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FRONT ROW SEAT FOR AUTUMNAL SHOW. . . . October's spectacular foliage display is rapidly approaching its peak on the higher slopes of the Blue Ridge. Atop Grandfather Mountain, highest of the Blue Ridge peaks, sightseers have a bird's eye view of 50 miles

of red and golden foothills. The fall color season in the mountains is expected to run until about the end of the month.—Photo by Hugh Morton.

Fall Color To Lure Thousands



SIR CEDRIC HARDWICKE, brilliant veteran of the New York and London stage and the Hollywood screen, who will entertain students at ASTC and holders of season tickets in the county at eight o'clock Tuesday evening, October 21, at the college auditorium.

Sir Cedric Hardwicke To Appear At College

Sir Cedric Hardwicke, the most distinguished actor ever to appear in Boone, will present his program "Come Back Stage With Me" at the college auditorium on Tuesday evening, October 21.

In his program at A. S. T. C. he will talk of his experiences as an actor and give passages from plays of which he has appeared. The program will be a replacement for Raymond Massey who secured Sir Cedric as a substitute, when doctors at a Boston hospital forbade Mr. Massey to travel.

Girl Scouts Collect Toys For Christmas

The members of Girl Scout Troop 6 are again collecting used and usable toys which they may clean and paint for distribution to needy Watauga children at Christmas-time.

Motor travel is expected to be extremely heavy this week end in and around Boone and Watauga county if weather continues as it has been for the past few days.

The weather has been particularly favorable for causing the leaves to turn their various colors. Height of the color season may be reached this week end.

Already many visitors have passed through Boone to witness nature's wonders of fall, and Don Hayes of Ruthwood, who turned tables and went down the mountain Sunday, said, as he was returning home in the afternoon, he was confronted with an almost endless stream of vehicles as sightseers left the hills on their return home.

According to Mr. Hayes' count, he met 817 cars between the road leading from Lenoir into the main highway and A. R. Smith's Esso Service in Boone, where he is employed. He was behind heavy traffic all the way home and could not count the cars ahead because it was impossible to pass them in the oncoming traffic.

Alumni of Appalachian State Teachers College, returning to their Alma Mater for Homecoming activities Saturday, are expected to increase the traffic on the highways in this area. Many will stay over until Sunday.

Masonic Team Of Spruce Pine Confer Degree

The Spruce Pine Masonic degree team will make their long-awaited visit to Boone Friday night, October 17.

Noted as one of the outstanding degree teams in North Carolina, they will confer the third degree on Coach R. W. Watkins, Ralph Lane Hayes and Marion Larkin Hodges.

Members of lodges in surrounding areas have been invited. All members are urged to attend.

Miss Barbara Rice of Raleigh visited over the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Rice.

Judge Hayes Is Improving

Judge Johnson J. Hayes, of Wilkesboro, retired federal jurist, continues to improve following surgery Thursday noon in Davis Hospital, Statesville, and is expected to regain normal health, it was learned today.

The 72-year-old judge, who sustained a heart attack five years ago, had been in the hospital for about one week prior to surgery performed by Dr. Claude Spires of Charlotte, for several years a staff member of the hospital, assisted by hospital staff surgeons. Dr. Spires is associated with Co-well Urological Clinic in Charlotte.

Judge Hayes is expected to remain in the hospital for about ten days under care of Dr. J. S. Holbrook and other physicians before returning to his home in Wilkesboro.

Statement On Shooting Case

Mrs. Grady Yates, whose husband was shot by her father, asks the Democrat to publish the following in regard to the incident:

"The argument wasn't over car keys, but over a clock radio. Car was not in North Carolina after 2:30 in the afternoon. Mrs. Yates moved it to Tennessee at that time. Wiley Stanberry shot to protect his daughter, Mrs. Yates."

MORE FOREST FIRES

Lightning and dry weather mean fire, and this year the incidence of forest fires has soared. Forest fires reported so far this year amount to 8,232 compared with 5,652 a year ago.



DEATH MACHINE . . . Truck which Calvin Hicks was driving when he was killed in a collision with another truck on 421 last week. Its body torn away by the impact, the machine traveled for over 200 feet before coming to rest in this position.—Photo by Weston's Studio.

Homecomers To Take Part In Gay Program

Parade, Grid Tilt, Dance Are Arranged

The Chi Lambda Chi Club of Appalachian State Teachers College plays host to alumni for Appalachian's 1958 Homecoming on Saturday. The club will be assisted by alumni of Watauga county.

The ASTC Mountaineers meet the Catawba Indians in an afternoon football game at 2 o'clock, highlighting a string of gala activities planned for the day.

A huge parade in the morning, headed by Parade Marshall Jim Muse of Robbins, kicks off the festivities. A homecoming dance climaxes the affair.

Bob Edwards, of Cooleemee, president of Chi Lambda Chi, is over-all director of student participation in the event. He is assisted by Danold Berryhill, of Concord, and Emma Jene Bryant, of Lenoir.

Alumni registration begins at 8:00 a. m., followed by the homecoming parade at 10 a. m., which will feature some 20 floats and six bands.

Campus displays and parade floats, prepared by campus clubs, are built around the theme "Appalachian Today."

A luncheon at the Elementary School cafeteria honoring the classes of '32, '38 and '48 is at 11:30 a. m. Mrs. Daisy Eggers, of Boone, is in charge of arrangements.

Kickoff time for the football game is 2:00 p. m. A pre-game show under the direction of ASTC Band Director Charles Isley will be presented.

During half-time, the homecoming queen will be crowned by the "A" Club and honored guests recognized.

Dean of Women, Maxie G. Edmisten, hosts a coffee hour in the student lounge at 4:30 p. m.

Music begins for the homecoming dance in the Physical Education Building at 9:00 p. m. Some 1,500 alumni and students are expected to attend. Dance arrangements are under the direction of Miss Lila Malone, a Greensboro senior. The 14-piece dance band, the Appstones, will provide the music.

ROAD DEATHS AT NEW LOW

San Francisco—A Ford Motor Company official recently said the national traffic death rate reached a new low last year.

Andrew A. Kucher, a company vice president, told the American Motor Vehicle Administrators the rate was 15 deaths per 100,000,000 motor vehicle miles of travel in 1957, but only 5.9 for the same number of miles in 1957.



CHAMPIONS—Plato Paladin 58, grand champion bull of the 16th annual Watauga Hereford Breeders Show and Sale, is handled by Milton Moretz, left, while Miss Royal Larry, champion heifer, is shown for her consignor, John Dugger of Vilas, by his son, Jim My Dugger. Plato Paladin 58 was consigned by Mr. and Mrs. H. Grady Farthing of Trailway Farms, Boone.—(Story and other pictures on page six.)

Reynolds Urges Support For United Fund Drive

Dr. Lee Reynolds of the ASTC faculty, Tuesday urged members of the Boone Chamber of Commerce to "back the United Fund 100 per cent."

Dr. Reynolds addressed the chamber as a member of the United Fund public speakers bureau at the civic body's monthly luncheon meeting, with President John B. Robinson presiding.

Watauga United Fund campaign got underway Monday and will continue through October 25, the speaker declared "the United way is the American way," exemplified by our forefathers when this country was first settled as they joined together to help their neighbors build cabins, gather their crops, etc.

Historical Association To Hear State Auditor

The annual fall dinner meeting of the Southern Appalachian Historical Association will be held at the Daniel Boone Hotel Monday, October 20, beginning at 7 p. m.

and those of 20 other persons whose active support of the work of the association has been outstanding.

Mr. Henry L. Bridges of Raleigh, auditor of the State of North Carolina, will be the principal speaker.

The new board will elect officers for the coming year at a later meeting. Present officers, in addition to Dr. Greer, are James P. Marsh, executive vice-president; Hugh Hagaman, second vice-president; Mrs. L. H. Owsley, secretary; and George C. Greene, Jr., treasurer.

Also expected to be present and to make brief remarks are Dr. I. G. Greer, president of the association; Dr. Kermit Hunter, author of the outdoor drama, Horn in the West, which the association produces; and Hugh Morton, owner of Grandfather Mountain.

Small Still Is Taken In County

Principal business to be transacted will be the election of a 30-member board of directors. Ballots have been mailed to members by the nominating committee, carrying names of the present board

Chief Deputy Sheriff Emmett Oliver reports the seizure of a 50-gallon whiskey distillery in the Hot Hollow section.

Sheriff Oliver states that the still was fashioned from an oil barrel, used a copper worm, and had two mash barrels. He described it as a sort of "family size" operation. Captured with the still was plastic hose and other odds and ends of equipment.

The still hadn't been in operation recently, the officer believed. No one was present and no arrest has been made.

Maritime Administration plans nuclear submarine.

Dr. Reynolds pointed out that before the United Fund concept came into being there were seventeen separate fund-raising drives for charitable causes in Boone, and said the United way is the best way to do the most good for the most people at the least operating expense and a minimum of duplication of effort.

"The goal is not going to be reached, however, by an easy effort," Dr. Reynolds said. "We are in an expanding economy. There is four times as much money in terms of the national product as fifteen years ago. Three years ago when Watauga United was first organized, the budget was only about \$9,000, whereas this year it is \$15,498.50. But with the proper concern for our less fortunate neighbors and the cooperation of everyone, we should encounter no difficulty in attaining it."

In other business Tuesday, President Robinson appointed a committee composed of R. D. Hodges, Jr., chairman, G. R. Andrews, and R. E. Agle, to design and order a quantity of Boone city automobile tags, made of metal, to be placed on sale at various Boone stores. All car owners are urged to purchase these tags when available and "help advertise Boone wherever we go," said President Robinson. It is expected that the price of the tags will be \$1.00, said Chairman Hodges.

Merchants Lay Plans For Bargain Days

Boone merchants laid plans last week to stage a city-wide sales event next Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, said R. D. Hodges, Jr., chairman of the Merchants Committee of the Boone Chamber of Commerce.

merchandise in all categories will be offered by local stores at reduced prices.

To be designated as "Boone Greater Bargain Days," the promotion is slated for October 23, 24, and 25 only, when wanted

items of their regular stock at bargain prices. All Boone retail stores have been asked to participate, said Mr. Hodges.