

Christmas Tree Growers Have State Meeting Here

Christmas treegrowers from all over the state gathered in Boone last weekend for the annual summer meeting of the North Carolina Christmas Tree Association.



The summer meeting of the North Carolina Association of Christmas Tree Growers took place in Boone last weekend. Admiring this display set up in Bowie Hall on the ASU campus are (from left) Jerret Williamson of Canton; John Wagoner, Gibsonville, who is state secretary-treasurer; John Chiles of Asheville; and Ross Douglas of N. C. State, an extension forest management specialist. (Staff photo)

Bus tours to local tree-growing operations and the visit of Judge James D. Rogers, vice-

president of the national organization, highlighted the three days of events.

Tommy Beutell, president of the state association, began the meetings on the ASU campus by introducing Dr. W. H. Piements, president of Appalachian; Clyde R. Greene, Boone Mayor; and L. E. Tuckwiller, County Extension Chairman, to extend a welcome to the group.

Friday speakers included William T. Huxster, an extension wood products specialist of the N. C. Agricultural Extension Service and Dr. George L. Capel, director of the Service.

Growing operations of Raymond Farthing of Vilas and Albert Rosasco of Sugar Grove were toured by the visiting yule tree producers and Judge Rogers spoke at a supper meeting at the Valle Crucis Inn Friday.

Saturday the group visited the farms of Kermit Johnson and Don Wiseman in Avery County.



LAST BARBEQUE OF SUMMER—This is a preview of what will happen Saturday when the Deep Gap Volunteer Fire Department puts on its final fund-raising chicken dinner of 1968. According to James Watson, fire chief, the menu will be half a chicken, potato salad, slaw, cake, hot rolls and coffee or tea. Dinners are \$1.50 whether sold by the box as shown here, or served by the plate inside Parkway School. Watson said all those working in the project wish to thank everyone who has patronized the dinners this summer. (Staff photo)

News Report From Washington

Washington, D.C.—The bitter fight Democrats engaged in at Chicago over the party's Vietnam plank and the extent of sentiment in favor of ending the war at both conventions strongly indicate it's a matter of time until an agreement is reached to scale down the fighting.

The growing and widespread dismay among those who oppose past and present Vietnam policies is not caused by a lack of military progress or even a sign from Hanoi that the North Vietnamese are ready to negotiate reasonably for a deescalation of the fighting.

General Crighton Abrams has done an admirable job since taking over the military command from General William Westmoreland and purely military successes have been frequent.

But from every reliable source inside Vietnam comes the same story—the Saigon Government does not have the support of even a bare majority of the people. Its officials do not control the countryside, except for certain limited areas. And the regime is shot through with graft, corruption and the stealing of American aid.

The Johnson Administration recently received a secret report to that effect, from the most reliable sources in Vietnam. (And the civilian aid program in the countryside is being drastically reduced.) Other reports paint the same picture. This was the basic reason for opposition to the war by the Kennedy brothers, is the core of Senator Eugene McCarthy's strong opposition to its con-

tinuing. The American people are dying and spending their billions to sustain a government that has not cleaned itself up after six years of promises and graft, years in which many South Vietnamese have become rich and salted away their millions in Swiss banks.

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Temperature changes affect silver.

Trade News

Mr. Herden of Charlotte spent Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. Mack Thomas and Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bumgardner.

Mrs. Ralph Barlow of Creston spent Monday with Mrs. Ralph May.

Mrs. Chase Mains and Mrs. Fred Wilson made a business trip to Banner Elk Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Thomas visited Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Bill McGlamery of Shouns, Tenn.

Recent visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Miller have been Mr. and Mrs. Ted Gibson and children Mark and Sabrina of Shelby and Mrs. Ralph May and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wilson of Trade.

Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bumgardner were Mr. and Mrs. Max Barlow of Meat Camp, Mr. Jim Day of Poplar Grove and Mr. Charles Dotson of Sugar Grove, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Warren, Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Warren, Mr. Billy Warren and children Norman Jay and Lisa, all of Shouns, Tenn., Mr. and Mrs. Jay Chappell of Mountain City, Tenn., Mr. and Mrs. Butler Wilson and son Terry of Bristol, Tenn., and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Tester and daughter Mary of Zionville.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Osborne visited Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Warren of Shouns, Tenn.

Mrs. Clint Thomas entered Watauga Hospital Sunday for treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Wortey and son David of Alexandria, Va., visited recently with Mr. and Mrs. Glenn May and daughter Glenna.

Miss Althea Price and Miss Mary Jane Mains attended the horse show at Cove Creek Saturday.

Chamber Of Commerce News

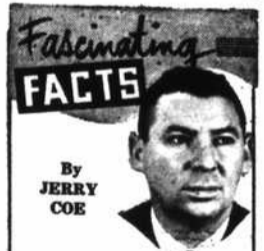
Last Friday and Saturday we moved to our new office in the New Northwestern Bank Building at Blowing Rock Road and 105 Highway. We tried to move with a minimum of inconvenience to the public. While we were transferring most of the heavy equipment Friday, Mrs. Wanda Council remained at the old office to take care of the license business, as well as the other work, while Mrs. Barbara Ragan was at the new location to supervise the arranging of the office equipment. For the most part, we have new equipment in the new location and with the more efficient arrangement we will be able to serve the public much better. We will have ample parking space without congestion.

We especially wish to thank Neil Farris of the Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation for furnishing the moving truck and personnel.

The "Horn in the West" completed its last 1968 performance Saturday night, August 24th, with a record attendance. It has been a good year for the Horn, with a grand cast.

Now our interest will turn to the fall tourist activities, the farm-city program, Christmas program and plans for our winter skiing.

The meeting of the Merchants Association which was scheduled (but postponed) to meet at the Gateway Restaurant last Friday morning, will be held Friday,



THE ORIGIN OF THE PAWNSHOP'S BALLS

Everyone has seen the famous cluster of three balls which hang over the door of a pawnshop. Very few people, however, can explain their presence, and where they originated.

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Aug. 30, at 8:30 a.m., at the Gateway Restaurant. All merchants are urged to be present.

Smile A While

DAD KNOWS
Son: "What is executive ability, Father?"
Father: "Executive ability, my son, is the art of getting the credit for all the hard work somebody else does."

BIGGER'N THE JURY
A young lawyer pleading his first case had been retained by a farmer to prosecute a railway company for killing 24 hogs. He wanted to impress the jury with the magnitude of the injury. "Twenty-four hogs, gentlemen! Twice the number there in the jury box!"

CUT UP
Six-year old little Chris went to a party in a brand-new suit. When he came home, ragged holes had been cut into it with a pair of scissors. His mother gazed at him in consternation. "What did you do to your beautiful new suit?" she asked. "We played grocery store," explained Chris. "I was a piece of cheese."

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