

BOY SCOUTS HOLD CAMPOREE ON TATER HILL MOUNTAIN

Fifty-seven Watauga County Boy Scouts and their adult leaders spent the week end on Tater Hill in their annual Scout Camporee Saturday and Sunday. Officials of the Watauga district report it was the most successful camporee ever held here.

Troop 114, Cove Creek, Coy Bingham, Scoutmaster, entered three patrols in the outing, Troop 55 from Perkinsville, J. D. Cooke and David Edmisten, leaders, sent two patrols, troop 98 of the Boone Baptist Church, Jimmie Greene, Scoutmaster, had two patrols, and Troop 109 of the Boone Methodist Church, Dr. Lee Reynolds, Scoutmaster, sent two patrols. Air Squadron 109, Crayte Teague, Squadron leader, also had two patrols.

All troops won high honors for their conduct, ingenuity, and all activities participated in during the two days, with blue ribbons to be presented to them at a later date.

The Scouts were required to do their own cooking, arrange for refrigeration of perishable foods, set up all camp equipment, dig and properly care for latrines and garbage pits, and to carry out any other details necessary for a safe and clean camp.

Each boy was supposed to have received a physical examination before the camporee, to determine his fitness for the out-of-doors life.

A rigid schedule was followed, with time out for recreation and fun. Church services were held Sunday, with all the boys attending.

The boys hiked, fished and studied nature. Some of the boys report frog hunting good on Tater Hill. Some of the boys made coat hangers, hammers and other useful articles from wood and stones and other materials found in the area.

The Cove Creek Scouts were able to identify more flowers and foliage in the area than any of the other Scouts. All patrols were complimented by the judges on their camping abilities.

Joe Edwards, field representative of Old Hickory Council, of North Wilkesboro, attended the camporee.

Many parents and friends visited the campers, and observed them.

Adult Scout officials included Mr. Teague, Dr. Reynolds, Jim Leek, R. D. Hodges, Jr., Mr. Bingham, Howard Cottrell, Mr. Cooke and Mr. Edmisten.

PARKWAY IS OPEN TO TRAFFIC AGAIN

Asheville — The Blue Ridge Parkway is now open all the way into Asheville by use of connecting State highways. The Parkway between Mt. Mitchell, highest in Eastern America, and Asheville was closed because of landslides during the winter and spring. The breaks have been repaired, and the 24-mile link just east of Asheville has been gravel surfaced.

The newly repaired section of the Parkway climbs to nearly 6,000 feet above sea level and gives the most direct access to Craggy Gardens, between Asheville and Mt. Mitchell, which are a mass of rhododendron blooms in June and early July.

Motorists who wish a hard-surfaced road all the way into Asheville may turn off the Parkway onto N. C. 80 at Buck Creek Gap and take either U. S. 70 and U. S. 19-E into Asheville, one being south and the other north of the Parkway. Beyond Asheville, U. S. 19 leads directly to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park through scenic Soco Gap and the Cherokee Indian Reservation.

A new booklet with detailed map and information about the unique Parkway may be obtained free upon request to the State Advertising Division, Dept. Conservation & Development, Raleigh, N. C.

Blowing Rock Group Sees News Office

Boone was visited Tuesday by first and third grade students of Blowing Rock School, taught by Mrs. Julian Yoder. The students visited, among other places, the Watauga Democrat newspaper office and observed the type being set for this edition, the Dixie Store, Crest 5 and 10c Store, the New K and M Gateway Cafe, Radio Station WATA, Hillside Dairy, and several of the other stores.

Those making the visit included Harvey Story, R. D. Auton, Pearl Ritch, Ralph Wood, Violet Greene, Joe Coffey, Barbara Ann Newton, Conard Greene, Mary Ann Coffey, Edward Greene, Joe Edmisten, Marjiam Ford, Merritt Ford, Linda Greene, Kay Young, Judy Story, and Eddie Watson.

A new and virulent race of rust is a threat to the nation's 1951 wheat crop. Serious rust trouble occurred last year after 15 years in which rust injury had been slight, according to the U. S. Department of Agriculture.



COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS—The Cove Creek High School commencement program will be presented at eight o'clock Friday night, May 25, at the high school auditorium. The theme for the program is "Zeal for Democracy." The speakers are: first row, Doris Love; second row, left to right, Sus Vance, Ruby Mast; third row, Marjorie Mast, Lottie Stout, Anne Henson; fourth row, Jack Billings and Benny Mast, narrator.

Medical Auxiliary Is Organized Here

An auxiliary to the Watauga-Ashe County Medical Society was organized last Wednesday night, at a dinner meeting of the medical society at the Daniel Boone Hotel. Mrs. R. R. Garvey of Blowing Rock was elected president and Mrs. H. B. Perry, Jr. of Boone, secretary.

The following wives and doctors were present: Mrs. Len Haganan, Mrs. Lawrence Owsley, Mrs. H. B. Perry, Sr., Mrs. H. B. Perry, Jr., Mrs. R. H. Harmon.

On Panel Discussion

Miss Ann E. Biggs, a member of the music faculty of A. S. T. C., has been invited to serve on a panel discussion concerning vocal training. The meeting will be held at the Southeastern Regional Workshop the week of June 4-9 at Salem College, Winston-Salem. Miss Biggs will take part in the discussion led by Lorne D. Grant of Greensboro. The group is a division of the National Association of teachers of singing of which Miss Biggs is the secretary of the North Carolina branch.

Farm Group Gives Inflation Aims

C. A. Clay, president of the Watauga County Farm Bureau, said today that the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Farm Bureau, at a special meeting last week in Raleigh, voted unanimously the following resolution designed to further emphasize the Farm Bureau's position with reference to controlling inflation:

"The North Carolina Farm Bureau maintains that inflation cannot be controlled by price capping on raw agricultural commodities for the following reasons:

1. Farmers cannot afford to produce agricultural commodities under a ceiling price when

the cost of production is rapidly increasing and will ultimately result in the farmer producing his commodities at a loss.

2. Records show that since 1947 the farmer's net income has decreased from 18 billions to 13 billions. This is a decrease of over 30 percent.

3. Last year the farmer received an average wage of over 69 cents per hour in comparison to the industrial worker's wage scale of \$1.50. No consideration was given for the farmer's managerial ability, and a scant 5 percent was allowed on his investment.

The North Carolina Farm Bureau maintains that the only possible solution to the inflation problem is to increase production; eliminate non-essential governmental expenditures; provide non-inflation handling of monetary and fiscal policies; strict

credit controls; and a pay-as-we-go system of taxation.

This program will increase production, keep our free markets, and ultimately put food on American tables at a reasonable price."

A minimum membership quota for this State has been set at 80,000 by the Board of Directors with a 100,000 maximum quota.

This quota will be made up from the county membership.

Sales of farm products this year may yield about a fourth more to farmers than in 1950. Production costs, however, will also move up—probably 10 to 15 per cent. Net farm income is expected to be larger than in any year since 1947.

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