

Total Tourist Tags Tops Twelve Times Two



TAG ALONG WITH US.—Ever wonder how many states could be found represented in the vicinity of Boone in one afternoon? Well, we did. And so we took our trusty old camera eye out on the road from Boone to Blowing Rock one day last week and found the above 25 states represented. The tag farthest from home, obviously, is the one we found on the back of an Alaskan

snow sled—er, auto—which had munched to the local hardware store. The tag nearest its home state has not been determined, but this newspaper's intelligence department is busily tabulating the data; announcement of the finding will be made as soon as possible, probably by late summer. Incidentally, our newspaper expert on "Which of the Tags Is the Prettiest" has decided that

Yankee tags are prettier than Southern tags. Fortunately, before he could decide which of the Yankee tags is the prettiest, we found a discarded Civil War revolver and, unfortunately, our expert was not able to render a decision. Pity! But at least now we know that half or more of the states in the Union can be found in Boone almost any afternoon.—Staff photos by Gaddy.

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| BOONE WEATHER | | | |
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| 1962 | High | Low | 1961 |
| June 26 | 75 | 58 | .08 |
| June 27 | 66 | 60 | .30 |
| June 28 | 62 | 58 | .47 |
| June 29 | 77 | 47 | .07 |
| June 30 | 74 | 59 | .78 |
| July 1 | 78 | 54 | .80 |
| July 2 | 75 | 57 | .80 |
| Total rain—92 inch. | | | |

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Horn Plays To 600 On First Night

Horn in the West opened its eleventh season at Boone Saturday night to a crowd of more than 600, according to Bud Mayes, publicity director.

Visitors from all parts of the Southeast reportedly were in attendance for the opening of the outdoor drama which was written by Dr. Kermit Hunter.

Executive vice-president of the Southern Appalachian Historical Association, Herman Wilcox, launched the season with a traditional prayer and introduced the author of the drama. Dr. Hunter spoke of the ever-present importance of the people of Boone and of North Carolina in promoting the drama. He stated that the drama was the work of a people dedicated to preserving their historical heritage and tradition, rather than the work of any one man.

Following Hunter's speech, the lights shined on a completely new Horn in the West drama. A hushed stillness fell over the audience as the "Horn in the West" Chorale opened with the traditional "How Firm a Foundation."

The story moved quickly through exposition to establish the characters and set the scene. (Continued on page two)

Dr. Michal Returns To Health Dept.

The Allegheny-Ashe-Watauga medical district has appointed Dr. Mary Michal health director for the area, a post which she previously held from 1950 to 1959. She has assumed her duties at the local health center, according to the health department.

Upon the announcement of the appointment, Dr. Michal stated, "I'm glad to be back working with the people whom I've come to know so well. We (the health center) hope to build up the counties, improving the mental and health programs."

Dr. Michal was forced to resign from the high post in the summer of 1959 due to illness. She had first been appointed in February 1950.

Earning her MD degree at Yale, Dr. Michal served as Director of Public Health in Western North Carolina first in the five county region of Haywood. She did post graduate work at the University of North Carolina in the school of public (continued on page eight)



TURN THIS, PRESS THERE—seems to say Boone postmaster Ralph Beshears as he demonstrates a new money order machine to the Rev. Walter Jones of the Oak Grove Baptist Church. The new machine, Beshears explains, is being installed in every post office "big and small" throughout the Atlanta (Georgia) region. "The machine will expedite the writing and simplify the processing of money orders," Beshears states.—Photo by Flowers.

Annual Stockholders Meet Federal Land Bank Saturday

The annual stockholders meeting of the Federal Land Bank Association of Boone will be held Saturday morning in the Boone Elementary School Auditorium. More than one thousand and stockholders and friends of the association are expected to attend, according to S. C. Eggers, association president.

The meeting begins at 10:30 and officials of the association have arranged for adequate parking on the school playground.

Main speaker for the event will be Robert B. Tootell; Washington, D. C., governor of the Farm Credit Administration. Also expected at the meeting are D. M. Dowdell, recently elected president of the Federal Land Bank of Columbia, and Rufus R. Clarke, past president of the association. Mr. Clarke has attended many of the local meetings, and is well known to the local stockholders.

Besides the regular business of reporting on the condition and successes of the association

by John H. Hollar, manager, and the governor's talk, a highlight of the meeting will be the awarding of cash and merchandise prizes. T. E. Haigler, assistant vice president of the Federal Land Bank of Columbia has been conducting this part of the program for many years, and usually the stockholders stay around until all the prizes have been given away.

Prizes include ten dollars to the person responsible for getting the most people to the meeting and 100 silver dollars for various other things which

Choir Slates Concert Monday

The Music Department of Appalachian State Teachers College will present the Summer Choir in Concert, Monday evening at 8 o'clock, in the Auditorium of the Fine Arts Building.

The Choir is under the direction of Virginia W. Linney,

Mr. Haigler announces as the program progresses.

The grand prize is a table model television. A \$25.00 cash certificate and a radio will also be given away. Other prizes include a ton of fertilizer, outside lamp and post, electric toaster, insecticide spray, \$5.00 cash, paint, recap tire, fishing reel, electric irons, hams, canister set, camera, transistor radio, electric clock, thermometers, subscriptions to the Watauga Democrat, gas and grease job, thermos jug, and umbrella.

with Blanche Threatte, accompanist.

Mrs. Linney will be assisted by student directors.

The Concert will include a variety of numbers, both sacred and secular, folk songs, spirituals and favorite selections from musicals.

Gov. Sanford To Speak To Conservationists

Alexander Takes Issue With High Court For Banning Prayer Meetings

Congressman Hugh Alexander stated from his office June 28 that he was shocked to learn that the Supreme Court issued a ruling on Monday of last week banning prayer in public schools.

"The decision of the Court," the Congressman said, "is dangerous in its implications and may well have the effect of abolishing chaplains in our Armed Forces, preventing prayers in the Congress and could

even preclude the President of the United States from putting his hand on the Bible when he takes the Oath of Office. Furthermore, the decision could be interpreted to prohibit religious songs in school music programs and permit the removal from our coins of "In God We Trust" and "One Nation, under God" from the Pledge of Allegiance, and the elimination of sacred obligations throughout the land."

"In other words," the Congressman said in agreeing with Justice Stewart's dissenting opinion, "the Court has misapplied a great Constitutional principle."

In an effort to rescind the Supreme Court's decision the Congressman introduced in the House, today, a Resolution which would amend the Constitution so as to permit prayers and Bible reading in the public schools of the nation.

50 Delegates Will Attend Meetings

The North Carolina Board of Conservation and Development convenes in Boone this week and (July 8-10) for a three-day session of meetings. North Carolina Governor Terry Sanford will preside over the opening business sessions.

Although the group of approximately 50 delegates will not be staying at one central place, the Daniel Boone Hotel will staff an information booth to direct the members to their motels.

Business meetings will be held at the Boone Methodist Church.

Beginning at 4:30 p. m., Sunday, the delegates will be entertained at an informal social hour at the Twentieth Palace.

At 8:30, Appalachian State Teachers College will host the group for a buffet supper.

Ninety minutes later the group will be guests of the outdoor drama, "Horn in the West," which will feature a special "Governor's Night" performance in honor of Governor Sanford. (See news story, page one.)

Two programs have been slated: one for the men; one for the women.

Men's Schedule
The men's program begins Monday at 7:30 a. m. with breakfast at the home of Dr. W. H. Flemmons, president of Appalachian State Teachers College.

The opening business session is set for 9:00 a. m. at the Methodist Church, room 102 in the Education Building. Among other things, the group will hear reports of the following division heads:

Charles Parker, advertising; James R. Hinkle, Commerce and Industry; C. G. Holland, commercial fisheries; Robert D. Barbour, community planning; F. H. Claridge, forestry; Philip C. Doran, Geodetic surveys; Dr. Jasper L. Stuckey, mineral resources; and Thomas C. Ellis, parks.

At 10:15 Governor Sanford will make a brief address, after which the group will adjourn for committee meetings.

Committee meetings will include advertising, commerce and industry, commercial fisheries, community planning, forestry, (Continued on page eight)

Governor Sanford, Bank Official To Attend C Of C Meet

The Boone Chamber of Commerce will hold a membership meeting at the Daniel Boone Inn, Tuesday, July 10, at noon, with Mr. Carl Greaves McCraw, Chief Executive of the First National Bank of North Carolina, as guest speaker. In addition to local members, a bevy of dignitaries—including North Carolina Governor Terry Sanford—will be in attendance.

Announcing the plans for the meeting, Chamber of Commerce president Herman Wilcox urged members to make reservations early. He added, "We welcome the wives of our members to this meeting."

The directors of the North Carolina Conservation and Development Association have been extended an invitation to attend the meeting. The NCCDA is scheduled to adjourn its convention in Boone shortly before the Chamber of Commerce meeting is to begin.

A native of Kings Mountain, the guest speaker now makes his home in Charlotte. He has earned a graduate diploma from the American Institute of Banking and has attended Rutgers Graduate School of Banking.

An active member of the First Baptist Church in Charlotte, McCraw is currently serving as a Deacon, chairman of the Music and Budget Committees, a member of the Memorial Committee, the Future Program Committee, and the Pulpit Committee.

He also holds membership in

a number of country and city clubs, is a Royal Knight of the Carousel, is a member of the Necomeen Society, and is a Shriner.

His activities include, in addition to those mentioned above, member of the Board of Trustees, Charlotte Memorial Hospital; member of the Board of Trustees, Queens College (since 1956); member of the Executive Committee of the Board;

Director of the Good Fellows Club; director of the Cole Manufacturing Company; director of the Charlotte Fine Arts Fund; director of the North Carolina Citizens Association; director of the YMCA; director of the Charlotte Observer; a member of the Advisory Board, YWCA, the Board of Governors, Shriner

Hospitals for Crippled Children, Greenville, S. C. unit; Honorary member, Alpha Kappa Psi Fraternity, University of North Carolina (1952); 1957 Man of the Year, Charlotte News; member of the State Board of Conservation and Development; chairman of the Commerce and Industry Division; member of the Executive Committee, State Board of Conservation and Development;

A member of the Board of Trustees, Wake Forest College; member of the Board of Directors, Pyramid Life Insurance Company; a member of the Governor's committee for Studying Financing of Industries Coming to North Carolina; and a Shriner.

City Parking Problem Topic Public Meeting

The Town Board of Boone is having a public meeting at the Elementary School Auditorium at 7:30, Sunday, July 8, to discuss the parking problem. Because of the great increase in Summer School enrollment, tourists, and local people, the problem is rapidly becoming bigger. The purpose of the meeting is to acquaint the public with the problem and seek a satisfactory solution.

One way the Board is considering to solve the problem

is to urge all residents and particularly those who rent apartments or rooms, to provide off street parking facilities for cars as soon as possible, and do so within a year. The Board will seek public sentiment on this possibility as to whether or not this will be required.

The parking situation is worse this year because of the building progress at the college. This is a serious problem and will continue to be so unless something can be done.