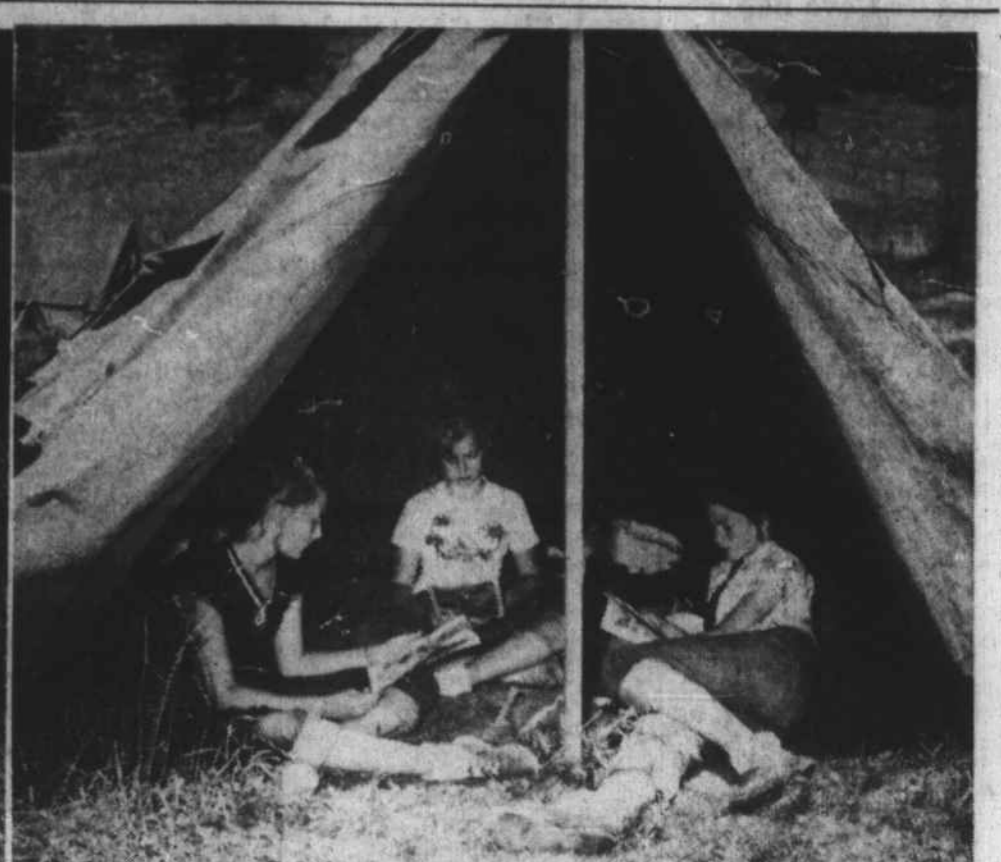




CAMPING IS FUN, but there's plenty of work to do for everyone—including washing their clothing like Linda Hunt, Grace McBride, Linda Ford, and Susan Dietz are doing here. The Scouts were supervised during the two-day camp by their troop leader, Mrs. Tania Rollman, and Mrs. Frances Owen of Canton.



GIRL SCOUTS of Troop 64 pitched their tents for a "backyard" camp on the Otis Burgin property on the Dellwood Road last Friday and Saturday. Fixing noon chow here are Susan Moody, Carey Howell, Vicky Roveano, Mary Otis Burgin, and Linda Moody. Charcoal burners as well as open fires were used in cooking.



TAKING A BREAK to catch up on their comic book reading during their weekend camp were these three members of Troop 64: Ruth Robinett, Sara Jane League, and Taffy Perry. During their stay on the Dellwood Road, the Scouts practiced up on techniques they will use during regular camps this summer. (Mountaineer Photos).

Pigeon Valley Directory To Be Delivered Tuesday

Fifteen hundred copies of a 1956 Bethel-Pigeon Valley Directory—the first of its kind ever printed in the county—was distributed free to Pigeon residents Tuesday.

The publication has been prepared by the Bethel High School Athletic Association, with all proceeds going to the athletic association. The directory, printed by The Mountaineer, measures 8½ by 11 inches and contains 23 pages.

The foreword to the directory reads: "Bethel School presents this Bethel-Pigeon Valley business, church, club, community, and school directory with the belief that it will serve a useful purpose in giving valuable information about business firms, churches, clubs, community and school activities in the Pigeon Valley area. We wish to thank all advertisers in the directory and urge that all Bethel

School students, teachers, parents, and friends patronize them in making purchases. All profits from the directory will go toward retiring the indebtedness on the Foldaway seats in the Bethel gymnasium."

In the directory is various information of interest to residents of Pigeon Valley, including listings of:

Bethel District churches and pastors; Bethel School teachers; Bethel High School student council; officers of Sonoma Chapter, Order of Eastern Star; officers of Sonoma Lodge, AF&AM; 1955-56 basketball scores; Pigeon Valley Lions Club officers; Pigeon Valley Home Demonstration Clubs; County Board of Education; Haywood School Administrators; Bethel District School Committee; Bethel School principals; Haywood School

Band Members Receive Awards At Concert

Members of the Music Department of the Waynesville High School received special recognition during the final band concert last Friday evening.

Charles Isley, band director,

superintendents; Cruso School faculty and PTA officers; Bethel School PTA officers; past presidents of the Bethel PTA; Bethel band committee; Bethel High School seniors; CDP organizations; Bethel High Beta Club; Bethel's 1956 football schedule, and the Bethel athletic committee.

Pictures in the directory are of the Bethel High football, basketball, and soccer squads, scenes of the 1955 Pigeon Valley Fair, Bethel High's 1956 honor students, and two pictures of the Bethel High gymnasium—one of which is on the front cover.

introduced the students by class and music group. Certificates were presented to sophomore musicians, school letters to junior musicians, and pins to the seniors. Robert A. Campbell, assistant director, assisted in the presentations.

Florence Ann Bowles, Dale Hall, and Clara Pless, graduating majorities, were presented trophies.

Outstanding player certificates, given to students with an A average and voted by their fellow students as most valuable in their sections, went to Johnny Arrington, Beverly Dickerson, Charles Hipps, Betty Owen, and Betty Rowland, all beginner players; Roddy Edwards, Jr., band cornet; George Wilson, Linda Boone, Judy Davis, Glenda Eavenson, and Libby Smathers, all chorus; Eddie Damour, band flute; Ben Sloan, Jr., band cornet; and Phyllis Davis, band drums.

Bob Evans, squad leader, and members of his squad were introduced as winners in a drill contest which has been carried on in the band. Evans as leader, wins his

Azaleas Blooming Along Parkway

Both flame and pink azalea are now blooming along the Blue Ridge Parkway west of Wagon Road Gap, according to District Ranger Robert Howe. The pink azalea is still attractive in the Beech Gap area and Graveyard Fields, while color is just now coming in the flame azalea between Soco Gap and Mile High Overlook. The peak of the flame azalea is expected about June 10.

Mountain laurel is in bloom some now between Wagon Road and Beech gaps and should be very good by the week end of June 3. There is a fair show west of Soco

Gap. The elderberry and feather Solomons Seal are making a nice ground show.

expenses to Miami when the band goes to the Lions Convention in June.

Soil Conservation Program Explained To Kiwanis Club

Roy Beck, soil conservationist for Haywood County and a member of the Waynesville Kiwanis Club, was the principal speaker at the Kiwanis meeting Tuesday night at Shepard's Restaurant.

The text of his address follows: "First, a few comments about the criticism agriculture is receiving today.

"The great material advances made by the U. S. have resulted from the release of workers due to increased efficiency of our agricul-

ture.

"At the beginning of the 19th century, the majority of American people labored on the land to produce the basic needs of man—that is, food, shelter, and clothing.

"By 1856, 80 per cent of the people in the nation worked on the land, but today only 13 per cent are farming for a living and that figure is dropping one half of a per cent each year. The other 87 per cent of our populace has been released for work producing material goods and rendering all kinds of services, thus creating our great material wealth.

"There are four principal reasons for soil and water conservation:

"1. We are stewards of the land, with a responsibility to use it and yet pass it on to the next generation in as good or if possible a better and more productive condition than in which it was first received.

"2. The rapid increase in population in the U. S. has reduced the acreage of cropland per person in America from 3.1 acres in 1941 to about one acre today. The population increase, plus the loss of farm land to non-agricultural uses, indicates that we will reach the critical point of one acre per person in 30 to 35 years.

"3. Conservation farming, by controlling erosion and improving land, increases per-acre crop yields and thereby increases the individual farmer's income.

"4. For water conservation, soil is the great reservoir for water. Man will never begin to impound

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