

### Three Cherryville Residents Have Big Parts In "The Sword Of Gideon" Drama

Kings Mountain—Four Cherryville residents have been given prominent parts in the 1954 production of "THE SWORD OF GIDEON," opening July 22 in Kings Mountain.

Paul Taylor will be seen as the fiery Indian brave, "Draggin' Canoe." Paul is a student at Cherryville High School and has held such offices as President of his class and student council vice-president. This will make his second year with "THE SWORD OF GIDEON."

As "Winston," pompous, domineering American officer, will be seen Ben Dale, who is also a student at Cherryville High. He has been very active with the drama group and among his other activities, has been a member of the student council.

Martha Sue Hayes and Dawn Davis will each dance with this year's production of "THE SWORD OF GIDEON." Both are members of numerous Cherryville High School organizations. The dances of "THE SWORD OF GIDEON" will include original English Country Dances and Minuets, in addition to traditional Folk Dances. Nancy

Dill, originally of Williamsburg, Va., is choreographer. She has danced with "THE COMMON GLOEY" in Williamsburg for several years.

Rehearsals are in progress for "THE SWORD OF GIDEON," which will run July 22 through August 14 at the Kings Mountain National Park in Kings Mountain. Performances will be held Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights each week. Curtain time will be 8:15 p.m.

### Spectacular New Highway Open For Mountain Travel

A spectacular new stretch of highway has just been opened for smooth, easy motoring up and down the Blue Ridge Divide in North Carolina.

A paved four-lane link on transcontinental U. S. Highway 70 between the towns of Old Fort and Ridgeway, and was completed at a cost of \$3,000,000 to replace the hairpin curves and steep grades of the old two-lane concrete section built in the early 1920's.

Construction of the new road involved the greatest earth-moving project in the history of North Carolina's extensive road building program. Three million cubic

yards of earth and stone were whittled off mountains and pushed into fills before bituminous paving began on the 6.15 mile stretch of highway. At one point, the road's two 22-foot wide sections rest of a 185-foot high fill containing almost a million cubic yards of earth and stone.

The new highway climbs 1,429 feet with a maximum grade of 5 per cent and 19 easy spiral curves; on the 8-mile section of U. S. 70 which it replaces there are 98 sharp curves on an ascent of 1,215 feet.

A four-foot wide raised median strip marks the center of the route, and there are 10-foot shoulders on the fills and 8-foot shoulders in the cuts. The entire route is located on southern slopes to minimize ice and snow hazards in winter. Designed for both pleasure motoring and commercial traffic, the route offers scenic vistas at many points, among them a view of the falls on the Catawba River.

The North Carolina Highway Commission has announced that the old route between Ridgeway and Old Fort will be kept open as a secondary road. At the time it was built, it was considered a marvel of highway engineering, but in recent years had become a bottleneck on a primary east-west route traveled by an average of 2,500 vehicles a day.

### News In The World Of Religion

BY W. W. REID

The Rev. Earl Rodman Barr, thirty-year-old assistant minister of the Church of St. Paul and St. Andre in New York City, has been named a missionary to Vieques Island, Puerto Rico, where he will pilot his own plane from church to church. Mr. Barr learned to fly in the United States Army Air Force during the war. He had already applied for mission service when the opportunity came to take over the Vieques mission, with the return of the "flying missionary," the Rev. John Kenneth Vincent to the United States. Mr. and Mrs. Barr are new on Vieques Island to take over the many "pilot projects" established by Mr. Vincent in his seven-year ministry there. These include, in addition to the church, a clinic, a program for U. S. servicemen, a housing cooperative, a demonstration farm, a vast recreational program for island youth, and the flying ambulance service to ferry seriously ill patients to the mainland of Puerto Rico for care.

Saint Mary's Catholic Church, in the open country west of Toledo, Ohio, has a Credit Union of 754 members which helps settle young families in the parish. The total amount loaned since it was organized is over a million dollars. This money has all been subscribed by the local members during the past fifteen years. Twenty-one couples have been helped to buy farms in that community. Young

farms, especially in the Southern half of the county running along the South Carolina line. Young tobacco is suffering more than older strands, says Spaulding. The sun is scalding the young plants in the tops and the hot sand is parching the lower leaves, causing an almost total loss in some fields. For older tobacco, the crops suffering least of all are those that received applications of 4-8-10 fertilizer at a depth of about six inches.

people have been able to borrow money to go to college or to build a house. There are now 300 families in this open country parish. According to Dr. Ralph A. Felton, rural sociologist at Drew Theological Seminary, this type of service by the church in the farm areas of America is being practiced by a large number of parishes and some denominations, and is the hope of the nation in keeping young people from moving off the farms in even greater numbers than in the past.

Approximately 200,000 persons are starting in the Philippines as a result of destruction by ravaging bands of rats in a huge farming area in two provinces of Mindanao Island, according to news reports. An estimated 80 per cent of this year's crop has been destroyed in Cotabato province. Also hard-hit is the Davao region. The United Nations and some other relief organizations have sent powdered milk and food packages to the area, but the need is still great. This is an area where missionaries of the Methodist Church have been serving for fifty years, and the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief has now issued an appeal to the denomination to come to the relief of victims of this rat plague.

"Christians people may differ in minor matters, but so long as they acknowledge Jesus Christ to be the Son of God, King of Kings, and Lord of Lords, they are united in that which matters most," says the Council of Bishops in a statement to the Methodist Church. Continuing, the Bishops said: "The United Nations is a symbol. It serves to remind us that there is another kinship besides the brotherhood of faith — it is the brotherhood of a universal need and yearning, and it embraces all mankind. The people of every land and race are attempting to find a way to economic security and justice and freedom and peace. The soil of this modern parliament of man is a sense of humanity's essential oneness in its basic needs and yearnings. We confidently believe that divisions that sometimes appear so threatening to man's well-being can best be settled around a common economic table, and that the United Nations is our best hope for world peace. . . . When we speak of

achieving a social order after the mind of Christ, we must not let slip a more fundamental truth. No order of society is better than the men and women who compose it. The soul of all reformation is the reformation of the soul. The appeal of the gospel is addressed primarily to the individual. Therefore, it behooves us in season and out of season, to the public worship of God and the preaching of the gospel."

An experienced builder, with a degree in engineering and in construction, is needed to serve the Division of World Missions, Methodist Church, in rebuilding war-torn Korea. Such a construction engineer is sought to assist in rebuilding churches, residences, schools, and other structures needed by the church. Since World War II, the Board of World Missions has sent eight builders to various parts of the world. Interested persons should write to Dr. M. O. Williams, office of missionary personnel, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, N. Y.

### Cataloochee Beef Shoot August 4

The shooting will start bright and early August 4 in North Carolina's Great Smoky Mountains.

And by late afternoon, when the smoke from ancient muzzle-loading rifles has cleared away from the top of Cataloochee Ranch, marksmanship honors for the Beef Shoot will have been settled for another year at the 16th annual Cataloochee Beef Shoot.

The colorful contest attracts upwards of 100 marksmen of all ages, and a large crowd of spectators.

The Beef Shoot, so-called because prizes are quarters of beef, is open to mountaineers and "foresters" alike, but the choice of weapons is limited to long-barreled rifles reminiscent of the days when a man's chances for survival in the mountain country were only as good as his prowess with a gun. For the mountain residents, the Beef Shoot is the occasion for unholing family pride as well as for winning fresh beef. Some of the old-timers can remember when "shooting feuds" were even more serious affairs.

Spectators enjoy not only the marksmanship contest but the elaborate preparations which include the melting of lead and pouring of bullets, and the careful measuring of powder charges (sometimes in a hollow bear's tooth). Throughout the day, there are lively discussions of the merits of favorite rifles, which often have names like "Ole Bersy," "Ole Fleabitten Runt," or "Ole Granny."

Each contestant makes his own target of charred wood in any form he wishes; it is the closeness of the pattern of three shots at six yards that decides the winners. The judges use calipers to measure the patterns. Marksmen are classified in four age brackets, with the oldest competing in the "over 60" division and the youngest in the "under 20" group. Grand prize in each division is a quarter of beef, and there are additional prizes for the second and third place winners.

Most of the shooting is done from prone position, and a log or other rest may be used for the rifle. Some of the marksmen fire from a position flat on their backs; others sit on a chair or kneel. They may take as long as three minutes to aim, and their assistants are allowed to shade the sights or breechlocks of the rifles from the sun.

Long-barreled rifles are not so plentiful as in the past, but Tom Alexander, operator of Cataloochee Ranch, always manages to assemble a good supply for the Beef Shoot with the help of neighboring families. Many of the rifles were made in the Cataloochee area; others were imported long ago from Lancaster, Pa., and are known as "Lancasters." All of the guns are locally referred to as "hawe" rifles.

The shooting contest last year from about 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., and contestants and spectators begin arriving by dawn. During the day, mountain music by the best of local fiddlers and banjo pickers is heard between firing rounds. At noon, picnic lunches are spread out under the big trees.

Cataloochee, reached by a three-mile gravel road connecting with U. S. 19 near Waynesville, N. C., is a dude ranch in the heart of the Great Smokies and a base for pack trips into the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

### First Honduras Mahogany Arrives In North Carolina

Another first for North Carolina—According to Colonel Richard S. Marr, Executive Director of the North Carolina State Ports Authority, the first shipment of Honduras mahogany for North Carolina furniture manufacturers will arrive tomorrow at the State Port in Wilmington.

This first shipment of Honduras mahogany is being imported by the Robinson Lumber Company of New Orleans and is being distributed in the North Carolina area by Ralph Elliott of the Elliott Lumber Company of Greensboro. "This is another example of North Carolinians using their home ports for advantages resulting in a saving of shipping time and costs," said Marr.

The lumber arriving aboard the M/S MAY HAVEN tomorrow came directly from Belize, British Honduras. Colonel Marr said, "This will be the beginning of numerous future shipments of Honduras mahogany to come through North Carolina's State Ports for use in our state."

The lumber is being handled by the Wilmington Shipping Company, who is also agent and freight forwarder for the M/S MAY HAVEN.

This shipment of lumber is a step in the plans of the State Ports Authority to have many other "first cargoes" come through the State Ports of North Carolina.

### PVT. GLENN F. MACE JOINS 3rd INF. DIVISION IN KOREA

3rd Div., Korea — Army Pvt. Glenn F. Mace, 20, son of Odell Mace, 208 E. Fifth ave., Gastonia, N. C., recently joined the 3d Infantry Division in Korea. The "Rock of the Marne" division, which saw bitter fighting in the Iron Triangle and at Outpost Harry, is now training as part of the U. S. security force on the peninsula.

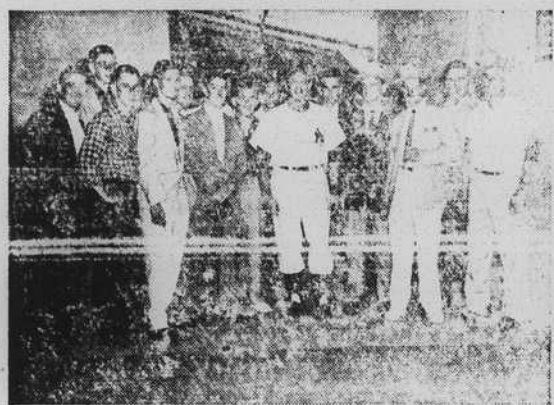
Private Mace, a radio repairman, entered the Army in May 1953 and completed basic training at Camp Gordon, Ga.

### North Carolina Boy Designers Win



WINNERS in the annual model car competition of the Body Craftsmen's Guild are Albert H. Carrier, III, (upper right), of Charlotte, who took first state honors in the Junior Division (ages 12 through 15), and Charles H. Stewart of Lillington, whose beautiful model car won first in the Senior Division (ages 16 through 19). Each received a cash award of \$150. Both boys' models went on to take regional honors and a chance to win a university scholarship in the national competition.

### 4-H CLUB SCHOLARSHIP GRADUATES MEET YANKEES' ALLIE REYNOLDS



Fourteen young men, who have just graduated from agricultural college with the help of Esso 4-H Club Scholarships, meet Allie Reynolds, the "Big Chief" of the World Champion New York Yankees. These young men were recently guests of Esso Standard Oil Company on a tour of New York City to celebrate the completion of their college educations. One highlight of their visit to the city was attendance at a baseball game in Yankee Stadium, where they met many other Yankee stars besides Reynolds.

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