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**RANGER RAMBLIN'S**



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Twenty thousand people in two days is a lot of traffic any way you look at it. That's how many people came to Roan Mountain Saturday and Sunday to look at the world famous Rhododendron Garden atop Roan Mountain during the 18th annual Tennessee rhododendron festival. The purple rhododendron was at its peak and everyone who came marveled at the world's largest natural Rhododendron Gardens. The flowers atop this magnificent mountain are unmatched in brilliance anywhere on earth and the thousands marveled at the deep purple among the dark green fir trees and went away again wondering at nature's wonderful masterpiece. And if flowers alone were not enough beauty, there were thirteen beautiful girls, each competing for the title of Miss Rhododendron.

If you have never been to Roan Mountain during the rhododendron bloom, I advise you to see it for yourself. I guarantee you will not be disappointed. And if you wish to see more than the natural beauty, twenty one lovely girls will compete again this weekend to see who will be Miss North Carolina Rhododendron of 1965. The North Carolina Rhododendron Queen will be crowned on Roan Mountain this Saturday, June 26. See you there.



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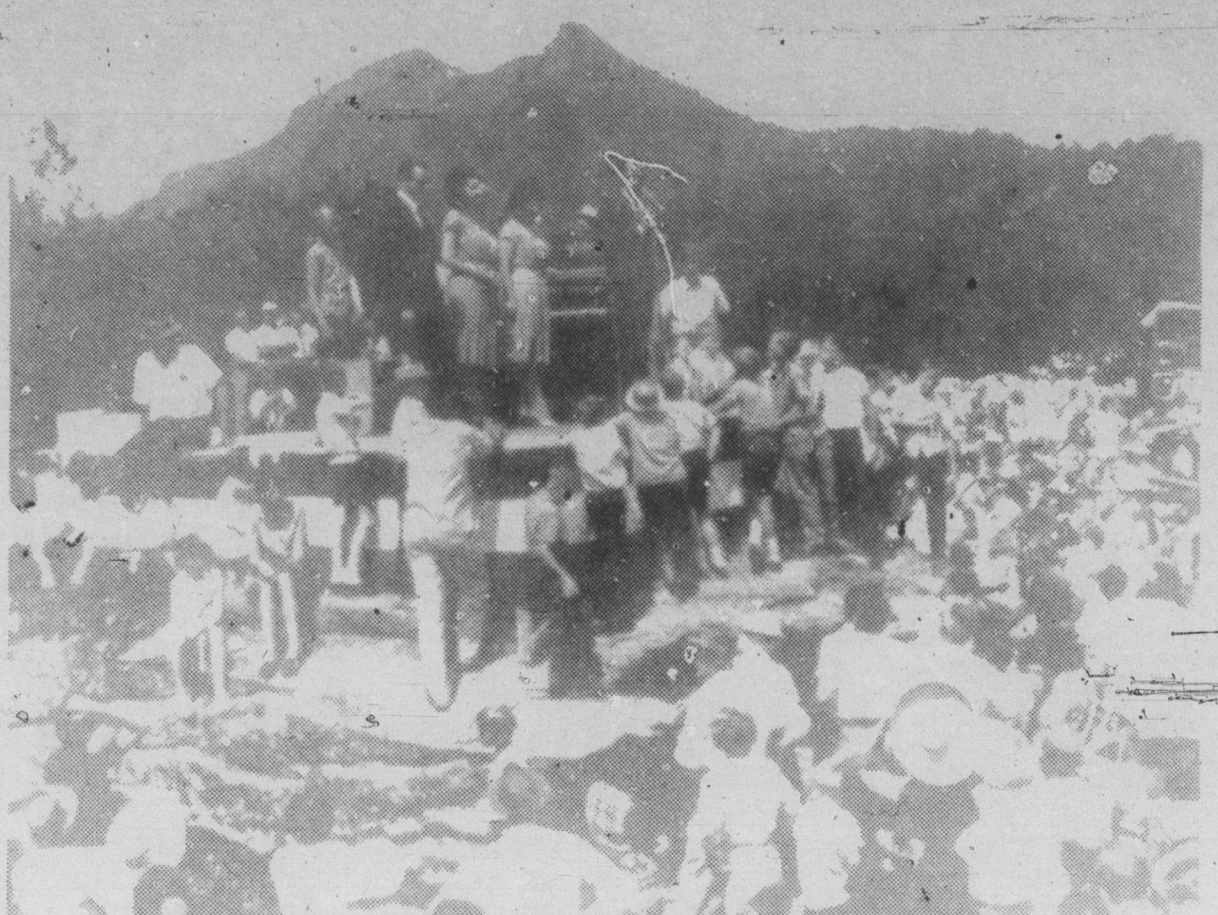
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**PORT GIBSON, MISS., REVELLE:** "Now that the Johnson Administration is being firm in its dealings with communists in Vietnam and Santo Domingo, let us have full cooperation from the Administration, including every phase of it, in dealing firm with communists who are infesting our own country. Those who fail to see the work of communists in the civil rights movement and in education, particularly many of our large universities, have only to read of the findings of the FBI and the Senate Internal Security Committee. Such information has been given, along with the names of some of the subversive leadership in the movements".

**PETALUMA, CALIF., ARGUS-COURIER:** "The New York Times recently printed the following news item: 'Accrington, England — Derek Jopson, 25 years old, was informed by health authorities recently that he could have his tonsils taken out soon at the local hospital. He has been on the hospital's waiting list for ten years.' Is this what we can look forward to under Medicare in the United States?"

**CORVALLIS, ORE., GAZETTE-TIMES:** "There are 47 million families in the United States. One fifth or 9.3 million of these families have an income of less than \$3,000 a year and are classified as living in poverty. Federal, state and local welfare programs total \$44 billion which, if divided without all the bureaucratic strings attached, could be apportioned so that each family now making less than \$3,000 should have \$4,400. But then how would we support all those unemployed bureaucrats? There are undoubtedly many good things about the poverty program and if we ever wake up in a positive mood, we may recall some of them."



**"SINGING ON THE MOUNTAIN"** — The largest annual event in the mountains of the South takes place June 27 for the 41st time at the base of Grandfather Mountain, North Carolina. No admission is charged for the non-denominational singing convention known as "Singing on the Mountain" to the highland residents of the Carolinas, Virginia and Tennessee who are the principal participants. Last year the popular gospel singing group, the Chuck Wagon Gang, pictured here, took part in the event which this year will feature Arthur Smith and the Crossroads Quartet, the Christian Heirs Quartet, and Appalachian folk singers Virgil Sturgill and Bascom Lamar Lunsford.

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**Dance Club To Meet**

The Burnsville Dance Club will hold its monthly dance on Saturday, June 26 at the Community Building.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Edge are in charge of the dance committee.

**Local People Attend Graduation**

Miss Geraldine Hensley of Swiss, accompanied by her sister Delma Phoenix of Waynesville attended the graduation in Cincinnati, Ohio, of their niece Anna Margaret Hensley.

Anna Margaret graduated with highest honors from Withrow High School, which is the largest and oldest high school in Cincinnati, with a graduating class of 749. She was editor of the school paper and business manager of the yearbook.

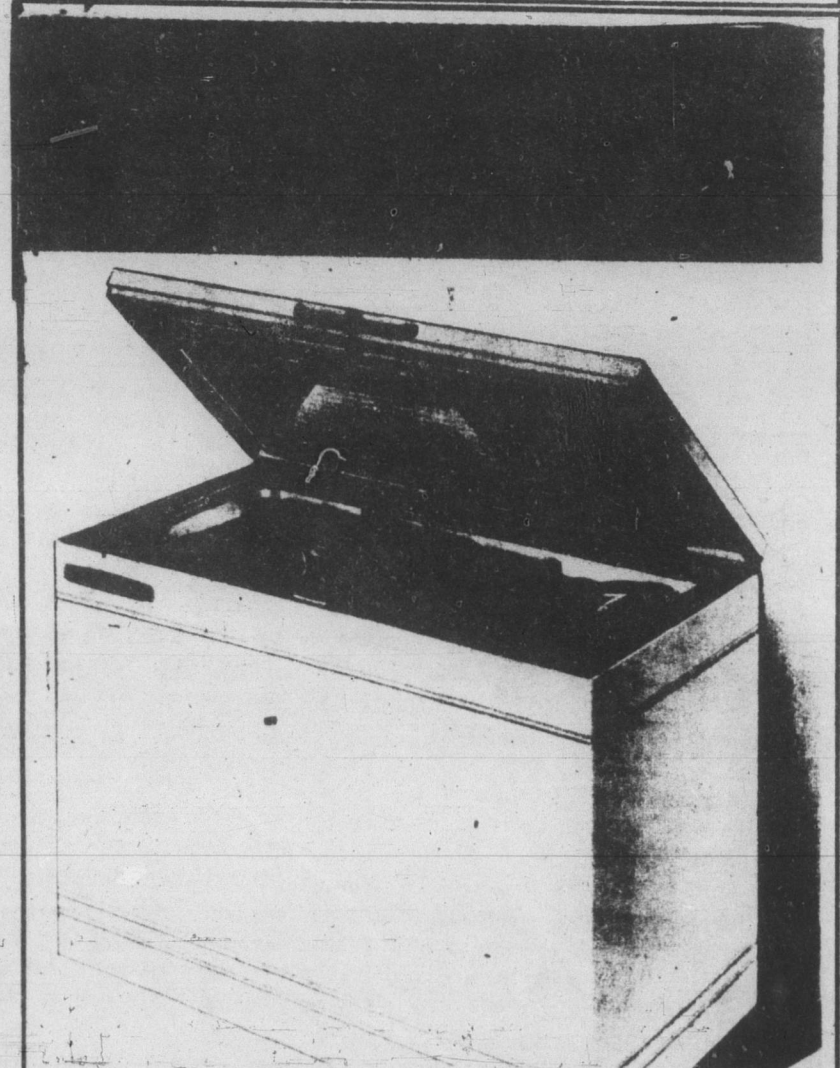
Anna Margaret is the granddaughter of Mrs. A. P. Hensley of Swiss and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Hensley of Cincinnati. Mr. A. W. Hensley (Buck) is formerly of Yancey County.

Anna Margaret has accepted a scholarship to study English, at the University of Mich.

**Adult Softball Team Being Formed**

Anyone interested in forming an adult softball team to compete in regular softball league play should contact Helton Carmichael.

Telephone 682-2567, Harold McDonald or Lowe Thomas in Burnsville, before Monday, June 28.



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