

## Watauga History Topic For Week End Meeting

"The History of Watauga County and vicinity" will be the theme of a joint meeting of the State Literary and Historical Association of North Carolina, the Western North Carolina Historical Association, and the North Carolina Society of County and local historians at Boone on Saturday and Sunday, August 30 and 31, it was announced Monday by officers of the three societies.

Hosts for the meeting are Appalachian State Teachers College and the Southern Appalachian Historical Association, sponsor of "Horn in the West." The college has made arrangements for members of the societies and their immediate families to occupy dormitory rooms on Saturday and Sunday nights.

Approximately two hundred persons have already made room reservations with Mr. Barnard Dougherty, business manager of Appalachian State Teachers College.

Registration for the meeting will be from 12:30 to 1:45 p. m. on Saturday in the lobby of the Music and Art building on the campus. General sessions will be held on Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning in the auditorium of the same building. The public is invited to attend all sessions.

The Saturday afternoon session will begin at 1:45. Following an address of welcome by Clyde R. Greene, chairman of the Watauga County Board of Commissioners, and a response by Mrs. Charles A. Cannon of Concord and Blowing Rock, Dr. B. B. Dougherty, president of Appalachian State Teachers College, will deliver a talk on "The Men Who Fought the Battle of Kings Mountain." Dr. Frontis W. Johnston, of Davidson, president of the State Literary and Historical Association, will preside at this session.

Special business meetings of the three societies will follow at 3:30 p. m., and a reception for members and their guests will be held from 4:15 to 5:00 in the Chorus room of the Music and Art building.

On Saturday and Sunday nights the visitors will have an opportunity to see "Horn in the West." The last performance of the season will be given on Sunday night.

At the general session on Sunday morning beginning at 9:30, Professor Leo K. Pritchett, chairman of the public relations committee of the Southern Appalachian Historical Association, will tell about "The Story Behind 'Horn in the West.'" Dr. D. J. Whitener, chairman of the program committee for the meeting, will talk on "The Historical Background of Watauga County" and Dean W. E. Bird of Western Carolina Teachers College, will speak on "Plans of the Western North Carolina Historical Association," of which organization he is president. Dr. W. P. Jacobs, of Chapel Hill, president of the North Carolina Society of County and Local Historians, will preside.

Following this session members of the societies will be conducted on tours of Watauga and neighboring counties. Four tours will be offered: One to Blowing Rock and the Craft Center in Moses H. Cone Memorial Park; a second along the Blue Ridge Parkway; a third to Grandfather Mountain; and a fourth along "The Magic Circle"—to Blowing Rock, Linville, Newland, Banner Elk, Valle Crucis, and back to Boone.

Officers of the State Literary and Historical Association, which held its first meeting in October, 1900, are Dr. Johnston, president; Mr. Burnham S. Colburn, of Biltmore Forest, Dr. Alice B. Keith, of Raleigh, and Miss Gertrude Weil, of Goldsboro, vice presidents; and Dr. Christopher Crittenden of Raleigh, secretary-treasurer. The Association's first regional meeting of the year was held on May 17 and 18 at Carolina Beach. Its annual meeting will be held on December 5 in Raleigh.

Dean W. E. Bird, of Cullowhee, and Dr. D. J. Whitener, of Boone, are president and vice president respectively of the Western North Carolina Historical Association, which was organized on May 10, 1952, in Asheville. Mr. Albert S. McLean, of Asheville, is secretary, and Miss Doris K. Hill, of Marion, treasurer.

In addition to Dr. Jacobs, officers of the North Carolina Society of County and Local Historians, organized in 1941, are Miss Mary Louise Medley, of Wadesboro, and Mr. Charles W. Reck, of Raleigh vice president; and Mr. Leon McDonald, of Olliva, secretary-treasurer. This summer the Society has conducted tours of Wilkes, Caldwell and Orange counties.

## Homecoming Set At Hebron Colony

Hebron Colony will hold its annual homecoming week end on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, August 30, 31, and September 1, according to an announcement by the Rev. E. A. Dillard, director of the Christian home for the rehabilitation of alcoholics located at Shulls Mills.

A fish fry on the ground at 6:00 p. m. Saturday will launch the event, which has been held yearly for Hebron "graduates," their families and friends since the founding of the colony in 1948. A testimony meeting will follow at 7:30 at the Baptist Church of Shulls Mills.

The Rev. Mr. Dillard will preach Sunday morning in the church at 11 o'clock, and again Sunday evening at 7:30.

A barbecue lunch will be served on the colony grounds Sunday afternoon at 1:00, followed by the traditional Hebron Fellowship meeting.

A Monday morning service, conducted by the Rev. Mr. Dillard, and lunch at the colony will bring the activities of the week end to a close.

Graduates and their wives will be accommodated at the Valle Crucis Inn, as in former years.

### STATES' DEFICIT SPENDING

Annual deficits which have marked operations of the Federal Government for most of the last twenty years have now spread to state governments, which represent an "augury of dangerous fiscal instability," according to a study issued by the Tax Foundation, a privately owned profit research from \$5,110,000,000 in 1940 to \$3,900,000,000, in 1951.

Eisenhower to "write own platform," Adams says.

## New PMA Program Cited Best For County

A conservation program to fit the conservation needs of the individual farm!

That is the way Dwight Cable, Chairman of the Watauga County PMA Committee, describes the 1953 Agricultural Conservation Program which is being launched in Watauga County.

This program aims directly at the most needed conservation on the farm, he says. Program assistance will be used to help the individual farmer meet this need.

To help farmers use the program most effectively to meet the conservation needs of the farm, the PMA community committeeman will visit each farm in his community. The committeeman and the farm operator will check over the conservation problems of the farm.

The checkup may reveal that the lower parts of the farm may need drainage. A hillside may

show signs of "shoestring" erosion or the start of gullies. The soil on some fields may be deficient in organic matter. Whatever the major need, the practices approved for assistance in 1953 will be directed to this need.

Farm plans developed by Soil Conservation Service technicians and soil classification maps will be used wherever available to help determine the conservation program for the farm.

### SERVICE DOCTORS

The Selective Service has announced that it may have to call middle-age physicians and dentists to fill medical quotas sometime after October. Questionnaires have been mailed to all doctors and dentists under 51, who have not had previous military service or have not been on active duty since 1940.

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# An Important Message To Watauga Home Owners

It will take you about two minutes to read this ad—and it may save you hundreds of dollars.

## Let's Make Watauga Homes The Best Painted Homes Of Any County In The State

At this season there are more painters available than any time of the year. We all know that building costs are very high. Let's preserve our homes in Watauga County, and at the same time make them more beautiful by using one, two, or three coats of paint before winter.

We notice, too, that many of our homes need underpinning to protect the foundations, and also to make the homes more comfortable for the winter. Fuel is very high.

The WATAUGA BUILDING and LOAN ASSOCIATION will be happy to help finance the painting, the underpinning, and the "dolling up" of the homes of Watauga County. We will consider it a privilege to discuss this matter with any person from any township or community of Watauga County.

Visit us at our convenient street floor location on Main Street. Our advice and resources are at your command. Our deposits are insured up to \$10,000, and we can work out your payments for home repairs to suit your budget.

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