

New Dormitories, Other Structures

Says \$16,467,914 Spent At ASU In 3½ Years

Governor Dan Moore released figures today showing that the State of North Carolina has awarded contracts of \$16,467,914 in capital improvements for Appalachian State University during the past three and one-half years.

The figures, compiled by the Property Control Division of the State Department of Administration, reflect costs for projects involving the construction of new dormitories and other buildings as well as the installation of major equipment such as a steam distribution system.

The largest project authorized during the three and one-half year period was \$2,033,754 for the construction of a health and physical education building containing 104,154 square feet of floor space.

The physical education building contains a gymnasium with seating for approximately 8,000 spectators, nine handball courts and other general purpose areas.

During the three and one-half year period, eight dormitories have been authorized at a cost of \$6,846,750.

The new dormitories offer living accommodations for 2,300 additional students.

Other major projects authorized during the period covered by the report include the construction of a 49,672 square foot student union at a cost of \$1,344,275 and a 87,203 square foot library at a cost of \$1,638,294.

Another project authorized the construction of a five-floor classroom building at a cost of \$1,445,153. The building contains 72,453 square feet of floor space, 26 classrooms and both seminar and office space.

Other projects authorized during the report period include: \$592,625 for the construction of an administration building; \$407,807 for the construction of a bookstore; \$70,692 for the installation of a closed circuit TV system;

\$399,725 for an addition to the Industrial Arts Building; and \$192,308 for an addition to the Fine Arts Building.

Governor Moore, in releasing the figures, said they were indicative of the State's continuous effort to meet the growing demands for education facilities.

"As the student enrollment at our institutions of higher learning continues to increase," explained Governor Moore, "we must insure that our facilities are readily available to meet the demand."

"We cannot afford to turn away one prospective student because of inadequate facilities," concluded the Governor.

The 1967-68 full-time enrollment at Appalachian State University is approximately 4,450. This figure is expected to increase to 5,700 by the 1970-71 school year.



THERE'S A WEDDING EVERY NIGHT—Young Jack Stuart will marry his love 49 times this summer, about half-way through Act II of "Horn in the West." Performing the ceremony while the 16-voice "Horn" chorus sings is Rev. Isaiah Sims played by Charles C. Elledge of Dallas, N. C.



FASTER TRAVEL UP THE HILL—Soon the passing zones will be able to pass the heavy trucks, greatly facilitating the mountain to Blowing Rock will be completed. Then motorists travel to the noted resort.—Lenoir News-Topic photo.

Horn In The West

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the theater grounds.

Besides the authentically re-produced Battle of Kings Mountain, historical sequences from "Horn in the West" take the theater-goer to a war-crazed Cherokee village complete with fire dancer and witch doctor.

Comedy and romance also play important roles in the outdoor drama. Isaiah Sims, played by Charles C. Elledge, is the fun-loving old Baptist parson of

marriage-minded Widow Howard who is played by Carrie Curtis.

Two other "Horn" veterans will return to head the play's cast of 60. William C. Ross claims the lead as Dr. Geoffrey Stuart, and Glenn Causey will again portray the frontiersman, Boone.

The drama, featuring some-

the hills who has kept Horn audiences in side-splitting bliss for the past 16 years. His waking hours are devoted to dodging thing to please every member of the family, will be staged nightly except Mondays in the spacious Daniel Boone Amphitheater. Forty-nine performances are scheduled from June 29 to August 24.

Class of 1916

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toward the new I. G. Greer Professorship in History.

According to Walter Wiles, a member of the class and now a lawyer in Chicago, "The objective of the fund is to enable the University to obtain the most outstanding history professor available and to enable Appalachian to develop a history department second to none."

Although the endowment was begun by the class of 1916, the class is soliciting contributions to the fund from all persons who studied under Dr. Greer during his tenure at Appalachian. "We are doing this in hopes that this fund may stand as a permanent living memorial to a great educator," Wiles said.

Contributions should be made to the I. G. Greer Endowment Fund and may be mailed to Dr. W. H. Plemmons, president of ASU, or to Robert Snead, Director of Alumni Affairs.



Here are some of the nursery program participants: Mrs. Frances Wise, Mrs. Frances Culler, Mrs. Patsy Triplett, Miss Jana Cattlett, Barry Horton, Kathy Whittington, Donna Whittington, Helen Kirkpatrick, Tommy Kirkpatrick, Lynn Clayborn, Carolyn Wise, Raymond Wise and Virginia Wise. Others who attended were James Wilson, Jr., Bryan Wilson, Maria Wilson, Adrian Goins, Timmy Danner, Freddy Danner, Doyal Whippo, Dennis Dotson, Betty Dotson, Debbie Dotson, Mark Danner, Patricia Watson, Bryan Watson and Mrs. Peggy Watson.

Co-Operative Nursery Program Is Conducted

A chance to laugh, to sing, to play and to learn together is being offered nursery-age children through the co-operative efforts of the Boone United Methodist Church and WAMY Community Action.

On Monday and Wednesday afternoons, children are transported to the church by Mrs. Frances Culler, a WAMY neighborhood visitor, and Mrs. Paul Whippo and Mrs. Nell Banner. From 2 to 4 o'clock children are happily engaged in a wide variety of learning experiences such as singing, listening to and acting out stories, looking at picture books, playing games together, trying out different toys, painting pictures and observing nature life. Such experiences help the children acquire good health habits, the ability to listen, to follow directions, to express themselves as persons and to co-operate with others by sharing. This all adds up to good readiness for school.

Mothers are very pleased and say they can see that the children are making progress in many ways.

Mrs. Mattie Edwards, group worker for the community action program; Mrs. Leland Cooper, Mrs. Paul Whippo, Mrs. Estelle Wilson, Mrs. Frances Wise, Miss Carol Roberts, Miss Jana Cattlett, Mrs. Johnny Con-

cill, Mrs. Patsy Triplett, Mrs. Fred Banner, Mrs. Betty Martin and Mrs. Mary Dotson have given generously of their time in helping with the nursery program.

TOOTH DECAY END NEAR
Washington—Dr. Seymour J. Kreshover, director of the National Institute of Dental Research has forecasted tooth decay may be completely preventable within 10 years. A study group is making a final study on ways of thwarting the process.

ELEVEN SONS SERVE
Columbia, Ohio—Dwight D. Eagleson had a special reason to celebrate the recent Father's Day. He has 11 sons who completed voluntary tours in the armed forces of the U. S. and all returned home without injury. Their service covered three wars.

A quick change from sea-level living to high altitudes may cause discomfort because of the lessened supply of oxygen in the air. Making the ascent gradually can be a help, says the North Carolina Heart Association.

Most heart patients can tolerate a change in climate, but if a heart patient finds himself uncomfortable at high altitudes, he should seek medical help.

Wagon Train

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morning at Memorial Park.

At two p. m. Monday were ceremonies at the assembly grounds, officially opening the Wagon Train, and following the ceremonies was the parade over North Wilkesboro Streets.

On Tuesday at eight a. m. the wagons and horses began the first leg of the trip, and arrived at Ferguson in the afternoon for the first night's camp.

The Wednesday night camp will be at Darby and the Thursday night camp at Triplett in Watauga County. The Wagon Train will arrive at Boone for Friday night's camp and will parade over streets of Boone Saturday morning before disbanding.

At each night's camp there will be an ample supply of food on sale by the local communities, and entertainment will include music and square dancing well into the night.

Most of the wagons and horses will be in the wagon train here, but some will join it at Ferguson and others at Darby.

Wagon Train participants every year are asked to be attired in pioneer dress like the clothes of the Boone era. Wagon drivers and passengers are expected to follow this custom again this year, giving the event as much historical significance as possible and making it appropriate for its purpose.

Several of the wagons, drivers and horses will be making the sixth trip, having been in the train since its organiza-

It's Grave Decoration Time Again As Hill People Tidy Up Graveyards

BY HARVEY J. MILLER

It's decoration time again in this hilly country. In fact the tradition of having decoration and memorial services at one particular cemetery each Sunday on the same date every year reaches out all over this lower end of Mitchell County section the decorations has been going on so long that they don't have to be given out in advance. Graveyard the next service will be held for the folks remember and they attend.

The decorations have become to be sorter like a family reunion for several see one another only once a year and that is at the decoration services. Folks come for many miles for the services and they bring flowers to bedeck the graves of their loved ones. There is as many artificial flowers as there is potted flowers and roses. I noticed recently at one graveyard that there is rambling roses growing around one tombstone. It was very pretty too.

Dinner served on the cemetery ground has been done away with. But folks who live not to far away from the cemeteries where the memorial services is held serve dinner for a number of people. Take for instance last Sunday June 16th when the service was held at the Griffith cemetery on the waters of nearby Brummetts Creek, when Mrs. Garfa Griffith had 36 people to eat dinner at her table set out under a weeping willow tree that stands on her dwelling house lawn. It is reported that several of the folks who took dinner with her live at several places in East Tennessee.

But its like this—when the decorations is held on Pigeon Roost some of the folks here might not be attending the decorations here but may be going to some other cemetery somewhere else to attend the decoration where their loved ones are buried.

On certain days just before the decoration is held local people gather at the cemetery and clean off the cemetery ground to get ready for the decoration service. Where there is 18 or 20 people working on the cemetery ground it does not take long to clean it off. At the mountain cemetery no caretaker is hired. The cemetery ground gets cleaned only once a year.

It is recalled off hand that the first decoration on Pigeon Roost starts in July at the Bennet cemetery in the upper section of Pigeon Roost. The next decoration is line is at the Russell Barnett cemetery in the lower section of Pigeon Roost and there is usually eight decorations held on Pigeon Roost with about four cemeteries where no one is buried anymore and no decorations is any longer conducted.

But the decoration services kindly hinder the Sunday Schools somewhat at the local churches. I have known of the Sunday School at some of the local churches being postponed for as long as three

Sunday during the time the decorations is being held. But at some of the churches they have their Sunday School class on the cemetery grounds before the decoration service starts. The decoration service is held by singing, praying and preaching. Sometimes at the decoration service there is a half dozen preachers and four or five different singing choirs.

I received a letter from a reader of my column since the decoration time here last year and he said where he was born and reared up there was not exactly a decoration service ever held at the large cemeteries in his locality. People went mostly on Memorial day and decorated the graves or went just any Sunday or at any time during the summer time and placed flowers on the graves of their loved ones. The writer of this letter wanted to know that is if this was only a mountain area custom to have a decoration service. Well I don't know exactly about that as I have never lived anywhere

else but here in the hilly country and every where that I have ever traveled here in the hills it appears that they have the decoration services like they do here. The cemeteries has been cleaned and there is sign that there has been some kind of a flower placed on ever grave. I have noticed it at most ever decoration service there is flowers placed on all graves. But of course there is some graves that has more flowers on it than the others do.

Well occasionally they still have graveside funeral services in this lower end of Mitchell County section when weather permits. At one time in this hilly country there was no funeral services ever held in the Church house. If it was cold winter weather time the funeral services was held in the homes and if it was summer time most all the time graveside funeral services was held.

Use to the new items of this lower end of Mitchell County section was never carried in a daily newspaper and of course

there was never an obituary seldom ever carried in a newspaper before the funeral service and burial. But for a long long time this area has been served practically all the time by a county weekly newspaper but before the news correspondents in the outlying areas of the county could ever get the death news in the paper they had occurred several days before.

I was also once asked why the people in the olden days established their cemeteries on high ridges where in late years its been hard to get a car road built to the cemeteries and to some of them a road could never be built. Well for one thing away back "yander" people lived farther back in the mountains than they do now and they put many of the cemeteries right close home. Well the people have moved themselves off the high ridges down in the valley but their burying ground is still back in the mountains some of them is right on the high mountain tops.



TO CUT OR NOT TO CUT—that is the question. And Police Chief Red Lyons says the answer is negative when it comes to complying with a city ordinance contained in the 1940 collection of laws for Boone. It has to do with grass being kept not higher than four inches within the city limits and as this picture points out, there are a lot of grass-growing acres in Boone. The Police Chief says he feels a major objection to trying to enforce this particular law is that the city limits have expanded to include several farms on which hay crops are raised. Working with the civic improvement group of the Watauga County Council of Garden Clubs, however, he may be able to make some suggestions as to a revision. For the time being, the civic improvers are hard at work to appeal to the public's intelligence to go that little extra to keep the mountain region as unspoiled as possible. (Staff photo)