Sprucing-Up

Contest For

Area Towns

in the 11-county Northwest.

competition.

Prizes Offered

Many Veterans Return

Horn In West Opens

Season On Saturday



\$3,713,020.67 Check Passed

What is believed to be the largest single financial transaction in the history of Watauga County took place Thursday morning in the East King Street office of Northwestern Bank. Left to right are Ned Trivette, director of business affairs, ASTC; Jerry Perry, budget officer, ASTC; Lynn Holaday, director of personnel, ASTC; Clyde Martin, accountant, ASTC; Jack Buchanan, cashier of Northwestern; and Alfred Adams, bank vicepresident. Perry handed Buchanan a U. S. Treasury Department check in the amount of \$3,713,020.67 which is in payment of bonds purchased by the Federal Government to finance three

dormitories for women, a dorm for men and a student center building being constructed on campus. Trivette said the bonds will be retired over a 40-year period from rental in dorms and student center fees. Construction projects so far have been financed by interim loans from Northwestern Bank, the business manager said. Thus, Appalachian paid off its construction loans, under the Federal college-housing program, through Northwestern. Applications for these buildings were made in 1960, Trivette added. (Staff photo)



Linda Jeanne Blair, of Greensboro, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Neal Blair of

Deerfield Road, Boone, and a student at the University of North Carolina, Greensboro, was crowned Rhododendron Queen at the Roan Mountain Festival Saturday.

Miss Blair, a green-eyed beauty, also took first place in the swim suit competition during the three-day North Carolina Festival. She was crowned by retiring Queen Jeane Rhodes of Matthews.

Patti Jones, 19, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Jones of Boone, was first runnerin the Rhododendron Queen contest, and was also first place winner in the evening gown competition. The Boone beauty received a \$100 savings bond.

Elsie Moore, 18, of Statesville, second runner-up in the queen contest, was first place winner in the talent competi-

Troy, was named Miss Congeniality of the festival.

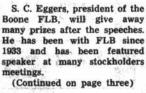
Both Miss Blair and Miss

MISS LINDA BLAIR Jones were among finalists Land Bank Meet To Attract 1,500

The meeting which brought 1,000 persons to Boone two years ago,1,200 last year, and expects to roll out the red carpet for 1,500 a week from Saturday-is the annual stockholders meeting of the Federal Land Bank of Boone.

John H. Hollar, manager- ap praiser, said this year's meeting will be at 11 a. m. Boone Elementary School, right after the annual Daniel Boone Wagon Train parade through Hollar stressed that plenty of parking is available behind the school.

Robert A. Darr, preside the Federal Land Bank of Columbia, will be featured speaker. He is a recognized leader in farm credit and agricultural organizations and has served as a member of the South Caro-lina Governor's Agricultural Advisory Committee, state chairman of Farm-City Week, and on er organizations, committees





Queen; Patti Jones Second As adopted by the directors, the plan asks that entries depicked by the judges in all three categories of the con-- swim suit, evening

Linda Blair Rhododendron

Miss Moore was a finalist in both the evening gown and talent competition. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wil-

gown and talent

liam E. Moore of Statesville. In the talent competition Friday night in Bowman High School auditorium in Bakersville, Miss Blair gave a dra-matic recitation from Thornton Wilder's play "Our Town."

The 22-year-old beauty is a senior at UNC-G. Her major is home economics education and her measurements are 36-23-36. She is five feet, six and a

half inches tall. Miss Blair is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Neal Blair Jr. of Greensboro. Her father is engineer for the City of Greensboro, and her mother is employed by the Internal Revenue Service there.

In rain-soaked ceremonies on the Roan Saturday, Mrs. of the U.S. Congressman from the Ninth District, presented the new Rhododen dron Queen a \$1,000 scholarship from the Broyhill Education Fund to the college or university of her choice.

With it went the Broyhill Scholarship Trophy. Mrs. Broyhill told the crowd on the mountaintop that the Rhododendron Festival is a nationally-known event, and that it's beauty is a credit to the state and the na-

Miss Blair also received the Queen's gold wrist watch from the Asheville Citizen-Times Publishing Co., a \$500 wardrobe from Tanners of

Watauga Red Cross To Meet

The annual meeting of the Watauga Chapter American Red Cross will begin at 7 p. m., Monday, June 27, in the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church, Boone. Dinner will be served to the public by the Worthwhile Woman's Club. Plate dinners

with several prominent singing Heirs Quartet of Cleveland, mountain in the Blue Ridge
Those wishing to attend only groups who will entertain the Ohio, and the Spiritualaires of Range to take part in the singthe program are asked to meet many thousand of visitors who Winston-Salem. in the First Baptist Chapel at make the annual pilgrimmage to Grandfather Mountain for Robert Keppel of Hickory.

ostess for the Miss North Car olina Pageant at Greensbore Auditorium July 12 through 16. Accountants

Rep. Broyhill, who accompained his wife to the Roan Mountain ceremonies, and 11th To Hear Mills pained his wife to the Roan District Rep. Roy A. Taylor of Black Mountain, spoke briefly o the gathering.

Dovie Ann Huntley, 18 (Continued on page three)

Wagon Train Sale Plans **Being Made**

The three - day Wagon Train Days sale is nearing, and Boone Merchants Association chairman. John ants that colorful sale banners are available at the Crest Store for display.

Planned for June 30, July 1 and 2, Wagon Train Days are expected to offer shoppers and visitors to Boone whole wagon loads of values in honor of the festive

the Mountain" on June 26 at

que religious singing conven-

is particularly appropriate. He

He will share the program

Grandfather Mountain.

out North Carolina.

North Carolina and the \$500 scholarship and trophy from Blanton's Business College of

Miss Blair will be official December 1967.

countants will meet in Blowing Rock June 26-29 for their 19th annual convention. President J. C. Harvell reports a full-time day program of fun, relaxation and good fellowship for all attending. He said, "The annual meeting holds much interest for our members as it is the time they can meet together and have time to become acquainted; share common interests -

At Blowing Rock

Members and guests of the

North Carolina Society of Ac-

tice."

ing national and regional offic- June 28. es will bring up-to-date information on the national society's programs and services which affect state society and policies and action programs.

Harold L. Mills, District IV (Continued on page three)

Commissioner Graham To

Speak At Annual Singing

Graham's selection as speak- Carolina at the grass roots his death last February at the

Immediately following will be 26 program.

One of the largest crowds speaker.

er for this traditional and uni- level, as well as serving in of age of 95. His son, Joe Lee

self, and well-known through- Arthur Smith and the Cross- annually attracts crowds of

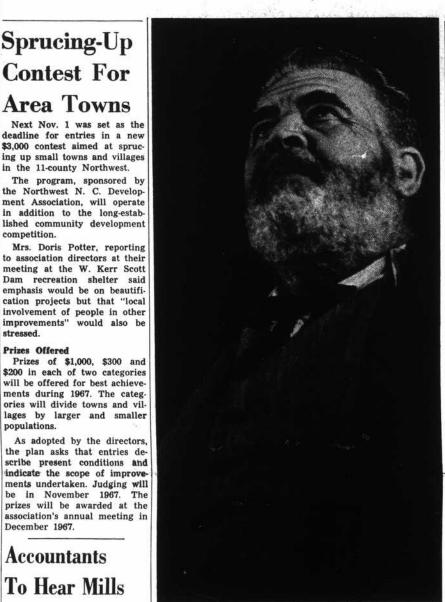
Jesse Rice and the Christian

ever to participate in the annual "Singing on the Mountain"

ed for many years with North Mountain" for 42 years before

ficial capacities for several Hartley, is new chairman, and

roads Quartet of Charlotte, some 25,000 who spend the day



CHARLES ELLEDGE, gifted Horn actor, lifts his eyes in supplication as he plays the part of Preacher Sims in Boone's

Wagon Train Rolls Tuesday

tax matters included—and gain new knowledge through the extra bull take a trip back into history as hundreds of mountain the up the "Will take a trip back into history as hundreds of mountain the up the "Will take a trip back into history as hundreds of mountain the up the "Will take a trip back into history as hundreds of mountain the up the "Will take a trip back into history and take a trip back into history as hundreds of mountain the up the "Will take a trip back into history as hundreds of mountain the up the "Will take a trip back into history as hundreds of mountain the up the "Will take a trip back into history as hundreds of mountain the up the "Will take a trip back into history as hundreds of mountain the up the "Will take a trip back into history as hundreds of mountain the up the "Will take a trip back into history as hundreds of mountain the up the "Will take a trip back into history as hundreds of mountain the up the "Will take a trip back into history as hundreds of mountain the up the "Will take a trip back into history as hundreds of mountain the up the "Will take a trip back into history as hundreds of mountain the up the "Will take a trip back into history as hundreds of mountain the up the "Will take a trip back into history as hundreds of mountain the up the "Will take a trip back into history as hundreds of mountain the up the "Will take a trip back into history as hundreds of mountain the up the "Will take a trip back into history as hundreds of mountain the up the "Will take a trip back into history as hundreds of mountain the up the "Will take a trip back into history as hundreds of mountain the up the "Will take a trip back into history as hundreds of mountain the up the "Will take a trip back into history as hundreds of mountain the up the "Will take a trip back into history as hundreds of mountain the up the "Will take a trip back into history as hundreds of mountain the up the "Will take a trip back into history as hundreds of mountain the up the "Will take a trip back into histor change of ideas helpful to each citizens and intrigued out-of- derness Road" in their daily accounting prac- staters foresake modern luxury for the fourth annual Daniel Divide. Invited guest speakers hold- Boone Wagon Train beginning

> An expected 100 horse and ox-drawn wagons and prob-ably 300 horseback riders will participate in the four · day

The Train will wind its way

will be in charge of the June

"Singing on the Mountain"

on the slopes of the highest

ing and listen to the guest

The largest "Singing on the

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to Cook's Gap on the Blue Ridge Continental

The modern-day pioneers will traverse more than 40 miles of mountains before ending their journey in Boone on July 1. A parade through Boone is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. July 2.

The Wagon Train was conceived by the Southern Appalachian Historical Association to call attention to one of the greatest events in American history: the first crossing of the great Appalachian barrier. In authentic mid-eighteenth century style, the Train shows how the foundations for westward expansion were laid.

Chief Scout for the Train is Commissioner of Agriculture, scheduled to address the throng gram. The singing convention will be the principal speaker at at 1:30 p. m., at the big rock will memorialize the late Joe Ivey Moore of North Wilkesboro. G. D. Barnett of Boone He has been closely identific chairman of the "Singing on the (Continued on page three) the drama.

To Be Enacted ward movement and the struggle of the American pioneer for inherent rights will be enacted once again as Dr. Kermit Hutter's outdoor drama, Horn in the West, opens the gates for

Saga Of Great

Western Push

June 25. Having grown into a position mong the veterans in the South's outdoor drama family. the Horn's box office receipts are beginning to reflect the drama's theatrical excellence.

its 15th season next Saturday,

Production director Gene A. Wilson foresees an increase beyond last year's record attendance. He bases his optimism on the booming development of area tourist facilities and increased travel on the nearby Blue Ridge Parkway.

Sponsored by the Southern Appalachian Historical Association, the Horn was founded to preserve the heritage of the Southern Appalachians which, in a true sense, is the heritage of America. For it was in this Daniel Boone country that the hatred of oppression, the love of freedom and private enterprise flowered into a traditional national heritage.

Three stage veterans, all with the show since its birth, return to fill this season's leading roles

William C. Ross of Boone will again portray Dr. Geoffrey Stuart, a British physician engaged in studying smallpox in the colonies. His son, Jack, joins the patriot regulators and eventually forces his father into a decision for freedom.

Glenn Causey of Arlington, Va., returns as the gaunt leader of pioneers, Daniel Boone, who captures the show's theme with the words: "Seems like I wanta keep goin' into the sun-

A crowd pleaser for years, Charles Elledge of Marion will again play the comic old Baptist preacher, Reverend Sims, who divides his time between caring for his battle-weary con-Watauga and Wilkes counties over back-road paths from gregations and dodging the ad-

Although the Horn is an ex cellent lesson in history, its format contains something to please every theater-goer from Junior to Grandpa. From Indian fire dances to blazing re-(continued on page two)

Free Showing Of Horn In West Will Be Tonight

Residents of Watauga County are invited to a free preview showing of "Horn in the West", Thursday night in the Daniel Boone Amphitheater.

Director Gene Wilson says the performance will get underway at 10 p. m. Working people are especially urged to take adis Wagonmaster and John Daw- vantage of the free showing of

Boone Tax Rate \$1.10

The Boone Board of Aldermen, in ser day, approved the city budget for the next fiscal year an set the fax rate at \$1.10 per one hundred dollars valuation This is the same rate in force for 1965.

It was voted to give all city employees a 5 per cent pro increase, effective immediately. salary increase, effective imme

It was stated that all town workers are now under the State retirement program.

the 42nd annual "Singing on overlooking MacRae Meadow.

is a former mountain man him- the hymn singing, featuring

tion in the southern highlands farm organizations.