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SASSAFRAS TEA MAKES COMEBACK

Many of our readers no doubt remember when there was boneset and "pennyrile" and catnip and stuff hanging on the back porch or in the woodshed, from which to make the tonics for the winter: in some cases there were dock roots, too, but the old standby was sassafras and the potent tea which came from the little tree which grows along the fence rows and in the woods, and which seems to be able to survive the clearings and the burnings and the general destructiveness of mankind . . . We are indebted to "The Enka Voice" for the following apt remarks about the beverage which warmed the mountain men and their families long ago, and maybe kept them fittin'

Corn pone and sassafras tea, warm open fireplace, and old Jeff curled at your feet.

Sounds old, maybe. If it does, that's because it is old.

But what with the price of coffee rising as it is, and with this tree called sassafras growing in abundance and wild throughout Tennessee and Western North Carolina, the day may be just around the corner when neighbors no longer will think of the forgotten beverage-sassafras tea -as such.

It's easy to make, this sasssafras tea. And it's good and warming to the soul when sweetened with about two teaspoonsful of sugar. Many of the old folks say it's best when hot, and not fittin' to drink elsewise.

MODERNS LIKE IT COLD

"We've heard here lately though that some of the "mod-erns" like it cold, just like they take their iced coffee. Some folks tell about their sass'fras soaks, too. You know-how you soak bread and cookies in coffee. Some folks call it dunkin'; but that ain't right! for it's more than a dunk.

Your bread or cookie is dropped down in the tea and soaked. Then you spoon it out. Believe it or not, though, sassafras tea is used as a medicinal

beverage, a stimulant, as well as a pleasure drink. The sassafrass tree is native to

the north temperate zone. There are just a few varieties of itthe most important being the American sassafras-known hifaultingly as sassafras varifolium. In the North it grows to bush size, but down here in the South it often grows as tall as 50 feet. Some folks claim that if you

drink it in February you won't have to worry the rest of that year about taking typhoid fever. And the argument seems to be at chairman of the special commit-



CAMERMA CLINIC PERSONNEL-These photographers will give lectures and demonstrations to an tographers have been invited to the free outing. Top row, left to right, are Lawrence Wofford, of Ra-leigh News & Observer; Malcolm Gamble of the Asheville Citizen-Times, and Jeep Hunter of the Charlotte News. Bottom row, left, is Frank Jones of the Winston-Salem Journal-Sentinel and Charles Cooper, Durham Herald.

Camera Clinic Is Scheduled For Week End At Grandfather

Scout Finances **To Be Discussed Friday Evening**

Clyde R. Greene, co-chairman of the approaching Boy Scout finance campaign, has called a meeting of his committee for supper on Saturday September 18 at 6:00 o'clock at the Gateway Restaurant. At this meeting, Mr. Greene said, there will be organized an advance gifts committee and several working teams

with captains. Dr. Lawrence Owsley is coleast partially validated by the tee. Other members include Trip Fra

Linville-Plans were announ ed this week for the first Grand-father Mountain Camera Clinic Mary Helen Isaacs other high school teacher. The need for this teacher is great since for amateur and professional photographers to be held at Grandfather Mountain near here Takes Nursing Job Saturday and Sunday, September

18-19. The clinic, sponsored by Hugh Morton, developer of Grandfather Mountain and a well known photographer himself, has been arranged primarily for amateur photographers.

A two-day program of instructions and picture-taking, supervised by professional photographers with well known models posing for pictures, will get under way at 2 p. m. Saturday. Some of the state's leading pho

tographers will serve as instructors. A meeting of the Carolinas Press Photographers Association will be held Sunday afternoon. Billy Joe Patton, one of the nation's outstanding amateur golfers who took the national spotlight with his courageous play in the Master's tournament this year.

Appalachian's Fall Enrollment Of 1440 Is Greatest In History

Commerce Body Hears Plans For Guard Unit

A further discussion of the pos- | could be built, said Lt. Doughsibilities of securing a National erty, but in the meantime, suit-Guard unit and an armory for able temporary headquarters Boone was led by Lt. Boyd would greatly facilitate the pro-Dougherty, chief engineer of ject. One of the tobacco wareradio station WATA, at the Septhouses, soon to be vacated by the ember meeting of the Boone FCX, was suggested. Lt. Dougherty urged that in-

Chamber of Commerce, held at terested persons write to the govnoon Tuesday in the Gateway ernor and the state adjutant gen-Restaurant. Mr. George Dewey Martin, new eral, Maj. Gen. John Paul Man-

district superintendent of the Postal Transportation Service, was scheduled to address the the Avery board of county commeeting, but was unable to attend missioners, as well as the Wabecause of illness. He has accept- tauga board, has endorsed Boone ed an invitation to address the for the unit, which is also sought by West Jefferson and Taylors-October meeting Lt. Dougherty said the propos- ville,

ed National Guard unit would be In other business, B. W. Stala service battery of the 112th lings reported that the third an-Field Artillery at Lenoir with a complement of about 60 men. October 8, will probably be the There are three times as many last such sale held here. Local applications for units in the state promoters have been advised, he as there are units available, he said, that minimum of 400 calves said, and it will require considerper sale will be required to conable work and promotion on the tinue the sales, and last reports part of local people to secure one indicated that there would be less for Boone. It would be two to than 200 sold October 8. Calves three years before an armory (Continued on page two)

Record Enrollment At Cove Creek Schools

Cove Creek District Schools have a record enrollment with 445 in the elementary school and 350 in the high school. The eleattendance the first two weeks this year will be sufficient to At Age 69 Years justify the State in assigning an-

The Rev. Newell C. Bush, pastor of Henson's Chapel Methoday of this week three former at Chapel. They were Jack Bill- in Mountlawn Memorial Cemeings, president in 1950-51, who is tery.

speaking on the opportunities of Watauga County. Surviving Cove Creek affords for mental are his widow, Mrs. Ruth B. growth; Katherine Clay, presi-dent of the council in 1951-52, Moretz, Clinton, Tenn., Clayton speaking on the moral develop- M. Moretz, Sanford, John Moretz, ment that can be obtained; and Boone, Vilas J. Moretz, Boone. Bobby Gore, 1952-53, speaking on and Luther Moretz, Zionville; the social development that can two brothers, McCoy Moretz, be obtained in association with Charlotte, and Leonard Moretz,

MICHAEL L. TAFT

Michael L. Taft Appears In Interest are Cuba, South America. and Peru. **Tourist Business**

A representative group of Wa-tauga County motor court and hotel operators held a luncheon meeting Friday, September 10, at the Ranch Motel near Blowing Rock to discuss ways and means of improving service and increasing the tourist business in this

Leader of the discussion was Michael L. Taft, director of the State Tourist Bureau of the North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development. Matters taken up included advantages and disadvantages of reducing rates in the off season, next year's promotion of the area as a tourist attraction, methods of permentary school gained an addi-tional teacher over last year's al-lotment and it is hoped that the Dies Here Friday suading tourists to remain longer, advisability of holding tourist clinics, and asking the public, especially service station and restaurant personnel, to equip themselves with complete information about accomodations and attractions, sight seeing trips, and fishing.

The Blowing Rock Chamber of Commerce has called another meeting at the Wagon Wheel Restaurant in Blowing Rock to be held at 12 noon, Monday, September 20, for the purpose of discussing the advisability of forming an organization to be known as the Watauga County Tourist Association, said Stanley A. Harris, who attended Friday's meeting as a representative of the Boone Chamber of Commerce.

Army Gets Four Watauga Men local U. S

More Expected To Register Before Friday

By MRS. EARLEEN PRITCHETT Appalachian State Teachers College, with the largest enrollment that it has ever had, is bulging at the seams this year. The total number of students registered is 1440, with a large number expected to register before Friday when registration closes. North Carolina, as always, leads with the number of students representing 71 of the State's 100 counties. Other states represented are Georgia, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, Michigan, Florida, Alabama, Maryland, and West Virginia. Also represented

Of the total number, 463 freshnen have been counted, with approximately fifty additional freshmen awaiting completion of their registration.

At this same date last year there were 1197 students enrolled. which sends the enrollment ahead upward of three hundred. New faculty members include

Dr. James Stone, University of Illinois, who arrives to be associated with the office of student teaching: Mrs. I. W. Carpenter, Jr., in the field of speech; Marshall Edwards, former Wake Forest football star, who has been added to the physical education and coaching staff; Dr. T. Richard Fisher in the department of biology; Miss Anna Hines in the department of piano; Dr. William Jones also in music; Miss Mary Jane Matthews in physical education; Dr. James O. Miller in physical education: Miss Jane Sharp and Miss Marian Whitener in Home Economics; Miss Barbara Stephenson in counseling; and several teaching assistants.

Although two new dormitories, one for men and one for women, have been in use for only two years, the college could easily have filled another dormitory with women students this year had it been available, and a large overflow of students, men and women, have been housed by the cooperating citizens of the town of Boone. Classroom space also is at a high premium. The college has under construction at present a physical 'education building and swimming pool and a library extension, which should, within a year, relieve the classroom housing tension. The new elementary school building, which it had been hoped would be occupied at this time, is held up because of a delay in the arrival of

Poley Wike Moretz of Boone succumbed Friday, September 10, many of the classes are over- in Watauga Hospital to a stroke suffered the same day. He was

69 years of age. Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Monday, September 13, at dist Church, conducted devotional the Grace Lutheran Church in at chapel last week. On Wednes- Boone, conducted by the pastor, Rev. E. F. Troutman, assisted by Student Council president spoke the Rev. W. C. Payne. Burial was

now beginning his first year of medicine at Bowman - Gray, Joseph L. and Mary Ellen Moretz

generally accepted belief that Howard H er, Howard Steelman, Howard sassafras thins the blood.

The bark of the root occasion-Cottrell, Glenn Andrews, Dr. J. T. C. Wright, Stanley Harris, ally has been used in medicine as Howard Mast, Cecil Miller, and a diuretic; and that oil of sassafras, a rapidly evaporating liquid, Dr. J. G. Martin.

also comes from this bark of the The above committee has been roots. It is widely used in perselected from the various comfumes. Other extracts from the munities in Watauga county bark made bitters and flavoring which have scouting units to finance the growing Scout activities for beverages.

But the people who drink it of the local scounting area. Its never think about all these things. work will begin with a kickoff They just drink it 'cause they breakfast on October 5. like it. And once you get a yearning for, it, it's hard to give it up.

Retarded Children Mind you, if you think you'd like to go out and start brewing a pot, you oughta be watchful for To Get Attention some of things veteran tea drinkers can tell you.

First of all-and most important-don't use the white sassafras roots. Use only the red ones. You

can't always tell the difference just by looking at the tree. You can bet your life that the whiterooted variety will never grow as tall as the red, but still you've just about got to dig up the roots before you know for sure. You 18 and 19 in the Robert E. Lea see, the stuff top-ground looks Hotel in Winston-Salem. just about the same-white or red.

SECOND BOIL NECESSARY

Then, you might like to have this word of advice, too. If the first brew from your prepared roots is "sappy," you can throw it right out, turn around and boil those same roots again, and you'll find your tea is not at all sappy.

find your tea is not at all suppy. The more you boll your roots, the redder the tea gets. And that provides a source of much quest-(Continued on page four) President Eisenhower nas such the bill making peacetime es-pionage a crime punishable by death.

will pose for sports enthusiasts. Patton will drive golf balls from a special tee atop Convention Table Rock on Grandfather Moun-

from Grace Hospital School of Nursing in Morganton, Sept. 5.

PARTY HERE CRATTER DE

MISS MARY HELEN ISAACS

Miss Mary Relen Isaacs of

Reese, N. C. received her diploma

1 . Martin Varia

(Photo by Paul Weston)

Glamor photography will see At the beginning of her senior two beautiful professional models year she was tapped as a member posing. Charles Cooper of the of the Santa Filomena, senior Durham Herald-Sun papers will honorary society, of which she lecture. Miss Sally Gordon of served as secretary-treasurer for Charlotte, a television star and the year. She was also a represenmagazine model, and Mrs. Ginny tative to the student council, edi-Martinson of Winston-Salem, a tor of the Silver Cross (nursing well known Milwaukee calendar school annual) and senior class

model, will pose for "cheesecake" historian.

photographers. At Convention

Mr. Taylor Kennerly of High ain State Teachers College. Point, president of North Carolina Association for Retarded Bird Saunooke, will also pose.

tain.

Children, has announced that the association will hold its second **Young GOP Plans** annual convention on September **Friday Supper** Mr. Kennerly, and Mrs. Rebec-

ca Chamberlain, chairman of the Watauga County chapter of the

The Watauga County Young N. C. Association for Retarded Republican Club will meet Friday Children, emphasized that the evening, Sept. 17 at 6:30 with a meeting Sunday, at 2:00 p. m., is picnic supper on the courthous open to the public and encourages lawn and business meeting later all public and school officials to in the courthouse. All members and those interested are urged to nacle in Boone October 3, startattend. attend. A special invitation goes

to all Rebublican candidates President Eisenhower has sign-

Slow increase in consumer credit continued in July.



She left Monday of this week Chief of the Cherokees, Osley to join the nursing staff of North Carolina Memorial Hospital. Chapel Hill.

County Singing

Miss Isaacs is the daughter of Mr. T. E. Isaacs and the late Mrs. Isaacs of Reese.

In Boone Sunday The Watauga county singing will be held at the Gospel Taber-

ing at 1 o'clock.

Leonard Wilson, singing chair-man, states that all choirs and other local groups are invited to participate.

high school pupils and teachers. Katherine has completed two Doan, Greenville, S. C., and Wilyears work at Woman's College liam E. Doan, with the U. S. Navy in Greensboro, while Bobby has at San Diego, Calif. completed one year at Appala-Mr. Moretz was a building con-

chian and will enter State Col- tractor in Boone, and Watauga lege at Raleigh this week. County for a number of years

Johnny Fletcher, president of and for some time had dealt in the student council this year, pre- real estate here and in DeLand, sided and outlined plans and pro- Florida, where he and Mrs. grams for this year's activities of Moretz spent the winter months. the council.

Fourteen school buses operate CONSTRUCTION

to the school. Old drivers are According to a combined deport Robert Hagaman, Howard Mast, of the Department of Commerce Johnnie Reece, Lloyd Miller, and Labor, the boom in construc-Bradley Teague, Larry Shook, tion, which started in June, con-Jimmy Byrd and Burl Reece. tinued through August. Expendi-New drivers are Vernon Hod- tures in that month set a new record of \$3,600,000,000 (Continued on page four)

Rock Chamber of Commerce Fri- A two-mile stretch of the Park-

elected were Dr. Walter K. Keys, the movement to develop other

Wyne, Ark.; two stepsons, Horace Army Recruiting Officer, an- furnishings. When this building nounced that the following young is occupied, sometime within the men enlisted for their first tour immediate future, this will help of military service with the the situation so far as observation army last mounth.

> Clyde J. Wagoner of Stratford, ed. Van D. Greer of Todd, Jesse M.

tour of duty with the regular

army. Sgt. Engele said the army is now offering young men a career with a future that "can't be beat."

The college administration, Miller and Robert C. Miller both faced with the problem of conof Jefferson, Mack D. Greene of tinuing and permanent growth of Boone, re-enlisted for his second the student body at Appalachian. announces that it is making every effort to take care of its student

by the college classes is concern-

in the best way possible. Although all classes, college-wide, are larger than are ordinarily desirable, the faculty of the college For information on how to become a member of America's is cooperating in a very fine way proud regular army, contact Sgt. to take care of the emergency. Engele at the postoffice in Boone Appalachian faces the possibility of a splendid year. at 9:00 a. m. every Wednesday.

Blowing Rock C. of C. Elects Officers for Year

By MRS. LUCILE LETT discussion of tourist promotion ideas featured the annual mem;

bership meeting of the Blowing

day evening at the Wagon Wheel

Restaurant with President Gro-

ver C. Robbins, Sr. presiding. Mr.

Robbins was re-elected to the

presidency while other officers

consists of the three officers and

Rathmel Wilson, and R. B. Har-

din. Mr. Hardin is also Mayor of

Blowing Rock.

Many items of importance were | the number of tourists which | they want, what were some of the Election of officers and general discussed; chiefly, the effect on have been in Blowing Rock this services given these visitors? Top-Blowing Rock and the tourist season

way is now under construction,

going through the Cone Memorial

Park, and which will by-pass

Blowing Rock by approximately

a mile. Also under discussion was

importance to everyone of the

trade of the by-passing of the Primarily the function of a

town by the Blue Ridge Parkway. Chamber of Commerce is promo-

ping the list of questions asked we think is "What accomodations can we find here and can you

tion. However, in cities and help us with this?" Next of imtowns that are purely resort portance is "What is there to see places, as Blowing Rock is, the and do while we are here?" duties of a Chamber of Com-Third, we would say is road inmerce are many and varied. For formation, and by far not only around here but all over the instance, during the period between July 15 and August 15 Southeast and mid-west. Many vice-president; H. P. Holshouser, Sr., executive secretary and the surer. The Board of Directors President Robbins stressed the is of course a small number commore than 1600 visitors came into other services are rendered the public by the 'working' secretary, Mrs. Thomas L. Clear, who is on pared to the actual number of duty from 9 a. m. until 5 p. m. Larry Harris, Bill Williams, building of this stretch of the visitors who were in Blowing and her assistant who during the Parkway and urged strong unity Rock for many many persons busy season is on duty from 5 p.

among members and interested who visit a place never see a m. until 10 p. m. week-days and persons in holding and increasing Chamber of Commerce, What did (Continued on page four)