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"MEN'S CLUB" ORGANIZED HERE TUESDAY NIGHT

Initial steps were taken for the organization of a Men's Club at a meeting held in the Critcher hotel Tuesday night. The club is to be entirely social in character and is an innovation in Boone. Membership will be by invitation only. The club will have its headquarters for the present at the Critcher Hotel, but later it is hoped to equip and occupy club rooms of its own where members may while away an idle hour.

J. A. Sproles was elected president of the new organization and Robert W. Pulliam was named secretary and treasurer. A committee on organization was named, composed of O. L. Harbin, W. E. Comer, Clarence Dixon and the secretary and treasurer, which will form a constitution and by-laws and select an appropriate name.

The roster of the new club contains the following names: Tracy Council, J. A. Sproles, R. D. Hodges, J. B. Taylor, L. S. Isaacs, O. L. Harbin, P. A. Coffey, M. P. Critcher, J. F. Greer, T. Milton Greer, W. E. Comer, Dr. F. H. Hodges, Dr. G. H. Moore, Dr. J. M. Gaither, Robert W. Pulliam, Gurney Brinkley, Clarence Dixon, and Sam F. Horton.

COVE CREEK HAPPENINGS

Sugar Grove, Feb. 9.—Miss Rebecca Taylor represented the school here in the annual declamation and recitation contest at Lenoir-Rhyne College, Hickory, on last Friday. She was accompanied by Mrs. S. F. Horton.

The first issue of the school paper, "The Cove Creek Clarion," is just off the press. We congratulate the editors, contributors and Miss Taylor, the faculty adviser, on their splendid paper.

Rev. J. C. Canipe is assisting the pastor, Rev. L. A. Hurt, in a series of meetings at Silverstone.

The Glee Club concert on Wednesday night, January 26, was one of the most enjoyable programs the school has ever given. Miss Louise Weimore deserves the credit for its success.

The girls of the second year home economics class of the Cove Creek high school served a very enjoyable luncheon on Tuesday, February 1, to the county superintendent, board of education and teachers. The menu consisted of fruit cocktail, roast beef, gravy, mashed potatoes, peas in timbals, baked tomatoes, asparagus salad, hot rolls, coffee, iced dessert, cake and nuts. Those who served in the dining room were Ruby, Miss Grace Hurst, Ruth Thomas, Ruth Greer, Frances Farthing and Rebecca Taylor.

The boys' basketball team made a trip into Caldwell county last week. The team boys had wonderful success, winning three games, one from Patterson high school, and two from Lenoir students. The game with Patterson was the hardest fought one of the trip. The final score was 23 to 34.

WANTED IN DAVIDSON

Judge Ogelsby, presiding at Davidson county superior court last week, ordered that a capias be issued for George F. Bingham, of Watauga county, who is wanted at Lexington on a charge of false pretense. It is stated that Bingham has thrice failed to appear in court there to defend himself, and the solicitor announces that the search will be continued until the fugitive is arrested.

The state charges that Bingham went to Lexington more than a year ago and traded for a store, giving notes secured by mortgages on what he represented to be 34 acres of fine farming land in this county. Later, it is alleged, the boundaries named in the deed specified larger acreage than could be found. The holder of the mortgage visited the property and is alleged to have found it to be on a steep and rocky mountain side and without actual value.

In the meantime before the discovery of the discrepancy in the mortgage deed, the state alleges that Bingham disposed of the stock of goods in Lexington, left the fixtures in the building, locked up, threw the key away and departed. He furnished bond but never appeared for trial.

William M. Coffey, who claims Lenoir as his home, began serving a life sentence in the Wisconsin state prison at Wausau for the murder of Mrs. Hattie Hales Coffey, the wife he took in bigamy. Coffey confessed to the murder.

Virginia Citizens Here in Interest of Civitan Club

Banquet at Local Hotel Last Thursday Under Auspices of Abingdon Civic Organization.

Mayors of two towns, presidents of two educational institutions, and business and professional leaders of Boone and Abingdon gathered around the banquet board at the Daniel Boone hotel last Thursday night at a dinner under the auspices of the Abingdon Civitan club.

Twenty-eight visitors from Abingdon motored to Boone to attend the banquet, and 27 Boone citizens were present as guests.

Songs were interspersed between the courses of the dinner, with Geo. Moore, director of music at the Martha Washington college at the piano. The speaking was opened for the Abingdon delegation by I. B. Wells, who explained the principles of the Civitan club and hoped for closer relations between the two towns.

Prof. L. G. Greer, of the Appalachian State Normal school, then led in the singing of "Swanee River," "Carolina, Carolina," and "Carry Me Back to Old Virginia."

C. D. Curtis, president of Martha Washington college, enumerated seven reasons for his being a Civitan:

(1) That the club is composed of men who are doing the real work of the world; (2) because of the fellowship afforded by the club; (3) the club's readiness to help all worthy causes; (4) its belief in law enforcement and good government; (5) its spirit of helpfulness to the helpless and needy; (6) the Civitan motto, "We build good citizenship;" (7) its ideal of loyalty and patriotic service.

Dr. Phil Smith, president of the Abingdon club, then addressed the gathering with an explanation of the purposes of the club and urged a spirit of closer harmony between Boone and Abingdon.

E. W. Potts, of Abingdon, then addressed the gathering and was followed by Dr. B. B. Dougherty, president of the Appalachian State Normal school, who responded on behalf of the Boone citizens present.

Dr. Dougherty reviewed the history of Virginia and North Carolina to show the community of interest between the two states and expressed the hope that this banquet would mark the beginning of closer relations between the two communities represented.

Mrs. J. F. Moore was the winner of a prize given by the Abingdon delegation. Those who came from Abingdon were: Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. Con T. Rosh, N. O. Akers, F. S. Clark, T. H. Crabtree, Fred C. Parks, F. H. Moore, A. W. Craswhite, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Ritchie, I. B. Wells, C. D. Curtis, T. H. Francisco, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Clifton, Roby C. Thompson, Miss Eileen Davenport, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Potts, John W. Neal, Mr. and Mrs. J. Paul Campbell, Dr. P. S. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Moore and Miss Louise Lambert.

Boone people present were: Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Linney, Prof. L. G. Greer, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Isaacs, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Greer, Rev. and Mrs. M. B. Woosley, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. South, Mayor and Mrs. D. J. Cottrell, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Hodges, W. E. Comer, Dr. B. B. Dougherty, G. P. Hagaman, Smith Hagaman, Miss Edith Knight, Dr. J. M. Gaither, Miss Ruth Dotson, Miss Blanche Gaither, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gragg.

The upper house of the North Carolina general assembly on Tuesday passed a bill increasing the annual salary of supreme and superior court judges by \$1,500, and also passed the house bill changing the automobile license year from June 30 to December 31. Among other bills of state-wide interest introduced this week is one by Judge Winston for a 35-cent property tax and \$4,000,000 state aid for the support of a six-months school term.

The pastor of a church in Houston, Texas, was arrested and fined \$25 for disturbing the peace by his loud and frequent hallelujahs. The neighbors could not sleep.

Augustus, in the document annexed to his will, mentioned that he had exhibited 8,000 gladiators and 3,510 wild beasts.

Science reports that the average American boy is two inches taller than the average American grandfather was as a boy.

FORD REFUSED OFFERS OF BILLION DOLLARS FOR PLANT

Washington, Feb. 4.—Wall street's reactions to balance sheets of the Ford Motor company provoked no less than three distinct offers of \$1,000,000,000 each for the big plant during the last five years. Each was summarily turned down by both Henry and Edsel Ford.

Information that these offers had actually been made came from John W. Prentiss, of New York, an expert in industrial securities, who was the chief witness introduced last Wednesday by counsel for appellants in the action brought to restrain the government from collecting \$30,000,000 additional taxes on the sale to Henry Ford in 1919 of minority stock in the Ford Motor company.

Mr. Prentiss startled his spectators by the nonchalant manner in which he testified that the Ford family had coolly turned down three distinct proposals to take over the plant for a cash consideration of one billion dollars. The Ford Motor company began operations in 1903 with a cash capital of \$28,000.

It was revealed in the evidence given by Mr. Prentiss that the offers were made directly by Horablower and Weeks New York brokers, whose confidence in the future expansion and earning capacity of the Ford plant justified the valuation put upon it by New York bankers.

MITCHELL MAN GIVES 500 DEER TO NORTH CAROLINA

A gift of his entire herd of about 500 deer to North Carolina, under provision for his care are set up was made last Thursday by former State Senator J. E. Bursleson, of Spruce Pine, Mitchell county, Major Wade H. Phillips, director of the department of conservation and development, announced.

Mr. Bursleson, leading game conservationist, was in Raleigh last week to urge passage of the Sutton state-wide game bill which provides for establishment of preserves.

The deer offered by the Spruce Pine man are on a private preserve in Mitchell county.

In addition to the deer, Mr. Bursleson said he would allow the use of his land as a state preserve should it be desired by the proposed game commission. He also said his neighbor, W. W. Bailey, of Spruce Pine would co-operate in providing larger space for use of game if needed.

DEEP GAP HAPPENINGS

Deep Gap, Feb. 9.—A play entitled "Always in Trouble," was presented at the Deep Gap consolidated school building last Saturday night by talent from the Brownwood school. Thirteen characters were included in the cast.

A son of Mitchell Greene, who lives near the Watauga-Wilkes line, accidentally shot and killed himself last week while out hunting. It is thought that he had climbed a tree and in an effort to pull his gun up with him, it was discharged. The load took effect in his heart.

Charlie Greene and Roy Greer are back home after a trip to Lenoir and other points in search of work.

Mr. Abner Watson, of the Luxon section, is very ill at this time. There is a rumor in circulation here to the effect that the Elk Creek Lumber Company will soon cut and market its holdings of timber in this section. Also the Radium Springs Corporation of America is getting down to business in the development of its holdings in Ashe county.

The fox hunters of this section have been having great fun in chasing a grey fox for several days. It was first seen near the home of A. E. Wellborn and the report soon spread and J. A. Watson with his trusty pack of trained dogs were after the animal. The fox put up a wonderful run for several days and finally escaped the dogs and got away. Miss Princte Green has been visiting relatives and friends here for several days.

Rev. Levi Greene recently closed a series of meetings at Rutherford church.

PLAYS PRESENTED AT COVE CREEK HIGH SCHOOL

Two plays were presented last Thursday night at the Cove Creek high school by talent from Caldwell, Tenn. The first play was "The Rascal Pat," and the other was "Always in Trouble." The plays were enjoyed by quite a large number of people.

News of a Week At Blow Rock

Serious Blaze Prevented by Quick Action of Fire Department; Plans For School Building Submitted

By RUPERT GILLET

Blowing Rock, Feb. 9.—Blowing Rock's new fire truck had its first test Tuesday night when fire was discovered in a collection of rubbish under the floor of Young's Cafe. The blaze was discovered by Chief of Police Gene Story, who turned in the alarm.

The truck, driven by Engineer Rob Greene, responded, and the fire was quickly extinguished before any damage was done. Assistant Fire Chief Lloyd Underdown arrived on the scene in time to direct the work. Chief Panella was out on the Boone road when the fire started, but he arrived just as the water was being turned off. "If the alarm had been turned in ten minutes later," said Assistant Chief Underdown, "we should have had a chance to do some real fire fighting."

Oyster Supper
An oyster supper will be served in Young's Cafe Saturday night for the benefit of the fire department. The supper will be followed by a dance in the Greene building.

Model Plans for School Building
John J. Blair, state superintendent of buildings, grounds and construction, paid his second visit to Blowing Rock last week and brought with him several model plans for the new consolidated school building. In addition to the rooms he mentioned on his previous visit here, Mr. Blair suggested that the building contain a gymnasium in the basement. It will have about a dozen class rooms, an auditorium and a room for a public library, if the board decides on these suggestions.

G. C. Robbins, J. T. Miller and Ed Underdown, of the Blowing Rock school board, Monday presented the plans to County Superintendent Smith Hagaman and the county board at Boone. It had not at that time been decided whether the building would be of stone, brick or tile, but Mr. Blair and the two architects have recommended stone as being more in harmony with the mountain landscape than the other materials. An early decision is expected, as it is hoped that the contract will be let by March 1.

Work Progressing on Highway
If the present sprinkling weather continues, the Blowing Rock end of the Lenoir-Blowing Rock highway will be completed within a short time. It was said last week by engineers in charge. The surface rock has already been laid through Green Park. A dozen trucks, a crew of nearly a hundred men and a rock crusher are busy daily on this end of the road. Below Baily's Camp two steam shovels and another large crew of men are at work.

Work on Golf Course
Fair weather is also aiding in the work on the remodeled Green Park golf course. Teams and scrapers are working every day on the new fourteenth green, which is being relocated lower on the grade to eliminate a difficult shot to the old green. The rough in front of the green is also being eliminated by grading.

An almost impenetrable thicket of rhododendron and laurel is being cleared to make room for the extended No. 12 fairway. The trees and underbrush are first cut away and then the stumps are blasted. A steam roller is preparing the turf for the grass, which will be sown in early spring.

Street Improvements
Wonderland Drive and other beautiful driveways in Green Park are to be graded within a few days in preparation for the summer season.

Extension of Water Main
The six-inch water main serving the eastern end of Laurel Park and the neighboring sections is rapidly being completed. The main has been laid over the course and will soon be ready for water from the Blowing Rock hill reservoir.

Summer Season Approaching
One of the first signs of the approaching summer season was seen last week in the connection with the town water mains which was run into Young's cafe by Joe Panella. This cafe operates only during the summer.

Another sign is that a contract has been let to a Charlotte contractor for the construction of a \$65,000 summer residence for Herman Cone, brother of Moses H. Cone, developer

JURORS FOR SPRING TERM WATAUGA SUPERIOR COURT

Following is a list of jurors drawn Monday for Watauga superior court, which will convene in Boone on Monday, March 28, with Judge Moore presiding:

First Week	
W. H. Phillips	Blow Mountain
Geo. Wilson	Beaver Dam
M. M. Cornett	Beaver Dam
P. E. Cable	Beaver Dam
Geo. F. Coffey	Blowing Rock
J. Lee Hayes	Blowing Rock
R. H. Shore	Blowing Rock
S. C. Greene	Blowing Rock
F. L. Hampton	Blowing Rock
W. S. Triplett	Blowing Rock
C. M. Greer	Boone
D. L. Wilcox	Boone
J. R. Miller	Boone
R. F. Edmisten	Boone
C. C. Davis	Cove Creek
Levin Miller	Cove Creek
Dean Swift	Cove Creek
Fred Cox	Elk
Alvin Cannon	Laurel Creek
F. J. Trivett	Laurel Creek
Alvin J. Cole	Meat Camp
T. J. Tuzman	Meat Camp
J. H. Miller	Meat Camp
B. B. Greene	Meat Camp
A. N. Thomas	Nech Fork
I. L. Bodenbender	Stony Fork
Alfred Watson	Stony Fork
T. H. Miller	Stony Fork
G. W. Church	Stony Fork
J. S. Baird	Shavenshew
C. E. Townsend	Shavenshew
C. F. Townsend	Shavenshew
David Yates	Shavenshew
D. W. Lawrence	Watauga
W. C. Calloway	Watauga
E. H. Hollifield	Watauga
C. W. Rowe	Watauga

Second Week	
Hill Isaacs	Beaver Dam
Jethro Wilson	Beaver Dam
W. L. Austin	Blowing Rock
Leo Robbins	Blowing Rock
F. F. Bolder	Blue Ridge
W. C. Lyons	Boone
J. A. Idol	Boone
I. G. Hodges	Boone
W. H. Harbin	Cove Creek
Joe Harman	Laurel Creek
Lionel Ward	Laurel Creek
J. W. Williams	Meat Camp
Ira Brown	Meat Camp
Walter Brown	Stony Fork
W. W. Collins	Watauga
J. L. Fox	Watauga
W. T. Baird	Watauga
Loonie Greene	Watauga

SOLDIER LOANS

By unanimous vote, the house of representatives on Monday passed the bill to permit the United States government to make direct loans to the veterans of the World War on their adjusted compensation insurance certificates. The loans will bear 6 per cent interest and will be handled through the Veterans' Bureau, General Hines, director.

Congress passed the bill without a dissenting vote.

Taking No Chances—"I need \$20—could you loan it to me?" "Sure, what do you want it for?" "I want it to buy a railroad ticket."

"I'm sorry but I left my pocket-book at home."

of the Cone estate, one of the most beautiful country homes in the south. The Herman Cone summer home will be situated on the heights to the north of Mayview Park, where it will have a commanding view of the town. Paul Klutz, who has the contract for the stone work, has begun building the driveways to the site. This is expected to be one of the most magnificent summer homes in the resort.

Will Have Bastle
Blowing Rock is to have a jell. At least, Mayor George Sudderth said last week that town officials have looked at one with a view to buying it. The object is to save the town the cost of transporting prisoners to Boone and back.

May Re-establish Summer Camp
Negotiations are under way for the re-establishment at Shull Mills this year of Coral Gables summer camp. This camp is composed of boys from Coral Gables, Fla., exclusive suburb of Miami. A large group of Florida boys spent last summer in camp here.

Mayview Has Not Been Leased
All kinds of rumors were current last week to the effect that Mayview Manor had been leased for the summer. First one person and then another was mentioned as the lessee, but authoritative persons who might know something definite denied all knowledge of a lease. Moreover, no lease had been filed at the courthouse in Boone.

Interesting Meeting of American Legion

Business and Social Gathering Last Friday Night Best Yet Held By Local Post

What was said by those attending to have been the best and most interesting gatherings of Watauga Post No. 130, American Legion, was held in the hall in the old Watauga County Bank building last Friday night. The Ladies Auxiliary was invited to meet with the Legion and the gathering was altogether a delightful one.

Among the most interesting feature was the refreshments—array hash prepared by A. W. Smith, Spanish-American war veteran. Ladies of the Auxiliary assisted in the serving.

The business session was presided over by Post Commander L. S. Isaacs, and the most important business matter considered was the decision to stage a Fourth of July celebration. Details for the celebration will probably be worked out at the March meeting.

Interesting talks were made by W. E. Comer, Vance C. Howell and by W. H. Gragg and A. W. Smith, the last two being visitors at the meeting.

The next meeting will be held on March 4th, at which time eats and other refreshments will be served. It is the hope of the officers of the Legion that the attendance and interests manifested at the meeting Friday night can be maintained throughout the year.

TRIPLETT NEWS

Triplett, Feb. 8.—Your correspondent was in error last week in stating that a deer had been killed in this community. It is still alive, according to Cal Greene. It was reported to have been killed on Monday, but Tuesday it was seen to pass the home of Jacob S. Hayes.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Watson of Boone, are visiting Mrs. Watson's parents at Triplett. They will remain here until the last of March.

Z. T. Watson began a penmanship school at Triplett on February 8th.

Rev. D. M. Wheeler began a revival meeting at Mount Pleasant church Monday. The meeting will continue for two weeks.

Mrs. James Watson, who has made her home in West Virginia for some time, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. G. Wheeler last Sunday.

The roads in this section are in very bad shape at present, but will, of course, be improved somewhat when spring comes.

Ed Hampton visited at the home of his son-in-law, James Hayes, last Sunday.

Miss Hestoria Miller spent Saturday night at the home of her uncle, Will Greer. This was her first visit here since leaving the community.

Mrs. W. S. Carroll, who has been quite sick, is now improving.

Miss Virgie Wheeler has gone to Bluefield, W. Va., where she will enter school.

Miss Jessie Dean Hayes visited at the home of her aged grandmother last week.

Miss Bettie Hayes expects to enter the Normal school at Boone about February 15th.

BLUE RIDGE HAPPENINGS

Well, as the groundhog has gone back in his borough to hibernate for six weeks we had as well look out for our own weather.

A blockade still and fixtures were destroyed by Caldwell officers just across the line in Caldwell county, recently. The still is said to have been located on government land. Some parties were at the still when the officers arrived but made good their escape.

Mrs. Finley Gragg, who has been ill for some time is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Allen Gragg and son made a business trip to Lenoir Saturday.

The people of Blue Ridge were grieved to read of the death of Rev. E. N. Baldwin. He was well and favorably known in this section.

Merrit Coffey returned home Saturday from Charlotte where he had been taking a course in barbering. It is understood that he will open a Blowing Rock this summer.

Will Elks and wife, formerly Miss Etta Gragg, of this county, who were married last week, are honeymooning in Caldwell county this week.

Paper money was made in China 500 years ago.