



MOUNTAIN BACKROAD

Mailmen Will Aid In Final Phase Of Census

One of the final steps in the 1970 census in rural and small city areas of the southern States—a check by mailmen—is now under way, according to the U. S. Department of Commerce's Bureau of the Census. The '70 census was taken by two methods: by mail-out and mail-back of questionnaires in most major metropolitan areas and by census takers in the rest of the United States. The latter procedure entailed the mailing out of questionnaires and subsequent visits by census takers who would pick up filled-in forms or, lacking this, interview families while following a house-to-house route.

Canvassing in the metropolitan areas required checking of addresses by postal employees before the mailout. A similar step is now being taken by mailmen following the visits by census takers.

This is the procedure: When census district offices completed their preliminary counts, they turned over to the post office a set of white cards listing every address canvassed. The mailmen, in turn, check these addresses against the households on their routes. If the mailman discovers what he considers a "missed" address, he fills out a blue card noting this fact.

Gets Award At Arizona U.

Dr. O. M. Hartsell, who taught at both Appalachian High School and Appalachian State Teachers College, a University of Arizona professor of Music, has won the fifth annual Salgo-Noren Teaching Excellence award, which includes \$1,500. The Salgo-Noren Foundation at the university established the award to recognize superior teaching. Hartsell, who joined the faculty in 1957, was selected by a university committee in cooperation with the foundation.

A Beres (Ken) College graduate, Hartsell earned advanced degrees and a professional diploma at Columbia University. He is a past president of the Arizona State Music Teachers Assn. and Western Division of the Music Educators National Conference.

The Census Bureau has found from experience that many households for which such cards are filled out have already been enumerated. This can happen for a number of reasons. For instance, some people get mail at two or more addresses, or

there may be differences in the way a rural address is described.

The Census Bureau will check the blue cards turned in by mailmen and then take appropriate steps to provide a complete census count.

This Is Miss Watauga Week

A young woman with loads of looks and talent soon will be leaving for Raleigh where she will compete for the title, Miss North Carolina.

And to wish her well and see her off in a novel fashion, the Boone Jaycettes have set this as Miss Watauga Week in the county.

Miss Nancy Faye Stacy's first appearance in connection with the week in her honor was at the Cove Creek Horse Show Saturday. There she passed out trophies and ribbons to the exhibitors selected by Judge Ernest L. Adamson.

And in preparation for the week, she visited several local businesses who are saluting her in their advertisements in this issue.

From 3 to 5 Sunday afternoon, the Jaycettes will hold a tea in her honor at the Chalet Restaurant on the Blowing Rock Road. Now employed as a counselor at Camp Yonahlossee near Blowing Rock, Nancy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Starr N. Stacy Jr., of Boone, At Appalachian State University, where she is majoring in physics, the lovely brunette in a majorette, a Dean's List student, member of the Veridian Society and the Appalachian Physics Club, and dorm president of East Hall.

She will be in Raleigh July 6-11 to compete in the Miss North Carolina Pageant. A piano student of Mrs. Nicholas Erneston, Nancy will perform Beethoven's Sonata Pathetique in the talent division.

Miss Watauga is sponsored by the Boone Jaycettes who approved the Jaycettes' carrying out this week tribute to Nancy. According to Jaycette Edie Tugman, the idea for Miss Watauga Week came from Mrs. Grant Jones, who is chairman for it and associated events.

The Jaycettes are putting out 200 post cards addressed to Nancy at the pageant. The public is invited to pick them up in local stores, sign them and mail them to her.

Another activity is to be the distribution of Miss Watauga posters in the county. Mrs. Tugman pointed out that one of the purposes is to promote Watauga.

And starting right now, the Jaycettes are taking names to be placed on a best-wishes telegram which will be sent to Nancy during the pageant. The cost per person is a quarter and names can be entered by calling 264-2001.

All of which comes down to a hearty: Best Wishes, Nancy!

Deep Gap Firemen To Serve Food

Twelve hundred pounds of country ham, six bushels of potato salad, 400 pounds of cole slaw and 300 pounds of tomatoes are being prepared for the big feed at Triplett when the Daniel Boone Wagon Train camps there Thursday night.

This will be the last camp of the train before it rolls into Boone Friday. The Boone Chamber of Commerce says the procession will encamp across State Farm Road from the Optimist Park. Arrival time will be mid-afternoon.

That evening, the Boone camp feed will be put on by the Deep Gap Volunteer Fire Department, which is famous in the area for its fund-raising dinners.

The annual trek, led by Wagon Master Dewitt Barnett and Chief Scout Hubert Coffeltor, will have camped in Ferguson Tuesday and Darby Wednesday before pulling into Triplett Thursday.

With a great deal of fanfare, the wagons and riders Tuesday moved out of Wilkesboro where a parade and kickoff dance had been held the previous day.

Fred McNeil, manager of the Boone C of C, said Tuesday that the latest adjusted figures available to him on the size of the train were that the latest adjusted figures available to him on the size of the train were that 45 to 50 wagons and some 150 horseback riders were enrolled. He noted that an earlier estimate was 75 wagons and 200 horseback riders.

Other events have been slated in connection with Wagon Train Parade Day here.

Saturday morning, starting about 8, several organizations will sell items of all descriptions in the annual Flea Market on city parking lot.

And on the lawn of the Daniel Boone Hotel across the street, the Boone Junior Woman's Club and Juniorsettes will sponsor a Wagon Train Bazaar, also starting at 8 a. m.

A partial listing of things the Juniors will sell are handmade items such as decoupage, batiks, burlap hangings, candle holders, flowers and stuffed animals and baked goods.

Proceeds from the bazaar will benefit the J. B. Hagaman

Cancer Drive Is Started

The annual Cancer campaign is now underway in Watauga County. Memorial gifts and other donations for the American Cancer Society may be sent to Mrs. Walter A. Hawkins, Treasurer, 517 W. Queen St., Boone, N. C.

The motion was made by Kenneth Wilcox. It was voted that the money providing the fund would come from the 1% local sales tax levy. Also on the agenda at the last board meeting was the matter of the Boone dump property being used for county disposal by Ed Hardy, who operates a

garbage collection service. The town had suggested the payment of \$5,000 by the county for the use of the property. The county board agreed to pay 60% of the amount if Mr. Hardy would take care of the 40%. Mr. Hardy hasn't definitely agreed, it was said.

The commissioners approved a request for \$3,500 by Robert L. White, Chairman of the Watauga Recreation Commission. Mr. White said there is a possibility that the money ap-

To Feast At Triplett Tonight

Wagon Train Parade To Have 75 Vehicles



GARBAGE PROBLEM—This mess developed along NC 105 after George Smitherman, whose residence can be seen in the background, gave an unidentified contractor permission to dump a load of dirt in the gully on his land. Smitherman told city council last Thursday night that the load he approved of contained only a few bricks, as the man said. But returning home from work several days after that time, he noticed the dumping was continuing—growing not with dirt, but with assorted trash

as seen here. He appealed to the Town Board of Aldermen for assistance in getting the dumping stopped, pointing out that the dumping site also is on the highway right-of-way and inside Boone's city limits. Smitherman said he'd like to keep his property clean and was upset that the dumping had continued. The Aldermen agreed to see what could be done about it. (Staff photo)

Winkler Is Named Head Watauga Co. Democrats

W. Ralph Winkler was named Chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee of Watauga County at the party convention held last Saturday.

M. Winkler, retired Boone

automobile dealer, a former Chairman, has long been active in political and civic affairs. He served in the Unstead administration as State Highway Commissioner.

Mr. Winkler was unanimously elected, no other candidate for the position being proposed. Other officers elected, each without opposition, were Mrs. Robert Bingham, Vice-Chair-

man; George Thomas, second Vice-Chairman; Ralph Yates, third Vice-Chairman; J. C. Goodnight, Treasurer; Jean Rivers, Secretary. Mrs. Rivers was also re-elected to membership on the State Democratic Committee.

Robert Bingham moved that the Chairman appoint the delegates to the Congressional district convention to be held in Hickory, June 27 at 1 p. m., at City Hall, and to the Democratic State Convention in Memorial Auditorium in Raleigh July 14.

Mrs. Rachel Hartley, vice-chairman, who presided at the convention, was accorded a vote of appreciation for her good service as chairman for the past several months.

The convention expressed appreciation to George Thomas for his work as Committee Treasurer for several years.

It was agreed that resolutions of appreciation be sent to former Chairman, Frank Baird, Hooper Hendrix and James A. Dugger.

Mrs. Rodney Greene was named to the condolences committee.

It was voted to send a resolution to Governor Scott in appreciation of his interest in Appalachian State University and highways in the area.

The convention was well attended and delegates were certified from all precincts except North Fork and Elk.

Smith Family To Appear Here

The noted Shaw Smith family of Davidson, will appear at Appalachian State University in a light musical performance and magic show Thursday evening June 30 at 7:30. The entertainment is sponsored by the W. H. Flemmons Student Center Board and there will be no admission charge.

Head Start Program To Attract 525 Children

Plans for the Summer Head Start program are complete in the four-county area, according to Mrs. Lorene Greene, Head Start Director.

All centers opened June 15th at 8:30 a. m. A total of 525 children will attend in the four counties.

Centers in Watauga County are located at Bethel, Mabel, Cove Creek, Valle Crucis, Green Valley and Parkway Schools. 145 children have been approved. Mr. Clyde Greene, Principal at Bethel School, will be Summer Head Start Director. School buses will operate and

should your child miss the bus the first day please contact the teacher in your area.

Summer Head Start is funded through the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare and is a child development program, stressing nutrition, health, education, psychology, social work and recreation. The program also provides a physical examination, dental evaluation and treatment during the six weeks program, with follow-up care through Dec. 30 for those involved in the program.

Local physicians and dentists

have already scheduled time for this in their busy schedule. All children will be screened for heart defects through the

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Wow!

The attendance figures at Land of Oz are almost unbelievable.

Kays Gary called Tuesday in behalf of Carolina Caribbean Corporation to report that on its first Sunday of operation, Land of Oz was visited by 4,721 people between noon and 5:30.

Some 600 people were unable to see the mountaintop attraction at that time.

Oz opened June 15 and until this Friday, school children from Watauga and Avery counties may attend the attraction with their parents and younger brothers and sisters free of charge.

The passes were issued through the schools of the two counties before the 1969-70 term came to a close.

While Emerald City and the balloon ride were scheduled for completion by the opening date, there just wasn't time enough to get them ready. Gary said the city and the ride will be completed the latter part of this week.

County Jail In Prospect

The Watauga County Board of Commissioners has voted to establish a capital reserve fund to make \$350,000 available within a two-year period to construct a new county jail.

The motion was made by Kenneth Wilcox.

It was voted that the money providing the fund would come from the 1% local sales tax levy. Also on the agenda at the last board meeting was the matter of the Boone dump property being used for county disposal by Ed Hardy, who operates a

proprated will be matched by an undisclosed group.

Dr. Swanson Richards, Superintendent of the Watauga County Schools, Willis Morotz and Spears Alexander, came before the commissioners with plans which hopefully would lead to the construction of a center for the mentally handicapped. It was suggested that perhaps the cen-

ter could be developed on the site of the new Boone Elementary School.