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## Sale of Mayview Not Likely to Be Confirmed

Resale of Resort Property Last Saturday Brought Little More Than Previous Sale

Blowing Rock, Sept. 1.—Opinion here is divided as to whether Judge Webb of federal court will confirm the latest sale of Mayview Manor for \$124,600 to C. E. Hayworth of High Point and T. H. Broynitt of Lenoir.

This was the price brought when the entire property was put up at auction, after bidding on the individual pieces of property had brought a total of only \$115,400.

In the individual bidding, Lloyd Summerville of Charlotte was high bidder for the manor itself. His bid was \$75,000 as compared with the high bid of \$82,000 made by J. A. C. Wadsworth in the sale of July 15.

The annex brought \$25,500 from L. P. Henkel of Statesville, who bid \$16,700 for the same property in last month's sale.

F. H. Coffey of Lenoir was the high bidder for the dormitory, tennis courts, and five acres of surrounding land, for which he offered \$9,000. Mr. Coffey was high bidder also for the laundry, for which he offered \$3,500.

Frank J. Ryan of Tampa, Fla., made the highest offer for the garage, \$2,400.

In selling the lots, the auctioneers were able to elicit bids of \$1,200 to \$2,000 for some of the finest residence sites in Mayview Park, along Laurel Lane with back views over the gorge, similar to the Mayview Manor view. The golf course brought \$10,500.

Some of the comment was to the effect that all of these bids would be rejected by Judge Webb, but others believed that inasmuch as the three sales have indicated that the property will not bring a better price at auction, the sale will probably be approved.

Judge Webb is to pass on the sale September 10.

## CIVITANS HOLD WEEKLY MEET AT DANIEL BOONE

Twenty members were present at the meeting of the Civitan Club last Thursday at the Daniel Boone hotel. Many items of business were transacted and several new names presented for membership.

In response to an invitation of Civitan James P. Burke, the club voted unanimously to hold its next business meeting at Valle Crucis on the second Thursday night in September.

A report of the entertainment committee indicated that the club has done a work while service by greeting and finding accommodations for the visiting throngs during the crowded tourist season.

## JUDGE JOHNSON J. HAYES MOVES TO GREENSBORO

Greensboro, Aug. 22.—Judge and Mrs. Johnson J. Hayes, who have been spending the summer at Watauga, will become permanent residents of Greensboro this week, moving here first of next week, and occupying the home in Irving Park. Judge Hayes purchased from A. M. Scales several weeks ago.

## BLOWING ROCK BAND TO GIVE CONCERT HERE

The Blowing Rock Concert band, Joseph Warren, director, will give a sacred concert on the courthouse square here on the afternoon of Sunday, November 3rd. The concert is free and the public is invited to come out and hear the boys play.

## MATNEY MATTERS

Matney, Aug. 29.—Matney's public school has finally enrolled all children of school age in this district, making a total of 76.

A very interesting program was given in the school Friday afternoon and the parents filled the house, showing their interest in the school.

The Woman's Co-Workers Club met at the Methodist church Thursday and made considerable improvement upon the grounds and the church building.

Misses Clary and Selma Baird visited Mrs. Hosea Greer at Burnsville Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Baird announce the marriage of their daughter, Mildred Alice to Ira Eugene Townsend. Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm McGhee of Boone visited Mr. and Mrs. Joe A. Baird, Mrs. McGhee's parents, Sunday.

The prayer meeting at the Baptist church this week, conducted by Mr. William Smith, proved very helpful and interesting.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Story a son.

The Methodist Sunday school here had an attendance of 81 last Sunday, and the attendance is steadily increasing.

## NEWS OF WEEK BLOWING ROCK

Gifts Totalling More than \$4,000 Contributed by Presbyterians to Grandfather Orphanage; Virginia To Send Goodwill Delegation

Blowing Rock, Sept. 1.—The offering for the Grandfather Orphanage, taken every year here at the Rumble Memorial Presbyterian church by Dr. James I. Vance of Nashville, Tenn., this year brought \$1,305, it was announced after the service Sunday.

Rev. McCoy Franklin of Crossnore Sunday night entertained the congregation at the Rumble Memorial Presbyterian church with his imitations of the calls and songs of birds, the grunts of pigs, chirps of little chickens, crowing of roosters, bellowing of cattle and cries of turkeys. Rev. Mr. Franklin recently declined a contract with the Keith vaudeville circuit for this act, in order to stay with his pastorate at Crossnore at \$1,800 a year.

A goodwill delegation from Gallis county, Va., will probably visit Blowing Rock next month or in October, it was said at the offices of the Blowing Rock Chamber of Commerce Monday.

The chamber at Pearisburg, Va., has written the local chamber of the intention to make the tour. The local chamber has invited the Virginians to come through here, and has promised them a warm reception if they come.

The Blowing Rock Band will appear the first Sunday in September in its first public concert. A sacred concert will be given here at 2 o'clock, and then the band will go to Boone for another concert there.

Topcoats were again in style at Blowing Rock Thursday when the temperature fell to 50. Fires were lighted in fireplaces all over the resort, and all buildings equipped with steam heat had the heat on.

## KEEPING UP INTEREST IN POULTRY RAISING

The present poultry crop in North Carolina is worth in round figures \$30,000. The increase in this industry has been phenomenal during the past several years but with the increased production has come the cry of low prices for the products new and in the future, states V. W. Lewis, marketing specialist for the state division of markets.

According to Mr. Lewis, the present poultry production together with a large increase can be well taken care of with proper handling and marketing.

A few years ago the state had reached the saturation point in poultry production and farmers were selling good flocks because there was no market at reasonable prices. The system of shipping live poultry in carlots came just in time to keep up interest in production.

"We are again facing the saturation point—this time in egg production," says Mr. Lewis, "and the solution lies in selling only quantity eggs and being able to assemble these in order to take care of the quantity."

Mr. Lewis states that the biggest problem is to get the producers to offer only eggs of good quality. To handle eggs in a definite manner, it is necessary to know the quality and then have volume enough to make up a standard pack whether in case or car lots.

In an effort to keep up the interest in poultry and egg production in North Carolina, Mr. Lewis will furnish organization plans for egg circles to interested communities and will also demonstrate the grades of eggs that are applicable to conditions in the state. He can be reached by writing V. W. Lewis, N. C. Division of Markets, Raleigh, N. C.

## EVANGELISTIC SERVICES AT ADVENT CHRISTIAN

Rev. H. V. Skipper of Jacksonville, Fla., is conducting a series of meetings this week at the Advent Christian church. The minister is likely one of the leading Bible preachers of the country and his subjects are chosen with a view to covering the most important subjects of the word. Tonight his subject will be, "What is the Human Soul?" Sunday morning at 11 o'clock Mr. Skipper promises to deliver a sermon in which more Scripture is used than ever heard in one discourse before.

Andrew Jukoff, 113-year-old Siberian citizen, recently arrived in Moscow to prove to bureaucrats his eligibility for an old-age pension. He is the father, he says, of 54 children, the oldest now 80 years of age.

## Game and Fowl Season Now On

James W. Bryan, Game Warden, Is Now Issuing Licenses to Nimrods of County

Permits to hunt game and fowl in this county and state may now be secured by Watauga hunters at the office of the county game warden, James W. Bryan. Mr. Bryan received his commission as game warden last week and said Monday that only one permit had been issued so far.

Permits for residents to hunt in the county cost \$1.25, those for the state cost \$5.25 and non-resident state licenses cost \$15.25. Under the law enacted by the last general assembly, it is compulsory to secure a license to hunt.

The open season in the state on the more popular game and fowl are: Squirrel—September 15 to January 15.

Rabbit—November 1 to March 1.

Deer—October 1 to January 15.

Raccoon—October 1 to January 31.

Opossum—October 1 to January 31.

Quail—December 1 to March 1.

Wild turkey—December 1 to March 1.

Dove—September 16 to December 31.

## BOONE TRAIL ASSOCIATIONS FORMED IN THIS SECTION

Just back from a trip in the interest of the Boone Trail Route to Bristol, J. Hampton Rich, managing director of the Boone Trail Association, told The Democrat about celebrations which were held last week at Green Park and Mayview Manor by the children of Blowing Rock who are stopping with their parents at these hotels in the interest of the work being fostered by the association. At Mayview Manor torch lights were prepared and on the night of August 25th the children in the hotel held a torch light procession on the terrace below the hotel. In the mists these torches flared in the fog, with flag borne by Master Kenneth Murchison Sprunt of Wilmington, N. C., and the Boone tablet carried by Dan and Hattie Sullivan of San Francisco, made a very unique picture. The procession extinguished the torches at the front entrance of the hotel and marched into the spacious lobby of the manor where a program of readings on the life of Daniel Boone was rendered by Catherine Graham and Suzanne Lewis. Mr. Rich made a short introductory talk, giving the legend of the tablet and the object of the Boone Trail Association—that of getting the highway surfaced from Bristol to North Wilkesboro through the most scenic country in America. Reference was also made by the speaker to the fact that Jesse Boone, brother of Daniel Boone, lived five miles up the Yonahlossee trail, half a mile from the road, and until only a few years ago the chimney to the old pioneer homestead was standing.

Much interest was shown by the audience of guests at the manor in the paving of the Boone Trail.

At Green Park hotel at like ceremony was held on the lawn and the nearby spring, which is one of the sources of the Yadkin river, along which stream Boone spent much of his early life. An enthusiastic unit of the Boone Trail Association was formed at Blowing Rock, with Thos. H. Coffey as chairman.

At Linville a like unit was formed. At this place Mr. Rich took occasion to speak of the splendid co-operation received from the McKee interests. Fully alive to the opportunity offered by the scenic route which would mean so much to North Carolina if paved, Mr. Nelson McKee gave every assurance of co-operation.

At Boone, a splendid spirit of co-operation was in evidence, Mr. Rich said. A splendid unit of the association has been formed here. A tablet has been placed on the campus of the Normal.

The people here, Mr. Rich found, are awake to the need of securing a paved highway over which travel from the middle west can pass over to the east and south, spending hundreds of thousands of dollars in the state every year, much of which would go into the state treasury in gasoline tax and aid materially in paving or surfacing our roads.

## COUNTY SUPERINTENDENTS GATHER HERE TOMORROW

Superintendent Smith Hagaman announces that in response to a letter recently received from State Superintendent of Public Instruction A. T. Allen, he has made necessary arrangements for the business meeting of county and city superintendents which will be held in Boone Friday, beginning at 9 o'clock. Dr. Allen indicated that 25 superintendents would be present from various cities and counties of the state.

## CITY LIVES ORDER FIRE TRUCK

With Water Pressure of 120 Pounds, City Officials Believe Chemical Apparatus Will Be Sufficient for Present Needs of the Town

An order has been placed for a chemical fire truck for Boone, costing \$2,960, it was said by Mayor Gragg Saturday.

In explaining why the town ordered only the chemical truck, instead of the \$7,500 fire truck as recommended by a local civic organization, Mayor Gragg said:

"We have a water pressure averaging 120 pounds in all of our fire plugs. This is enough to fight all fires that may occur within reach of the plugs, and a fire engine could not be used for those out of reach of the plugs."

"Statistics show that 80 per cent of all fires are extinguished by chemicals. Moreover, it is doubtful if our fire insurance rates could be lowered with the more expensive truck."

"We have an agreement whereby we can keep the chemical truck a year, and then trade it in on the more expensive truck with a depreciation of only \$100. Hence, if the fire underwriters tell us at the end of the year that we must have the expensive truck, we can get it with the expenditure of only \$3,500 more."

Alderman Clyde R. Greene stated yesterday that the truck would arrive here in about thirty days.

## ONE KILLED AS AUTO PLUNGES OFF HIGHWAY

Mr. Kelly Miller of Creston, Ashe county, was killed and his companion, Mr. Boss Sutherland, of Sutherland, was slightly injured when the automobile in which they were riding left the road and turned over near Key Station a few miles west of the Tennessee line on the Boone Trail last Thursday night.

The ill-fated car left Mountain City about nine o'clock, where its occupants had been visitors at the Johnson county fair. Whiskey is alleged to have been the direct cause of the accident. Mr. Miller had undoubtedly felt into a doze while manipulating the car, causing it to leave the highway. His death was instantaneous. Mr. Sutherland's injuries were confined to minor cuts and bruises.

Deceased had for many years been a rural carrier out of Creston and is referred to as having been an upright citizen, except for slight tendencies along alcoholic lines. His companion, Mr. Sutherland, is a prominent cattleman of Ashe county and a brother-in-law of Attorney W. R. Lovill of Boone.

## SILVERSTONE SHAVINGS

Zionville, R. F. D., Aug. 31.—Mrs. Leonard Wilson is recovering from a serious spell of sickness.

Mr. J. H. Mast and Miss Nora Mast have been spending some time with Mrs. Leak Daugherty at Russellville, Tenn. Miss Birdie D. Thomason of Russellville, Tenn., and Miss Edith Hull of Maryville, Tenn., were guests last week of Miss Ethel Wilson.

Rev. Sebastian filled his regular appointments at the Baptist church here last Saturday and Sunday.

Charlie Wilkerson and sister, Mrs. S. L. Walker, have returned to their home in Roanoke, Va., after a two weeks visit with relatives and friends here.

Miss Ethel Wilson and Clate Greer and Charles Perry have returned to their homes here from Cleveland, O.

Mrs. H. P. Cook is visiting relatives in Virginia.

Dan and Frank Perr of Hebron, Ind., are visiting their brother, H. E. Perry, here.

Silas M. Green and family, who once resided here, but who are now living in Virginia, are visiting relatives and friends here.

Lloyd Perry and Raymond Sanders made a business trip to Rhodell, Va., recently.

Rom and Vaughn Lowrance of Morganton spent the week-end in Silverstone.

Wade Byers who is teaching school in the Meat Camp section, spent the week-end with homefolks.

## NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS

The publishers shortly after court week will begin a clean-up campaign on delinquent subscriptions. We are forced to get rid of the small percent of unpaid subscribers unless prompt remittances are made. Many will find it convenient to drop in and settle during court and save the trouble of sending a statement and themselves the possibility of missing copies of The Democrat.

## Conference of Advent Christians Held Here

Much Important Business Transacted at Gathering of Church Workers Last Week

The Piedmont Advent Christian Conference held its annual meeting here August 25-28. Eighteen ministers and an unusually large number of delegates and visitors were in attendance upon the sessions of the conference and a spirit of harmony and Christian fellowship was manifested throughout the meeting.

In addition to the usual routine of business the conference went on record as favoring the establishment of a Southern Bible school, preferably located in Boone.

The completion of the organization of a Council of Religious Education in the conference was perfected and officers elected as follows: President, W. F. Parker; vice president, C. T. Parker; secretary, Miss Grace Sherrill; treasurer, Miss Pearl Hodges; district vice-presidents, Misses Annie Taylor, Jennie Hendrix and Edna Triplett.

The following conference officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Eld. W. L. Trivett; vice president, Eld. M. M. Adams; secretary, Miss Mary E. Coffey; treasurer, Miss Alice Robbins.

Messrs. Joseph Austin and Charles T. Parker, were ordained as ministers, and Eld. M. M. Adams was received as a member, coming from the New York conference.

A memorial service in honor of late R. N. Baldwin, pastor of the Boone church and secretary of the conference at the time of his death, was held Sunday morning, at which time tributes of respect were given by Elders Downs, Gragg and Hendrix and Mr. W. H. Gragg.

The sermons delivered at the conference were instructive and inspiring. At the opening session on Thursday evening the president, J. A. Downs, spoke on the subject, "The World's Crisis" and gave strong proof from the Bible and present day conditions that we are living in the closing days of time.

Friday morning Eld. C. T. Parker of Charlotte spoke effectively from the text, "What is that in thy hand?" He urged his hearers to make use of the means given us and God would bless our efforts. Too many people, the speaker said, are doing nothing because they want to do the other fellow's work.

Saturday morning Eld. L. B. Sherman, who has been pastor of the Boone church during the summer months, preached a very inspiring sermon on "Witnessing for Christ." He said that whatever message Christ gave 2,000 years ago is for us today and that the witnessing will not be over until we sit down with Christ in his kingdom. He urged all Christians to get close enough to God that they might be effective witnesses. "If you can't bear witness for Christ in the home, don't tell it outside. He stated emphatically that he had no time to waste in telling the women how to dress."

Saturday evening Elder M. M. Adams of Charlotte, answered the question, "What is the matter with twentieth century Christianity?" by saying that we need an intelligent understanding of the Word and a conscientious effort to live it. "The Bible," he said, "is a mirror that reveals character. Look into that mirror and see what God thinks of you."

The conference was especially fortunate in having Eld. H. V. Skipper of Jacksonville, Fla., present. He delivered two very able sermons in his unique manner. Friday evening he named seven events in the life of Christ and showed briefly why each was important.

First, the minister, said, was His birth, the grandest of any in the world, even though He were born in a manger. Second, His baptism, which typified His burial and resurrection. Third, His death for our sins. Fourth, His burial to demonstrate the unconscious state of man in death. Fifth, His resurrection to prove that our future life is certain. Sixth, His ascension to the Father's right hand. Seventh, His second advent, without which the whole structure would be a failure.

Sunday morning Elder Skipper, in a very convincing way, told an audience that packed the church, how the Advent Christian church differed from all other denominations. The two distinctive differences are: (1) The nature of man, and (2) man's future home. "If we believe Genesis 2:7," he said, "the whole Bible is in harmony. The Advent Christian church believes that nothing leaves a man when he dies except what made him live—the breath of life." Many passages from the Bible were quoted to prove this. "The soul is mentioned in the Scriptures five hundred times, but not once is it described as immortal. Heaven is mentioned 579 times, but God never promised that we would go there. Thirty-five texts state that the earth with the curse removed and filled with the glory of God,

## SOUTHERN PLANS FOR NEW LINES

New Program of Expansion May Include Extension of Carolina & Northwestern From Edgemont to Mountain City

Plans of the Southern Railway to build new lines into Western North Carolina, Eastern Tennessee, Eastern Kentucky and West Virginia were disclosed in Cincinnati Saturday night when the mayor of that city was requested to call a special city election on the proposal of the Southern Railway to obtain a revision of terms of its lease on the Cincinnati Southern Railway line, says the Lenoir Topic of August 26. This line, it appears, is owned by the city of Cincinnati and the new lease asked for the Southern Railway Company disclosed their tentative plans for building the new lines into the territory mentioned.

Whether or not the proposed new lines cover anything in this immediate section was not given out. However, one encouraging statement was made several weeks ago by L. T. Nichols, general manager of the Carolina & North-Western, to A. P. Underhill, when Mr. Nichols said that the C. & N.-W. would be extended across the mountains from Edgemont. Mr. Underhill had asked the railroad man about the rumored plans to discontinue the line north of Lenoir and had suggested that it be turned into a highway. Mr. Nichols' statement was in reply to the Lenoir man's question.

The Southern has a rail head at Mountain City, Tenn., which is only 40 or 50 miles across the mountain from Edgemont. Mountain City and Edgemont may be connected together so as to form a through route by way of Lenoir. It is also possible that the Mountain City rail head may be connected with North Wilkesboro and Taylorsville, which would form other routes through this section, but not through Lenoir.

The announcement sent out from Cincinnati Sunday revealed that the Southern's plan was to tap the Tennessee and Kentucky sections first. The building of these contemplated branches or connections into the Appalachian territory would mean extraordinary development of all timber and coal resources of the entire area. It would also open new through routes from the coal fields to the manufacturing centers of the south.

## BURLESON SETTLES \$30,000 DAMAGE SUIT FOR ONE CENT

Blowing Rock, Aug. 31.—The \$30,000 damage suit of Commodore Burleson, of Morganton, against C. L. Dula, of Blowing Rock, has been settled out of court for one cent, it was said here by Mr. Dula Friday.

Mr. Dula said his attorneys and those of Burleson agreed to discontinue the suit if Dula would pay the costs and a nominal amount of "damages" to Mr. Burleson. Thereupon, Mr. Dula gave Mr. Burleson one cent and the case was ended.

Mr. Burleson filed the suit seeking damages because Dula had been quoted in newspapers as saying that Broadus Miller, negro slayer of Gladys Kincaid, of Morganton, had been slain apparently while he offered no resistance. Burleson maintained that Miller fired on him first with a shotgun, and that he killed Miller in self defense. On this ground, Burleson demanded the \$30,000 damages.

## F. M. PAYNE GETS FREE TRIP TO NEW JERSEY

Mr. F. M. Payne is leaving September 5th to attend a meeting of leading representatives of the Atlantic Life Insurance Company of Richmond, to be held at Spring Lake, N. J., September 6-9. Mr. Payne has earned this trip on a basis of volume of sales and with it the title of "Atlantic Ace."

Mr. Payne and his father, A. J. Payne, have represented the Atlantic Life as district agents in Watauga county since 1924 and they are well known in local insurance circles. While in the north he plans to visit various points of interest and his friends are congratulating him upon earning this trip.

Paper money was reported by Marco Polo to be in use in China in the 13th century.

will be the home of the saved." Many of these texts were quoted. One of Mr. Skipper's closing statements was that it is dangerous to know the truth and not love it and support it.

The people of Boone and surrounding country were very generous in their hospitality and everyone went away feeling that it was good to have been here.

The next session of the conference will be held with Tabernacle church, three miles east of Lenoir.