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Blowing Rock Homes Tour Set For 30th

Five Blowing Rock Homes will be featured in the annual tour of homes, sponsored by the women of St. Mary's Church.

The tour will be held July 30 and will be preceded by a luncheon in the Parish House.

Following are brief descriptions of the homes to be visited:

"The Right Home": Built for Major Henry Franklin Schenck, May 1886 of Lawndale, S. C. It was the first summer cottage in Blowing Rock of Victorian style with wood carving over doors and dormer windows. The inside walls, doors and mantles are of chestnut hand sawn with very high ceilings and brick pine flooring. Present owner is Mrs. Harry Roughton of Savannah, Georgia.

"Rick's-Cor-Ee": The home of Mrs. Ellie Mattar and the late Mr. Ellie Mattar in Mayview Park. The house was built in 1882 by Henson and Craig and designed by Lloyd Robbins. The home is wood paneled throughout; the outside is of California redwood and sis stone from the Grandfather Mountain vicinity. The home is decorated with a mixture of French, Spanish, Italian and contemporary furniture and contains many pieces of fine art, which were collected by the late Mr. Mattar. An unusual piece of furniture is that of a Chickering piano, the last one made in Boone before the plant was moved in the 1880's.

"Windswept": The home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Dyzard, Jr. Statesville, was built in 1905 by Lloyd Robbins and was designed by the Dyzards and Mr. Robbins. All walls paneled in the palest Philippine mahogany on first floor with occasional dark panels. The house is located on part of the Dunn Estate, facing the old Lenoir-Blowing Rock road and the Globe valley gorge.

The Oliver McEachern Home: The house was built in 1947 by the late Senator and Mrs. Joe Blythe of Charlotte and called "Blythe Wood". Built of river rock brought up from Watauga River at Shulls Mills. It is located on Dogwood Lane with a view of Grandfather Mountain. The McEacherns of St. Petersburg, Florida wintered the house in order to spend Christmas vacations in the snow; they also added a master bedroom and bath. Most of the original furniture was mountain made by Mr. Moody of Blowing Rock.

"Chestnut Lodge": The home of Mrs. C. Matthew Peppard of Miami, Florida was built by the famous architect, George Mahan Jr., for Dr. and Mrs. Harry Schenck. The house is paneled in chestnut wood, the iron fixtures are treated to look as if they were rusted. The house is furnished in antiques and one heavy wooden chair is said to have been the office chair of President Thomas Jefferson.



Lazy days shorten as the big four-day (Aug. 5-8) Blowing Rock Horse Show approaches. The show is recognized by both the American and Virginia Horse Show Associations. (Rivers photo)

Over 400 Horses To Enter Annual Blowing Rock Show

More than 400 entries from several Eastern states will compete in the 42nd annual Blowing Rock Horse Show Thursday through Sunday, Aug. 5-8. The annual horse show is always the biggest event of the season for this mountain resort.

Two sessions will be held each day on Thursday, Friday and Saturday with morning classes starting at 9:30 a.m. and afternoon classes starting at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday. There will be no night events.

Facilities at the Blowing Rock Horse Show grounds have been substantially improved this year. These improvements include an outside hunter course which has been re-designed for safety and spectator interest. The grounds have been spruced up for the many spectators and exhibitors expected for the show. Expanded and more comfortable facilities have been provided for the press.

Proceeds from the show will go to the Blowing Rock Community Club.



STEVE GABRIEL

Gabriel Named To ASTC Post

Steve Gabriel has been appointed financial aid officer at Appalachian State Teachers College.

Since 1955, Gabriel, a native of Lincolnton, has taught math and coached at Appalachian High School, with the exception of one year teaching in Hickory. He received both the Bachelor of Science and the Master of Arts degrees from ASTC. His undergraduate work was done in physical education and mathematics while his post graduate area of study was education and mathematics.

During 1953-55 Gabriel served in the U. S. Navy. He is a graduate of Lincolnton High School and is listed in Who's Who in American High Schools and Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.

The young educator is a member of the Boone Methodist Church where he has served in the capacities of steward for five years, on the board of trustees, superintendent of the youth division, and is a member of the Methodist Men.

Currently, Gabriel is secretary of the Boone Jaycees, an organization of which he has also been president.

He married the former Donnie Smith of Lincolnton, and they have four children, Rebekah, Karen, Richard and Tommy.

Visitors From Ohio
 Mr. and Mrs. Albert Norris and Allen of Dayton, Ohio, spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Norris of Rutherford. While here, they also visited Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Norris of Boone and Mr. and Mrs. Conley Phillips of Hendersonville.

Area Income From Tourism Increased \$2 Million In '64

Income from the tourist industry in Northwest North Carolina increased \$2 million in 1964.

Robert Ellett, Jr., of Winston-Salem, vice chairman of the travel and recreation division, presented these figures last Wednesday at the monthly directors meeting of the Northwest North Carolina Development Association near West Jefferson.

Ellett said the statewide tourist industry had 29 million out-of-state visitors in 1964 and added \$315 million to the state's economy. The state had a 10 per cent increase in visitors while the Northwest had a nine per cent increase.

Neil Bolton of Winston-Salem, secretary-treasurer of the organization, received a plaque honoring him as a past president of the Southeastern Community Development Association, an organization of 13 states.

John Crawford, N. C. State community development special-

ist, presented the plaque. Crawford was asked to make the presentation when he attended the Southern Association's annual meeting at Atlanta, Ga.

Presiding at Wednesday's meeting was James S. Boyles of Pinnacle, association vice president. Approximately 90 directors and special directors and

Jaycees Tally Local Surveys

The Boone Jaycees report that community development surveys, distributed throughout Boone in the last two weeks, are coming in regularly.

Publicity director Buck Robbins urges citizens to return the surveys to Boone Jaycees, Box 63, Boone, as quickly as possible so that results may be tallied and projects set up.

The survey includes questions about 33 community service organizations and facilities.

guests attended the meeting.

A. Eugene Gordon, president of the Ashe County Chamber of Commerce, welcomed the group and invited them to visit the county for a wagon train August 11 through 14, a horse show September 11, and a fall festival October 1.

W. O. Patrick, poultry division chairman, said that the future looks good for commercial eggs and broilers, and that a current market exists for over one million breeder hens.

Edwin F. Duncan, Sr., of North Wilkesboro, chairman of the industry division, said that only three of the association's 11 counties have a median family income equal to or above the state average of \$3,956. He pointed out that this current income figure is almost double the median family income when Luther Hodges became governor. Duncan said the area needs more industry and that more and more firms are looking for (Continued on page six)

3-Day Orientation Period Watauga Schools Will Open On August 31st

ABC Election At Blowing Rock Set For Tuesday

Registration for the special ABC store election began in Blowing Rock Friday and will continue seven days, ending at 5 p.m. next Friday.

Saturday, July 31, will be challenge day.

Thomas H. Coffey is registrar and Mrs. Beulah Coffey and Daniel Kluttz will serve as judges of election.

The Town Council has slated the election for August 3, to be held at the Town Hall. The polls will be opened at 6:30 a.m. and will be closed at 6:30 p.m. on that date.

If the referendum is approved by the voters, funds from the established store will be allocated as follows: five per cent of the net profits to go to the town general fund for law enforcement; 25 per cent to the Watauga County Board of Education; 10 per cent to Caldwell County Board of Education; the remaining 60 per cent to the Blowing Rock General Fund.

Teachers For Adult Courses Get Training

Prospective teachers of adult basic education from Watauga and Avery counties are now attending a three-day teacher training institute in Boone to become certified to teach in the adult pre-high school program opening in early August. The institute is being conducted for The Caldwell Technical Institute by Dr. Gary Harris, Extension Division, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Pre-high school classes for adults with less than an eighth grade education begin in Watauga and Avery counties the week of August 2.

Persons wishing to enroll for the classes should call W.A.M.Y. Headquarters in Boone at 264-2861 or The Crossnore School, Incorporated at 733-2117 in Crossnore.

Miss Rogers, 74, Dies Sunday

Miss Della Lee Rogers, 74, of Boone, Rt. 4, died at Watauga Hospital Sunday.

She was born in Watauga County to Wade and Loutha Pearson Rogers.

Surviving are three brothers, Coy Rogers of Deep Gap; Henry and Alton Rogers of Boone; two sisters, Mrs. James Vannoy of Columbus, Mont., and Mrs. Ellen Higgins of Boone.

The funeral was held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Middle Fork Baptist Church. Burial was in Winkler Cemetery.



ADM. WILLIAM C. MOTT

Retired Admiral Speaks Out For American Government

Admiral William C. Mott, United States Navy (retired), declared that a common thread runs through presidential state of the union addresses—that of education. The retired Navy official delivered the principal address at the second summer session convocation July 19 at Appalachian State Teachers College.

In his address, Admiral Mott, who was also on campus to deliver an address to the Institute on Constitutional Democracy and Totalitarianism, emphasized

his belief that we (the U. S.) have the greatest system of government on earth.

The retired Judge Advocate General of the United States Navy pointed to many advances in our civilization. He said that in the past twenty years we have recorded more scientific information than in all previous history. Mott said that in a recent conversation with a pharmacist he was told that eight out of ten prescriptions filled today could not have been filled (Continued on page six)

Date Depends On Completion Of New Building

Watauga County students will register for the 1965-66 school term on Monday, August 30. The first full day of the 180-day school term will be Tuesday, August 31.

Teachers will report for duty on Thursday, August 26, as the first day of a three-day orientation period.

All schools will be closed on Tuesday, September 28, in order for teachers to attend the District Meeting of the North Carolina Education Association in Elkin.

In order to make up one of the days lost due to the delay in opening schedule, all schools will operate on a full schedule Saturday, October 2.

Schools will be closed in observance of Thanksgiving holidays on Thursday and Friday, November 25-26. Christmas holidays will begin following the close of school on Tuesday, December 21, and will remain closed through Tuesday, December 28. Easter holidays will be observed by the closing of schools on Friday, April 8 and Monday, April 11.

The last day of the ninth school month will be Friday, May 20 and the last day for teachers to work will be Tuesday, May 24.

It is pointed out that this is a tentative schedule and is subject to change if the new high school completion date is delayed or advanced within the next few weeks. Too, weather and road conditions may alter the holiday schedule as provided.

\$690,000 Federal Loan May Construct New Water Plant

Additions and improvements to the present water system in Boone will be constructed with a \$690,000 Public Facility Loan. The Democrat received notification from the Community Facilities Administration on Friday.

According to the letter, the Federal loan will cover the entire project cost.

Local officials stated that the town's present water facilities are inadequate. The project will consist of a new raw water storage lake, with intake structure and chlorination, a 500,000-gallon water storage tank, and extensions and additions to the distribution system. Construction, the letter continued, is expected to get underway within six months.

Mayor Wade E. Brown explained that the \$690,000 grant is not in the hands of the Town Board, but is a form of

insurance to the town that if the water-sewer bonds do not sell to banks and other financial institutions at less than 4 per cent interest, the money will be available for the water project.

According to Brown, "the Local Government Commission requires that we make application to the Federal Government, and get approval, before we issue—or put up for sale—the bonds."

"If the bids are higher than 4 per cent, this loan from the Community Facilities Administration, under the Housing and Home Finance Agency, will pick up the tab."

Boone voters approved the \$690,000 water system and the \$1,110,000 sewer system in March. "The application for the sewage system is on a different basis," the Mayor said. "Application must be made for

a grant from the Health and Welfare facilities for one-third of the cost." But in this case, he added, an actual money grant will be made, and then bonds on the remaining two-thirds of the cost of construction will be put up for bids.

"So far as I know, we have done everything we are supposed to do in clearing up the technicalities. This letter (announcing approval of the grant) should have some bearing on (Continued on page six)

Ralph Critcher Rites Saturday

Ralph Sylvester Critcher, 61, a retired automobile service foreman, died in Watauga Hospital Thursday after a brief illness.

He was a son of the late Charles and Maggie Parlier Critcher.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Ola Cook Critcher; four daughters, Mrs. Howard Miller of Boone, Mrs. J. M. Burkett Jr. of Marion, Mrs. Robert Anderson of Augusta, Ga., and Mrs. A. L. Bishop of Charlotte; a son, Ralph Critcher Jr., of Charlotte; a brother, Monroe Critcher of Boone; and three sisters, Mrs. Lee Stansbury of Boone, Mrs. J. C. Fletcher of Zionville, and Mrs. Max Campbell of Cleveland, Ohio.

Services were held Saturday at 2 p.m. at Mt. Vernon Baptist Church.

The Rev. Wendell Critcher officiated and burial was in Mt. Lawn Memorial Park.



MEMBERS OF THE ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE for the 42nd annual Blowing Rock Horse Show are (l-r): Mrs. Thomas E. Shelley, Mrs. James T. Comer, Milton Chapman, Mrs. Council Cooks and Mrs. S. C. Gilbert. (Waston photo).