



AREA DEVELOPMENT LEADERS—Members of the board of directors of the Northwest North Carolina Development Association, which held its monthly meeting here Friday are, left to right: (First row) Neil Bolton, Forsyth; Mrs. Tom Preston, Stokes; Mrs. Ed. M. Anderson, Ashe; H. W. Wilcox, Watauga; Thomas L. Hanes, Yadkin; and Paul Mathis, Yadkin. (Second row) Frank Bryant, Yadkin; Carl

Irwin, Alleghany; Paul Church, Wilkes; R. L. Bradley, Caldwell; and J. Herman Coe, Surry. (Third row) E. C. Morris, Davie; the Rev. John Luke, Ashe; Frank Willingham, Forsyth; Knox Johnstone, Davie; and Fred Bowman, Caldwell. Other directors arrived late or were not present.—Staff photo by Joe Minor.

Boone Host To Northwest Area Development Group

Bob Davis Car Places In Pa.

The Bob Davis Special, race car built by Bob Davis of Boone, placed fourth place last week in its class in the National Giant's Despair Hill Climb Event in Wilkesbarre, Pa., according to word received here by Mr. Davis.

The car was carried to Wilkesbarre by Dr. Hooper Johnston, Winston-Salem, president of the Sports Car Club of North Carolina, and was driven by Ed Welch of Winston-Salem.

The Davis Special was placed by officials of the event in the unrestricted category. First, second, and third place winning cars were a Grand-Prix Ferris, an Italian-built car made especially for racing; the Butterworth Special, a four-wheel drive car, and the John Meyer Cadillac Special.



AL BOYLES, director of public relations for "Horn in the West," will appear on Fred Kirby's TV show from WBTV in Charlotte, Friday, July 27. He will have with him Danny Chestnut, who has thrilled many audiences in Boone for the past several months. Al and Danny have made many radio and TV appearances recently boosting Boone and "Horn in the West."—Photo by Paul Smith.

Directors Meeting Attended By Eastern Visitors

By V. G. ROLLINS
The board of directors of the eleven-county Northwest North Carolina Development Association held its monthly directors' meeting here at the Boone Trail Restaurant last Friday afternoon, July 20.

Meeting with the group as guests were about 40 business and agricultural leaders from eastern North Carolina, who were on a two-day chartered bus tour of this section to study the framework and operation of the association with a view to establishing a similar organization in the eastern part of the state.

The eastern visitors were representatives of seven counties around Raleigh, including Wake, Johnston, Warren, Franklin, Vance, Harnett, and Granville.

Complimentary tickets to Horn in the West were presented to the entire group of some 75 persons by Carl Fidler, Horn business manager, and most attended the drama following the business session and dinner.

Herman W. Wilcox, who is a Watauga County member of the board along with Alfred T. Adams and Glenn R. Andrews, acted as host of the meeting and extended greetings to the assemblage.

President William F. Marshall, of Walnut Cove in Stokes County, presided.

Reports were heard from division chairmen Wayne Corpening of Winston-Salem, Agriculture Division; Frank Willingham of Winston-Salem, Industry Division; (Continued on page three)

\$23,000,000 Proposed For Work On Parkway; Projects Are Listed

Washington, July 23—North Carolina projects on the Blue Ridge Parkway totaling \$23,000,000 were proposed today by the National Park Service.

The Interior Department said the North Carolina projects for development and improvements to the scenic mountaintop drive are

included in overall plans totalling \$31,600,000 to be assigned under the park service's 10-year 'Mission 66' program. Of this, \$26,470,000 is to extend and improve the highway itself.

The Blue Ridge Parkway connects the Shenandoah National Park in Virginia with the Great

Smoky Mountains National Park in North Carolina and Tennessee. The remaining \$5,130,000 is for building and improving minor roads, trails, buildings and utilities.

The parkway is the most heavily traveled of all areas in the national park system. Last year it was visited by more than 4 1/2 million tourists.

National Park Service Director Conrad L. Wirth said funds for starting the parkway development and improvements have been provided in appropriations of the Interior Department for fiscal 1957.

The projects are as follows: Construction of 11-mile section northeast of Ravensford, N. C. (southern terminus) \$2,281,362. This is 1957 project.

Construction of 5.5-mile section between Deep Gap at junction of U. S. Highway 421 and Triplett Road (this eliminates seven-mile paralleling detour now required over route 421) \$1,062,500 for grading and \$156,300 for Deep Gap grade separation. (This work planned for 1957.)

Other projects scheduled for a 10-year period:

Twenty-nine miles of final paving and 60 miles of grading, appurtenant structures, paving, guardrails, erosion control, parking area development and roadside exhibits.

Completion of recreation and utility areas at Cumberland Knob, Doughton Park, Tompkins Knob, Moses Cone, Julian Price, Linville Falls, Crabtree Meadows, Craggy Gardens, Asheville headquarters,

Balsam Gap, Soco Cap, Mount Pisgah and Tennessee Bald.

Construction of Administration buildings at Doughton Park and Asheville, visitor centers at Moses Cone, Soco Gap and Mount Pisgah and restoration of visitor center at Tompkins Knob.

Completion of employe housing and remodeling, replacement and completion of FM radio system.

Picnic tables for parking overlooks and drinking fountains.

Increases to parkway staff.

Parkway work now under construction includes 7.4 miles from U. S. Highway 321 near Blowing Rock and extending through Sandy Flat to connect the Yonahlossee Trail.

Work also is under way in parkway areas in Virginia including work just off U. S. Route 60 near Buena Vista and the James River. This phase includes 10 miles of paving, a tunnel and six bridges.

Three additional bridges are planned below State Route 130, a \$900,000 bridge across the James River and 18 miles of paving from U. S. Route 60 to U. S. 501 at a cost of \$405,000.

Other projects planned in Virginia include:

Fourteen miles of grading, appurtenant structures, paving, guardrails, erosion control, parking areas and roadside exhibits.

Recreation and utility areas at Humpback Rocks, Whetstone Ridge, Otter Creek, Peaks of Otter, Roanoke headquarters, Pine Spur, Smart View, Rocky Knob, Mabry Mill and Fisher Peak.

Dr. Perry Eulogized At Senate Session

Dr. H. B. Perry, former Boone legislator, was eulogized Monday evening at the special session of the General Assembly in a resolution introduced by Senator Grady Greer, who is occupying the Dr. Perry seat by gubernatorial appointment.

The resolution which was adopted under suspension of the rules; follows:

Dr. H. B. Perry, who died November 20, 1955, during his second term as a member of the North Carolina State Senate, had practiced medicine in Boone and in rural Watauga county for more than fifty years. On horseback, sometimes even afoot, by buggy and by automobile, Dr. Perry ministered to the needs of the people of the mountains through summer's heat and winter's snow and ice. He was the typical general medical practitioner—zealous for his patients' welfare and often unmindful of his own well-being as he pursued his healing mission, often performing surgical operations by lantern-light in isolated mountain homes. No man has lived a more useful life or served his fellow man with more ardent concern.

In public life Dr. Perry con-

tributed a full measure of his time and talents to the public good. He served as a member of the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Boone for many years, was in the thick of the fight in county political campaigns and had twice been elected to the State Senate, where he served with dignity, ability and courage.

Be it resolved: That Boone and Watauga county have lost a faithful medical practitioner, that the Democratic party has been bereft of a tower of strength, that the State Senate has lost the counsel and leadership of one of its most able members, and that a leader in business and educational circles has been taken from our midst.

That out of respect to the memory of Dr. H. B. Perry, a dedicated physician and diligent public servant, this resolution is adopted by the State Senate of North Carolina, in special session, this 23rd day of July 1956.

Two Retired At Appalachian

Ed Culler and Lorn Harrison retired from their jobs at Appalachian State Teachers College June 30.

Ed had worked on the farm, power plant, and other positions on the campus for 43 years. Lorn, veteran railway man with the narrow gauge, had worked at the College for 21 years and 7 months, most of the time at the power plant.

Messrs Culler and Harrison were served dinner by the Physical Education Department, and presents were given them by many attending.

Both have returned to limited work at the College, under the conditions of the Social Security act and the State Retirement plan.

NAVY GRASSHOPPER

The Navy Grasshopper, nine of which are being built in Indianapolis for Antarctic use, is an airborne weather station. Dropped from an airplane, it shoots out six broadcasts data for six months without servicing.

Flower Growers Groom Plants, Get Ready For Annual Show

For the next two weeks flower growers in this area will be grooming plants for entry in the Boone Flower Show that will take place August 9-10 at the First Baptist Church of Boone. Wide interest centers in the horticulture division of the show where entries will range from the simple marigold to the regal delphinium, and a flower grower whose gardening talents have produced a bed of zinnias may show these with pride equal to that of the most avid horticulturist.

The show's horticulture division is scheduled as follows:

- 1. Marigold—1 bloom, large carnation flowered.
- 2. Marigold—1 bloom, large chrysanthemum flowered.
- 3. Marigold—3 blooms, large carnation flowered.
- 4. Marigold—3 blooms, large chrysanthemum flowered.
- 5. Aster—1 bloom.
- 6. Aster—3 blooms, one variety.
- 7. Petunia—1 bloom, doubled.
- 8. Petunia—1 bloom, ruffled.
- 9. Zinnia—1 bloom, large cactus-flowered hybrid.
- 10. Zinnia—1 bloom, giant dahlia-flowered.

- 11. Zinnia—3 blooms, large cactus-flowered hybrid.
- 12. Zinnia—3 blooms, giant dahlia-flowered.
- 13. Six blooms or stems of any annual not listed above.
- 14. Specimen of any annual not listed above.

Perennials

- 15. Delphinium—1 stalk.
- 16. Delphinium—3 stalks, one or more varieties.
- 17. Phlox—3 stalks of one or more varieties.

Greer And Barnes Attend Assembly

Senator Grady Greer and Representative Stuart Barnes were in their seats when the special session of the General Assembly convened Monday.

Both the local solons are expected to support the administration's school proposals.

- 18. Shasta Daisies—6 blooms of one variety, single.
- 19. Shasta Daisies—6 blooms of one variety, double.
- 20. Three blooms of any perennial not listed above.

Roses

- 21. Hybrid tea—1 bloom, Peace.
- 22. Hybrid tea—1 bloom, white.
- 23. Hybrid tea—1 bloom, pink.
- 24. Hybrid tea, 1 bloom, red.
- 25. Hybrid tea—1 bloom, yellow.
- 26. Hybrid tea—1 bloom, any color or not listed.
- 27. Hybrid tea—3 blooms, one variety.
- 28. Hybrid tea—1 bloom each, five varieties.
- 29. Floribunda—1 spray.
- 30. Any other type rose—1 bloom or spray.

Lilies

- 31. One stalk.
- 32. Three stalks.
- 33. White, 1 spike.
- 34. Pink, 1 spike.
- 35. Red, 1 spike.
- 36. Yellow, 1 spike.
- 37. Lavendar, 1 spike.
- 38. Smoky, 1 spike.
- 39. Any other color, 1 spike.
- 40. One variety, 3 spikes.

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Health Council To Meet Monday

A meeting of the Watauga County Health Council will be held Monday evening at 7:30 in the Courthouse.

Miss Grace Daniel, consultant public health nurse educator of the N. C. State Board of Health, will be accompanied by two guest graduate students, one from Egypt and one from Iran, who are visiting the School of Public Health at Chapel Hill. Miss Daniel will assist in the presentation of the health needs of our county.

A study of the over-all health needs of Watauga County will be presented based on careful reports available. This will lead to the most immediate areas in which to work in the community development program, for human resources are the most valuable asset.

Mrs. Whitehead Funeral Held

Mrs. Jennie Hayes Whitehead, 83, died on Friday, July 20, at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Bynum Taylor of Boone, where she had lived for the past 31 years.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Sunday, July 22, at the Boone Baptist Church, conducted by the Rev. W. R. Eaton and Dr. I. G. Greer. Burial was in the family cemetery at Banner Elk.

Mrs. Whitehead, who was the widow of James Wellborn Whitehead, is survived by two sons, T. J. Whitehead of Richmond, Va., and G. W. Whitehead of Banner Elk; two daughters, Mrs. J. B. Taylor of Boone and Mrs. W. W. Walsh of Richmond, Va.; six grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

Horse Show Will Fete The Governor

Governor and Mrs. Luther Hodges will be guests of the Blowing Rock Horse Show August 3-4, it is announced by Mr. Clyde Harris, president of the Horse Show Association.

Governor and Mrs. Hodges will fly to Hickory, where their car will be waiting to bring them to Blowing Rock.

A welcoming committee from Blowing Rock will be composed of Robert B. Hardin, Mayor; Rathmell E. Wilson, W. C. Lentz and D. W. Wooten, town commissioners; Larry Harris, Chamber of Commerce President; Dr. Walter K. Keys, Rotary and Churches; Dr. and Mrs. Charles Davant, Mr. and Mrs. Grover C. Robbins, Jr., and others.

The thirty-third annual show will be presented on August 3rd, 4th, and 5th. There will be four performances; Friday at 2:30 p. m., Saturday at 10:00 a. m. and 2:30 p. m., Saturday at 10:00 a. m. and 2:30 p. m., and Sunday at 2:30 p. m.

New Farms May Be Taken By ACP

Funds are now available for substantial approvals for at least 300 new farms under the 1956 Agricultural Conservation Program. Many farmers who failed to carry out conservation practices in the spring due to adverse weather conditions may now take advantage of this unusual opportunity.

Funds are now available for establishing pastures, meadows and alfalfa; liming farmland; and winter cover crops. Liberal consideration of requests will be made by the county committee. Community committeemen should see that all their farmers participate in the 1956 ACP. Requests for new farms will be accepted until the fall sign-up which begins August 1.

United Fund Asks For Inclusion Requests

A call has been issued to all social welfare organizations in Watauga county to prepare their requests for inclusion in the first United Fund campaign to be held

in Watauga. The call was made by Dr. Lawrence Owsley, chairman of the United Fund Committee on Admissions and Budget after a meeting on July 23. Dr. Owsley's committee is charged with considering the requests of all organizations and budgeting their allowance of the funds raised by the United Fund organization.

The interested organizations should contact Rev. E. H. Lowman, chairman of the social planning committee, and discuss with him the services they expect their organization to perform. A budget, should at the same time be forwarded to Dr. Owsley.

Dr. Owsley has asked that all budgets be in his hands by August 10, so that an officer of each organization may appear before a meeting of the Committee on Admissions and Budget and state his needs for the group he represents.

After this hearing, the committee will work out the budget for the United Fund campaign, and its recommendations will be approved by the forty-five-member board of directors for the new county-wide organization.



EASTERN VISITORS—Here to observe the operation of the Northwest North Carolina Development Association at its board of directors meeting Friday was a delegation of 40 persons from Eastern North Carolina. Chairmen of the seven counties represented, along with Bill Humphries, farm editor of the Raleigh News and Observer, are left to right: Edmund Aycock, Wake; Mr. Humphries; W. T. Emmart, Johnston; Jerry Harris, Jr., Granville; John Spears, Harnett; B. C. Mangum, Vance; Pett Boyd, Warren; and Stuart Davis, Franklin.—Staff photo by Joe Minor.