

Vice President And Mrs. Nixon Attend Roan Mountain Festival

SPRUCE PINE — Vice-President and Mrs. Richard M. Nixon and party arrived from Washington at the Roan Mountain Festival on Saturday, June 21 to be greeted by cheers, a 19-gun salute and band music.

Mr. Nixon spoke to the largest crowd ever to attend the Festival, estimated as high as 10,000 people, on top of the Roan, which was in full bloom with purple rhododendron.

Charming Mrs. "Pat" Nixon was introduced and received great ovations, although she spoke not a word. Mr. Nixon said this was the eve of their 18th wedding anniversary and a very happy occasion for them.

Included in the official party were important public figures from both sides of the mountain, Tennessee and North Carolina. Governor Frank Clement of Tenn., spoke following the Vice-President Rep. Charles R. Jones introduced Mr. Nixon, and is considered largely responsible for getting him to come here.

Mr. Nixon had a triumphant tour from the airport at Johnson City to the airport at Hickory at the close of a great day.

Vice-President and Mrs. Nixon were enthusiastically received at Bakersville where the vice-president was introduced by Congressman Jonas. The vice-president spoke from the microphone in front of the Mitchell County Building. Gifts were graciously received by Vice-President and Mrs. Nixon Banners and hunting decorations honored the visitors.

Spruce Pine gave the Vice-President and Mrs. Nixon a big ovation. A platform built on a truck accommodated guests and speakers. Mayor Ed Boone gave the welcome speech for the vice-president and party, and

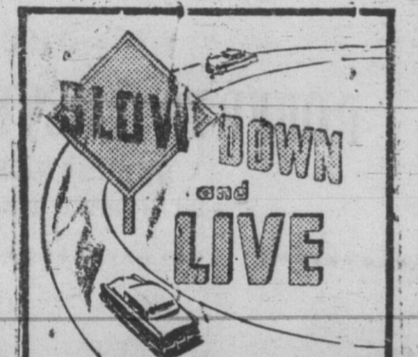
introduced Rep. Jonas. Dr. Charles A. Peterson presented the Key of the City to the vice-president, who expressed interest and gratitude for the gift. The key was made of the highest grade of ruby mica, which was given by A. Ward. The trimming and lettering of the key was done by Spruce Pine Mica Company.

Mrs. Ed Boone, wife of the mayor, presented a beautiful bouquet of roses to Mrs. Nixon, who expressed her appreciation. At the close of the Spruce Pine gathering, Fred Hollifield, who was handling the broadcasting, invited the Nixons to come back and the crowd waved farewells as the official party moved up the highway towards Banner Elk.

At Banner Elk the vice-president dug a symbolic shovelful of earth and spoke at the groundbreaking for the 100-bed \$1,000,000 Grace Hartley Memorial Hospital.

At Blowing Rock, where he and Mrs. Nixon were guests of honor at a reception at Mayview Manor, the host and hostess were Mr. and Mrs. J. Ed Brogill of Lenoir. Mr. Brogill is Republican national committeeman.

The Nixons went directly from Blowing Rock to Hickory to board a plane for their return trip to Washington.



Free Wheeling

By BEL Crowell

RALEIGH—"Don't let the long weekend be your last weekend!" That's the pre-holiday warning to all Tar Heel motorists from State Highway Patrol headquarters.

In Raleigh this week, Col. James R. Smith, chief of the 581-man highway police said troopers would be fully mobilized over the long July Fourth holiday weekend to see that traffic mishaps do not mar the celebration.

He reminded motorists that last year 11 persons were killed in holiday traffic accidents.

"An aggressively independent attitude on the part of drivers is bound to lead to a similar toll this year," Col. Smith said. He pointed out that drivers must share the road with all other drivers and with pedestrians, and if they're too insistent on their rights or carry a chip on their shoulder, they're inviting trouble.

The patrol executive said that approximately 1,300,000 vehicles would be on the roads over the holiday weekend. He announced, too, that state troopers would stop thousands of pleasure seekers for license and equipment checks. Troopers will also hand out nearly a quarter-million printed safety messages during the holiday period.

Col. Smith advised travelers to make courtesy their "code of the road," as he termed it.

You'll find that you will be much more relaxed when your trip is over and you'll have a much better time. And it may surprise you to find that other drivers will return your courtesy almost every time," he said.

The colonel also warned against trying to cover too many miles in too short a time and driving at speeds too fast for conditions. He gave the following tips for a

- safe trip:
1. Don't try to cover too many miles.
 2. Be prepared for heavy holiday traffic.
 3. Get an early start, pause for rest occasionally.
 4. Don't speed.
 5. Don't drink before driving.
 6. Remember that the application of common courtesy to traffic situations will prevent many accidents.

"I REMEMBER" BY THE OLD TIMERS

From J. R. Morrison, Louisiana, Missouri: I remember when in the 1870's I was a small boy living with my parents on a small farm on Indian Creek, three miles north of Hawesville, Hancock County, Ky. Land used for growing tobacco was located in the creek bottom where the land was more fertile.

I recall one summer when the tobacco was almost ready to cut the creek overflowed the lowland. A small island, belonging to our farm was cut off from the main farm land. In order to save the tobacco, my two sisters waded waist deep in water to cut the tobacco stalks and carry them to dry ground. My father, who was in poor health, was unable to help. The tobacco was marketed at Owensboro, Ky.

At the same time, the Cannell Coal Mines operated mines in the hills several miles from the river. Mules were used to draw the cars after they had been loaded with coal at the mines. The company used a steep incline from a windlass house in getting the loaded cars to the Ohio River to be loaded on barges. A car being lowered provided power for an empty car that was being hauled up the incline for reloading. Mules, several head, were hitched tandem fashion. There were many tall bridges, minus bannisters, between the mines and the tippie at the river, yet the mules did not appear to mind crossing the bridges over ravines hundreds of feet high.

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