appalachian Historical Association at the annual fall dinner meeting held Monday night at the Daniel Boone Hotel.

James P. Marsh was re-elected executive vice-president, J. V. Caudill was named second vice-president, G. C. Greene, Jr., was re-elected treasurer, and V. G. Rollins was chosen as secretary.

Principal speaker of the evening was the Hon. Henry L. Bridges, auditor of the State of North Carolina, introduced by Boone attorney, Wade E. Brown, the association's legal adviser, who referred to the state auditor as "a friend of Watauga County."

Mr. Bridges said the outdoor drama, Horn in the West, produced by the association, "is one of the best ways of telling people what you have in this area." He added that he has recommended to Governor Hodges that the state allocate \$10,000 to the drama for an operating deficit in the 1958 season of the play.

The speaker said the state is doing much to publicize the mountain section of North Carolina, and the Tar Heel state ranks second only to Florida in money spent for advertising.

He prophesied that Boone will one day be the "hub" of this entire section with respect to the tourist trade. "Boone has a great future," the auditor concluded, "provide yourselves with the

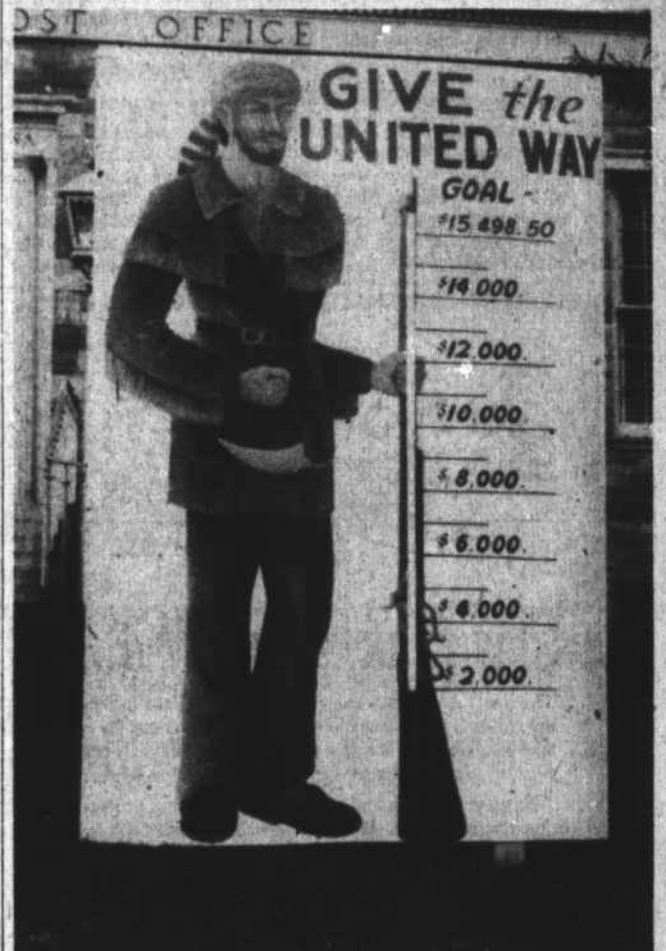
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Bargain Days Proclaimed

It's bargain time in Boone Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of this week as community merchants stage a city-wide "Boone Greater Bargain Days" sales promotion prior to the opening of the tobacco market and Christmas shopping season.

Sponsored by the Merchants Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, the big sales event features specially-priced merchandise in all categories.

The committee has urged that participating stores offer real savings in seasonal merchandise, said R. D. Hodges, Jr., chairman, and a check of the advertising in this issue of the Democrat would indicate that shoppers are assured of bargains galore this week end wherever the red and yellow "Boone Greater Bargain Days" signs are displayed.



DANIEL BOONE'S RIFLE, pictured above with a sketch of the frontiersman, will register the influx of cash and pledges received in the Watauga United Fund campaign, scheduled to end on Saturday. The sign, which has been erected in front of the post office, was designed by Dr. L. H. Owsley, president of Watauga United, to promote interest in the campaign.

United Fund Gives Receipts At \$3,951

The Watauga United Fund had received \$3,951.63 in cash and pledges at the latest tabulation last Friday night, said Leo Derrick and Herman Anderson, co-chairmen of the campaign committee.

This represents approximately one-fourth of this year's budget of \$15,498.50.

The campaign got underway on Monday, October 13, and is scheduled to continue through Saturday, October 25.

Mr. Derrick said some of the areas of solicitation were late in getting their organizations set up, and many areas and groups from which the heaviest pledges are expected have not yet made any report. He said he expects the next tabulation date of Thursday, October 23, to show a sizeable jump in pledges.

augurated here in 1956 with a budget of about \$9,000. This year combines a total of 22 local, state, and national agencies for which separate fund drives had formerly been held. More than 90 per cent of the total budget will be used in Watauga County, it has been pointed out.

"Give Once For All" is the United Fund slogan. Officers of the organization are Dr. L. H. Owsley, president; W. Guy Angell and Wade E. Brown, vice presidents; Mrs. Howard Carlson, secretary; and John H. Thomas, treasurer.

Mr. and Mrs. Colon Nifong, Deborah and Jeffery and Jimmy Mast of Winston-Salem spent the week end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. James B. Mast. They all attended the Homecoming and ball game Saturday at A. S. T. C.



AT THE GAME.—Appalachian State Teachers College Homecoming activities featured the football game between the Mountaineers and Catawba Indians. The stands were full of students, former students, townspeople, and visitors. First picture shows little Miss Sharon Edmisten, three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Edmisten of

Boone, working for her admission to the game at halftime. Coach R. W. (Red) Watkins said around 230 hulla-hoopers came to the game and were admitted free for their part in the half-time show. They circled the entire playing field around the combined bands and hulled to the tune of "Shake, Rattle, and Roll." Sharon, the smallest

of the hulla-hoopers, gave an encore performance for the alumni. Wanda Lowman, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Lowman, sits with her grandmother, Mrs. C. H. Drum of Catawba, as Mrs. Drum watches her first "live" football game. Mrs. Drum is 89 years old and listens and watches tv. football games regularly, but this

was her first time in the stands. In the last picture, taken by Verlin Coffey, Tommy Wilson, quarterback for the Mountaineers, tucks the ball away just before going over for the only touchdown of the game. The touchdown and only score was made in the third quarter of the 60 game.