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2 Join Highway Patrol

Thirty-four rookie highway patrolmen including two Watauga county men, were graduated Friday from the organization's basic training school at the Institute of Government in Chapel Hill.

Among those completing the course were James D. Klutzz of Blowing Rock who was assigned to Charlotte and Clyde S. Perry of Zionville who will assume his new duties at Bessemer City.

The new Troopers completed a 16-week training course which deals with every phase of Patrol operations, from public speaking and writing reports to Investigations, Apprehension of Criminals, and Court Room Procedure.

A new feature of this 39th school was the emphasis on Traffic Accident Prevention as the major mission of the Patrol. Seventeen hours were devoted to the study of Public Relations, and Human Behavior, aimed at improving Officer-Driver relationships.

The graduation ceremonies included talks by State Motor Vehicles Commissioner A. Pilston Godwin, Jr., and Major Edwin C. Guy, Director of the Patrol's Enforcement Division.

Technical Sergeant T. W. Fearing served as commandant of the training class, assisted by Sergeant W. B. DeMarkus and Corporal Glenn D. Russell.

Each of the graduates will be assigned to work with a veteran Trooper for a period of six weeks, during which time their performance will be observed and evaluated. After successful completion of the probation period, the new men are assigned their own cars and duties.

Folk Singer . . . Champion Country Picker



"DOC" WATSON WITH FLAT-TOP Like Burl, only on pitch.

While Bayreuth boasted a Wagnerian summit, Statesville, N.C., happily mastered the top names in folk and country music. To that city, nestled among the Appalachian foothills, there came last weekend such established bluegrass gurus as Earl Scruggs and Red Allen. Joining them was the man currently winning most of the kudos in the field, Folk Singer-Guitarist Arthel ("Doc") Watson.

Husky, easygoing, and seemingly unperturbed by the fact that he has been blind ever since early childhood, Watson, 44, is a regular country-music Segovia. His casual, clean-cut virtuosity on the "flat-top" (nonelectric) guitar is little less than awesome as he drives through such standards as *Black Mountain Rag* and *Nashville Blues*. His voice curls readily and winsomely around *Maty Groves*, reminding some of the

young Burl Ives. The only difference: Watson sings on pitch.

Highbrow Respectability. Folklorists are quick to point out that Watson's stylings are far from pure. He readily admits that his songs and techniques were as much copied from early listening to radio and records as they were derived from the folk around his Deep Gap, N.C., birthplace. He got his first instrument at the age of eleven, a fretless banjo made for him by his father, a "pretty fair country picker." By 17, he had begun serious listening to such country-music greats as Guitarist Merle Travis, and had duplicated Travis' individualistic finger-picking style, in which the forefinger touches the strings directly and plucks out the tune while the thumb plunks out a moving bass. Country music in those days offered slim pickings to a newcomer, and Watson earned his first pay as lead guitarist in a local pop band. But in 1960, he was suddenly picked out of the band by Talent Scout Ralph Rinzler, packed off in a station wagon loaded with musicians and instruments, and trundled around the country. In 1962 he was rushed in as replacement at Los Angeles' prestigious folk singers' mecca, Ash Grove, and has been moving up ever since.

Today, four Vanguard records and over 300 tour dates later, Watson is located dead-center in the forward thrust of country music toward highbrow as well as lowbrow respectability. The very impurity of his style, coupled with the exhilaration his work generates, goes a long way to accomplish this aim. Like a select few before him (John Jacob Niles, Travis, Clarence Ashley), he forms a bridge between America's primitive folk heritage and the sophisticated listener.

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"One Of Region's Largest"

\$75,000 Worth Cattle Sold At Watauga Market

New Facility Located On 421 At Rutherford

Between 500 and 600 cattle went under the gravel in the first sale Friday at the new Watauga Livestock Market, Inc., and sales were estimated as high as \$75,000.

A co-operative farmer venture, the Market was built this spring on Highway 421 four miles east of Boone and was leased to Fred Greene of Sugar Grove, who is manager. Joe Stockton of Shelby; Hunter Carmichael of Johnson City, Tenn.; and Alex "Bud" Roberts of Abingdon.

Alfred Adams, secretary-treasurer of the Market said he was "very pleased with the opening." In lieu of official records, Adams estimated intake from the sale at \$75,000. The highest sale for small steers, he said, was about 27 cents a pound, while heavy steers brought 25 cents.

L. E. Tuckwiller, agricultural extension chairman for Watauga said Tuesday that the County Extension Office, the Livestock Market operators and the State Department of Agriculture will put on a yearling sale next week.

"A yard full" of yearling steers will be weighed Wednesday, Sept. 13, for a sale starting at 1 p. m. Thursday, Sept. 14. Tuckwiller said this is one of several special sales coming up. A purebred show and sale is one of the events planned at the Market during October.

In salutary remarks Friday, Tuckwiller told cattlemen the facility has a capacity for 2,000 head of calves, or some 1,200 cattle. In interview Tuesday, he called it one of the region's largest Markets, stating that Asheville has a larger market in the surrounding territory.

Voters' League Board To Meet At Blowing Rock

The State Board of Directors for the League of Women Voters will have its monthly meeting in Blowing Rock at the summer home of Mrs. Robert Wozner of Conover, September 13 and 14.

The board members will have dinner with the Boone League of Women Voters Wednesday, September 13 at 6 p.m. at the Ranch Motel.



While operators were completing sales lists, the auctioneer started the opening sale of the Watauga Livestock Market, Inc. Item number one was this brown pony with flaxen mane and tail, which sold for \$25 to I. B. Wilson, "Capturing" the little fellow is cattleman Lee Stansberry of West Jefferson.



Testifying to the packed sales gallery inside, the grounds at the Market were covered up with vehicles of all descriptions. (Staff photos)

Farmers Again Reminded

ASC Farmer-Committeemen To Be Named In Elections Sept. 8-18

Farmers today got a last-minute reminder from office manager, Roy W. Isley, about the ASC elections to be held Sept. 8-18.

These elections are to select ASC Farmer-Committeemen who will serve for the 1968 year as local administrators of the national Farm-Agriculture program.

Ballots will be mailed to all eligible voters of record. Anyone who does not receive a ballot should request one from the ASCS Office.

The ASC committees have charge of the local field administration of the Burley Allotment Program, the Agricultural Conservation Program, the Wool Incentive Program, the Wheat Program and the Feed Grain Program. Various other duties and programs are assigned by the Secretary of Agriculture as the need arises. Any person may vote in the election if he or she is of legal voting age; is a farm owner, operator, tenant or sharecropper; and is taking part or is

eligible to participate in any of the farm programs administered by the committee. A person who is in charge of the entire farming operations of a farm is eligible even if not of legal voting age. A person may vote only once and may vote in the community where he lives or has an interest in a farm.

Ballots will be publically counted at the ASCS Office Sept. 22. The nominee who receives the most votes in each community will serve as the chairman; the second most votes, vice-chairman; third most votes, regular member; and fourth and fifth place will serve as alternates. The three regular community committeemen will meet at the county convention Sept. 27 to select a three-year county committeeman and two alternates. The chairman and vice-chairman for 1968 will also be selected.

Incumbent Community Committeemen met Thursday, Aug. 24, and drew up a slate of nominees. The County Committeemen met Monday, Aug. 28, and completed the slate of nominees for the mail election ballots. The slate of nominees for each community follows: Beaver Dam: Howard Cable, Clyde Cornett, Russell Harmon, Jesse Moore, Linville Norris, Harmon Prensell, Harvey Smitherman and Fred Winebarger.

Brushy Fork: S. E. Anderson, Coy Billings, Wiley J. Cole, Clifford Deitz, Jack Hicks, Howard J. Hodges, A. Y. Howell and Joe McNeil. Cove Creek: Robert L. Danner, Herbert Greer, Ralph Greer, Jack Henson, Burl Lawrence, J. T. Mast, Audie Prensell, and J. C. Winebarger. Laurel Creek: Frank Cable, Ned Glenn, Graddon Hagaman, (Continued on page two)

District Governor Will Visit Boone Rotary Club

Nicholas Semaschko, Jr., of Hendersonville, Governor of Rotary's District 767 which covers the state from Charlotte west to Murphy, will make his official visit to the Boone Rotary Club September 7.

He will confer with President Max Dixon and Secretary Eric DeGroat after which the club will hold a two-hour Assembly. Plans and Rotary programs will be presented and discussed along with administrative matters for this year.

Governor "Nick" is one of 282 Rotary Governors in 134 countries of the world who are serving as the sole representative of Rotary International in their districts. In these 134 countries, there some 12,500

Rotary Clubs with over 600,000 members.

An advertising executive who heads his own full-service advertising agency, Governor "Nick" is a member and past president of the Hendersonville Rotary Club. He was elected to office at the International Rotary Convention in Nice, France, this past June; and, he will serve his district until June 30, 1968. Luther Hodges is serving this same period as International President of Rotary.

"While in Boone", according to Max Dixon, "the Governor will counsel with us on our plans for the year and advise us on possible growth of membership in our Rotary Club. During our (Continued on page two)



NICHOLAS SEMASCHKO, JR.



This pretty little filly will be given away Saturday night at the Watauga Horse Show. Nameless to date, she is a coal-black pony with a grayish tail and is being sponsored by the Cove Creek Riding Club. (Staff photo)

Two Performances Scheduled

Watauga Horse Show Will Be Held Saturday

The first locally-sponsored fall horse show in the county will be held Saturday, Sept. 9, at the ring in Cove Creek township, six miles west of Boone.

Show times are 1 and 7 p.m., and Show Manager Hiram Brooks says final preparations are being completed at the show grounds.

A feature of the fall show is a black filly pony which will be given away by the Cove Creek Riding Club during the evening performance.

Entries will be taken at the riding ring at 7 p.m. Friday night. Secretaries will resume these duties at 11 a.m. Saturday,

Entrance fees are: Championship classes—\$2, Regular classes—\$1.

1. LEAD-LINE CLASS—Children 6 and under. Ribbons.

DIVISION A, Two-year old Walking Horses—Showing flat walk (25%), running walk (50%), and conformation (25%), 5 ribbons.

2. PONY, under 50 inches—Rider under 12 showing walk, trot, canter—Judging performance, manners, conformation, 5 ribbons.

3. 3-GAITED—Showing walk, trot and canter—Judging performance, manners, conforma-

tion. Horses shown in 5-gaited classes not eligible. 5 ribbons.

4. GIRLS 3-GAITED—Shown and judged as in Class No. 3. Riders must be 18 and under. 5 ribbons.

5. OPEN BARREL RACE—Knocking over barrel constitutes disqualification. 5 ribbons.

6. SURRY OR BUGGY—Four-wheeled rigs to be judged on performance, manners, conformation, appointment and rig. Drivers may be in costume. 5 ribbons.

7. WESTERN PLEASURE—

To show walk, jog, lope; reasonable loose rein. Performance counts 60 percent; conformation, 30; appointment, 10. 5 ribbons.

8. STALLION—Showing walk, pleasure gait (other than canter) and canter. Judging conformation, performance, manners. Removal of saddle may be asked in line-up. 5 ribbons.

9. LADY'S PLEASURE—Showing walk, pleasure gait (other than canter), canter. Judging conformation and performance. 5 ribbons.

10. QUARTER HORSE

CLASS—Restricted to this breed, showing walk, trot, lope. Judging conformation and performance. 5 ribbons.

DIVISION B, Amateur Walking Horses—Showing flat walk (20%). Horses may be stripped for conformation judging in the line-up. Boots may be removed at the judge's request. Conformation counts 20%. Emphasis on manners and quality. 5 ribbons.

11. DOLLAR RACE—Barback riders place dollar bill under seat; walk, trot, canter. Last rider to have dollar under seat wins all other dollars.

12. OPEN PONY CART—Ponies walk and trot both ways of ring. Drivers may be in costume. 5 ribbons.

13. WATAUGA 4-GAITED—Showing walk, slow gait, rack, canter—Judging performance, conformation, manners. 5 ribbons.

14. SPOON AND EGG RACE—Riders balance egg in spoon, ride at walk, trot, and canter. Last rider with egg win. Novelty Prize.

15. OPEN 5-GAITED—Showing walk, trot, slow gait, rack. (Continued on page two)