

Area To Share In \$14 Million Drive On Poverty

Governor Terry Sanford of North Carolina Monday announced a sweeping, 14 million dollar campaign by the State against a multitude of social ills, in an attack against educational and economic problems that have trapped many citizens in what Sanford called a "cycle of poverty."

Watauga County, Sanford said, has already submitted tentative plans for its part in the important new program, along with three other mountain counties singled out as being in direct need of state aid—Mitchell, Yancey, and Avery.

Fund officials have stated that such mountain counties as Watauga seem to have "the heaviest concentrations" of unemployment, school dropouts, illiteracy, poor housing and low income, and have therefore been selected as the most immediate targets areas for the campaign.

The program, tentatively planned for five years in duration but destined perhaps to last as long as desperate need exists in any part of the state, is financed by a seven million dollar grant by the Ford Foundation (the largest amount it has ever given to a statewide cause), as well as heavy backing from two Winston-Salem foundations, the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation and the Mary Reynolds Babcock Foundation. The rest of the money, Sanford said, is "in sight from matching funds."

The governor made clear that the campaign will be a joint effort between the fund and the communities that are chosen to receive aid, with the localities planning and administering their own programs. Pilot projects will probably include Watauga County.

Though the plan as yet lacks specifics, such projects as these have been mentioned: preschool training for children from disadvantaged homes, better vocational training, adult education, additional health programs, improved libraries, expanded recreation programs and employment aids.

The fund will sponsor one statewide project immediately—a four million dollar program to improve the teaching of reading, writing and arithmetic in the first three elementary school grades. Half the money for this will come from the Ford Foundation, the rest from localities.



Autumn Paints Hills And Valleys

The peaks of Grandfather Mountain and other high points in the North Carolina mountains are again ablaze with the beauty of Autumn colors. The best color at high elevations

is during early October, and later in the month the brilliance of the foliage reaches to the valleys and foothills.—Morton photo.

Truck Damaged In Freak Fire

A 1966 GMC truck belonging to J. C. Greene of Boone caught fire Saturday morning at about 11 o'clock as Greene was dumping a load of trash onto a small fire at the city trash dump, resulting in about \$50 damage to the vehicle, reported Boone Fire Department Chief R. D. Hodges, Jr.

Greene said that as he dumped the load of rubber dust and cardboard boxes onto the fire, the transmission stuck in reverse and he was unable to move the truck away from the newly-fed blaze. Damages to the truck included the loss of four rear tires, hydraulic lines and wiring, and burned-out floor and sideboards on the truck bed.

G. O. P. women enthusiastic over Goldwater.

Blue Ridge Foliage Bright For Train Trip

West Jefferson—Trees in the Blue Ridge are now promising their best show in bright colors for the annual Autumn Leaf Train Excursion which will run from West Jefferson to Bristol, Va., and return on Oct. 13.

Mrs. Ed M. Anderson, general chairman, said that reservations were coming in from many points in North Carolina as well as other states. Some have come in from Knoxville, Tenn., Augusta, Ga., Roanoke, Va., and many places in North Carolina, including as far east as Wilmington, Goldsboro and Greenville.

The excursion is sponsored by the West Jefferson Woman's Club. Plenty of tickets were reported available last week. They must be purchased in ad-

vance so that arrangements can be made for lunches and other facilities. Tickets with lunch and without lunch are available.

Special features of the event will include country music and square dancing Saturday evening for those going on the excursion and a visit to the Bartter Theater in Abingdon, Va., while en route.

The train will leave West Jefferson at 9 a. m. and return about 5:30 p. m.

A special morning devotional service will be held at White Top Mountain Sunday morning.

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Jaycettes Have Sept. Meeting

The Boone Jaycettes had their September meeting at the Presbyterian Youth Center. We wish to extend our appreciation to the Rev. J. K. Parker for the opportunity of using this building.

In the absence of our president, Mrs. Wade Wilmoth, our first vice president, Mrs. Frank Steele called the meeting to order. The treasurer's report was given by Mrs. Bob McFarland. We discussed several items of business including the beauty pageant. Mrs. Ronny Phillips introduced our speaker for the evening, Miss Ruby Akers. Miss Akers discussed a Shakespearian comedy which was enjoyed by all.

Refreshments were served by the hostess, Mrs. Steele, and co-hostesses Mrs. Jim Stout and Mrs. Morris Sorrells. The meeting was then adjourned.

Annual PTA Dinner Meeting In Boone Monday, Oct. 21

The annual dinner meeting of the Boone PTA will be held in the Appalachian Elementary School Cafeteria on Monday, October 21, at 6 p.m., according to announcement today by PTA President Larry Penley.

The PTA meeting will be held jointly with the Family Life Conference. After dinner the Rev. J. Boyce Brooks, pastor of First Baptist Church, will preside over the conference in the Appalachian Elementary School Auditorium.

The theme of the conference is "Responsibility in Family Life."

Dr. David R. Mace, executive director, American Association of Marriage Counselors, Madison, New Jersey, will speak on "Adult Responsibility for Family Life."

A native of Scotland, Dr. Mace is a graduate of Cambridge with the B. A., M. A. and Ph.D. degrees. He was professor of human relations, Drew University, 1949-1959; associate professor of family study, school of medicine, University of Pennsylvania and staff consultant, Marriage Council of Philadelphia, 1959-1962.

He was a Methodist minister from 1930 to 1944, but resigned to go into marriage guidance work. Dr. Mace is one of the founders of the National Marriage Guidance Council of Great Britain, 1938. He became executive director in 1942 and served until 1949. He has been vice-president since 1949. Dr. Mace served as president of the National Council on family relations (U. S. A.), 1961-62.

The marriage counselor has probably written more articles on marriage than any other writer in the world. He has columns and regular series in many newspapers and magazines in Eng-

land, Australia, New Zealand, and South Africa. In the United States he wrote articles for the Woman's Home Companion for eight years. Later he wrote for McCall's and Reader's Digest.

Some of his books are: "Does Sex Morality Matter?"; "Marriage Counselling"; "Marriage Crisis"; "Hebrew Marriage"; "Whom God Hath Joined (Christian Marriage)"; "Marriage: The Art of Lasting Love"; "Success in Marriage"; "Youth Looks Toward Marriage"; "Marriage: East and West"; and "The Soviet Family."

While in Boone Dr. Mace will speak on "Responsibility of Senior-High Youth in Family Life" at the Appalachian High School Auditorium on Tuesday at 10 a.m. This address will be for grades 10-12 of students from Appalachian, Blowing Rock and Watauga Schools.

Grades 7-9 from Appalachian, Blowing Rock, Watauga, Green Valley and Parkway will hear Dr. Mace at 1 p.m. in the Appalachian High School Auditorium. He will discuss "Responsibility of Junior-High Youth in Family Life."

The Boone PTA will have an opportunity to hear Dr. Mace on "Teen-age Morals and Teen-age Marriages" in the Appalachian Elementary School Auditorium on Tuesday night at 7:30. This will be considered the second meeting of the Boone PTA.

Dr. Mace will address grades 10-13 of Cove Creek and Bethel High Schools at the Cove Creek High School Auditorium on Wednesday, October 23, at 10 a.m. His discussion will be on "Responsibility of Senior-High Youth in Family Life."

Grades 7-9 of Cove Creek,

Bethel, Mabel and Valle Crucis will hear the "Responsibility of Junior-High Youth in Family Life" at the Cove Creek High School Auditorium at 1 p.m.

Details for the Family Life Conference were worked out by a committee named by the Watauga Ministerial Association. This committee includes Rev. J. Boyce Brooks (chairman), Edwin Harriel, Jack Groce, Mrs. Fred Gragg, Miss Madge Rhyne, Mrs. William M. Matheson, Mrs. R. H. Harmon, Mrs. Dave Mast, Grady Moretz, Jr., Dr. Gene L. Reece, Rep. James Holshouser, Mrs. A. E. Hamby, Rev. Blake Brinkerhoff of Blowing Rock.

The general public is cordially invited to hear any or all of these discussions during the Family Life Conference.

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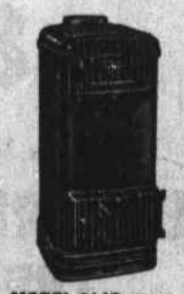
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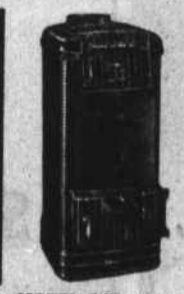
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