



Photo by Brian Westveer

## Celeste Greer

### She Rode The Trains

# Trainride Through Gorge

[Cont'd from page 1] in the gorge. Continuous efforts are being made to get a period steam engine. The original E.T. & W.N.C. engines except for #12 at

"Tweetsie Railroad" at Blowing Rock were destroyed. The Roan Mtn. and Doe River R.R. offers charter service year-round to churches, clubs, and schools. Groups

of any size can be accommodated. Groups are encouraged to charter the railroad and sell tickets to earn profits for their own purposes.

In recent years the Southern R.R. ended weekend passenger runs between Asheville and Old Fort. The Yancey stopped service between Burnsville and Kona. The Graham County ceased operations out of Robbinsville.

Brian's impossible dream

of having trains, tracks, and tunnels came true. He invites you to share this dream and journey into the living past on the most dramatic train ride in the East. Individual tickets may be purchased for trains in October. Send a 13c stamp for a folder of information to: Roan Mtn. and Doe River RR, Bx 444, Spruce Pine, NC 28777 Phone 704-765-7242. Every effort will be made to accommodate drop-in passengers who do not have advance tickets.

## Memories Shared

Celeste Greer of Linville Falls, N.C. rode the Roan Mtn. & Doe River R.R. last Sunday and shared many memories with her fellow passengers. Celeste lived in Lenoir during 1918-1921 and worked recording deeds of land in the courthouses of Boone, Bakersville and Burnsville.

To reach Boone from Lenoir, she would often need to travel the Southern R.R. to Marion, ride the Clinchfield R.R. to Johnson City, and take the East Tennessee & Western North Carolina R.R. (Tweetsie) to Boone. The Roan Mtn. & Doe River R.R. is a restored part of the E.T. & W.N.C. originally built in 1880-81 through the Doe River Gorge south of Hampton, TN. The tunnels, thousand foot cliffs, and bridges

thrill all the passengers, but the ride had the most meaning for Celeste who nearly 60 years before rode the same route on her honeymoon. The world outside the gorge had changed greatly; the billion-year-old rocks remained unchanged. Daycare children from Newland, Bakersville, and Spruce Pine also rode the train. Historian and rail buff Brian Westveer hopes that fifty years from now these children will be able to again ride this unique bit of living history.

You too can ride. Trains run from 19E south of Hampton, TN at 11:30 on Saturday and 1:30 on Sunday during September and October. Send a 13c stamp to R.M. & D.R.R.R., Box 444, Spruce Pine, N.C. 28777 for a brochure.

## County Key Banker

To coordinate the agricultural activities of the N.C. Bankers Association in this area, Clark E. Young has been named County Key Banker for Yancey County.

NCBA President John A. Forlines, Jr. has announced that Clark will serve as County Key Banker during the next 12 months. He is Assistant Cashier of First-Citizens Bank & Trust Company, Burnsville.

Forlines, who is chairman and president of the Bank of Granite, Granite Falls, called attention to the projects that are sponsored by the association such as the Short Course in Modern Farming at N.C. State University for young farmers who are provided scholarships given by their home community banks, and

the co-sponsorship of the FFA Land Judging Meet in the interest of soil conservation.

As of January 1, 1977, Forlines noted that banks in North Carolina provided \$215,184,000 in non-real estate loans and \$109,683,000 in real estate loans for a total of \$324,867,000 in loans to farmers by banks, based on the American Bankers Association's annual farm credit study.

Also, the North Carolina Bankers Association through its agriculture committee scheduled a Special Agricultural Conference on Drought, realizing the critical importance of adequate credit for state farmers.

As of January 1, 1977, 83 of the state's 90 banks held farm loans, Forlines said.

## True Value Wins Award From Stihl

True Value Hardware Stores of Burnsville and Spruce Pine won sales Achievement plaques this week at a Virginia Beach, Stihl chain saw dealer meeting, reported John Woody, Jr., Vice President of Mid Atlantic Stihl Company, Durham.

"In less than one year these two stores have moved into the top twenty sales category for the Virginia and North Carolina region," stated Woody, Jr.

"We attribute this success to the Stihl Company policy of requiring each sales agent to also provide parts and repair service for the consumer," Mr. John Woody, Sr. said at the two day sales and training conference.

Mrs. Eva Stihl Mayer addressed the Stihl agents at the evening session. Mrs. Mayer resides in Germany.

She and her brother own the largest chain saw company in the world. Mrs. Mayer said that Stihl chain saw sales were up 38% in 1976 compared to an industry decline of 5%. 1977 sales are up 20% over 1976. She announced that in 1978 three Stihl chain saw models will be built in the new three million dollar plant being erected at Virginia Beach, Va.

The same high German plant standard of quality will be maintained at the new plant where the model 015 chain saw is presently being manufactured.

By expanding the U.S. plant, Mrs. Stihl Mayer said, "Stihl chain saws will remain competitive with U.S. made saws in spite of the weakening of U.S. currency in relationship to the German mark."

Leroy Bishop is manager of the Burnsville Store. Horace Biggs is manager of the parts and repair shop. Ernest Jones is manager of the Spruce Pine Store. Donnie Thomas is parts and repair manager of the Spruce Pine shop. All four men reside in either Yancey or Mitchell Counties.

## Fight Army Worms With Pesticides

The Fall Army Worm has appeared in several lawns, corn fields and some other crops. The army worms were first seen in Yancey County feeding on late planted corn crops in the later part of July. In recent weeks they have also invaded numerous lawns and other field crops. The army worms attack in devastating numbers and literally will devour their host plants if not controlled. More than 35 worms have been counted in one square foot of infested lawns.

Activity of worms is greatest on dry sunny days, and this is the best time to spray for control of the worm.

The female moth lays her eggs at night on the grass or other plants, and eggs hatch in about 5 days. The young larvae (worms) feed at first near the ground, become full-grown in about 20 days,

and then enter the soil for a few inches and change into pupae. The inactive pupae stage lasts about 10 days. After the moths emerge from the pupae cases they often fly many miles before the females lay eggs. The fall army worm may have as many as six generations a year in states further to the south, but usually does not survive the winter in Western North Carolina.

On lawns the following pesticides are cleared for use: Sevin 50 W.P. Dursban 22.4 E.C., Diazinon 25 E.C., Toxaphene E.C. The pesticide Lannate which gives excellent control of the worm has received emergency clearance for use on pastures, meadows and some other crops. Lannate and toxaphene are both restricted use pesticides and must be applied with extreme care. Please follow all instructions with these pesticides!

## Symposium

### Today At MTI

A demonstration symposium on shaft and bearing seals will be held at the main building of Mayland Technical Institute Thursday, September 22, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. This class is being sponsored by local industry with Dixie Bearings Inc., Asheville, N.C. Instruction will be furnished by a seal manufacturer. The course is aimed toward instruction in application and troubleshooting of shaft and bearing seals for the benefit of maintenance personnel.

Attendance to this class will be limited to 35 persons by reservations. Reservations may be made by calling 765-9481.



Donna, Ramona, Raymond Elkins

## Harvest Time

[Cont'd from page 1] contributes to the quality of the produce. Harvesting after the flavor peak has passed will yield vegetables which may be tough, bitter, stringy, seedy or starchy, they find. The proper size, shape and

color are the clues to harvesting vegetables at their peak eating and nutritional quality.

Yancey County youth pictured here have harvested some high quality vegetables from their gardens.



Darryl And Teresa Blevins

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## Warnings for alcohol

Man's attempt to "mix" alcohol has been an on-going comedy, except for one thing: It's not funny. Ask the victims of drunk drivers or broken homes. More recently, epidemic numbers of our school-age youth are consuming alcoholic drinks, and many are becoming alcoholic.

The latest alcoholic warning concerns expectant mothers. Three

ounces of alcohol per day consumed during pregnancy reportedly increases risks of offspring abnormalities.

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