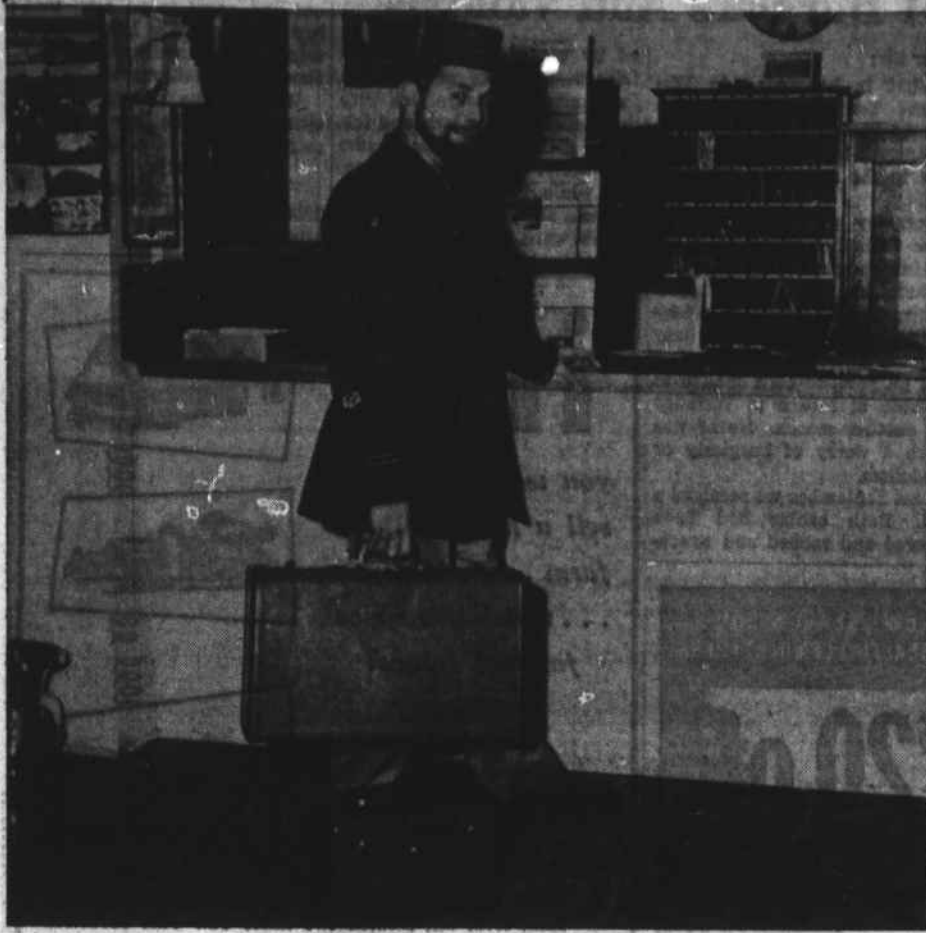


Wataugans At Work



BELL BOY.—Bearded Bryon Rippey, a 25-year-old senior at Appalachian State Teachers College, finds his activities as a student and as a bell hop at the Daniel Boone Hotel "enough to keep me hopping." A native of Shelby, Rippey is a 1959 graduate of Gardner Webb Junior College and is an Army veteran.

He is majoring in English and social studies as ASTC, plans to teach, and is an amateur photographer. Rippey has been working at the Daniel Boone Hotel since last August. The beard? "Just for curiosity's sake," he explained. "I've always wondered what I'd look like with a beard."—Staff photo.

Know The Weather

By E. H. SIMS

Is the hurricane season approaching? Does it coincide with the tornado season?

No, the season for hurricanes is still many months away. They come after the summer months, as a usual thing, in the fall, beginning possibly in September or late August but more often in October or late September.

The tornado season, on the other hand, is upon us. Tornadoes begin in the spring in most parts of the country. Already they have taken lives even though winter is not yet officially (or unofficially) over. By the time the hurricanes begin to brew, far out in the Caribbean or Gulf, the tornado season has passed.

The calmer, steadier, drier late summer and fall weather is the hurricane season. Tornadoes come in the spring months, when monthly precipitation is increasing in most parts of the country, as the thunderstorm period is ushered in with warmer weather.

Welfare Dept. Aims At Improved Program

"Our immediate responsibility in public welfare is to concentrate on improving the programs now in operation by securing and retaining adequate and qualified staff in each county in order to strengthen public welfare administration all along the line," declared R. Eugene Brown, Acting Commissioner of Public Welfare in North Carolina today. Brown was appointed when Dr. Ellen Winston, North Carolina Public Welfare Commissioner for 18 years, accepted the post of U. S. Commissioner of Public Welfare.

"County boards, county directors of public welfare and their staffs are carrying heavy and continuing responsibilities in a commendable manner," said Commissioner Brown, "but counties have too limited staff in most instances."

Pointing out that public welfare services are geared to help conserve and strengthen human resources, Brown stated that



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staff with sufficient training and experience to work constructively with the many human problems brought to county departments of public welfare is necessary to the program.

Since 1917, when the basic services or extended services organization of the public welfare program was enacted into law by the legislature, every biennial session of the General Assembly has provided new

BACK FROM EUROPE

The U. S. has withdrawn about 15,000 support troops from Europe in recent months, according to the Defense Department.

Present U. S. Army strength in Europe is about 255,000.

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We wish to express our deepest gratitude to our many friends and neighbors for the many acts of kindness and sympathy shown during the illness and death of our beloved husband and father.—Mrs. Willie F. Miller and family.

Drinking And Speeding Lead List Of Traffic Violations In Carolina

Traffic! In North Carolina, it's pretty awesome—2,100,000 motor vehicles, 2,000,000 drivers, 71,000 miles of highway.

The economic loss (property damage, funerals, insurance claims, etc.)—\$200,000,000. Travel mileage, still to be computed, is estimated at 20 billion miles.

And there were 1318 traffic deaths, a probably 36,500 injuries.

Rounding out the picture are the mistakes committed by drivers; careless, deliberate or unknowing errors which resulted in the withdrawal of legal driving privileges for 39,957 drivers in 1962.

Statisticians of the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles have summarized the bulk of the license revokable traffic offenses last year. They are pretty awesome, too.

Most drivers would probably guess drinking and speeding as the principal violations. They are right. The two offenses shared top billing in the vehicle agency's long list of lost licenses.

Leading were the imbibers, including two and three time losers, with a total of 8,967 revocations for the year. Driving under the influence rates a mandatory loss of license upon conviction.

Speeders hurried into second place with 9,054 cases, most of them (3,005) in the "over 75 mph" category.

Another 2,425 persons risked driving while their license was under suspension and incurred additional penalties, the report showed.

There were 5,298 non-insured

motorists put on the sidelines for failing to make security deposits after being involved in an accident. And similarly, another 5,422 operators had their licenses taken up for not keeping liability insurance in force as required by law.

At the small end of the report one driver lost his license for aiding and abetting in highway racing, one for aiding and abetting in speeding over 70 mph and another for the same offense involving speeding over 55 mph in the city.

Other highlights of the report included the following dispositions:

- 1,861 licenses suspended under the point system (including repeaters).
- 1,295 as a result of court judgment.
- 421 for two offenses or reckless driving.
- 373 for improper use of driver license.
- 264 for larceny of automobile.
- 235 for highway racing, including pre-arranged.
- 210 for transporting intoxicants.
- Miscellaneous violations round-

ed out the total.

The vehicles agency noted in its license suspension activities that it didn't act entirely without fair warning for borderline drivers.

Included in the yearly summary were 85,727 "advisory" letters sent first class to drivers with one conviction of reckless driving, one conviction of speeding over 55 mph and those with four points accumulated under the point suspension program.

Officials explained that in the speeding and reckless driving categories, licenses may be suspended for a second conviction on similar charges incurred within a 12 month period.

Under the point system, 12 points are grounds for suspension.

The agency said reckless drivers received 8,144 warnings, speeders 38,589 warnings and point violators 38,994.

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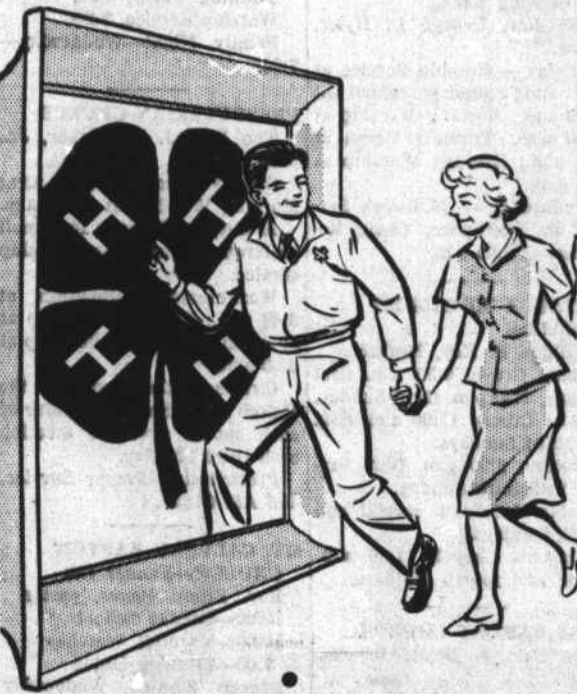
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