

Cove Creek To Hold County Cage Tourney

The first county tournament will be held at Cove Creek's new gymnasium beginning March 9th and ending March 12th. Admission will be 25 cents for students and 50 cents for adults.

The pairings are as follows: Appalachian Junior Varsity vs. Cove Creek Junior Varsity Sat. March 9, 7:00 p. m.; Blowing Rock Varsity vs. Cove Creek Varsity Sat., March 9, 8:00 p. m.; Bethel Junior Varsity vs. Blowing Rock Junior Varsity Mon. March 11, 7:00 p. m.; Appalachian Varsity

vs. Bethel Varsity Monday, March 11, 8:00 p. m.
The winner of the Appalachian J. V. and Cove Creek J. V. game will meet the winner of the Bethel J. V. and Blowing Rock J. V. game on Tuesday, March 12 at 7:00 p. m. for the championship.
The winner of the Blowing Rock-Cove Creek Varsity game will meet the winner of the Appalachian-Bethel Varsity game Tuesday night, March 12 at 8:00 for the championship.

Garden Time

By M. E. GARDNER

The question is frequently asked, "What do we mean when we speak of soil PH?" Simply stated, it refers to the relative acidity, sourness, or alkalinity, sweetness, of the soil. The measurement of PH may be compared to a thermometer. Above freezing (32 degrees Fahrenheit) would be on the sweet side, and below 32 on the sour side.

The PH of the soil affects the growth of all plants, and this is the reason lime is needed for some and not for others. If we apply a set of values to the PH range, from 4 to 10, we can state the ranges as follows: 4 to 5.5, strongly acid; 5.5 to 6.5, slightly acid; 6.5 to 7.5 neutral; and above 7.5 alkaline.

It is common knowledge that the azalea and the camellia require acid soils with the azalea being more tolerant of acid conditions than the camellia. Applying the scale already given, the azalea would fall in the range between 4.8 and 5.7 and the camellia between 5.0 and 6.0. This is getting a little technical, but it illustrates the point.

Since the ranges are not significantly different, both plants are usually grown in the same general area. On the other side of the picture we find that legumes, such as alfalfa and sweet clover, require a pH range of from 6.5 to 7.5. Spinach, often used as a test plant, 6.3 to 7.3; gardenia, the same as camellia, cabbage, 6.0 to 7.0; tomato, 5.3 to 6.3; Irish potato, 5.0 to 5.7; sweet corn, 5.5 to 6.7; and so on down the line of plants.

Lime is used to sweeten soils and sulphur and aluminate sulfate to make them more acid. However, you should never attempt to amend your soils until you first have them tested. The test will not only determine the pH but also organic matter and the essential available nutrient elements such as Nitrogen, Phosphorous, and Potash.

Your county agent, vocational teacher or the Soil Conservation Service in your county will be glad to help you. Some of them can run a quick test for pH, but for complete analyses, the samples should be properly collected and sent to the Soil Testing Laboratory, State Department of Agriculture, Raleigh, N. C. Sample boxes are available in the county agent's office with complete instructions for collecting and mailing.

CROP SUPPORTS

Speaking before the Senate Agriculture Committee recently, Ezra Taft Benson, Secretary of Agriculture, made the suggestion that mandatory Federal farm price supports be killed once surplus production and other agricultural problems are solved. Mr. Benson cited recent Department of Agriculture reports to back up his contention that high price-supports and Federal controls had set the stage for accumulation of surpluses.

Production cutbacks are likely for the textile industry.



ALL-WOMEN RESCUE group, known as the "Calamity Jane," from El Reno, Okla., have lived up to their name by doing civil defense rescue work during two Oklahoma tornadoes and four major fires in El Reno. Shown "splitting" the arm of a mock victim at a civil defense rescue institute in Denton, Texas are seven of the group's 22 members, and Don Eagle (right), who with his wife founded the "Jane" two years ago. (Dallas Times-Herald Photo)

February Is Rainy Month, Record Says

Six inches and 84 hundredths moisture fell on Boone during February. This appears to be quite a bit of rainfall. However, according to records since 1954 it may be seen that it is not the highest for February in the four years.

The records show that in 1954 5.11 inches were measured; in 1955 7.06, in 1956 6.01; and last month 6.84.

Rainfall was recorded on 18 of the 28 days, with the most being measured on the morning of February 26, following a rain which lasted all the night of the 25th. One and .69 inches fell for this period.

On the 27th, a freak rain and hail storm caused .96 precipitation. Approximately an inch of hailstones, some as big as marbles, were measured on the ground after the hail stopped. Some reports were that in gutters and other places accumulations of several inches were noted.

Snow fell on February 14. It was recorded as a one-and-a-half inch snow. Traces of snow were noted on other days but not enough to be measured.

Lowest temperature was 14 degrees on the 24th. During the 24-hour period the thermometer dropped from 47 degrees to 14.

Warmest weather was recorded February 28, when the temperature reached 64. The mercury's lowest point on this day was 45 degrees. The day before and the

What Is A Teacher?

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She must be steadfast without being inflexible; sympathetic without being maudlin; loving without possessing. She must live in childhood without becoming childish, to enjoy its great joys, satisfactions, its genuine delights; while understanding its griefs, irritations, embarrassments, and harassments.

A teacher must, each year, send 30 children to another teacher, proudly, lovingly, sadly, and await 30 more with ready wit, love, and eagerness.

She must do all this while worrying about how to pay the utility bills, what to have for supper, whether her baby has the chickenpox, if her lesson plans will meet the supervisor's requirements, how Mrs. Smith will take the lower grades on John's report card, where to get the extra money for summer school, and who took the dime from Susie's purse.

For this, you will pay her more than the garbage man, but less than the garage mechanic; more than the grocery clerk, but less than the postman; more than the ditchdigger, but less than the truck driver.

The most amazing thing about a teacher is that she wouldn't trade

Jobs with anyone she knows. She likes to teach.

Russian ships fail to use Panama Canal.

A runaway Air Force meteor missile that was launched in New Mexico was believed to have crashed in western Colorado or eastern Utah.

Paul said to Mr. Ed:

During one of the tensest moments of a murder picture at the Paramount Theatre in New York; an elderly gentleman began groping for something on the floor, greatly disturbing a lady in the next seat. "What have you lost?" she inquired testily.

"A caramel," said the man. "You're going to all this bother for a measly caramel?" she asked. "Yes," was the reply. "My teeth are in it."



Paul

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Development Group To Gather Monday

The next meeting of the Rural Development and Problem Area Committees will be held at 7:30 p. m. Monday, March 11, in the County Courthouse.

In previous meetings the Rural Development committees have done an excellent job in analyzing our low income situation here in Watauga County. Then after establishing where we are, they came up with the problems or reasons why we are in the low income bracket.

The next step in the Rural Development Program as suggested by the state committee is to select the most urgent problems, and those we can do something about the solution of in the immediate future. The chairman of each committee will lead a discussion of the problems in his problem area and the group will decide or determine some goals and time limits and decide on the ways and means of obtaining these goals.

In the last meeting held February 28, the committees on industry, Health, education and Welfare, and curb market did an excellent job in coming up with the problems demanding immediate action and several possible methods of solutions were discussed. The meeting on March 11 will be a continuation of the committee discussions.

All members of the County Rural Development Committee and all business and professional people, civic leaders, farm families and others are invited and urged to be present.

D. F. Greene

Continued from page one was the first farmer in Watauga to be designated by the North Carolina Tree Farm Society as a "Tree Farmer."

Mr. Greene was descended from four pioneer Watauga county families—the Greene, Farthing, Mast and Adams families, and had a wide family connection in the county.

Immediate survivors include the widow, two sons and three daughters: Edgar D. Greene, Boone; Johnny P. Greene of Burlington; Mrs. Leo K. Pritchett, Boone; Mrs. J. T. Mast of Vilas and Mrs. Lewis Norris of Reese. There are ten grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

1,600 Boys

Continued from page one and choruses will be rated by a committee of three judges who are as follows: Mr. Elwood Roberts of Mars Hill College, Mr. Donald Platt of Davidson College, and Dr. Lew Lewis of High Point College. The college department of music plays host to the district music contest. All events will be held in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

COLLEGE ROLLS UP

Total enrollment at the colleges and universities of the nation last fall reached a record peak of 2,947,000 students—ten per cent above last year's previous high—and is expected to reach nearly 3,250,000 with additional entries during the year. The fall enrollment survey of 1,852 institutions of higher education showed an increase for the fifth consecutive year in nearly all categories. The University of California led in total enrollments with 40,788 on all campuses, excluding extension work. The University of Minnesota was second with 38,303.

Wilson says Guard group desires 6-month training.

A. C. Mast Hooks Biggest Fish

Henry Mast came back from Vero Beach, Fla., the other day displaying a big drum fish which had been taken from the Indian River by Mr. A. C. Mast. The big fish tipped the scales at 24½ pounds and was 35 inches long.

Meantime Mr. Ray Farthing came back from Florida and quotes Mr. A. C. Mast as follows:

"Mr. Mast says that he has been hearing quite a bit of boasting from two of his neighbors in N. C. Colony, Fla., namely Conley Glenn and Dwight Edmisten also that he hears of boasting and bragging from some citizens at Cove Creek, namely Clint Mast and Gordon Sherwood. Mr. Mast thinks his catch should stop the blowing in both places and that he is the champ at least until someone can beat him, which he doubts very much."

Telephone Talk

by H. M. INABINET
Your Telephone Manager



IT'S ALMOST planting time. And all over the state we're planting a new crop—a crop of telephones. Last year alone we "planted" 33,941 new telephones in North Carolina, while spending \$24,965,000 for expansion. This year we expect to add some 42,000 more and spend about \$22,000,000. 289 additional telephones were installed in Watauga county during 1956 and we expect to increase total telephones by 300 during 1957. All these new phones mean convenience and better living for a lot of folks. And they mean that you can call more people and more can call you.

I REMEMBER the time when a traveler needed a pretty sharp eye to spot a telephone booth when he wanted to call someone. Now, just about everywhere you go you see those brightly colored, lighted telephone booths along the highways and in other public places, open 24 hours a day. And it's no accident, either. You see, we spend a lot of time picking places to put phone booths where they'll be most convenient for you. Good to know, isn't it, that wherever



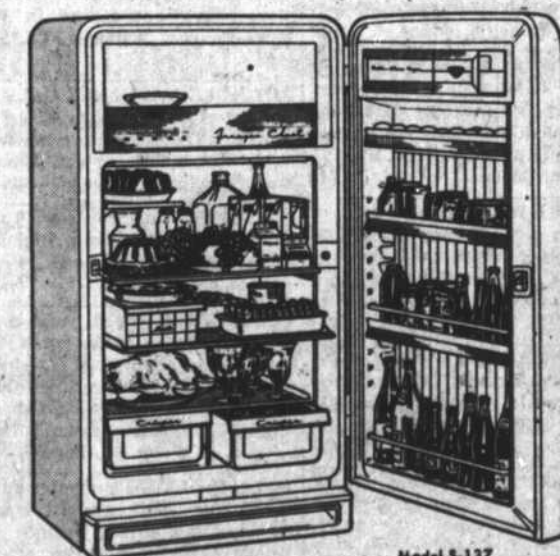
you go you're never far from a phone?

SPEAKING OF TRAVELING, nothing takes you where you want to go faster than a telephone call. I'll bet you can think of several out-of-town folks you'd like to visit with right now—maybe a friend who's been transferred, a relative you haven't seen in a long time. Why not telephone? It's easy to do and you'll both get a lot of fun out of it. For faster service, let me suggest you give the operator the out-of-town telephone number if you know it. Then your calls go through twice as fast.

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