

Mountaineers to Stage Folk Festival at Asheville

ASHEVILLE, July 7.—Back in the coves and mountain settlements of Western North Carolina, mountain folk are tuning their guitars and banjos and practicing the intricate steps of the native mountain dances in preparation for the 10th annual mountain folk festival, to be held at McCormick Field, in Asheville, August 5, 6 and 7.

Established in 1928 as a part of the annual rhododendron festival in Asheville, the mountain dance event grew to such proportions that a year later it became an event separate and apart from the rhododendron fete and is staged annually in August as a three-day celebration which attracts visitors and students of folk lore from all parts of the United States.

The festival this year is expected to attract the largest attendance in its history and will feature contests for the championships among mountain dancing groups and mountain string bands as well as exhibitions of vocal and instrumental skill by mountain ballad singers and musicians.

Songs which were popular when the American colonies were in their formative period will be sung again in their old-time form and rhythm. The 12 dancing teams, each with eight couples of expert dancers, will compete for the championship which is claimed to be the national championship in this art. String bands accompanying the dancers will be rated in their quality of reproduction of the mountain music for the championship in their particular art.

Teams entering the dancing contests will come from all sections of the highlands. The Cherokee Indians from their reservation near the Great Smoky mountains national park, will enter the lists to compete with mountaineer teams for the championship in the white man's dances. The Indians have been several times declared champions in the dances.

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the Asheville chamber of commerce in the interest of preserving the old-time mountain customs, the festival will be staged under the general direction of B. L. Lunsford, nationally noted authority on mountain music and customs.

Hot Weather Adds To Dairymen's Problems

Faulty rations, heat, and flies are blamed for the difficulty in getting cows to produce a full, even flow of milk through the summer.

In July, said John A. Arey, extension dairy specialist at State college, grazing in most permanent pastures gets short and tough, and the grass contains less protein than earlier in the season.

Temporary grazing crops such as lespedeza and sudan grass are needed to supplement the permanent pasture, he said; or the cows should be fed silage, with the protein content of the grain mixture being increased to 20 per cent.

As the grazing in the pasture decreases, he added, the quality of grain fed should be increased.

Cows suffer from heat, and if possible the place where they are kept during the hot part of the day should be provided with shade and an ample supply of fresh water.

Flies will irritate cows and keep them from producing a full milk flow, Arey continued.

As far as possible, fly breeding places should be eliminated. Stalls and manure pits should be cleaned as often as possible, at least once a week, and the manure hauled to the fields.

Fly traps and sprays will also help protect the animals from this annoyance, he stated. There are a number of good sprays that will kill and repel flies.

Farmers Bulletin No. 734, which may be obtained from the U. S. department of agriculture, Washington, D. C., gives instructions for making good, inexpensive fly traps at home.

J. S. Ammons Promoted In U. S. Marines

James S. Ammons, U. S. Marine Corps, nephew of Elias Vance Ammons, of Franklin, now serving with the Marine detachment, American Embassy, Peiping, China, has been promoted to the rank of corporal, it is announced by Captain A. C. Small, district recruiting officer, Savannah, Ga.

At present Corporal Ammons is performing the duty of a radio operator at the Embassy guard.

On his way to China the Corporal visited Hawaii, which included trips to Waikiki Beach and Honolulu. He has also been to Manila in the Philippine Islands; and to many of the old and historic ports in the China Seas.

While in Peiping, Mr. Ammons has the opportunity to visit many of the old temples and pagodas which are China's own. He has the opportunity to visit the Great Wall of China, which was built in the days of Kubla Khan, and many other places that are only known to world travelers.

Vacancies for service in the Marines are now being filled at the Savannah office. Application blanks and full information regarding enlistments will be forwarded upon request, Captain Small stated.

The social security act applies to temporary jobs, as well as to permanent employment, and workers engaged in temporary employment should get a social security account number, applications—Form SS-5—can be obtained from the nearest postoffice or from the nearest social security board office.

CHEROKEES TO SHOW HISTORY

Story of Their People Will Be Told In Great Pageant

ASHEVILLE, July 7.—Portraying their own history from the time of the Spanish explorers to the present day, Indians of the Eastern Band of Cherokees at their tribal capital of Cherokee, N. C., will present weekly performances of the pageant, "The Spirit of the Great Smokies", this season.

Over 350 Indians in colorful costumes, authentic in every detail, will portray the various parts in the pageant which has been written and will be directed by Miss Margaret Spielman, girls adviser at Haskell Institute, Lawrence, Kan. Presentations will be held Sunday, July 11th, 3 p. m.; Thursday, July 22, 4 p. m.; Thursday, July 29, 4 p. m.; Thursday, August 5, 4 p. m.; Sunday, August 8, 3 p. m.; Thursday, August 12, 4 p. m.; and Thursday, August 19, 4 p. m.

It is anticipated that this pageant series will attract visitors to the reservation at Cherokee, from all parts of the country. The reservation is located on the eastern boundary of the Great Smoky Mountains national park and will be a major attraction for national park-visitors. Nearly half a million visitors entered the boundaries of the national park last year and the 1937 summer season is expected to exceed in visitor traffic that of 1936.

Hours for the pageants have

been set for the early afternoon in order that visitors may see the performances and leave in ample time to reach their homes or hotels in nearby towns and cities. The series of pageants is expected to attract the attention of a large number of summer visitors in Asheville in their tours to the national park.

The pageant has been written in four episodes, the first portraying early Indian life, Spanish, English and French explorers; the second, scenes up to and through the revolutionary war; the third and perhaps most interesting, the story of the great migration westward and the "Trail of Tears" when the Cherokees were moved to Oklahoma; the fourth, portraying the establishment of education and the present-day trends in Cherokee life of the reservation, Harold W. Foght, superintendent of the reservation, is master of the pageant. All parts will be played by the Indians themselves.

Wiley Shope Enlists In U. S. Navy

Wiley Rogers Shope, Prentiss, N. C., who applied for enlistment at the U. S. Navy recruiting station, Asheville, N. C., was enlisted at the main recruiting station, Raleigh, on June 24, 1937. He was transferred the same day to the U. S. Naval training station, Norfolk, Va., for a twelve weeks course of instruction. Upon completion of this training period he will return home on a leave of absence of about fifteen days.

Wiley is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Vance Shope, of Prentiss, and is a graduate of the Franklin high school.

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Loans and discounts.....	210,231.96
Banking house, site, furniture and fixtures.....	13,875.90
Other real estate owned.....	26,076.43
Other assets	464.43
TOTAL	\$723,675.09

Liabilities

Capital stock, common.....	\$50,000.00
Surplus	15,000.00
Undivided profits	5,166.92
Reserves	5,898.50
Deposits	647,609.67
TOTAL	\$723,675.09

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