

Camp Plan Happy Answer For High School Students In Area



STUDY AND PLAY.—Appalachian High School, the laboratory school of Appalachian State Teachers College, offers students an opportunity to study and play at its 4,000 feet high summer camp in the Blue Ridge Mountains.—Photos by Carmen Carter.

Should youngsters go to school in summer?

Many "gung-ho" educators are saying "yes!" Why should boys and girls waste three months each year when there's so much to learn in our complex society?

"No," voice others. There's a limit to youth's comprehension in a year. Nine months' schooling is all they should take. Let 'em play, relax, travel, and learn themselves through informal experiences during hot months.

Dr. Roy R. Blanton, Jr., principal of Appalachian High School, has a "happy-medium" answer.

It's a "school-camp"—where boys and girls go to academic classes in mornings, and enjoy camp-like activities in afternoons—all under the supervision of school authorities.

The kids receive high school credit for the class work and at the same time have their share of summer fun such as swimming, horseback riding, hiking, and camping.

The study-play program for high-schoolers, now in its fourth year, offers slow pupils a chance in summer to catch up with back school work and bright ones an opportunity for additional college preparation.

The school-camp is located at Lees-McRae College, Banner Elk. The Presbyterian junior college closes during summer and its beautiful campus, nestled 4,000 feet high in the cool Blue Ridge Mountains, is turned over to Dr. Blanton.

Here Appalachian High School makes its summer home. The college's excellent facilities, which include a lake, handsome dormitories, library, gym, soda shop, cafeteria, tennis courts, classrooms and well-equipped labs, make an ideal school-camp.

Appalachian High School, a Southern Association accredited high school, offers a wide variety of subjects from geometry and languages to remedial reading.

Teachers furnished by Appalachian State Teachers College also serve as camp counselors, enabling pupils to receive individual attention during evening supervised study periods. Morning classes are kept to about eight students—an ideal number.

Students study a single subject three hours daily—adequate time to master student-considered toughies such as chemistry, biology, geometry, and French.

But after lunch—all play! Participation in physical exercises such as softball, swimming, tennis, basketball, hiking, and trampoline jumping is required.

Dr. Blanton, a veteran college professor, high school teacher, and former band director, enriches the school-camp curriculum with courses in choral music, reading, band, arts and crafts, and out-door education.

Those desiring additional information concerning the unique, non-profit school-camp may write Dr. Roy R. Blanton, Jr., Appalachian High School Camp, Inc., Boone, North Carolina.

AVOIDS RUSSIA

The orbit of America's first mass in space won't go over Russia because the Russians "might try to bring him down," a top Space Agency official says.

Dr. Hugh L. Dryden, deputy chief of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, told the House Space Committee this was one of the reasons the flight patch of Project Mercury is mapped to pass over Africa.

President Eisenhower has signed a bill authorizing an additional \$48,433,000 for NASA. A little more than \$20,000,000 of this is earmarked for the man-in-space project.

Guilford Wins Tennis Match

Guilford College's tennis team won its seventh straight match Tuesday with a 4-3 decision over Appalachian on the ASTC court. The loss ended a four-match win streak for Appalachian and was its first home defeat in two years. The Mountaineers now have a 5-2 record, both losses coming on 4-3 decisions to Guilford.

Summary:
Singles — Haworth (G) def. Green 6-2, 6-1; Washburn (G) def. Whitson 6-4, 8-4; Ederton (G) def. Niles 7-5, 4-6, 8-6; Nance (A) def. Va 12-12, 6-0; Champion (A) def. Hammond 6-3, 6-4.

Doubles — Haworth and Washburn (G) def. Greene and Whitson 6-2, 6-4; Brookshire and Champion (A) def. Ederton and Hammond 6-4, 3-6, 6-2.

KNOW THE WEATHER

By E. H. SIMS.
Why does a weather change so often affect the sinuses or the ears?
When the weather changes, the pressure also changes, as a usual thing. When a clear spell comes to an end and rainy, low-pressure weather begins, those who experience ear and sinus trouble often experience discomfort.

This is because there are pockets or air in our head, or sinuses, which become blocked off. The pressure inside becomes greater than outside when the barometer falls (and a low-pressure system arrives overhead) and expands the pockets.

A doctor will open them up, or equalize the pressure. The eustachian tube in the ear is a natural safety valve to allow air in and out of the ear. If it is closed by a swelling or a bad cold, then you risk puncturing your ear drum if you fly at a high altitude.

License Office Closed Friday

The Driver's License office will be closed May 8, as there will be a district meeting in Asheville for all examiners in District E, according to W. R. Stanberry, local license examiner.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our many thanks to our many friends and neighbors for their kindness and sympathy in the death of our father and grandfather—D. C. Warren—Mr. and Mrs. Clay Tester, and family.

More Communist "gifts" unloaded in Guinea.

Mrs. Ledford Dies Friday

Mrs. Ruth Barnes Ledford, 50, died last Friday evening in a hospital at Martinsville, Va.

A daughter of Rev. Linney Barnes and the late Mrs. Barnes of Boone, Mrs. Ledford was born and reared here. She had lived in Martinsville for about thirty years.

Funeral services were held Sunday at 2 o'clock at the Community Baptist Church by Rev. Mr. Hardy and burial was in Rosewood cemetery.

Surviving are the husband and five children: Mrs. Elizabeth Young, Mrs. Dorothy Purcell, Martinsville; Mrs. Shirley Hensley, Indiana; Dr. Bobbie Ledford, Louisiana; Henry Ledford, Martinsville.

The father, Rev. Linney Barnes of Boone, survives, with two brothers and one sister: Prinee, Grady Barnes, Mrs. Eulala Hodges, Boone.

Rev. Mr. Sumptor Dies Friday

Rev. Dewey Sumptor, 50, pastor of the Pilot Mountain Baptist Church, Route 1, died from a heart attack last Friday morning.

Funeral services were conducted at Calvary Baptist Church in Lenoir at 3 o'clock Saturday.

Health Dept. To Be Closed Thursday

The District Health Department in Boone will be closed all day Thursday May 7 for a staff conference which will be held in Jefferson.

FOOD STORING URGED

Boone—The West German Food Ministry has advised housewives to keep a week's supply of food in store in case of emergency or crisis.

Seventh Grade Variety Show Is Staged On Friday

The seventh grade students in Mr. Earl Petrey's class presented an entertaining variety show for their assembly program Friday morning.

The program was planned and carried out entirely by the students, and consisted of pantomimes, songs, dances, skits, and tumbling acts. Appropriate costuming and lighting added to the effectiveness of the program. Perhaps the highlight of the presentation was the beauty pageant, in which several boys impersonated women. The audience chose the winner by applause.

Every student in the class participated in the program. Mr. Petrey was assisted by Mr. Black, graduate assistant.

Students in this class are Ralph Lane Beshears, Chuck Blanton, Joe Brady, Jerry Bumbaugh, Wayne Clawson, Joey Danner, Gray Hagaman, J. E. Joines, Harold Lail, David Lewis, Claude Norris, Johnny Parker, Johnny Roten, R. D. Shoemaker, Johnny Stacy, Ronnie Tinnell, Eddie Paul Winkler, Debra Baird, Elizabeth Bartlett, Louise Eller, Pam Hamby, Betsy Isley, Brenda Jones, Barbara Mast, Linda McCaraher, Martha Moretz, Patty Payne, Carol Preswood, Becky Russell, Norma Sherrill, Linda Vines, Alice Wilson, Ruth Yates, and Susan Inman.

MORE LEEWAY ASKED

The Eisenhower Administration wants more leeway in giving foreign aid to countries trading with the Communist bloc.

Secretary of State Herter has sent Congress a draft of amendments to the Battle Act. This law, passed in 1951 and carrying the name of former Representative Battle (D. Ala.), provides for cutting off aid to nations which sell strategic goods to Communist countries.

Argentine woes with Reds grow.

DEMONSTRATES ANGER

The Treasury Department has received a check for \$18.25 signed by Representative Barr (D., Ind.). It symbolizes his anger at some of his colleagues.

Barr mailed the check as a dramatic protest against what he called "the cheap and underhanded methods of clipping the United States of America which have been uncovered in this Congress." He was referring to recent stories about nepotism in congressional hiring and the rental of some congressmen's personal property to the Government as office space. He said the \$18.25 represented the money saved from the \$150 the Government gives him every month to maintain an office back home in Indianapolis.

\$80,000 IN OLD DEBITS

Beaumont, Texas—Owner Jack Tinkle has cleared the books of unpaid accounts totaling more than \$80,000 at his hardware and furniture store.

Tossing the bills into an incinerator, Tinkle said:

"I'm forgiving these people their debts to me, and I hope I'll be forgiven, too. I figure a lot of people who have been staying away from my store because of being delinquent in their accounts will come in when they know they're been forgiven."

Some of the bills were 30 years old.

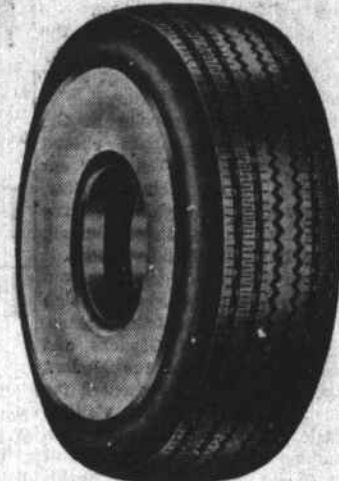
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Comments On Sports

By PETE FRITCHIE

The season is underway and the same feeble qualities of some of the clubs are beginning to show. For a change, the Yankees and Braves were both off to good starts.

Likewise, the two teams considered pretty fair dark horse bets, Pittsburgh and Detroit, were off to miserable starts. But their teams are young and might come on. On the other hand, great things have been expected from Detroit in the past five seasons and the Bengals have so far failed to produce.

Boston seems to have found some strength and Cleveland seems tougher than in 1958. Joe Gordon's band was undefeated until star hurler Herb Scoe lost a brilliantly pitched game in the ninth, allowing four runs in that frame, and losing 4-3.

In the National, first impressions are that San Francisco is tougher. The Dodgers, too, appear to be tougher. Cincinnati, Pittsburgh and St. Louis can't be judged as yet, though the Cardinals may be weaker—after a challenge for the pennant in the last two years.

New York's Yankees have shown muscle but haven't picked up the added strength in trades usual for the world champions. Chicago's White Sox have demonstrated that great pitching; what everyone wants to see now is whether they can challenge the Yanks when they play them.

Joe Gordon has come up with a dandy pitching staff and timely hitting. Kansas City is great when the pitching is good and if Ned Garver holds out through the season, along with Terry, Herbert and several other youngsters, the A's

might have the best pitching they have had in years, and they've needed pitching.

Baltimore must be better this year or Paul Richards will be on the spot. The Orioles have several youngsters that are sure to come around, and this may be the year.

Washington, when Ramos or Pascual or Kemmerer is pitching, looks like a ball club, but they can't be right all the time and only Ramos is apparently top-flight consistently.

There appears to be a fight developing in the National League. The question is whether there will be a real race in the American. If there is to a race there, someone will have to up and band the world champions several defeats in a row. It may be Cleveland, Chicago, or even Boston or Detroit—and it may be no one.

The first western trip may tell the tale for the Yanks.

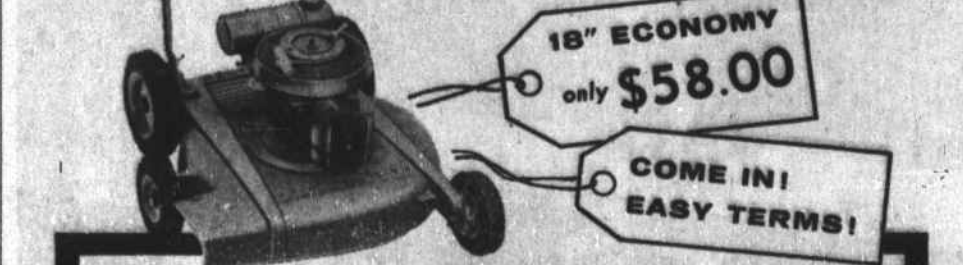
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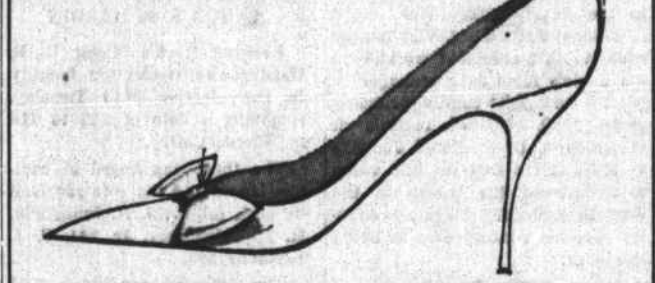


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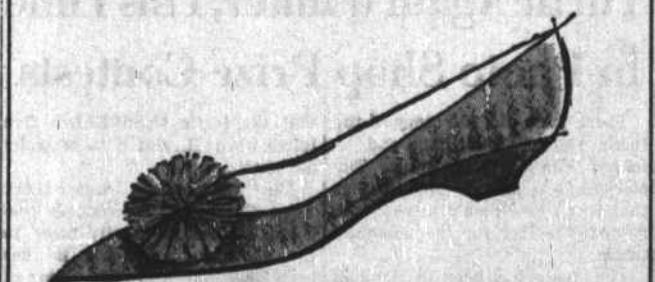
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