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ASSEMBLIES READY FOR BANNER SEASON

Montreat Expects Over 25,000 For Conferences

MONTREAT PRESIDENT



Dr. J. R. McGregor

Some of the nation's outstanding educators and lecturers will be heard during the conference season at Montreat this summer in what officials believe will be a banner year. Between 25,000 and 30,000 are expected to attend the 11 major conferences which open in June and close in August.

Work on the new dining room and kitchen has been speeded up in order to assure completion before the first conference, but even with these added facilities, applications for some groups have run three times the capacity. The biggest single conference will be the "Woman's Auxiliary Training School" which opens July 21 and closes July 27. Three thousand have been assigned accommodations at this school, which will be directed by Miss Janie W. McGaughey of Atlanta, Georgia. Second most popular is the "Men at Montreat" meeting, which will attract almost three thousand. Director of this will be S. J. Patterson of Richmond, Virginia.

Those in attendance will be treated to hear the leaders in education and religion not only from the United States but also from England and Scotland. Among them will be Sir Alfred Zimmerman, England, who will be the principal speaker at the "Presbyterian Education association conference which will open June 23; Dr. Erskine Blackburn and Dr. Harold A. Cockburn of Scotland who will be among the speakers at the "Institute of Theology" in August; Miss Lucy Steele, Bible teacher at Peace college, and Dr. Albert C. Outler of Yale university.

Continuing the program inaugurated last year by the new president, Dr. J. Rupert McGregor, the Saturday evenings will be used for entertainments for which the best talent from opera and concert artists will be secured. Assisting planning the program is Professor James Christian Pfohl, director of music for Davidson college and Queens college. The Saturday evening concerts were especially successful during the 1947 season, and plans are being made this season even better.

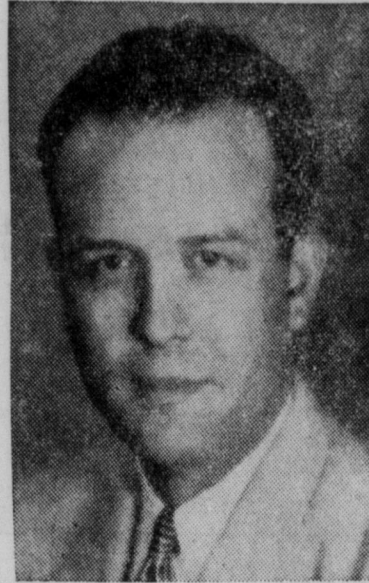
The conferences, the dates, and directors follow: Presbyterian Education association, June 23, Dr. Wade H. Boggs; Young Adult conference, June 30, Roy Hogrefe; Directors of Religious Education, July 1, Miss Mary Bigham; Adult Leadership Training School, July 6, Miss Orene McElwain; Men-At-Montreat, July 16, S. J. Patterson; Woman's Auxiliary Training School, July 21, Miss Janie W. McGaughey; Young People's Leadership School, July 29, The Rev. C. Ellis Nelson; Foreign Mission Conferences, August 5, Dr. H. Kerr Taylor; Home Mission Conference, August 12, The Rev. S. B. Lapsley; Institute of Theology, August 19, Dr. J. Rupert McGregor.

The young people's program at Montreat is staffed by the choicest young people from the entire church. Lake Susan, the tennis courts, athletic field, mountain trails and roads, and other nearby places of interest afford opportunity for the very best in outdoor recreation. In addition the kindergarten and playground programs are being enlarged. Advising on this project is Miss Atha Bowman, director of the Children's Division of the Presbyterian Church, U. S.

Ample recreation facilities will also be provided for the adults. When not attending conferences they will find available the shuffle board, the 18 hole golf putting green, and numerous mountain trails and roads for hiking.

Blue Ridge Begins Thirty-Seventy Year Of Service

RIDGECREST MANAGER



Robert Guy

Blue Ridge Assembly enters into its thirty-seventh season on June 10, 1948, the first summer of operation being in 1912. Twenty different conference groups representing more than 5,000 guests will use the facilities between June 10 and September 7. Among the conferences represented six have met at Blue Ridge for the past 25 years. In addition to the

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY



E. S. Jackson

conference groups many individual and family groups have made reservations for periods during the summer. The prospects are for one of the best seasons Blue Ridge has had for many years, according to statements issued today by E. S. Jackson, executive secretary, and H. W. Sanders, resident manager. The following conference groups are scheduled for the 1948 season.

Carolina Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.
YMCA Student Conference.
Southern Region Family Service of America.
Spiritual Retreat for YM & YW Clubs of Kannapolis.
YMCA Area Young Adult Group.
Southern Society for Philosophy of Religion.
N. C. Laymen's Evangelistic Association.
Undenominational Bible Camp.

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Southern Conference on Human Relations.
Assembly Council of Children's Work (Presbyterian).
Social Work Executives.
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Ridgecrest Will Entertain Guests From 20 States

More than 30,000 delegates representing 20 southern states and the District of Columbia, ranging from California to Pennsylvania, will convene at Ridgecrest during the summer for religious training and inspiration. It will be the 40th anniversary for Ridgecrest Baptist assembly and the second for Robert Guy, resident manager.

Ten student generations have been influenced during the 40 years that have elapsed since Ridgecrest first opened its doors. The schedule opens on June 1 and closes August 29, during which time more than a score of religious conferences will be held for various groups of religious workers throughout the South.

Owned and operated by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist convention, Nashville, Tennessee, Ridgecrest annually attracts the outstanding religious educational leaders in the country. This year is no exception. Members of the Sunday school board who will be present include Dr. T. L. Holcombe, Dr. J. O. Williams, and Dr. Clifton B. Allen. From the Southern Baptist seminary at Louisville will come Dr. Ellis A. Fuller, president, Dr. G. S. Dobbins, and Dr. O. T. Brinkley. Among the well known preachers who will be heard during the summer are Dr. Paul Caudill, Memphis; Dr. W. Marshall Craig, Dallas, Texas; Dr. C. Ray Angell, Miami; Dr. John Holdeman; Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, president of the World Alliance; and Dr. R. G. Lee, president of the Southern Baptist convention.

In addition to the conferences, Ridgecrest will accommodate several thousand individual guests who will come for one or two days. More than 100 boys will attend the six weeks' camp at Camp Ridgecrest which is under the direction of Perry Morgan.

Delegates will find many changes when they return to Ridgecrest this summer. During the past two years the streets have been paved around the center of the grounds, a second floor has been added to the auditorium annex, a new dining room which will seat 1500 has been built and the kitchen has been remodeled.

"Programs for each conference are arranged by the heads of the various departments of the Sunday School board and by the leaders of the denominational agencies, the WMU, Foreign Mission board, Home Mission board, and the Baptist Brotherhood," Mr. Guy explained, "and we are concerned here only with housing and feeding the delegates."

To take care of this job the Ridgecrest manager has a staff which will number close to 300 which is selected from applicants throughout the Southern Baptist convention. Staff members are composed largely of college students. Applicants far outnumber the jobs which are to be had. The year round staff numbers from 10 to 70, depending on the time of year.

Dr. Oscar Johnson, pastor of the Third Baptist church, St. Louis, Mo., will be here for a number of conferences. Dr. Ellis Fuller, president of the Southern Baptist Theological seminary, Louisville, Ky., will be heard during the Home Mission conference. The conferences, directors, and dates follow:

Home Mission conference, June 1-8, J. B. Lawrence
Southwide Baptist Student Retreat, June 9-14, Juliette Mather.
Young Woman's Auxiliary Camp, Juliette Mather, June 17-23.
Southwide Sunday School con-
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Clubhouse Being Prepared For Coming Season

While the three major assemblies are preparing for one of their best years, the Town of Black Mountain is readying the clubhouse and grounds to take care of the crowds which are expected to flood the area within a few weeks. The clubhouse and grounds will be operated this year by the town board. City Clerk Dean Willis and Ross Taylor will be in charge.

There will be plenty of entertainment for those who come to Black Mountain looking for outdoor sports. The clubhouse will be available for private parties and dancing in addition to a square dance which will be held each Saturday night. The tennis court, swimming pool, shuffle board court, horseshoe pits, picnic grounds, and clubhouse will open June 1. All will be properly supervised throughout the season.

Managed by Ross Taylor, the Black Mountain golf course has long been called one of the finest small town courses in the country. Everything is in readiness there for one of the biggest seasons ever.

Theater To Close For Remodeling

The New Theater will close Saturday, May 29, and remain closed until June 7 for repairs and remodeling. H. D. Hearn of Charlotte, who recently leased the theater from Albert J. Terrell, revealed today.

When the doors reopen on or about June 7 the name will have been changed to The Pix instead of The New Theater. Among the changes which are scheduled are new seats, a new coat of paint, carpets for the aisles, new side wall lighting fixtures, velvet drapes for the stage, a gold curtain, a new marquee for the front of the theater, and a combination heating and ventilation system that will assure comfort in any kind of weather.

Local manager is Caldwell Owenby, who has been employed by the New Theater continuously for the past 14 years except for 15 months spent with the 85th division in Italy during World War II.

NOTICE !

Beginning May 31, 1948, the parking meters must be used and the law will be strictly enforced, city officials said today.

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36 Seniors Will Receive Diplomas At Swannanoa

Dean W. B. Harrill of Western North Carolina Teachers college, will be the principal speaker at the graduation exercises Friday night, May 28, at 8 o'clock at the Swannanoa school auditorium. The Rev. Charles Jollay will give the invocation. The theme "Today's Challenge to American Youth," will be developed by the three honor students, Thelma Whitaker, valedictorian, Dorothy Penley, salutatorian, and Doris Jones, third honor student. Numbers by the high school chorus with a solo by J. B. Creasman, and a selection by the boys' quartet, Vernon Silvers, Ned Straehla, J. B. Creasman, and Joe Capell will

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Taylor Calls For Better Schools, Roads, Health

"Better schools, better health, and better roads are the three greatest problems facing the next legislature, according to Roy A. Taylor, Black Mountain attorney, who is a candidate in the democratic primary which will be held May 29. Mr. Taylor, a former teacher in the local school system for five years, received the highest number of votes of any Buncombe county candidate in the 1946 primary.

Known during his first term in the state legislature as a crusader for the improvement of North Carolina schools, Mr. Taylor believes that the first step toward improving the schools should and must be the securing of an adequate number of competent teachers. The only way to do this is to pay salaries which will make the profession more attractive. Second, the state and counties should provide better working conditions for teachers. Third, the teacher should be granted sick leave at the state's expense. Fourth, a more adequate retirement plan should be worked out.

The Black Mountain attorney sees an excellent chance for passage of the sick leave legislation at the next session. During the last session Mr. Taylor helped secure the passage of such a bill in the house but it was killed in the senate. He expects, if reelected, to introduce a bill of this type during the first week of the next legislature.

"Under present conditions it is almost impossible for the average

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