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Whiskey Still Goes Under The Axe

A spring-fed distillery, thought to have been used several years in the illicit manufacture of whiskey, was destroyed near the Watauga-Wilkes County line Tuesday, April 11, about 9:30 in the morning. According to Sheriff Ward Carroll (right), the 50-gallon manufactory was abandoned at the time it was found and a only a small supply of material was there. Water was piped to the still through a 40-foot plastic hose. Five barrels were destroyed, along with the cooker and coils. Deputies taking part in the raid (from left) were Clyde Tester, Charles Welborn and Orville Perry. No arrests were made in connection with the illegal operation. (Flowers photo)

Are Coyotes Moving East? At Least One Showed Up

There are coyotes in North Carolina. In Watauga County they are specific.

A full-grown male coyote, which was shot in December of 1965 near Stony Fork, was recently mounted and donated to the biology department of Appalachian State Teachers College, giving almost-living proof that coyotes are beginning to inhabit North Carolina. Norman Greene of Stony Fork killed the coyote with a 30-30 rifle while deer hunting when the animal came within 25 yards of him.

It is the first known coyote shot in Watauga County, according to Dr. Frank Randall, professor of biology at Appalachian.

The animal is a rarity in North Carolina. The shooting

Riding Club Has Filled Quota

The membership quota of the Cove Creek Riding Club was filled Monday night when R. J. Mains of Zionville signed on as the 100th member.

Directors will meet soon to discuss the possibility of putting on a practice horse show in May.



Shot in Watauga two years ago, this coyote, which was mounted by Joe Miller (right) and presented to Dr. Frank Randall (left) of ASTC's biology department, is believed to be the first one killed in North Carolina.

of it, along with reports of other coyote sightings, gives support to the recent theory that coyotes are moving eastward, Randall said.

Greene gave the coyote to Joe Miller, pharmacist at Boone Drug Company and an amateur taxidermist. Miller mounted the animal and presented it to Appalachian, which is in the process of beginning a nature museum.

The finished product took more than 50 working hours to complete, with materials being used costing \$40. A professional taxidermist would charge a minimum of \$200 to mount the animal, according to Miller.

The pharmacist-taxidermist has given other stuffed and mounted animals to Appalachian and to Boone's Watauga High School.

Miller, 28, a native of Boone, has been interested in taxidermy since he began working on a Boy Scout taxidermy badge at the age of 11. He almost became a taxidermist, but decided to become a pharmacist after studying taxidermy for a summer at the University of Iowa. After graduating from UNC at Chapel Hill, Miller came back to Boone to practice. He married the former Joyce Tuckwiller of Boone, and they have a son, Joseph, age three.

With animals donated by Mil-

ler and others obtained by the college, Appalachian hopes to establish a nature museum which will serve the community of Boone, as well as the college.

Two Injured In Collision

A head-on collision Friday morning sent two persons to Watauga Hospital, where they spent the night before being released.

Boone Policeman Robert Jenkins, who investigated the accident, gave this account: Romy Joe Harrison of Boone, with his daughter, Pamela, traveling north in a Ford pickup truck was stopped to make a left turn at the intersection of Blowing Rock Road and Clement Street.

Mary Linda Church of Deep Gap was traveling south in a 1965 Dodge, with two passengers, Judy Matheson and James Harold Cornett, both of Boone. As she turned the curve, she lost control of the vehicle, hitting the truck head-on. Passengers in the Dodge were transported to the hospital.

Damage to the truck was placed at \$700, and to the car, \$1,500.

The officer said he charged Mrs. Church with exceeding safe speed.

Litterbug King, Queen Chosen

King and Queen (Anti) Litterbug in Mrs. A.E. Hamby's eighth grade were chosen last week at the conclusion of the students' two-week clean-up campaign.

Peggy Martin and Bobby Denton received the crowns as first place winners in the poster and essay contests were announced.

Seventh grade, Kathy Bosworth; sixth grade, Sally Marsh, Kim Klutz and Debra Wilcox; fifth grade, Susan Blair, Kent Williams and Mary Hayes; fourth grade, Barbara Smith, Jimmy Ford and Libby Greer; third grade, Tracy Hollis, Charles Langdon and Peggy Miller; second grade, Louanne Holland, Jeff Stapleton, Mary Leigh Denton and Renie Craig; first grade, Nancy Rice, Maurice Penick, Gayle Greene and Melody Nichols; and special education, Kenneth Klenn.

Founder's Days Sale At Belk's

Belk's Department Store's annual Founder's Day sales event gets under way this (Thursday) morning.

The big merchandising event features unusual offerings and values in every department of the big store.

Belk's, always an extensive user of Democrat advertising space, provides our readers this week an eight-page section, giving the complete details of their big sales event. Perusal of section two today is strongly suggested.

Work Is Resumed On College Gymnasium

The general contract for construction of an 8,000 seat gymnasium on the campus of Appalachian State Teachers College has been shifted from one company to another building firm.

The Fidelity & Casualty Co. of New York, surety for T. R. Burroughs Co. of Charlotte, on Saturday awarded the contract to Juno Construction Co., also of Charlotte.

The Burroughs firm, which was originally awarded the contract, discontinued work on the Varsity Gymnasium last Dec. 15 due to weather conditions. Construction was not resumed, as scheduled, on March 1.

Initial work on the structure was begun last August, but only a portion of the foundation

Board Of Visitors To Meet

The second meeting of Appalachian State Teachers College's Board of Visitors, formed last fall to serve in an advisory capacity to the college's trustees and administrators, will be held here Friday and Saturday.

Twelve of the 13 charter members will arrive on campus at noon Friday to launch a two-day visit during which time they will become acquainted with the various phases of the institution's functions and activities. One board member, former N. C. Governor Terry Sanford, will be unable to attend.

The Board, comprised of persons prominent in public and private life, was established to aid in the broadening the quality of the college's services.

In the opening session, the Board will hear brief statements by administrative officers about their areas of responsibility. A tour of one section of the campus will precede a meeting at which chairmen of the major departments will explain the curriculum.

After a 7 p. m. dinner in the college cafeteria, the group will witness a student art exhibit and be entertained by Music Department groups.

Saturday, Board members will meet with leaders of the college's special programs, and with institutional research and long-range planning officials. They will tour other sections of the campus before a business session and luncheon.

Members expected to attend are: Former State Senator Irwin Belk of Charlotte; Dr. L. H. Hollingsworth, Wake Forest College Chaplain; Maj. L. P. McLendon, corporation attorney of Greensboro; Mrs. Paul Broyles, an ASTC alumna of Lenoir; Mrs. Harry B. Caldwell, former Appalachian trustee of Greensboro; John M. Ehle Jr., author of Winston-Salem; J. E. Collette, president of Security Life and Trust Company, Winston-Salem; Dr. T. Edgar Sikes, an ASTC alumna and surgeon of Greensboro; Edwin Duncan Jr., Appalachian alumna of North Wilkesboro; Grover C. Green, ASTC alumna of Swarthmore, Pa.; Lewis Jenkins, another Appalachian graduate of North Wilkesboro; and Walter E. Wilkes, ASTC alumna who is an attorney in Chicago.

Veteran Educator Howell Retires After 38 Years At Boone School



JOHN T. HOWELL



DR. W. G. ANDERSON

Dr. Anderson Of Raleigh To Take Over Here

An educator who has served Appalachian Elementary School for 38 years will retire at the close of the current school term.

Announcement of the retirement of John T. Howell is made by the local school committee, Appalachian State Teachers College and the Watauga County Board of Education.

Howell taught five years prior to becoming principal and is in his 43rd year of service to education. Last summer he was asked to continue his duties for the current school term, pending the selection of his replacement.

Howell will be succeeded by Dr. Warren G. Anderson, supervisor in the Raleigh City Schools, whose election to the principalship is confirmed also by the committee, ASTC and the Board of Education.

A native of South Boston, Va., Dr. Anderson plans to bring his family to Boone on or about July 1. His wife is the former Patricia Ann Stansbury of Durham and they have two daughters, ages 4 and 7.

The new principal earned his A. B. degree from the University of Richmond in 1951 and after two years military service began his graduate studies at UNC, receiving his Master's degree in education in 1955 and his doctorate in 1962.

Dr. Anderson was a high school social studies teacher in Scottsburg, Va., one year, then moving to the Raleigh City Schools where he served two years as a junior high school language arts-social studies teacher; two years as an elementary teaching principal; three years as a non-teaching elementary principal; three years as an elementary school supervisor; and one year as a junior high school supervisor and co-ordinator of Federal education programs.

Diverted Farm Acreage In County Is Being Measured

Reporters have been trained and are currently measuring the diverted acreage under the 1967 feed grain program on farms where 100 percent of the base has been diverted.

Roy W. Isley, ASCS county office manager, says the remaining farms which are permitted to grow some corn under their agreement will be visited after corn planting is completed on the farms.

Special training has been given to reporters Ned Glenn,

Howard Cable, Clyde Cornett, Linville Norris and J. C. Winebarger. County compliance supervisor, Jack Henson, is supervising the field work. The reporter will visit the farm and with the assistance of the farm operator or his agent determine the eligible land and mark the land areas which are to be designated by the farmer on the aerial photographs.

Fields of subdivision which were diverted in 1966 and are (continued on page seven)

Robert Melton Wins Speech Awards In Three Divisions

A Watauga High School sophomore, Robert Melton, has won the Optimist Club Oratorical contests on the local, zone and sectional levels and will go to Winston-Salem May 5 to compete in the District competition.

The District comprises clubs from both Carolinas and part of Virginia. Robert received the Zone Trophy in Lenoir in March and won the sectional event in Hickory Friday.

His speech, "Patriotic Citizenship Needs Optimism", has improved progressively, say his local sponsors. He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. J. R. Melton of Boone and is coached at WHS by Miss Della Lesley.

The District winner will go to Portland, Ore., for the national contest.

ASTC French Instructor One Of 20 To Go To France

An Appalachian instructor has been selected as one of 20 French teachers in the United States for special duty in France this summer.

WAMY Grants Made For Area

Incentive Grants for four Watauga communities were awarded last week by the County Screening Committee for the WAMY Community Action Incentive Grants Program.

The grants, totaling \$2,280.75, will be used by 74 families in the four communities to buy supplies for planting home gardens. The grants were approved after families in Wildcat, Beaver Dam, Tamarack and Junaluska Heights got together and decided that home gardens would be of the most help to the most families. The screening Committee approved for Wildcat, \$640; Beaver Dam, \$717.80; Junaluska, \$297.95; and Tamarack, \$625.

Families of each community decided on the amount of the grant that they would ask for.

A Housing and Clothing Resources Committee of people from various communities in the County were awarded a grant of \$500 to be used in locating and distributing housing supplies and clothing to help people improve their homes and to clothe their families.

Each member of the committee has donated \$1 to be added to the grant.

Nora Cauline Howell, 27, will spend six weeks at Boulougnes-sur-mer, on the English Channel across from Dover, working with other Americans and 20 French and Belgium English teachers in the study of contrastive languages and cultures.

The study will be part of a New York University NDEA Joint United States-European Institute.

It will be the third NDEA French Institute for Miss Howell, who attended institutes at Woman's College of Georgia in 1962 and an Emory University Institute at Besancon France Comte, France, in 1963.

She was invited to participate in the institute, which is designed for language supervisors and teacher trainees, after formal application, which included taped answers to such questions as: "If a Frenchman told you that all Americans are materialistic, what would you answer?" and "If a Frenchman told you that America had no culture distinctly its own, what would be your answer?"

The letter of acceptance to Miss Howell stated that the institute will be held in "areas where there may be expression of anti-American sentiment."

The institute's purpose is "to explore more sophisticated techniques in the hope of deriving new insights of the nature of language, of culture, and of the human mind as it struggles to communicate."

American French teachers will be guinea pigs for French teachers of English, vice versa, according to Miss Howell.



CORA CAULINE HOWELL

Dates of the institute will be June 29 through Aug. 23. American participants in the institute will remain in France for two weeks after its close to evaluate their findings.

A native of Norwood in Stanley County, Miss Howell received the A. B. degree in English from Meredith College in 1961.

She taught in high schools in Stanley County and the Charlotte-Mecklenburg school system for five years, receiving the M. A. degree in French from Appalachian last summer.

Now in her first year of college teaching, Miss Howell teaches intermediate French, French culture and civilization, conversation, advanced grammar, 20th century literature and foreign language methods.