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Six Tar Heels Feted For Rural Progress

New York.—The National Association of County Agricultural Agents meeting here last week has awarded Distinguished Service Awards to six Tar Heels in recognition of their contributions to the rural people of North Carolina.

The recipients were agricultural agents F. D. Allen of Carthage, M. P. Chesnutt of Washington, G. Mark Goforth of Goldsboro, W. F. Wilson of Durham; and assistant agricultural agents Richardson, and R. R. McNeely of Statesville.

The recipients, all employees of the N. C. Agricultural Extension Service, were honored at a banquet Thursday night.

Mr. Richardson has guided the 4-H Club program in Watauga county since 1950. During this time he has helped start a 4-H poultry chain, pig chain and strawberry chain. He has organized a junior tobacco show and sale, and helped organize a three-county lamb show. He has coached nine state 4-H sheep shearing winners and two national winners, supervised a multitude of 4-H demonstrations, and worked with community development projects.

Allen has been Moore county agricultural agent since 1955, and an assistant prior to that. He helped farmers increase their broiler production from seven million in 1933 to 30 million in 1960. He helped organize a laying hen co-op, and a poultry show is held each year in his county. He works with 4-H Club members, boosts livestock, forestry, pasture, dairy and peach enterprises in his county.

Chesnutt has been Beaufort county agricultural agent since 1955. He helped organize the Seabreeze Egg Producers Co-Op in 1957, which has since paid members \$500,000. He helped organize the Tidewater Breeders Co-Op, the Pamlico Quality Vegetable Association and the county 4-H strawberry chain.

Durham County Agent Wilson has spent much of his time working with youth. He has worked in Caswell county also, and during his tenure in these two places, 4-H enrollment tripled. More adult leaders began assisting with 4-H, which strengthened the program. He has helped Piedmont farming increase their income by

Deep Gap Man

(Continued from page one) the wreck and had perished in the fire.

Phillips and Connard Curtis Atkins were quoted by Patrolman Garrison as saying they got Mrs. Phillips from the wreck and took her up the bank to the side of the road. At that time she was suffering from shock.

They said they could not find James Boyd Atkins and they thought he was thrown from the wreck into the creek. They waded the creek for some distance, according to their account to the officer, and searched among the trees and rocks for the missing man.

They also were quoted as saying they had difficulty getting motorists to stop on new Highway 421 to send a call for help.

James Boyd Atkins was born in West Virginia to Clyde M. and Martha Shrader Atkins.

Surviving are his widow, the former Miss Iris Greer; four sons, Roger, Lester, Edward and James Atkins, all of the home; one daughter, Sue Atkins of the home; his parents of Deep Gap; four brothers, Lloyd, Curtis, Arnold, and Billy Atkins; and one sister, Mrs. Goldia Shull of Winston-Salem.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday at Laurel Springs Baptist Church by the Rev. Will Brackett and the Rev. Raymond Hendrix. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Qualified Cities To Receive Funds

Allocation of \$7,236,135 in Powell Bill funds to 415 participating municipalities was announced by the State Highway Commission.

The funds are distributed annually to qualified cities and towns for use in non-highway system street work within their corporate limits. Checks to the municipalities will be mailed from Raleigh the latter part of this month in order that they will reach municipalities by October 1.

Blowing Rock will receive \$10,906.15, it is announced, while Boone will get \$15,039.70. Banner Elk, just over the line in Avery county will get \$2,430.92, and Newland \$4,229.81.

SCHOOL ISSUE LULL

House passage of two-year extensions of two existing school programs signals the end of efforts to pass an extensive school aid bill this year.

The House voted extension of the National Defense Education Act and a special program aiding schools in federally congested areas.

According to Powell (D-N. Y.), this "all but closed the door to any general school aid bill until after next year's congressional election."

TITAN FIRINGS IMPROVE

The Air Force did not get the first Titan intercontinental missile in place as scheduled. However, they expect to have the first nine Titans in firing position at Lowry Air Force Base in Colorado within the next few months.

The Air Force has recently successfully launched two Titans, bringing the total of successful Titan tests to 28 in 40 attempts. Eight of the others were rated as partial successes.

Letters To Editor

Writes About Hunt Hazards

Dear Editor:

The hunting season in North Carolina has started. Thousands of hunters have returned from their first day of dove shooting. From all reports it was successful and not marred by tragedy.

It is possible, but not likely, that during this 1961-62 hunting season we will not receive reports of tragic hunting accidents, but with your interest and help their occurrence can be reduced to a minimum.

During this fall and winter we would greatly appreciate your consideration by putting in your editorials or special columns an admonition to your reading public that safe hunting is possible. Instilling in the mind of the hunter a proper, positive attitude toward hunting safety at all times will help us all to realize our goal: hunting not marred by tragedy.

Basically, the primary rules of gun handling while hunting are:

1. Treat every gun as if it were loaded.
 2. Always point the muzzle in a safe direction.
 3. Be sure of your target and what's behind it.
- William L. Hamnett
Hunter Safety Training Program
N. C. Wildlife Resources Commission

Says Newspaper Aided X-Ray Work

Dear Mr. Rivers:

When 4,431 Watauga countians take advantage of the free chest X-ray service, it is conclusive proof that the Watauga Democrat was a prime factor in telling them of that free service.

Thank you most graciously for your cooperation and help. I wag-

er you would come in for a lot of thanks too, from many of the 4,431 persons that your good Democrat reminded of the X-ray Mobile on the street.

Your community service, with the front page space for publicity, was outstanding. Thank you so much.

Sincerely,
Mrs. R. T. Draughon,
Executive Secretary

Like Article By Mr. Greene

Dear Mr. Rivers:

I'd like a small space in your paper to say we truly enjoyed the letter written in last week's paper by Mr. W. C. Greene. I passed the paper on to several of his (Mr. Greene's) friends and they all agreed we need more folks who think and witness as Mr. Greene does. I always read your letters to the Editor Column, but this one stood out above all others in my view.

On behalf of the former Wataugans here in Virginia I'd like to thank Mr. Greene, and you for printing the letter in your fine paper which we look forward to each week.

Mrs. Peggy W. Bumgarner
Forest, Virginia

Rummage Sale

Dear Mr. Rivers:

We wish to thank all the kind people who contributed in so many ways to the success of our rummage sale held last Saturday, Sept. 16th.

Sincerely,
Boone Junior Women's Club

Meeting in Soviet urges U. S. friendship.

U. S. suggests easing of Dominican sanctions.

State Fair Exhibit Stresses Health

Raleigh—Health in the atomic era, with special emphasis on radiation hazards, will be the theme around which the State Board of Health presents its exhibit at the North Carolina Trade Fair in Charlotte, October 12-21.

"Radiological Health Goals" is the official title of the exhibit, which is one of several to be presented at the trade event by state agencies which serve the public.

"We are in the market selling health," Dr. W. L. Wilson of the Occupational Health Section of the Board of Health points out. Noting that industrial production is directly dependent upon the health of manufacturing employees, Dr. Wilson cites the ever-increasing exposure to radiation which will result from increased civilian use of atomic energy.

The State Board of Health exhibit at Charlotte will show radiation detection measurement and surveillance instruments, and what the agency is doing to protect the health of North Carolina's citizens from radiation. Special emphasis will be placed on measures which will be taken when an accident occurs endangering life or health because of radiation.

WATER BILL SPEED-UP

Senate-House conferees reported agreement on a \$75,000,000, six-year program to speed the solution for an economical process to make fresh water out of sea and brackish water.

The compromise means a faster rate of spending than either branch had proposed.

There are five demonstration plants in this country, either completed or under construction.

Washington News

Washington, D. C. — President Charles DeGaulle of France was the most reluctant of the four Western leaders to agree to negotiate on the Berlin problem.

DeGaulle agreed to talks only after much prodding for it was his conviction that Nikita Khrushchev had created the crisis and should be responsible for getting out of it.

Though that view might have been wise, President John F. Kennedy and Prime Minister Harold MacMillan were not willing to run the risk of a serious outbreak of war by being aloof on negotiations.

The new deadline for settlement of the Berlin crisis now seems to be December. At least that's the date when Premier Khrushchev has set for the signing of a peace treaty between the Soviet Union and East Germany, and that's the date Poland has set for the signing of a treaty with East Germany.

In the meantime, the West and the East will meet to discuss Berlin. They are meeting to solve a crisis that many think is an artificial one. For Congressman Walter Judd, a Republican foreign policy expert in the House, the area of concern is what the talks will be about.

Judd is urging the government to take up the issue of the slave empire of the Soviet Union. He does not believe we should meet and negotiate with the Soviets if we are going to negotiate only on what they wish to talk about.

In other words, he says, why not talk about giving real freedom to the eastern European governments dominated by the Soviets? Why not talk about giving the people of East Germany free elections, and talk about unifying Germany.

If we are going to refuse to men-

tion these obvious world problems, we should not meet to discuss our remaining in West Berlin, he says.

Judd's point is well taken and the only reason why his views do not carry the official stamp of government policy is because we are now in an age of appealing the Soviet Union. Hard as it is to believe, we are appealing them just as we appealed the dictator in the 1930's.

And this time, as at that time, there are those who feel we must appease because we have fallen behind in the arms race. Russia is so far ahead of us, at this time, in the rockets field, it is said, that we are in danger of a war because the chances of Russian success are increasing almost month by month.

Also, our leaders are not capable of making tough and resolute decisions, which they stick by. The last powerful Secretary of State to have that ability was the late John Foster Dulles. But the Eisenhower Administration, in which he served, failed badly to keep pace with rockets and missiles and today the Kennedy Administration is not as strong as was the Eisenhower Administration, in its first year of power—1953.

And so, as Congress prepares to quit by the end of the month, the prospects are that we will meet with Soviet Premier Khrushchev in the next few months and make some concessions to his threats. This is a sad role for Uncle Sam, who, in 1945 was the most feared and unchallenged power in the world.

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