

Boone Choral Contest Will Be Held Friday

The Boone District Choral Contest will be held in the Fine Arts Building on the campus of Appalachian State Teachers College next Friday.

Junior High Band Will Play In State Contest

The Appalachian Junior High School Band, under the direction of George W. Kirsten, Jr., will journey to Hickory Saturday, March 9, to perform in the annual State Band Contest.

Public Now Aware Cancer Threat, Says McPherson

High Point—As recently as the turn of this century cancer was rarely reported outside medical journals, and public information about the disease hardly existed.



HOLT McPHERSON

"Now," says Mr. McPherson, "cancer has been brought into public awareness."

Four entertainment celebrities recently died within three weeks—all victims of cancer, Mrs. McPherson pointed out.

"Old wives' tales, superstitious beliefs and unreasoning fears about cancer are vanishing," he said.

"Knowing more about the nature of cancer," Mr. McPherson said, "people are now taking sensible precautions. The best way to deal with anxiety is to keep in mind the seven danger signals—and if your signal lasts longer than two weeks, go to your doctor."

"We are very fortunate to have Senator Irwin Belk of

Charlotte as Chairman of the 1963 life-saving Crusade. He is an active business and civic leader, President, Belk Enterprises, Inc., Charlotte, and vitally interested in education."

In view of what's said and done, how many little boys want to grow up and become President?



Pictured is a part of the members of the Boone Moose Lodge who traveled by chartered bus to Morganton recently, for the enrollment ceremony, held in honor of Moose Supreme Governor Gordon Jeffrey.—Flowers photo.

Moose Members Win Award For Largest Attendance At Area Meet

Boone Moose members, true to the promise they made prior to the gigantic enrollment ceremony, held on Feb. 25, in honor of Supreme Governor Gordon Jeffrey, returned to Boone the proud possessors of the \$25.00 check given to the lodge with the largest attendance at the affair.

Not only did Boone have the largest attendance and the largest group to be enrolled at Morganton, but the local lodge had the largest group in North Carolina to attend any of the five ceremonies in the state, held in Jeffrey's honor.

Members chartered a bus, and traveled to and from the affair in comfort. All who attended

had a wonderful time, and were very much impressed with the proceedings.

Although now in the process of completing the kitchen, the lodge is serving food, on a reservation and notification basis. More and more members are using the facilities of the lodge, and all paid-up members, (those in good-standing) are invited to participate.

A Legion Activities Committee is being formed of Legion of the Moose members, to further the cause of the Moose, and will meet the fourth Friday of each month. All Legion members are not only invited, but are expected to attend these meetings.

Applications are coming in from ladies interested in forming the Women of the Moose, an auxiliary of the Moose. All wives, mothers, sisters and daughters of members in good standing are eligible to join. Letters of commendation on the progress of the lodge have

been received from the Supreme Lodge, Regional Director, State Director, State Moose Association President, and from various Moose dignitaries. The forward march of the lodge in Boone in the last nine months has been inspiring and gratifying to the members, but, to a man, they say—"We aren't finished by a long shot, yet."

Steeplechase Meetings Highlight State's Sports Calendar For April

Three steeplechase meetings—one of them brand new this year—highlight North Carolina's vacation sports calendar for April.

On April 6, the 17th annual Block House Steeplechase at Tryon in the Blue Ridge mountain foothills open the hunt racing circuit. One week later, on Saturday, April 13, the 16th annual Stoneybrook Steeplechase is scheduled at Southern Pines in the Sandhills.

On April 27, steeplechasing makes its debut in the rolling Piedmont countryside, where a new racecourse has been constructed at Tanglewood Park near Winston-Salem.

All three steeplechase meetings are sanctioned by the National Steeplechase and Hunt Association and are sponsored by local non-profit groups for charitable causes.

For many years, colorful hunt races in early spring have climaxed the fox hunting and winter horse training seasons at Southern Pines and Tryon. The race course at Tryon loops thru portions of both North and South Carolina, and surrounds the famous Block House which was a frontier fortification in Revolutionary War Days.

Tanglewood Park is a newly-developed facility on a 1,200-acre estate which was a legacy from the late William Neal Reynolds to the people of his county. The Tanglewood steeplechase course, surrounding the

half-mile track where Mr. Reynolds' famous standardbreds were trained for major harness racing circuits, is the first hunt racing facility built in the United States in six years. Like the race courses at Southern Pines and Tryon, this one will provide plenty of parking space for spectators and is in a picturesque setting.

Top-rated thoroughbreds which go on to the winners' circles at Belmont, Saratoga and other northern tracks where steeplechasing is featured compete in North Carolina races. Many of them are trained in the Variety Vacationland State.

A dividend for racing fans who flock to the North Carolina meetings is that the steeplechase season coincides with the peak of spring blossom time.

A steeplechase meeting is just as much fun for casual observers as for experts who regularly follow the thoroughbred racing circuits. The scene at a spring steeplechase resembles a combination picnic, fashion show and family reunion. Although the day's racing doesn't begin until around 2 p.m., patrons begin arriving in mid-morning. They park their automobiles and station wagons—well stocked with picnic fare—and immediately begin feasting, visiting with friends, and comparing notes on their favorite horses and riders. Usually, there are special pre-post time events, like the band concerts at Stoneybrook. Sometimes there are mule or pony races, not sanctioned but always amusing.

Each of North Carolina's steeplechase meetings is in an area offering ideal possibilities for a spring vacation as well as

for a day at the races. Southern Pines and Pinehurst have a total of eight championship 18-hole golf courses, plus bridge paths, distinguished inns and motor lodges, and beautiful gardens. Tryon, famous for its mild Thermal Belt climate, has excellent visitor accommodations and a sporty nine-hole golf course as well as a network of riding trails. Tanglewood Park has an 18-hole golf course, ring and trail riding, playgrounds, fishing, a lodge and restaurant, and a deer park. In the nearby city of Winston-Salem, the 18th Century Moravian community of Old Salem is a distinguished historical attraction with many of its fine old buildings restored and open to visitors. Year around, there are free guided tours of the R. J. Reynolds cigarette manufacturing plants.

William Presnell Funeral Monday

William McKinley Presnell, 48, of Rt. 2, Banner Elk, died Saturday, March 2.

Surviving are the widow, Ruby Harmon Presnell of Banner Elk; three daughters, Maybelle, Cleo and Carrie Presnell, all of Banner Elk; two sons, Roy and Ralph Presnell, both of Banner Elk; and one sister, Mrs. Vinnie Harmon of Banner Elk.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p. m. Monday, March 4, by Elder Tom Ward at the Zion Primitive Baptist Church. Burial was in the Presnell cemetery.

Hereford Sale At Bristol, Va.

A joint announcement from Robert S. Orr, president of the Tri-State Hereford Association and the Virginia Hereford Association indicated their intention to hold a joint sale at Bristol, Va., on March 13. This will be the 18th Annual Spring Show and Sale for the Tri-State group and the fifth Annual Bull Sale for the Virginia group.

Fifty head of Herefords, both horned and polled, will be graded, shown and sold at the Purebred Sales Pavilion, located three miles north of Bristol on U. S. Route 11. Forty bulls and 10 heifers will make up the offering.

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