



VALLEYS, MOUNTAINS, "oceans white with foam"—North Carolina has that rare claim of coastal, low country and mountains within her state borders. And mountainous Watauga County runs nose to nose with other western N. C. counties for scenic, highlands beauty. Land Week begins Saturday and clubs and individuals are encouraged to go on the rampage against roadside, streamside and gutterline litter in the county. (Staff photo)

County Residents Urged To Take Part In Spring Cleanup

Regardless of whether they have affiliated with the county cleanup program under People for the Land, county residents are urged to take advantage of Land Week for a spring house-cleaning throughout the county. Litter will be the target of the May 16-23 program, according to Keener Smathers and Rosalea Seyauer, who are coordinating the week's activities. "We have trucks available," said Smathers, "If people will call 264-9162." The city has agreed to keep the Boone dump

open until sundown Saturday to accommodate collections of litter and trash. The cleanup campaign of the Mountaineer Ruritan Club began Monday and will culminate this Saturday with a wieners roast beginning at 7 on the grounds of the Cove Creek School. The Mountaineer Ruritans are urging all homes and businesses in the Cove Creek community to rid themselves of unsightly objects this week and put on a new face for summer. The Town of Boone still will co-operate with individuals wishing to have attic and basement refuse hauled off, but calls must be made to city hall to arrange for trucks.

It could not be confirmed by press time whether People for the Land will be able to go ahead with a plan to give out pine seedlings. Smathers said Monday that the group would have to obtain refrigerated seedlings, which could survive planting this late in the spring. If it works out, pines for screening and general beautification will be distributed from a table located in Boone Saturday.

Land Week supporters hope, said Smathers, that many individual projects will be taken up this coming week. He would appreciate having reports of such ventures as a measure of improvements in the county. Last Thursday night, a meeting of People for the Land was held with representatives of the following organizations and endorsing the program: Perkinville Baptist Church, Boone Jaycees, Grace Lutheran (Continued on page two)

Dr. Snipes To Return To His ASU Class Room

Dr. Thomas Snipes, chairman of the Department of Psychology at Appalachian State University since 1966, has resigned from his post to return to full-time teaching in the department next fall. Snipes, and Ed. D. graduate of the University of Georgia, stated that his administrative duties had separated him from the college classroom and that he "wants to get back to the students again."

Under Snipes direction, the department has grown from a staff of five faculty members in 1966 to 18 in 1970. Snipes also was instrumental in the recent establishment of an M. A. in General Theoretical Psychology in his department. He has helped to develop graduate degree program in clinical psychology which has been submitted to the State Board of Higher Education for approval.



DR. THOMAS SNIPES

County Schools Out May 30th

Watauga's high school and elementary students will go home for summer vacation at 1 Saturday afternoon, May 30. The Baccalaureate for graduating seniors is being scheduled for Sunday, March 24, with graduation exercises set for Friday night, March 28. The dates are given by Swanson Richards, Superintendent of Schools.

Academy Award Winner To Be Speaker At Honors Gathering

John Houseman, an Academy Award winning producer and one of the nation's outstanding theater critics, will address the faculty and students of Appalachian State University at 10 a. m. Wednesday during the annual Spring Honors Convocation. The event is scheduled each spring on the campus to recognize the top 10 scholars in each of ASU's four undergraduate classes. Houseman, who will speak on "The Changing Place of the Theater in American Society," is the director of the drama division of the Julliard School at New York's Lincoln Center. He also serves as a member of the Ford Foundation's panel on New Television Programming. In his lecture Houseman will touch upon the controversial points of the avant-garde theater including nudity, obscenity and

other phenomena and their relation to the theater of the future. The students who will receive academic awards at the conclusion of Houseman's lecture have grade point averages ranging from a perfect 4.0 to 3.65. They are as follows: Seniors—Janet Marsh Austin of Woodland Drive, Boone; Janice O. Crawford of Balsam Road, Hendersonville; Danny Rex Miller of Route 10, Lenoir; Mary C. Christopher of Melrose Drive, Shelby; Kathryn E. Briggs of Mars Hill. Ann Marie Sigmon of Route 3, Hickory; Lloyd E. Coffey of Route 1, Lenoir; Ronnie Eric Howell of Route 3, Granite Falls; Sylvia C. Miller of Warrenville; and Betty Mae Hodges of Route 3, Boone. Juniors—Sandra Parkin Thomas of Jacksonville, Fla.; Angella Beth Epley of Park

Lane, Charlotte; Dianne Verona King of First Avenue, Hickory; James Marvin Deal of Pine Street, Boone; Sonja Gaye Marsh of Fleetwood, Nancy Sue Bodenhamer of Wallace Circle, Boone; John Austin Johnson of Allen Mt. Drive, Hask Mountain; Frances B. McNeil of Elizabethton, Tenn.; Walter S. Booth III of 11th Street, Hickory; and Michael W. Morgan of Route 2, Robbins. Sophomores—Karen P. Clarke of Mulberry Road, Charlotte; Janice Sue Frye of Route 4, Asheboro; Betsy G. Etheridge of Woodleaf; Barbara S. Halstead of Parris Avenue, High Point. Cathy Lee Nichols of Edgedale Drive, Salisbury; Leroy Keith Clark of Route 1, Spring Lake; David Lynn Heavner of 3rd Street, Conover; and Bar-



JOHN HOUSEMAN

Church To Observe 180th Birthday

The Three Forks Baptist Church of Boone will celebrate its 180th anniversary with a series of services beginning May 18 through August 4. The history of the Three Forks Baptist Church began with North Carolina Baptists migrated to a isolated mountain region beyond the Blue Ridge, in that westward movement many Baptist Pioneers came to what is present day Watauga County. Some of these pioneers found a new home in the New River

section while others moved westward into Tennessee and Kentucky. Governor Tryon was largely responsible for the exodus of Baptists from the Jersey Settlement, Sandy Creek, and Alamance sections of North Carolina. His persecution of Baptists after the Battle of Alamance was the beginning of a Baptist development in other areas. The Three Forks Church, established November 6, in 1790, was a result of the mig-

Plans Yet To Be Finalized City Council Approves Heads Housing Agency

No Opposition To Proposal Is Heard At Meet



The Boone Town Board of Aldermen tentatively have established a housing authority with the Rev. Bob Young as chairman and the Rev. Ronda Horton as vice-chairman. Both are from Boone. Mayor Gordon Winkler says that council has not finalized its plans and will have another meeting before taking more definite action. The Council convened a public hearing last Thursday night to consider low-cost housing after a petition bearing the signature of 25 Boone citizens was presented to them. A representative of Housing Incorporated, Mr. Robert Padgett, explained the housing developments and displayed prints of projects now under construction in Gastonia, Greensboro and other North Carolina cities. "These housing developments are created mainly for the elderly and low-income groups and consist of up to five bedroom homes or efficiency apartments," Padgett related. He went on to say that residents of the housing units would pay 20 per cent of the rent while the Federal Government contributed the remaining 80 per cent. "It is up to the Town Board to decide whether or not need for sanitary dwellings for the low income and elderly are needed in Boone and if so to establish a competent housing authority to further investigate the possibilities," commented Padgett. Mayor Winkler asked if the local taxpayers would suffer from the establishment of housing? Padgett replied that appropriations were made to this area by the federal government and the taxpayers would be relieved of any burden. Padgett explained that he "represented a free private enterprise and that the town of Boone was not obligated to Housing Incorporated in any way". He went on to say that he felt his company might have an advantage over other companies because of their investigative and overall interest done in the Boone area. He further stated that "anyone can submit bids on the project." When asked if the development had to be within the city limits of Boone, Padgett replied that a 10 mile radius is acceptable. According to Padgett the Housing Authority appointed by the alderman have complete charge of the project and may terminate the project at any time they see fit. Asked if perhaps the construction might not be done cheaper by local contractors, Padgett replied that any builder or contractor in the town of Boone or anywhere in North Carolina can bid on the project, along with his firm. He went on to say that should his firm be awarded the con-

1970-71 OFFICERS at Watauga High School were elected last week with more than 800 of the 1,200-member student body voting. Reading from left are rising seniors Bobby Denton, president; Buzz Hagaman, vice-president; Donna Wilson, secretary; and Anne Fulmer, treasurer. Harlan Ledford is their sponsor. Respectively, they are the sons and daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Denton of Boone, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Hagaman, the Rev. and Mrs. Donald Wilson and Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Fulmer. As president, Bobby says the group will back a covered dish supper for seniors before school lets out. In July, he and his supporting officers expect to attend a leadership workshop at Mars Hill College. Bobby also edits the school newspaper, the Powderhorn, and was elected last month as president of the Western District, North Carolina Student Council Congress, when it convened in Boone. (Staff photo)

AES Summer School Aimed At Pre-Schoolers

The June 15-July 31 summer school program at Appalachian Elementary School is designed for all county pre-school children who will enter first grade in August and for pupils now in grades one through eight. Registration begins May 11. Two readiness classes will be conducted for pre-school children. Enrollment will be limited to a total of 40 pre-school students and registration will be on a first-come basis. For students in grades one through eight, enrichment and remedial courses will be offered. Enrichment courses will

provide the student with an opportunity for more breadth and depth than can normally be covered during the academic year. Remedial courses will be offered to students who need additional study in reading, arithmetic, spelling and writing. Tuition for pre-school and band students will be \$15. For all other students, each course will be \$7.50 with a maximum charge of \$15. No student may take more than two courses; no refunds will be made after summer school begins. While regular class attendance is recommended, students who wish to go on a short trip or vacation with parents, are free to do so. A progress report will be sent to parents at the end of the summer school. Class size will average 15 pupils and all students registering for two classes will be able to participate in physical education at no additional cost. Pre-school children will be scheduled in class from 8:30 a. m. until 12:25 p. m. For children in grades one through eight, class periods will be scheduled from 8:30-9:45, 9:50-11:05, and 11:10-12:25. Band classes will be one hour in length. Promotion will not be affected by attendance at summer school, as such decisions should be made at the end of the school year without reference to summer school attendance. The program offered this summer has been broadened in both the remedial and enrichment areas. Also special efforts have been made to individualize instruction even

more than in the past. The following remedial courses are available: Reading—Reading for grades one through eight. This course is for students who need to improve in reading. Emphasis will be placed on phonics, word analysis and comprehension. Spelling and Writing—Spelling and writing will be offered to those who need to improve written expression, handwriting and spelling. How to Study—How to study is a course for either enrichment or remedial work. Students in grades six through eight will receive instruction in note taking, outlining, organizing material and developing good study habits. The following courses will be offered for enrichment. Art for students in grades five and six will include work with pastels, charcoal, poster paints, free sketching and wire and paper sculpture. American Heritage for pupils in grades five through eight is designed to extend the foundations for American Heritage through the study of the lives of great men and women who have made significant contribution to the American way of

Bill Hensley To Speak At SAHA Meeting

Bill F. Hensley, veteran director of the Travel and Promotion Division of the State Department of Conservation and Development, will address the Southern Appalachian Historical Association here Monday night. Hensley will address the group during their annual spring dinner meeting and will discuss tourism and entertainment in North Carolina. The group will also discuss plans for the 19th consecutive season of Horn in the West which opens June 26. The event is scheduled for the East Dining Hall of the University Cafeteria and will begin at 6 p. m.

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100 Are Needed To Spend Night At Court House

WANTED: 100 people (families with children, etc.) to live from supper Saturday night until breakfast the next morning in the basement of the Watauga County Courthouse, East, spent the night, eat again—all part of a mock-up of an actual air raid planned for May 23-24. John Trivette, director of Civil Defense, tells the Democrat this week that more than a dozen people participating in civil defense need training in an air raid situation. Therefore, the mock-up is planned and volunteers are needed. Supper will begin at 7 Saturday night. Those interested in further information are invited to call Trivette, whose office number is in the Boone directory under Watauga County.