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Free Military Training For Watauga Boys

Citizens' Military Training Camp Offers Profitable Vacation For Youths Between 17 and 24

Knoxville, Tenn., March 12.—Opportunity for a month's vacation with all expenses paid exists for Watauga county boys between the ages of 17 and 24, who will be the first to apply for admission to the citizens' military training camp to be conducted by the United States government at Fort Bragg, N. C., June 17-July 15, this summer.

The camp will be conducted under auspices of the United States regular army. Its training will stress American citizenship, self-reliance, initiative, team work, good fellowship and how to work hard and effectively. Many parents would pay more than \$100 for such training of a month for their boys.

The boys attending will be organized into military companies and drilled as soldiers. The mornings will be devoted to the military training, calisthenics and instruction in hygiene and citizenship.

The afternoons will generally be devoted to athletic sports, including baseball, swimming, wrestling, boxing and track events. The boys will be entertained during the evenings until "tattoo" by motion pictures, musical concerts and other forms of amusement.

No obligation for future service in the United States army will rest on the boys and young men attending the camp. All expenses, including transportation to and from camp, uniforms, food, lodging, and instruction, will be provided by the government free of all cost.

The only requirements for admission to the camp are that the applicant be physically fit, of good moral character and able to speak and write the English language. The poor boy is welcomed equally with the rich. In fact, the quality of all American citizens regardless of wealth is a lesson many a boy will gain from his contacts at the camp.

Applications are being received rapidly from all of the southern states, except North Carolina. From present indications, it is said that the camps will probably all be filled by March 31, and if so, no more applications can be accepted after that date. A certain number of places have been reserved for the boys of North Carolina, but unless they arouse themselves and take advantage of the opportunity without delay, they may find their places taken by boys from other states.

Boys wishing to attend the camp should immediately send their names and addresses in a letter addressed to: "Chief of Staff, 81st Division, Knoxville, Tenn.," who is charged with giving out information about the camp to residents of Tennessee and North Carolina. Full information about the camp and an application blank will then be sent him.

Boys from Watauga county who attended a camp last year are: Allen S. Adams, Boone; Albert C. Farthing, Boone; Russell E. Graun, Boone; Robert M. Yates, Valle Crucis.

FOUR BILLION IMPORTED EGGS FOR BRITAIN YEARLY

London, March 11.—Great Britain's breakfast egg bill mounts up pretty high, the citizens of that country consuming 5,600,000,000 eggs a year. Native fowls only supply two billion of these.

The sum of money spent by Britain for eggs imported from outside the British empire, which constitute 47 per cent of Britain's importations of this article of food, exceeds the value of all the motor cars, motorcycles, cycles and rubber tires which Britain exports.

The imperial economic council wants something done about it. English hens laid 72 eggs in the pre-war period to their present 10,000, but the eggs are smaller at present. Denmark and China supply many eggs to Britain. The economic council wants home laid eggs identified so that the public may give them the preference.

BAPTIST WOMAN'S SOCIETY SHOWS HUGE GAINS

Asheville, March 9.—A 40 per cent increase in the number of Baptist Women's Missionary Unions in the state during the year was the goal before the North Carolina organization yesterday as some 500 members from all parts of the state continued the sessions of the annual convention here.

Mrs. Wesley N. Jones of Raleigh, in an address on "Growth," not only outlined this increase in the number of unions as the objective, but said also that a similar increase in related young peoples' organizations would be sought. There already are 2,413 Baptist Women's Missionary societies in North Carolina, Mrs. Jones announced.

POLITICAL EVENTS OF THE PAST WEEK

Highlights of Political Activity of Both Major Parties Summarized From Recent News Dispatches From Over the Country

Gov. Lowden Developing Strength Throughout Country

The past few days have witnessed a remarkable mobilization of Lowden sentiment in Missouri. It has been conceded from the beginning that the sentiment in Missouri is mostly for the Ohioan. It now seems a certainty.

Sentiment at the recent convention of the Young Republican Association of Missouri was so strong for Governor Lowden that it is generally conceded that all of the 12 congressional districts in Missouri outside of Kansas City and St. Louis will send Lowden delegates, with the possible exception of one district. The new alignment in St. Louis practically makes the state unanimous.

Arthur M. Hyde, former governor of Missouri, was quoted by the St. Louis newspapers as saying that Lowden is 100,000 votes stronger than his party in Missouri, and that he felt the state delegation should be for him for the nomination.

More than 1000 of the 1430 delegates to the Republican state convention in Iowa are under instructions from their county conventions to vote for Lowden at the state convention, and it is believed that nearly all of the remainder are friendly to him. The only county in the state to instruct for any other candidate was Dubuque, which has gone Republican only once in 75 years. It instructed delegates for Hoover.

There is plenty of Lowden sentiment in Ohio, judging from the second offices filed by the candidates for delegates on the Willis ticket in that state. Under the Ohio law, a candidate for delegate must indicate both his first and second choices on the ballot. Governor Lowden's name is not being filed in Ohio in accordance with the time honored custom whereby candidates observe the home state rights of each other. Of the 51 delegates on the Willis slate, 34 have declared their second choice to be Governor Lowden. The others are divided among Charles R. Fisher, Senator Curtis of Kansas and Senator Watson of Indiana for second choice.

The first two instructed delegates elected to the 1928 convention are those from the first district in North Carolina. The district convention unanimously instructed for Governor Lowden. It is expected that the other North Carolina districts will follow with similar instructions.

All observers are putting Minnesota definitely in the Lowden column. It has been generally conceded that Governor Lowden would have the delegates from four or five of the vital congressional districts, but a stubborn fight was expected elsewhere. State Senator Claude McKenzie, who is general of the Lowden forces in Minnesota, reports that tremendous gains have been made during the past two weeks.

News reports now say that it is quite possible that all the Minnesota delegates will be for Lowden. Governor Lowden has filed his personal declaration of candidacy with the secretary of state of North Dakota, in accordance with the laws of that state. His name will be the only one on the Republican primary ballot on March 18th.

An Expert in Government

Charles Evans Hughes introduced Governor Smith to a New York audience recently as "one who represents to us the expert in government." When the petition held by Hughes in the minds of the American people is considered the foregoing statement becomes pregnant with meaning. Despite all that can be said about his religion and his views on the Volstead act, even his political foes are bound to credit Smith with being one of the few men in America who can be classed as an "expert in government."

It is hardly fair to Governor Smith to attribute his fame to an attitude on the Volstead act and his religion. Neither is it reasonable to suppose that had he not demonstrated qualities of honesty, ability and nobility of purpose rarely found among the public men of America, that he would continue to rapidly gain ground as a candidate in every section of the country despite the greatest handicaps ever thrown across the path of any presidential aspirant.—Hickory Record.

Editors Back Smith to Win

Mexico City, March 11.—A canvass of 100 mid-western United States editors who are touring this county shows an overwhelming majority believe Governor Al Smith of New York will be the Democratic presidential nominee this year. They

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News of Week in and About Blowing Rock

Much Building in Prospect for next Town; School Pupils to Present Play at Cove Creek

Blowing Rock, March 11.—With the coming of fair weather, building operations started here with a rush. The town council has ordered that work on the sidewalks be resumed April 1. About 100 feet of walks remain to be laid. D. W. Wooten of Blowing Rock will have charge of the work. The original contract was let to Boyd and Goforth of Charlotte but that firm has sublet the contract to Mr. Wooten.

Excavation has been completed, the foundation has been laid, and the walls of E. G. Pitts' two-story business building adjacent to the Sanitary Barber shop are now rising.

Rob and Ben Greene have begun excavation for their business building on the lot adjacent to the Bank of Blowing Rock. It will have two stories and basement and will be of brick construction. None of the rooms have been leased yet, but it is understood that several prospects have been approached.

To Give Play at Cove Creek

The Blowing Rock high school pupils will present at the Cove Creek high school Friday night the comedy "Unacquainted With Work," which had such a successful performance here last week. At the first performance, \$34 was obtained for the benefit of the school. The cast at Cove Creek will be the same as that which performed here.

Tuesday Afternoon Club

A program outlining the life work of O. Henry was given at the weekly meeting of the Tuesday Afternoon Club this week. The program was opened with Scripture reading and prayer by Miss Mabel Coffey. Miss Ann Greene then sang a solo, which was followed by a "Sketch of O. Henry's Boyhood" by Mrs. I. E. Story. "O. Henry's Later Life" was the topic of Miss Ethel Houshouser. This was followed by a reading of one of O. Henry's stories by Miss Louise Fenhour. Mrs. Greene then favored the gathering with a musical selection, and the program was closed by the reading of another of O. Henry's stories by Miss Pearte Webb.

Personal Mention

Mrs. Clark Brown and children are again installed in their home here, after spending a part of the winter at Jefferson. They made the temporary change in order to be located near the center of Mr. Brown's business territory.

J. H. Winkler, representative in Blowing Rock of the Chevrolet Company, attended the state banquet at Charlotte on Monday evening, accompanied by T. H. Miller who was Mr. Winkler's guest on this occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Banner and daughter, Ernestine June, left Monday for Durham, where Mr. Banner will be employed by the Duke University during its extensive building program.

Mr. C. S. Prevette, who is a delegate to the state Republican convention to meet in Raleigh, or April 11, will be accompanied to the capital by Mrs. Prevette and daughter, Louise, and Miss Lena Reeves.

Old Fashion Mission Rally Here March 22

Dr. Charles E. Maddy, general secretary of missions in North Carolina, is conducting a series of mission rallies throughout the state during the months of March and April. He will be at the Boone Baptist church on March 22nd. The meeting here will begin at 10 o'clock in the morning and close about 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Every church in the Three Forks and Stony Fork Associations are urgently requested to attend and bring a good delegation for each church. The ladies of the local congregation will serve dinner at the church.

Come without fail!
P. A. HICKS, Pastor.

100,000 CHICAGOANS PRAY FOR POLITICAL DELIVERANCE

Chicago, March 9.—Chicago's protestant worshippers called upon God yesterday to deliver them from the corruption in Chicago politics.

One hundred thousand persons gathered in the various churches at noon and evening meetings and called upon the Almighty to "cleanse the city from the most degraded political situation in the history of this country."

These meetings were political prayer meetings. They were meetings where the speakers called upon the worshippers to go to the ballot boxes in the April primary and cast their vote for the good of the city, and rid Chicago of crooked politicians who have only their own good at heart.

WAGNER CASE BEGAN TUESDAY

Four Witnesses Heard First Day in Trial of Watauga at Wilkesboro for Death of Dexter S. Byrd on Christmas Day, 1926

Wilkesboro, March 14.—Hub S. Wagner for the second time in less than a year, faced trial here for his life, this time upon the charge of the doing to death of Dexter S. Byrd, the second man he is alleged to have killed at Foscoe on Christmas day, 1926. For the killing of Earl Moody Wagner received a sentence of not less than 15 and not more than 20 years in the state pen.

When court adjourned yesterday afternoon but four of the state's 30 or 40 witnesses had been examined, Frank A. Linney conducting the direct examination for the state and Will C. Newland and A. L. Brooks alternating with the cross-examining.

Jesse L. Coffey, an eye-witness to the killing, was the first witness called to the stand. He testified that he saw Wagner retreat after shooting Moody to the rear of a fertilizer house and there appeared to reload his weapon. He said the first shot appeared to be aimed at Byrd's face, the second at about the waistline and the third, just before Byrd sank to the ground.

The second witness, Shirley Calloway, was also an eye-witness to the shooting. He testified that after the killing of Moody, he hurried in the direction of David Wyke's store in quest of help to take care of Moody. He met Byrd, told Byrd that Wagner had killed Moody. An instant later Wagner came up behind him, having left the fertilizer house and walked on to the railway and Byrd said, "What's the matter, Hub; what does all this mean?" He said Wagner never spoke but swung his pistol from behind his back and holding it in both hands began shooting.

Mr. Calloway was subjected to a vigorous cross-examination in which he was asked if he didn't hear Byrd threaten Wagner. He denied hearing threats made by Byrd.

William McCain and Ralph Stovv were the other two witnesses examined, both relating about the same facts as other witnesses with one or two exceptions, where they had either not been present or were too far away to distinguish between objects and persons clearly.

About a hundred people are here from Watauga for the trial, a majority of them being witnesses or relatives of the deceased and the defense.

It is expected that the defense will have half a dozen or more witnesses to swear that Byrd threatened Wagner, so the defense is wholly relying upon self-defense to save their client from the death penalty.

TAR HEEL RESORT CITY FAVORED BY PRESIDENT

Washington, March 10.—Of various invitations so far received for this year's summer White House President Coolidge finds one from the south, in Asheville, N. C., the most attractive.

Although a final decision has not yet been reached, a residence offered no later than Thursday by Philip S. Henry of Asheville, appears to the president to unite the essential features for his 1928 vacation home.

Zealandia, as the Henry mansion is known, occupies 100 or 120 acres on Bear-atcher mountain at an altitude of about 3,000 feet, or about 500 feet higher than the city proper.

The place also is close to Washington, relatively close to New England and at a sufficient height to assure relief from the summer heat, three factors which will figure in the ultimate selection.

Asheville is only fourteen hours from Washington by railroad, and as such is looked upon by the chief executive as within a convenient distance from his likely centers of operation this summer. One of these probably be Northampton, Mass., where Mr. Coolidge does not wish to depart too far on account of the condition of Mrs. Lemira Goodhue, Mrs. Coolidge's mother, who has been dangerously ill since last December.

HATCH EARLY AND GET BIGGER POULTRY PROFIT

Washington, March 15.—The department of agriculture has made surveys which reveal the decided benefit of hatching the year's supply of pullets early in the season. It was found that one hundred early-hatching pullets will lay, in a year, about 16,000 eggs, valued at more than \$450, while the same number of late-hatched pullets will produce only about 11,000 eggs.

The late-hatched pullets will leave receipts in the seasons of lower prices only about half as large as the early layers. May 15 is as late as it is believed profitable to hatch.

Hoover Club Formed Here Last Saturday

Republicans of County Favoring Commerce Secretary for President Organize

Republicans of Watauga county met in the courthouse here Saturday afternoon and organized a Hoover-for-President club, with T. E. Bingham, attorney, as chairman. No other officers were elected, but candidates for each township were named as follows:

Boone, Dr. J. M. Hodges, G. B. Miller and C. M. Critcher.

Blowing Rock, G. C. Robbins, Lee Robbins and Arthur Moody.

Meat Camp No. 1, R. A. Greene, Alex. Greene and Charles J. Lewis.

Meat Camp No. 2, John Penley, Wayne Miller.

Watauga, George Robbins, J. F. Coffey, G. M. Hodges, Blaine Coffey, B. W. Farthing.

Stony Fork, J. S. Wellborn, G. M. Greene.

Laurel Creek, W. J. Farthing, W. L. Winkler, W. J. Harman, J. L. Gienn, Rufus Ward.

Shawneehaw, Holye Shook, Albert Mills, J. C. Hubbard.

Beaver Dam, Hill Eggers, Raleigh Johnson, E. J. Farthing.

Cove Creek, C. M. Greer, A. G. Wilson, Alfred Thomas.

North Fork, J. M. May, F. M. Thomas.

Bald Mountain, C. M. Blackburn, Z. T. Watson, Tom McGuire.

In opening the meeting, Chairman Bingham argued that if the Democrats nominate Al Smith, their candidate will have a poor showing in North Carolina, and the Republicans will have an excellent opportunity to carry the state with a man as popular with both parties as Hoover.

The same sentiments were expressed by other speakers, among them being S. C. Eggers, G. C. Robbins, W. D. Farthing, Dr. Hodges and others.

PARENT-TEACHER MEETING

The Boone Parent-Teacher association held its regular monthly meeting Thursday afternoon at last week in the demonstration school building with seventy-one patrons and teachers present.

The meeting was opened by a most impressive devotional service conducted by Prof. Willford. Immediately following the devotional period the high school students, under the direction of Miss Graybill, rendered an interesting program, consisting chiefly of a group of readings. These programs, arranged and sponsored by the various teachers of the school, have a most delightful source of information of the work being done in the school by the students.

Dr. B. B. Dougherty, president of the Normal, made a most interesting talk along educational lines, giving the historical background of public school work in Boone from the time when the old school building stood back of the home of Mr. J. S. Stanbury, then to the old Watauga academy which stood back of the Baptist parsonage, on to the present day. In the course of his address he stated that 78 years ago there were only 150 people in the Boone district and 25 children of school age. He related a vivid picture of the marvelous growth in educational work in the town, district and county, comparing, or rather contrasting the buildings and present-day equipment with the buildings and equipment of 29 years ago. In concluding his talk, Dr. Dougherty urged a more progressive spirit on the part of the people of this district, and a more hearty co-operation on the part of all to the Appalachian State Normal for teachers, in the building of which he has been a most indispensable factor.

Mrs. Smith Hagaman, president of the association, expressed to Dr. Dougherty the appreciation of the organization for his splendid contribution to the cause of education locally and throughout the state and for the address delivered at the time.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, and the various committees, the membership, picture, playground and the ways and means committee, were asked to make reports. The ways and means committee announced that \$27.37 had been collected. The library committee suggested in its report that a subscription list be made in the near future for books greatly needed in the school library.

Concluding the meeting a vote was taken to determine which grade should have in its possession the picture for the coming month. The majority voted in favor of the fifth grade, which had the picture last month. The next meeting of the association will be held on the second Tuesday in April.

A curator of a certain zoological garden was on holiday. He received a note from his assistant: "The chimpanzee is sick. He appears to have lost a companion. We don't know what to do putting your reply?"

GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAIN PARK

Assured by Recent Gift of \$5,000,000, Covers 700 Square Miles of Mountains in North Carolina and Tennessee

The gift of \$5,000,000 by Laura Spelman Rockefeller Memorial to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park fund announced last week, insures the east of a great national park rivaling the national parks of the west and is accessible to three-fourths of the country's inhabitants. In magnitude the Great Smoky Mountains National Park will compare with the Yellowstone, Yosemite, Grand Canyon and Glacier National Parks. The Great Smoky Mountain park will embrace 700 square miles of mountains, scenic country in eastern Tennessee and Western North Carolina. The park will lie within Jackson, Swain and Haywood counties in North Carolina, and Sevier, Blount and Coche counties, Tennessee.

The Rockefeller donation makes certain that the \$10,000,000 goal sought by those who conceived the idea of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park will be reached. Nearly \$5,000,000 has been raised by public subscription and by legislative appropriation in North Carolina and Tennessee.

The \$10,000,000 fund will be used to purchase the vast tract of land for the park. The acquisition of the land has been placed in the hands of the North Carolina National Park commission in this state, and a similar commission is charged with the duty of acquiring lands in Tennessee.

When the state park commission have assembled the lands for the park, the two states will turn over the area to the federal government for park development by the National Park service, which has supervision over the great national parks in other parts of the United States.

The five million gift by the Rockefeller Memorial is said to be the largest gift for park purposes ever made by the Rockefellers.

The Great Smoky Park will include approximately 700,000 acres, of which 300,000 acres are of virgin forests. Approximately half the prescribed area lies in North Carolina and half in Tennessee.

Knoxville, Tenn., and Asheville are the largest cities adjacent to the park territory. The park area has within its borders a score of mountain peaks 6,000 feet high or higher, hundreds of peaks tower above 5,000 feet. A recent survey of the protected park reserve's wild animal life showed that there were more than 3,200 red deer, and that black bear, oak and smaller game were to be found in abundance. The tract contains more than 100 miles of trout streams.

ZIONVILLE NEWS

Zionville, March 11.—Mrs. Reeves Holman has been quite sick for the past week, but is somewhat better now.

Prof. G. P. Eggers of the A. S. N. S. was a visitor over the week-end at the home of A. A. Castle.

Mrs. Waac Reece spent last Thursday with her mother, Mrs. Smith Eggers at Sutherland.

Fleet Greer, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Greer, left last week for Richmond, Va., where he joined the army, shipping for Panama. He was accompanied as far as Bristol by Spencer Greer and Charles Wilkinson.

Mrs. Lawson Isaacs and two small daughters of Lynchburg, Va., returned to their home the latter part of last week, after spending a few days with Mrs. Isaacs' mother, Mrs. J. M. Hodge.

Gus Norris, after spending a few months with his father here, has returned to his work in Pennsylvania.

Mr. and Mrs. Shelton Penn and children of Bristol, spent the past week-end in the village.

Miss Blanche Greer is off to Mountain City this week, where she has work in the store of Smyth & Son.

Mrs. L. L. Madron of White Top, Va., spent a short time in the village on Saturday.

Mrs. Harrison Greer and children of Hickory are spending a few weeks with relatives here. Mr. Greer came up for the week-end to be with his family and to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Greer, who are in very poor health.

The death of "Uncle" Mark Winebarger which occurred on Friday night last, will be learned with genuine regret. For several months Mr. Winebarger had been in poor health but his death was wholly unexpected. Mr. Winebarger for some time had been making his home with his son, D. V. Winebarger here.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Greer and son, and T. M. Greer of Boone were visitors in the village Sunday.