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## Singing On Mountain Is June 27

Grandfather Mountain — The June 27 program for "Singing on the Mountain," oldest and largest religious singing convention in the mountains of the South, was announced here this week by its chairman, Joe L. Hartley of Linville.

Featured among the musical performers will be Arthur Smith and the Crossroads Quartet from Charlotte, as well as Jesse Rice and the Christian Heirs Quartet from Cleveland, Ohio. Other musicians well known in the mountain region who are expected to take part are Appalachian folk singers Bascom Lamar Lunsford and Virgil Sturghill, both of Buncombe County.

Always held on the fourth Sunday in June, "Singing on the Mountain" will be held on the fourth Sunday in June, "Singing on the Mountain" (Continued on page six)

## Mrs. W. W. Gragg Dies On Tuesday

Mrs. Marjorie Billings Gragg, 88, of Boone, Rt. 3, widow of William W. Gragg, died Tuesday morning at her home. She was born in Alleghany County but had lived in Watauga County for 80 years.

Surviving are three sons, Howard Gragg of Boone, Rt. 2, Jack Gragg of Boone, Rt. 3, and Russell Gragg of Tucson, Ariz.; four daughters, Mrs. Grace Flick, Mrs. Harold Henson and Mrs. A. H. Hodges of Boone, Rt. 3, and Mrs. Mary Cox of Washington, D. C.; a brother, Aud Billings of Elizabethton, Tenn.; and two sisters, Mrs. J. R. Johnson of Elizabethton, Tenn., and U. M. Bradley of Greeneville, Tenn.

The funeral will be held at 11 a. m. Thursday at First Baptist Church. Burial will be in Gragg cemetery. The body is at Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home and will be placed in the church at 10 a. m. Thursday.

## Wilson To Get God And Country Scout Award



GRAY WILSON

Explorer Scout Gray Wilson, son of Dr. and Mrs. H. M. Wilson, will receive the Boy Scout of America "God and Country" award at the 11 a. m. worship service at the Presbyterian Church on June 20.

The award will be presented by the Rev. J. K. Parker who will be assisted by the officers and members of Explorer Post 111, including Guy Hunt Jr., post adviser, and Paul Campbell, district committee member. This is one of the highest national awards in Scouting.

## Horse Show At Cove Creek Next Saturday

Indications are that more than 200 entries will parade before judges C. T. Gillispie and "Bud" Britton of Jonesboro, Tenn., in the Cove Creek Horse Show Saturday, June 19.

The show begins promptly at 12:30 p. m.

Eighteen classes are on the schedule, and entries will be accepted until 11:30 a. m. on the day of the show. Classes are listed in the June 10 issue of the Democrat.

For each animal being exhibited, the owner will pay \$1 entry fee and the rider will be admitted free.



That'un on the left is Perry Presnell. The barefooted boy next door is his brother Hoover. They hope to put their wagon in the Daniel Boone Wagon Train, which will parade through Boone on Saturday, July 3. Notice the muzzle-loaders. And the hound dog. Hoover farms in the Beech Mountain community, and Perry, who used to run a grocery store, runs a fishing pond on the Beech and travels as far North as New York on odd jobs. They plan to have the canvas top on the wagon before long.

## Detailed Plans Are Being Made For Wagon Train Camp

Boone and Triplett are getting lined up for the Daniel Boone Wagon Train, Inc.

Corporation President Clyde Greene has donated several acres of property, lying north and east of Perkinsville proper for the final campsite. Wagons and horsemen will move northward from Bamboo, cross Highway 421 at one point, pass Bynum Greene's house on Grove Street and go straight to the camp.

Green said he will grade and gravel a road into the property for easy passage. The grounds will be lighted and arrangements for food are being made through the Woman's Club.

A representative of each community along the original route of Daniel Boone's Wilderness Trail has been appointed to handle recreation at the campsite, camping arrangements and food for the participants. These communities are Ferguson, Darby, Triplett and Boone.

**Parade Route**  
The Wagon Train will assemble in North Wilkesboro on June 28, moving into Ferguson, June 29; Darby, June 30; Triplett, July 1; and Boone, July 2.

Participants, who will wear

## 1,751 Register For Term At Appalachian

Registration through June 9 for the first summer term and quarter at ASTC totaled 1,751. This number includes graduates and undergraduates, but does not include those enrolled in institutes on the ASTC campus.

This summer's institutes are in the areas of foreign language, biology, library work, distributive education and political science.

pioneer costumes and travel up the Blue Ridge in covered wagons, will stay at the Boone campsite the night of July 2 and will be allowed to remain the night of July 3.

Passes to the "Horn in the West" will be given to those who registered and paid to be on the train.

The parade will begin at 1 p. m. on Saturday, July 3, coming up Highway 421 from Perkinsville, continuing along East King Street through town; turn

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## City Fathers Have No Opposing Slate

The Democratic slate of candidates for Mayor and three members of the Board of Aldermen will have what precinct politicians used to call a "free ride" when the voters go to the polls next Tuesday, since the Republicans failed to slate an opposing ticket.

The election will be held at City Hall from 6 a. m. to 6 p. m. June 22.

The Democratic candidates are:  
**For Mayor:** Wade E. Brown, (incumbent).  
**For Aldermen:** Howard Cottrell (incumbent), Robert L. Randall and Hadley M. Wilson.

## Convocation For First Summer Term Is Held

Convocation for the first summer term at Appalachian State Teachers College was held at 10 a. m., June 10, in the Health and Physical Education Building on campus.

The invocation was given by Dr. John Barden of the education department and Dr. W. H. Plemmons, president, gave the welcoming address. H. R. Eggers, dean of student affairs, presided and introduced members of the administration.

Dr. Cratis Williams, director of graduate studies, spoke concerning the graduate school at Appalachian. He stated that more than 800 graduate students had completed registration for the first summer term—this figure being approximately 100 over the first term last year.

He said that by the end of August last summer 708 students had made application to the graduate school and he has already received 895 applications this year with two months left before the fall quarter begins.



Dr. Cratis Williams, director of graduate studies at Appalachian State Teachers College, speaks at the Convocation at the first summer term at ASTC.

## Former Pastors To Return First Baptist Observes Finish \$400,000 Project

### Special Horn Showing Being Set For Locals

All employers and employees of Watauga County who serve tourists and visitors in the area are invited to be guests at a special showing of the Horn in the West, June 23 at 9:30 p. m.

This performance is being staged for the purpose of acquainting these persons with the "Horn" so they will be better qualified to tell others about it.

Gene Wilson, director, has planned this pre-season special and Bill Hensley, Director of State Travel Information Office in Raleigh will be the special guest of the evening.

### F. W. Von Canon, Avery Leader, Dies On Friday

Frederick W. Von Canon, Banner Elk died June 10 at the Cannon Memorial Hospital of Avery County and was born in Banner Elk, October 21, 1886, the son of the late William and Mary Von Canon, early settlers of that community.

Mr. Von Canon was a member of the Banner Elk Presbyterian Church and served as elder for many years. He was a past president of the Banner Elk Bank, the first chairman of the Avery County A.S.C. office, holding that post for over 25 years, and past president of the Western North Carolina Hereford Association. He was a lumberman, livestock breeder, farmer, civic leader and an active Republican.

Survivors include the widow, Mrs. Margaret Mae Abernathy Von Canon; four sons, Douglas Von Canon and Chester Von Canon (Continued on page two)

### Ralph Greer Dies Sunday

Ralph Graydon Greer, 69, of Boone died at 4 p. m. Sunday at Watauga Hospital. He was born in Watauga County and had been employed by the W. T. Rawleigh Co. for 40 years.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Elma McGuire Greer; five sons, Harold Greer of Hampton, Va., Edwin Greer of Sylva, William Greer of Columbia, S. C., and Owen and Ralph G. Greer, Jr., of Sumter, S. C.; two daughters, Mrs. Cedric Hunter of Bangkok, Thailand, and Mrs. Kathleen Taylor of Winston-Salem; five brothers, P. W. Greer of Old Fort, Richard Greer of Todd, (Continued on page eight)



NEW ADDITION TO CHURCH PLANT.

## Assembly Approves \$9 Million For ASTC

Rep. J. E. Holshouser, Jr., announces that the North Carolina General Assembly has given approval to Appalachian State Teachers College appropriations of almost \$9 million.

Holshouser said that slightly over \$4.6 million will be granted for continuation of current programs and that almost \$500,000 will be available for new or expanded programs. Included are sizeable sums for increased support of the summer school and extension programs and \$285,819 for increases in faculty salaries.

The state appropriation also provides funds for supplements for 12 additional critic teachers in local demonstration schools in the amount of \$32,400.

Holshouser stated that the General Assembly has approved approximately \$3.9 million for ASTC building projects other than dormitories. Construction of four new dormitories has been authorized on a self-liquidating basis, at a total cost of \$3,600,000.

Boone's Sewage System  
The Legislature granted an

### Father Of Dennis Greene Dies

North Wilkesboro—Mansfield Greene, 79, a retired farmer of Ferguson, Rt. 1, died Tuesday night (June 8) at Wilkes General Hospital. He was born in Watauga County to Harvey and Martha Greene and was a member of Mount Pleasant Baptist Church.

Surviving are five sons, Berl D. Greene of Jonesboro, Tenn., Olin M. Greene of Millers Creek, the Rev. Macon P. Greene of Oakboro, Richard C. (Continued on page two)

## Dr. Sanders Named Dean At Appalachian

It was announced here today by Dr. W. H. Plemmons, president of Appalachian State Teachers College that Dr. Paul Sanders, professor and chairman of the department of mathematics, will become Dean of Academic Affairs at the college beginning July 1, 1965.

Dr. Sanders is a native of Oklahoma. He holds the B. A. degree from Southeastern State College, and the M. S. and Ph. D. degrees from Oklahoma State University. He served with the United States Army from 1943 to 1946.

He has been a member of the faculty at Appalachian since June, 1952. Prior to his move

to Boone he had been employed in industry, had been a high school and an elementary teacher, and held college teaching and administrative positions at Arlington State College, Southeastern State College, Oklahoma State University, University of Arkansas, Louisiana Polytechnic Institute, and Hardin-Simmons University.

Dr. Sanders has published a large number of books and articles, the last being a textbook in mathematics. He is a member of the Mathematical Association of America, the American Mathematical Society, and the Texas Academy of (Continued on page 2, Sec. 3)

### Sunday Will See Open House, Homecoming

Sunday, June 20, marks homecoming and open-house at the First Baptist Church of Boone with the completion of a \$400,000 construction program.

Three former pastors of the church will return for the occasion. The three to receive special recognition for their ministerial services are Dr. J. C. Canipe, retired, of Boone, N. C. and Winter Beach, Fla.; Dr. George Bond, present pastor of the Brookland Baptist Church, Baltimore, Md.; and Dr. Leon H. Hollingsworth, chaplain of Wake Forest College, Winston-Salem.

The worship service, beginning at 10:45 A. M., will also include the dedication of memorial gifts, recognition of those baptized into the fellowship of the church, special music under the direction of Hoyt Safrit, and recognition of those church couples married by the pastors being honored.

The congregation will picnic in the Fellowship Hall after the worship service and tour the newly constructed facilities between 3 and 5 P. M.

Including the new addition to the church plant, the facilities of the First Baptist Church occupy approximately 17,550 of the 57,550 square feet of church property.

The remodeled sanctuary seats 865 persons including the choir loft. The new chapel, including choir, seats 225. The educational facilities provide 14 assembly rooms for various departments, nursery through adults, with class room space for 807 if attendance of various age groups is in keeping with calculated estimates.

The church office, pastor's study, officers for minister of education and minister of music are located on the street floor of the remodeled old building. A spacious new library with many books is also provided. The church parlor, to be used for receptions and (Continued on page two)



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