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**Cove Creek** 

And Bethel

Are Rated

Bethel and Cove Creek Elemen tary Schools have been placed on the list of accredited elementary schools in North Carolina effective at the beginning of the current school term. This announcement was made this week in two letters to W. Guy Angell, Watauga County School Superintendent, from Nile F. Hunt, State Director, Division of Instructional Services, State Department of Public Instruction. These schools qualified for this

distinction following an evaluation

of the instructional program and

school plant last year by members





SIGN OF TIMES-Floyd Thomas, Ernest Purdue, and Russell Thomas, left to right, sled in a field of Burley in the western part of Watauga County. Farmers are busy getting their crop to the barn where it will cure for some time. Although beset with bad -Staff photo by Joe C. Minor.

weather in the early season, the outlook for the money crop is optimistic. With a good curing season, according to the county agricultural office, the crop could bring nearly a million dollars to Watauga.

of the North Carolina State Department of Public Instruction. Weed Yield The letters read:

"Dear Mr. Angell: "I am pleased to advise that upon recommendation of the professional staff of the Department of Public Instruction the Bethel School is accredited. (The other letter pertained to accreditation of the Cove Creek Elementary School.)

"Accreditation by this Department is a tribute to the aspirations of the school community and to the dedication and efforts of the patrons, the students and the staff of the school. We rejoice with you and your asso ates in this achievement and extend to all a sincere expression of commendation.

"Accreditation is not merely a recognition of what the school has done; it is of greater significance as a recognition of what the school is doing, and we are confident that the challenge to provide a better educational opportunity for children and youth will continue to command the interest and the efforts of all concerned. "In spite of these handicaps,"

The accreditation of Bethel and Cove Creek Schools climaxed a on the docket, according to A. E. goal set by the County Board of South, clerk of court, and the ma-Education in 1955 to provide the jority of these are for traffic viola-necessary physical facilities and tions. instructional program in all elementary schools of the county to

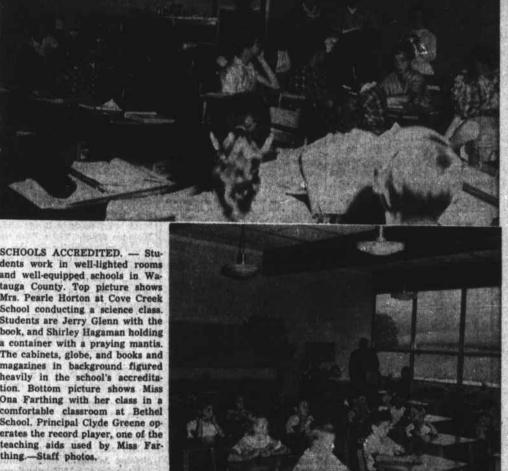
meet minimum state requirements. The check list of standards for revisions to meet the needs of the Con

dents work in well-lighted rooms and well-equipped schools in Watauga County. Top picture shows Mrs. Pearle Horton at Cove Creek School conducting a science class Students are Jerry Glenn with the book, and Shirley Hagaman holding a container with a praying mantis The cabinets, globe, and books and magazines in background figured heavily in the school's accreditation. Bottom picture shows Miss Ona Farthing with her class in a comfortable classroom at Bethel School. Principal Clyde Greene operates the record player, one of the teaching aids used by Miss Farthing .- Staff photos.

AFTER FIVE YEARS

SchoolAccreditationGoal

Is Reached In Watauga



## Hon. J. Will Pless To Preside **Over Watauga Superior Court**

The Honorable J. Will Pless, of

in Watauga County, beginning September 26. About 150 cases are

The jury list follows: Bald Mountain - Newton Holman, Raymond Parker.

Marion, will preside over the Development Directors **Meet In Boone Friday** 

> The Directors of the Northwest, the group will assemble back at North Carolina Development As-sociation will meet Friday Sept-ember 16 in the Fellowship Hall Local directors are Ralph Wink-

The check list of standards for evaluation includes such items as desirable classrooms curriculum Clyde Tester. Sanford Creed, Roy The meeting will start at the Richardson. desirable classrooms, curriculum Vines, Spencer Warren, Clyde church at 2:00 p. m. The first part Mr. Russell C. Nicholson of the

2400 Teachers, Educators May Reach Coming To Boone Sept. 23 11/2 Million Boone will literally be full of teachers and educators on Friday.

NCEA DISTRICT CONVENTION

"Political Pulse" To Be Felt In-County

County will be checked again when Attitudes and Votes," "The Ameri- closed so that all teachers and adsocial scientists of the University of Michigan check the political pulse of America this fall. Several talks with persons in the county will be included in the 2,000 interviews the university will conduct among adults throughout the nation from mid-September thru cation from the University. October.

Mrs. H. R. Eggers, Boone, who has been conducting interviews for this and other researches for many years, for the university, will be taking the pulse in Wa-tauga County. She said that persons who were interviewed in previous polls would again be asked questions for the research. Others in the community will also be included, she said. Mrs. Eggers is one of the 175 trained interviewers in the nation.

The 1960 study is the sixth in

The "political pulse" of Watauga Decides," "Group Differences in schools in these counties will be can Voter" and numerous articles in professional journals. Each family selected for inter-

vance from the Center requesting their coopration in the study. Interviewers will also carry identifi-Preliminary findings of the study

will be reported next spring. Interviews will be conducted in the cities of Baltimore, Beston, Cleveland, Detroit, LoLs Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburg, San Francisco, St. Louis, and Washington and their suburbs. Other cities and rural areas covered are scattered through the United States. Other North Carolina communi-

views will receive a letter in ad- be present.

ties included in the study are Greenville in Pitt County, and Winston-Salem in Forsyth.

Total burley production in the United States is expected to amount to 481,675,000 pounds, according to the North Carolina Crop September 23, as nearly 2400 mem-Reporting Service at Raleigh; Of bers of the Northwestern District this amount 19,600,000 will be of North Carolina Educational Asgrown in North Carolina. sociation attend their annual con-

vention. They will come from the ten counties in the district, and ministrators may attend. Sixteen superintendents, 138 principals, and more than 2200 teachers will The general session will begin

at 10:00 a.m. in the Health, Physical Education, and Recreation Building at Appalachian State Teachers College. There the members will hear an address by a noted jurist from New Jersey, Judge Harold Caldwell Kessinger.

Judge Kessinger will speak on, "Architects of a Better World." Mr. Tuckwiller said, "a good curing season, plus a strong market, could increase the estimated in-Theme of the meeting will be, come to almost a million dollars." Education: The Bulwark of To-

morrow," and the various divisions and departments sessions will emphasis this theme. Counties included in the district

**Bond Holdings** Avery, Burke, Caldwell, Surry, Wa-tauga Wilkes, and Yadkin. The Set New High

L. E. Tuckwiller, county agri-cultural agent, said that Wata-uga farmers planted 738 acres to burley this year, and that the yield should be approximately 1,500,000 pounds. He said the transplanting of this year's was delayed by the late cool spring, and that the crop was further injured on low grounds by too frequent showers during the growing season. The crop may bring approximately \$900,000 in Watauga.

series started by the UM Survey U.S. SUITS series started by the UM Survey Research Center in 1948. Subse-quent studies were conducted in would permit the Federal Govern-Plemmons, president of ASTC, 1952, 1954, 1956 and 1958 using ment to be sued in the district and similar nationwide samples. Results state in which the cause of action have been published in "The Voter arises.



meeting has been held here for several years because of the facili-ties offered by Boone Dr. W. H. In Watauga

Alfred T. Adams, county volunwill welcome the district to Boone, and several facilities at the teer chairman for the U. S. Savcollege will be used during the ings Bond ownership program, convention. said this week that ownership of

Dr. Charles F. Carroll, State bonds had reached an all-time high Superintendent of Public Instruc-tions, of Raleigh, Dr. A. C. Daw- nation. Nationwide holdings of son, NCEA executive secretary, Series E and H bonds stood at Raleigh, and John T. Howell, \$42.8 billion, as of August 31, ac-NCEA district director, will bring cording to official word sent him greetings to the convention. Lois from the Treasury Department in Edinger, NCEA president, will in- Washington. troduce Judge Kessinger.

John V. Idol, principal of the Of this total, Watauga coun-West Wilkes School District, Milty's share is approximately \$600,-000, Mr. Adams said. North Carolina residents own nearly lers Creek, is president of the Northwestern District. Earl Petrey, Appalachian Elementary \$500,006.000 in bonds.

School, Boone, is vice president, The report to Mr. Adams came and Mrs. Louise G. Buchanan, Yadkinville School, Yadkinville, in the form of a congratulatory letter from William H. Neal, asis secretary.

sistant to the Secretary of the After the general session, each Treasury and National Director of division will meet at various the Savings Bonds program. In it places on the college campus and Mr. Neal said that the new \$42.8 in town for luncheon, and to hear speakers, and elect officers and billion total tops the World War transact other business. Then the II peak of E Bond holdings by some \$12 billion, pointing out the departments will meet at 2:30 for steady growth which has characttalks, discussions and elections of erized the bond program throughofficers. out the peace time years since

## **YDC Meets At Mabel**

The Watauga County Young Democrat Club will meet at Mabel School Tuesday, September 20, at 7:30 o'clock, it was announced by John Councill, secretary. All mempers and are now about four months old. Although they could not be coaxed to the College Bcokster last week, Edmisten says they go there in the early morning where the students befriend them with cuackers and peanuts. They are getting a diet of sausage in the picture.—Staff photo.

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child, approved library facilities, acquisition and use of prescribed books, dictionaries, maps, globes and other instructional materials. and finally a review of the overall

organization and administration of the total school program.

Six other elementary schools have already been placed on the approved list by the State Department-Green Valley in 1954; Valle Crucis in 1956; Appalachian in 1957; Mabel and Parkway in 1958; Blowing Rock in 1959.

The accreditation of Bethel and Cove Creek in 1960 places all of the county's white elementary schools on the State approved list.

Clyde R. Greene is principal at Bethel, and Lovill South is principal at Cove Creek. Mrs. (Continued on page two)

Lloyd Coffey, E. A. Banner, Lee Nelson, Vilas Cook, Richard D. Greene, Dale Wood,

Tate, Don Triplett,

Elk-Conrad Rhymer, Donald E. Cox

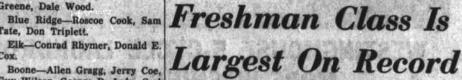
Boone-Allen Gragg, Jerry Coe, Guy Wilson, George D. Judy, Carl M. Hayes, J. C. McConnell.

Brushy Fork: Coy Billings, Ed Stokes, Jr., Joe McNeil, Charlie McGinnis, Ralph A. Hodges. Cove Creek-Jerry Adams, Will Miller, John B. Sherwood, John Henson

Laurel Creek-Charlie Greene, Tedra Harmon, Joe Warren, Victor Tester.

Meat Camp-W. Glenn Proffitt, (Continued on page two)

ornett. Blowing Rock — Clyde Dula, of the program will be a tour North Carolina Civil Defense Ag-through the International Resist- ency in Raleigh will briefly disance Corporation. After the tour (Continued on page two)



The largest freshman class in the history of Appalachian State Teachers College registered Saturday to attend the college, according to H. R. Eggers, registrar. Eight hundred and thirty were registered. Mr. Eggers said this was nearly 70 more than the previous record.

Upperclassmen and transfers were registering Tuesday. En-rollment of these students was expected to reach an all-time

high also. About 125 transfers will be attending Appalachian this fall, but no figures could be determined at press time. Last year's fall enrollment reach-ed 2208. Total this year should go 125 to 150 above that.

Freshmen spent most of last week on the campus in orienta-tion and began their classes Monday. Upperclassmen began their work this morning (Wed.) after registering Tuesday.



FRESHMEN LINE UP TO PAY FEES SATURDAY