

## Young People Leave For Bible Camp

As has been the custom for ten years the Congregation of the National Presbyterian Church of Estatoa, formerly of the Presbyterian Church U.S., has again sent many young people of high school age to the Florida Bible College Youth Camp at Hollywood, Florida for a week of Bible study. At the camp, located directly on the Atlantic Ocean, the Biblical plan of Salvation for all who believe in Jesus Christ is taught and the Bible is studied under the direction of faculty members from the College.

For recreation the more than 3000 young people who gather there from all over the nation enjoy surf bathing at the beautiful 800 foot beach, and water sports. A fine and varied program of musical events is provided for large and small informal groups.

The Bible Camp is non-denominational and young people are of varied religious affiliations. They are encouraged to take, on their return home, a leading part in the Evangelistic program in their own

church. While at Camp they are housed in the air-conditioned college dormitories under the supervision of trained counsellors, each of whom has a small group in their charge.

Pictured above, the young people who went to the Camp the week of July 28 were in charge of Mr. and Mrs. William Cassida of Spruce Pine; Mr. Cassida drove the bus. Miss Marsha Mayberry who played an important part in organizing the group went with the expedition as Counsellor for the young women. She is a graduate Christian worker especially trained for this work with teenagers. Rev. Frank Ellis of Mount Carmel Baptist Church, Spruce Pine, gave a going away prayer for the campers from Burnsville, Bakersville, Micaville and Spruce Pine. The expense for any who could not afford the trip was provided by the National Presbyterian

## **Water Project Nears Completion**

The Burnsville water project, now under construction for two and a half years, has been beset by a long succession of frustrating delays. Now, hopefully nearing final completion, the project is eighteen months past the completion date called for in the contract.

Although still not complete to the last detail, the town's water customers are already enjoying the benefits of the many improvements in the water system. Costing close to a half million dollars, the modernization project has increased the volume and reliability of the water supply. The improvements, furthermore, give assurance that the quality of the town's water meets rigid health standards.

Now virtually all parts of the improved system are functioning as intended, except the electronic control apparatus. This equipment, when functioning as intended, will largely automate the filter plant's operation. As it now stands, the town's water superintendent, Tom Storie, must control the operation of the plant manually, in much the same way it has always operated in the past. This reduces the efficiency of the operation, but does not greatly affect the quality of the water supplied the town.

A variety of factors have been responsible for the slow progress in completing the project--Suppiers have failed to meet delivery dates, defective or otherwise unsuitable material has been received, and the contractors have suffered from the scarcity of the necessary skilled labor. Difficulties of this sort, it is understood, are not uncommon under present conditions of inflation and the widespread scarcity of certain types of material and technical equipment.

The main features of the. improvements are now all in service. The two million gallonreservoir which stands on the waterworks hill overlooking the town provides assurance that

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the town's water supply will be adequate during any forseeable drought. The reconstruction of the intake dams at the head of Bolens Creek also add to the assurance of an uninterrupted water supply. Extensive additions to the towns water mains contribute to the reliability of the whole system, and provide the town with improved fire

protection. The erection of a chain-link fence surrounding the waterworks furnishes protection against possible vandalism by trespassers. In the past the

waterworks has from time to time been the object of minor vandalism, but from now on the plant should be secure from any acts that might endanger the public health.

The half million dollar cost of the project has been covered by funds coming from several different sources. Two outright grants were received, one from the Appalachian Regional Commission for \$138,500 and the other from the Farmers Home Administration for \$45,400. A loan from the latter federal agency has provided \$230,000,

and the town is supplying the remainder from savings accumulated to help pay for the

Since the Town has not accepted the completed project from the contractor, the expense of the many delays and equipment failures in completing the job are being borne by the contractor. Furthermore, the contractor is operating under a penalty clause in the contract that provides for the payment of damages to the town for failure to finish the job by the specified completion date.

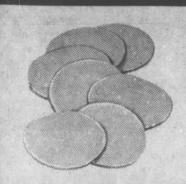


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