

Haywood 4-H'ers Complete Trip High Spirits

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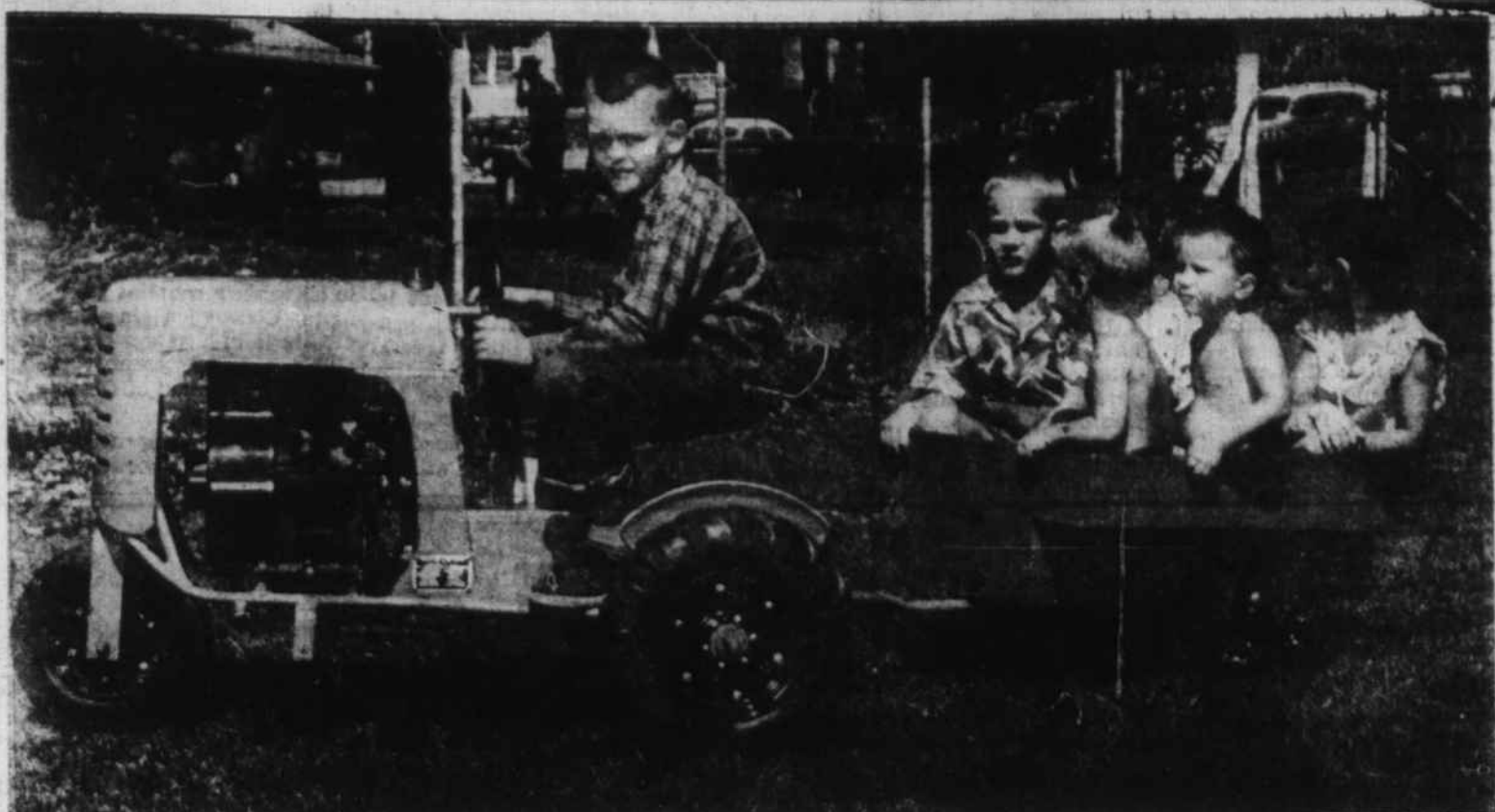
The latter part of the week in Haywood County, Mass., was spent pleasantly. The committee on entertainment had planned a tour of the famous Tanglewood music spot, named for Hawthorne when he wrote the "Tanglewood Tales" and on which still stands the house of Hawthorne when he wrote of his short stories, is used by the Boston Symphony Orchestra for summer rehearsals. Another highlight for the same day was a visit to Highlawn Farm—a farm similar to the Biltmore estate in North Carolina.

Only Sunday which we spent at home was spent with families to whom we had been invited. The entertainment was given by the respective families. The 4-H'ers were lucky to be taken to Vermont where they visited a museum; went for miles on the Mount Airy; a few were fortunate enough to visit the Roosevelt Estate in Hyde Park where they saw the late President and the Park Library; a few were taken to Jug End Barn—the only one in that section of New England in the year around. Sports and skiing and skating as well as others. The barn is located in South Egermont just under point where the Berkshire and the Catskills join.

Gene Hooper, Neal Kelly, Hips and Richard Green went out on getting tickets to Berkshire Playhouse where "The Tied Pony" is being played. It seems that plays are first tried at the Playhouse (to a packed every performance for a when taken to Broadway during winter if it is felt that they are successful.

Interesting phase of the making industry in the state visit to the Crane Museum for Making at Dalton. The museum welcomed us and carefully showed us every piece of paper making at the plants. Every piece of paper the making of paper money at the Crane Plant. The mill told us that a large quantity of paper by the Champion Paper and Company to wrap their product.

of the visitors to The Bay making of wallpaper. Some of them saw the of bedspreads at the Monastery in Housatonic. 4-H Clubs in Berkshire entertained the Tar Heels square dance at the Grange



MOST POPULAR ATTRACTION this summer at the Lake Junaluska children's playground is this new bantam tractor and trailer, the gift of J. B. Ivey, Asheville and Charlotte merchant who sponsors the playground. At the wheel is Johnny Fisher, Brownsville, Tenn., and enjoying the ride are David, John Wesley and

Annabel Jones, all of Charlotte, Lynn Noland of Lake Junaluska, and Mary Jane Cookingham of Detroit, Mich. Mr. Ivey, a longtime summer resident at the lake, visits the playground almost daily and often surprises the youngsters with candy. (Grenell Photo.)

Hall in Richmond the evening of our departure from the county. The Grange Hall was filled with happy folks—young and old—for the party that would bid us goodbye. It had been a wonderful week and it came to an end almost too quickly. Local club members were asked to give a demonstration of our brand of dancing. The "peculiar" shuffle of the youngsters was very different from the easy folk-dance style of the Yankee youngsters.

A representative of the Ted Shawn School of Dance which is located nearby came to the party. A few of the Haywood 4-H'ers had visited the interesting spot at Jacob's Pillow where Jose Lamone was doing modernistic dancing. Many dancers from all parts of the United States flock to Jacob's Pillow every summer to study different types of dancing. Many of the students from the school are dancing in various cities of the world.

We left Pittsfield, the county seat of Berkshire County, on Wednesday morning and traveled by bus to Amherst, the location of Amherst College (which Calvin Colee attended) and the University of Massachusetts.

The 4-H club members from all fourteen counties in the state were holding demonstration the day we were there. (Ironically, the girls witnessed a beautiful demonstration on bread making—yeast bread

—when no one had seen or eaten any hot bread in the entire week.) After lunch in the college dining hall we were invited to the assembly of all club members on the campus. Our hearts beat a bit faster and we felt a big thrill of pride as those Massachusetts boys and girls (an auditorium full of them) sang "Dixie" for us. What a gracious welcome!

In return, Ann Cathey sang "Red, Red Robin"; Nancy Noland entertained with "Frankie and Johnnie"; and Weaver Hips concluded our part on the program with "Sweetheart of Sigma Chi". They were most appreciative of our entertainment.

To welcome us was Jesse James, a former assistant to Mr. Harrell in 4-H work in North Carolina. He asked about many people in Waynesville and seemed to remember pleasantly his visits to Camp Schaub. Mr. James is now at the head of 4-H work in Middlesex County where his state leader reports he is doing a magnificent job.

After a night in the college dormitories and an early breakfast, we boarded the Smoky Mountain Trailways bus for home. The trip brought us through the Connecticut Valley where farming is done on a large scale. Of particular interest was the tobacco being grown under canvas.

The following night we spent in

Washington, D. C. at the Potomac Motor Court. We arose early the next morning to tour Washington on our own. We visited the airport where planes were unloading and loading all the time. The huge transatlantic ones particularly attracted attention.

After the trip to the airport we got into line to visit the White House. Throngs of people were milling into the President's house and we felt proud to be in the building which we had heard about since we started learning history. Then there was a visit to the Lincoln Memorial. Time did not permit our staying long anywhere, but as we drove through the city other places were pointed out—the Capitol, Washington Monument, Treasury Building, and many others.

We ate lunch at one of the Hot Shoppes, picked up Jimmie Campbell who had left the group to attend to some business in Washington, and started south again. The Shenandoah Valley of Virginia attracted much attention as we sped along. The night was spent in Roanoke, Va., at Travel Town Motor Court—a beautiful spot.

There seemed to be an exhilaration in the atmosphere the following day—the last day on the trip. The breakfast was truly wonderful—altogether homelike. We came through Bristol, Johnson City, and Asheville. When the sign reading "North Carolina State Line" came into view, every one spontaneously started singing "The Old North State". Then there was excitement in the air! Miss Childers and Miss Rhinehart became reporters and interviewed every passenger on the bus with this question: "What was the highlight of your trip?" The answers were varied as the travelers candidly gave their answers.

A happy, but not-too-tired group, was surely glad to see their parents and friends waiting for them at the Court House around six o'clock. Bob Winchester, a Mountaineer photographer, was waiting to get a picture. Then the group of travelers scattered, happy in the knowledge that they had had two weeks' vacation in which they had learned many things. (Mr. Jonathan Woody had told us before we left that it would be equivalent to a half year in college.)

NOTE: Mr. Woody had promised \$30 each to the boy and girl who were voted the best sports; the best behaved, and the best representatives of Haywood County to the Berkshires. The voting was to be done by the 4-H'ers themselves. As we neared home, a meeting was held, and the proposition discussed. It seemed that no single one qualified; everyone did! The group had been so well behaved, so free from complaints, so cooperative with the leaders and with each other, that no one would dare nominate a single member for the award!

Tardy Twosome

ENID, Okla. (AP) — Mrs. Ed Smith had the last laugh on her husband.

She let her driver's license expire May 1 and remembered it a couple of weeks later. Her husband reprimanded her saying: "There's no excuse for that."

Then—you guessed it — Smith checked his own driver's license and discovered it had expired a year before.

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"But I wait for you when you're late."

Conference Group Elects Officers

The organization of Methodist annual conference secretaries, treasurers and statisticians in the denomination's nine-state southeastern jurisdiction held their bi-annual meeting last week at Lake Junaluska, and voted to return in 1955 for their next conference.

The group elected officers for four-year terms. They are: the Rev. Don A. Cooke, Jacksonville, Fla., president; the Rev. J. T. Frazier, Pageland, S. C., vice president; and the Rev. Roy J. Bond, Macon, Ga., secretary-treasurer.

Dr. Cooke, Jacksonville district superintendent and secretary of the Florida Conference for 20 years, succeeds Dr. Edgar H. Nease, formerly of Charlotte, who is now executive secretary of the jurisdictional council with headquarters in Atlanta, Ga.

Dr. Nease helped organize the group in 1946 in order that the system of annual conference reports and journals might be unified, and the members could exchange information. He was voted an honorary member of the group last week.

A guest at the meeting was Dr. Albert C. Hoover, Chicago, general statistician of the Methodist Church.

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