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## Silver Is In Short Supply

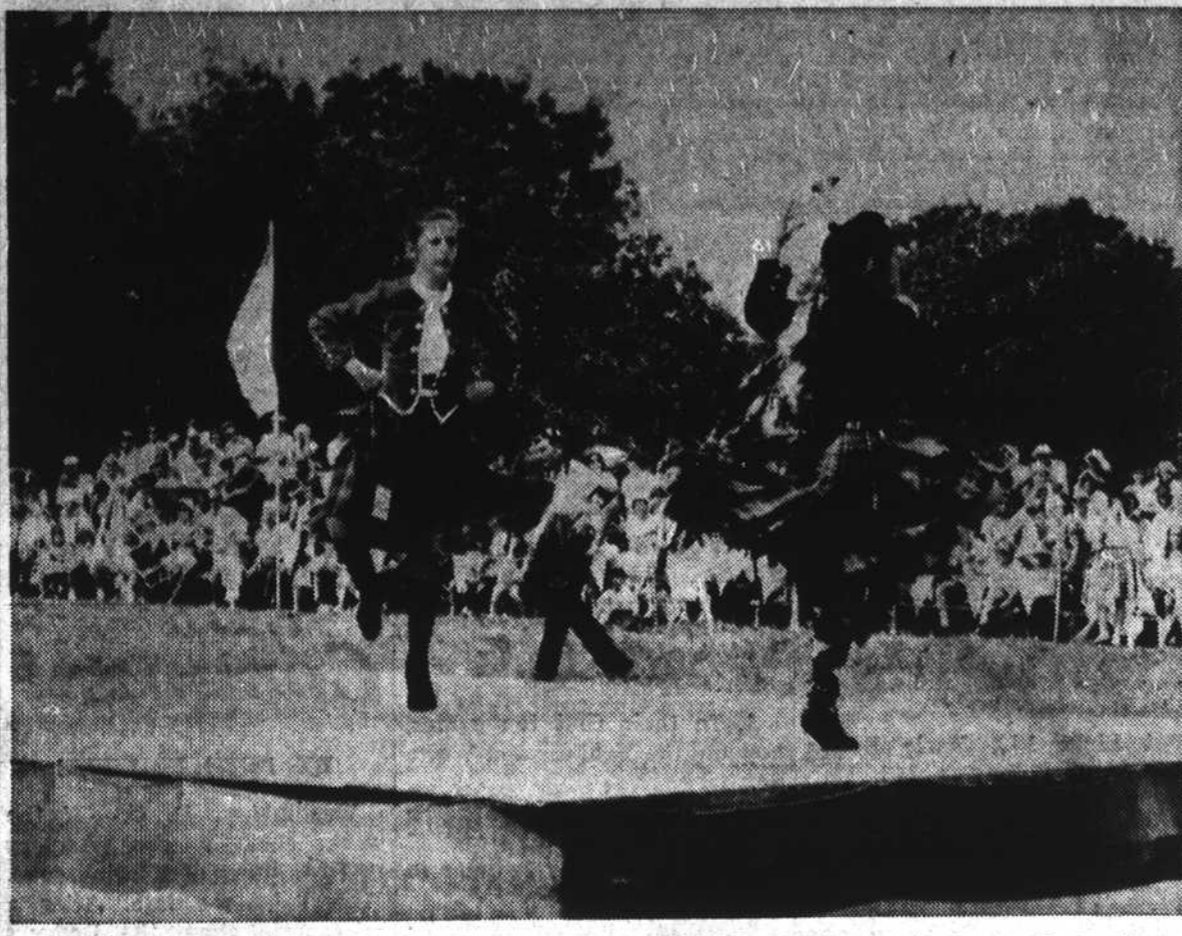
According to the local bank officials in Watauga County there is an extreme shortage of coins for change. They have been unable to purchase enough coins from their normal outlets and are asking that anyone, serviced by the Northwestern Bank in Boone or Blowing Rock or the First National Bank of Boone, having a surplus of change in pennies, nickles, dimes, quarters and half-dollars to please bring them by any of the banks in exchange for currency. The coins do not have to be counted or wrapped, and will be accepted in any amounts. This is an appeal from the banks in an effort to alleviate the seriousness of this coin shortage.

## Local Demos To Have Unity Rally July 21

The Watauga County Democrats will have a Unity Rally in the courthouse, Tuesday, July 21, at 8 p. m. All precinct chairmen have been asked to get their people to respond to this call. Mr. Wayne Simpson, county auditor of Rowan County, will speak. Mr. Simpson is past president of the State Association for the Blind and District Governor of the Lions Club. Announcements will be made concerning the state Unity Rally in Charlotte, July 31, at 7 p. m. at the Park Center. Gubernatorial candidate, Dan K. Moore, Judge L. Richardson Preyer, Dr. I. Beverly Lake, Mr. Cliff Blue and Lt. Governor candidate Bob Seftt will be present. Secretary of Commerce Luther H. Hodges will address the group.

## Olen Combs Dies In Union

Olen Dwight Combs, 53, of Enoree, South Carolina, Route 2, died at Union, South Carolina, July 7, where he had lived for five months. He was born at Zionville to John and Etta Eller Combs and was a dairy farmer. Funeral services were conducted at Forrest Grove Baptist Church at 2 p. m. July 10. Burial was in the Moretz Cemetery at Zionville. Surviving are his father, John Combs of Vilas; his widow, Mrs. Rachel Hodge Combs of Enoree; one daughter, Mrs. Carrie May of Ravenna, Ohio; one son, Michael Combs of the home; six brothers, Worth Combs and Bright Combs of Vilas, Marvin Combs and Fred Combs of Zionville, Blaine Combs of Jacksonville, and Jack Combs of Mayo, S. C.; four sisters, Mrs. Ruth Blanton of Charlotte, Mrs. Pauline Dotson of Boone, Mrs. Reba Probst of Hickory, and Mrs. Betty Norman of Banner Elk.



KILTS WHIRLING and feet flying, these young ladies demonstrate the poise and confidence which make competition in the annual Highland Fling a rigorous and exacting test. (Photo, Rivers)

## Historical Association Elects 1964-65 Officers, Directors

Officers and directors of the Southern Historical Association for 1964-65 have been elected. The association sponsors "Horn in the West," outdoor historical drama now in its 13th season here. The officers named are Dr. I. G. Greer of Chapel Hill, president; Herman W. Wilcox, executive vice president; J. V. Caudill, vice president; and O. K. Richardson, treasurer. The latter three live in Boone. Named directors were Alfred Adams, Glenn R. Andrews, Wade E. Brown, W. W. Chester, Mrs. Paul Coffey, J. H. Council, H. R. Eggers, Grady Farthing, Clyde R. Greene, Dr. R. H. Harmon, Stanley A. Harris, Mrs. Carrie Winkler, H. P. Holsouser Sr., Dr. A. P. Kephart, Dr. Ray Lawrence, James Marsh, Mrs. William Matheson, Dr. C. K. Moose, Dr. W. H. Plemmons, Mrs. Earleen Pritchett, Mrs. Rob Rivers and Mrs. B. W. Stallings, all of Boone; Mrs. Charles Cannon of Kannapolis, Hugh Morton of Linville and Grover C. Robbins Jr. of Blowing Rock.



PIPED TUNES TO WHICH the lads and lassies danced the Highland Fling Saturday and Sunday at Grandfather Mountain. The Miami and Dunedin Pipe Bands performed and paraded during the three-day event. (Photo, Rivers)

## Second Term To Begin Monday At Appalachian

The second term of the summer quarter of Appalachian State Teachers College begins on Monday, July 20 with an anticipated record enrollment. Dr. J. F. Bozard, dean of instruction, announced today. More than 200 courses will be offered in 16 departments from Art through Speech. Students will register on Monday, July 20 and begin classes at 7:30 Tuesday morning July 21. Included among a faculty of more than 100 professors are 26 visiting professors from 11 states extending from Florida to New York to California. The first term of the summer quarter closes on Friday, July 17th with a total enrollment of 2,065. Featured in the second term

of the summer quarter are two-week workshops in Group Methods in Guidance, Industrial Arts for Elementary Teachers, Typewriting and Office Practice, Reading, and Music Education. Other features of the second term of the summer quarter include a five-week National Science Foundation training program for 50 high ability high school students carefully selected from several states. The science institute is under the direction of Dr. F. Ray Derrick, professor of biology at ASTC. An eight-week summer language institute for 64 secondary school teachers of French and Spanish under the direction of Dr. J. Roy Prince, professor of French at Appalachian, will

continue for four weeks into the second term. A four-week institute on Constitutional Democracy and Totalitarianism will be in session from July 20-August 15. Attending the institute will be 40 carefully selected public school teachers of social studies. In addition to Dr. William F. Troutman, director of the institute and professor of political science at ASTC, the teaching staff will include Dr. William Abenstein, professor of political science, University of California, Dr. Calvin B. Hoover, James B. Duke, Professor of Economics, Duke University, and Dr. Herbert Neill Drennon, professor of political science, University of Kentucky. Also several international (Continued on page three)

## Summer Brings Rise In Visitors Along Parkway

The number of visitors to the Blue Ridge Parkway for the calendar year 1964 showed a decrease of 1.49 per cent, while the number of visitors during the month of June is up 14.81 per cent over last June. For calendar year 1963, there were 2,527,897 visitors as compared to 2,490,217 visitors this year. During June, 1963 there were 1,058,810 visitors as compared to 922,264 this June. Following is a report (by districts) of the number of visitors during the month of June this year and last year. This year's visitors are listed first. James River, Va. (Mile 0 to 115) 195,280; 135,295. Rocky Knob, Va. (Mile 115 to 217) 191,841; 190,135. Bluffs, N. C. (Mile 217 to 305) 227,177; 209,212. Asheville, N. C. (Mile 305 to 469) 444,532; 387,622. Total number of visitors is figured on basis of 3.3 persons per vehicle.

## Mrs. Phillips Dies On Sunday

Mrs. Della Wheeler Phillips, wife of James D. Phillips of Boone, died Sunday at Duke Hospital in Durham. She had been critically ill since suffering a cerebral hemorrhage a week ago. She was born in Watauga County to Noah H. and Melyonia Triplett Wheeler. Surviving are her husband; three daughters, Mrs. Edith Anderson of Clearwater Beach, Fla., Mrs. Julia Ann Mikael of Denver, Colo., and Mrs. June Rosetta South of Boone; two sons, Glenn Houck of Morgan and J. C. Houck of Lenoir; nine grandchildren; one great-grandchild; two brothers, Charlie Wheeler of Compton, Calif., and Grant Wheeler of Bristol, Tenn.; and seven sisters, Mrs. Maggie Farthing of Pineola, Mrs. Sector Watson and Mrs. Allie Watson of Boone, Mrs. Toy Stout and Mrs. Beatrice Stout of Bristol, Tenn., Mrs. Vertie Higgins of Lenoir, and Mrs. Effie Rogers of Bristol, Va. Funeral services were conducted at Meat Camp Baptist Church July 15 at 2 p. m. by Rev. Will Cook, Rev. Ed Crump, Rev. Raymond Hendrix and Rev. Larry Penley. Burial was in Mount Lawn Cemetery.

# Record Audience FLB Speaker Lauds Number One Industry

## Mrs. Clawson Dies At Age 64

Mrs. Betty Shoemaker Clawson, 64, of North Main Street, Blowing Rock died early Tuesday morning at Blowing Rock hospital following an extended illness. She was a native of Wilkes County. She has lived in Watauga County for the past 43 years. Her husband, Walter Clyde Clawson, and she have owned and operated the Clawson Efficiency Apartments in Blowing Rock for a great many years. She was the daughter of the late John Abner and Mary Catherine Walker Shoemaker.

She is survived by her husband, four sons, Forrest G. Clawson of Fresno, Calif., James C. Clawson of Agua, Guam, Joe N. Clawson of Goodfellow Air Force Base in San Angelo, Texas, and John D. Clawson of Hudson; two daughters, Mrs. Faye Sherbert of Holly Hill, Florida, and Mrs. Ruby Currie of Red Spring, N. C.; three sisters, Mrs. G. A. Broyhill of Lenoir, Mrs. Lou Beshears of Deep Gap, and Mrs. Cora Woolen of Blowing Rock. Other survivors include 14 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Funeral services were held Thursday at 2:30 at the First Baptist Church in Blowing Rock. Rev. George Hyler, and Rev. Ed Blackburn officiated.

## Horn Surveys To Be Made

Surveys of the audiences attending the "Horn in the West" outdoor drama Tuesday and Saturday evenings will be made to determine where the play goes come from, where they are accommodated and how they learned about the show. Local volunteers will get the information by briefly interviewing each person entering the theatre.



DALLAS H. HODGES

## Hodges Given Commendation

Dallas H. Hodges, auto salesman at Greene Buick-Pontiac, Inc., has received a commendation from Mr. R. S. Withers, General Sales Manager of Buick Motor Division, Flint, Michigan, for his having achieved 100% of sales in Buick's "Spring Selling Picnic." Along with the commendation, Mr. Hodges is receiving a personalized award for his part in making the sales program a success. Mr. Hodges is a well-known salesman in this area, having worked for twelve years at Greene Buick-Pontiac with an interim of two years at Andrews Chevrolet, Inc., and served two years as Watauga County Tax Collector.



WINNER OF THE GRAND prize television at Saturday's Federal Land Bank stockholders' meeting was Mrs. John D. Hodges of Vilas. Pictured with her are John H. Holler, left, and Ted Haigler, who conducted the drawing. A little later, Mrs. Hodges' daughter won a percolator. (Staff photo)

## Oxentine Is Badly Hurt In Accident

Rhonda Oxentine, 74, Route 3, Boone was critically injured Monday, July 13, when he was struck by a car driven by James Edward Bentley of Lenoir. The accident occurred about 12 noon on Goforth Road in Blowing Rock. Oxentine suffered a broken leg and internal injuries. After a preliminary examination at the Blowing Rock Hospital he was transferred to the Watauga Hospital in Boone where he is listed in critical condition. According to Charles Yates, Blowing Rock policeman, who investigated, Bentley, driver of a 1955 Chevrolet, swerved his car off the road after the accident into a lake near the golf course. Bentley has been charged with failing to yield right of way to pedestrian pending further developments in Oxentine's condition.

## X-Ray Unit Schedules Two-Week Visit In Boone

The Mobile X-ray unit will arrive in Boone July 18 to provide free chest x-rays to all people in Watauga County, age 15 and over. Each person having an X-ray will be mailed a report as soon as possible following the visit to the mobile unit.

## Rites Held For James Campbell

James Henry Campbell, 21, of Valle Crucis died Saturday at Blowing Rock Hospital. He had been a muscular-dystrophy victim for many years. He was born in Watauga County to Charles Henry and Grace Bingham Campbell. Surviving are his parents; a sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Campbell Hill of Mount Airy; and his grandmother, Mrs. Ila G. Bingham of Sherwood. The funeral was conducted at 2 p. m. Tuesday at Holy Cross Episcopal Church at Valle Crucis by the Rev. Mr. Ronald Gibson. Burial was in St. John's Cemetery.

## Arthur Smith To Conduct 'Horn' Talent Show Friday

Television's Arthur Smith will be the master of ceremonies at a special "Horn in the West" Talent Show on Friday evening, July 17, at the Daniel Boone Theatre in Boone. The variety show, beginning at 7:30 p. m., will be an extra attraction prior to the evening performance of the famous outdoor drama. The best of the talent will appear on an Arthur Smith Show on television the following week. "Horn in the West" is now accepting applications from



ARTHUR SMITH

## Agriculture Claims Half State Jobs

If town seemed more crowded than usual Saturday, it well may have been because of the huge turnout at the Boone Federal Land Bank Association's stockholders' meeting. Attendance records have won a national spotlight for an association its size for 5 years. With well over a thousand attending the morning meeting at Boone Elementary School, the Boone group again will be awarded. Two were re-elected for three year terms on the FLB board of directors. Carlis Mitchell of Sparta and O. Paul Bower of Jefferson joined the standing board, S. C. Eggers, Boone; J. Mack Moore, Granite Falls; Gordon A. Chambers, State Road, N. C. Regarding district attendance, Harold T. Mason, deputy director of the Farm Credit Administration applauded the turnout. "To the best of my knowledge, this is the largest," he said. "It certainly is the largest one reported in Washington." Sharing the speaking ticket was D. M. Dowdell Jr., president of the Federal Land Bank of Columbia. Dowdell called agriculture "our biggest buyer, our biggest seller, our biggest borrower. Agriculture is still the number one industry in North Carolina and the nation. "The farm production of this nation creates jobs for a lot of people. Four out of ten jobs in private employment are related to agriculture in the national average, but in North Carolina the percentage runs even higher. One-half of the State's employees are concerned with agriculture or its products. "In line with the trends in agriculture the total agricultural debt in the nation in 1963 stood at about \$30 billion, about double what it was 10 years earlier. "The Co-operative Farm Credit System, the PCAs, supplying the short and intermediate credit; the Bank for Co-ops, financing farmers through their marketing and purchasing co-operatives; and the FLBs, furnishing basic long-term real estate credit, supplied about 19.3 per cent of the total credit supplied to American agriculture in 1963," he said. President S. C. Eggers presided. In the absence of Mayor Wade Brown, Howard Cottrell delivered the welcome and John H. Holler read the minutes of last year's meeting.

Miss Pease Visits Parents Miss Nancy Pease, a student at Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, spent last week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. K. Pease.