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## Parkway Facilities Opening

Although visitor facilities along the Blue Ridge Parkway do not normally open for public use until May 1, mild weather conditions have permitted the immediate opening of the following facilities from the North Carolina-Virginia State line to Grandfather Mountain:

Doughton Park Campground, Northwest Trading Post, Frice Park Campground.

Other visitor facilities along this portion of the Parkway will open according to the following tentative schedule:

Brinegar Cabin: Doughton Park—Open May 1; Hours, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Bluff Lodge and Coffee Shop: Doughton Park—Open April 30 (limited meal service until May 15); Hours, 7 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Parkway Craft Center: Cone Park—Open May 1; Hours, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

All visitors to the Blue Ridge Parkway are reminded that the forests are very dry and will probably remain in a high fire hazard condition at least thru May 15.

Visitors should remember the following points relating to fires:

1. Campfires are permitted only in designated fireplaces.
2. Lighted cigarettes or matches are not to be discarded.
3. Report any unusual smoke to the nearest ranger station.

## L. O. McLean Rites Tuesday

Isaacs Orestes McLean, 59, of Blowing Rock died of a heart attack Saturday night at Blowing Rock Hospital.

He was born at Blowing Rock to Jack and Martha Church McLean and was employed by the Blowing Rock Street Department.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Clara Hartley McLean; a daughter, Mrs. Bynum Church of Boone; three sons, O. J. McLean of Lenoir, Arlon McLean (Continued on page 6, Sec. C)

## Steady Growth Of College Is Revealed By Registrar

The steady and constant growth of Appalachian State Teachers College is easily identifiable from the recent report issued from the office of Dr. Ben Strickland, registrar at the state institution.

During the spring quarter of



HERE ARE A FEW OF THE 17 HOUSES constructed at the summit of the Poplar Hill housing development after Patrolman William D. Teem built there five years ago. As rapid as the summit growth has been, it probably does not comprise a fifth of the number of houses which have sprung up along Poplar Hill Drive and adjacent property. (Rivers photo).

## Two Get 7-10 Years For Assault, Robbery

The April term of Watauga County Superior Court adjourned at noon Saturday after disposing of about 125 criminal cases.

Three men were found guilty and given active sentences in two cases heard by the Honorable W. K. McLean, Judge presiding. Conley Lee Harmon and Willis Paul Hicks both charged with assault and robbery of J. R. Hendrix, a store operator in Boone, were found guilty as charged and sentenced to 7 to 10 years in prison.

Chase McGuire was found guilty of assault with deadly weapon and sentenced to two years in prison.

In other cases the following actions were taken: Driving drunk and violating prohibition law, Charles Henry Campbell, \$100. and cost; no liability in

sureance, Jimmie Roger Harmon, \$50; no operators license, James Franklin Kimberlin, \$110.50; driving drunk, Robert Bennett Hairfield, \$138; Robert Augustus Greer, Jr., \$200; trespassing, Norman Walters, 30 days prison.

Speeding, Thomas Albert Crawley, \$55.90; Harry Wilson Clarke, \$45; Archie Dean Lyons, \$45; Robert Edward Ruffy, \$45; J. C. Waters \$45;

Cecil Berry, \$50; Hubert Brent Pitts, bond forfeit \$150; Kimber Dwayne Haneline, \$45; Phillip James Nelson, \$45; James Robert Summerow, \$45; Ford Farrell Greene, \$45; James Thomas Phipps, \$45; Amy Jo Madison, \$45; Freddie Thomas Coley, \$45; Joseph Pleasant Saunders, \$45; Robert Edgar Musick, \$45; Woodford Grady Sink, \$45; Roy Harold Combs, \$45; Hoyle Haskell

Hicks, \$45; Arthur Lee Sharpe, \$45; George Clayton Trivetete, \$45; Thomas Perry Edmisten, \$45; Danny Hunter Ferguson, \$45; Hugh Hamilton Hall, \$45; Burl Jones Miller, \$45; Dennis Delbert Price, \$45; Ernest Harold Reynolds, Jr., \$45; Ivan Ray Smith, \$45; Ore Lee Carmean, \$45; Donald Berton Servis, \$45;

Gerald Freeman Moffitt, \$45; Vertie Dancy Teague, \$45; Richard Larry Smith, \$45; Junior Stewart Wilcox, \$45; Kenneth Odell Porter, bond forfeit, \$50; Charles Raymond Crescioni, \$45; Hadley Warren Clark, \$45; Allan Jake Moretz, \$45; Larry Franklin Long, \$45; Arnold Walter Parker, \$45; Clarence Malcolm Baird, \$45; Lynn Alden Carter, \$45; William Vann Smith, \$45; Max D. Lewis, \$45; Boyd James Trivetete, \$45; Cynthia Ann Chrisawn, \$45; Billy Denny Hampton, \$45; Wm. Franklin Davis, \$45; Henry Jones, Jr., \$45; Marie Rhodes Hyder, \$45; Emmitt Hammer Hopkins, \$45; Louis Grant Fowler, \$45; Donald Francis Smith, \$45; Carl Kenneth Flowers, \$45; Thomas James Burris, \$45; Barney Howard Huffman, \$45; Saxton Hal Smith, \$45; Carl Stout, bond forfeit, \$50;

James Avron Holtzclaw, bond forfeit, \$50; James Robert Stout, \$400; Grady Willet Davis, \$300; Robert Gray Fletcher, \$178; Larry Frank Winkler, \$45; Barbara Kay Willey, \$45; Charles Leo Buchanan, \$45; Boyd Earl Dunn, \$45.

Driving Drunk: Coy Lee Anderson, \$200; Claudie Henderson Grindstaff, \$500; Ronald Alvin Goodman, \$200; Earl Robert Wheatley, 4 months prison; Avery Washington Presnell, \$150; Charles Young Hemphill, \$200; William Earl Barnes, \$200; John Garvis Hendren, \$200; Roland Wayne Stiles, \$200; Charles Philmore Presnell, \$150.

Allowing vehicle to be operated with no insurance, James Franklin Smith, \$110.50; non (Continued on page 6, Sec. C)

## Mrs. Tester, 85, Taken By Death

Mrs. Martha Ruia Tester, 85, of Banner Elk, Rt. 1, widow of David William Tester, died Tuesday at her home. She had been in declining health several years.

Mrs. Tester was born in Watauga County to William and Eliza Moody Lowrance.

Surviving are two sons, Basil Tester of Blowing Rock and Bernard Tester of Burlington; three daughters, Mrs. Bernice Reynolds of Burlington, Mrs. Beulah Shook and Miss Beth Tester of Banner Elk; and four sisters, Mrs. Alice Story and Mrs. Lona Puckett of Banner Elk, Mrs. Mary Davis of Boone and Mrs. Clyde West of Ellenburg, Wash.

The funeral was held at 11 a. m. Thursday at Clarks Creek Baptist Church. Officiating were Rev. Grady Matheson, Rev. Harold Hayes and Rev. Glenn South. Burial was in the church cemetery.

## Eggers Named Director Land Bank 2nd Term

Mr. S. C. Eggers was re-elected to the Board of Directors of the Federal Land Bank Association at the recent meeting of the Association held in Columbia, South Carolina. Mr. Eggers was elected for a second term without opposition.

Mr. Eggers was accompanied to Columbia by John E. Holler, manager of the local Land Bank office and by Carlos L. Mitchell of Alleghany County, Paul Bower of Ashe County and Gordon Chambers of Wilkes County, all members of the Board of Directors of the Boone Land Bank Association.

## 100 Gather For Occasion Ground-Breaking Held At Site Of New Hospital

### Mayor, County Board Chairman, Others Speak

A ground-breaking ceremony at 4 p. m. on Sunday marked the beginning of the construction of the Watauga County Hospital. Despite threatening skies, a crowd of more than 100 was present for the occasion.

From a platform on a large dirt-moving machine, Mayor Wade E. Brown of Boone, who is chairman of the Board of Trustees of the hospital, welcomed the group and spoke briefly of the significance of the day. "This is a historic day," he said. "Long after we are gone, the building we are about to erect will stand to serve the people of this area."

Dr. G. K. Moose, one of the founders of the present hospital, gave an account of its beginnings. It was built in the 1930's on a site donated by the State. The work was done by WPA labor.

After the building was begun there was a two-year delay due to lack of funds. The Duke Foundation made it possible to complete the building. In 1947 a governing board of trustees was set up with Dr. Moose as the chairman. About this time, \$20,000 was spent for the purchase of up-to-date equipment. Dr. Moose paid special tribute to the late Dr. B. B. Dougherty and to the late Smith Hagaman for their share in founding the hospital and in lending guidance in its early years. Both men, Dr. Moose said, had advised that the hospital secure a certified surgeon, and that it work toward accreditation. Both goals have long since been reached.

Robert Bumbaugh, chairman of the building committee, spoke enthusiastically of the support of the citizens of this county and of the interest manifested in the undertaking. He reviewed the work for the bond issue, the hours of planning, and the hopes and dreams which are about to be realized.

Dr. Lowell Furman, Chief of the Medical Staff, congratulated the people of Watauga County for having the vision to "undertake this great project which will make possible better and wider service to those in need of hospital care."

Chairman of the County Commissioners, Bynum Greene, added: "This is a great day for Watauga County."

The Rev. J. K. Parker, Jr., pastor of the Presbyterian Church, pronounced the benediction with a prayer that this institution might be an agent sharing in continuing the ministry of healing practiced by the Great Healer Himself.

After the formal ceremony, pictures were taken as Mr. Greene moved the first shovel of dirt, with Mrs. Jack Groce, hospital administrator, and Mayor Brown taking their turns.



The sign which read "Future Site for Watauga County Hospital" was altered at 4 p.m. Sunday when Mayor Wade Brown pointed out the word "future" at the official ground-breaking ceremony for the new hospital on Deerfield Road. Taking part in the ceremony were (l-r) Dr. G. K. Moose, a founder of the hospital; Bynum Greene, chairman of the County Commissioners; Mrs. Jack Groce, hospital administrator; and Mayor Brown, consulting attorney in the project. (Weston photo)

## Robbins Brothers Figure In Big Elk River Development

BY CLYDE OSBORNE Reprinted from the Charlotte Observer

Newland—Two resort projects that would convert 5,000 acres of land into prime tourist playgrounds are getting started in Avery County.

The larger of the two is a \$5-million development in the Elk River Valley near Banner

Elk and Beech Mountain. Appalachian Development, Inc., has bought 3,000 acres, and developers Grover and Harry Robbins of Blowing Rock have begun making topographical maps of the area.

The Robbins brothers plan to build a 200-room motel, three golf courses and a ski resort that Harry Robbins said "will be comparable to about anything in New England."

In addition to their own motel, Robbins said, "We'll lease or sell property to other individuals for motels, restaurants, shops and service businesses."

The development would contain about 3,000 residential lots he said.

The second of the two projects will be a 2,000-acre tract in the Linville River Valley at the base of Grandfather Mountain.

Mrs. Agnes Morton Cocke, whose family owns much of the choice real estate around Grandfather Mountain, plans to develop an 18-hole golf course and adjacent homesites.

The property also will contain a 25-acre lake plus a series of smaller lakes, and some property will be reserved for development of an additional 18-hole golf course.

Mrs. Cocke's property is on N. C. 105 west of Grandfather Mountain and about 1 1/2 miles from Linville.

It is about six miles from (Continued on page 6, Sec. C)

## Mrs. Miller's Funeral Held

Mrs. Mary Lucille Miller, 41, of Triplett, wife of Grant Miller, died Wednesday in Watauga Hospital after an illness of several weeks.

Mrs. Miller was born in Watauga County to Arthur and Hattie Simmons Wheeler.

Surviving besides her husband are two sons, Arthur Dean and Harold Gene Miller of the home; a daughter, Donna Lou Miller of the home; her parents of Triplett; three brothers, Claude, Jack and Luther Wheeler of Boone; and two sisters, Mrs. Dorothy Miller of Boone, Rt. 1, and Mrs. Betty Greer of Triplett.

The funeral was held at 2 p. m. Saturday at Mount Ephraim Baptist Church. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Officiating were the Rev. Pete Vannoy, the Rev. Roscoe Greene and the Rev. Wendell Critcher.

## Nine Tunnels On New Link Of Parkway To Open May 15

A new section of the Blue Ridge Parkway south of Asheville will open May 15. Sam P. Weems, Parkway superintendent, announced last week.

The 14.8 miles of new Parkway, extending from N. C. 191 at the French Broad River to Mt. Pisgah, was started in November, 1959.

Nine tunnels, with a total length of almost a mile, are a part of the new section which also includes 11 scenic overlooks with parking spaces.

bridges across the French Broad River and Interstate 26, should be completed and ready to open in the summer or fall of 1966, Weems said. The remaining link necessary to complete the Parkway in the Asheville vicinity is the section between U. S. 70 and U. S. 25.

"We hope to be able to award the contracts for this work by June of this year," he added.

All along the Parkway, which links Virginia, Tennessee and North Carolina, campgrounds, picnic grounds and other visitor accommodations are scheduled to open May 1.

New attractions in the North Carolina link include the Linville Falls Spur, 1.5 miles long, which was completed last season.

It provides an attractive access to Linville Falls and features a large parking space, a pedestrian bridge across the Linville River to the older Linville Falls trail system, a new picnic grounds and a 70-site campground to be opened this year.

The National Park Concessions (Continued on page 3, Sec. C)



DR. BENJAMIN SWALIN

## N. C. Symphony To Give Concert At Appalachian

The North Carolina Symphony, under the direction of Dr. Benjamin Swalin, will present a concert here at Appalachian State Teachers College on Wednesday, May 5, at 8 p. m. with Walter Carringer, tenor, as guest artist.

Admission to the concert is \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children.

The program will open with Thomas' Overture to the opera "Hignon."

Immediately after intermission, Dr. Swalin will present the outstanding American tenor, Walter Carringer, who will join the orchestra in a performance of "An die Musik" by Schubert, "Le Reve" from Massenet's opera "Manon," Duparc's "Chanson Triste," and "Non Plagere Liu" from the opera Turandot by Puccini.

Tchaikovsky's ballet "The Sleeping Beauty" will conclude the program.

Dr. Swalin and the 65-member symphony will present a total of 55 performances this year of which 31 will be special educational matinees for school children. During January, February and March, the 26-member Little Symphony traveled \$335 miles, presented 33 children's (Continued on page 4, Sec. C)



THERE'S NO WAY TO LOAF ON THIS JOB! Jack Garland was one of the painters putting a coat of paint on a King Street office building last week. (Rivers photo)