

Dairy Cooperative Has Annual \$375,000 Watauga Milk Bill

The Yadkin Valley Dairy Cooperative, with its main plant and general office at Wilkesboro, and milk receiving stations at Sugar Grove, Lansing and Sparta, is one of the largest contributors to the economy of Northwest North Carolina, states E. L. Lewis, sales manager of the cooperative.

Over 2,200 dairy farmers in eleven counties market their milk through the Yadkin Valley organization. Yadkin Valley paid dairy farmers \$1,137,362.00 for milk in the first six months of 1957, compared to \$746,272.00 in the first six months of 1956. Sales of milk, and products manufactured from milk in the first six months of 1957 were more than double the sales for the same period in 1956.

Watauga county dairy farmers receive a large share of the money paid out for milk by Yadkin Valley, which is one of the largest sources of income for the county. Watauga dairy farmers are almost 100% Yadkin Valley producers—only two grade A producers sell their milk to outside processors. The milk receiving station at Sugar Grove handles milk from more than five hundred farms, including some from adjoining counties, and will pay nearly \$375,000.00 to dairy farmers for milk this year.

Dairy products manufactured from milk produced in Watauga county are marketed throughout the Southeastern states. Just this year Yadkin Valley installed modern automatic machinery for packaging print butter, whipped butter, and ready-cut butter chips for restaurant trade; also, manufacturing and automatic packaging equipment for cottage cheese. The cottage cheese manufactured at Yadkin Valley is so outstanding in quality that it is packaged and supplied to other dairies throughout North and South Carolina, including some of the nationally known dairy organizations. Sales of cottage cheese have already outgrown production capacity and additional equipment will have to be installed at an early date.

All grade A milk from Yadkin Valley producers has in the past been marketed in bulk form to dairies in the coastal area of North Carolina. As a means of getting a higher price to dairy farmers for a part of this grade A milk, the directors of Yadkin Valley at their monthly meeting last May, authorized the construction of a new grade A building for processing

A. R. Smith Presides As Lions Governor

Officials of thirty-seven Lions Clubs from thirteen counties, which compose District 31-B of North Carolina, met in Morganton on Wednesday and heard rousing speeches as a kick-off for the new year in North Carolina Lionism.

Presiding over the meeting was A. R. Smith of Boone, the district governor. The meeting was for the purpose of getting together all presidents, secretaries, and other

and packaging milk for consumers in the area where it is produced. The building has been completed and equipped with the most modern equipment available to the dairy industry. Homogenized-Vitamin D milk, cream, chocolate milk, buttermilk, etc., is being packed in Pure-Pac paper cartons in all sizes. All grade A milk sold in consumer cartons will yield the dairy farmer about \$1.50 per hundred pounds more than sale of bulk milk.

Independent distributors have been organized and equipped with new refrigerated trucks, and distribution is now underway to food stores, restaurants, and institutions in most of the Northwest North Carolina counties.

"Queen Bess" was selected as the trade name for all Yadkin Valley Dairy products, and each product package bears the distinctive Queen Bess design.

An extensive advertising program is being conducted, and the general public, realizing the tremendous importance to their home county economy, have responded generously. The goal that was expected to be attained in Queen Bess milk sales within one year was reached by the end of the third full week of operations. This is an outstanding example of the loyalty of home folk consumers to home folk producers. The money spent for products produced in the community remains at home to be spent over and over again.

The dairy industry in Northwest North Carolina is in its infancy, and greater prosperity is just ahead for the dairy farmer. A more stable economy for the entire area will be established as a result of this increased income.

officials in Lionism in the district, to set plans for the year's work. The main speech was delivered by Hugh Mitchell of Statesville, one of the international counselors. Speaking on leadership, Mitchell urged the clubs to continue on the outstanding work they are now doing, and stressed the fact that the clubs need to rededicate themselves to greater service in Lionism. Lest they keep their minds too much on fund-raising, Mitchell told the clubs not to forget that "behind all your fund-raising projects is the great purpose of helping your fellowmen in many ways."

Governor Smith emphasized quality in membership; Jim Baldwin of West Jefferson pointed up the purpose of the White Cane Drive; and Shaw Brown of Mooresville reported on the formation of the tenth club in his zone, that of Sherrills Ford. In addition, international counselor D. J. Whitener of Boone suggested that one project individual clubs might undertake as a project would be providing scholarships to colleges for worthy young people in their area.

Bob Lentz, deputy district governor, from Morganton, was chairman in charge of making arrangements for the meeting, which was held at the Rainbow Grill in Morganton.

Attending from the Boone Lions Club were D. J. Whitener, International Counselor; John H. Workman, president; Richard Kelley, secretary-treasurer of District 31-B; and Leo K. Pritchett, public relations chairman of District 31-B.

Chas. Campbell Rites Are Held

Charles McKinley Campbell, 59, native of Zionville, died Friday at Boone, Route 3.

Services were conducted Monday at 11 at the Mabel Baptist Church by Rev. R. C. Eggers and Rev. E. O. Gore and burial was in the Zionville cemetery.

Surviving are three brothers and one sister: Spencer Campbell, Williamsburg, Ohio; Richard Campbell, Spokane, Wash.; Max Campbell, Cleveland, Ohio; Mrs. Pearl Hodges, Post Falls, Idaho.



RIDING and keeping busy gives Grandma Dolly Bledsoe that slim, trim, healthy look at 74.—(Photo by John Corey).

74 Years Old, Todd Lady Enjoys Canter

By JOHN COREY
Todd — Seventy-four-year-old great-grandma Dolly Bledsoe hasn't ridden horseback to 18-mile-distant Jefferson in years but often makes "Starlight" kick up heels in several-mile sprints on a road through her valley farm.

The well-preserved mountain woman worships horses.

This love and continuous riding practice largely accounts for her agility at an age that finds many wincing at just wheel-chair jockeying.

"I've lived a life of horses as far back as I can remember," she recalls. I've broken, traded, sold and ridden, Lord, I don't know how many of 'em."

Last animal Dolly broke in, done several years ago, was a western 2-year-old "wild as a rabbit."

Mrs. Bledsoe regularly rides her 22-year-old mount, Starlight, up and down the dirt road that winds by the family cabbage farm tucked high in the Appalachian Mountains.

It's mostly for pleasure, except for picking up the mail.

She can't rear the horse on its hind legs like the Lone Ranger does with Silver. But she can hop on the animal like a Hopalong Cassidy and spur it into a gallop with Wyatt Earp gusto.

Years ago the slim, trim equestrian would think little of horsebacking it to town for Saturday shopping. Nearest places were Boone and Jefferson, each about 18 miles away.

When her children got autos, Mrs. Bledsoe rode with them.

It wasn't the cars' comfort that won her over. The machines just

Gap Creek Church Dedication Marks 77th Year Congregation

By REV. FRANK WALKER

A little more than 77 years ago the pioneer Christian men and women of what is now known as Deep Gap section were meeting in the woods for prayer meeting. Often they met in homes around the old fireside and communed with the One who gave them the light unto their pathway. The light kept growing and growing until those God-fearing men and women decided to build a house in which to worship.

During the years that Ulysses S. Grant was asking God for help in guiding this country as a nation, during his terms as our 18th president, the men and women of Gap Creek section were asking God's help in organizing a church. In the year 1880, these fearless men went into the forests and began to cut and hew logs with which to erect this First Gap Creek Church. They laid well the foundations of the kingdom's work in their community. Their works have followed them on down through the passing years and unto this day there is much evidence of their Christian character and devotion to the cause of Christ.

During the passing of the years this old church known as Gap Creek Baptist Church, withstood the storms of sin and grew into a power in the section of what is now Deep Gap. Men and women looked on it as truly the House of God where they could journey to and pray to their God. It's rough

walls seems to attract them. Like the One of old, they were glad when it was said unto them: "Let us go into the House of the Lord". There they accepted Him as their Saviour. There they buried their dead.

This church served its purpose well, but it grew older and was no longer suitable for worship. There were still men and women with a vision. The spark of love for lost souls still was burning in the hearts of men and women, who got together in November, 1951, and appointed a building committee composed of G. O. Triplett, A. G. Miller, R. D. Wellborn, A. C. Moretz and R. S. Luther. These leaders secured a plot of land, which was donated by the Dolphus Yates family on the new Highway 221 and erected the present church building.

Today Gap Creek Baptist Church is keeping the faith of her fathers, with a beautiful brick veneer church, and 10 Sunday School rooms, which will be dedicated to the Lord Sunday, September 29. The Rev. Frank Walker of Oakwoods has been pastor of the church for the past four years, and Ralph White is superintendent of the Sunday School. The Sunday School had an average attendance for the last associational year of 118. Russell Wellborn is church clerk, and Mrs. Grady Triplett is treasurer. During the past year

made better time. The active grandmother of 25 grandchildren lives with her son Henry, a part-time Baptist preacher, saw mill operator, cabbage farmer, folk singer and horse trader.

Altogether three families of 12 people from the Bledsoe clan occupy Henry's modest mountain dwelling.

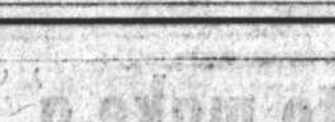
The Dedication Service will be held the 5th Sunday of September with an all day service. Sunday School will begin at 10:00 with preaching services at 11:00. The Rev. Raymond Hendrix will bring the morning message, and the Rev. Rex West will preach in the afternoon. Both of these ministers had a great part in the building of the present church building, serving as pastors of the church. The following pastors also served the church: The Revs. George Church, Harrison Blankenship, I. W. Thomas, Thomas Duncan, P. H. Haire, Charles Michael, C. R. Norris, Asa Brown, D. M. Wheeler, Levi Greene, E. C. Hodges, W. D. Ashley, J. C. Canipe, G. A. Hamby, A. W. Eller, and Frank Walker, the present pastor.

There will be dinner on the grounds and a well planned program is in the making.

BUILDING ACTIVITY

A slight decline has set in in the building activity after a long boom. At the end of 1956, total building investment amounted to \$2,894,000,000. As of July 31st, it was estimated at \$2,850,000,000, a decrease of 1.5 per cent.

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