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Association's Spring Session Meets Tuesday

The Three Forks Baptist Association will hold its spring session at Bethel Baptist Church Tuesday, April 30. The meeting begins at 9:30 a. m.

The Reverend W. E. Pope, associational missionary for the Three Forks Association, will be the principal speaker.

The theme of the spring program is "Sharing Christ with the Whole World."

The program is as follows: Worship in song, directed by Richard Greer; devotional period, led by the Rev. Clyde Cornett, pastor of Bethel Church; roll call of churches; presentation of theme and purpose of program, C. O. Vance, moderator; report of schools of missions, John Gibson;

"Sharing Christ Through Sunday School Work," Walter Hill; "Sharing Christ Through Training Union," Mrs. Nora M. Wilson; "Sharing Christ Through Woman's Missionary Union," Mrs. Boyce Brooks; "Sharing Christ Through Brotherhood," Ira Ayers; "Sharing Christ Through Vacation Bible School," Mrs. Daisy Greene;

"Sharing Christ Through Our Cooperative Program," E. M. Blankenship; and "Sharing Christ Through Personal Witnessing," by personal testimonies.

The Reverend J. E. Crump will introduce and present the new associational missionary to the association.

The meeting will adjourn at 12 noon for lunch and fellowship.

The Reverend Mr. Pope, a native of Sampson county, has served as pastor of Mount Gilead Baptist Church since 1955. During his tenure of service the church purchased seven acres of land for future church needs.

The new missionary was active where his church is located and currently is serving as clerk. While in the Eastern Baptist Association he served as Sunday School superintendent and president of the pastor's conference.



THE REV. W. E. POPE

Young G.O.P. To Talk Of Bond Issue Friday

The Watauga County Young Republican Club will have its regular monthly meeting Friday, April 26, at 7:30 p. m.

The program will center around the upcoming bond election for a new hospital. Several interested people will be on hand to give information and answer questions.

Club officers have indicated that the public is invited to attend and hear this presentation.

Blowing Rock To Be Spared Blue Law

Senator Ira T. Johnston informed the Democrat Tuesday of his action Monday evening in eliminating Blowing Rock township and the Parkway area from the Senate bill which would prevent the sale of a long list of merchandise on Sunday.

The "blue law" passed the Senate and was sent to the House.



APPLES IN BLOOM.—Pictured against a cloudy, April sky is one of the thousands of apple trees which have bloomed in the county during the past week to ten days. Temperatures have registered in the 70's during several recent afternoons, going to 81 degrees Monday. Light showers were experienced in the area during the first of this week.—Gaddy photo.

Rogers Gets 3-5 Years For Embezzlement

ASTC Employee Said To Have Taken \$17,000

By DALE GADDY

Bob Rogers was sentenced in Watauga Superior Court yesterday (Tuesday) to "not less than three years nor more than five years" in prison for embezzling \$17,077 from Appalachian State Teachers College where he formerly had been employed as an accountant. The sentence was passed by Judge J. C. Farthing before a hushed courtroom in Boone.

The judge recommended that Rogers be assigned to one of the state camps which has a work-release program.

Rogers, who was emotionless during the morning trial, bowed his head and fought tears upon hearing the sentence. His wife, seated several rows back, wept silently.

In passing the sentence, Judge Farthing challenged Rogers to begin paying back the money he was convicted of taking. He told the bespectacled father of two that his (Rogers') conscience would not be clear of the matter until such an effort had been made.

The trial began at 9:31 when solicitor B. T. Falls called the case before the court. Rogers, dressed in a gray suit and blue dress shirt, was accompanied by his lawyers Charles (Continued on page two)

Paul J. Smith Employed By Watauga Savings & Loan

Paul J. Smith, who was reared near Lenoir, has been employed by the Watauga Savings and Loan Association and entered upon his new duties Monday of last week.

A son of Mrs. John O. Smith and the late Mr. Smith, he was educated at Appalachian State Teachers College where he was a cum laude graduate, class of 1956. He has been assistant systems director for the Burroughs Corporation in Knoxville, Tenn., for seven years, making surveys and analyses for financial institutions in the Knoxville area.

Mr. Smith is married to the former Miss Marie Cook and they have two children, Jennifer and Gregory. They have established residence on Wood Circle. They are Methodists.

Mr. H. Grady Farthing, president of the Watauga Savings and Loan Association, and Mr. James P. Marsh, secretary-treasurer, express themselves as being pleased to have secured the services of Mr. Smith.



PAUL J. SMITH

Town Buys Fire Truck

One new fire truck has been bought and one of the present machines is being reconditioned, according to Mayor Wade E. Brown, and the new equipment will probably be in operation here within 60 days.

The Baker Equipment Co., of Charlotte, was the low bidder for the fire engine and other equipment, while Andrews Chevrolet Co., of Boone, was low on the chassis. The mayor explains that the fire fighting equipment and the chassis are not now offered as a single component, as used to be the case, and must be bought separately.

The GMC equipment on the second fire engine is to be completely reconditioned and will be on a new chassis, to be supplied through the low bid of Winkler Motor Co.

Mayor Brown says that the American La France equipment which was bought 30 years ago, is in good shape. The first fire equipment bought by the town over forty years ago, is being retained as an antique.

Bulletin

The Len Hicks murder trial was opened at the Watauga Superior Court in Boone Tuesday afternoon at 3:25 with Hicks' attorney, J. E. Holshouser, Sr., entering a plea of "not guilty" to a charge of second degree murder or manslaughter.

First to take the stand was county coroner R. E. Kelley, who was followed by Sheriff Dallas Cheek and Hugh Young, respectively.

Court was recessed at 4:15 and was to resume at 9:30 this morning (Wednesday). A full account of the proceedings will appear in next week's Watauga Democrat.

ELABORATE PROGRAM PLANNED

ASTC Arts Festival Gets Underway This Evening

Many Days Of Festivities; Art Exhibits

The eagerly-awaited Appalachian Arts Festival for 1963 begins Thursday evening, April 25, at 8 o'clock in the Health, Physical Education and Recreation Building on the ASTC campus with a concert by the eminent Metropolitan Opera mezzo-soprano, Miss Nell Rankin.

This second annual Arts Festival promises to be bigger and better than that which was so well received last year, with a wide variety of interesting offerings extending over a number of days and nights from the Rankin concert on April 25 until the Coronation Ball and May Court presentation on the evening of May 4. Miss Rankin includes on her concert some of the famous arias from the opera "Carmen", a role which she made famous on the stage of the Metropolitan Opera.

Hotard Recital

On the evening of April 26, Mr. Earny P. Hotard, Jr., a member of the piano faculty of the ASTC music department, will present a piano recital in the auditorium of the Fine Arts Building. Concert time is 8 p. m. Mr. Hotard is playing the following program: Fantasie K. 396, Mozart; Sonata Op. 53 (Waldstein), Beethoven; Ballade Op. 23, and Three Mazurkas, Chopin; and L'isle joyeuse, Debussy.

Art Exhibits

Extending from April 27 until May 6 there will be available several exhibits of paintings, sculpture, and mementos from the past. In the lobby of the Fine Arts Building there will be an exhibit of paintings by students from the art classes at Appalachian State Teachers College. In the Student Lounge, located on the ground floor of the cafeteria building, there will be an exhibit of paintings, sculpture, and graphics by noted artists from all over the United States. These paintings and art pieces are presented here through the courtesy of the Winston-Salem Gallery of Fine Arts. Also in the Student Lounge will be presented the sculpture of Appalachian's own Stanley South. Mr. South, a graduate of ASTC, and presently archaeologist for the N. C. Department of Archives and History, has gained much attention with his sculpture. In the ASTC Library during this period there will be a display of Watauga County artifacts from the past sixty years, in conjunction with the college's 60th anniversary being celebrated this year. Viewing hours for all of these exhibits are from 8 a. m. until 10 p. m. daily.

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Founders Day Sale At Belk's Is Announced

Mr. W. W. Chester of Belk's Department Store announces the opening of the annual Founders Day Sale on April 25, as a feature of the 75th anniversary observance at Belk's.

The sale will continue until May 4.

Mr. Chester who has consistently relied on the Watauga Democrat for coverage of his merchandising events, uses four pages of this edition to tell of the many outstanding values which are to be found in every department of the big store. The attention of the readers is directed to this important business announcement.



AW SHUCKS, SCHOOL!—Experiencing his first year in the school room, a first grader paused hesitantly one morning last week at the old maple tree which stands in the A&P parking lot adjacent to the Watauga Democrat offices, pondering the plight of a schoolboy on a warm April morning. Birds were chirping and buds were budding and there was a plenty to hold his interest in the small pit around the tree—rocks and rickrack, a blackened buffalo nickel and a "Vote for Alexander" campaign button, and lots of good

old American red clay. It was a boy's haven, all right, but the call of education drew the eager, if reluctant, youngster to his waiting school room. "Sure is a good day for fishing," someone called to the youth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde S. Greene of 412 Queen Street, Boone. "Yeah, and I'll be fishing in just six more weeks," came the reply. Kicking the red dirt, then slinging his books under his arm the young fellow echoed, "Just six more weeks."—Gaddy photo.

BUILDING LINE, TRAILERS CONSIDERED

City Council Adopts Rules Proposed By Zoning Board

With the growth of the city of Boone and the increased traffic that our main roads are required to accommodate, the city council adopted the recommendation of the local zoning board that a building line be established at forty-two feet distant from the center of the highway in all community trading centers. This provision will permit the construction of a four-lane highway with sidewalks on each side.

The town of Boone has made plans with the city planning commission of the state government for a thorough study of the community. This will include recommendations for bringing zoning regulations up-to-date. Until such time as this group makes its report and such recommendations are adopted, the city council approved the recommendations of the local zoning board as follows:

1. That no more building permits are to be issued for 3 or more family unit apartment buildings unless such lots or lands lie within approximately 450 feet of the Blowing Rock Road, King Street, Faculty Street, and Road 105 by-pass. In addition all builders of apartments must provide 1 1/2

parking spaces per unit. 2. That no more permits be granted for construction of trailer courts within the city limits and that trailers within the present courts comply with fire regulations for dwellings. Such regulations will require that all trailers be placed or

spaced so that they are at least 15 feet from another trailer or dwelling. In addition, trailers should be placed at least 30 feet from the center of the adjacent street or streets. 3. From this date (April 18), no trailer may be parked except in existing trailer courts.

Hospital Committee Discusses Bond Issue

The new hospital steering committee met this week at the Daniel Boone Inn for a dinner meeting to discuss the hospital bond issue which will be presented to the county this fall.

Reports were presented by the various committees concerning all phases of the drive. James Marsh, chairman of the steering committee, presided over the meeting.

Present for the meeting were Marsh, Mrs. Jack Groce, Ralph Winkler, Jack Cobb, Larry Penley, John Council, Bob Bumbaugh, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley A. Harris, Dr. James Graham, G. C. Greene, Jr., Dr. J. B. Hagaman, Dr. Hadley Wilson, Dr. Gene Reese, Dr. Curtis McGowan, Dr. and Mrs. William Matheson, Woodrow Richardson, L. E.

Tuckwiler, Mrs. Lynn Hagaman, Dr. Mary Michal, A. E. McCreary, Nick Stakias, and Mrs. Wiley Smith.

Registration Deadline Nears For BR Election

Saturday is the last day to register for the Blowing Rock election to be held Tuesday May 7, says Mrs. Nettie Greene, Town Clerk.

Mrs. Greene says that few voters have appeared for registration thus far. Mr. O. J. Coffey is the Registrar and voters may register anytime until next Saturday at 5 p. m.