

## September Is Bringing Activity To Tar Heelia

Time: September. Location: The State of North Carolina.

Scene I: "Swing your partners," the man in the multi-plaid shirt sang out. His foot tapped out the rhythm with a staccato beat. The dancers pranced as the folk music was caught up in the crisp, clean mountain air.

Scene II: The lithe half-back took the kick, made a quick step, cut to the left and was free from his would-be tacklers. He was touchdown bound. One side of the stadium roared its approval. The other side sat in silence, stunned by this dastardly deed.

Scene III: The boat captain slowed his craft to a trolling speed. Lures and lines went over the side. Soon the tip of an angler's rod twitched and then jerked. "A fine Spanish mackerel," the captain called out.

These are short scenes from a preview of September, a delightful month full of activities in North Carolina.

With the largest number of advance reservations in history, the Great Smoky Mountains resort of Fontana Village will become America's square dance capital for the entire month.

The Fall Fun Fest Square Dance Festival is expected to draw more than 2,000 dancers. The Fun Fest is followed by three other week-long events: Accent on Rounds, beginning September 7; Rebel Roundup, beginning September 14 and Swap Shop, beginning September 20. The Fall Swap Shop will be the

traditional month for county fairs with most counties sponsoring such an event. The Rocky Mount Agricultural Fair, September 15-20, is one of the oldest in the state. This is the 68th annual fair.

The 16th annual International Cup Power Boat Regatta is to be held at Elizabeth City, September 6-7.

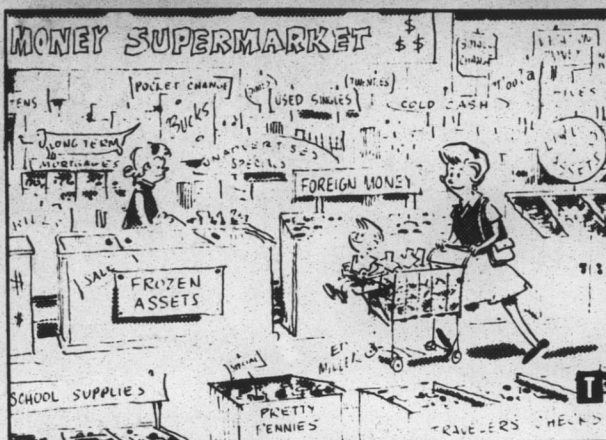
The Outer Banks Sailing Regatta will be held at Nags Head, September 13-14. The "Wilkes 400" stock car race is scheduled for North Wilkesboro, September 21, while the "Buddy Shuman Memorial 100" will be at Hickory on September 5.

The N. C. Open PGA golf tournament is scheduled at Maggie Valley, September 3-5.

Two towns pay homage to the unusual during September. Cary holds the Gourd Festival, September 12-14, while Benson holds its 20th annual Mule Day Celebration, September 26-28.

September is a month of fairs, festivals and football. It's also the month when the mountain leaves begin thinking about changing colors for the fall, reaching a peak in October.

## MONEY FACTS AND FANCIES



Did you know that a heavy purse makes a light heart? We are indebted to money for several everyday expressions such as "getting your money's worth," "the root of all evil," "filthy lucre," "money talks," "putting your money where your mouth is," and "putting your two cents in."

What is more, there are local sayings relating to money in different countries with differing monetary units. American counterparts of these terms include "penny pincher" and "dollars to doughnuts."

To coin an expression, banks have become "moneysplendored things," but few depositors realize how much banking has changed. In the ancient world, instead of receiving interest on your savings, you'd have had to pay a bank to keep your money safe for you.

Perhaps the earliest American "bankers" were goldsmiths and silversmiths. They would accept coins for safe-keeping, and lend them to qualified borrowers, and sometimes exchange one kind of currency for another. That was it—no other services were available.

In 1781, when a man named Robert Morris tried to organize the first modern bank in America, he tried to sell \$400,000 worth of stock in the company. All he could raise was \$70,000—17.5¢ for each dollar he needed—but he borrowed what he needed from France, and made such a name for himself that almost any banker you visit today will know his name.

He really started something. Today there are nearly 14,000 commercial banks in the U.S. They have deposits of \$432 billion—over 40 times as much as all the gold in Fort Knox—and people owe them 264 billion (including, probably, whatever you still owe on the car). A large commercial bank processes well over a million different checks every day, yet banking may still be in its infancy because of a new trend in the industry—the formation of one-bank holding companies.

A one-bank holding company's main business is banking, but also owns other companies that provide financial services related to banking. For example, they may lease heavy equipment, sell insurance, provide family budgeting advice, tax assistance and charge services for family purchases.

The companies have been formed because antiquated laws have prevented banks from providing new services that their customers need. Not surprisingly, competitors who are not regulated by banking laws have opposed the entry of banks into areas they'd like to keep for themselves.

What the Duplin County farm girl, sporting an attractive tan which she acquired "mowing the yard and sucking tobacco," graduated this spring from East Duplin High School. She was cheerleader, bus driver, member of the Beta Club and several other organizations, secretary of the senior class and "best

of her mother and David Fussell, a high school principal who is active in Jaycee work. Also present in the Governor's office were a number of Tar Heel poultry industry leaders.

The group visited Agriculture Commissioner J. A. Graham in the afternoon and Gayle also presented him some poultry products and invited him to the jubilee.

Dennis Ramsey of Rose Hill, president of the North Carolina Poultry Federation, presented Scott two tickets to the organization's annual banquet in Charlotte on October 3. This is a \$50 a plate fund raising event.

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What this country needs is somebody to debunk the debunker.

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