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## Blowing Rock Horse Show High Spot In Gala Tourist Season

By WALTER K. KEYS

Blowing Rock, N. C. August 1—When in 1923 a comparative stranger in Blowing Rock, one Lloyd M. Tate, launched the first Horse Show held on this mountain top, little did the local contingent making up the entire list of entrants realize that they were instituting the outstanding sporting and social event of the Western North Carolina tourist season. For this is exactly what the Blowing Rock Horse Show has developed into—just thirty-two years after its first program was presented on the slopes of Green Hill. The story of this show is largely the story of the perseverance and personality of this same Lloyd M. Tate, "Mr. Horse Show," who in 1955 is still the guiding genius of this event.

Some interesting facts taken from the available records of the show from the year 1937 will give you an idea of the remarkable growth of this great sporting institution.

In 1937 the entry fees amounted to \$234; the box sales netted \$240, while the general admissions totalled \$640. That year the officers were J. Luther Snyder, president, Joseph L. Cannon, vice-president, Charles G. Beck, secretary-treasurer, and Lloyd M. Tate, general manager. The ribbons cost \$33, and the cash prizes totalled \$500.

In 1944, the hard year of World War II, the ticket sales amounted to \$1665 (including boxes); the entry fees grossed \$491; programs realized \$240. The officers were J. Luther Snyder, president, L. M. Tate, vice-president, Walter K. Keys, secretary, Charles G. Beck, treasurer, and Lloyd M. Tate, general manager. Ribbons cost \$54, cash prizes were \$948.

In 1950 the sale of boxes brought in \$3,005; gate receipts were \$2,238; entry fees were \$1,175; and programs returned \$1,210. Ribbons that year cost \$258, and cash prizes totalled \$1,964. This was one of the banner years of the show. Officers in 1950 were D. M. Bower, president, L. M. Tate, vice-president, Mrs. W. B. Shuford, secretary, H. P. Holshouser, treasurer, and Lloyd M. Tate, general manager.

In 1954 the sale of boxes totalled \$2,776; gate receipts, \$2,110; programs returned \$3,312; and entry fees were \$1,583. Disbursements this year included ribbons \$240, trophies \$436, and cash prizes \$2,310. Officers in 1954 were R. G. Williams, president, Walter Spainhour, vice-president, H. P. Holshouser, treasurer, Mrs. Marge B. Fennell, secretary, and Lloyd M. Tate, general manager.

In 1955 the officers who, together with the excellent Board of Directors, have dedicated themselves to making this year's show the greatest ever are Clyde H. Harris, president, R. G. Williams, vice-president, H. P. Holshouser, treasurer, Mrs. Grover C. Robbins, Jr., secretary, and Lloyd M. Tate, general manager.

It will be noted that the three men who through the years played the most prominent parts in the development of this great show were "Uncle Charlie" Beck (deceased), J. Luther Snyder, the "Coca-Cola" Chief, and Lloyd Tate, who, like Ole Man River, just keeps rolling along. Since 1937 the presidents of the show have been J. Luther Snyder, D. M. Bower, Thomas V. Sniely, Sr., S. A. Spencer, R. Gaylor Williams, and Clyde Harris. The secretaries have been Charles G. Beck, Walter K. Keys, Mrs. J. L. Coker III, Mrs. W. B. Shuford, Mrs. Marge Fennell, and Mrs. Pat Robbins. The treasurers have been Charles G. Beck, and Howard P. Holshouser. The general manager, the one and only Lloyd Tate.

Back in the days when the most coveted award of the show was that given to the "Best Horse of the Show", with all classes competing, the great hunter, Norwood, owned by C. V. Henkel, Jr. of Statesville, became the only horse of the hunter class to ever win this award. All other winners were three-gaited or five-gaited show horses. More recently the coveted prize of the show has been the Oscar F. Smith Memorial Trophy, which in 1954 became the property of Miles Wright, of York, S. C., who had won it three years in succession. A new Smith Memorial trophy will be featured in the 1955 show.

The official program of the 1955 Blowing Rock Horse Show will feature four showings: Friday, August 5th, 2:30 p. m., Saturday, August 6th, 10:00 a. m. and 2:30 p. m., and Sunday, August 7th, 10:00 a. m. and 2:30 p. m.

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WATAUGA DELEGATES to the annual meeting of the Tennessee Valley Association of Test-Demonstration Families are pictured at Sheffield, Ala. Left to right, they are: Mr. and Mrs. Roby Vines, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Edmisten, L. E. Tuckwiller. Mrs. Edmisten was elected Secretary to the North Carolina Unit Test Farmers Association for the year.

## Wataugans Attend Area TVA Sessions

Sheffield, Ala.—With confidence born of experience, and enthusiasm generated by success, 500 leaders of test-demonstration work in 90 counties of seven states at the second annual meeting of their Tennessee Valley Association of Test-Demonstration Families recently, took action to strengthen the work in the Valley and go to bat for its continued service to the nation.

L. H. McKay, vice-chairman of the association, called on the group to take action to continue the program, and "here at this meeting make a formal resolution for its continuance and for added personnel to make it effective." He pointed out to the group that test-demonstration families have shown what can be done to "change the landscape" from struggle-ridden hills to prosperous farms.

He traced the decline in number of test-demonstration farms and in supervisory personnel for the work since 1947. "We've been depending primarily on the momentum the work got before that time," he declared, warning that without action by the association, "before it is old enough to walk, we'll be using it as pallbearers for the funeral of a program that has meant more to the region and to the nation than anything else in the past 20 years."

In answer to McKay's appeal, the association passed a resolution reaffirming "our wholehearted support for the program of the Tennessee Valley Authority," and recommending that "TVA, the Congress, and the people concerned diligently work to see that sufficient funds be made available for its operation and expansion as required for the best interest of the Tennessee Valley and the nation as a whole." The resolution pointed out the progressive usefulness of test-demonstration work as a "tool for abundant rural living as a result of the knowledge and skills gained through 20 years' experience in the program," and directed that "county and state chapters of the association work diligently to strengthen and keep it an effective educational program."

Describing the effectiveness of test-demonstration work in using TVA-produced soil nutrients and combined Extension and farm family know-how to spark complete farm-home planning for soil building for better living were farmers and their wives from several states. A panel of 11 test-demonstration men and women from Washington County, Tennessee, described the operation of the program in that county through their county test-demonstration association. The county group selects the demonstration families, impresses upon them their responsibility for service to their communities and county, guides special research projects and studies carried on by these families, helps conduct some 50 meetings and tours per year to spread proved practices, and stimulates effective work by selecting

## Elk Creek Area To Be Stocked As Game Refuge

North Wilkesboro, N. C. July 28—Ten thousand acres in the Elk Creek area of western Wilkes and eastern Watauga have been obtained for a game refuge, J. B. McCoy, president of the Wilkes Wildlife Club, told the club in a meeting Wednesday evening at the Wildlife Lake at Mountain View.

The game refuge, which included the lands of the Elk Creek Lumber Company, will be stocked with deer in the next few months, Mr. McCoy said. In addition to being a natural habitat for game, the area includes some of the best trout streams in the Blue Ridge Mountains.

The new game reservation is the second provided in this area. Several years ago the state acquired several thousand acres adjacent to Doughton Park in the northern part of Wilkes and that area now has a thriving population of deer. It also has some excellent trout streams.

Mr. McCoy and Bill Aldridge, district game protector, also informed the club that the club's efforts to secure beaver stocking of Pike's Creek in Doughton Park area had been successful and that beaver is being placed in that stream.

Other reports which were of interest to the 50 members attending the club meeting included the information that the club house at the lake at Mountain View has been completed and lighted. It was one of the most successful meetings of the club in several months.

## Yadkin County Man Is Named Local School Superintendent



DRAWS MANY VISITORS.—The Parkway Crafts Center in the Cone Memorial Park, Blowing Rock, is drawing a record number of visitors this summer, according to George A. Cathey, manager. Formerly the palatial estate of the late Moses H. Cone and Mrs. Cone, the building houses rare displays of mountain craftsmanship. Furniture, woven articles, pottery, and many other items are shown, and the handiwork of native craftsmen is eagerly sought by visitors to the Crafts Center. Democrat Photo by Rachel Rivers.

## W. Guy Angell Takes Over Duties Monday

W. Guy Angell, 40-year-old native of Yadkin County, and a graduate of Appalachian State Teachers College, has been appointed superintendent of Watauga County schools, succeeding W. H. Walker. He began his duties Monday morning, August 1.

The appointment was made late Saturday by Watauga's new board of education, Dr. Charles Davant, Jr., of Blowing Rock, Dr. D. J. Whitener, new dean of Appalachian State Teachers College, and

## County Schools To Open Aug. 29

The Watauga County board of education has set Monday, August 29, as opening day for the county schools.

W. Guy Angell, new county superintendent who assumed his duties Monday of this week, has announced that he will begin a series of meetings with the various school committees Wednesday to discuss teacher personnel and other matters.

Complete faculty lists will be published as soon as they are available, he said.

## Ernest Hodges Taken By Death

Ernest Council Hodges, of Baltimore, Md., died in that city July 27. He was 40 years of age, and a former Watauga County fire warden.

Funeral services were held Sunday, July 31, at the Oak Grove Baptist Church, conducted by the Rev. C. O. Vance and E. F. Troutman. Burial was in Mountlawn Memorial Park.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Faye Hodges, Baltimore; his mother, Mrs. Florence Hodges, Boone, Route 3; four brothers, Grady and Jones Hodges, Hickory, Curtis and Dewey Hodges, both of Boone; three sisters, Mrs. Dwight Hayes and Mrs. Ollie Greer, both of Boone, and Mrs. James Moore of Lenoir.

## Vocalists To Feature Folk Festival Program

The seventh in a summer-long series of folk art festivals, under the auspices of the Southern Appalachian Historical Association, will be held Saturday, August 6, beginning at 3:00 p. m., Director Richard Chase, Beech Creek author and folklorist, has announced.

The program will consist of "mostly singing," said Mr. Chase, led by members of the Music Education Workshop at Appalachian State Teachers College and the workshop staff, Chuck Greer, Jimmie Green, Mrs. Edna Doll, Sally Tobin Detrich, Elmira Stroll, Forrestine Hold, and Frank Fox.

There will be simple country songs and dancing for general participation. Songs to be sung will include "Wondrous Love," "Go Tell Aunt Rhody," "The Riddle Song," "Down in the Valley," "Sourwood Mountain," and "Go Tell It on the Mountain." Members of the workshop will accompany the singing on autoharps.

An added attraction Saturday will be the appearance of Artus Moser and family, well known artists of Swannanoa, who will entertain playing dulcimers, guitars, and English flutes.

The workshop is conducted by the American Institute of Music Education, and is their third of the summer. The institute has just completed a workshop at the University of Denver, and Fred Waring's Workshop at Delaware Water Gap.

## Salk Shots Are Available Here

The District Health Department has announced that the second dose of Salk polio vaccine will be available for the last time next Monday, (August 8, between 3 and 4 p. m.) to the first and second grade children who received their first dose last spring.

## Federal Prisons

There are now 20,800 prisoners in the six federal penitentiaries, according to James V. Bennett, director of federal prisons. This figure is 470 criminals over the same period of last year. The cause of the all-time peak prison population, according to Bennett, is mainly from longer sentences being imposed by courts.

## Blowing Rock Rotarians To Host Four Clubs

The Blowing Rock Rotary Club will play host to the Rotary clubs of Lenoir, Boone, West Jefferson, and to all Rotarians and Rotary-Anns who may be visiting in the mountain-top vacationland Tuesday evening at 6 o'clock.

The day will be featured as Florida and Tourists Day; and the guest speaker will be Ken Guernsey of Jacksonville, Fla., Past President of Rotary International.

The four Rotary clubs are uniting in a bar-becue dinner which will be served on Playground Park in Blowing Rock. Dinner music will be furnished by the Country Gentlemen String Band, "Happy John" Coffey, and the Sky Ranch "Jug Band." After a program featuring Mr. Guernsey, a square dance will be held in the pavilion.

Rotarians and Rotary-Anns are cordially invited to this celebration. Please let the secretary of

## Enrollment In Last Term At Appalachian Sets New Record

With the arrival Monday of four additional workshop groups on the campus of Appalachian State Teachers College, the enrollment for the last summer term at the institution has now risen to 1515, an all-time high.

According to Chapell Wilson, director of the summer terms, 645 of these are enrolled for graduate work.

The workshops which began Monday, and which will end on August 12, are music education, elementary education, National Council of Teachers of English, and Student Teaching.

In the music education workshop 137 registered. They came from North Carolina, Ohio, Florida, South Carolina, New Jersey, Kentucky, Virginia, Georgia, Maryland, New York, California, and Texas. The work offered is an intensive course in modern methods of music education. The course is sponsored jointly by Silver Burdett Company, publishers of "New Music Horizons," and Appalachian State Teachers College. On the faculty are some of the country's experts in music for children, rhythmic and dance, and allied fields.

In elementary education 27 registered from Florida, North Carolina, Virginia, South Carolina, and Georgia. The third of a series of workshops offered this summer in elementary education, this session is directed by Dr. John G. Navarra, research assistant in the department of natural sciences at Teachers College of Columbia University.

## Miss Pat Ellis Takes Teaching Post In Europe

Miss Pat Ellis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Ellis is one of the twenty-six teachers from North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia who have been chosen from 152 applicants for positions in American Dependents Schools overseas. She has been assigned to Germany and will leave during August for the overseas post.

Charles C. Furman, chief of the recruitment branch, Overseas Affairs Division, Washington, D. C. has notified local officials of selection of the 26 as a result of interviews arranged by the Placement Service of the University of North Carolina School of Education in the three-state southeastern district.

## Zionville Man Dies In Maryland

Glenn William Anderson, a former resident of Zionville, died at his home in Baltimore, Md., on Friday, July 29. He was 38 years of age.

Funeral services were held at 4:30 p. m. Sunday, July 31, at the Mabel Baptist Church, conducted by the Rev. E. O. Gore and R. C. Eggers. Burial was in the Adams cemetery.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Clarice Anderson, and a son, Gary, both of Baltimore; five brothers, Robert, Zionville, R. G. Baltimore, Ed, Pennsylvania, Fred and Joe, both of Marion, Va.; three sisters, Mrs. Lennie Perry, Zionville, Ruth and Pearl Anderson, both of Marion, Va.

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Emphasis during this session will be in the fields of elementary arithmetic, science, music and rhythms.

The workshop of the National Council of Teachers of English has membership from North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, New York, Illinois, California, Iowa, Florida, Wisconsin, Virginia, and West Virginia. The workshop is directed jointly by Dr. Mildred Dawson, professor of education at Appalachian State Teachers College, who is in charge of the elementary division, and Paul Farmer, coordinator of Language Arts in the Atlanta Public Schools, who is in charge to the high school division.

The workshop in Student Teaching is offered for supervisors of student teaching either in college training schools or in off-campus centers. Enrolled are 33 teachers, principals and supervisors, from 23 different school systems in North Carolina. Director of the workshop is Dr. Marshall Hamilton of Georgia State College, assisted by Dr. Herbert Wey, assistant director of the ASTC graduate school, Ben Horton, director of the ASTC student teaching program, Dr. James Stone and Dr. W. F. Fulmer, off-campus supervisors of the ASTC student teachers.

The summer sessions at Appalachian will end at noon on August 19. The commencement exercises will be held on the previous night, Thursday, August 18, at eight o'clock in the college stadium.

H. W. Mast, Jr., Valle Crucis businessman, who was recently appointed by the state board of education.

Mr. Angell, who is unmarried, received his Bachelor of Science degree in history and science in 1935 and his Master of Arts degree in history and education in 1952 from Appalachian College.

For the past two years he has been principal of the Shalotte school in Brunswick County. Prior to that he was at Mountain Park school in Surry County for three years.

He served in the armed forces during World War II (1942-46) and has had five years' experience as a classroom teacher, covering a period before and after his war service.

Mr. Angell served as Work Projects Director for the National Youth Administration from 1940 to 1942.

Mrs. Cordelia Wilson Snyder, 72, died at her home at Reese on Wednesday, July 27.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Friday, July 29, at the Beaver Dam Baptist Church, conducted by the Rev. R. C. Eggers, Bynum Trivette and Carl Wilson. Burial was in the Beaver Dam cemetery.

She is survived by her husband, Jake S. Snyder; four sons, Oscar, Knoxville, Tenn., Howard, Baltimore, Md., J. S. Jr., Sugar Grove, and Elbert, Elizabethton, Tenn.; six daughters, Mrs. Ethel Bass, Knoxville, Tenn., Mrs. Myrtle Arnold, Jolie, Ill., Mrs. Elizabeth Bass, Cleveland, Ohio, Mrs. Lula Slem, Mountain City, Tenn., Mrs. Christine Kirby and Mrs. Mollie Wilson, Reese; two brothers, Raleigh Wilson of Reese, and Bob Wilson, of Somerset, Ky.; 19 grandchildren and 5 great grand children.

## Says Farmers Depend On Banks For Loans

North Carolina farmers met their credit needs during 1954 chiefly by loans from their local banks, according to A. T. Adams, Cashier, The Northwestern Bank, who represents the North Carolina Bankers Association as Watauga county key banker. North Carolina banks remained the largest lenders to the state's farmers during the year, providing far more financial aid to our farmers than any other lending agency, he noted.

Quoting from the fourteenth annual farm lending survey of the Agricultural Commission of the American Bankers Association, Mr. Adams stated that on January 1, 1955, North Carolina banks had loans outstanding to farmers totaling \$37,747,000 including both production and mortgage loans. This compares with a total of \$22,602,000 held by the Farmers Home Administration, the second largest lender to North Carolina farmers. In addition, North Carolina banks held \$11,785,000 in C. C. C. loans under the government's price-support program not included in the

above figures.

Of the total farm debt outstanding in banks in North Carolina on (Continued on page two.)

## D. M. Wilson Dies Friday

Davis Marion Wilson, 88, died July 29 at his home at Zionville. He was a veteran of the Spanish American War.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Sunday, July 31, at the Zionville Baptist Church, conducted by the Rev. Victor Trivette, R. C. Eggers, and E. O. Gore. Burial was in the Reese cemetery.

He is survived by six sons, Clifford and John, Cleveland, Ohio, James, Charles, Joe, and George, all of Zionville; and five daughters, Mrs. Ollie Reese, Zionville, Mrs. Annie Hodges, Oxford, Pa., Mrs. Flossie Melton, Smyrna, Tenn., Mrs. Sue Cliff, Hyattsville, Pa., and Mrs. Kelly Frances, Zionville.

## Paint Store Opens On East King

V. L. Moretz & Son, lumber and paint dealers of Deep Gap, announce this week the opening of the Dutch Boy Paint Store at 129 E. King Street, in the building formerly occupied by Bill's Shoe Store.

A full line of paints will continue to be carried at the lumber yard, and orders for lumber or paint will be accepted at either place of business, said Mr. Moretz.

The Federal Government wound up the 1955 fiscal year, ended June 30, with a deficit of \$4,192,000,000.