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Happenings In and About Blowing Rock

Interesting News of Past Week From Famous Resort Town

Blowing Rock, March 9.—Mayor George M. Sudderth has received from the Southern Underwriters Association a letter informing him that the matter of re-rating the town, together with accompanying data on the protection gathered by R. A. Nyers on a recent inspection trip here, has been forwarded to the state bureau of inspection and rating.

Although the letter did not say what recommendations had been made to the bureau, it is said that the information given the association was very satisfactory; moreover, the general tone of the letter was considered by Mayor Sudderth as very encouraging. It is expected that the town will be rated from fourth to third class.

The Blowing Rock school situation remains somewhat in a muddle, despite the repeated attempts of representatives of the three districts in the consolidation plan and the county board of education to get together on a workable plan for the new building.

Representatives of the three districts met the county board Friday night, but after a long discussion they adjourned without having reached any agreement. It is understood that the county board made two proposals to the district boards, but neither was found acceptable.

Another conference was to be held this week, however, and it is hoped that some agreement would be reached at that time.

Blowing Rock, it appears, was more fortunate during the recent state-wide snowstorm than other towns down the mountain. The snow here Wednesday morning was eleven inches deep, with drifts from four to six feet deep. One of Blowing Rock's side streets is still under two feet of snow, where it drifted so deeply that not even three days of sunshine and a heavy rain could melt it.

Carl W. B. Smith, highway maintenance officer for this district, who was in Blowing Rock last week, said the roads between Lenoir and Boone are in excellent condition. Only that part on which construction work is being done offers obstacles to traffic, he said.

Mail delivery at Blowing Rock has been accelerated thirty minutes by the improvement in the roads. During the snowstorm, however, the town was for one day without mail, except from Boone.

The regular meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Presbyterian church was postponed last week on account of the snowstorm until Friday night.

Despite the snow and the almost zero weather prevailing, one of the most successful dinners of recent weeks was given by the young men of Blowing Rock last Thursday evening. Music was furnished by the Boone orchestra; delicious punch was served throughout the evening, and the dance, given in the attractively lighted hall of the Robbins building, was well attended. Guests attending from Boone were Misses Edith Knight, Jessie Rosen, Anna Mae Jones, Mary Ann Yrvette and Miss Shepherd; Dr. G. K. Moose, Dr. Fred Hodges, Robert Pulliam, Jack Hodges, Edgar Cook, Dudley Councill, Blaine Trivette, Sproles Butler, Bynum Taylor and Mr. Greer.

Stuart Cannon is informed by the Chrysler Company of Charlotte that he is winner of a \$100 prize in the recent slogan contest conducted by that company but was not informed which of the several slogans submitted won.

The funeral of Anthony Keller, aged 73, who died in Lenoir last week from paralysis, was held Sunday at Friendship church. Interment was in the Winkler burying ground east of Boone. Surviving are Mrs. Keller and four children.

An interesting meeting of the Men's Club was held Monday evening at the Presbyterian church. About thirty business men of Blowing Rock were present, and an interesting program was presented, Hubert Houser presiding. Rev. M. B. Woos-

GENERAL ASSEMBLY ADJOURNED TUESDAY

Raleigh, March 8.—The North Carolina general assembly adjourned sine die at 11:35 o'clock tonight. The legislative clock showed 12:45 a. m., Wednesday morning.

More than 3,200 bills had been introduced in the 65-day period from January 5 when the legislature convened. About 1,200 bills became law.

The members were actually in session 55 days, but Sundays were counted in, bringing the 60-day constitutional period to a close last Saturday, but the assembly continued on this week, meeting morning, noon and night with exhausted spirit as the members lay down their labors after many passages and slaughter of final pending legislation today and tonight.

The last legislative act was for the benefit of children. The assembly decreed no child under 16 years of age shall be required to work more than eight hours a day or 48 hours a week. This was the parting act of the house.

The senate's farewell was to vote down every proposed salary increase proposed for state officials.

The Woltz \$3,250 equalization law was the last sweeping measure enacted on the final day. The dying moments of the session were accompanied by the re-dedication to ideals of the founders of the republic at noon today, the strains of "Dixie" this afternoon in informal recess, pledges of loyalty to their associates tonight and return to their home folks.

HONOR ROLL OF THE LEES-McRAE INSTITUTE

To make the honor roll it is necessary to make an average of at least 90 on school work and 95 on deportment.

Since every Lees-McRae girl has a share in the house work, those who make the honor roll are further distinguished as girls who have made the best advantage of their time and have shown splendid attitude toward the house duties. The honor roll for the first term is:

Mildred Laven of Newland, N. C.
Ruthie Mae McCreavy of Grandfather Orphans Home.

Dorothy Church of Grandfather Orphans Home.
Marjorie Sponaugle of Crabbottom, Va.

Lucille Colahan of Hartford, Tennessee.
Rhea Forbes of Roan Mountain, Tennessee.

Gertrude Hickey, Elk Park, North Carolina.

45 MILES NOW SPEED LIMIT ON HIGHWAYS OF STATE

The automobile speed limit in North Carolina becomes 45 miles an hour under a new act to regulate traffic on the highways, passed by the legislature last week.

The limit in residential districts of cities and towns is held to 20 miles an hour and in business districts to 15 miles.

ley, of Boone, spoke on Humanism in Religion. Rev. McKraher, sponsor of the club, was present. An oyster supper was served by the Ladies' Auxiliary.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Critcher announce the marriage of their daughter, Nellie Rae Critcher, to Dr. A. B. Goodman, of Lenoir. The wedding occurred at Concord, N. C., on March 8. The bride has been, since her graduation as a trained nurse, employed in the Lenoir Hospital. Dr. Goodman is a well-known physician of Lenoir, where the newly married pair will make their home upon returning from a honeymoon trip taken by motor to Albemarle and Southern Pines.

A dance will be given at the Robbins hall on Friday evening by the young people of Blowing Rock. The Daniel Boone orchestra will provide music for the dancers and punch will be served throughout the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Crisp have with them for an extended visit their daughter of Cumberland Gap, Tenn.

Mr. Crisp continues to improve.

Mr. J. H. Winkler, who is spending the winter in Asheville and vicinity, was in Blowing Rock last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Panella motored to Charlotte Tuesday, returning Wednesday.

Evening Star Festival Be Here Next Week

Four-Day Chautauqua Engagement Will Begin Wednesday Night Shows in Courthouse

PROGRAM
First Evening—March 16
Oliver's Filipino Orchestra
Second Evening—March 17
Frye and Company, Music and Dance
Third Evening—March 18
The Parkinson Ensemble Trio
Fourth Evening—March 19
The Murrell Poor Duo

The Piedmont Evening Star Festival, presenting a high-class program of music and entertainment, will present the following program at the courthouse in Boone beginning Wednesday evening, March 16, and continuing through Saturday night, the 19th:

Wednesday, March 16
Oliver's Filipino Orchestra, an organization of refined and cultured Filipino artists presenting a program ranging from primitive to grand open. The members of the company are natives of the Philippines, who were educated in America and have learned the use of our musical instruments, which they introduce to add larger volume and variety to their programs.

Thursday, March 17
Frye and Company. In presenting this remarkable combination, the management offers the best in manipulative magic and a series of the most mystifying and startling illusions, supplemented by splendid musicianship in both vocal and instrumental selection in a musical prelude, as well as incidental music throughout the magical program.

Friday, March 18
The Parkinson Ensemble Trio, made up of artist-entertainers of wide experience and ability. The entire program is a feast of musical entertainment and artistry. Indian, Dutch and Scotch groups giving gorgeous costumes, are colorful, picturesque, mirthful and melodious.

Saturday, March 19
The Murrell Poor Duo. Eight years ago this pair of artists entered the entertainment field; they have covered the continent. Their offerings are given in a pleasingly professional manner, but without the affection so often encountered by audiences. In their program de luxe they have continuity, variety without cheapness—high class in every respect.

The Evening Star Festival presented a program here last year which was highly pleasing to those who saw it, and even a better series of entertainments is promised this year.

2,000 PEOPLE KILLED IN JAPANESE EARTHQUAKE

Tokyo, March 8.—At least 2,000 persons lost their lives in the three-minute earthquake which rocked central Japan last evening, 1,000 alone being killed in the town of Miyayama.

Numerous villages in the Miyayama district were destroyed, while fire which came close on the heels of the quake accounted for a great number of casualties, which it is expected will reach several thousand in burned and injured.

T. C. Bowie, Ashe county's veteran legislator, is a receptive candidate for appointment as superior court judge, under the act passed by the general assembly to create a new judiciary to which he is eligible.

Donald J. Boyden, of Blowing Rock and Knoxville, Tenn., owner of the Blowing Rock hotel, has leased Mayview Manor and is now making plans for the summer season. Mr. Boyden will give his personal attention to management of the Manor. The Blowing Rock hotel will be operated under the management of John K. Moore, who has for a number of years been associated with Mr. Boyden in its operation.

Under the new management the Mayview annex will be opened about the middle of May to accommodate the early fishermen, golfers and the hundreds who wish to see the early mountain flowers in bloom. The Manor will open about June first. Mr. Boyden plans to overcome the criticism regarding rates at the Manor. During the past this criticism has been that the rates were out of proportion. He plans to bring these rates in line so as to accommodate more of those who wish to visit the resort during the season.

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High Lights of 1927 General Assembly

Associated Press Reviews Activities of Legislature Up to and Including Last Saturday

Raleigh, March 8.—High spots of the 1927 North Carolina legislature follows:

The \$30,000,000 maintenance appropriation measure for the state departments and institutions for the next two fiscal years, the \$5,000,000 permanent improvements measure were enacted, also provision for a \$3,250,000 school equalizing fund.

Passage of the Great Smoky Mountain National Park measure, providing for the issuance by the state of \$2,000,000 in bonds to help establish the national park. The measure provides definitely that at least 528,000 acres in North Carolina and Tennessee must have been accepted by the secretary of the interior for development as a national park under terms of the act of congress.

The park law was welcomed by western North Carolina as was the Cape Fear bridge measure, appropriating \$2,000,000 for eastern North Carolina. Asheville and Wilmington representatives joined hands while legislators from all over the state backed the \$30,000,000 road bond issue for completing the system over the entire state with the state highway commission's jurisdiction of the total 115 million dollars issue to date.

The assembly passed the bill sponsored by the State Parent-Teacher Association strengthening school attendance laws and the child labor laws requiring all children under 16 except those who have completed the fourth grade to abstain from eight hours' work.

Provisions of the present "bad check" law were tightened.

The state-wide game bill enacted into law provides for protection and conservation of wild birds and animals; creates a state game commission and the office of state game warden; authorizes game reserves and sanctuaries; levies license fees; provides open and closed seasons for game birds, game animals and fur-bearing animals; abolishes the Audubon Society of North Carolina and transfers its property to the state game commission.

A bill giving the state highway commission power to lay out its own roads, making it clear that the law does not apply to pending litigation, and that the section limiting suits against the highway commission shall apply to controversies relative to location.

The 1927 session took cognizance of the three North Carolina signers of the Declaration of Independence and authorized unveiling of a bronze tablet to their memory.

"The Old North State," unofficial anthem of the state for years, was officially adopted by the assembly as the state song.

Under another act it is obligatory for drug stores to be registered. Banks with less capital than \$25,000 cannot be organized.

Enacted into law a measure by which the hands of the state's delegation to a national convention will be united, as there will be no primary held in North Carolina for the electorate to express itself with regard to the candidates for the presidency.

The omnibus measure, passed, appoints members of the county boards of education in the several counties of the state. Some boards hold for two years, others for six, with only one member appointed at a time and others vary in between those two methods.

Another new law productive of the session providing for filling vacancies in the office of United States senator by vote of the people instead of by appointment by the governor of the state.

The North Carolina fisheries commission and department of conservation and development were consolidated with the conservation department taking over the fisheries body under the game measure.

As one of the aftermath of the enactment of the Great Smoky National Park measure, the purchase of land and securing of options will be begun by the North Carolina park commission, appointed by the act ratified. Mark Squires of Caldwell, is president of the commission.

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NEW ROAD COMMISSION ORGANIZED TUESDAY

Under an act passed by the general assembly which adjourned Wednesday night, created a road commission for Watauga county, the following have been appointed as members:

C. D. MeNeil, Boone township; Scott Swift, Cove Creek, and C. J. Farthing, of Beaver Dam.

The commission was sworn in Tuesday, organized and appointed township supervisors.

These are men of fine business qualifications and the public may depend on them for a good administration, although they go into office with a considerable deficit in county road funds.

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LINNEY RETURNS TO HILLS TO WATCH FOR OLD EAGLES

(Charlotte Observer, March 5)

Frank A. Linney, of Boone, United States district attorney for the western North Carolina district, has returned home, after several days in Charlotte, to ascertain the condition of the prize flock of Chitree pheasants that showed up near here recently and to see if Tom and Jerry, two venerable eagles, are up to their old tricks.

Mr. Linney spent several days in Charlotte on legal business connected with the district attorney's office but hurried home yesterday afternoon to his favorite pastime, that of keeping tabs on the wild life about "Tater Hill" mountain and other well known peaks in the heart of the Blue Ridge mountains.

The story of Tom and Jerry, the two wary old eagles known to half the inhabitants of Watauga county, have enthralled the interest of the district attorney since boyhood. He first met them when his father, the late Romulus Z. Linney, "the Bull of the Brushies," long a member of congress, had a summer home on "Tater Hill" mountain.

Mr. Linney used to get up at dawn and watch the sun come up over the creases and to keep an alert eye open for the two eagles, who would appear at sunrise and hang poised in mid-air over a declivitous precipice on the side of "Tater Hill" mountain. He finally gave the two birds the names, Tom and Jerry, by which they are famous in the mountains.

"I used to watch them," related Mr. Linney, "as they appeared on the horizon, coming from over the peaks of the adjoining hills. They would cruise around in the air over the summit of the precipice, about 'Tater Hill' and presently they would come to a pose in mid-air directly over the edge of the precipice.

I was not always exactly the same spot to the foot but it was approximately the same spot. They would pose there suspended on a current of air and never flapping their wings for half an hour or more, maybe. Then they would sail away and come back and pose again in the same spot.

It is quite evident that they were doing it as a matter of sport. They evidently enjoyed it and I certainly got a great kick out of watching them."

DONALD J. BOYDEN LEASES THE MAYVIEW MANOR

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Enthusiastic Meeting of American Legion

Watauga Post No. 130 Preparing for Fourth of July Celebration; Membership Drive Ends

Watauga Post No. 130 American Legion and the Women's Auxiliary met in joint session last Friday night, with an attendance of 51 members, and much enthusiasm was manifested.

Plans were outlined preparatory to the Fourth of July celebration to be staged by the Legion here. S. F. Horton was named chairman of the program committee, while C. S. Stevenson heads the entertainment committee. Dean Swift and R. D. Hodges will be in charge of publicity.

The post has grown rapidly within the past few months, fourteen veterans having been added since first of the year. Short talks were made and membership in the organization of all former service men in the county was stressed.

The meeting adjourned after the ladies of the Auxiliary served ice cream, cake and delicious candy.

THOS. E. COOPER HOPES FOR A FULL PARDON

Wilmington, March 2.—Thomas E. Cooper, former Wilmington banker today expressed hope that Gov. McLean may grant a parole to him covering virtually all his full sentences calling eight years on the county roads in New Hanover county.

The sentences, four of two years each, were imposed following his conviction in New Hanover superior court on charges of violating the national banking laws.

He arrived from Atlanta where he was released from the federal penitentiary last Friday.

Cooper is at liberty under bond which was one of the conditions the governor required in permitting Cooper to have twenty days' freedom before beginning his sentence on the roads here.

The former banker said that any move in the direction of a pardon or parole or commutation of sentence would be made by his friends and lawyers. No definite announcement as to when such a move would be made was forthcoming although close friends of Cooper indicated that it would be done after he had served a short period of his sentence here.

NEGROES HAVE RIGHT TO VOTE, SAYS SUPREME COURT

Washington, March 7.—Negroes under the federal constitution have the right to participate in state primaries and cannot be deprived of that privilege by state laws, the supreme court in a unanimous opinion decided today in a case from Texas. It was brought by L. A. Nixon, who under a state statute was prevented from voting in a Democratic primary at El Paso at which both federal and state candidates were selected.

The decision, delivered by Justice Holmes, is being closely studied by congressional leaders for its effect upon the much discussed question of federal jurisdiction over primaries, raised in the Smith and Vane cases from Illinois and Pennsylvania. Senator Borah, Republican of Idaho, construed it as meaning, when carried to its logical conclusion, that congress had control over primaries.

DR. B. B. DOUGHERTY ON EQUALIZATION BOARD

Raleigh, March 8.—Confirmation of the state equalization board appointed by Governor McLean, in conformity with the Woltz bill enacted into law tonight, was one of the last acts of the 1927 general assembly. The list follows:

- P. H. Johnson, Elizabeth City, first district.
- B. B. Williams, Warrenton, second district.
- G. McA. Graham, Clinton, third district.
- P. P. Spruill, Rocky Mount, fourth district.
- James K. Norfleet, Winston-Salem, fifth district.
- J. O. Carr, Wilmington, sixth district.
- E. M. Blue, Sanford, seventh district.
- B. B. Dougherty, Boone, eighth district.
- A. E. Woltz, Gastonia, ninth district.
- T. D. Bryson, Bryson City, tenth district.



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