

Blue Grass Group To Perform In ETSU Festival

The Toe River Valley Boys, noted locally-based Bluegrass group, will perform in the Third Annual East Tennessee State University Folk Festival in Johnson City, Tennessee, scheduled for Friday and Saturday, October 4-5. The band returns to the event for the third year, having been featured in the festival since its inception in 1966.

The festival, which will be held in Memorial Gymnasium at ETSU, is sponsored by the Tennessee Folklore Society and East Tennessee State University, with funds from the Tennessee Arts Commission and the ETSU Performing Arts Council, and is directed again this year by Thomas G. Burton and Ambrose N. Manning, both of the ETSU faculty. Master of ceremonies will be Rusty Cury. Friday's program gets underway at noon when the free crafts exhibit will open. The afternoon portion, from 3:00 to 5:00 p. m., is also without charge. The evening program on Friday will begin at 8:00 p. m. Saturday afternoon at 5:00 a rifle match is scheduled, and the evening program Saturday will also begin at 8:00 p. m. Double evening program tickets (for both nights) are available at \$1.50, and a single evening program ticket costs \$1.00. Children under 12 years of age will be charged 50 cents and those under 6 will be admitted free of charge.

Also featured in this year's festival will be Lester Flatt and Earl Scruggs, with The Foggy Mountain Boys, who are considered top Bluegrass performers, as well as television, radio and recording artists. They will appear on the Friday evening program. Doc Watson, the famous blind folk-singer-guitar virtuoso from Deep Gap, returns to ETSU for the second time, having performed at last year's festival. Doc is now internationally known through his recordings and personal appear-

ances and is considered one of the finest musicians in the folk field today. Also returning to the ETSU Folk Festival, for the third year, is Janette Carter of Scott County, Virginia, the daughter of famed A. P. and Sarah Carter, who comprised with A. P.'s sister-in-law, Maybelle, the original Carter Family, who recorded about 250 songs during the period 1927-1941. Janette will be joined this year by her mother, Sarah herself, and her brother, Joe Carter. Jean Ritchie, famed folk singer from Kentucky, will also return to the festival this year. Doc Watson and the Carter Family will appear on the Saturday evening show. Jean Ritchie will perform on the Friday afternoon portion and also on the Saturday night event. A number of other groups and individuals will be on hand to complement this spectacular array of talent.

The Toe River Valley Boys who will perform both days at the Festival, include C. A. (Gus) Washburn of Little Switzerland, the founder of the original TRVB (circa 1928), who plays guitar, harmonica and piano; Oscar "Fiddlin' Red" Wilson of Ledger, who plays fiddle and guitar; Clarence H. Greene of Penland, who plays five-string banjo, guitar and mandolin; Paul E. Garland of Bakersville, who plays mandolin and guitar; Charles Renfro of Brushy Creek, who plays guitar; and Cecil Burleson of Spear, who plays bass fiddle and guitar. The TRVB has just completed another season of square dancing at Geneva Hall in Little Switzerland, where they enjoyed capacity crowds each week. The East Tennessee State University Folk Festival is just one of the dates on the group's annual circuit, which takes them into several states each year. The Toe River Valley Boys are available for showdates. For information call Clarence Greene at 765-9864 or 765-4171.

Doty Promoted To Staff

M. E. Gambrell, President of the Daniel Boone Council, announced last night at the regular meeting (23 Sep.) that Clayton Doty, Scout Executive of the Council, has been promoted to the Region Six Staff of the Boy Scouts of America. "Doty is to serve as a Deputy Regional Scout Executive serving the four Southeastern states, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida. He will make his home in Atlanta, Georgia.

Doty has served as Scout Executive of the Daniel Boone Council since June, 1966. During this time the council has grown over two thousand membership and one hundred units. The financial support has grown to the point that the council now has nine men serving the fourteen counties of the council. At this time the Daniel Boone Council is in first place among the thirty-nine councils of the Region Six", Gambrell said.

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