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| Mar. 31 | 58 | 51 | 13 | 52 |
| April 1 | 52 | 34 | .78 | 38 |
| April 2 | 35 | 25 | *.12 | 42 |
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GOING UP.—The science building on the campus of Appalachian State Teachers College begins to take shape as the super

structure and foundations are put in place. The goal posts (barely visible) still stand to remind of previous use of site.

BOND DEFEAT FRUSTRATING

3,000 Frosh Expected To Seek Entry At ASTC

2,000 High School Grads Have Applied

The tremendous demand for college admission, which soars daily to unprecedented heights, is clearly reflected at Appalachian State Teachers College, where President W. H. Plemmons states that applications for the upcoming freshman class are expected to exceed last fall's entire 2800-student body enrollment.

Registrar H. R. Eggers says that already 2000 applications have been received from high schoolers for next fall's opening, and they continue to pour in at the rate of about 25 daily. By September, Mr. Eggers expects 3,000 to have applied for admission to the freshman class, or about the total number of students now enrolled in all classes, including those in the graduate school.

The demand is equally great at North Carolina's other public-supported institutions of higher learning, and John Corey, of the Education Department at Appalachian, has this to say on the situation in his weekly "School and Your Child" column:

Efforts to solve the spiraling enrollment problem have President Plemmons of ASTC and other Tar Heel college administrators pulling their already thinning hair.

The institutions simply don't have facilities even to come close to handling the demand.

And peak of demand won't be reached until 1965.

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PRESIDENT W. H. PLEMMONS OF APPALACHIAN STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE finds it distasteful to deny college education to capable North Carolina youngsters on grounds of lack of facilities. He advocates that the State quickly provide necessary facilities and enlarge the community college program.

Program In Speech Correction To Be Organized In County Schools

Efforts are being made to organize a program in speech correction for the next school year according to information released by W. Guy Angell, Superintendent of Schools.

Children who are diagnosed as speech-handicapped constitute one of the largest special education problems within the county.

According to a recent survey completed by school officials, over one hundred students in Watauga County have been diagnosed as having some form of speech difficulty. The ability

to speak effectively is basic in any learning process. The development of acceptable speech is an important factor in the continuous educational, social, and emotional growth of a child.

Where a child has a speech handicap, it is essential that speech and hearing therapy be made available to him. The following statement by Kenneth Scott Wood in his article "A Philosophy Of Speech Correction" states clearly and concisely a basic philosophy of speech and hearing therapy:

"Speech correction occupies

a strategic place in the whole field of education because it is concerned with key problems of the individual. Its philosophy is that every individual is worthwhile and that his speech is the most important tool for getting along in life. Whatever we do for his speech, that we do also for his whole being."

Funds for the employment of a full time speech teacher is available through the North Carolina State Department of Public Instruction when qualified personnel are available for the position. A teacher who holds the Class A certificate may become qualified as a speech and hearing therapist by completing six semester hours of specialized training in speech

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Scouts Plan Paper Drive

The Boy Scouts of Troop 109, sponsored by the Boone Methodist Church, will conduct a scrap paper drive in Boone Saturday, beginning at 10:00 a. m., according to an announcement by Bill Stallard, scoutmaster.

Persons having old newspapers and magazines are asked to tie them in bundles the size boys can handle and place them where the boys can see them.

If possible a Scout of that troop should be contacted, or the scoutmaster called to make sure the paper is picked up.

Anyone who has paper may also call the Wesley Foundation at the Boone Methodist Church between the hours of 10 a. m. and 12 noon, and a scout will relay the message to those doing the pickup.

The troop, in years past has helped householders in this phase of their spring cleaning. The paper is hauled to Charlotte by Goodnight Bros. Produce Company at no cost, and the boys use the proceeds in their scouting program.

Scoutmaster Stallard said all efforts will be toward completing the drive Saturday, and said he will appreciate the cooperation of those furnishing the paper in having it where the boys can find it easily. If it should rain or be bad weather, the drive will be postponed until Saturday, April 21, he said.

Pastors Will Meet Monday

The Baptist Pastors of the Three Forks Association will meet Monday at 10 o'clock at the First Baptist Church in Boone.

Dr. M. A. Huggins, Director of the enlargement campaign at Mars Hill College will be the guest speaker.

All pastors are being encouraged to attend.

Mayor Brown Proclaims 'Seat Belt Month' In Boone

Mayor Wade E. Brown has proclaimed the month of April to be "Seat Belt Month" in Boone.

The proclamation says: WHEREAS seat belts have been proven effective in reducing deaths and injuries on the highways by one-half, and WHEREAS installation of seat belts is one of the most simply important actions the individual can take to protect his life, and

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Mother Mrs. Smith Dies

Mrs. Wiley F. Smith was called to Huntington, Tennessee last Tuesday, March 27, because of the death of her mother, Mrs. J. E. Pickler, who was 89 years old.

Funeral services were held on the following Wednesday at 4:00 p. m. in the First Baptist Church in Huntington.

She is survived by the husband, 8 children, 18 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. Pickler celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary in January.

Winners Are Announced At 4-H Achievement Program On Friday

The annual 4-H Achievement program was held Friday night, March 30, at Cove Creek High School Gym. Approximately 150 members, parents and leaders attended. Bobby Shipley, president of the 4-H County Council, presided. Joe Winebarger led the Pledge of Allegiance, Janice Tester led the 4-H Pledge, and Janice Shipley gave the devotion-

al on friendship. Miss Lucille Mayes, a National 4-H winner in achievement from Iredell County and a student at Appalachian State Teachers College, gave a talk on opportunities in 4-H Club work. She explained and told about several of her experiences in 4-H Club work. Club members were announced as winners in the following

projects by Mrs. Lillian Danner, Home Economics Agent, and W. C. Richardson, Assistant County Agent:

Boys Agriculture — Bobby Shipley.

Beef Animal — David Michael. Canning — Janice Tester, Leta Kay Glenn.

Clothing — Agnes Gray Shipley, Janice Shipley, Margaret Adams, Nancy Love.

Dairying — Agnes Gray Shipley, David Farthing, Mike Farthing, Bobby Shipley.

Electric — Janice Shipley, Earline Michael, Joe Winebarger, Garry Miller, Hal Anderson.

Field Crops — Tommy Wilson, Jerry Hagaman.

Food and Nutrition — Malinda Roberts, Earline Michael.

Forestry — Jimmy Ward.

Frozen Foods — Janice Tester, (continued on page six)

Pre-School Roundup Plans Are Completed

Plans have been completed for the annual pre-school roundup in all schools according to information released by the Watauga County Board of Education and the District Board of Health.

The purpose of the roundup is for the orientation and registration of all first grade pupils who will enter school in the fall of 1962.

Parents are urged to bring the child to school on the scheduled date along with your

child's birth certificate and certificate of immunization signed by your family physician. According to existing legislation, no child may enter the first grade without showing evidence of immunization against smallpox, tetanus, diphtheria, whooping cough, and poliomyelitis.

Listed below are the dates for pre-school roundups:

April 3—Mabel School
April 4—Cove Creek School
April 5—Valle Crucis School
April 10—Parkway School
April 12—Green Valley School

April 24—Appalachian School
April 25—Bethel School
The date for the Blowing Rock roundup will be announced at a later date.

Clay Files For Commissioner

Mr. C. A. Clay of Vilas has filed his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for county commissioner in the May primary.

Mr. Clay has previously served on the Board.

Williams Child Buried

Kenneth Wesley Williams, infant son of Captain and Mrs. J. W. "Sonny" Williams of McGuire Air Force Base, New Jersey, died at the home last Wednesday. Graveside services were held at Mountlawn Memorial Gardens in Boone Saturday afternoon, March 31.

The 6-weeks-old baby is survived by the parents and a twin sister.

Weight Limit Taken Off 105

North Wilkesboro — Weight restrictions of 13,000 lbs. per axle have been removed from NC 105 in Avery and Watauga Counties. The following roads are now unrestricted:

NC 105, Avery County—From the Avery County Line to the junction of US 221 in Linville.
NC 105, Watauga County—From junction of US 321 in Boone to Avery County Line.

Traffic Toll

Raleigh—The Motor Vehicles Department's summary of traffic deaths through 10 a. m. Monday April 2, 1962:

Killed to date 256
Killed to date last year 239

Joe McClung Fund Prexy

United Fund board members meeting was held March 27 at the Daniel Boone Inn. Officers for 1962-63 were elected as follows:

Joe McClung, president.
Stanley A. Harris, fund raising chairman.

Mrs. James B. Miller, secretary.
Cecil Miller, advanced gift chairman.

Lynn Holiday was reelected treasurer.

Mr. Harris asked that all chairmen prepare budgets for the next year and present them to the budget committee by July 1.

There were 25 members present.

Five Speech Teams Will Meet At ASTC On Tuesday

Five high school forensic teams will meet in the annual elimination contest of the North Carolina High School Debating Union at Appalachian State Teachers College on Tuesday, April 10, at 9:30 a.m., in the First Baptist Church of Boone.

The local contest, sponsored by the Extension Division of the University of North Caro-

lina, will feature debaters from Chase High School, Cool Springs High School, Cullowhee High School, Harris High School, and West Lincoln High School.

The purpose of the meet is to select an outstanding affirmative and negative team from this district to participate in the State Forensic Meet in Raleigh later in April.

Ellis G. Boatmon, Appalachian's director of debate, will serve as director of the one-day tournament at Boone. He said that there will be four rounds of debate.

High school debate directors from the participating schools and qualified ASTC personnel will serve as judges for the tournament.

Dollar Days Response In City Divided

Merchant opinion of Boone Dollar Days as an effective promotion for bridging the gap of a 5th week end business lag seemed divided as the Democrat sampled reaction along the Street.

Many voiced enthusiasm for the event, but a few seemed disappointed with the response noticed in their own businesses.

Generally, merchant reaction would call the promotion a success, and nearly all agreed that plans for future promotions should be encouraged.

Runs For Clerk



ORVILLE H. FOSTER

Orville H. Foster, who has filed as a Republican candidate for Clerk of the Superior Court of Watauga county subject to the May primary.

Mr. Foster, who is a former Watauga county tax collector is a resident of the Brushy Fork community at Vilas.

Fatal Accidents Are Costly To County

Traffic accidents took a 207 million dollar whack at the Tar Heel economy last year, according to the Motor Vehicles Department's statistical unit headed by George Shakarji.

The economy in Watauga county suffered to the tune of \$495,000 from this source, according to the survey.

The agency's chief statisti-

an said the immense dollar loss came from highway deaths, injuries, hospital and funeral expenses, loss of income, property damage and lawsuits.

The year's traffic toll included 1254 fatalities and 34,438 injuries. There were more than 60,000 highway accidents reported during the year.



BAND.—The world famous United States Navy Band will arrive in Boone for matinee and evening concert appearances, on the seventeenth of April. The concert will be played in the Appalachian State Teachers College Health and Physical Education building.

Smoke Got In His Eyes, Causing Truck Accident

Smoke from a grass fire near the Boone Driving Range was listed as the cause of a two-truck accident Friday afternoon.

According to Patrolman George E. Baker, who investigated the accident, Ernest Y. Price of Abingdon, Va., was driving north on 321, in a 1954 Chevrolet truck when he became blinded by smoke from a fire near the highway. His truck sideswiped a tractor-trailer driven by Billy William Gil-land, then went off the right side of the road where it landed

ed on its top. Price was pinned under the wreckage for some time, but neither driver suffered serious injury.

The tractor-trailer stayed on the highway.

Damage to the truck, which was owned by Ed Adams, was listed at \$400 to \$500, and to the tractor-trailer, owned by Caldwell Freight Lines at \$200.

The Boone Volunteer Fire Department and the local rescue squad answered the call that went out following the accident.