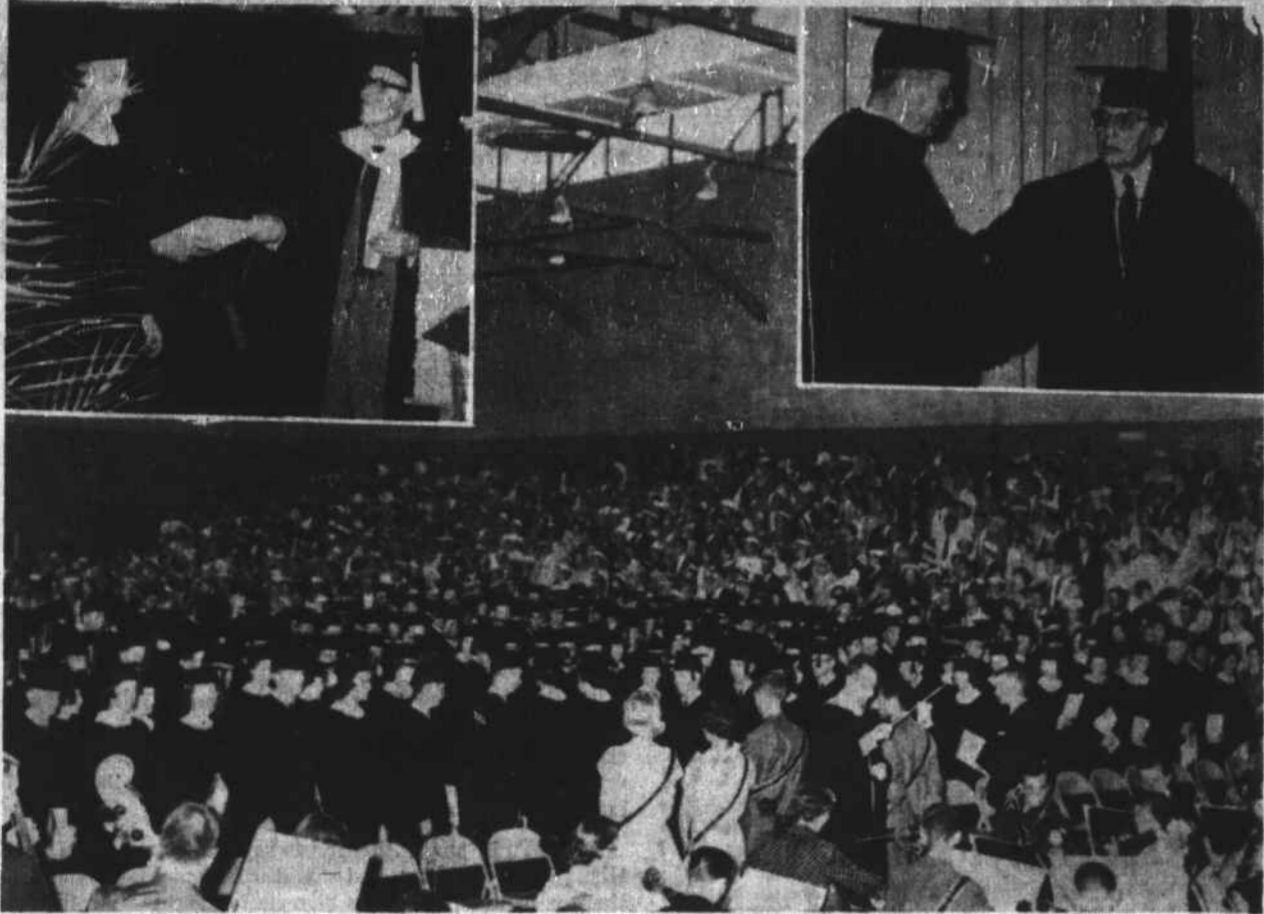


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| High | Low | High | Low | High | Low |
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| May 19 | 71 | 60 | 42 | 69 | 53 |
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| May 21 | 74 | 53 | 74 | 70 | 59 |
| May 22 | 76 | 56 | 74 | 70 | 56 |
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| May 24 | 71 | 55 | 57 | 69 | 59 |
| Total rainfall for period—2.10 inches. | | | | | |



COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT.—Part of the crowd attending graduation exercises at Appalachian State Teachers College Sunday afternoon are shown as the seniors march out after receiving their diplomas. Left inset shows Registrar Herman Eggers presenting diploma to one of the 351 seniors receiving degrees. Right inset Dr. W. H. Flemmons, college president, greets the Honorable Edwin M. Gill, State Treasurer, principal speaker for the event.—(Photos Flowers Photo Shop.)

HISTORICAL GROUP HAS MEETING MONDAY

Interest Revived In "Horn"

By W. RALPH TUGMAN
Democrat Staff Writer

There is often a fine line between concern and enthusiasm. Somewhere . . . and sometime in the last six weeks, the community of Boone crossed that line, where "Horn in the West" is concerned. Just when it happened, no one seems to know, but some of the reasons for its happening were brought to light Monday night as members of the Southern Appalachian Historical Association met for the annual Spring Dinner at the Daniel Boone Hotel.

A definite upward trend in early spring movement along the Parkway points to a busier than usual tourist season throughout the Blue Ridge area. A deepening interest among National Park officials has evidenced itself in several areas of community activity here and elsewhere along the busy scenic route. A heartwarming loyalty among cast members of the drama is bringing back many of its featured players, even in the face of budget reductions that spelled out lower pay scales for them. A Statewide interest is evident among Garden Club members that seems sure to result in a unique garden of native plant materials here.

These, and a countless number of other factors, some of them tangible, some intangible, have sparked to life an enthusiasm that has lain dormant since the disheartening financial outcome of last year's drama season.



IT'S THE TRUTH!—Sterling Carroll proudly holds the more than two-foot long brown trout he caught Saturday. Fishing in Middle Fork Creek, near Mystery Hill, young Carroll was using a minnow for bait on an eight-pound test line. The trout, believed to be the record catch of its kind this year in the county, weighed 6 pounds, 7 ounces, and measured 24 3/4 inches in length.—Staff photo Joe Minor.

Incumbent Officials Are Willing To Run

With the town election less than three weeks off, little activity has been noted on the political front. Incumbents of the office of Mayor and three aldermen are the only ones who have publicly announced they will be seeking the posts, subject to the Democratic convention Saturday.

Mayor Gordon H. Winkler, Aldermen Wayne Richardson, Howard Cottrell and Grady Tugman, all Democrats, announced last week that they will offer themselves as candidates at the convention slated for Saturday night at the courthouse.

So far as could be learned, the Republican party has not selected candidates for the four town offices.

Election day is Tuesday, June 16, 6:30 a. m. to 6:30 p. m.

Registration books will be open at Town Hall for the purpose of registering qualified voters on

June 6 and June 8 through June 12, 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Mrs. Elsie Hagaman is registrar for the election, and John F. Greer and O. L. Coffey will be election judges.

Senate Amends Local Measure

A bill by Representative Jack Edmisten, which would provide for the filling of vacancies in elective office by the Watauga Democratic Executive Committee, and which had passed the House, has been amended in the Senate to cover only those offices held by Democrats.

The bill was amended at the behest of Representative Edmisten and was returned to the House for concurrence in the amendment.

Rites Held R. F. McDade

Mr. Robert Fred McDade, former Boone business man, died Saturday in Watauga Hospital, following an illness of a year.

Funeral services were conducted at the Mountain City Methodist Church at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon. The pastor, Rev. Raymond Geisler, was in charge, assisted by Rev. A. E. Brown and Dr. J. D. Rankin of Boone. Interment was in Mountain View cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Quedar Thomas, Frank Murphy, Tyler W. Wilson, F. E. Johnson, J. C. Rambo, Justin Smythe, R. R. Butler, Harry Donnelly, J. W. Muse, W. W. Hawkins, Jr., James Muse, Hugh Morrison, Fred Jones, Selmer Fuller and Ed Willis.

Mr. McDade was born in Mountain City, where for a number of years he was cashier of the bank. He was in the mercantile business in Cleveland, Tenn., before coming to Boone, where he managed Spainhour's Store, later conducting a mercantile business of his own. He had been in Loudon, Tenn. for the past fifteen years, where he was in business until his retirement.

Mr. McDade was a member of the Board of Stewards of the Loudon Methodist Church.

Mr. McDade was married in 1902 to Miss Annie Murphy of Mountain City, who died in 1936. He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. John T. Howell of Boone; Mrs. C. E. Rankin of Greensboro, and one son, Ernest McDade. There are four grandchildren.

Cow Has Twins, Single Calf

Stockmen will tell you that a cow seldom has more than one calf, that is, at a time, and that the mathematical chances against having twins in the bovine tribe are very great.

But Howard Brookshire of Route two has a heifer that gave birth to twin calves on April 11. Not to be outdistanced, on any count, she had a third calf on May 21. While this calf died due to lack of attention, it was normal as were the first two.

The heifer is a registered Hereford.

Blood Cards To Be Ready Soon

Red Cross blood donor cards have to be reprinted, and will be mailed as soon as they are ready, according to Mrs. L. H. Owsley, of the local Red Cross chapter.

\$25,000 In State Funds Is Sought For Local Museum

Early Way Of Life Would Be Depicted

The State of North Carolina is being asked for \$25,000 to be used by the Southern Appalachian Historical Association for the building and equipping of a museum "preserving and transmitting the way of life of the early settlers in the Southern Appalachian mountains," in a bill introduced in the Assembly by Representative Jack Edmisten.

The proposed museum which would preserve the mode of living of the pioneer settlers, and show how they made their furniture, cooked their meals, ground their grain, preserved their foods, etc., is to be located on the city property where the Horn in the West is produced.

The text of the legislative proposal follows:

WHEREAS, the Southern Appalachian Mountains have been for long an area most typically early American and most like the way of life by which our forefathers overcome great obstacles, made a living, and helped lay the foundations for this nation, and

WHEREAS, the area around the town of Boone was the first gateway west across the mountains, and

WHEREAS, Daniel Boone, among the first pioneers and for whom the town is named, opened the first prong of the Wilderness Road from Holman's Ford on the Yadkin, in Wilkes County, by the way of Boone into Kentucky, and

WHEREAS, the remains, artifacts, tools, buildings, customs, etc., are fast vanishing as a result of natural attrition or through being gathered and carried to remote states to excite curiosity, but in effect to debase our priceless historical heritage, and

WHEREAS, the need for a live or functional museum showing how people lived here from 125 to 175 years ago, built and furnished their houses, made their furniture, cooked their meals, ground their grain, manufactured their tools, preserved their food, and made their soap, etc., is a natural, practical, appropriate, and timely undertaking, and

WHEREAS, this settlement or museum will be an authentic reproduction, will preserve our early culture, serve as an educational laboratory for school children and adults, furnish uplifting entertainment, encourage the people to appreciate the good, the beautiful, and the true in their history, and attract tens of thousands of people from distant states as well as from North Carolina, and

WHEREAS, the town of Boone, located in the highest part of the Appalachian Highlands, is near the great Blue Ridge Parkway, over which millions of people will travel—but will not stop in North Carolina unless worthwhile attractions are furnished.

WHEREAS, the local people have organized a Southern Appalachian Historical Association, Inc., financed at great sacrifice and staged a great and patriotic outdoor drama, Horn in the West, (Continued on page six)



RICHARD S. REESE

Reese Gets D.V.M. Degree

Stillwater, Okla. — Richard S. Reese was graduated from Oklahoma State University at combined baccalaureate and commencement exercises in Lewis Field Stadium at 7 p. m. Sunday, May 24.

Mr. Reese is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Asa L. Reese of Boone, N. C. He was among the 1,650 which Oklahoma State granted degrees this spring, including 250 graduate degrees. Majoring in the school of Veterinary Medicine, he received his D.V.M. degree and plans to go into general practice in Spartanburg, S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Asa L. Reese and Mr. and Mrs. Clint Reese attended the commencement exercises, returning home Tuesday.

June Term Of Court Is Set

The regular civil term of Watauga Superior Court will convene June 8, according to Court Clerk Austin E. South, who says there are thirteen cases calendared for trial.

Judge James C. Farthing of Lenoir will preside.

Following is a list of those who have been summoned for jury duty during the term:

Bald Mountain: Russell Vannoy.
Beaver Dam: Ray Swift, Spencer Warren, Paul Tester.
Blowing Rock: Spencer Greene, Vilas Cooke, Milton Payne.
Blue Ridge: Roscoe Cooke.
Boone: Tom Jones, Hugh Hagaman, Guy Shirley.
Brushy Fork: Howard J. Hodges, Ronda Earp, Stewart Simmons.
Cove Creek: Ford Henson, John Perry, O. M. Little.
Elk: Carson Cox.
Laurel Creek: George Cooke, Don Bingham, Henry Hagaman.
Meat Camp: Bernard Hodgson, John Clawson, Tom Jackson.
New River: Clifford Edmisten, Wilson Brown, Wilton Gragg.
North Fork: Boyd Mains.
Shawneehaw: Hal Cooke, Russell Farthing.
Stony Fork: Ward Carroll, Bob Smith.

Watauga: Dave Minton, Arline Hodges, Frank Taylor.

Dr. Mary B. H. Michal has announced her resignation as district health director for the Watauga, Ashe and Alleghany districts, effective as of July 1.

Dr. Michal cites impaired health as the reason for her decision to quit the public health position, which she has filled for nine and a half years.

In connection with her resignation, Dr. Michal has released the following statement relative to the future needs of the department:

"It is with real regret that I have decided I must tender my resignation effective July 1st, after 9 1/2 years as Health Director



DR. MICHAL

In this district. My recent illness has made it imperative that I lighten my workload more than is possible with my work located 110 miles away from home, plus other travel necessary to fulfilling the responsibility of this position.

"Several things are particularly on my mind as to the immediate future plans for this department, which I shall pass on to you.

"First, I urge that a Health Director with specialty training be secured at once so that there be no break in the constructive Public Health Program here and particularly at this critical season of the year in this tourist and recreation area.

"Secondly, I strongly urge that, through your finance committee, you keep the local appropriation bodies, legislators, and public aware of the program going on in the department, and the financial support necessary to keep it going.

To whom does everyone look when a child is attacked by a rabid dog, cat or fox; when more than one case of paralytic polio occurs in a county and apprehension rises because of the tourist problems; when special medical needs cannot be met through private practice and a frantic parent needs help and guidance in finding what clinic services are available for say a spastic child or one with a congenital heart lesion; when panic hits a community and the water supply or food may be contaminated! Public Health is a responsibility of local and state government to protect and serve the people in those matters affecting.

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Henry M. Story Taken By Death

Henry Martin Story, aged 77, of Route 1, Blowing Rock, died May 23 at Blowing Rock Hospital after a long illness. Funeral services were held at Laurel Fork on May 24, at 2 p. m. Burial followed in the church cemetery. Conducting the services were the Rev. W. T. Brakett, the Rev. R. A. Shore, Dr. Walter Keys, and the Rev. Alfred Pitts.

Survivors include the widow, Mrs. Hester T. Story; three sons, Hal of the home, Ronda of Spartanburg, S. C., and Burl of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; five daughters, Geneva of the home, Mrs. Arline (Continued on page six)

Mrs. Annie Miller Of Todd Fatally Burned

Mrs. Annie Dobbin Miller, 86, prominent resident of the Todd neighborhood, died in the Ashe Memorial hospital last Saturday from burns received from a fire in her home a week previously.

Mrs. Miller's clothes were ignited as she kindled a fire in an open fireplace, and she was said to have received second degree burns over three-fourths of her body.

Funeral services were held at

10 o'clock Monday at St. Matthews Episcopal Church at Todd by Reverend Frank McKinsey of North Wilkesboro. Burial was in the Howell cemetery.

A widow of the late Willett S. Miller, Mrs. Miller is survived by three sons and one daughter: Earl of Wilmington; Wade of Hickory; James of Todd and Mrs. Joe H. Pearson of Wilkesboro. There is one brother, Reverend H. A. Dobbin of Lenoir.



FIRE TRUCK MUSEUM.—Blowing Rock town officials compare the town's fire fighting equipment with fire fighting equipment of years ago. The engines on the tractor-trailer are part of the old engines being moved from Florida to a museum near Tweetsie Railroad. The pieces are expected to be on display this summer. Left to right the men are Mayor R. B. Hardin, Police Chief Lewis Hodges, and Fire Chief Wiley Greene.—(Photo Flowers Photo Shop.)