

“Dennis” Has More Fun Than Anyone

By RACHEL RIVERS

Jay North, television's Dennis the Menace, is having more fun than anyone while appearing every day through Saturday at Tweetsie Railroad.

My first question upon arriving at Tweetsie was: "Where is he?"

"Oh, he's around here somewhere!" a helpful gentleman beamed. "You just walk up through the village there. He's likely to be about anywhere."

"He", I found, is only a television kind of menace, leading Sunday night television watchers into hysterics with his harmless, well-meant mischief. "He", actually, is the most energetic ball of strip-shirted, tennis-shod boy around.

"Does he really get to be a 10-year-old boy much of the time, or are his waking hours usually spent at work?" I asked, and Jay's dramatics coach and uncle, Hal Hopper—himself an actor, began to tell me just what all a boy of that age, who happens to be a star, really does.

First of all, he hasn't really learned the distinction between being an average boy and the star performer of a television series. Under Hopper's guidance, Jay, a resident of North Hollywood, has been training as a child actor since the age of six.

However, because he is a natural at acting, he is able to devote most of his time to school and play... "baseball, ponies, the things all kinds his age like," said Hopper. "Just watching him, you'll find that out." So I watched him. As Tweetsie pulled out of the station, Jay waved to the crowds, and one woman with two cam-

eras around her neck clasped her hands over her head and sighed: "Oh, loooooook... there he is," as photographers appeared from every angle to get a shot of the young man with blond bangs. But he just waved and smiled, generally having himself a ball, and more free rides on Tweetsie than anyone, I guess.

He didn't seem at all affected by the attention he was getting. While Tweetsie tooted and whistled her way around the track, Jay North spent some time going from car to car, signing slips of paper, talking with the people, and wearing a big happy smile.

And when the conductors shot down two holdup men making off with the Well's Fargo loot, Jay ran out to revive the dying cowboys, to no avail, while moms and dads laughed at his frolics and youngsters wished him luck with silent wondering eyes.

One pretty honey-haired baby began to cry.

On the way back to the station, he hung over the rails with the other children, watching the ties slide under the train, occasionally reaching out for leaves closest to the cars, and grinning at the mechanized bears having their picnic lunch.

Once at the station, he was out in the crowd. People mingled with him and some caught his arm to say a quick hello. And he gladly took time to pose on a platform so proud mummies and daddys could get a shot of him with junior.

In my estimation, he certainly wasn't working. As I left, I heard his Uncle Hopper ask him if he wanted to ride the train

again. "I sure do!" he shouted, running along the track to the rear car.

The "good neighbor" policy might be applied with some benefit in Boone by all of our citizens.

Never get into heated discussions with uninformed associates. The worst thing you can do is be right.

The odd thing about most hot tips at the track is the fellow who supplies them.



OFFICERS of the recently opened First National Bank of Boone are (l-r) James E. Rhodes, cashier; G. R. Andrews, president; S. C. Eggers, Sr., chairman of the board; and Sam W. Dixon, executive vice president. The bank is a member of the Federal Reserve System.

Sossamon Will Speak As ASTC Alumni Assn. Is Honored At 'Horn'

Officers and the alumni council of the 7,300-member Appalachian State Teachers College Alumni Association will be honored at "Alumni Night" at the Horn in the West production on Saturday, July 20, it was announced today by John Corey, alumni director at ASTC.

These officers will be honored for their contributions to the local college and the area in general.



LEROY SOSSAMON

Dr. W. H. Plemmons, president of Appalachian College, will introduce Alumni President Leroy Sossamon of Bryson City. President Sossamon will speak briefly to the group attending the drama at the Daniel Boone Theatre.

The alumni officers and council members will meet on the college campus at 11 a. m. Saturday to discuss and plan a program of alumni work for the coming year.

Other officers expected to attend the meeting in addition to

Sossamon and Corey will be Miles Annas, Charlotte, president-elect; Dr. Roy Wilson, Charlotte, past president; Mrs. Dagna Gantt McSwain, Albemarle, vice-president; Mrs. Ann Carroll Blackburn, Boone, secretary-treasurer; and Bob Allen of Appalachian College, headline director.

Members of the advisory council expected to attend are Garnet Clark, Winston-Salem; Dr. Hugh Daniel, Waynesville; Mark Davis, Hickory; A. H. Felton, Garner; Dr. Francis Hoover, Boone; E. G. Lackey, Winston-Salem; John Nantz, Greensboro; Jack Park, Charlotte; Jack Ruffing, Greensboro; Ralph Sinclair, Troutman; Ray Walker, Sparta; and Charles Walters, Shelby.

Local folks are extending every courtesy to the families of the alumni organization. The families will have an opportunity to ride "Tweetsie", the narrow-gauge railroad as guests of owner Grover Robbins of Blowing Rock.

The alumni are invited to swim in the indoor pool in the new physical education building on the campus with faculty members Robert "Red" Watkins and Ronny Brooks serving as hosts.

Mayor Wade Brown of Boone and golf pro Joe Maples will serve as playing hosts at the Boone Golf Course for the visitors.

Barnard Dougherty, vice-president of ASTC, has invited the alumni officers to lunch in the college cafeteria as guests of the college.

Farmers in Watauga County will make no mistake in raising the foods and feeds they need on their farms.

Arab Lad Pays Surprise Visit To Kepharts

Dr. and Mrs. A. P. Kephart had a surprise visitor last weekend. On a visit to Jerusalem six years ago, while staying at the Orient Hotel, a boy of about 12 years of age, a Christian Arab, attached himself to them and followed about trying to pick up some English so that he could some day come to the United States. He later wrote to them as his "American Parents", but not in recent years. Joseph Abdullah had since graduated from the American University in Beirut, Lebanon and had now secured a teaching fellowship at UCLA in Los Angeles, to teach Arabic and was on his way to California to specialize in electronic engineering. He was being sponsored by another traveling friend from Richmond. Because that sponsor was in South America when Joseph stopped at Richmond to confer with him, he was having some difficulty in this big foreign land, so he stopped by to get advice.

Gideons Will Have Field Day In Watauga Co.

The Lenoir Camp of Gideons, International will have a Field Day in Watauga County Sunday, Aug. 4. Gideons from Western North Carolina and South Carolina will assemble at Rumble Memorial Presbyterian Church in Blowing Rock for a prayer meeting at 8 a. m. before going to their assignments. The Gideons have distributed over 53 million Bibles and Testaments over the world and are now trying to reach all school children in this county. Any church desiring to have a Gideon speak in their church on August 4 contact Mr. W. E. Love, CY 5-2856.

Legion Ladies Have Meeting

The American Legion Auxiliary, Watauga Post No. 130 met at the Legion Hut Friday July 12. Mrs. Ralph Greer, president, presided and prayer was led by Mrs. Troy Norris.

Mrs. Lionel Ward reported a contribution sent to the Veteran's Hospital at Oteen for nursery playground equipment.

A covered dish supper was planned on Aug. 23 in honor of the Gold Star mothers. Mrs. Greer gave an interesting program on Girl's State. The Legion joined them for refreshments at the close of the meeting.

Advertisement for Grandfather Mountain featuring a scenic view of the mountain and text: "ENJOY THE NEW VISITOR CENTER ATOP GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN PARKWAY - U. S. 221 AT LINVILLE. Carolina's Top Scenic Attraction"

Advertisement for Engine Rebuilding and Motor Parts. Text includes: "ENGINE REBUILDING", "Don't tolerate a winter-wearing gas-and-oil hog that's robbing performance and driving pleasure.", "Valve & Head Grinding", "Pin & Sleeve Fitting", "Brake Drum Turning", "Repairs to SMALL ENGINES", "Lawn Mowers - Tillers - Scooters", "All Kinds Engine-Powered Equipment", "MOTOR PARTS AND SUPPLY COMPANY, INC.", "120 N. Depot St.—AM 4-8832 Boone, N. C."

Advertisement for Model Home Plans. Text includes: "Model Home Plans Call For Model Financing Plans!", "Just as important as the right kind of blueprints for your home is the right kind of financing plan. Whether you are building a new home or buying an existing home, it will pay you to investigate our mortgage loans. Let us show you how we can bring the over-all cost of financing your home down to the lowest possible figure, on terms you can readily handle out of current income."

Advertisement for Hunt's Annual July Clearance Sale. Text includes: "HUNT'S ANNUAL JULY Clearance Sale CONTINUES", "Up To 50% Reductions On All Summer Merchandise", "HUNT'S DEPT. STORE", "East King Street - Boone, N. C."

Advertisement for Watauga Savings & Loan Association. Text includes: "Watauga Savings & Loan Association", "OPPOSITE POST OFFICE", "BOONE, N. C.", and a list of Officers and Directors: H. Grady Farthing, President; Walter Greene; Howard Mast; R. C. Rivers, Jr., Vice-President; H. F. Holshouser; W. M. Matheson; James Marsh, Secretary-Treasurer; Guy Hunt; Wayne Richardson.