

ECHOES OF THE BLUE RIDGE

Says Watauga Founded On Christian Principle

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Watauga County was established upon the principle of Christianity. This County has often been recognized as part of the Bible Belt well-known for its spiritual laymen and minister leadership. From among our County people have come some of our State's greatest spiritual leaders. There is room to write a book on the fine citizens of our County who have and are still working for Christian harmony who are providing our people with excellent leadership.



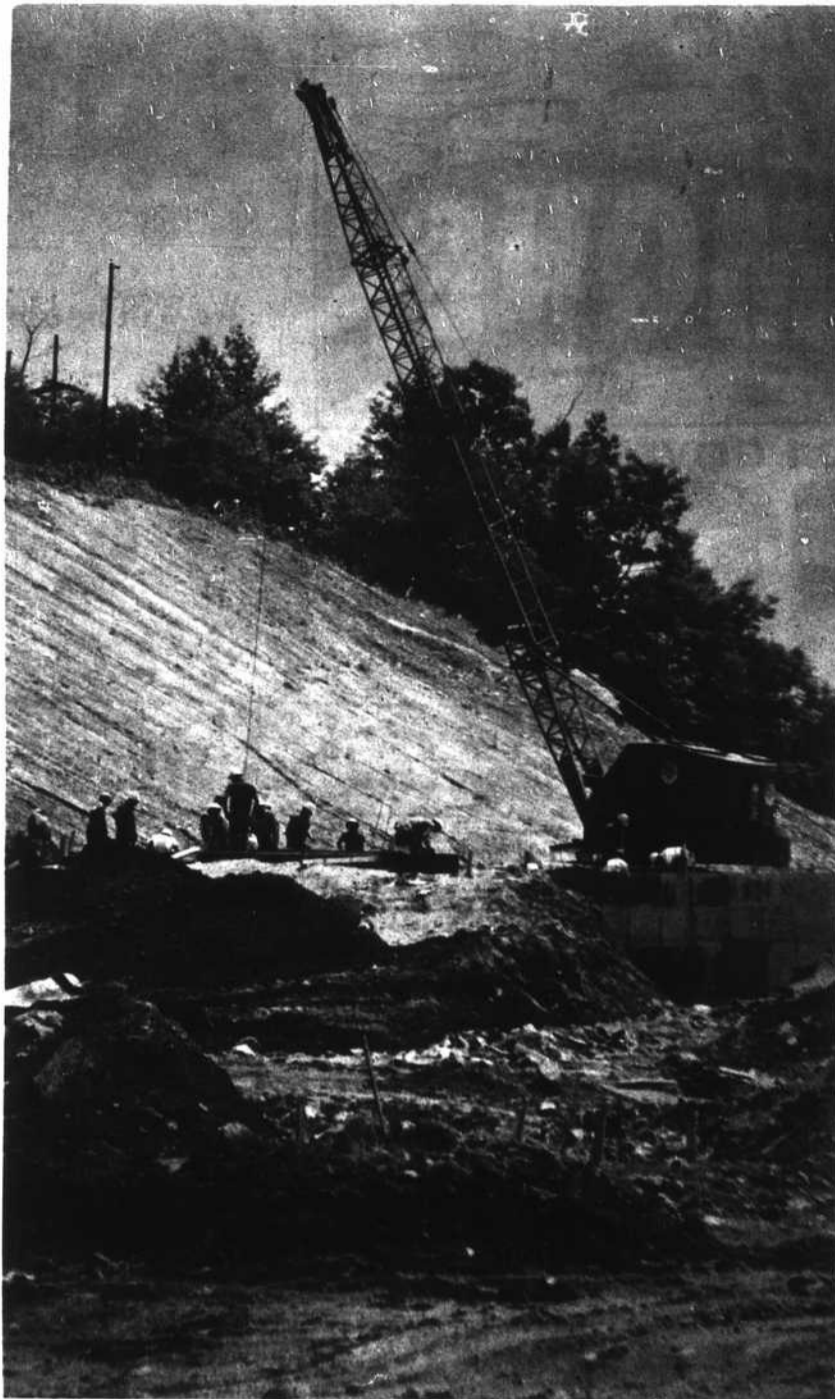
With her 75 churches of different denominations there is an average of about one church to every 240 persons living in Watauga. Most of these churches call their members together at least two to three times a week. The affairs of their community and church are thoroughly discussed. There are no "dictators" among them. They cer-

tainly seek the leadership of the "Holy Spirit."

The late historian, Dr. D.J. Whitener, said, "The first church of our county, the Three Forks Baptist Church, exercised a tremendous influence in the development of the county. It not only attended to the spiritual needs of its flock, it also supervised their moral and civil behavior. In a day when the social and civil authorities were often on the defensive, the church set a commendable standard of conduct." We should be proud of our Christian leadership and show a willingness to help them. 1840-1967

We salute the Three Forks Baptist Association, who held their 127th annual session this week. With their 46 churches in the Association, they have proved to be great leaders in Christianity.

The Baptists presently have 8529 members. Three Forks Baptist Church, organized in 1790, is the oldest.



FARM PROPERTY CONVERTED—The former Sylvester Gragg farm on New River is bustling with activity. The Town had purchased the farm from Tom Winkler for the construction of the huge waste treatment plant which is part of the city's water-sewer system. The Mayor said supervisors tell him the plant will be able to take care of the city of Boone for 20 years, without further additions. According to records in City Hall, the contract for the plant was won at a bid of \$928,300. (Staff photo)

Now Is Time For Selecting And Planting Your Bulbs

It is time to select and prepare the soil for planting bulbs. If you are tired of digging and replanting your spring bulbs every year try naturalizing them in drifts in your lawn and then forget about them. They will bloom each year and you won't be worried by the messiness of dying leaves because you can cut them off with your lawn mower about three weeks after the blooms have faded.

You won't get big tulip blossoms this way. In fact, you should not even try to naturalize the long-stemmed giants.

The common daffodils, hyacinths and crocuses naturalize well. The flowers won't be quite as large as pampered blooms, but they will go on blooming for years.

All hardy bulbs multiply rap-

idly when naturalized. Look forward to a big dividend in extra bulbs every five years if you want to dig them. If you desire, you can just let the drifts get bigger.

Naturalized bulbs should be planted informally in big free-form drifts. Use fifty or more bulbs of a single color for the greatest effect. The individual bulbs can be twelve inches apart in the drift.

Bulbs in drifts help each other withstand buffeting winds and rains. These bulbs also bloom earlier in the season and stay in bloom longer.

If your lawn is shaded, don't let this keep you from naturalizing your spring bulbs. The size of the blooms will be somewhat smaller than bulbs in a sunny place, but the bulbs will do well.

State Accountants To Have Convention

North Carolina Accountant delegates and members will attend the forthcoming Annual National Convention of the National Society of Public Accountants next week at Miami Beach, Florida.

The announcement is made by State Society President, Isaac W. Worrell, of Winston-Salem.

The five day convention opens August 28 and continues through September 2 at the Fontainebleau Hotel. Among the North Carolina official delegates will be Jack E. Williams of Boone, N.C. representing the North Carolina Society of Accountants. Mr. Williams is a delegate at large.



Largest fish ever caught by rod was a white man-eating shark weighing 2,662 pounds and taken out of South Australian waters. I think I prefer brook trout myself, or maybe a 2-lb. bass.

Just as your taste in fishing may differ, so might your choice of insurance policies. For instance, you may have a special reason for being interested in Farmers and Traders mortgage cancellation plan that gives your family cash to pay off the mortgage if something happens to you. This is "Personalized Insurance" made to order for you. Anyone with a mortgage to pay should be interested in a mortgage cancellation policy. If you're interested I'd certainly like a few minutes to tell you about this plan.

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Senior Citizens Division Is Created At Dixie Classic Fair

Winston-Salem, N. C.—Senior citizens of Northwest North Carolina have had a special exhibit division and a fun festival designated for them by this year's Dixie Classic Fair.

"There is a lot of interest among this age group in sewing and crafts work," said Neil Bolton, Fair manager, "so we through the senior citizens definitely ought to comprise a special division in our planning. After all, we got part of our fair theme this year from them—'For the Young and Young in Heart.'"

Men and women of Senior Citizen clubs of the area will have the opportunity of exhibiting their handwork articles and to win valuable premiums. Such articles as clothing, hooked rugs, afghans, knitted or crocheted pieces, paintings, woodwork, mosaics, and the like will be judged Tuesday, October 3,

at 8:30 a. m. A total of \$100 in premiums will be awarded.

On Thursday of Fair Week the Fun Festival for Senior Citizens will be held at 2 p. m. in the new arena. A total of \$105 in premiums will be awarded for such things as the person with the greatest number of children and grandchildren, oldest person, oldest married couple, baldest man, woman with the longest hair, violin and banjo playing, and vocal groups.

Entries for articles to be exhibited must be postmarked not later than midnight, September 16. Entry blanks and additional information may be obtained by writing the Dixie Classic Fair, Box 7525 Reynolds Station, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Mrs. David Drummond of the Winston-Salem Recreation Department is chairman of the Senior Citizens division, and Mrs. Forrest Harmon is superintendent.

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