

Picnic, Tour Of Camp Add To Senior Citizen Meet

It would have taken more than inclement weather to dampen the spirits of the Senior Citizens who met at the Kephart home at Camp Yonahlossee on Friday.

An outside picnic had been planned but the rain poured down so as the guests kept coming Mrs. Kephart kept putting up card tables all over the house until everyone was comfortably seated for lunch.

At the last meeting Dr. Kephart had shown colored slides of Camp Yonahlossee which made everyone anxious to see the camp activities with his own eyes. So as soon as lunch was over and the rain had ceased, everyone went down to the camp where they were given a conducted tour by the councilors and some of the specially selected campers. Everyone was much impressed with the wonderful opportunity Camp Yonahlossee gives young girls from 7 to 17 of learning self reliance in the many and varied activities of camp life.

There is horseback riding on 40 horses in three separate riding rings; crafts of many kinds, particularly hand weaving; water sports, first swimming in a lovely heated pool, then boating and finally water skiing on Watauga Lake. For the older girls, when they are properly qualified, there are over-night camping trips. A well equipped infirmary takes care of any illness that may occur and a chapel on the hilltop proves that the spiritual side of life is not neglected.

Goodbyes were said to Miss Jeter and Mrs. McCord, the present owners of the camp, who served light refreshments to the departing guests.

Announcement was made of the appointment of a committee consisting of Mrs. Homer Brown and Mrs. Pearl Bingham to work in cooperation with the county chairman, Dr. Kephart, to plan programs for the monthly meetings and decide on places of meeting. The August meeting will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Goodman on Snowbird Cliffs and the program chairman is Mrs. Pearl Bingham. Mrs. Bingham announced that everyone will be expected to come dressed as they might have dressed to go to school half a century ago and

relive a day in the schools of that time. Old text books, slates and tin dinner pails will be the order of the day. A stern school master will be selected to teach reading, 'ritin' and 'rithmetic, to be taught to the tune of a hickory stick.

The guests who enjoyed the hospitality of the Kephart home and of Camp Yonahlossee were:

Mrs. Blanche Payne, Ed Farthing, Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Farthing, Mrs. Walter Johnson, Mrs. W. D. Farthing, Mrs. L. L. Bingham, Mrs. Carter Farthing, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Cook, Mrs. J. C. Farthing, Miss Cora Pearl Jeffcoat, Mrs. Pearl Bingham, Mrs. B. J. Council, Mr. and Mrs. C. Q. Drummond, Mrs. Mabel Brown, Mrs. J. L. Goodnight, Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Ray.

Mrs. Maude Estes, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Goodman, Mrs. Eva Cox, Eugene N. Apel, Sr., Louis E. Finlin, Mrs. Linda Hines, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Burlingame, Mrs. Maud Sears, Dr. and Mrs. H. R. Reed, Dr. and Mrs. A. P. Kephart, Miss Bertha Beyer, Dr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Price, Mr. and Mrs. John S. Milne.

Low-Cost Power Committee To Have Two Watauga Co. Members

The North Carolina Consumers Committee for Low-Cost Power will remain on an active basis, according to a statement today by the committee chairman, Robert W. Scott of Haw River.

The state-wide group was established during the early days of the General Assembly to generate public support for legislation designed to insure low-cost power to the electric consumer and to keep the public informed of utility proposals in the General Assembly.

"There are a number of matters of public interest and concern that need looking into," Scott said. "The best method for determining utility rates is still unresolved. Whether the utility companies use the fair value, end result or prudent investment method is something that affects every consumer when he pays his utility bill.

"The consuming public needs to have the real facts concerning the continued overcharges by the private power companies

and the tax subsidies they receive from the federal government," Scott stated. "Our committee will seek to present these facts to the public in a clear and understandable way."

Referring to the recent session of the General Assembly, Scott said, "The legislature failed to resolve the issues of the costly duplication of power facilities between electric cooperatives and private companies, the municipal annexation of electric cooperative systems and the taxation of cooperatives.

"These are pressing problems" he continued, "and it is quite likely the 1965 Legislature will again be confronted with them. These issues would have been solved this year except for the efforts of the powerful private power lobby to distort and confuse the public. They do not want these issues settled.

"An example of this is shown by the fact that the private power companies vigorously opposed a bill to tax the electric

cooperatives, even though they repeatedly charge that the co-ops pay no taxes. They know that if the plan is put into effect, they will have lost their biggest propaganda weapon against the co-ops. Apparently they don't want the co-ops taxed in spite of their loud cries to the contrary."

Serving on the state committee, in addition to Scott, are Glen Palmer, Sr. of Clyde, D. W. "Dick" Welsh of Clinton and Eric W. Rodgers of Scotland Neck.

Serving on the local Watauga County Committee are Clyde R. Greené, Boone, and Clyde Perry of Sugar Grove.



STUDENTS GATHER IN FRONT OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

School . . . Is A Crowd

By LAURA F. CHURCH

School is a crowded hallway . . . just try to go the other way against the horde of milling students and you'll be stopped cold, nipped in the bud . . . population and old buildings and eager boys and girls and teachers with rooms bursting at the seams . . . no room for them in the school . . . quality education and not room to house it in . . . school is Appalachian High . . . school is a crowd . . .

School is a report card . . . "Hal is an outstanding pupil." . . . (means that he's standing out in the hall and won't come in).

"It's a pleasure to work with Hal." . . . (just try working against him!)

"A very resourceful pupil at all times." . . . (brings his own mop, can use his own hanky, and can find his pencil if it's right where he knows he left it) . . . school is a report card . . .

School is an anxious Mama . . . "Junior is a timid child . . . if you ever need to correct him for anything, just scold the one next to him, and that will bring Junior around . . . make sure that the other kids don't run over him . . . and see that he has on his hat-and-coat-and-gloves when he's outdoors. . . I'll come over at recess and see that he's treated right by the others" . . . school is a Mama . . .

School is Prof. Greene and his diary . . . 1920: "I have had a fine time during this session of summer school. I have worked, and that is good for a man. At the chapel hour a movement is started to have the portraits of B. B. Dougherty and D. D. Dougherty painted for the school. Small amounts from students and friends go into this fund." . . . school is Prof. Greene.

1933: "Today on class I continue my work on oral composition, and I mean to make a success of it. Of course, some of my students are timid, and

others are indifferent, but in time I shall have them talking. A fellow cannot play with me all the time." . . . Prof. Greene. School is a slate . . . when teacher sees your sums, you spit on it and there's a clean slate for more sums if you wipe it good . . . the little boy in the next seat wants to steal your slate and put a secret message for you . . . carry your books home for you, he asks? . . . school is romance . . . you are a princess . . . he carries your books home . . . he gives you his knife to carry and treasure because it's his . . . school is a slate and love and romance . . .

School is a letter . . . "dear teacher I am glad you wuz my teacher last year you lernt me a hole lot and I preshate all you done for me", you treasure the letter and spend some time in wondering what the real values are . . . you decide they are love and compassion and tenderness and a little book-learning interspersed here and there . . . yes, a letter is school . . .

School is college . . . and college students . . . Mr. Greene's Diary: "The impressive thing is that these students do not work much. They do not follow instructions. When a thing is explained, they do not try to grasp the meaning. I am a little resentful. How can they take so much drill and comprehend so little! They do not know the meaning of the simplest words!" . . . 1933 . . . college is school . . .

Report said?—"We feel that Hall is improving in his attitude toward other boys and girls." . . . (we haven't seen any kicking lately, just some pretty punchy fisticuffs) . . . a slate? "You were my queen

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to our friends for their many expressions of sympathy at the death of our husband and father.—The Dock S. Ragan Family.

in calico, I was your bashful barefoot beau, you wrote on my slate—"A Mama? "Thank you, Miss Jones, for all you did for my little boy." . . . and mamas are wonderful! . . . a crowd? Help! Help! . . . school is all this and more . . .

Weed Penalty 44c Per Pound

The rate of penalty on excess burley tobacco for the 1963-64 marketing year has been announced by the United States Department of Agriculture.

The burley penalty rate is 44 cents per pound. The penalty rate is based on the average marketing price for 1962-63 and other factors. The average price per pound was 58.5 cents for 1962-63 season.

There have been no farms remaining in excess and therefore no farmers paying penalty on excess tobacco in the past few years in Watauga County.

This is the time of year when it's nice to watch the sun come up in the morning—after a night's sleep, that is.

OIL INCREASE

World production of crude petroleum rose from 8,188,000,000 barrels (42 gallons each) in 1961 to 8,798,000,000 in 1962, with gains in all the principal producing areas, according to the Bureau of Mines.

A memorandum prepared annually for Congress estimated also that the proved reserves of crude petroleum in the world now amount to 294,400,000,000 barrels.

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Annual X-Ray Unit Visit To Start Local Checking Today

The annual visit of the X-ray Mobile Unit will begin at 11 a. m. Thursday, July 25th, on King Street in Boone to provide free chest X-rays for the people of Watauga.

Free chest X-rays are provided with the cooperation of the local and state health departments and Watauga Tuberculosis Assn. The free service will be provided only on King Street for people 15 years and older, beginning July 25th and continuing to August 3rd. The mobile will be open daily from 11 a. m. to 5 p. m. However, the X-ray unit will not be open on Sunday or Monday.

An annual chest X-ray is important to insure good health. Any hacking cough or shortness of breath could be an early danger signal. The free chest X-ray is a "checking procedure" and every person is advised of the results with prompt referrals to his family physician, should it be warranted.

"You can't live if you can't breathe," points out Mrs. Herman Wilcox, vice president of the Watauga Tuberculosis Assn. Any breathing difficulty and especially shortness of breath, are definite danger signals to be watched by everyone. Time is short, Mrs. Wilcox said, and a free chest X-ray is yours for

a few moments of your time; no one over 15 years old should fall to get a free chest X-ray.

FEDERAL AID

Twenty-six universities and colleges, a national cross-section, have unanimously concluded that Federal aid has been "highly beneficial" to them, despite some problems.

In a recently released study they suggested that the Government expand the scope of its support beyond limited, science-based programs.

The study was financed by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

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