

Lions Club Members See Shearing Demonstration

Members of the Boone Lions Club were treated to a sheep-shearing demonstration at their last regular meeting by the winners of this year's state 4-H sheep-shearing contest held in Raleigh last May.

Lance Reese of the Bethel Club and Bill Allston of the Boone Senior Club, winner and runner-up in the state contest this year, sheared several sheep in the parking lot of the Daniel Boone Hotel to show the Lions how experts do it.

Assistant County Agent W. C. Richardson made a talk to the club before adjournment to the parking lot for the demonstration.

Reese and Allston, he said, will enter the national sheep-shearing contest at the International Livestock Exposition and 4-H Congress to be held in Chicago next November.

Watauga County 4-H Clubbers have won the state contest every year since 1948 except last year, said Richardson, when top honors were taken by Alleghany County.

Watauga County's record in national competition is as follows: 1948, Clint Reese, fifth; 1949, Clint Reese, first; 1950, Bob Wilson, first, Ben Norris, second; 1951, Vance Vines, unplaced; 1952, Bobby Gene Norris, eighth; 1953, Glenn Reese, third; 1954, Dudley Norris, seventh.

All of these boys represented the Bethel Club (except Allston this year), and won first place in the state contest of the year in which they entered the national event.

Watauga is the only county in the United States, said Richardson, to win the national contest two years in a row (1949 and 1950), and the only county to place first and second in a single year (1950).

Reese and Allston will go to rural Illinois and Michigan to practice shearing for about ten days prior to the national contest, Richardson said.

Objectives of the 4-H sheep-shearing program, he said, are as follows:

1. To harvest the wool crop at the best time and in the most desirable manner.
 2. To learn the proper method of handling sheep while shearing, thereby making shearing easier on the operator and the sheep.
 3. To remove the fleece in one piece, free of second cuts.
 4. To learn to shear with a machine so that all of the wool is obtained.
 5. To learn the proper method of preparing wool for market.
- Watauga, Richardson pointed out, is North Carolina's principal sheep-raising county.

Recreation News

Perkinville has been replaced by Rutherford in the Men's Softball League. Therefore, Rutherford will take the place of Perkinville on the schedule that was published previously in this paper, it was announced by Dave Abernathy, recreation director.

After the first week of play in the Men's Softball League, the Presbyterians have taken command of first place. They defeated the Mountain Lions 5-4, and Oak Grove by the score of 24-5. The IRC and the Methodists also were undefeated, but they played each other and were tied up 6-6 when the game had to be called off because of darkness. The game will be replayed tonight (Wed) on the IRC field at 8 o'clock.

The standings after the first week of play:

	Won	Lost
Presbyterians	2	0
IRC	1	0
Methodist	1	0
Baptist	1	1
Rutherford	1	1
V F W	1	1
Mountain Lions	0	2
Oak Grove	0	2

Little League

Approximately 50 to 60 boys were on hand for the opening of Little League baseball Thursday, June 7. These boys were very interested and eager to get started. Due to the large number of participants, the boys have been divided into two different age groups, 9-12 and 13-14. This was done to provide a better opportunity for the smaller and younger boys and to create more interest among the older boys. To provide adequate time for games, each group will play on different days. Here is the schedule for the next two weeks:

June 18-22—Mon., Wed., Fri.—9-12 years; Tue., Thurs.—13-14 years.
June 25-29—Mon., Wed., Fri.—13-14 years; Tues., Thurs.—9-12 years.

All of these boys can participate in horseshoe, volleyball, tetherball and badminton each day, but will be able to play ball only

on the days indicated above. So there will be something for all the boys to do each day.

The great interest that these boys have taken in our community should be proud of. Any parent who is interested is invited to visit the playground and offer any suggestions that might lead to the betterment of the recreational program.

Due to the lack of players and interest, there will not be a women's softball league until further notice.

News Items From Valle Crucis

It's been good haying weather in Valle Crucis the past week. Every farmer has been putting up stacks of hay, hoping to get some rain just as soon as haying is over.

Mrs. W. W. Mast has returned home from Watauga Hospital in Boone where she underwent an appendectomy. We hope for her an early recovery.

The children of the Glenn Farthings have been visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Farthing and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Harris.

Mrs. Leah Fiers of Florida has come to spend the summer at her home here.

The Home Demonstration Club met last week at the home of Mrs. Allie Shull and Mrs. Anne Leake. Subject for study was "Wife-Savers" that take the ache out of house cleaning.

Mrs. Robert McMillan and Mrs. Wallace May and their children have been visiting with their mother, Mrs. Clyde Tester, at Matney. Mrs. Helen Mast has returned

to her home after spending several weeks with her daughter in Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Britenstine from the University of Miami are here for the summer at their home in upper Valle Crucis. Mr. Britenstine is teaching at Appalachian State Teachers College during the summer term.

The Episcopal Ministers' Conference is being held at usual this summer at the mission.

Chief Warrant Officer Louis Farthing and Mrs. Farthing and children visited with relatives and friends on Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Lula Moore of Lenoir spent Sunday with her brother, Tom Baird.

Mrs. Dennis Hodges, the former Miss Patty Baird, of Charlotte, has

been visiting for a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clint Baird.

Mrs. Benny McDonald of Charlotte, spent a few days recently with Mrs. Alice Baird and Mrs. Edward Baird.

Miss Leslie Mast of Vilas visited Saturday and Sunday with her aunt, Mrs. Tom Taylor, and Mr. Taylor.

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Both Boone, Bamboo Have Diamond Defeats

Both Boone and Bamboo suffered a defeat over the week end to allow West Jefferson and Mable to move within striking distance of the league leadership. J. M. Burkett did some excellent pitching for Mable in defeating Boone as did Jonah Baldwin for West Jefferson in defeating Bamboo.

Each week the league leadership gets closer as the teams are playing much better ball. Large crowds are attending and much interest is being shown.

Games this week that should help decide the leadership is Boone at West Jefferson and Millers Creek at Bamboo.

Results of Saturday's play:
Mable 4, Boone 3
Millers Creek 14, Lansing 4
West Jefferson 5, Bamboo 3
Foscoe 4, Blowing Rock 3.

Sunday's results:
Boone 14, Lansing 11
West Jefferson at Mable (rain)
Millers Creek 12, Foscoe 7
Bamboo at Blowing Rock (did not play).

Standings:

	Won	Lost
Boone	7	2
Bamboo	6	2
Mable	5	3
Millers Creek	5	5
Foscoe	3	6
Blowing Rock	2	6
Lansing	1	7

This week's schedule:
Saturday—Boone at West Jefferson 8 p. m.; Lansing at Foscoe; Blowing Rock at Mable; Millers Creek at Bamboo.
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Jefferson at Blowing Rock; Lansing at Bamboo; Mable at Millers Creek.

Methodist Men To Hear Plemmons

The Methodist Men of the Boone Methodist Church will assemble for their regular monthly meeting at 7 o'clock in Fellowship Hall at the Church on Wednesday, June 20.

A special program has been planned with Dr. William Plemmons, president of Appalachian State Teachers College, as the speaker. Dr. Plemmons' topic will be concerned with church-college relationship.

One-third ounce of antibiotic in a ton of feed may boost pig growth from 10 to 20 per cent, say Florida Experiment Station workers.

STRAWBERRIES

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