

Watauga Boys Place In Livestock Judging

J. B. Moretz, John Ray Hodges, and Bailey Miller, all members of the livestock judging team of Appalachian High School, won a place in the State Judging Contest last week at Asheville. These boys competed with 16 other schools in District V and won second place. This is the third consecutive year a team from the Appalachian High School has won a place in the State contest.

Each boy reported a nice trip to Asheville where they attended the District Five F. F. A. rally. Headquarters for the rally was in the George Vanderbilt Hotel where the boys spent Friday night and

most of Saturday. A luncheon was served to nearly 300 FFA boys and guests at 12:30 p. m. Saturday. Winners in the many contests were announced during the luncheon hour. The team got a check for \$17.50 and were on their way home at 2 p. m.

This team of boys is planning to go to Raleigh to the State FFA convention June 26, where they will enter the State Livestock Judging contest. Each boy and the teacher of the team that wins in Raleigh will receive a cash award of \$100 each to pay expenses to Kansas City to judge in the National contest.

County Represented At Mental Meetings

(Health Dept. Bulletin)

This county had representation in Asheville at a meeting on May 12, to consider the role of "resource persons" in local communities who will make available facts on mental health to their communities.

Sponsored by the program committee of the North Carolina Mental Health Association, this meeting and other similar ones being held throughout the State are a means by which the association is presenting the facts about various resources and mental health needs and considering ways of dealing with these needs. Serving as liaison person between local and State levels, helping in planning local programs and as a referral source for speakers at the local level, are among the functions of these "resource persons."

An effort is being made on the part of the State association to have a person from each of the one hundred counties to serve in this

capacity.

The program of the day's meeting was moderated by Dr. John Fowler, chairman of the program committee and director of the Child Guidance Clinic in Durham. It included a presentation by Ethel Speas, executive secretary of the North Carolina Mental Health Association. She states that a mental health association was organized in the State as early as 1913. The present association having functioned since 1936 is a voluntary individual membership organization.

Among the purposes of the association are the promotion and the conservation of mental health through State and local groups.

Representing groups in this county which are interested in mental health was Dr. Mary Michal, district health officer of Boone.

Mountain Flower Show

By MIRIAM RABB
State News Bureau

Purple rhododendron, mountain laurel and flame azaleas are now blooming throughout Western North Carolina at elevations of around 3,000 feet, and are spreading to higher slopes. Favorite routes for viewing these flowers as well as rhododendrons are the Blue Ridge Parkway, U. S. 441, through the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, and U. S. 64 through the Waterfall Country and Nantahala National Forest. One of the larger concentrations of laurel is in the Pink Beds Recreational Area in Pisgah National Forest near Brevard, where the blooming season occurs during the first two weeks of June.

A new vantage point for viewing the mountain flower parade this year is a recently completed spur of the Blue Ridge Parkway from Wagon Road Gap on U. S. 276 to Beech Gap in the remote Devil's Courthouse Country. Flame azalea is abundant on this route, and at Mile-High Overlook, where another spur of the Parkway meets the Great Smokies west of Asheville. Wayah Bald, in Nantahala Forest near Franklin, is also noted for flame azalea.

Flame azalea, laurel and rhododendron border the Blue Ridge Parkway between the Virginia line and Asheville, particularly in the vicinity of Doughton Park, Linville, Blowing Rock, Grandfather Mountain and Mount Mitchell. Purple rhododendron grows profusely on Mount Mitchell, highest peak in Eastern America, and towering Grandfather Mountain, in the Blue Ridge. Both mountains are accessible from the Parkway by automobile.

The summit of Roan Mountain, newly accessible by paved highway and U. S. Forest Service Road, is the setting for the annual Roan Mountain Rhododendron Festival to be held June 23-24 this year. A highlight of the Festival is the crowning of rhododendron queens from North Carolina and Tennessee, with both states participating in the Festival program held on the state line. Highways 26 and 261 connect Roan Mountain to the Blue Ridge Parkway.

American hospitals are turning abroad in the search of competent young physicians to serve as internes.

Soth Is Winner Pulitzer Prize

Laurea Kephart Soth editor of the Des Moines Register and Tribune, and a nephew of Dr. A. P. Kephart of Blowing Rock, has been awarded a Pulitzer prize.

The award-winning editorial was one inviting Russian farmers to this country and advocating a return visit by farmers and newspapermen from this country to Russia.

Mr. Soth is known here, where he recently spoke to a meeting of the Southern Appalachian Historical Association.

Jaycees

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merce, was presented to Dr. Gene Reese, president of the Boone organization, by Henry Bernhardt of Salisbury, first vice-president of the third North Carolina district.

Other guests were Jack Sharpe, Jr., Kannapolis; "Sandy" McClamroch, Chapel Hill, and Guy Carlan of Spencer.

In addition to Roger Wilson, Joe Hartley and Ted Hagaman, the election of Jimmy Winkler, Paul Younce and John Council completed the board of directors.

President Reese announced the selection of Jimmy Winkler as chairman of all committees.

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Washington Notes

FEDERAL PAYROLL

The Federal civilian payroll increased by 1,276 persons in March, as compared with February, according to Senator Jackson (D., Wash.), who said the new approach already had brought about a \$100,000 saving. This resulted, he said, when the agency dropped plans to rent 300,000 square feet of commercial warehouse in three towns in that state.

DOCTORS' BONUS

A bill to increase the bonuses for physicians and dentists who stay in military service has been approved by Congress and sent to the White House. Doctors and dentists now get \$100-a-month bonus in addition to their regular military pay. Under the new legislation, their bonus would be \$150 a month after two years, \$200 a month after six years and \$250 a month after ten years.

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JOYFUL JOYRIDERS

Richmond, Va.—Policies are looking for a joyful joyrider who, on a ride on an early-Sunday morning clipped off a hydrant in front of Richmond's main postoffice, causing a gusher of water to spout 13 feet into the air, knocked down two parking signs, bowled over a parking meter and upset a trash container. Damages were estimated at \$500.

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