

Says Welfare Office Offers Many Special Services To Aged

Dave P. Mast, County Director of Public Welfare, stated today that the local county department of public welfare offers many special services to older citizens.

The Special Week on Aging, by proclamation of Governor Sanford, is September 19-21, and is being sponsored by the Governor's Coordinating Committee on Aging.

Under the program of old age assistance, financial help is available to needy aged persons who meet eligibility requirements. County Director Mast stated that there are also many non-financial services for aged persons regardless of their economic situation. These include helping older persons who have no families to work out a satisfactory way of life, visits by caseworkers to licensed homes for the aged to help the operators of the homes

better provide for the needs of the residents, and help for older persons in selecting the home best suited to their needs.

In many counties homemaker services for the aged makes it possible for older persons to remain in their own homes by providing a little help with daily tasks which they cannot manage alone.

"There has been a great increase in the aged population of our State in the last decade," pointed out County Welfare Director Mast. "In North Carolina today there are approximately 335,000 persons 65 years of age or older. Many of these people are unable to provide for themselves from an economic point of view. The services in the county departments of public welfare in our State are giving increased emphasis to the needs of the

Fall Colors To Reach Peak For Homecoming

A golden fall carpet in the valley below Rich Mountain and Howards Knob is expected for the annual Appalachian Homecoming on October 26.

The foliage is due to reach its peak for the two-day campus festivities which will include honor class reunions, a luncheon, colorful displays, movies, a dance, parade, football game, campus open house, fellowship hour, touchdown dinner and Alumni Golf Tournament.

One of the largest alumni groups in the history of the college is expected to attend the big homecoming. The alumni will have an opportunity to see and attend a football game in the most beautiful outdoor stadium to be found anywhere.

The entire Appalachian family—students, faculty and administration—again join together to make this year's homecoming events the greatest ever.

Alumni registration begins at 8 p.m. in the official Homecoming Alumni Headquarters on the campus. The Alumni President's Breakfast begins at 8:30 a.m.

Musical Notes will break the clear mountain air at 10 a.m. as the fast-stepping ASTC college band and other bands start the traditional parade through Boone. Bands, floats, pretty coeds, alumni and college officials will follow a route down Boone's main street and through the campus. Various clubs on campus will contribute floats for the parade.

At 11 the faculty will greet alumni at an open house.

Leroy Sossamon of Bryson City, president of the Alumni Association, will preside at the Homecoming Luncheon.

Dr. Amos Abrams, editor and assistant executive secretary of NORTH CAROLINA EDUCATION, will speak at the luncheon. He will speak on the "Romance of Appalachia."

Special tables will be reserved for honor classes at the luncheon. Holding their reunions will be Classes '33, '38, '43, '48, '53, '58.

Alumni officers for 1963-64 will be installed.

Special awards will be made at the luncheon to the Alumni Chapter of the Year, and to the individual who has made the greatest contribution to alumni work in his local chapter or the alumni association as a whole. Selections for the awards will be made by the Alumni Council and the chapter presidents.

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Foster Family Reunion Held

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Paul Foster, president; Howard Foster, vice-president; and Mrs. Bill Foster, secretary-treasurer, will serve for another year as officers.

Among those present were Mrs. Mildred Blair from Linville; Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Sumers, Mrs. Gladys S. Bowman, and Mrs. Jack Thompson, all of Greensboro; Mr. and Mrs. Orville Foster and family from Vilas; Mr. and Mrs. James Foster and family from Deep Gap; Mr. and Mrs. Hansel Aldridge and family from Charlotte; Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Foster and Diana from Boone; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Foster from Boone; Mrs. Mary Fennell, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Foster, Billie, and Cissie from Blowing Rock; Becky Eller; and Mary Gail Foster.

VA Forms To Be Returned Before Oct. 31

Dependent parents of deceased servicemen receiving death compensation were reminded by the Watauga County Veterans Service Officer, Mr. J. W. Norris, that the special dependency questionnaire received with their VA checks on September 1, must be completed and returned to the VA before October 31.

At the time parents were placed on the compensation rolls, they were definitely determined to be dependent. The purpose of the questionnaire is to establish the fact that they have continued to be dependent and are still eligible for payment, according to Mr. Norris.

Assistance in completing the questionnaire may be obtained from the Watauga County Veterans Office located in the Court House Annex at Boone, or from Mr. Robert F. Currence, District Officer of the North Carolina Veterans Commission, 202 Frye Building, Hickory, N. C.


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