

Tully Gets Computer Position

Samuel Montgomery Tully, son of Mrs. H. M. Tully Jr. of Boone and the late H. M. Tully Jr., has accepted a position as Director of the Computer Registration Center at Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, Mich.

He received his Master of Arts Degree in industrial management from Eastern Michigan University in June. When he graduated Magna Cum Laude from West Virginia Institute of Technology, Montgomery, W. Va., in 1969, he was awarded a \$5,000 Fellowship to EMU where he headed a five-man-research team.

The team worked at Michigan State University, the University of Michigan, General Motors and Ford Divisions in developing industrial education programs in special education.

Samuel is married to the former Aleene Jarrell of Mount Airy, N. C. They live at 719 Washtenaw Avenue, Ypsilanti.

Bloodmobile Is Coming

When blood is needed for life and health, over half of the nation's hospitals depend on one source of supply, the American Red Cross and its network of regional blood centers. It's the largest collecting agency in the world and, our thanks go to the thousands of volunteer donors throughout the country, millions of Americans can also feel security that when blood is needed it will be on hand for their use.

In the past year, here in Watauga County patients used over 800 pints of blood, and donors gave 810 pints. What better way can you help a friend than to help save a life? Or better still . . . to share your good health with them?

You can give a unit of blood in less than an hour that could help as many as six people . . . help them to enjoy a liveable life. You should also help your own family by being a Red Cross blood donor. Any member of your family can receive blood they need because you are a volunteer donor. Don't forget to give blood when the bloodmobile comes to Watauga on Tuesday, August 4th.



BUCK ROBBINS

Robbins Is Named To Vital Panel

W. C. Robbins, manager of the Consumer Product Plant of IRC-Boone Division of TRW, Inc., is one of six selected to serve on the Radio and TV Component Advisory Panel of the Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc.

The national panel, an independent non-profit organization, works in the interest of public safety by helping manufacturers of TV sets more readily obtain component parts (such as resistors) which are considered suitable for their particular application in the finished set.

G. E. Schull Jr., electrical engineer of Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc., stated in naming Robbins to the panel: "You have been selected for

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BILL BANGERT former U. S. Shot Put champion of Champ, Missouri, gives a demonstration of throwing the stone. He will be returning this weekend to again participate in the Highland Games and Gathering of Scottish Clans which will be held Saturday and Sunday on Grandfather Mountain's MacRae Meadows. Photo by Hugh Morton.

Scottish Games Will Be Staged On Weekend

GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN, N. C.—The 15th annual Highland Games and Gathering of Scottish Clans, which has grown to become the largest event of its kind in the United States, will be staged on Grandfather Mountain's MacRae Meadows on Saturday and Sunday (July 11-12).

The spectacle presented by hundreds of persons attired in Scottish highland dress while engaging in the many ancient and traditional contests which feature the games, is a color festival which attracts thousands of spectators. Participants in the various events come from throughout Eastern America and Canada.

Competitions are scheduled in Highland Dancing, Piping, Track and Field, and a 19-mile Mountain Marathon. All contestants in the dancing and piping events, and as well as in several of the track and field competitions appear in highland dress. Kilts and bonnets are the favored attire.

The Guests of Honor for the 1970 Games will be Lt. Col Sir Gregor MacGregor of MacGregor, Bart. and Lady MacGregor. Also due to be in attendance is Lady Malcolm Douglas-Hamilton, founder of the American Scottish Foundation of New York City.

Other guests will be Brian Winn of Los Angeles, California, and Miss Lynn Evans of Garden Grove, California, who were paired for a trip to the Highland Games on Monday's "Dating Game" program on the ABC-TV network.

Opening the gala ceremonies at 11 a. m. Saturday will be piping and dancing events for the youngest age groups and the Sunfish Class Sailboat Regatta on Loch Dornie at nearby Grandfather Golf and Country Club.

The honor guests will be presented as the pipe bands pass in review at 1:30 p. m. One-half hour later will launch the beginning of competition in the various track and field events which this year will include the 100, 220, 400 and 800-yard dashes, the mile and two-mile runs, standing and running long jumps, high jump, shot put, pole vault, hope-skip-jump, wrestling, tug-of-war, and tossing the cabar. All track and field events are A.A.U. sanctioned.

Also slated for the same afternoon are dancing events in fling, sword, sean truibhas and reels; piping competition in three classes; and the

marathon run from Boone to MacRae Meadows.

Cash prizes will await the winners in piping, with numerous trophies and medals will be to first, second and third place winners in the other events. The coveted President's Trophy will be claimed by the Games' outstanding athlete.

An 11 a. m. worship service

will initiate the Sunday activities, followed by the "Highland Shoot" archery tournament.

The Parade of Tartans along with the presentations of massed bands will begin at 2 p. m., followed by the competitive Sheaf Toss, and additional contests in dancing, piping, wrestling and cabar toss.

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Children To Get Pay For Cans And Bottles

The Watauga Savings & Loan Association has devised a novel idea for "trying to get the community cleaned up."

James Marsh, executive secretary of the association, announces this week that children age 14 and under will have an opportunity to earn one penny for each can or bottle taken to the Savings & Loan Friday, July 17, Tuesday, July 21, and Friday, July 24 during regular business hours.

On those days, trucks and containers will be available in front of the building for deposit of items collected from neighborhood ditches, along roadsides, etc.

"We hope that as they pick up the cans and bottles, they will also pick up paper, anything that might spoil the beauty of the community," Marsh said.

And perhaps by seeking the concern of children, others "can take a little hint." Marsh hopes conservation-minded parents will remind children of the dates of the program and its purposes. "In a year's time," he said, "we would have some 200,000 visitors coming through our community and the best promotion and advertisement we could possibly get is the impression those travelers go back home with."

Through this effort, it is hoped that people who now throw trash on the streets and in neighborhoods will think twice and then use the nearest waste disposal can.

Participating boys and girls will be able to drop their names in a box for a free drawing for two bicycles. One drawing will be for girls and one for boys.

Debbie Reynolds At Opening Of Oz

BY RACHEL RIVERS

Folks visiting Land of Oz last Friday were pleasantly surprised to see Mrs. Harry Karl and her daughter, Carrie, touring the adventure attraction on Beech Mountain.

And quite a few did double-takes as it began to sink in that Mrs. Karl, the smiling young woman in the lace dress, was one of the country's best known film stars, Debbie Reynolds.

At the Beech Tree Inn where the press conference began, Miss Reynolds asked for a glass of milk before talking briefly with reporters. She told

them she is doing a show, which was to open Tuesday in Atlanta, and that Carrie's doing a number in it.

Debbie's pretty daughter, who is 13, got her mother's resounding approval—"As a performer, yes, she's very good."

Q. What about the new movies?

A. "I don't like them," but she added that as long as the public goes to see films featuring pornography and extreme nudity, producers will supply the market. "The public is motivating the

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Seen As "Teaching Hospital"

ASU Is Selected For New Complex

Facility Located In Wilkes

The U. S. Office of Education has named Appalachian State University as one of four institutions in the nation which will develop pilot models for a unique series of Training Complex centers for teachers.

Described by ASU president Herbert Wey as "something of a teaching hospital," the Training Complex will serve as a laboratory to train student teachers, retrain experienced teachers and develop improved teaching approaches.

"The Training Complex," Dr. Wey said, "is based on the fact the preparation of teachers is a joint and cooperative responsibility of the university, the public schools, the state department of education and the community."

But within the framework of the training complex, he explained, the influences of all of these areas are brought under one "administrative umbrella" so that teaching principles and teacher education can be comprehensively improved. The center will be staffed, he indicated, by teaching-learning teams for the various academic fields.

An example of a team in the area of history for the secondary grades would include college supervisors of student teachers, university social studies faculty, five experienced and five beginning teachers of history, ten student teachers plus teaching aides and a group of public school history students.

The team would as its main objective developing better ways to train social studies teachers and finding better ways for them to help their students learn.

Since all members of the team would work directly with the students, the experience should provide continuous training for all levels of the educational personnel involved.

The Training Complex headquarters will be located in Wilkes County, Wey said, and its prime target area includes Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Caldwell, Iredell, Surry, Watauga, Wilkes and Yadkin Counties.

Planning for the project has been developed with the support of Dr. Howard Thompson of Wilkes Community College and C. Wayne Bradburn, Superintendent of Wilkes County Schools.

Hired to direct the planning and operational phases of the Training Complex is Dr. Paul Federoff, former director of elementary school instruction for the Post Huron (Mich.) Area Schools.

Federoff began the planning phase of the training center

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OLD FASHIONED PICNIC—Residents of Payne Branch Road and their guests enjoyed an old-fashioned picnic in this shady lane July 4th. The annual event started some five or six years ago. (Staff photo)

Horn Receipts Are "Disappointing"

The production director of the Horn in the West Monday told directors of the Southern Appalachian Historical Association that early-season attendance at the outdoor drama is disappointing.

Following a report by theater manager Terry Hamilton that attendance for the first nine performances this year are down 1,284 compared to the same period last year, director Blair Beasley cited chilly weather, the Wagon Train and Singing on the Mountain as possible reasons for low attendance.

"We've just gone through the Fourth of July," Beasley said, "and every motel in town seemed sold out." Still, crowds numbered only 700 and 800 people. "Is this normal?" he asked.

He said the Horn has ridden on the "coattails of Tweetsie" now of Land of Oz.

Also, Beasley felt directional signs and a billboard here do little to get people to the drama, which is sponsored by SAHA. "Five miles out of town, you'd never know the Horn was here."

Also, he said the Watauga Democrat ran the big story about the Horn the week before, rather than the week of the show. He said editorial page mention of the show's opening was minimal.

He suggested "a few well placed dollars" in a saturation effort could cure what ails the production.

Promotional director Tom Corbitt told the directors that

chill weather hurt the drama

the first three nights and also said economic recession is some to blame. Concurring with an earlier statement by Beasley, Corbitt thought a better job could be done "with our people locally."

Ten to 15 years ago, the promotional director stated, the Horn was an asset. "It brought people here. But today, people 'don't really need the Horn. They can get along quite well without us, in my opinion."

Corbitt based the observation on poor public relations at the local level. He said it would help if waitresses could wear a badge promoting the drama. He said some motels do a good job selling tickets,

others no.

But things are looking up in that the drama's two roving quartets will visit restaurants (so far Holiday Inn and the Cardinal have agreed), introduce themselves, sing a couple of songs and leave. "Blair has a very good show,"

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LARRY SURRATTE

Surratte To Aid March Of Dimes

Larry Surratte was named Special Events Chairman for the Watauga March of Dimes by Mrs. Harvey Ayers, Chapter Chairman.

Mrs. Ayers stated that the March of Dimes was pleased to have Mr. Surratte accept the appointment. "It is volunteers that make our organization one of service," she said.

The duties of Special Events Chairman is just what the title implies, to have Gospel Singings and other events during the summer and fall.

Mr. Surratte stated that it was "a real pleasure to be associated with the March of Dimes. I know what the March of Dimes is doing and I want to help keep the good work going."

Mr. Surratte is assistant manager of the Boone Harris-Tester store. He and his wife Carolyn have two children, Michael 5 and Michelle 3 months. They are members of the Howard's Creek Baptist Church.

Big Rattler Auto Victim

A 37-inch timber rattlesnake "bit the dust" Sunday when it was run over by a car on US Highway 421 in eastern Watauga County.

The dark-patterned snake was seen coming out of the barn of Dave Ragan about 3:45 p. m. After the snake was hit, Ragan said, drivers of some 50 to 75 vehicles stopped to see the snake.

Called about the incident, Wildlife Protector Tommy Osborne of Boone related that rattlesnakes sometimes move into the mountains when the lowlands become intolerably hot.

And Ragan said Osborne warned that snakes often come in pairs. If the male snake left a widow, she has more

yellowish colors, Osborne said.

Shortly before the snake was seen, young Lynn McCoy, 16-year-old son of the Rev. and Mrs. Herbert McCoy, had been riding his horse in a field near the barn. Mrs. McCoy said her son reported neither seeing or hearing the rattler.

However, Mrs. McCoy said Lynn told her that as he rode his horse near the barn, the mare "snorted and blew . . . but he didn't pay any attention to it."

In the 18 years Ragan has lived in the Rutherfordwood community, he had not seen a rattler on his property.

It was in late April and mid

May of 1966 that a couple of large snakes were killed on the

old railroad grade above NC Highway 105 at Foscoe. The first of the rattlers was four feet long, the second measuring three feet 10 inches.

Some speculated that the snakes might have been hauled from the lowlands in truck loads of dirt. Excavation and filling was going on at Seven Devils Resort high above Foscoe.

But Ragan said no large construction projects are underway in Rutherfordwood and concurred that the snake (or snakes) must have made the long journey on their own.

The male snake sported six buttons and had a middle diameter of seven inches.