

NCEA To Meet At Lake Junaluska

Increased attention will go to associational affairs when more than 1500 educators convene at Lake Junaluska for the 45th Western District Convention of the North Carolina Education Association.

During the General Session, Dr. A. C. Dawson, NCEA Executive Secretary, will preside over a panel which will discuss sanctions, legislation, progress toward merger with the NCTA and other association activities.

The day-long meeting, scheduled for Friday, September 22, features as a highlight of the General Session "ESP and its Implications for Teachers," an address by Dr. J. F. Freeman, Director of the Institute of Parapsychology, Duke University, Durham.

Others appearing on the program are J. H. Melton, Superintendent of Haywood County Schools; Helen Wells, NCEA President; and Mrs. Mary Nesbitt, President of the Classroom Teachers Association, NCEA.

Charles T. Koontz, of Waynesville, will preside over the General Session. Other district officers are: Mrs. Mabel J. Rogers, Whittier, Vice President; and Mrs. Maxine Constantz, Cullowhee, Secretary.

The Western District includes the counties of Buncombe, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, McDowell, Macon, Madison, Mitchell, Polk,

Swain, Transylvania, and Yancey.

In addition to the main program scheduled for Tuscolo High School, the six NCEA district divisions will hold sessions. The divisions are: Classroom Teachers, Supervisors and Directors of Instruction, Higher Education, Principals, Retired Teachers, and Superintendents.

The 20 departments hold morning business and instruction meetings. Officers for the following year will be elected by both the divisions and the departments.

A meeting to organize a new division for the system of community colleges will be held immediately following the meeting of the Higher Education division.

New Highlands Game Track

NEW HIGHLAND GAMES TRACK — When Scottish Games enthusiasts gather next July at Grandfather Mountain, N. C., they will see an entirely new Highland Games track in the shadow of the 6000-foot peaks. The new track construction is under the direction of Ellis Maples, golf architect who designed the new Grandfather Golf and Country Club nearby, and will be the standard one quarter mile in length.

GARDEN TIME

By: M. E. GARDNER

Mrs. W. A. Benson, Sr., Warrenton, writes about her crabapple and pomegranate plants. She says: "I have a crabapple tree five years old which came from a seed. It's a beautiful tree but has never bloomed. Will one that comes from seed bloom?"

"I also have a pomegranate from seed that is the same age and it has never bloomed either. Will it ever bloom?"

The fact that both plants came from seed should make no difference as far as blooming is concerned. It could make some difference as far as time of bloom is concerned.

Mrs. Benson states that the trees are vigorous. From this I assume that they are growing in full sun and located away from competing trees for moisture and nutrients.

Since they are five years old, they are just now reaching the age when they should be forming fruit buds — give or take one year depending upon management.

Let's take a look at what we might call the three stages in the life history of a standard apple tree. The kind that your dad and your granddad planted. The modern dwarf types will bloom and bear earlier due to the growth-controlling root stocks.

The first stage we will call juvenile, or formative. In this stage the growth is rapid. In a

standard tree, this influence usually persists for four or five years.

The second stage we will call the transition period. During this stage five-six years, the rapid growth slows down and the cells begin to store more food materials. This slowing of growth and storage of food, triggers a build-up of carbohydrates which induce the formation of fruit buds for the succeeding year's crop.

This brings us to the fruiting period, which, with good management, lasts throughout the life of the tree — barring cold damage very now and then.

In the formative period, it is possible to keep the plant over vegetative which will delay fruit bud formation and earlier blooming. It is also possible to delay maturity and fruit coloration on bearing trees by too liberal use of nitrogen too late in the season.

4,600 Attend Opening Classes At Boone

BOONE, N. C. — Approximately 4,600 students are expected to attend opening classes of Appalachian State University's fall quarter on Monday, Sept. 18.

The official start of the academic year will be on Wednesday, Sept. 13, when the faculty opens a two-day workshop.

Dormitories will open for freshmen and transfer students on Thursday, Sept. 14, while dormitories for upper classmen will open on the following morning.

Registration will be staged from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. on Friday, and from 8 a. m. to noon on Saturday. The university cafeteria will open at noon on Thursday.

The fall quarter convocation is slated for Wednesday, Sept. 20.

Mid-term examination is scheduled for Oct. 18-25, and registration for the winter quarter is to be held Nov. 13-21. Thanksgiving holidays will be observed Nov. 21-23. Final fall quarter exams are slated to commence Dec. 4, and the quarter ends on Dec. 8. Winter quarter classes will begin on Jan. 3.

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