

# Changing Of The Seasons To Be Noted In Nineteen-County Area

Asheville—For years, natives and visitors alike have enjoyed the spectacular fall coloring in the mountains of Western North Carolina.

This year, for the first time, the whole area will join in a nineteen county-wide celebration of the changing of the seasons.

Plans for special events of the first annual Mountain Colorama Festival, to be held in Asheville, are almost complete.

In a concentrated effort, every newspaper in the entire region has joined forces to promote the season to the reading public. For weeks, news stories, editorials and advertisements have been featured which tell of the warm, brilliant, lazy days of the fall season in the Carolina Highlands.

Special celebrations are being

planned by many Western North Carolina communities to honor the season.

The Mountain Colorama Festival in Asheville will be held on October 11 and 12, and will be sponsored by the Asheville Chamber of Commerce.

W. Douglas Kouns of the Chamber will manage the affair and Bill Dawson of Radio Station WISE in Asheville will be Master of Ceremonies for the programs.

The festival will feature tours over much of the beautiful scenic wonderland of Western North Carolina. There will be a Smoky Mountains tour west and south of Asheville to the colorful Cherokee Indian territory, the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, to Fontana Dam, highest in the Eastern United States, through Nantahala Gorge, to Murphy, westernmost tip of the state, back to Franklin and Cowee, "Valley of Rubies," through the "Land of Waterfalls," where four sparkling streams spill over the break of land on their downward rush to the sea. The tour takes the visitor to Brevard, Hendersonville, and returns to Asheville.

The Blue Ridge tour to the east and north of Asheville will take the visitor up the Blue Ridge Parkway, the mountaintop boulevard highway that has become America's favorite drive, past

Mount Mitchell, highest peak in the East, to Grandfather Mountain with its Mile High Swinging Bridge, to Blowing Rock and Boone. From Boone, the tour has alternate routes through picturesque rolling farm and mountain country of Spruce Pine, the "mineral city," Burnsville, and Mars Hill or to Marion and Old Fort and the expensive U. S. 78 route that cuts a four-lane swath through some of the most rugged mountains in the East. A visit to Chimney Rock Park with its huge granite monolith is included in the trip.

There will be night festivities. Friday night, October 11, will be Fall Festival Hoe-Down Time at the City Auditorium in Asheville. Square dance teams from points throughout the Southern Highlands will gather to compete for a \$200 prize and the title of "Fall Festival Champions."

Saturday night, October 12, will be Folk Music Night at the City Auditorium, with a widespread competition for the championship mountain banjo picker, fiddle player, male and female ballad singer. Cash prizes will be awarded, and the Fall Festival Champions from the previous night will dance again.

Admission on both nights will be adults, 75c, and children under 10 years of age, 25c.

## OBITUARY

In memory of a loving wife and mother who passed away one year ago today.

Lillie Pearl Millsaps Cornett was born February 28, 1889 at Reese, N. C., died September 5, 1956 at Boone, N. C., Route 3. She is survived by her husband, Charles T. Cornett, 11 children, two precede her in death at an early

age. Five sons: Claud and Clyde of Reese, Troy of Royal Oak, Mich., Roy of Waynesboro, Va., Earl of Bend, Oregon. Four daughters: Mrs. Millard Greene of Lenoir, Mrs. Ernest Guy of Boone, Mrs. Henry Waters of Reese, and Mrs. Robert Hartson of Ohio.

She was a Christian mother and was loved by all who knew her. She was a charter member of Mountain Dale Church and served

as teacher a number of years, was a faithful member as long as her health would permit. She was born and raised in Watauga county.—CHARLES T. CORNETT and FAMILY.

Total employment in the U. S. jumped to a high of 67,200,000 last month, while unemployment dropped to 3,000,000—a decline of 300,000 from June.

## BUSINESS PROFITS

In the first six months of 1957, 12 nonfinancial corporations cleared more than \$100,000,000 each after taxes. All but one of them (top place General Motors) made more than in the first half of 1956. All but two (G. M. and Ford Motor) had higher net income after taxes than in the first six months of prosperous 1955. The top 12 include General Motors, still first,

Jersey Standard Oil, Bell Telephone System, U. S. Steel, Du Pont, Gulf Oil, Ford Motor, Texas Oil, California Standard, Socony Mobil, General Electric, and Bethlehem Steel.

Beef cattle prices are expected to remain at present favorable levels throughout the remainder of 1957.

## Disabled Vets Given Increase

Thanks to the efforts of the Disabled American Veterans, the veterans are going to receive an increase in their pensions. Public Law HR-52 has been passed by both the House and Senate and signed by the President. The increase will probably go into effect in October or November.

The amounts of increase as stated by Thomas H. Myers, Sr., D. A. V. Publicity Officer, are:

- 10% disabled—\$17 to \$19.
- 20%—\$33 to \$36.
- 30%—\$50 to \$55.
- 40% disabled—\$68 to \$73.
- 50%—\$91 to \$100.
- 60%—\$109 to \$120.
- 70%—\$128 to \$140.
- 80%—\$145 to \$160.
- 90%—\$163 to \$179.
- 100% disabled—\$181 to \$22.

For information concerning the Disabled American Veterans write 592 Haywood Road, Asheville, N. C.

## Poultrymen See Sunshine

A ray of sunshine is seen on the horizon for poultry producers. An expert says egg prices are likely to rise more this fall than usual, then continue at profitable levels through the coming year.

Clayton Libeau, egg marketing specialist for the N. C. Agricultural Extension Service at State College, declares smaller laying flocks, reduced egg production and higher prices are in the picture for next year's producers.

Libeau points out that Americans farmers are raising an estimated 394 million young chickens this year—18 per cent less than last. This figure does not, however, include commercial broiler production.

All sections of the country are cutting productions of chickens for laying flock replacements, according to Libeau. The decrease is greatest on farms with small flocks.

By the first of next year, declares Libeau, the U. S. laying flock is expected to be at least 7 per cent smaller than a year earlier. Average rate of lay is expected to be up but total production may fall as much as 5 per cent below last year's levels.

Smaller production plus increase in housewife buying power should mean higher incomes and prices for egg producers until at least October of 1958, explains Libeau.

The investment in all price support programs on 1956 crops amounted to about 7.6 billion dollars as of May 31, 1957.

Income from farm ownership is the only major source of income which has shown a slump since 1951.



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