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SPRING FESTIVAL.—The May Day Court of Appalachian State Teachers College Saturday will feature these attractive co-eds. Seated, left to right: Sue Daniels, senior; Gail Jenkins, freshman; Jean Watts, maid of honor; Martha Chandler, queen; Abbie Moore, freshman; Jeannie Belk, junior; Linda Cline, senior; standing, Sarah Lytton and Brenda Lackey, sophomores; Edna Hudson and Nancy Steelman, juniors; Henrietta Hensley, senior.—Photo Buddy R. Owens.

MISS CHANDLER IS QUEEN

Two-Day Spring Festival Is High Spot Of Weekend

'Oklahoma' To Feature Gala Campus Days

Appalachian State Teachers College will highlight its two-day Spring Festival this week end with the crowning of Martha Chandler as May Queen and two presentations of the popular Broadway musical, "Oklahoma." The public is invited to both events.

Dean John Kirk, chairman of the Spring Festival committee, said more than 200 students will participate in the colorful festival, beginning Friday night, when Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Oklahoma" will be presented.

A full day is in the offing for Saturday. At 10:30 a. m., movies will be shown to prospective Appalachian students in the science building lecture room. Ronnie Brooks, recreation director, will conduct a "mixer" for these students at 1:30 p. m. in the men's old gym.

An informal band concert will be held in the Health and Physical Education Building at 2:30 p. m. Charles Isley, band leader, will direct.

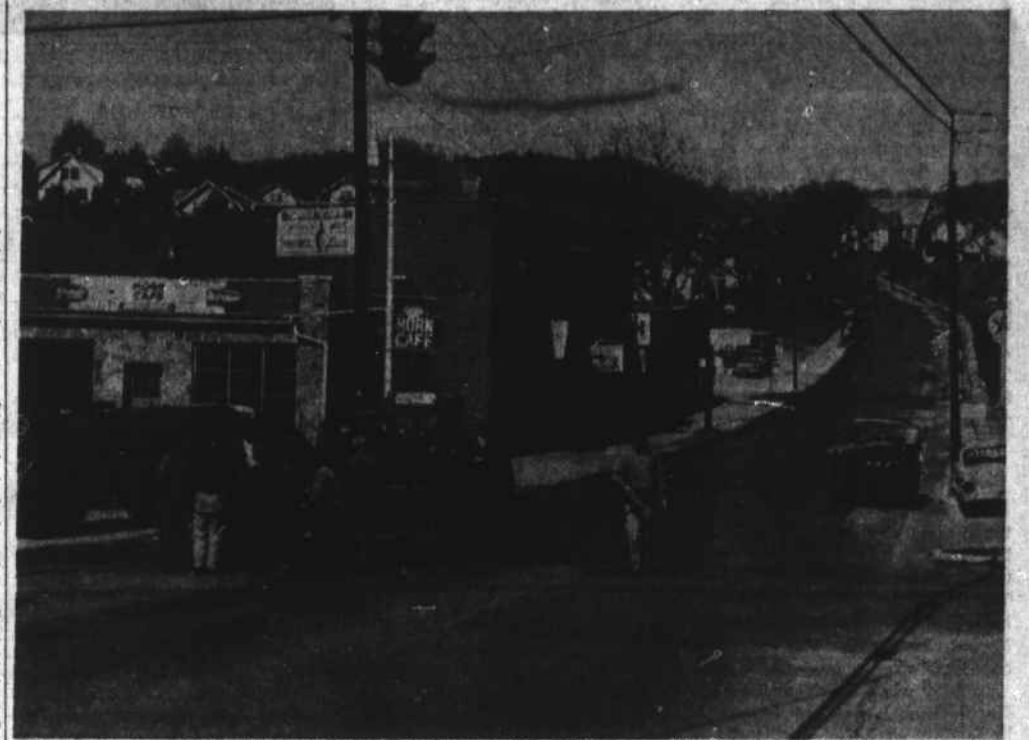
The crowning of the May queen, Miss Martha Chandler, will be at 3:00 p. m., under the direction of Mrs. Daisy Eggers of the English department.

Tea will be served at 4:30 in East Hall for the Spring Festival court and their friends.

A second performance of "Oklahoma" will be presented at 7 p. m. by the Playcrafters, the orchestra and the choir. Nicholas Erntson will direct the orchestra; Miss Elizabeth Fox will direct the dancing; Mrs. Virginia Linney will direct the singing, and David French will direct the acting.

Sets for "Oklahoma" were designed by Larry R. Clark and James R. Layton. William Ford does the choreography.

A dance, beginning at 8:30, will be held in the Health and Physical Education Building, climaxing the festival. Queen Chandler and her court will reign over the dance. Music will be by the Concord Commanders.



GETTING READY TO RE-SURFACE EAST KING STREET Photo by Flowers' Photo Shop

Mayor Hardin Elected King Street Repaving Job Is Under Way



R. B. HARDIN

Mayor R. B. Hardin of Blowing Rock, unopposed in Tuesday's municipal balloting, received 196 votes and will remain at the head of the city government for the next two years.

Elected to serve as town commissioners with Mayor Hardin were J. D. Jones and John O. Goodwin, incumbents, and Allen Craig Jones received 202 votes, Goodwin 151, and Craig 156.

Others who were nominated in the non-partisan convention for commissioners and their votes are: John L. Gaumer 146, Cecil Rhodes 134, and Hayden Pitts 120.

More travel to United States urged by Hodges.

Work started Tuesday morning on the re-surfacing of King Street through the business district, under the State Highway Commission's paving program.

The cold-rolled asphalt coating is being applied to the concrete street starting at the intersection of the Blowing Rock Road and going west, and will reach from curb to curb.

Mayor Howard Cottrell expects the job to be completed in about three days, and says that controlled traffic will be maintained, and that the complete cooperation of the public is needed while the work is going on.

The Mayor particularly insists that motorists desist from parking in areas where the work is proceeding. If they do the city will have to tow the cars away.

The paving on King Street, that is the center section, was poured in the mid-twenties, and has endured well. However, recurring cracks necessitate frequent repairs, the surface is no longer smooth, and the new paving will greatly enhance the looks of the business district, at the same time making for the freer movement of traffic.

To Appear In Flute Program

Dr. William J. Jones and Mr. Walton S. Cole will present a short program of flute music at 8 o'clock on Tuesday, May 9 in the Fine Arts Building Auditorium on the Appalachian State Teachers College campus.

Selections on the program include "The Goldfinch Concerto" by Antonio Vivaldi and the Sonata in Eb major for flute and cello by Johann Sebastian Bach, representing some fine but seldom heard works from the baroque period of writing. A short number, "Romanze" by Bartolomeo Campagnoli, is an excellent example of unusual romanticism. Also included on the program is "Scherzino" by the famous flutist, Juschim Anderson and "Fantasie-Caprice" by Gabriel Pares.

A charming example of musical impressionism is the number for solo flute, "The Ecstatic Shepherd" by Cyril Scott. Modern expressionism is seen in the closing number, "Sonata" by Paul Hindemith.

4-H Talent Contest Winners Announced

The County 4-H Talent Contest was held in the Appalachian Elementary School Auditorium on Friday, April 28.

The entries were from the following schools in the county: Appalachian Elementary, Bethel, Blowing Rock, Cove Creek, Green Valley, Mabel and Parkway.

The judges were Miss Jane Smith from WATA radio station, Mr. Charles Isley from ASTC music department, and Mr. Roy Isley, Assistant Agricultural Agent.

Those in the blue ribbon group were as follows: Cove Creek Elementary School: Diana Danner, Kay Trivette, Tommy Vannoy, Carolyn Townsend, Patricia Hollars accompanied by Lockwood Shull sang "Moon Light Bay"; Shela Harmon, Janie Fox, Brenda Snyder, Joy McGinnis, Betty Shull, Mary Vannoy and Judy Matheson sang "Panamom Tomb Bay."

Mabel Elementary School: Mollie Baton, Tommy Baton, and Eddie Baton doing a "Buck Dance"; Becky Wilson and Jerry Wallace sang "Side By Side."

Parkway School: Sandra Cook and Wanda Critcher sang "Dixie." Those in the red ribbon group were: Patsy Brown, Patricia Hollars dancing "The Charleston"; Judy Robinson doing a dialog of "Mary Had a Little Lamb"; Jenny Robinson dancing the "Polka"; and Vicky Gilley, Beth Lawrence, and Nancy Stacy danced four folk dances.

Those in the white ribbon group: Dora Lambert, Brenda Canter, Betty Jane Osborne, Glenda Pardue accompanied by Jimmy Norris sang "In The Middle of An Island"; Pam Starnes played piano solo "Little Spring Song"; Brenda Canter sang a solo "Five Foot Two"; Beth Williams, Marty Storie sang "Wings of a Dove"; Larry Gragg, J. C. Trivette gave reading "The Suicide"; Betty Ann Congleton, Margaret Winkler, Patsy Brewer sang "She'll Be coming Around the Mountain"; Gail Parlier, Linda Greene, Clover Miller danced "The Charleston"; Nancy Love, Judy Harmon, Janie Tester, Anna Lou Keller, Linda Farthing sang "Side by Side."

The blue ribbon winners will enter the district contest in Asheville on June 13.

Piano Recital Next Monday

Piano students of Mrs. Esther S. Boone are giving a recital May 8th at 7:30 o'clock in the Elementary School Auditorium. The hour program includes several ensemble numbers.

The public is invited.

Mrs. Critcher Taken By Death

Mrs. Harriet Greer Critcher, former resident of Boone, died Monday of last week in a Lenoir hospital, after an extended illness. She was seriously ill for three weeks.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Greer Funeral Home Chapel, conducted by Rev. Archie McKee. Interment was in the Chapel of Rest cemetery in Happy Valley.

Born May 19, 1890, she was a daughter of the late Edmund and Annie Elizabeth Steele Greer. Her husband, Frank Critcher, passed away five weeks ago. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church.

She is survived by four sisters, Mrs. Fannie Greer, and Miss Judy Greer of the home, Mrs. Frank Powell of Lenoir, Mrs. Flora Baker of Atlanta, Ga.; and several nieces and nephews.

School Kiddies Asked To Visit

Children who will attend school for the first time this fall are invited to come to Appalachian Elementary School Friday morning May 5th at 9 o'clock to visit the classrooms and have lunch.

The price of the lunch is 25 cents for parents and child. Parents are urged to come with their child.

Frank Coffey of Gardner-Webb College visited over the week end with his mother, Mrs. Paul A. Coffey.



—Photo Buddy R. Owens COLLEGE MAY QUEEN—MARTHA CHANDLER

Grace Lutheran Church Annex To Be Dedicated

Pastor Edwin F. Troutman of Grace Lutheran Church, assisted by Dr. Ernest L. Misenheimer of Salisbury, assistant to the president of the North Carolina Lutheran Synod, will conduct a service of dedication for the educational building or Sunday School Annex next Sunday morning at eleven o'clock.

Following the mortgage burning and Dedication Service, Dr. Misenheimer will deliver the sermon.

Following the worship service, the congregation will enjoy dinner and fellowship in Fellowship Hall honoring the Rev. and Mrs. Troutman on the occasion of their twenty-third anniversary with Grace Lutheran Church for it was on May 7, 1938 that Pastor Troutman preached the first sermon in Boone. During this time, they have reared two sons who are ministers, Edwin N., pastor of the Lutheran Church in Chilhowie, Virginia, and Gerald S., pastor in Greenville, Tennessee.

"Pastor and Mrs. Troutman have written an indelible record of unselfish service throughout the mountains and valleys of Watauga County which they dearly love and the congregation and friends are happy to pause and pay respect and honor to them on this 23rd anniversary of their coming here from Thomasville, N. C.," says a local churchman.

The congregation was organized in 1924 by the Rev. H. W. Jeffcoat, assisted by his daughter, Miss Cora Pearl Jeffcoat, as Parish Worker. Services were held in the old Episcopal Church which stood on Main street prior to the building of the present Church on East Main street in 1928. The Educational Building was completed in March 1956 and has served the congregation since that time, being now debt-free.

Rooms Needed For Summer Use

The Chamber of Commerce reports an unprecedented demand for apartments and rooms for the summer and is asking that all those who have such accommodations advise the Chamber office.

Manager Wilcox states that inquiries for accommodations are coming in record numbers from students and from tourists.

Five Judges Will Decide Beauty Pageant Winner

A panel of five experienced judges will select a lovely and talented girl to represent Watauga County in the Miss North Carolina contest for 1961.

The Junior Chamber of Commerce sponsored event is expected to fill the Appalachian Elementary School's auditorium to capacity May 13, at 8:00 p. m. Tickets can now be obtained for the annual event from members of the Jaycees and the Varsity Men's Shop.

Judges for the pageant include J. T. Greene, Jr., president of the Winston-Salem Jaycees. Mr. Greene is the official escort for the current Miss North Carolina; W. C. McDonald who is associated with the advertising department of the Charlotte Observer; Cecil Lee Porter, lawyer from North Wilkesboro. The very colorful Mr. Porter served as a judge in last year's contest; James B. Fain, Hickory; and Blake Watts, with Investment Diversified Service, Hickory, who also served as a judge in last year's contest.

First Civil Defense Alert Of Year Held

Boone and Watauga county joined the nation in the first Civil Defense alert of the year Friday.

The CONELRAD test of the National Emergency Broadcast System caused the area to have a radio and television blackout except for the CONELRAD program between the hour of 4 to 4:30 p. m.

Boone Civil Defense workers, directed by Dr. R. H. Harmon, were ready when the alert came through. According to Dr. Harmon, from the time the National alert was sounded until the time it took the message to reach Boone through the Civil Defense communications system was nine minutes. The message came from the nation's center at Battle Creek, Michigan, through Washington, D. C., to Asheville and Salisbury, and on to Boone by way of Highway Patrol radio. The sheriff relayed the message to Dr. Harmon, who contacted Watauga Hospital, where the institution's disaster operation plan was put into effect.

Mainly to test communications, Dr. Harmon considered the alert to be successful. The simulated attack, which came at seven o'clock placed emphasis on the lack of fallout shelter in this area. According to Carl Day, radiation control officer for Watauga county, the "reading" on his instruments showed a 1/4 roentgen unit per hour, which is considered dangerous. Only shelter protection would keep this amount of radiation from harming people.

The fallout alert, began at 7 p. m. on Friday and lasted until 10 a. m. the next day, Mr. Day said. Nuclear explosion would cause such a situation in actual warfare.

Dr. Harmon, who with his assistant, Jake Caudill, toured the hospital after the alert, found the staff and their equipment in readiness for an emergency.

New Motel To Open On 105

The "Open for Business" sign took up on Boone's newest motel Sunday, May 7, when the Highland Hills Motel, on Highway 105, opens its doors.

The opening will feature an open house event, and everyone is invited to drop in and inspect the beautiful new motel, according to Mrs. L. H. Kiziah, who, along with her husband, built the motel and will operate it.

"We're pretty much of a Do-It-Yourself family," Mrs. Kiziah said, pausing long enough in her landscaping efforts to talk about the new motel, her family . . . and their plans and hopes for the Highland Hills motel.

"We'll run it ourselves, of course," she said. "We have one daughter in high school and one in college, they'll both soon be here with us, and we'll be able to carry on. It's a completely new venture for us, but we feel that we're going to enjoy it . . . especially the summers in the mountains."

The new motel is completely modern in architecture and furnishings, with ample and well landscaped space surrounding it. Each room will feature large comfortable beds, glass enclosed showers, wall to wall carpeting and television, Mrs. Kiziah said.

"We're hoping people around here will want to come out Sunday and see our new motel . . . and we want to see them," she finished.

Will S. Jones Funeral Held

Will Smith Jones, 58, of Route 1, Vilas died Friday, following a long illness.

Funeral services were conducted at 2:00 p. m. Sunday in Mt. Dale Baptist Church. Burial followed in Beaver Dam Church cemetery. Ministers were the Rev. Carl Wilson and the Rev. Noah Johnson.

He is survived by the wife, Daisy Stanberry Jones; by nine sons, Lee, of Ellicot, Md., Junior, of Warrensville, James O., of Lenoir, Clifford, Franklin, Russell, Ralph, Harold and Bobby Jones, all of the home; five daughters, Miss Eleene Jones, Lenoir, Mrs. Maxie Huffman, Reese, Margaret, Edna and Jean Jones of the home. Also surviving are four brothers, Lee, Picksville, Ky., Frank, Shouns, Tenn., and John Jones, Grayson; and two sisters, Mrs. Cora Mitchell and Miss Vertie Jones, both of Lenoir.

Miss Karen Aldridge of Banner Elk is a patient at Watauga Hospital.