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MARMON ACQUIRES A VERY PROPERTY

Automobile Manufacturer To Develop Estate Near Pineola at Cost of Million and a Half

Howard Marmon, automobile manufacturer of Indianapolis, Ind., has purchased several hundred acres of scenic land in Avery county from Thomas Love and will spend \$1,500,000 in developing it into one of the finest estates in the mountains. The purchase price of the real estate is said to have been around \$400,000.

This is the report originating here in sources believed to be thoroughly reliable. As Mr. Marmon was at his summer home in Pineola and could not be reached, the details of the plan of development are not yet known, but it is understood that Mr. Marmon's idea is to leave nothing undone to make of it an estate equal to any in the mountain section.

The land lies in one of the most scenic portions of Avery county, itself considered the most beautiful county in the state. The possibilities for a resort development are considered unsurpassed.

Mr. Marmon was reared in east Tennessee near Roan Mountain. By watching the mountain grist mills, he conceived the idea of manufacturing a superior flour mill. He went to Indianapolis and began the manufacture of mills and when the automobile became common, he entered that field and produced one of the better class cars.

When news of the new development was broached, old settlers recalled a tale that is frequently told about Mr. Marmon. He came back to North Carolina and bought some sheep from a mountain farmer and offered a check for \$200 in payment. The mountaineer, unaccustomed to receiving such large checks, decided that the check must be verified before he delivered the sheep. Accordingly, he telegraphed Mr. Marmon's bank asking if the check was good. Quickly he received the reply, "Honor Marmon's checks up to \$7,000,000."

PROSPECTS ENCOURAGING FOR COMMERCIAL SCHOOL

Mr. Henderson, representing the Georgia-Carolina Commercial School, says about twenty-five applications have been received for tutorage in the five-months commercial school to be opened by his organization in Boone at an early date.

"It is absolutely necessary," said Mr. Henderson, "that I have all applications in my hands at once, as accommodations will be provided for only thirty." He added that the interest shown in Boone was unusual for a small city.

BUILDING AND LOAN OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON FOURTH

Secretary W. H. Gragg announces that the Watauga Building and Loan Association will not open its office on the Fourth of July. This would ordinarily be pay day and this is to notify shareholders that they will find the office ready for business "bright and early" Tuesday.

ZIONVILLE HAPPENINGS

Zionville, June 29.—Clay Reece is having a new house erected in the lower end of the village.

Misses Elaine Greer of Boone and Earline Younce of Mabel spent the week-end with Miss Flora Greer.

David Younce and Newton Robinson, both former residents of Watauga, but now of White Hall, Md., are visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Eller and daughter, spent the past week-end at Laurel Bloomery, Tenn., at the home of R. L. Madron.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Greer and family were called to Lenoir early Sunday morning on account of the death of Fred Bush, which occurred late Saturday. The little boy, who with his sisters had climbed to the top of "The Water Falls," between Blowing Rock and Lenoir, and in looking over, his foot slipped and he fell a distance of 150 feet. His death was almost instant, though he was rushed to Lenoir hospital as quickly as possible. The boy was a grandson of W. J. Moore of Lenoir, whom many people in this section know and who will regret to hear of his loss.

N. J. Greer made a business trip to Mountain City Monday.

Will Ford of Bristol, Tenn., spent the week-end in Zionville.

Happenings In and About Blowing Rock

Interesting News of Past Week From Famous Resort Town

Blowing Rock, June 30.—Some excitement was caused here early this week by the news that the search for Broadus Miller, negro slayer of Gladys Kincaid of Morganton was approaching Blowing Rock.

Saturday night Deputy Sheriff Lawrence Coffey of Morganton passed through here and stationed men on the Yonahlossee Trail near Coffey's Gap to watch for the negro, after it had been reported that he had been tracked up the mountain from Globe.

This proved to be erroneous, however, as the negro's trail was lost Saturday night. Monday, a group of men from Blowing Rock rushed to Rocky Knob when it was reported that a negro answering to Miller's description had been seen there. No clue was found in that vicinity, however.

Tuesday morning a fresh pack of bloodhounds was sent from Blowing Rock to the upper reaches of Mulberry Creek in the hope that they would pick up the trail. What success they had met had not been learned at the time of going to press.

The Blowing Rock Band was reorganized at a meeting in the town hall Friday night, officers were elected and a constitution and by-laws were adopted. Saturday night a dance was given in the town hall for the benefit of the band. Officers elected were J. A. Panella, president; Earl Coffey, bandmaster; Stuart Cannon, secretary, and Randall Foster, treasurer.

Musicians enrolled were: Cornets, Randall Foster, Earl Coffey, Spencer Greene, Donald Greene and Stuart Cannon; clarinets, Benjamin Greene and Max Cannon; saxophones, Howard Coffey and Don Johnson; altos, Will Knight and Paul Foster; basses, John Clure and Asbury Weaver; tenor, Will Castle; trombones, J. A. Panella and J. M. Foster; baritone, Butler Craig; bass drum, W. M. Bolic; snare drum, Bynum Crisp.

Two girls' camps here, Allovettee, operated by Miss Mary Catherine Thompson of Charlotte, and Yonahlossee, operated by Dr. and Mrs. A. P. Kephart of Greensboro, were to open Friday.

Miss Thompson says that more applications have been received for the first term at Allovettee than can be cared for, and some had to be turned away. About fifty girls will be taken, however, and they come from nearly all states.

No. 4 had been made public by Dr. Kephart as to the number of girls registered for Camp Yonahlossee.

Richard Gather, negro, was arrested Saturday night by Chief of Police Story on a charge of carrying concealed weapons. A .44 caliber pistol was taken from the negro. He was bound over to superior court by Justice of the Peace C. R. Walser.

A carrier pigeon, believed to be one of those released in the national pigeon race at Augusta, Ga., last week, was found Saturday on Main street by Mrs. J. A. Panella in front of her restaurant. The bird's leg band bore the number 645-AJ-26-IPC. It was known here that the National Pigeon Racing News should be notified of the discovery of the pigeon, but the address of that organization is not known here.

For the second time within a week Chief of Police Story has interrupted the liquor trade of Blowing Rock—this time by going to its source and bringing in a 50-gallon blackcase still, which was captured on the south side of the Blue Ridge near the Yonahlossee trail.

Story, with J. Allen Gragg, went to the spot where they had been told the still would be found, and discovered the apparatus, where it had been moved 400 yards from the furnace. At the furnace they found a quantity of mash.

Story and Gragg lay in wait to see if the owner would come. Presently, a man was seen approaching the furnace, but as he noticed Story's and Gragg's tracks, he turned and disappeared in the laurel and fog.

Arrangements were made Wednesday by W. C. Carpenter, Southern Bell Telephone manager at Le-

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EVERYTHING IN READINESS FOR FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

Everything is in readiness to entertain the thousands of visitors expected in Boone next Monday for Western North Carolina's greatest celebration. Legion Park has been cleaned up and put in condition for the big event, the pyrotechnics for the fireworks display have arrived, the airplane has been arranged for and all other details have been completed. The official program for the day is as follows:

10 a. m.—Parade from courthouse to Legion Park.

11 a. m.—Welcome by Commander L. S. Isaacs, of the American Legion, and Mayor W. R. Gragg.

11:30 a. m.—Address by Hon. Jake F. Newell of Charlotte.

1 p. m.—Dinner. Everybody bring well filled baskets.

2 p. m.—Field sports.

3 p. m.—Ball game, Ashe vs. Watauga.

8:30 p. m.—Fireworks.

9 p. m.—Street dance.

"Lost at the Front," a World War picture, will be shown throughout the day at the Pastime theater.

Mayor Gragg Welcomes Daniels To Deliver Address at Normal Vets to Boone for 4th

I realize that words are inadequate to express to the American Legion boys our deep appreciation, as well as our debt to them for the service they unselfishly rendered our country and its cause during the World War. We, therefore, desire to say to them through the columns of the press, that every home, every street and every other place in our town is open to them, and every heart in town beats time to your music with the warmest and heartiest welcome that can possibly be accorded to any one. Bring your friends and loved ones with you, and let's all unite in celebrating the day, and your services, in a way befitting our station in life, and in a way that will reflect everlasting credit to us all.

The latest string of the town is on the outside; the keys are in your hands for a good time. Come.

W. R. GRAGG, Mayor.

VALLE CRUCIS SCHOOL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Valle Crucis Summer School for Religious Education will open at the Valle Crucis School for Girls on July 4th. The Rev. J. W. C. Johnson of Gastonia, announces that there will be a faculty of fifteen, and the prospects for a very successful session are good.

The Valle Crucis church, school buildings, grounds and dining room, under the care of the Rev. James P. Burke, are at the disposal of the summer school, which will be attended by ministers and every department of church work from the dioceses of North Carolina.

LOCAL MASONIC OFFICERS

The following officers for the ensuing year have been elected at Watauga Lodge, No. 275, A. F. & A. M.: J. T. C. Wright, Worshipful Master; H. G. Farthing, Senior Warden; C. S. Stevenson, Junior Warden; John W. Hodges, Treasurer; David Greene, Secretary.

Artist Concert at Methodist Church

Noted Musicians Will Give Program Tonight at 8 O'clock in Church Auditorium

The people of Boone and community are exceedingly fortunate to have in prospect the real treat of an artist program to be given at the Methodist church here Thursday evening, June 30 at 8 o'clock.

Miss Ruth Rankin, a graduate of Winthrop College, and following the Young Artist contest, sponsored by the National Federation of Music Clubs, in which she won honorable mention, stood a competitive examination in Juilliard Musical Foundation in New York City. Success in this gave Miss Rankin a fellowship in the piano department where she has spent the past two years studying under Madame Olga Samaroff, and where she has won a third scholarship for next year.

Mr. Stephen Gardner of Washington and Blowing Rock, received his first musical instruction at an early age as a choir boy in St. Thomas' Episcopal church, New York. He has since studied extensively, and is an accomplished tenor.

Miss Mildred McDade of Boone, who has studied expression at Martha Washington College for the past two years will give some readings.

The program is as follows:

Where My Caravan Has Rested, (Lohr); Calling Me Home to You, (Dorel); The Blind Ploughman, (Clarke)—Stephen Gardner.

Fantasy and Fudge (Bach-Liszt)—Ruth Rankin.

October and June (O. Henry); Fleurette (Robert Service)—Mildred McDade.

Lamp of Love (Saiter); Invocation to Life (Spross); The Answer (Terry)—Stephen Gardner.

Toccata, (Opus 7) (Schumann); Etude (Revolutionary), (Chopin); Etude (Op. 10, No. 8), (Chopin)—Ruth Rankin.

The Old Fashioned Garden (Porter); Smiling Through (Penn); At Dawning (Cushman)—Stephen Gardner.

La Campanella (Liszt)—Ruth Rankin.

LEGION AND AUXILIARY TO MEET FRIDAY, JULY FIRST

There will be a regular meeting of Watauga Post No. 130, American Legion, and Auxiliary on Friday, July 1st at 8 p. m. This being the first meeting of the Legion before July 4th, every ex-service man in Watauga county is requested to be present and get your name in the "pot" for the big parade. Every ex-service man in the county is invited to be present at the Legion hall on July 4th at 8:30 a. m., for registration and there to be issued the proper regalia which the boys are to wear in the big parade.

Boys, if you have any sort of army uniform which you can wear, please do so; and if not, civilian clothes are more than welcome.

The American Legion boys respectfully ask that every good lady of Watauga county bring a well filled basket to our celebration July 4th. We are expecting quite a number of ex-service boys who fought side by side with us from adjoining counties and states and it is our desire that we at least give our comrades a good dinner and a royal welcome to our celebration.

We are counting on the ladies of Watauga county and you have never failed us.

L. S. ISAACS, Com.

E. S. STEVENSON, Adj.

"RED FEZ" CLUB ORGANIZED

On Tuesday evening at the Blackburn Hotel a goodly number of the Shriners of the county met at a banquet spread in the spacious dining room of the hotel. The dinner was enjoyed to the fullest extent by every one present, thanks to the genial hostess, Mrs. Blackburn. The Red Fez club was organized by electing W. R. Gragg, president; John E. Brown, vice president, and W. E. Comer, secretary.

The purpose of the club is to look after the crippled children of the county under 13 years of age, with a view to giving them treatment in an orthopaedic hospital. Aside from this the organization has a most enjoyable social side that is worth all it costs. Each and every Shriner in the county is most cordially invited and expected to join.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO OPEN JULY 11

Superintendent Hagaman Announces that All Six Months' Schools Will Open On that Date

The six months term free schools of the county will begin the 1927 session on July 11th. In making this announcement, Superintendent Hagaman says:

"Our average attendance has improved every year for several years, and there is still room for improvement in a large per cent of our schools. We are hoping that this year shall be the best ever. In order to make it such it will take the cooperation of parents, teachers and attendance officers. After all the ones most interested should be the father and mother of the child. I can't quite understand the indifference of a few fathers and mothers. It is reasonable that every one would want to give their own children the very best possible chance in life and yet a few are willing, it seems, to keep their children out of school just all they can rather than to keep them in all they can.

"You say you need your children at home to help make a living—few parents do not, but I notice the poor parents in the county who have a determination to give their children a chance in life like other children, always find a way to keep them in school. Such children will be heard from some day.

"And I further observe that when parents are little interested in the education of their children, can always find some very plausible excuse for keeping them out.

"I trust that every teacher will use diligence to secure the best attendance we have ever had. It is your duty to visit and make personal investigation of absentees; find out the home conditions, reasons of absence and try to secure the proper attendance of every child in your school and then, if necessary, report the same to the attendance officer with full information. If, on investigation, find the non-attendance is not justifiable, I shall institute such proceedings as may be necessary to secure the regular attendance of such children.

Some parents feel that they ought to be the sole managers of their own children; but they forget that they do not have the moral right, and fortunately they do not now, have the legal right to take away their children's right.

"The compulsory attendance law was not enacted for the parents, but for their children.

"Teachers, let's get busy at the first of the school and try to cure any trouble along this line. If you will do your duty I shall try to do mine."

WILD CATS AND SNAKES WORRY KANSAS TOWNS

Topeka, Kan., June 27.—Wild cats and ballsnakes are becoming a menace to Western Kansas vicinities, according to reports here.

Warden J. B. Doze, of the state forestry, fish and game commission, in a report just released, declares thousands of cats are roaming the rural districts of the state around Pratt in Pratt county, and are killing hogs, chickens and small farm animals at an alarming rate.

These cats, Doze reported, are not real wildcats, but have been town or city cats that went wild.

Ballsnakes in the vicinity of Junction City are spreading terror even though the reptile is comparatively harmless. It is not a poisonous species.

JOHN G. DAWSON RESIGNS DEMOCRATIC CHAIRMANSHIP

Raleigh, June 25.—John Dawson announced here tonight his decision to resign as chairman of the Democratic state executive committee.

The demands for personal and professional affairs were assigned as the reason. Mr. Dawson has rendered extraordinarily conspicuous service during four years at the party helm. It is expected that Attorney General D. G. Brummitt will succeed him.

Fifty-Fifty Grandpup

Old Gent: "When I was a lad I didn't think anything of chopping up a woodshed full of logs."

Youngster: "Well, I don't think so much about it, either."