

Jurors Named For Superior Court Session

The jury list was announced for the March 30 criminal term of Watauga Superior Court by Clerk of Court Orville Foster. Judge W. K. McLean of Asheville will preside.

The list includes: Margent Emily Arnette of Route 1, Vilas; Mrs. James Claud Austin, Frost Brown Norris, Worth Dixon Kenyon, Paris Juanita Osborne, Clara Tester Ray, David Charles Sidden, Doris G. Triplet, Mrs. Willard R. Trivette, James A. Dally and W. W. Williams, all of Boone; Colene A. Bolick, Bruce Cook, Doris Neoma Norris and Charles W. Vannoy, all of Route 1, Boone.

Also, Edward Coffey and Willson W. Coffey of Blowing Rock; Burl Cornette, Herby H. Thomas and Tommie E. Townsend, all of Valle Crucis; Mattie Dunn Edwards, Terry Edward Hodges, James Ernest Setzer and Bill Austin, all of Route 3, Boone; Mattie Hicks and Phyllis Ward of Sugar Grove; Lynn Perry Jr., of Route 4, Boone; Henry Clay Presnell and Emma Coffey Moore of Banner Elk; J. D. Reese of Route 1, Trade; Madge Reese of Route 1, Zionville; Bina Simmons of Triplet; and William Thomas Day, John W. Moretz and Raymond Carl Freeman, all of Route 2, Boone.



SHALL WE DANCE?—This musical question was answered at the third annual Heart Ball when Sandra Barnett, Queen of Hearts for 1970, and her father Lee Barnett of Boone led the dancing at Eseeola Lodge. More pictures of the gala occasion appear elsewhere in this issue. (Staff photo)

Invited To White House

State Rep. and Mrs. James E. Holshouser of Boone were among the selected guests of President and Mrs. Nixon for the White House performance of the Broadway play, "1776," on Sunday, Feb. 14.

It was the first time a full production of a Broadway play had been presented in the White House.

Holshouser, who is chairman of the North Carolina Republican Party, also is a member of the national bi-centennial commission for planning the 200th anniversary of the founding of the United States.

It was the second dinner invitation Rep. and Mrs. Holshouser had received from the President.

Takes Post In Capital City

Hoy S. Lanning, Director of Purchasing at Appalachian State University for the past five years, has accepted a position as a Purchasing Officer with the Division of Purchase and Contract in the State Department of Administration in Raleigh.

The position, according to Lanning, deals mainly with the handling of contracts for state library furnishings and with scientific laboratory furnishings and equipment.

"We regret to see Mr. Lanning leave Appalachian," commented Director of Business Affairs Ned Trivette, "but we feel that in the new position to which he is transferring, we will be able to maintain our contacts with him."

Lanning's Raleigh appointment is effective Saturday, March 21.

Expansion Animal Shelter Outlined

Long-range expansion plans for the animal shelter operated by the Humane Society of Watauga County were outlined to members of the Board of County Commissioners Monday night.

Mrs. Velma Burnley, president of the society, said the shelter is in need of a structure for storage of food, an office and ultimately a fulltime employee.

She asked that the county consider appropriating funds from its dog tax revenue during the next fiscal year to help with such expenses. The dog tax usually produces in excess of \$2,000 a year for the county.

Mrs. Burnley was accompanied by Preston Greene, vice president of the society, and Dr. John G. Martin, a director.

Dr. Wey Added To Bank Board

Dr. Herbert Wey, President of Appalachian State University, has been named a member of the Board of Directors of the Boone-Blowing Rock division of the Northwestern Bank, according to Alfred Adams, Vice-President.

Commenting on Dr. Wey's election, Mr. Adams commented:

"We are particularly glad to have Dr. Wey associated with Northwestern. Traditionally a close relationship has existed between the Bank and Appalachian. Dr. Wey's election signifies a continuing and strengthened tie between our institutions."

Local Travel Spending Up To \$6,317,000 In '69

Third Highest In State

Avery County Rates Higher In Percentage

Watauga County has shown the third highest percentage of growth in travel spending in the state.

The information is contained in a North Carolina travel analysis reported by the North Carolina Travel and Promotion Division and authored by Lewis C. Copeland of the University of Tennessee statistics department.

Copeland's figures span 11 years from 1958 to 1969.

The highest percentage of growth in travel spending for the period was 596 per cent recorded by Graham County, the Fontana area of Western North Carolina.

Avery County was second with 358 per cent growth. And Watauga was third with 291 per cent travel growth.

According to percentage of distribution of the state total in travel and tourism, Watauga was 34th and Avery was 65th. The leading counties included such metropolitan convention centers as Mecklenburg, Orange County (UNC-Chapel Hill) Guilford and Forsyth counties and others having major highways.

Under percentage of growth, Watauga accounted for \$1,615,000 in 1958 and \$6,317,000 in 1969.

Avery County's 1958 figure was \$525,000. Last year, the travel-tourism figure was \$2,406,000, according to the analysis.

Fire Chief Praises Help Of Students In Fighting Blaze

The chairman of the Community Campus Relations Committee Friday read a letter from the Chief of the Boone Volunteer Fire Department in praise of Appalachian students.

After James P. Marsh read the letter, the committee went on record as sharing the appreciation voiced by Chief R. D. Hodges Jr. The letter stated:

"As chief of the Boone Fire Department and speaking also for the Blowing Rock, Cove Creek and Deep Gap Fire Departments, I would like to commend the students of Appalachian State University for their assistance in the recent fire which destroyed the Gateway Restaurant. Without the assistance of the students in connecting hose, moving cars and lending assistance in every way, the fire departments probably would have been unable to control the fire.

"Mr. Sudderth, of the Blowing Rock Fire Department, indicated that he had never witnessed such unsolicited support. I think this effort on the part of the students indicates again that the students of Appalachian are the finest group of young ladies and gentlemen to be found.

"Would you please convey to the students the appreciation of all the firemen for their fine spirit of cooperation and assistance.

Sincerely,
R. D. HODGES, JR.



This picture of the North Carolina Symphony, taken during a performance by a photographer using a "fisheye" lens for special effects, provides a dramatic look at the Symphony in action. Under the direction of Benjamin Swalin, the Symphony

will perform this year in over 60 communities during its six and a half month season. The 1969-70 season marks the 25th year that the orchestra has toured throughout the state with professional musicians.

Symphony To Appear In Benefit Concert

Tickets for the annual Watauga County Schools benefit concert by the North Carolina Symphony will go on sale Saturday, March 7, according to an announcement by spokesmen of the Boone Junior Wo-

men's Club and the Appalachian State University Artists and Lecture Committee.

Tables manned by club members will be placed at uptown locations on Saturday and tickets sold at \$2 for adults and \$1

for children. All Appalachian students, faculty and staff will be admitted by I. D. card. Season ticket holders will be admitted without additional charge.

The Symphony will present two concerts on the Appalachian campus this month. The first, at 1 p. m. on Friday, March 13, will be a free program for all Watauga County public school students. The second, at 2 p. m. Sunday, March 15, will be for the general public.

Both concerts will be in Varsity Gymnasium and are jointly sponsored by the Boone Junior Women and the University Artists and Lecture Committee. Proceeds from the March 15 concert will be used to defray expenses of the public school program March 13.

Announcement of the Symphony's program will be released next week.

A Correction

Joe Miller, chairman of the Watauga County Boy Scout District, was incorrectly identified in a picture published in last week's Watauga Democrat.

Miller was pictured with Scouters who received recognition and awards at the district's annual banquet. The caption identified Miller as Joe Williams.

National Teacher Exams At ASU Coming April 4

Less than two weeks remain for prospective teachers who plan to take the National Teacher Examinations at Appalachian State University on April 4, 1970 to submit their registration for these tests to Educational Testing Service, Princeton, New Jersey. Dr. Roger Steenland, Director of Psychological Services Center announced today. Registrations for the examination must be forwarded so as to reach the Princeton Office not later than March 12.

Bulletins of information describing registration procedures and containing Registration Forms may be obtained from Mrs. Hilda E. Forrest, Psychological Services Center or directly from the National Teacher Examinations, Educational Testing Service, Box 911, Princeton, New Jersey 08540.

At the one-day session a candidate may take the Common Examinations, which include tests in Professional Education and General Education, and one of the seventeen Teaching Area Examinations which are designed to evaluate his understanding of the subject matter and methods applicable to the area

he may be assigned to teach.

Each candidate will receive an Admission Ticket advising him of the exact location of the center to which he should report. Candidates for the Common Examinations will report at 8:30 a. m. on April 4, and should finish at approximately 12:30 p. m. Dr. Steenland said. The Teaching Area Examinations will begin at 1:30 p. m. and should finish at approximately 4:15 p. m., according to the time schedule for these examinations which has been set up by Educational Testing Service.

To Aid Disadvantaged Children

ASU Undertakes Bold New Experimental Program

The U. S. Office of Education has approved a "Triple-T" program proposed by Appalachian State University which will halt the steady decline of disadvantaged children toward educational, economic, and social failure in the public school systems.

One of the boldest and most complex educational experiments ever attempted in North Carolina, it will begin a grassroots campaign next September to restructure the entire educational preparation program. It will be aimed specifically at the disadvantaged black and white children in the rural schools of the Appalachian mountain region.

The director of the project, ASU Graduate Dean Cratis D. Williams, explained, "Educators have long recognized the fact that children are not learning effectively in our public

schools. To improve this situation, curricula have been modified and mechanized, teachers have been given exotic titles, and exotic buildings have been engineered to facilitate learning.

"To date, however," he continued, "available data indicates that all of these efforts have not improved our educational product. Many students, and often their parents, still regard education as a 'necessary evil' and the dropout rate remains high, especially among the disadvantaged."

The problem, he believes, is that public educators have concentrated on changing "things" instead of changing teacher attitudes and preparing the teachers to effect relationships with their students that promote healthy learning environments.

"The continued interaction between human teachers and human learners at all levels is the most essential element of effective education," he said, "but teachers generally do not accept the disadvantaged child."

The result, he added, has been a chain reaction in which anxiety, fear, guilt and defensiveness in the classroom has stifled the intellects of countless numbers of children.

"But this Triple-T (Trainers of Teacher Trainers) program will make it possible for teachers to become what they have always been purported to be but never have been," Dr. Williams added. "It will thoroughly school them in the learning process and it will help them to design effective learning climates for children with varied backgrounds and abilities—especially the disadvantaged."

To accomplish this and other primary goals, Appalachian will select a number of teaching fellows who have completed their M. A. degrees. They will spend a year on the campus and in laboratory schools throughout the region taking especially tailored courses and applying their classroom experiences to sample classes in participating Appalachia Region school systems.

The academic work, according to Dr. Williams, will include methodology in science and mathematics, group dynamics, and learning climate labs. In addition, newly designed courses in psychology and sociology will be directed toward the understanding of rural Appalachian children and their needs.

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