

# Final Plans Made For Meeting Of Appalachian Alumni Of Watauga

Final plans have been completed for the organizational meeting of the Watauga County Alumni of Appalachian College at the Boone elementary school cafeteria on Thursday, February 7. Neil Hartley, Boone native, who is a noted Broadway stage manager, will be the principal speaker.

W. Guy Angell, superintendent of Watauga schools and organizational chairman for the local chapter, said that between 400 and 500 are expected to attend the meeting. He said that the Lions and Rotary Club will use this as a makeup meeting and that the Optimists and Jaycees will be represented at the meeting.

The dinner meeting is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p. m. Barbecue will be served at \$1 a plate and the menu will consist of a barbecue tray with French fries, pie, and coffee or milk. James A. Greene, Parkway principal, is in charge of the arrangements. Greene said that tickets may be secured from all Watauga county school principals, Boone Drug Company, Coe Insurance and Realty Company, and Watauga Insurance Agency. Faculty members at ASTC may secure tickets from their respective department chairmen. Personnel in administrative offices may buy tickets from D. B. Dougherty, ASTC vice-president, and Ned Trivette, administrative officer.

Dr. J. C. Yoder, program chairman, said Neil Hartley, a 1937 graduate who is a Broadway stage manager and native of Boone, will be the principal speaker. Hartley is well known to Wataugans as the talented youngster who went from backlot play acting to top-flight Broadway theatrical production. He parlayed his talent, enthusiasm and energy into a coveted spot in the great white way of dramatic entertainment.

Currently, Hartley is production supervisor of David Merrick's plays. In 1950, Hartley went to New York, where for a time he was production manager with CBS television. He left television to work as stage manager for some of the top Broadway productions which starred Tallulah Bankhead, Gene Kelly, Van Johnson and other talented Broadway stars. Hartley's mother, Mrs. Pearl Hartley, lives in Boone.

Dr. William H. Plemmons, president of Appalachian, will bring greetings from the college. I. G. Greer, native Wataugan, now of Chapel Hill, has been invited to attend. The invocation will be given by the Rev. John Gibson. Mrs. Susan Buchanan, entertainment chairman, said that Mrs. Virginia Linney and 16 members of the college choir will present several numbers. Their program will include "I Hear A Voice A'Prayin'," a spiritual by Houston Bright; "A Medley of Negro Songs," ar-



NEIL HARTLEY

ranged by Rosario Bourdon; and "Geographical Fugue," a speaking chorus by Ernst Tock. Mrs. Linney is director of the college choir.

Bob Barnes, popular announcer for station WATA of Boone, will be master of ceremonies for the meeting.

Assisting in the organizational efforts also is Bob Allen, director of public relations and foundations, and John Corey, director of alumni affairs.

Recently a group of Watauga alumni met with Angell to nominate a new slate of officers for the chapter. The nominating committee will present a slate of officers at the business meeting.

Paul Winkler, chairman of the nominating committee, said that James A. Greene of Boone was nominated to head the chapter. Others nominated as officers are John D. Marsh, vice-president; Mrs. Reba Moretz, secretary; and Grace Beach, treasurer. Additional nominations may be made from the floor.

## All Alumni Are Expected

All Alumni of Appalachian State Teachers College as well as friends of the college and local Wataugans are invited to attend the organizational meeting of the Watauga Alumni at ASTC Thursday night, February 7, at 6:30 o'clock, in the Boone Elementary School cafeteria.

This invitation also applies to all faculty and staff members of the college who by their connection with the college are considered a part of the Alumni Association.

John Corey, ASTC alumni director, said that all alumni, friends of the college, staff members and faculty of the college and schools in the county are cordially invited to attend the meeting.

Serving on the organizational committee are James A. Greene, Mrs. Susie G. Buchanan, Dr. Julian Yoder and J. Paul Winkler.

All ASTC alumni living in Watauga county are invited to attend this organizational dinner and hear Neil Hartley, Watauga son who has hit the top on Broadway.

## Brewer Trial Is Upheld

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elder Burch to prison July 18, Judge Raymond Mallard described the two as having fallen "to lust for money."

Brewer and the elder Burch were given 18 months in prison. Robert M. Burch, 22, a 1962 Duke University graduate, was sentenced to 12 months, suspended on payment of \$2,500 fine and court costs.

The state accused Brewer of receiving some \$80,000 in commissions on sales two Newark, N. J., highway-sign companies made to North Carolina.

Young Burch was accused of receiving some \$1,700 from Interstate Services Inc., a firm belonging to Brewer. Testimony showed most of the money finally wound up with the elder Burch.

The defendants, in their appeal, attacked the constitutionality of the law under which they were convicted. They termed it vague and indefinite.

In reply, the Supreme Court said: "The acts prohibited are stated in words sufficiently explicit, clear and definite to inform any man of ordinary intelligence what conduct on his part will render him liable to penalties."

Associate Justice R. Hunt Parker, who wrote the opinion, noted the Bible says: "No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other." Parker termed this a statement of "an eternal truth."

Brewer and the Burches were indicted under a state law which prohibits influencing an employe in the performance of his duties.

The state contended the elder Burch was influenced in preparing sign specifications to favor companies which paid a 10 per cent commission to Brewer.

The state attempted to prove that two Newark, N. J., sign companies—Pfaff & Kendall and Traffic & Street Sign Co.—were the beneficiaries of the elder Burch's efforts in fixing sign specifications. Influence-peddling charges against the two firms and three of their officials were dismissed.

It's high time to develop highway manners when driving an automobile.

# Chamber To Discuss Industry

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 —Off street parking lots.  
 —Get more members in Chamber of Commerce.  
 —Progress is our most important product.  
 —Thanks to the Chamber of Commerce for what it has done and is doing.  
 —One person in Chamber office to assist the traveler until 9 p. m. in July and August.  
 —Area publicity to inform the traveler what the area has to offer.  
 —Provide a public swimming pool.  
 —Set up budget within the Chamber for publicity.  
 —Place information signs at area on highway leading into Boone, from north, south, east, and west.  
 —Get more industries in the community—help the ones that are here.

—Modernize the town shopping.  
 —Get a municipal parking area for shopping center.  
 —Help welcome newcomers to the area.  
 —Get the members of the Chamber of Commerce to be more active in community affairs.  
 —Do more for the young people in our community—a meeting place—activities.  
 —Keep improving parking.  
 —Get the shoe factory.  
 —Convention Hall.  
 —Hard-top parking lots.  
 —We need a good shoe store and another dress shop or department store—make the town bigger and better.  
 —Better planning and zoning to aid a more beautiful town—more attention to little eyesores that have existed for 20 years.

—A more active merchants organization to discuss business problems.  
 —Promote Banner Elk Ski area.  
 —Some kind of community register which could be referred to by any church, civic or community group, who need to contact newcomers for various reasons.  
 —Sponsor road improvement  
 —421—East Howard—Wilkesboro.  
 —Members Paying Dues  
 Edwin S. Dougherty, Business and Professional Women's Club, Dr. J. Ella Hardin, Estes Electric Shop, George D. Judy, Walker Jewelry Store, Dr. Gene Reese, Robertson Chemical Corp.

## Labor Survey Attracts 1400

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Wilcox termed the day "Watauga County's most successful labor survey in history!"  
 A sampling of the comments made by interviewers, as recorded by local officials, is as follows:

—"We want to live in Watauga County and work here."  
 —"My husband is working away from home. Please help bring him back by giving him a job."  
 —"I am finishing high school. I don't want to leave the county for a job."  
 —"We are tired of driving so many miles every day from out of the county to work."

## A. C. Payne Dies In Asheville

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 Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Hattie Lay Payne; a daughter, Mrs. Jane Arkedis, and two grandchildren. Also surviving are a brother and five sisters: Coleman Payne, West Jefferson; Mrs. A. B. Graybeal, Marion, Va.; Mrs. Lorn Harrison, Mrs. Sam Austin, Mrs. P. M. Winkler and Mrs. D. L. Wilcox, all of Boone.

# Ski Queen To Be Selected

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 in the large dining room at the ski lodge. For the second portion—the "ski lessons"—the judges and audience will be on the large second-floor balcony around the dining room with the contestants on the snow below.  
 The winner will receive a complete ski clothing outfit in addition to a trophy and crown. M. E. (Bill) Thalheimer, president of the new ski resort, will crown the winner. The "queen" will reign in a variety of events at the lodge for a year and crown her successor in the second

end of what is planned as an annual series of midwinter beauty pageants.

## Uncle Pinkney

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 handling his annual stamp situation.  
 Personal, Mister Editor, I didn't git in the argument on account of noting for 50 year that the best political party, Democrat or Republican, was always the one out of office.  
 Yours truly,  
 UNCLE PINKNEY.

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