

Canton Chamber Annual Banquet Set For May 5

The annual dinner meeting of the Canton-Bethel-Clyde Chamber of Commerce will be held at Camp Hope on Saturday evening, May 5, it has been announced by Guy Roberts, retiring president of the organization.

This year's meeting will be dedicated to the recognition of the 50th Anniversary of the Carolina Division of the Champion Paper and Fibre Company in Canton.

Mr. and Mrs. Reuben B. Robertson will be guests of honor at the dinner and Mr. Robertson, president and chairman of the board of directors of the Champion firm, will appear on the program in a reminiscence of 50 years of progress in Canton.

Mr. Robertson will be introduced by Edwin Haynes, who will speak in behalf of the people of the Canton, Bethel and Clyde communities in recognition of Champion's position as a corporate citizen of the community for the past half century.

F. E. (Bill) Shull will preside at the program, which will also include entertainment by the music department of Canton High School, a message from retiring president Roberts, and the presentation of newly-elected officers and directors.

The program will be climaxed with a humorous talk by Walter Smith of Rutherfordton, who is a homespun philosopher of repute throughout the eastern United States.

Advance sales of tickets for the banquet started last week under the direction of Al Phillips. The dinner will be catered by Miss Elizabeth Thompson of the Champion YMCA.

Laborious Refund

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP)—A Detroit gas company completed a three-year search for a former customer, a newspaperman who began working here 37 months ago. The company presented him with a refund check for 40 cents.

Fire Threatens Weatherby, Massie Lakeside Cottages

A wood fire near Glenville Lake Friday evening threatened to destroy a number of cabins in the area—including those owned by C. E. Weatherby, principal of Waynesville High School, and Guy Massie, co-owner of the Massie Furniture Co.—but fire-fighters halted the blaze before damage was done.

According to a report, the flames reached within 20 feet of the Massie cabin, but got not closer than a quarter of a mile of the Weatherby place.

The cause of the fire has not been definitely determined, but it is believed that fishermen at the lake were responsible. A high wind blowing at the time spread the flames over about an acre and a half of woods before the fire was put out.

Episcopal Leaders To Hold Meeting At Cataloochee

Leaders from eight Western North Carolina Episcopal Churches will meet the weekend of April 27-29 at Cataloochee Ranch for an evaluation of the work and life of the Church.

The Rev. Richard U. Smith of New York City, associate secretary of the Episcopal National Council's department of Christian education, will lead the weekend parish life conference. The Cataloochee conference is sponsored by the leadership training commission of the department of Christian education of the Episcopal Diocese of Western North Carolina.

Leaders from Grace Church in Waynesville, St. Andrew's Church in Canton, Church of the Incarnation in Highlands, St. Agnes' in Franklin, St. Francis in Cherokee, St. John's in Sylva, Church of the Messiah and Church of the Holy Comforter in Andrews will participate.

The Rev. James Y. Perry, rector of the Waynesville church, will be host for the meeting.



EVIDENCE of the jubilation of the 80 members of the WTHS concert band is revealed as they marked the front and sides of their two buses with their rating of "superior". The bumper car-ried the sign "Grade Six" which is the highest grade in the music contest. (Photo by Ben Sloan for The Mountaineer).

Clare Luce Frequently In Spotlight

By JANE EADS

WASHINGTON—Wherever she goes, no matter what the occasion, United States ambassador to Italy, Clare Booth Luce, captures the spotlight and becomes the subject of conversation.

Indeed, on her visit to Washington in connection with the appearance of Italy's President Gronchi, her looks, the things she said and did seemed to interest onlookers as much as did the Italian dignity and his party for whom this capital all but turned cartwheels to entertain.

Capitalites, including the supercritical press, found the chic and slender silver-blond Mrs. Luce as young looking and beautiful as when they first came to know her as a member of Congress from Connecticut.

As far as the press was concerned, she was found to be far more cooperative than at any time in the past, as well as less critical and bitingly witty.

At every big function she attended during her recent visit her appearance was awaited with much interest. I heard numerous guests after going down the receiving line to greet the Italian visitors murmur "I don't see Clare Booth Luce" or "Is Clare Luce here?" or "I wonder if she's coming" or "Have you seen her yet?"

Inevitably on such occasions, when she finally showed up there'd be a rustle of excitement. Photographers would hurriedly jockey for a good position to get their shots, waiters and other hired help would perk up, guests would crane necks and move a little closer.

She's a hep one, this former actress-playwright, and knows the value of timing and how to move to center stage. Her experience as a diplomat has given her added suavity, poise and graciousness of manner. However, despite all the publicity and conversation concern-

ing whether she'd stick to her post in Rome or seek a higher, more significant role, among Washington women it was what she wore that created the most comment.

Clothes and how she manages to keep her good looks at past 50 with no bags, bulges or wrinkles! A taxi driver answered this last: "You'd be good-looking too if you had all her money!"

Her hats created the liveliest discussion. Critics either liked them or they didn't. There were no in-between opinions. Mostly they liked a brand new white capeau, straight-brimmed with frothy muchroom-top of tulle and fine feathers, worn with straight, finger-length jacketed suit of black wool.

Feat For Feet

PADUCAH, Ky. (AP)—Joe Richard Nance, a farmer, walked 45 miles from Murray to Paducah in 9 hours and 50 minutes. Offered \$100 for a repeat performance, he walked the same route again and broke his own record. The time: 8 hours and 53 minutes.

DEATHS

MRS. LORA HUTCHINS

Mrs. Lora Messer Hutchins, 50, of Canton died at 11:10 a.m. Friday in the Haywood County hospital following a lingering illness.

She was a native and life-long resident of Haywood County and was a member of the Wesleyan Methodist Church.

She was a daughter of the late Robert L. and Dora Welch Messer of Crabtree.

Surviving are the husband, Tom C. Hutchins; three sisters, Mrs. Robert Hawkins, Mrs. Monroe Yarborough and Mrs. Monroe Noland of Crabtree; and five brothers, Raymond, Rex and Welch Messer of Montana, and Way Messer of Anaconda, Mont.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Wesleyan Methodist Church.

The Rev. R. H. Kindschi officiated and burial was in Bon-A-Venture Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Bill and John Jenkins, Max and Aubrey Yarborough, Robert Hawkins, Jr., and Malcolm Messer.

Flower bearers were members of the Ladies Sunday School Class of the Wesleyan Methodist Church. Wells Funeral Home was in charge.

Wolf Trouble

IDABEL, Okla. (AP)—Court-house workers are hoping that they can cut red tape and get a new system for paying the \$2.50 bounty for wolf pelts. Before the money can be paid, it is necessary for each of the three county commissioners and the game ranger to view the pelt and sign the form. It takes time—and the pelts begin to smell more like skunk than wolf.

Scary Blowout

CHARLESTON, W. Va. (AP)—Mrs. Blanche Akers told police she thought someone had fired a shot into the house, when a saucer dropped to the floor and shattered. Investigating officers solved the mystery. They found that a tire had blown out on a bicycle standing in the kitchen and the vibration dislodged the saucer from the table.

Temperance Man?

WHEELING, W. Va. (AP)—City police are looking for the burglar who wasn't satisfied with taking roast beef, hamburger, candy bars and cash from a cafe. The intruder also emptied a keg of beer on the floor and poured eight bottles of whisky down the drain.

Revival Services Being Held At Allens Creek

Revival services are being held in the Allens Creek Baptist Church this week.

Services will be held each evening at 8 o'clock. Singing will begin at 7:45.

The Rev. Johnny Tiller, pastor of Burkemont Baptist Church of Morganton, will deliver the sermons and Frank Kirkland will serve as song leader.

The Rev. Otto Parham, pastor of the church, invites the public to attend.

Senior Play

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Green, and Jeannine Brock, assistants.

The play concerns a baby sitter who loses his first baby to a kidnapper, but is aided by a policeman.

Admission is 75 cents for adults and 50 cents for students.

TWO ARRESTED

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gether, Ketner's, Donnahoe Tire Company, Hilltop Grocery, the Farmers Exchange and the East Waynesville School.

So far three tires have been recovered, and police expect to recover other items.

Police were assisted by Deputy Sheriff Gene Howell.

MORE ABOUT Accidents

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A dog which ran across the road was blamed for an accident at 6:40 p.m. Friday when Charles Ray Carver of Thompson Cove near Clyde wrecked his 1954 Ford pickup truck on the road.

Carver told Patrolman Dayton that he tried to avoid hitting a dog which ran across the road and in so doing he cut to the left and struck a tree at the edge of the highway. Carver was thrown out of his truck by the force of the impact, but was not injured.

Damage to the truck was estimated at \$400. Carver was charged with driving on the wrong side of the road.

MORE ABOUT Beautification

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A. Coggins of Sylva, landscape supervisor.

Representing the county will be agricultural officials, Soil Conservation District supervisors, garden club members, members of Home Demonstration Clubs and Community development organizations, and representatives of the Chamber of Commerce, Maggie Valley Development Council, Farm Bureau, Grange, the Lake Junaluska Assembly, and the Boy Scouts.

Plans to be discussed will include observance of a "Highway Beautification Week" in the spring of 1957, and a permanent roadside program maintained by organizations and individual property owners.

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