

Rhododendron Queens Must File By June 1

Civic organizations throughout Western North Carolina this week are busy selecting queen candidates to represent their communities in the thirteenth annual North Carolina Rhododendron Festival at Roan Mountain.

Already more than a dozen queen candidates have been registered by the Queen Committee headed by O. D. Calhoun of Spruce Pine.

These include: Maxine Buchanan of Spruce Pine, sponsored by the Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company.

Kit Lowe of Spruce Pine, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club.

Ruth Crinkley of Newland, sponsored by Newland Knitting Mills.

Patsy Berry of Drexel, sponsored by the Drexel Community Club.

Gayle McConnell of Davidson, sponsored by the Cornelius Lions Club.

Barbara Greer of Elk Park, sponsored by the Tar Heel Mica Company.

Jerry Sullins of Spruce Pine, sponsored by the Northwestern Bank of Spruce Pine.

Jolene Buchanan of Bakersville, sponsored by the Coca-Cola Bottling Company.

Norma Ann Buchanan of Elk Park, sponsored by the Avery County Bank.

June Peterson of Relief, sponsored by the Northwestern Bank of Bakersville.

Marjorie Reynolds of Boone, sponsored by Ira Edmisten and Sons of Boone.

Many other queen candidates will file before the June 1st deadline, with the result that the 1959 festival is expected to be the greatest in history.

Know

The Weather

By E. H. SIMS

How do the "experts" make their long-range weather forecasts?

Weather forecasters study a number of things in determining what the weather will be, in the United States, in a particular future period.

One of the things they watch closest is the buildup and movement of large polar air masses in the polar regions. These air masses spill over and flow down over Canada and enter the United States. They often bring cold or stormy weather.

Their course can often be predicted. If fewer of these polar air masses are indicated, or if they seem weak, then it is likely that warm air masses will push upward and over the United States—or at least over a southerly part of it.

Taking these calculations under consideration, and other factors, something more than a "guess" can be arrived at, although the "experts" still miss—and weather remains something of a mystery.

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