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Farm, City Week Awards Will Be Made In Nov.

Communities will receive awards and recognition at the Farm-City Week Banquet Thursday, Nov. 13.

The awards will be based on the report submitted on a "Questionnaire for Communities" form. Each community may enter the adult and youth or they may enter in just one category.

Any community that does have a formal organization may obtain a questionnaire by calling the Agricultural Extension office, 264-3061. Awards for this event is furnished by Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation and the Watauga County United Fund.

These reports must be returned to the Agricultural Extension Office by Friday, Nov. 7, according to extension agent W. C. Richardson.

Belk Library Given Sum For New Volumes

A state appropriation of \$317,568 has been authorized for the Belk Library at Appalachian State University to be used for the purchase of new books during the 1969-71 biennium.

The sum is Appalachian's share of a total \$4 million which the 1969 General Assembly assigned to the State Board of Higher Education for distribution to North Carolina's 16 state-supported senior institutions.

The money will be used at all the institutions to strengthen library holdings and to employ additional personnel to catalogue the new acquisitions.



THE EXECUTIVE TOUR—Appalachian president Dr. Herbert Wey (right front) gave a guided tour of the ASU campus to Major General Benjamin F. Evans last week when the Deputy Commander of the U. S. Third Army inspected Appalachian's ROTC facilities.

General Visits Appalachian

Major General Benjamin F. Evans, the Deputy Commanding General of the 3rd U. S. Army, visited the Appalachian campus last Thursday to meet with university officials and inspect the ROTC facilities at ASU.

MG Evans was the guest of Dr. Herbert Wey, ASU presi-

dent, for lunch and later received a detailed briefing from the ROTC cadet staff.

Describing the general's impressions of Appalachian, Col. John G. Collins, head of the ASU ROTC unit, said, "He did not expect to see what he saw—the general commented most

favorably on the outstanding appearance and professionalism displayed by the ROTC Cadets.

"He was also very impressed," the colonel said, "by the appearance of the campus and by the enthusiasm and the sincerity of Dr. Wey and the entire Appalachian staff."

State Has Supplied Boone School Houses Many Years

Local citizens haven't had to pay for schoolhouse construction in Boone since prior to 1925, when the State constructed a building to be used by the College as what was called a "demonstration school."

But word is all that is going to change, perhaps soon. Casting their eyes toward the Appalachian Elementary School building that is crumming nearly 50 per cent more students inside than it can handle, Watauga County School Board Chairman John Hollar and ASU President Dr. Herbert Wey agree that the day has got to come.

Hollar and other members

of the school board believe that proceeds from a proposed bond issue Nov. 4, plus a \$1.25-million state grant, is the best way to do the job.

To delay, they say, means that the county may have to do the entire job without state help. (Only \$900,000 of the proposed \$1.4 million bond issue is allocated for the Boone school).

The legislature specified that its appropriation of \$1.25-million must be under contract by December 1970. Otherwise the appropriation automatically will follow state procedure and revert back to the state's general fund.

The Boone school, which was built and is owned by the university, cost the state \$750,000 in 1954. It replaced the older elementary school next door, also built by the university on its campus.

The school is designed to handle 650 students. Its enrollment this fall is 910 students. The county has provided the seven mobile classrooms to handle the overflow.

Appalachian Elementary School is operated by the coun-

ty under a cooperative agreement with the university. Like Watauga High School, the elementary school provides a training ground for future teachers enrolled at ASU.

To further enrich its program, the university pours more than \$55,000 every year into the school's operation in addition to furnishing the building. This pays for salary supplements and additional teachers and staff.

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Prayer For Peace

Appalachian president Dr. Herbert W. Wey issued a memorandum to the entire Appalachian Faculty Monday recommending the instructional staff to allow a period of meditation for world peace during their 10 a. m. classes Wednesday morning.

The text of the memorandum reads as follows: "In recognition of the great desire of most Americans for peace in Vietnam and throughout the world, and also the desire of many of our young people to honor our war dead, I would like to recommend that we take the first three minutes of the ten o'clock period on Wednesday, October 15, for silent meditation and prayer for peace in the world and in memory and honor of the boys who have given their lives in the service of our country. The decision to or not to do the above is, of course, left to each individual faculty member, but I would hope that all faculty would allow those students who want to have this time for silent meditation to do so, thus making this a total University activity."

Operation Would Be Unchanged Carolina Caribbean Corp. May Be Sold

Fuqua Group In Talks With Beech Mtn. Firm

If acquisition talks between Carolina-Caribbean Corporation and an Atlanta-based firm bear fruit, the change is not expected to affect the operation of the Beech Mountain concern.

Announcement that the talks are going on was made in Atlanta Monday night by attorneys for Fuqua Industries.

The announcement read: "Carolina Caribbean Corporation and Fuqua Industries announce that they are engaged in discussion with respect to a possible acquisition of Carolina-Caribbean Corporation by Fuqua Industries. No agreement or understanding with respect to terms of any such acquisition has been reached at the present time."

And Tuesday morning, Jerry Liebhart, Carolina-Caribbean vice president in charge of Beech Mountain, sent out the following announcement to Beech Mountain employees: "In event that this acquisition is completed, it will result in no changes in the present management of the company or in the manner in which the company is presently operated. The only effect of such an acquisition would be that Fuqua would own all the stock of Carolina-Caribbean."

No other comment was forthcoming Tuesday morning from the Beech Mountain executive offices of the firm, President Grover Robbins Jr. reportedly had left earlier Tuesday morning for St. Croix in the Virgin Islands where the firm is developing a major resort.

In addition to its Beech Mountain development and the St. Croix enterprise, Carolina-Caribbean has acquired two 1,500-acre tracts in Mecklenburg County for the development of planned resort-type residential communities.

Also under the umbrella is Land Harbors of America at Linville, an exclusive camp ground.

Fuqua Industries, which was known until 1968 as the Nanco Corp., is a diversified conglomerate with about half of its revenues coming from the leisure time market.

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READING PERSONNEL IN SYMPOSIUM—Over 500 educators from as far north as Ohio and as far south as Florida attended the Fourth Annual Reading Symposium sponsored by the Reading Center at Appalachian this past weekend. The group pictured above is crowded into the Appalachian Elementary School Auditorium to hear a lecture by Dr. George D. Spache.

Reading Symposium At ASU

A total of 500 instructors, administrators and supervisors of reading programs in schools throughout the Eastern United States are meeting at Appa-

lachian State University this weekend to improve their techniques of teaching reading skills.

Administered by the Reading Center at Appalachian, the Fourth Annual Reading Symposium is being keynoted by Dr. George D. Spache, a professor emeritus of the University of Florida who is appraised as one of the nation's top reading education authorities. "He knows more about all aspects of reading than anyone else in the United States," says Umberto Price, Director of ASU's reading program.

Also on the two-day program which concludes its sessions Saturday evening is William Rhenhart, an Appalachian

alumnus who directs the nationally recognized reading program of the Syosset Public Schools in New York.

Boone Jaycees Will Sell Light Bulbs

The Boone Jaycees will conduct their first light bulb sale in a house to house canvass in Boone next Monday night, Oct. 20.

Proceeds from the sale will be used for community development projects such as landscaping Watauga High School. Packets of eight bulbs in various wattages will be sold for \$2. The canvass will begin at 6 p. m.

Jurors Are Selected For Superior, District Courts

The jury list for the Nov. 10 civil term of Watauga County Superior Court has been announced by Clerk of Court Crville Foster as follows:

Larry F. Sherwood, Ada Mae Edmisten Love, Bertha McGuire and Bill Kirby, all of Sugar Grove; Tommy Petty, Thomas Crowell Rhyne, James E. Cook, John Wellborn, Paul Winkler, Joel C. Tester and Mrs. Jewel R. Ragan, all of Boone; Dean Moody and Ivey R. Moore, both of Vilas; William C. Smith and Bobby Lee Ryd, both of Route 1, Banner Elk; L. E. McCrosky, Stanley Baird and Addie Baird, all of Banner Elk; F. E. Kirby and L. L. Main, both of Zionville; Mrs. Harriet Davant and Mrs. Cline Underwood, both of Blowing Rock; Jerry C. Austin, William R. Brown and Clifford M. Parlier, all of Route 1, Boone; R. J. Underwood of Route 3, Boone; Troy Abner Coffey of Route 4, Boone; Mrs. Ford Hollars of Route 1, Vilas; Lena Tate Vannoy of Todd; Bunnie Richards of Route 4, Boone; Mrs. Lewis Johnson of Sherwood; Virtie Greer of Triplett; H. S. Foster of Route 2, Boone; and Dessie Ward of Route 2, Banner Elk.

The following jury list for the Oct. 27 civil term of Watauga District Court was announced by Clerk of Court Orville Foster:

William (Billy) Rogers Blackburn and Charles F. Miller, both of Todd; Wayne R. Rich-

ardson, Milton T. Greer, Gurney E. Luther, Jack Norris, Margaret Sherrill, Nell Rose Johnson, Mrs. Raymond Carroll and Mrs. Gene Taylor, Clarence Alton Price and Victor G. Winburn, all of Boone; Tom Reed Jackson, H. Earl Norris, and James Ragan, all of Route 2, Boone; Artie Blackburn, Dowell and Norman Isaac Greens, both of Deep Gap; Willie S. Rupard and Shula Cloyd Aldridge, both of Banner Elk; Greek Taylor and Mrs. Gayton L. Greene, both of Vilas; John W. Henson of Sherwood; James Hays Moore of Route 3, Boone; Gerald Lawrence of Sugar Grove; Dorothy Lee Lantz of Blowing Rock; Jack Baird of Sherwood, and Clayton Main of Tamarack.

Color Season Is Nearing Peak

Along the Blue Ridge Parkway the color season is approaching its peak according to Superintendent Granville B. Liles.

Leaves are making their annual transition to the brilliant, warm autumn colors with shades of red showing in the dogwood, black gum and Virginia creeper, and bright yellows appearing in the birches, hickory, ash, locusts and tulip trees.

There is an especially attractive display of color in the Peaks of Otter Area and the Craggy Gardens-Mt. Mitchell Area at the present time, but color peak for most of the Parkway is still approximately 10 days away. High winds have caused some leaf loss in the Rocky Knob and Asheville Districts but overall color should be very good during the next 2 to 3 weeks.

The four major visitor centers (Humpback Rocks, Peaks of Otter, North Carolina Minerals Museum and Craggy Gardens) will be operated 7 days a week through November 2. Parkway campgrounds and picnic grounds will remain open through November 2, and limited camping accommodations are to be provided throughout the winter at Otter Creek and Roanoke Mountain Campgrounds in Virginia and at Doughton Park and Crabtree Meadows Campgrounds in North Carolina. This will consist of one loop in each area with a water tap and an outdoor toilet.

The Parkway motor road will remain open throughout the winter except during periods of adverse weather conditions that may cause temporary closures. Sections at high elevations may be closed for longer periods in January, February and March. Concession operations will remain open through Nov. 2, except the Peaks of Otter facilities will remain open through Thanksgiving. Mt. Pisgah will close October 27 and Erlinger Cabin will close October 31. At Mabry Mill in Virginia, sorghum and apple butter making demonstrations will continue, on weekends only, through October.

For a really enjoyable and leisurely visit to the Parkway Superintendent Liles suggests that trips be made during weekdays thus avoiding the heavy travel on weekends.

Bigger Money Supply In Watauga

The amount of money in circulation in Watauga County, a prime indicator of local business activity, is at a high level.

At the close of fiscal year 1968, according to figures just released, the supply of money on hand in the area was considerably greater than it was two years previously.

Just how much it amounted to was evidenced, very closely, by the total on deposit in local

banks and by the flow of that money in the form of loans to businesses and individuals.

It provided people with funds for the purchase and improvement of homes, aided farmers and business firms with the cash for their seasonal and expansion needs and extended credit to automobile buyers and others.

The data on the money supply and its distribution comes from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. It is the first such

survey in two years.

The total on deposit in Watauga County banks at the end of the fiscal year, it shows, was \$16,015,000, as against the amount on hand in fiscal 1966, \$13,323,000.

The increase, 15.0 percent, compares favorably with the figures in many other communities, some of which had a drop.

Included in the funds on deposit locally were the checking

accounts of individuals, partnerships and corporations, which came to \$7,674,000, and \$7,025,000 in savings accounts and other time deposits. The rest was in interbank and government accounts.

On a population basis, for every man, woman and child in Watauga County, it was equivalent to \$915. Two years ago it was \$795.

In addition to the money on deposit in local banks, were the

funds—small by comparison—reposing in the cash registers of retail stores and other businesses and in people's pockets and purses.

Although the amount of money on tap is above average in most parts of the country, its use, for purposes of credit, is being strictly controlled by the Federal Reserve in its efforts to control inflation. Because of this and other measures, interest rates are at record high.