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EXEUNT, SUMMER DAYS.—An empty school bus, parked at the county education storage lot a mile west of Boone, awaits next week's opening date for schools in Watauga county. Some 4,000 school children eye Wednesday, August 22, with looks

ranging from anxiety to cool indifference. Following Wednesday's half day of orientation, the first regular day of the school year is set for Thursday. Bus drivers—and buses—receive their assignments Tuesday.—Photo by Gaddy.

Trucking Official Points To Our Dependence On Roads

"The North Carolina trucking industry has helped banish the 'economic isolation' of many smaller places, as today's new industrial development program reaches every 'nook and

cranny' of our great State," an industry spokesman said here. Jeff B. Wilson, Raleigh, director of information and safety of the North Carolina Motor Carriers Association, was guest speaker at the regular monthly meeting of the Boone Chamber of Commerce.

Chamber President Herman W. Wilcox introduced Wilson, who is also editor of the monthly magazine "Tarheel Wheels," past president of the Southern Safety Conference and International Counselor of Lions International.

Remarking on the past isolation of North Carolina as contrasted with its present situation on the mainline of commerce, Wilson noted that the modern comprehensive state highway network has been one of the prime reasons for this change.

Touching on taxes, Wilson pointed out that "The trucking

industry does not receive or expect a free ride—we pay our share. We pay huge highway user taxes, plus the usual business taxes."

In a recent survey between Greensboro and Lexington, Wilson observed, "Trucks are paying 55.4% of the State's entire bill for construction, maintenance, and administration of this new super-highway—U. S. 29-70."

With reference to the need and use of trucks, Wilson observed that "serving the public better, quicker and more economically, the trucking industry has advanced to the forefront of American life. This is especially true here in Watauga county where you must depend on truck transportation for everything you eat, wear, use and sell."

"In fact," Wilson continued, "the 17 counties of western (Continued on page two)

X-Ray Units Finish Work In Watauga

The chest X-ray mobile units have completed another successful visit to Watauga county. While the mobile units were serving the people of this county approximately 5,000 citizens took advantage of this free chest X-ray service.

This X-ray service is provided for the people by the combined efforts of the State Health Department, Watauga County Health Department and the local Tuberculosis Association.

"Every X-ray will be studied by qualified experts in their fields and a report sent to each person X-rayed", according to Mrs. Ruth Draughon, executive secretary of the local Tuberculosis Association.

Many local people contributed to the success of this chest X-ray survey. The town officials of Boone and Blowing Rock were most cooperative in making available the parking space for the mobile units in a convenient place for citizens. New River Light Company and Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation made the necessary electrical connections and provided the electricity. IRC plant provided for their own clerical services and officials at the prison camp also arranged for the clerical work there. The Watauga Democrat and WATA Radio Station provided wonderful assistance with news and need for an annual X-ray. Mrs. Herman Eggers and Mrs. Rus- (Continued on page two)

Wilcox Named As Lions Club Zone Chairman

Herman W. Wilcox, president of the Boone Chamber of Commerce, took office as Lions Club Zone Chairman at a ladies' night banquet of the Morganton club held recently.

John Henry Rogers of Morganton was installed as Governor of Lions International N. C. District 31-B.

International counselors present for the installation ceremonies included Dr. and Mrs. D. J. Whitener and Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Smith of Boone.



WRECK AT N. C. 105 AND U. S. 421 BY-PASS Photo by Flowers' Photo Shop

Three Injured In Wreck Friday

Three men from Boone were injured in a car wreck Friday night at 11:20 when their car raced out of control on the U. S. 421 By-pass, crossed the N. C. 105 intersection two miles south of Boone, and crashed head-on into the embankment which lay ahead.

Investigating officer George Baker, stated that the car was traveling at "a high rate of speed." The car went up a 30 foot embankment and slid back down, coming to a rest upright.

The highway patrolman listed the injured as Billy Dean Shoemaker, driver, 22; Stanley Carl Love, 37; Ronnie Coffey, 19. The owner of the vehicle, a 1957 Oldsmobile, was listed as Blanche Shoemaker of Boone. The three men were treated at Watauga Hospital. All were listed in "satisfactory" condition Tuesday.

Shoemaker, who was charged with running a stop sign, received multiple lacerations and fractures. Love also received

multiple cuts and fractures. Although Love's physician would not comment on the matter, one source stated that Love's injuries could prove "extremely serious." No further explanation was offered.

Coffey was the least injured of the three, receiving only facial cuts. His doctor termed his injuries as "not too bad."

Damage to the front of the Oldsmobile was estimated at \$1,000. Highway posts were damaged, also.

Photo Contest Goes Into Second Week

With the first week of a three-week photo contest elapsed, several entries have been made by hopeful winners of prize money totaling \$35. Sponsored by the Watauga Democrat, the contest closing date is set for August 31.

All entries must be sent to or taken to the office of the Watauga Democrat on West King Street by no later than 5 p. m. the last day.

Only amateur photographers are eligible. According to the rules published in the August 9 issue of the Democrat, no employee of the Watauga Democrat nor his family and no member of the Appalachian news bureau nor his family is eligible.

Only black and white photos will be accepted. The Watauga Democrat reserves the right to publish any photo entered in the contest; all photos may be reclaimed by calling for speci-

fic entries at the main desk at the Watauga Democrat office after September 6. The name and complete address of the person entering a picture should be written in ink or dark lead pencil on each photo submitted.

Photos may be the standard size snapshot or larger. A person may make as many entries as he wishes.

Two classes of judging will be made with first, second, and third place winners in each division receiving \$10, \$5, and \$2.50 respectively. The divisions have been named "Class I—Current Photographs," and "Class II—Historical Photographs."

Judges are John Corey and Larry Penley of the Appalachian news bureau and Dale Gaddy of the Watauga Democrat.

Winners will be announced in the September 6 edition of the Watauga Democrat.

DR. GARINGER SPEAKS

300 Will Get Degrees At End Summer Sessions

Graduates At ASTC Are Listed

Approximately 128 undergraduate and 173 graduate candidates are expected to receive diplomas in graduation exercises at Appalachian State Teachers College on Friday, August 17, at 7 p. m. in the auditorium of the new physical education building.

Dr. Elmer H. Garinger, superintendent emeritus of Charlotte-Mecklenburg School System, will be the principal speaker for the graduation exercises.

The invocation will be given by the Rev. J. K. Parker, Jr., pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Boone. The benediction will be given by the Rev. W. T. Ferneyhough, pastor of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Boone.

The college choir, under the direction of Mrs. Virginia Linney, will sing "O Holy Lord" by Tchaikowsky. Special music will be provided by the college band, directed by Charles Isley.

Candidates for the bachelor degree will be presented by Dr. D. J. Whitener, dean of the college, while Dr. Cratis Williams, director of graduate studies, presents the candidates for the masters degree.

Dr. W. H. Plemmons, president of Appalachian, will confer degrees and award diplomas. Registrar H. R. Eggers will present the diploma to the candidates.

Candidates for the undergraduate and graduate degrees are:

Bachelor of Science Degrees
Brenda Joyce Anglin; Burnsville; Helen Carolyn Arnall; Spray; Donald Lambert Barr; Jefferson; Donald Clay Beaver; Troutman; Nell Waterson Biser; Kings Mountain; Thomas Leon Blackburn, Jr.; Linville; Barbara Moffitt Bliss; Rhodhiss; Robert Eugene Bliss; Rhodhiss; Martha S. Bolick; Granite Falls; Eulala H. Boone; Mars Hill; John Klerner Boyte; Carthage; Christine Dora Brown; Red Springs; Lucy Carol Brown; Elkin; Brenda Koota Bruton; Lexington; Christine Bullman; Marshall; Lee McRae Burtless; Newland; Jerry D. Butler; Glen Alpine; Linda Neil Butler; Ellenboro;

Ruby Bray Canipe; Jonesville; Janice Coffey Caroway; Collettsville; Sharon Armita Carpenter; Norwood; Leda Juanita Carter; China Grove; Gary James Chastine; Lakeland; Fla.; James R. Cherry; Gastonia; Bobby Reginald Clark; Crossnore; Frances Reid Coffey; Boone; Philip McDonald Coleman; Wooddale; John Paul Davenport; Newland; James Thomas Davis; Monroe; Otha Kenneth Dawkins; Newland; Bobby Lee Delinger; Gastonia; Roger Allen Downing; Boone; Wyenne Elyonnie Winecoff; Duncan; Concord; Frances Parker Dwiggin; Newton; Ruth (Continued on page two)



LULU BELLE AND SCOTTY

Lulu Belle And Scotty, Famed Radio Stars, To Appear Here

Lulu Belle and Scotty Wise, famous country music stars of stage, screen, radio and television, will give a special performance at Horn in the West Saturday, August 18th at 8:00 p. m.

These performers have been together since 1933 when they met backstage at the Eighth

Street Theatre in Chicago, home of the WLS National Barn Dance. Since that time they have appeared on that show with such greats as Gene Autry, Fibber McGee and Molly, George Gobel and Burl Ives. Numerous personal appearances, movies, and recordings have advanced their careers to that

of national status. They also appeared with Bing Crosby, Dinah Shore, Abbott and Costello and others in various armed forces shows.

The parents of two children, Linda and Steve, the Wisemans now reside on a beautiful cattle ranch near Spruce Pine.

Scotty, with help from Lulu Belle, has written numerous songs. Perhaps his most famous hits are "Have I Told You Lately That I Love You" and "The Legend of The Brown Mountain Lights."

The performance at Horn in the West will begin at 8:00 p. m. A single ticket entitles its holder to both performances.

In addition to Lulu Belle and Scotty, Horn goes Thursday night will get to see Alan Newcomb, famous weather reporter of WBTB, according to Bud Mayes, Horn's promotional manager. Mr. Mayes said, "Mr. Newcomb has used information furnished by us regarding our weather and special events, and in this way has given us untold publicity. The entire area is indebted to this fine man. We urge everyone possible to come out and pay him tribute."

Memorial Service Is Set For John Shrake

A memorial service for the late John Shrake will be held Sunday, August 19 at 2 p. m. at the Grace Lutheran Church in Boone, according to Rev. E. F. Troutman who will officiate.

Shrake, 18, was drowned June 17 at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, where he was employed at the Ocean Forest Hotel. He and a companion, Jim Agle, 18, also of Boone, had gone swimming about 1:15 p. m. that day. Agle attempted to rescue Shrake when the latter got into trouble "some distance out," but was unable to pull Shrake to shore. Agle was

brought to shore by the Myrtle Beach Rescue Squad and was given artificial respiration.

Shrake's body was never recovered, although search was conducted for several weeks by the Myrtle Beach Rescue Squad and the United States Air Force.

Both Shrake and Agle were 1962 graduates of Appalachian High School.

The victim of the drowning is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Shrake of Boone and two brothers, Bill and David, of the home.

John Gibson Gets Appointment As School Guidance Director

John Gibson, associational missionary of the Three Fork Association of Watauga, recently resigned to accept a position as Guidance Director for Watauga County Schools.

Gibson assumes his new duties on August 15 and will be located in the County Education Building just off Highway 105, Boone.

As guidance director for Watauga County Schools, his duties will be to organize guidance programs in the county high schools and to assist the persons already involved in guidance. He will also do some counseling with students. Another func-

tion of his office will concern attendance problems—students who don't attend classes regularly.

As Associational Missionary, Gibson was instrumental in leading the churches of the association to increase offerings by one third, participate in Vacation Bible Schools, earn the greatest number of training awards in the history of the association, erect new church buildings, add age groups to Sunday Schools, and start new training unions. Gibson declared that more Three Fork Churches are now participating in the Southern Baptist work

than at any other time in the history of the Association.

A native of Murphy, Gibson attended Young Harris Junior College, Western Carolina College and Appalachian State Teachers College. He has the BS and MA degrees from Appalachian. He was also a graduate fellow in the ASTC education department.

He taught in Cherokee County Schools for four years, and served as pastor of churches in the same county. He served as associate pastor of the First Baptist Church of Boone prior to serving as Associational Missionary for more than two years.