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## Funeral Held Tuesday For Appalachian College Dean

Dr. Daniel Jay Whitener, age 65, dean of Appalachian State Teachers College, died suddenly at 1:30 a. m. Monday morning at his home on Stanbury Circle.

Dr. Whitener's death was unexpected and cause of death was listed as a heart attack.

The veteran educator was completing his thirty-second year at Appalachian College and was to retire as dean of the college at the end of the present school year.

He is survived by his widow, Annie Laurie (Owens) Whitener (formerly of Sparta); one son, United States Air Force Captain Carr Owens-Whitener, Springfield, Virginia; two grandchildren; three brothers, Gordon L. Whitener, Catawba County, Dr. Russel W. Whitener, Newton; two sisters, Mrs. J. C. Abernethy of Route 1, Hickory, and Mrs. John Cansler of Wilson. One brother, the Reverend Sterling Whitener, a former missionary to China, is deceased.

Funeral services for Dr. Whitener were held at the First Methodist Church in Boone at 3 p. m. Tuesday. Officiating were Rev. Edwin F. Troutman, pastor of Grace Lutheran Church, Boone; Reverend J. K. Parker, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Boone; and Reverend Richard Crowder, pastor of Boone Methodist Church.

Burial was in Mount Lawn Memorial Gardens.

A son of the late Daniel Whitford and Alice Amanda (Kincaid) Whitener, the college dean was born August 17, 1898 in Catawba County.

Dr. Whitener was a student at Catawba College 1918-19. He received the A. B. degree from the University of North Carolina in 1922, the M. A. degree in 1923, and the Ph. D. degree in 1932 from the same institution. He was a student at Michigan University in the summer of 1936.

He married Annie Laurie (Continued on page eight)



## Mrs. G. C. Greene Dies March 13

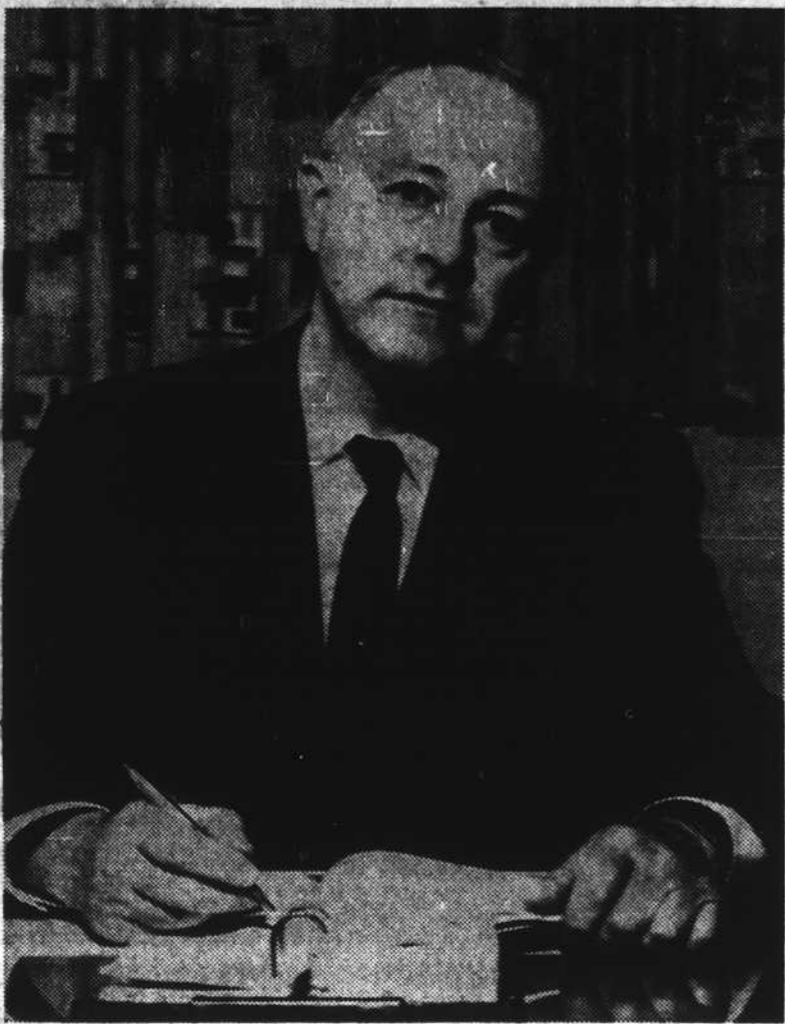
Mrs. Ethel A. Greene, 65, wife of Grover C. Greene, of 201 South Chester Road, Swarthmore, Pennsylvania, died March 13 in Lankenau Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa.

Mrs. Greene, the former Ethel Augusta Stringer, was a native of Marshall County, Kentucky. She attended Western Kentucky State College and graduated from Bowling Green Business University. Later she took graduate work at New York University. She taught in the Kentucky schools and in the Abbeville, Louisiana, and the Hackensack, New Jersey High Schools.

She was married in 1923 in Wilmington, Delaware where her three children were born.

She later went to Swarthmore, Pa., where she and her husband founded the Keystone Secretarial and Business Administration School in 1939, which continues in operation today. She was a member of the Soroptimist Club of Old Chester, the Eastern Business Teachers' Association, the Swarthmore Woman's Club, and a communicant of the Swarthmore Presbyterian Church.

Besides her husband, a native of Deep Gap, N.C., Mrs. Greene is survived by a son, (Continued on page eight)



DR. DANIEL JAY WHITENER

## 15,000 Farmers Are Given ASCS Funds

The agricultural conservation program has aided in solving conservation problems in organized watersheds, according to Vaughn Tugman, for the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation County Committee. Reports indicate that over 15,000 farmers in these watersheds received \$885,000 in cost-sharing

for completing needed conservation practices. This represents a substantial contribution to the development of local resources under the various watershed programs.

The agricultural conservation program will continue to assist with conservation problems in watershed program after the program has been installed. Cost-sharing is available and should be used by farmers to continue to protect the soil, forestry, and water resources of the watershed.

1498 farmers in the Holston River watershed in Watauga county received over \$47,803 in cost-sharing under the 1964 agricultural conservation program. The watershed covers all of Beaver Dam, Cove Creek, Laurel Creek, Shawneehaw and most of Brushy Fork and Watauga communities, and a few farms in Meat Camp and New River communities are within the watershed area.

## Orchid Sale Will Benefit Little League

The Boone Optimist Club will sponsor an Orchid Sale Friday and Saturday of this week for the benefit of the local Little League, it was announced Tuesday.

The orchids, which will arrive in Boone Friday morning, will be on sale Friday afternoon and Saturday, and may be seen in the window of Flowers Photo Shop on East King Street.

The orchids will be of three types: "Little Miss" and large lavender orchids will sell for three dollars apiece, while the white orchids will sell for five dollars apiece.

According to present plans, the proceeds from this sale will go to provide local Little Leaguers with uniforms.

## Easter Egg Hunt Is Slated At Moose Lodge

The Boone Moose Lodge will hold its annual Easter Egg Hunt next Sunday at 2 p. m. at the Lodge. The hunt will be open to all children 12 years of age and under.

Prizes will be given and refreshments will be served. The public is invited.

## Schools Will Close June 3rd

The Watauga County Board of Education, in special session Monday, March 16, revised the current school calendar to extend the closing date of school from Wednesday, May 13 to June 3.

Schools have been closed a total of 20 days due to weather and road conditions thus causing the original school calendar to be adjusted to absorb the days lost. The following schedule was officially adopted to permit the closing of schools on Wednesday, June 3:

- (1) Cancel Easter holidays, March 27 and March 30—2 days.
- (2) Extend term from May 13 to Wednesday, June 3—15 days.
- (3) Add 2 days already made up on Saturday—2 days.
- (4) Schedule one additional make-up date on Saturday, April 11, 1964—1 day.

Total—20 days. The one additional make-up date on Saturday, April 11, will permit students to end the school year on Wednesday, June 3, and teachers will complete their year's work Friday, June 5.

## One Injured As Speeding Auto Crashes On 421

Dexter Beach Eggers, 19, of Route 1, Vilas, operator of a 1962 Chevrolet, was hospitalized last Wednesday night, after wrecking the vehicle on U. S. 421, east of the N. C.-Tenn. state line. He suffered a broken arm, lacerations over the body and head, and bruises. He was released from Watauga Hospital Saturday, when his condition was considered satisfactory.

According to report by Patrolman George Baker, the Eggers car was observed traveling through Boone at a speed of about 60 miles per hour. Patrolman Baker pursued the speeding vehicle, the chase at times reaching 125 miles per hour.

The patrolman followed Eggers to the Tennessee line, a distance of about 12 miles from where the chase began. When they reached the state line, the patrolman turned his vehicle around and started back toward Boone, according to the report.

Eggers then came back into North Carolina and passed the patrolman's car, and the chase then resumed. The patrolman reported that Eggers turned off his lights several times in an effort to elude capture, and it is believed this was the reason of the wreck, since there was no indication that Eggers had lost control of the vehicle.

The car ran off the left side of the road about three miles west of Boone, and reportedly rolled over between five and seven times on an uphill grade, after hitting and leaning six highway posts. The vehicle came to a rest in the front yard of the John Herman home. Because the chase was entering a more heavily populated area, Patrolman Baker had slowed the

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SCENE OF WRECK IN WHICH EGGERS YOUTH WAS INJURED

## SUNRISE SERVICE SUNDAY

# Wataugans Will Gather To Praise Risen Lord

## Other Easter Programs In County Listed

The annual Watauga County Easter Sunrise Service, sponsored by the Watauga County Ministerial Association, will be held Sunday at 6:15 a. m. in Conrad Stadium at Appalachian State Teachers College in Boone. The public is invited to attend.

This information, released this week, corrects an earlier announcement that the service would be held at the Daniel Boone Theater Park.

Should weather be too inclement to hold the service out of doors, it will instead be held at the First Baptist Church of Boone.

The Sunrise Service will be broadcast by WATA radio.

The program for the service is as follows:

Prelude—Appalachian High School Band.

Choir sings—"Low in the Grave He Lay."

Rev. C. O. Vance—"Christ, the Lord Is Risen!"

Congregation responds in unison—"Christ, the Lord Is Risen Indeed!"

Choir sings—"Up from the Grave He Arose."

Congregation sings—"Christ, the Lord Is Risen Today."

Interlude of band music.

Responsive reading—Led by Rev. Floyd Boston.

Prayer—Rev. Boyce Brooks.

Easter Meditation—Rev. Richard Crowder.

Congregation sings—"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."

Benediction—Rev. J. K. Parker, Jr.

Postlude—Appalachian High School Band.

The High School Band will be directed during this service by James Shugert, with the choir being directed by Mrs. Kenneth Linney.

The public address system for the Easter Sunrise Service will be provided by Grant Ayers.

## Blowing Rock Easter Service

The annual Blowing Rock Easter Sunrise Service will be held at Ruple Memorial Presbyterian Church Sunday at 6 a. m. Rev. George Hylar, pastor of Blowing Rock Baptist Church, will bring the message.

Following this the Annual Men's Class breakfast will be held at the school cafeteria. Men of the Ruple Memorial Church will prepare and serve the breakfast.

## "Risen Christ"

### Hopewell Topic

The Boone Methodist Circuit will have a joint worship service Easter Sunday, March 29, at Hopewell Methodist Church. There will be special singing, and Rev. F. J. Rogers will bring the message, "The Risen Christ." At the close of the service, Holy Communion will be served.

## Easter Closing Is Recommended

The Boone Merchant's Association recommends that all business places in Boone close for Easter Monday.

The offices of the County Court House will be closed Easter Monday, also the Health Department.



George Stephens, Jr. (center), special assistant to Governor Terry Sanford, discussed the needs of the Appalachian Mountain area at a meeting Monday night in the Boone

Elementary School Auditorium. In the picture with Stephens is Representative Holshouser (left) and Dr. W. H. Plemmons, ASTC president (right).—Penley photo.

## Says Greatest Need Of Mountain People Is Education And Training

George Stephens, Jr., special assistant to Governor Terry Sanford, said Monday night that the greatest need of the Appalachian area of North Carolina is education and training.

Stephens, representative of Sanford on the Appalachian Governors Conference and on the President's Commission on the Appalachian Region, spoke to a meeting of Watauga County leaders—numbering about 100—called by Dr. W. H. Plemmons, president of Appalachian State Teachers College.

Plemmons is also a member of the Advisory Council to the Conference of Appalachian Governors, to which he was appointed by Governor Sanford.

Stephens said the mountain people of North Carolina, as in the rest of the Appalachian area, have not shared in the general prosperity of the United States. They are caught in a spiral of diminishing opportunity, Stephens said.

He said that portions of North Carolina are underdeveloped and people are not earning enough money. The purpose of the President's commission is to work to create additional jobs, increase earning power and retrain individuals for job opportunities.

Stephens went into considerable detail in a speech which gave some of the history of the Appalachian development projects with which he is associated, as well as relating the chief

functions and aims of the organizations behind the projects. His speech was followed by a lengthy question-and-answer

period. J. E. Holshouser, Jr., served as master of ceremonies for the event.

## Personnel Changes Made In Parkway Operations

G. B. Hanson, President and General Manager, National Park Concessions, Inc., General Offices, Mammoth Cave, Kentucky, has announced changes in the management personnel for the Blue Ridge Parkway Operations of the corporation. The announcement followed a four-day staff conference of management personnel held at the Mammoth Cave Hotel.

Buell Demunbrun, Assistant Manager, Mammoth Cave Hotel, will be transferred as manager of the Bluffs Lodge and Bluffs Coffee Shop at Doughton Park Operations, Blue Ridge Parkway, North Carolina. Demun-

brun, who has more than 16 years service with the corporation was formerly manager of the facilities operated by National Park Concessions, Inc., in Big Bend National Park, Texas.

Miss Mary Lou Ford, former manager of Bluffs Lodge and Coffee Shop at Doughton Park Operations, will be transferred to handle the important function of opening and managing a new facility at Crabtree Meadows, Blue Ridge Parkway, North Carolina. The new facility, consisting of a Coffee Shop and Craft Shop is scheduled for opening in early May. Miss Ford, who has worked in various positions in other National Park Operations of the corporation, has been with NPC for more than 16 years.

L. L. Lewis, Resident Manager for National Park Concessions, Inc., on the Blue Ridge Parkway, stated that Odell Little, Jefferson, North Carolina, will continue in his capacity as Manager, Marby Mill-Rocky Knob Operations on the Blue Ridge Parkway in Virginia.

Hanson said that the trans-

## Election Board Members Named

J. E. Edmisten, R. T. Greer, Democrats, and Stacy C. Eggers, Republican, all of Boone, have been re-appointed as members of the Watauga County Board of Elections.

The chairman and secretary of the board will be named at the organization meeting.

## Tomato Market For Watauga Is Assured; 50 Acres Promised

Watauga County is getting ready for trellis tomatoes.

In a recent meeting at Boone interested farmers and others conferred with officials of Dixon Tom-a-toe Co. of Atlanta, Georgia, and were assured of a tomato market for the area, said Joe B. Gourlay, marketing specialist with the N. C. Department of Agriculture's markets division.

Gourlay said Frank Hauser, representative for the buying company, pointed out that 50 acres of the tomatoes were needed before a receiving station could be opened by his firm. The needed acreage was promised by local farmers

through the aid of agricultural workers and other interested persons. Several acres will come from adjoining counties, Gourlay said.

Hauser reported that his company could handle between 60 and 70 acres of tomatoes from the area. Farmers in the area could contact their county agents if they are interested in raising tomatoes for the Boone buying station, Gourlay said.

The varieties to be raised are Manapal and Manalucie. A sizing machine will be brought into the area, and the market will be set up in warehouse space owned by the Town of Boone. The tomatoes will be

bought but not packed there. Number one and two tomatoes will be bought as a combined grade for top market prices with number three tomatoes at a lower price. No culls will be bought.

Gourlay said the tomatoes should be brought in one-half bushel boxes, and they should be picked with some degree of color. The capstem should be off, he said.

In Mitchell County where the company bought last year growers have indicated they will double the acreage grown in 1963. There high production ran to 22.5 tons on one-half (Continued on page eight)