

## Mtn. Dance & Folk Festival In Asheville

The cream of WNC mountain square dancers will be kicking up their heels and swinging through the smoothest of mountain reels in Asheville's City Auditorium for Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights.

The occasion will be the 40th edition of the Annual Mountain Dance and Folk Festival, which is sponsored by the Asheville Chamber of Commerce.

According to Johnnie Crooke, the man in charge of the smooth dancers and the high kicking cloggers, an exceptional array of dancing talent will be on hand.

Ten teams will be dancing in competition for the giant Lunsford and Pless Cups which stand as impressive evidence for twelve months that their holders are the "best in the mountains."

Crooke also announced that festival audiences will be treated to the dancing of outstanding exhibition groups.

Taking aim at the smooth dancing crown, which the Katy-Dids of Plum Tree have worn for the past two years, will be the 1966 runnerups, the Pisgah View Ranch Square Dancers of Hoiny Valley, the Kenilworth Square Dancers from Asheville, the Valley Springs Square Dancers from Arden, the T. C. Roberson Square Dancers from Biltmore and the Carolina Tarheels from Skyland.

In the exciting mountain clog competition, Crooke said three teams will be seeking to unseat the defending champions and two-time title holders, the Still House Creek Cloggers from Henderson County.

Among these will be James Hyatt's Waynesville Mountaineers from Haywood County, colorful exponents of the traditional shuffling mountain clog first developed by dancers from that section of the highlands.

Competition in the clogging category will be exceptionally keen this year, Crooke indicated, with the added presence of the Carolina Sweethearts from Murphy and the Robertson "Y" Cloggers from Canton.

Two festival favorites will be back for dancing exhibitions: the all-girl Cattail Cloggers from Yancey County and folk dancers from Camp Blue Star, with their traditional dances of Israel.

Joining them will be teams from other regions, a champion clogging team from Lexington, Ky., and the teams of former mountain man Ralph Case from

Washington, D. C.

At Bascom Lamar Lunsford's 40th festival, visitors will see square dancing with a unique quality. Unlike Western style square dancing, where the caller works separately from the dancers, the mountain caller directs his team members by singing out his calls as he dances; while the dancers themselves form their figures from swift moving graceful circles.

It is the clog style square dancing which is unique to the Southern Highlands. The clog of old England is in it, as is a touch of the stomp of the Cherokee nation. The result is a highly coordinated and intricate team dancing that tests the rhythm and agility of the young, while it sends the excitement level of the audience climbing.

## Sportsmen Must

## File Request

## For Hunt

RALEIGH, N. C. — The North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission today announced that landowners and sportsmen wishing to recommend either sex deer hunts in their localities must file requests with the Commission before August 1. Such hunts will again be allowed in areas of high deer population on the basis of local requests. Frank B. Barick, Chief of the Wildlife Commission's Division of Game said that "upon receipt of requests the Commission will investigate local stations to determine whether deer populations warrant the taking of antlerless deer." If this is found to be the case a public hearing will be held near the area being proposed to determine local sentiment in regard to the proposal. Such hearings will be held during the week of August 28. Results of the hearings and other findings will then be considered by the Commission and approved areas and dates will be announced during the week of September 25.

Either sex deer hunts for gun hunters will be scheduled during the month of December. As in the past, bow and arrow hunters may take antlerless deer on such areas during the last six days of their pre-gun season.

## Taylor Calls For Radar Installation

WASHINGTON — U. S. Rep. Roy A. Taylor has called for the installation of radar at Asheville Airport.

"Radar would have prevented the recent tragic air collision near Hendersonville," Taylor said in a statement presented Tuesday on the floor of the House of Representatives.

Of 5547 U. S. airports served by scheduled, commercial airlines, only 113 have radar. Asheville and 433 other medium or small airports do not have it.

To install radar at each of them would cost an estimated \$900 million, he said.

"The people of this nation are entitled to have airline flights made as safe as possible," he declared.

"Immediate consideration should be given by the Federal Aviation Agency by Congress to the installation of surveillance radar at Asheville Airport and at similar airports in our country," Rep. Taylor said.

"The threat of mid-air collision is increasing each day. More and more commercial and private aircraft are crowding airlines, often causing them to be as hazardous as crowded highways," he said.

Taylor acknowledged that installation of radar systems would be costly, but observed, "tragic accidents such as the one at Hendersonville cost more than money."

## "Waiting For Godot"

Asheville, N. C. — Next week's production at the Thomas Wolfe Playhouse will be Samuel Beckett's famous "Waiting for Godot."

"Waiting for Godot" will open on Tuesday, August 1, and run through Saturday, August 5, with performances each evening at 8:30 and a matinee on Saturday at 2:30.

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