

Here's A Picture Panorama Of The 'Pilots Ruby Rendezvous' In Macon County



EARLY ARRIVALS—(L to R) Photographer Hans Groenhoff, Mrs. Burt, Vernon H. Burt, and Mrs. Groenhoff.



Rescue Squad Commander Frank Plyler talks to airplanes on "unicom".



RUBY QUEEN—V. H. Burt, the mastermind behind "Pilots Ruby Rendezvous", crowns Miss Jean Hampton as "Miss Ruby Fly-in".



LOCAL TRAFFIC—Autos and trucks kept the parking lot at the airport filled most of the time during the fly-in.



Fire Chief A. C. Tysinger used follow-me Jeep to lead airplanes to parking area.



A NOSE AHEAD—Some boys push silver dollars across the floor, at Slag's Memorial after rain halted outdoor contests.



LOADED AND—Loaded and ready for a hay ride to the Cowee Valley and digging for rubies.



Eight-year-old Floridian, father watching, studies a rock (?) or a ruby (?).



TOUGH JOB—Beauty judges William Streckler, Hans Groenhoff, Mrs. Groenhoff, Harry B. Collins, and Cecil Kiltie deliberate.



BACKSIDES—Some ruby diggers getting a little behind in their work.



Stooing, stretching, and screening was just part of the work of ruby hunting.



Betty Ruth Cloer was runner-up in the "Miss Ruby Fly-in" contest.



HERE'RE THE TOP 10 BEAUTIES—(L to R) Brenda Cunningham, Sara Jean Mallonee, Geneva Ledbetter, Jane Roten, Alice Lee Eradley, Virginia Boyd, Carole Watkins, Jean Hampton, Betty Cloer, and Gale Fernandez.



CHOW DOWN—Ready, willing, and just able to wolf down a box lunch after a morning of digging.



Ruby hunters found "the creek" a little damp but perfect for washing ruby-bearing gravel.



YAWL COME BACK—Mayor W. C. Burrell, a one-man welcoming committee during the fly-in, wished Mr. and Mrs. Sam Smith, of Indiana, good flying on their return. The Smiths were the last to depart Monday.