

Wataugans At Work



STATION ATTENDANT.—After 10 years of experience with a Hickory filling station, J. B. Biggs moved to Boone last June to join the personnel of Shirley and Ragan Esso on Hardin Street. Married to the former Miss Nell Holden of Newland, Biggs has three children: Linda Carol, 14; Michael, 10; and Debra, 7. Biggs is a graduate of Southern Vocational Institute, a mechanics school in Hickory. He and his family are members of the Newland Baptist Church.

Area To Profit By Proposed New Plant In Winston-Salem

Winston-Salem. — Fairchild Stratos Corporation, aerospace and electronics firm with headquarters in Hagerstown, Md., will establish a branch plant at Winston-Salem's Smith Reynolds airport, the company and the Northwest North Carolina Development Association announced here Wednesday (March 27).

Members of North Carolina's Congressional delegation joined civic and business leaders at a public ceremony and press conference at the Hotel Robert E. Lee to welcome the firm to the area.

Company officials, at that time, revealed how the efforts of local agencies, "the availability of a skilled, industrious work force," and the existence of a modern airport led to the decision to locate in Winston-Salem.

Fairchild Stratos has operating divisions and branch plants in Maryland, New York, Florida, and California. It builds F-27 propjet transports now in service with Piedmont and seven other U. S. airlines. The company's 4,000 employees are engaged also in a number of defense, space and commercial programs—primarily in the field of aircraft, missiles and satellites.

Operations, with an initial work force of several hundred employees, are expected to begin late this year.

John L. Graber (Gray-ber), Fairchild's corporate secretary and general counsel, made the official announcement. North Carolina's Senator B. Everett Jordan and Rep. Ralph J. Scott joined with Rep. James T. Broyhill (ninth district) in expressing their appreciation to the company for choosing Northwest North Carolina for their new plant site.

Broyhill remarked, "There is an old saying, 'Everybody's talking about the weather, but no one is doing anything about it.' By the same token, no long ago 'Everyone was talking about new industry, but no one was doing anything about it.'"

"But that cannot be said now. The counties, communities, and the citizens of Northwest North Carolina are working together to make a better place in which to live."

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BROYHILL SPEAKS. — Watauga's and the ninth district's representative to Congress, James T. Broyhill, joined two fellow Washington colleagues March 27 in Winston-Salem to express thanks and welcome to officials of Fairchild Stratos, a new industry which has chosen the Twin City as the site for its newest plant. Senator B. Everett Jordan is seated in the left foreground with Rep. Ralph J. Scott of the fifth district on his right. To the left is a portion of the listeners who attended the 45-minute ceremony. — Watauga Democrat photos.

State Dentist Aids Students

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Dr. Rantis began working in other areas of the District Health Department on January 14. At this time he will spend only five weeks in Watauga county before going to Avery county for the month of May after which he will return to Watauga county.

The four counties of Alleghany, Ashe, Watauga, and Avery will be employing Dr. Rantis full time. During the summer months appointments will be made for him in an office of the Health Center. During the school year working with grades one through six, he not only lectures on oral hygiene to the school children, but screens all pupils for dental needs.

Treatment as far as possible is referred to the family dentist; however, for children who are not able to get private care, he provides corrective services with special emphasis on saving permanent teeth. Of course he finds it necessary to do some extractions also.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends for the many expressions of thoughtfulness, in food, flowers and visit during the illness and death of our husband and father, Grant Greene. — Mrs. Grant Greene and Son.

AHS Juniors At Yearbook Clinic At E. Tenn. Univ.

Several Appalachian High School juniors and prospective members of the 1964 LAUREL staff attended a yearbook clinic which was held at East Tennessee State University, Johnson, Tennessee, Tuesday, March 27.

The clinic featured a review of the basic aspects of yearbook publishing, including planning and content, layout, photography, art work, copy writing, copy fitting, staff organization, and methods of financing.

The event was attended by approximately 250 high school yearbook members from Southwest Virginia, Western North Carolina, and East Tennessee. The clinic was conducted by Mr. Andre Arceneaux, Director of Publications for East Tennessee State University and was sponsored by the American Yearbook Company. The program started at 9:30 a. m. and lasted until 3:00 p. m.

Those attending from Appalachian High School were Alton Johnson, Chuck Blanton, Johnny Stacy, Johnny Parker, Eric DeGroat, Martha Moretz, Betsy Isley, Barbara Mast, and the sponsor, Mr. Harlan Ledford.

DEMOCRAT ADS PAY

260 Farmers Sign To Divert Corn Acreage

Final results of the 1963 feed grain sign-up which ended March 22, 1963 show 260 farmers signed with the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service office to divert

725 acres of corn to some soil conserving crop. Total payments if all of these farmers comply with the program will exceed \$29,000 for the diverted acreage. In addition farmers who

signed and are permitted under their contract to grow corn will be paid a price support of 18 cents per bushel based on the established yield for their farm.

Farmers who participate in the 1963 feed grain program have agreed to set the acreage aside and not graze or harvest anything from the land from May 1 to November 1, 1963. The farmer is assured an income from his land and he can put the land to conservation uses which will certainly protect and help to restore any lost fertility on the soil and make it available for future crop production.

The ASCS office will measure the diverted acreage and corn planted during performance sometime during the spring or summer on each farm in the program.

Dr. Whitener Gets NCEA Post

Dr. D. J. Whitener, dean of Appalachian State Teachers College, was recently elected president of the Division of Higher Education of the North Carolina Education Association.

The election took place at the recent NCEA annual convention held in Asheville.

Dr. Whitener, who served as vice president of the group last year, succeeds Dr. Leopold Hayes of High Point College. He will serve in the office for one year.

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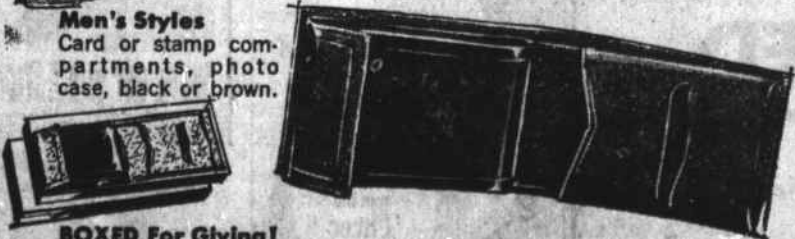
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