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## Kiwanis Club Holds Meeting at Valle Crucis

### Discuss Plans for Goodwill Tour into Piedmont Carolina in Interest of Boone Trail Highway

Last week's meeting of the local Kiwanis Club was held Thursday evening at Valle Crucis. Club members, their wives and daughters were guests of the Valle Crucis School for Girls at an elegantly prepared dinner.

Co-operation was the theme of the meeting, introduced by Civitan J. P. Bucke, head of the school. Mr. Burke brought before the club the idea of visits to different sections of the county, holding these meetings at different community centers, thereby bringing about greater co-operation between the various sections. This idea received further emphasis from Civitan W. H. Graag, who had charge of the skits in the program, which were a scream from start to finish. The program was further enlivened by stunts and skits by the students of the school.

J. Humpton Rich of Winston-Salem, director of the Boone Trail Highway Association, was present and made an interesting talk, stressing the idea of co-operation, declaring that in his opinion it would be a great aid to the northwestern section of the state if the proposed tours were extended beyond the bounds of Watauga county. He suggested a goodwill tour in co-operation with the towns of Blowing Rock, Linville and Wilkesboro, the tour to go down the Boone Trail highway into the Piedmont section of the state, reaching Winston-Salem for the Forsyth county fair, which will be held the second week in October; meet with the state highway officials in that city and tell them about the meetings of citizens in the northwest in the interest of better roads, and laying before them the absolute need of immediate action in surfacing the Boone trail, which is the main artery of travel in this section—the road which actually reclaimed the Lost Provinces to the state.

Mr. Rich said this highway had been roared into the west through Kentucky, so as to catch travelers going south. He stated that as soon as the Boone Trail is completed, it would be mapped and in his opinion, would bring thousands of tourists as well as commercial travelers through the mountains of North Carolina into the state. This continuous stream of traffic is now entering the south through Tennessee. The taxes from these travelers on gas and oil would more than surface this highway, the speaker said.

Another matter of interest brought to the attention of the club was that of the unveiling of the mother tablet of the Boone Trail highway, containing a map of the road and a relief map of the counties in western North Carolina, which is to be mounted on a huge monolith, shaped like an Indian arrowhead of Mt. Airy granite. The tablet will be located on the western border of Winston-Salem and will be unveiled at the time of the visit of the motorcade, if the tour is made, and will furnish an interesting occasion for a get-together meeting of the different sections of the state interested in this great thoroughfare.

It was further suggested that the goodwill tour continue through High Point, Lexington, Charlotte and return by way of Lenoir, thus making a complete circle into the heart of the Piedmont section.

The idea of the goodwill tour received enthusiastic approval and will be taken up at once by the co-operative committee composed of the following: Boone, W. H. Graag; R. Johnson and Leo Vaughn; North Wilkesboro, S. V. Tomlinson, J. R. Finley; Bristol, Henry Roberts; Mt. City, Mrs. Eugene L. McDade; Blowing Rock, Thomas H. Coffey, D. J. Boyden; Linville City, Nelson McRae and J. F. Hampton.

## GRANDFATHER GLEANINGS

Banner Elk, Sept. 14.—Children of the Grandfather school who have made an average of 90 or better for the past month are as follows:

First grade—Dick Townsend, Mamie Bresswood, McKelma Porch, Clara Aldridge, Wane Shook.  
Second grade—Floyd Berry, Romo Coffey, Addie Mae Townsend, Edith Aldridge.  
Sixth grade—Harden Fox, Hazel Mann.  
Eighth grade—Violet Gragg.

The state health officer, Dr. Newman, visited Grandfather school last Friday and treated 20 children. The general average for the school last month was 86.

Mrs. Mary White of Foscoe, who has been sick for several weeks, died Friday, September 9.

Miss Alverda Townsend, who recently underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Grace Hospital, is improving.

## NEWS OF WEEK BLOWING ROCK

### Consolidated School to Open Sept. 12; Town to Lay Sidewalks on Main Street; People Coming and Going

By RUPERT GILLET

The Blowing Rock consolidated school will open here September 12, it has been announced by G. C. Robbins, chairman of the school board. The school will include all elementary grades and high school subjects up to and including the tenth grade.

Teachers in the elementary grades will be Miss Hattie Greer, Mrs. Addie Sale, Miss Pearie Webb and Miss Louise Icenhour. The high school subjects will be taught by Principal A. E. Mercer and Rupert Gillett. These teachers will meet here September 15 to make preliminary arrangements for the opening.

Pending completion of the new building, the classes will be held temporarily in rented quarters. Bonds of \$32,000 for the completion of the building were sold in Boone Thursday.

### To Pave Street

The town council at its monthly meeting put into an ordinance the plan to lay sidewalks on Main street. The ordinance calls for sidewalks from the Yonahlossee road to Norvell's hill on both sides of Main street, and from Main on Boone street to the school house.

Beyond this the sidewalks are to be extended as far as the funds will allow. The town pays half the costs and the property owners the other half, with ten years to pay.

Bids for the work will be opened Saturday. Cyrus C. Babb, consulting engineer, is now surveying the curbs for the sidewalks.

### Personal Mention

Dewey Story and Benj. Greene have returned after spending some time in Cleveland, Ohio.

Mrs. H. C. Hayes and her two daughters, Misses Polly and Dorothy Hayes, left Thursday for Raleigh where they will spend the winter. Miss Polly Hayes will attend high school in the capital, and Miss Dorothy Hayes plans also to re-enter school there.

Miss Carrie Miller will leave Thursday for Washington, D. C., to take up commercial studies there. Following the close of the season in Blowing Rock, Miss Miller was much entertained by friends and relatives in Lenoir during a short visit there.

Miss Sadie Oswalt of Statesville, was the week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Panella, having accompanied them home from Statesville on Saturday.

## WRECKAGE OF OLD GLORY FOUND; NO TRACE OF CREW

New York, Sept. 12.—The angry Atlantic, the sphinx of seas, broke its sinister silence late today and gave up the water-logged wreckage of Old Glory, the big monoplane which roared out into the east for some six days ago and then vanished after a frantic S. O. S.

But the secret of the fate of its interpid crew—Lloyd Bertrand, J. D. Hill and Philip A. Payne—remained a mystery. No trace of them has been found.

But the silence that shrouds their fate is not without one thin ray of hope. And that slim thread which experts cling to tonight was that the three fliers had been able to launch their rubber boat and had been picked up by some fishing schooner or some other smaller craft which carried no radio and were safe.

## TWO BENNETT BALLONS SOAR OVER WATAUGA

Two balloons entered in the Gordon Bennett balloon race, which were released at Detroit, Mich., Saturday morning, passed over Watauga county Sunday, one in the morning and the other in the afternoon, the first going toward Lenoir and the other in the direction of Wilkesboro.

Eleven of the fifteen balloons entered in the Bennett International trophy race were forced down in the Carolinas and the other four landed in Georgia. One of the pilots, who was forced down near York, S. C., said that while crossing the mountains of western North Carolina his balloon was sucked up to a height of 27,000 feet.

## ASHE FARMERS BUY CATTLE

Jefferson, Sept. 9.—W. E. McNeill, of Jefferson, has returned from the middle west where he purchased five carloads of cattle. The cattle were unloaded at Shoups, Tenn., and it is understood that most of them have been purchased by citizens of Ashe county. The reason for the shipping of these cattle into the county is that there has been an abundant crop of hay and other feedstuffs and very few cattle in the county to eat it.

## Germany Will Uphold Move for World Peace

### Foreign Minister Says Reich Will Accept Compulsory Arbitration Clause of the World Court of Justice

Geneva, Switzerland, Sept. 9.—Peace as the future guiding policy of mankind received a big impetus today in the great world forum into which the assembly of the League of Nations is developing.

Germany, first among the great powers to take such a step, announced through Dr. Gustave Stresemann, foreign minister, to the accompaniment of great applause of the delegates and public, that the reich would accept the compulsory arbitration clause of the world court of justice, and in solemn tones assured the assembly that Germany not only would travel along the road of peace, but would seek to be a pioneer in everything that pertained to peace.

M. Briand, the French foreign minister, with Dr. Stresemann and Sir Austin Chamberlain, one of the chief artisans of the Locarno agreement, in an address to the international newspapermen which electrified everybody, declared his conviction that peace possessed that mystic force which insured its permanency on earth.

The Polish delegation, after negotiations with the statesmen of the great powers which disappointed earlier hopes, took the bit in their teeth and tonight introduced in the assembly a resolution branding all wars of aggression international crimes, and committing all the signatory nations to settle disputes of whatever nature by pacific means.

Declaring that the post-war period has brought a spiritual upheaval, as well as economic and social changes, Dr. Stresemann advocated closer economic collaboration among all nations, with just wages and fair conditions for all workers, and then affirmed that way no longer can be a creative force that opens paths to better destinies.

## MATNEY MATTERS

Matney, Sept. 12.—Miss Dora Triplet of Valle Crucis, is spending this week with her mother here.

The Epworth League rendered a very interesting pageant here recently, entitled "The Prodigal Son." The play was largely attended.

Miss Dora Wallace of Elizabethton, Tenn., visited her mother here this week-end.

N. K. Jones of Shell Creek, Tenn., was opened up a general merchandising business here.

The honor roll for Matney school for the second month of the year is as follows:

- First grade—Little Baird, Violet McGuire.
- Second grade—Louise Shook, Lee McGuire.
- Third grade—Olive McGinnis, Velma Smith, Marvin Baird.
- Fifth grade—Roy Townsend, Carrie Edmisten.
- Fourth grade—Heath Emith, Della Smith, Lester Baird, Dessie Baird.
- Sixth grade—Floyd Baird.
- Seventh grade—Phebe Baird, Emma Baird, Lula Baird.
- Eighth grade—Levola Carender, Claty Baird.

## REPORT OF GRAND JURY

Following is the report of the grand jury for the fall term of superior court as submitted to His Honor P. A. McElroy, last week by J. B. Horton, foreman:

We have handled all papers placed in our hands as speedily and with as much care as possible.

We visited the county home and investigated it thoroughly. The inmates were clean and seemed to be well satisfied and well cared for. The building is clean and sanitary, but one toilet upstairs is out of order, needs repairing. One room upstairs has been damaged by fire, and there are two or three leaks in the roof. We recommend that these necessary repairs be made at once. We also recommend that the building be gutted all around in order to protect the foundation and walls. The floors could be very much improved with oil.

We visited the jail and found it clean and well kept throughout. The prisoners said they could not ask for better treatment than they were receiving. Hub Wagner said: "This is the best kept jail I have been in." However, we find that when it rains, water runs into two of the rooms in the basement. This is liable to damage the building, and we recommend the proper drainage be had.

The jailer tells us that he has no place to put his car or cars that come into his possession and has to pay storage on same. We recommend that if the money is available, a garage large enough to accommodate at least two cars, be built.

The courthouse is in very good condition. The magistrates of the county have all made their reports as required by law.

## SUPERIOR COURT WEDNESDAY MONDAY

### Criminal Docket Was Completed Thursday Afternoon, Civil Cases Occupying Remainder of Term; Many Cases Disposed of

The fall term of Watauga superior court adjourned at noon Monday, the criminal docket being cleared Thursday afternoon, the civil calendar prolonged the term into the second week. Following is a list of criminal cases disposed of during the session:

Linne, Maliba, operating car while drunk, continued.

Frank Baird, assault with deadly weapon on officer, guilty, fined \$50 and costs.

W. C. Baird, operating car while drunk, fined \$100 and costs.

Zolie Greene, liquor, guilty, six months in jail.

Lincy Hendrix, forcible trespass, prayer for judgment continued upon payment of costs and upon further condition that defendants be of good behavior.

Dewey Crowe, drunk and disorderly conduct, guilty, judgment suspended upon payment of costs.

Henry Greene, possession of liquor, continued.

Rufus Glenn, abandonment, alias capias.

Albert Hampton, possession and transporting liquor, guilty as to possession, fined \$25 and costs.

J. D. Phillips, A. C. Lowrance and A. D. Houck, possession and transporting liquor, plead guilty as to possession, prayer for judgment continued for two years upon good behavior.

Hill Greene, liquor, pleads guilty of possession, judgment suspended upon payment of costs.

R. Nichols and Roby Duncan, liquor, continued.

Frank Shore, c. e. w., drunk and resisting officer, capias.

Dean Ashley, liquor, continued.

Glean Clawson and Grady Greer, liquor; Greer called and lauded; Clawson plead guilty, prayer for judgment continued until next term of court.

Wage Stewart, c. e. w., not pros with leave.

L. C. Kagan, liquor, pleads guilty; prayer for judgment continued for two years.

Richard Gaither, c. e. w., pleads guilty; fined \$50 and costs.

C. L. Dula, bad check, two cases, pleads guilty; judgment suspended upon payment of costs.

Walter Hicks, violating prohibition law, capias.

J. B. Baird, liquor, capias.

William Winkler, violating prohibition law, not guilty.

R. K. Bingham, bad check, not pros with leave.

T. F. Lovill, bad check, not pros with leave.

Ed Pitts, et al, liquor, not guilty.

Orville Watson, breaking in store, pleads guilty to forcible trespass; judgment continued for two years upon payment of costs.

Hal Teague, Claude Teague and May Heller, immoral conduct, defendants plead guilty; judgment continued for two years as to May Heller; fine \$50 and costs each.

Paul Cook, seduction, guilty; prayer for judgment continued upon payment of costs and good behavior, and upon further condition that he pay Clara Hartley \$66.66.

Guy Cook, forcible trespass, guilty, judgment continued for two years upon payment of costs.

Tom Sides, operating car without license, judgment suspended upon payment of costs.

Oscar Pitts, liquor, judgment suspended upon payment of costs.

Tip Duck, c. e. w., guilty, fined \$50 and costs.

George Cook and Ralph Oricher, prostitution, guilty; prayer for judgment continued upon payment of the costs, and good behavior, and further that they each pay Clara Hartley \$66.66.

Claude Payne, liquor, pleads guilty to retailing and unlawful possession, fined \$500 for retailing; prayer for judgment continued as to possession; bond of \$500 required for his appearance.

Walter Hicks and Conley Hicks, liquor, etc., capias.

Troy Cannon, larceny from the person, pleads guilty; sentenced to serve three to five years in state prison.

Alphonso Hanes and Marion Ward, drunkenness, guilty; Hanes sentenced to serve four months on the roads, and Ward fined \$30 and costs.

Will Greer, store breaking, guilty, sentenced to eighteen months on the roads.

### Just Ailing Like

"I want some flowers for a sick friend."  
"Here are some for fifty dollars a dozen."  
"Goodness! she's not as sick as that."

## Local Chapter Red Cross Reorganized

### Temporary Organization Perfected at Meeting of Citizens Monday Evening

Watauga Chapter, American Red Cross, which has been inactive since the close of the war, was revived at a meeting of citizens at the Dame Boone hotel Monday evening. The meeting was called by Miss Myers, national Red Cross representative, who came here Saturday for the purpose of assisting in the reorganization. Miss Myers explained in detail the work that is being carried on by this great organization. She pointed out that the Red Cross is carrying on a program of hygiene education in North Carolina, instructing classes, where possible in the simple duties of home nursing.

Another important work being done now by the Red Cross is looking after the interests of World War veterans who have been overlooked by other agencies. She said there were 30,000 of these ex-soldiers in North Carolina who have not yet received any bonus or other compensation from the government since their discharge. "Some of these heroes may be in Watauga county," she said, "and if any of them are in need, it is the duty of the Red Cross to see that they are taken care of."

It was reported that classes in home nursing under the auspices of the chapter, will be started in several schools in the county, among these being Cove Creek, Valle Crucis and the Appalachian State Normal.

It is the purpose of the new officials to make the organization county-wide, and to that end township chairmen and other workers will be announced before the annual roll call, which will be put on November 11th to 25th, during which time every citizen in the county will be asked to become a member of the chapter. Payment of one dollar entitles one to membership in the organization.

Officers elected at the meeting Monday night are as follows: Chairman, R. C. Rivers. Vice chairman, Prof. I. G. Greer. Secretary, Prof. J. M. Downum. Treasurer, W. D. Farthing. Chairman Rivers announced after the meeting that he would, within the next few weeks, appoint a roll call chairman for the entire county, and chairmen for the various townships, and perfect a working organization that would carry the drive to every section of the county.

## J. B. DICK & COMPANY TO OPEN STORE HERE

J. B. Dick & Company of Pennington, W. Va., operators of a chain of 15, 15 and 25 cent stores, has leased the new W. Rapp Winkler building adjoining the Jones block, and will the last of this month, open an up-to-date store. Mr. Winkler said the building would be ready for occupancy this week and that it would probably take two weeks for the new concern to arrange its stock.

Dick and Company will occupy the first floor of the building, while the second story will contain well-appointed apartments, arranged for two or more families.

Mr. J. B. Dick, owner of a long chain of stores, was here recently, and was so impressed with the future of Boone and this section that he immediately leased the building for a long period of time, and says he expects to carry a complete line of merchandise usually carried in a store of this kind. The opening of this store will be an important addition to Boone's growing business section.

## WITH THE SCHOOLS

Dr. Newman, state school dentist, is in the county for six weeks, giving free dental treatment to all school children between the ages of six and thirteen.

The new Cove Creek high school building will be completed in about two weeks, it is understood. This school has an enrollment of 360 pupils, making it the largest rural school in the county and one of the largest in the state. Of the pupils, 186 are in the high school, with a number yet to enroll. This is considerably above the average for rural high schools in the state.

Miss Myers, Red Cross nurse, is in the county now for the purpose of organizing active chapters.

The schools of the county are well attended this year, with the exception of a few schools that have been broken into by measles, mumps, whooping cough, scarlet fever and diphtheria. Two deaths have been reported as a result of diphtheria.

County Surveyor W. R. Vines, who is teaching at Reese, is sick in bed of typhoid.

Wise: "Do you care for sports?" Gal: "Yes, when I find a real one."

## ANNUAL DAIRY PICNIC SEPT. 24

### Event Will Be Held at Beaver Dam, With Interesting Program Arranged, Including Address by Dr. Clarence Poe

The annual Watauga Farmers' Dairy Picnic will be held at Beaver Dam on Saturday, September 24th. A very interesting and helpful program has been arranged, the outstanding feature of which will be the address by Dr. Clarence Poe, editor of the Progressive Farmer, the south's leading agricultural paper, who will speak on the subject, "Dairy Outlook for 1928." Other speakers on the program will be A. C. Kinney, of State College, Raleigh, assistant dairy specialist, and John W. Goodman, district agent for Western North Carolina.

In the afternoon a hog calling contest, horse-shoe pitching, pony riding, and other sports will have their place on the program.

F. R. Farham, dairy specialist, will be in charge of the meeting, and he is planning to challenge the winner of the horse-shoe pitching contest.

As the interest in milk cows is rapidly increasing on the farms of Western North Carolina, it is hoped that Watauga county farmers will avail themselves of this opportunity of spending a profitable day at the annual picnic on August 20.

## CONFEDERATE REUNION TO BE HELD HERE SEPT 22-23

The few surviving members of Camp Nimrod Triplett, U. C. V., are requested to meet in Boone at one of the buildings of the Appalachian State Normal School on September 22 and 23 for our 1927 reunion. Any business that may come before us will be attended to and if there are any Union soldiers in the county they are invited to meet with us. In all probability this will be the last meeting of our organization, as most of the followers of Lee and Jackson have answered the final roll call.

E. J. NORRIS, Com.

## HEALTH CRUSADE

County Superintendent, Smith Hagaman is in receipt of the following letter from the North Carolina Tuberculosis Association, in regard to health education during the past year as conducted by that association:

Two hundred and seventy classes of girls and boys in the schools of North Carolina won national honors in health education the past year according to a report sent out by Dr. L. B. McBrayer, managing director of the North Carolina Tuberculosis Association.

One pennant honor was won by the schools at Boone in Watauga county.

These pennants are awarded by the National Tuberculosis Association of New York city to school children for superior work in the Modern Health Crusade.

The Modern Health Crusade is a method of school health education financed in most instances by the Christmas Tuberculosis Seals. It encourages health procedures that help to build strong, healthy babies, thereby aiding to conquer tuberculosis, the treacherous foe of childhood and youth. These activities include good nutrition, adequate sleep and rest, cleanliness and preventive procedures. The membership in the national pennant winning classes had a weekly achievement record of 54 or more chores taken from the following group of health rules:

- 1. I washed my hands before each meal.
- 2. I cleaned my finger nails.
- 3. I brushed my teeth after breakfast and the evening meal.
- 4. I carried a handkerchief and used it to protect others if I coughed or sneezed.
- 5. I drank four glasses of water but no tea, coffee nor any harmful drink.
- 6. I had three wholesome meals, including a nourishing breakfast. I drank milk.
- 7. I ate some cereal or bread, green (watery) vegetable and fruit, but ate no candy nor "sweets" unless at the end of a meal.
- 8. I went to toilet at my regular time.
- 9. I tried to sit and to stand straight.
- 10. I was in bed ten hours last night, windows open.
- 11. I had a complete bath on each day of the week checked.

A combined typhoon and tidal wave caused heavy loss of life and property damage on the Japanese island of Kiusiu, Tuesday. More than 100 persons are believed to have perished in Japan and an unconfirmed report places the loss of life in Kumanoto at one thousand.