

Textile Group To Hold Convention At Mayview

Blowing Rock, June 14.—A K. Winget of Albemarle, newly elected president of the American Cotton Manufacturers Institute, is scheduled as one of the three speakers at the annual meeting here in mid-June of the Southern Textile Association, an organization of mill operating officials.

Other guest speakers will include Dr. L. C. Hance, president of the Institute of Textile Technology, Charlottesville, Va., and William F. Robertson, general manager of Riegel Textile Corporation, Ware Shoals, S. C.

The convention, to be held June 16-17-18 at the Mayview Manor, starts Thursday night with a buffet supper and a reception. Dr. Hance and Mr. Robertson will speak at the initial business session on Friday morning.

Mr. Winget, who is chairman of the board, American & Efrid Mills, will speak at the final session on Saturday morning. At this session also J. L. James of Coolemeec, head of the Southern Textile Association, will present the president's report.

The election of officers also comes on Saturday. As a matter of custom and precedent, the first

Now Is Time To Use State Parks

If you have not visited or used the varied facilities offered at North Carolina State Parks now is the time to do so.

This is the advice coming from Director Ben E. Douglas of the Department of Conservation and Development, the State agency which, among other duties, has the responsibility of administering the system of State Parks.

Director Douglas says the growing popularity of the State Parks is shown by the fact that during 1954 more than 1,600,000 persons visited and used facilities of the parks. He hopes an even larger number will visit the parks this year.

Admission to and parking in the State Parks is free. Park visitors will find food and soft drinks at conveniently located refreshment stands.

Swimming, boating, camping, nature study, and other entertainment are provided at the parks. "The parks have everything a person needs for a healthful, restful stay however short it may be," Mr. Douglas says.

Former Boone Girl Is Cabarrus Band Leader

The following story was written by Ralph Miller, Concord Tribune staff writer. Mrs. Neel is a granddaughter of Mrs. Lillian Hopkins of Boone.

"Equality for women!" That has been the battle-cry from the fair sex since Susan B. Anthony led the woman suffrage fight in the last century.

Mrs. Agnes Neel has invaded a field tackled by few women in the United States. She is the only woman band director in Cabarrus county—and one of but a few in the state.

"I enjoy it, or I certainly wouldn't be a band director," Mrs. Neel said.

"I don't see anything unusual about it. My husband, William, doesn't complain so I just take my job for granted."

Mrs. Neel has been at Odell High School since the 1949-50 school year.

"I've studied all instruments—and I do mean all. I can't play any of them well enough to list except the trumpet."

"Oh, I might get 'Mary Had a Little Lamb' out of most of them, but that would be about all. I've had instruction in percussions, reed, string and brass.

"But, like I said, all I can play

is the trumpet."

She began her trumpet lessons young, at the age of 12, and played that instrument during her high school career. When she entered college she played in the school band, the little symphony orchestra and the college dance band.

A native of Boone, she attended Appalachian State Teachers College and graduated in 1946, majoring in music.

She then came to Odell in 1949 and began work there as the music teacher.

"The band has actually grown and improved nicely during those years," she said.

"It was organized in October, 1948, by Jean Miller. At the first concert there were only 10 members.

"There are now 38 concert players and we have 48 members in the marching band.

"In addition, this year was the first year that band classes have been held daily. It helps tremendously when they can practice daily

instead of at such irregular times."

"I've also found out that whenever we have a program scheduled and something falls through, I can always depend on the members to pull something out of the air at

the last minute and be a hit."

Mrs. Neel received her Master of Arts degree at Appalachian State Teachers College last year.

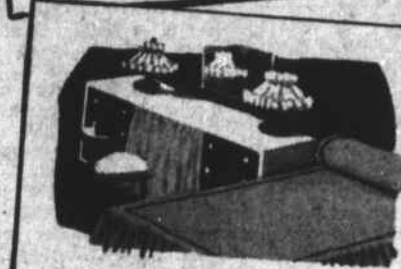
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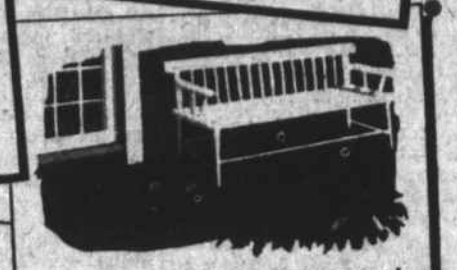
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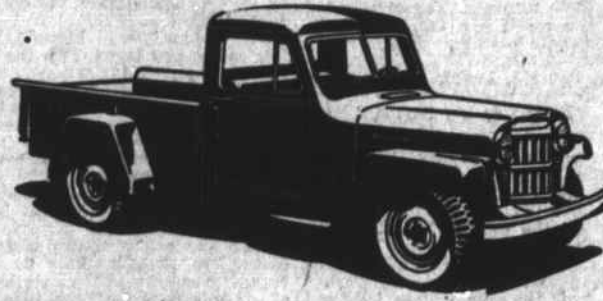
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