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COLLEGE CLEE CLUB TO GIVE OPERETTA MONDAY EVENING

"Bells of Beaujolais" With Large Cast Will Be Presented in College Auditorium Monday Evening, Miss Virginia Wary, Director, States That Cast Is Well Trained. Public Invited. Synopsis of Action.

"The Bells of Beaujolais," a colorful operetta in two acts, will be presented by the Glee Club of Appalachian State Teachers College in College Auditorium on Monday, March 30th, 8:15 p. m. Miss Virginia Wary, director of the musical play, states that the entire cast has responded in splendid manner to their coaching, and that those who attend are assured an evening of delightful entertainment. Rehearsals are taking place daily, costumes and stage settings are being completed and, according to Miss Wary, all details from beginning to end will have been worked out by certain time Monday evening.

The action takes place on an imaginary island near the coast of Normandy, ruled by the Duke of Beaujolais. The principal town is Beaufleur, where a spring festival is in progress when the story begins. The scene is a village square. Appearance on the scene of an American yachting party causes considerable excitement in the village, and the Duke with the Countess Marie, his betrothed, gives a cordial welcome to the visitors and arranges a garden party in their honor. John Bender, host of the American party, is accompanied by his sister, Mrs. Jessup, a widow of strong convictions, who chaperones the young guests—Phillis, daughter of Bender; her friend, Belle, and Larry and Tony, two young Americans.

The visitors are charmed with the animated scene and enter into the spirit of festivity that prevails, especially the young men, who find Susette and Yvonne, pretty village girls, so attractive that they rather neglect their traveling companions, Phillis and Belle. Bender finds a great deal to interest him, and being a gallant gentleman, he quite captivates the countess, an impressionable spinster of uncertain age, whose betrothal to the Duke is regarded as a political matter. The Duke, meanwhile, is much attracted by Aunt Sarah, whose conservatism is proof against sudden attachments, and she and her young charges view with some disfavor the apparent stampede of the gentlemen in their party to the allurements of new scenes and faces. Even Harkins, the serious English valet, surrenders to the undeniable charms of Fantine, maid of the Countess.

The first act ends with the understanding that the garden party is to take the form of a masquerade and all, including villagers, shall assemble that evening at Castle Beaujolais. Phillis and Belle have seized the opportunity afforded by the garden party to carry out a plan for turning the tables on Larry and Tony as a punishment for their neglect. In the meantime the Duke has attempted to enlist the favor of Bender in his projected alliance with Aunt Sarah; and the Countess makes no secret of her sudden interest in the gallant Bender who, however, is disposed to be cautious.

Act II develops this most fascinating plot, and laughs aplenty are provoked by the awkward contacts made by the lovesick couples at the Duke's party. The guests are costumed and masked according to individual fancies. It soon develops that Phillis and Belle have exchanged dresses with Yvonne and Susette, a transaction which involves Larry and Tony in considerable difficulty through their mistaking Phillis and Belle for the village girls. The results are very

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BOONE... SKETCHES

Robin redbreast hopping around in the heavy snowfall Sunday with a forlorn expression on "his face."
... Young lady from across the ridge nonchalantly perches on curb and discards old shoes and stockings for brand new patent leathers and transparent hose.
... Gaudy youth with a suspicious bulge near his pistol pocket, casts furtive glances over his shoulder as he disappears around corner.
... "Hess trader" near courthouse square points out fine qualities of ramshackle rug to audience of prospective buyers.
... Two mosquitoes, the first seen in Boone for perhaps a quarter-century, buzz merrily around amongst the court visitors Monday.
... Agent for farm magazine "high-pressure" a group of agrarians.
... Three nifty young ladies, dressed in boots and knickers, building a snow man.
... Young gentleman swallows mouthful of "amber" as Judge Sink urges spectators in courtroom (forcibly) to refrain from using the floor as a spittoon.
... Free-for-all fight develops from casting of snow ball.

New Judge



Justice James M. Proctor, just appointed an associate justice of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, succeeding the famous Justice William Hitz, elevated to the Court of Appeals.

TWO ROBBERIES AT SAME PLACE WITHIN A WEEK

Grocery Store and Filling Station at Valle Crucis Burglarized Last Thursday Evening. \$400 Worth of Merchandise Removed. Return Trip Made Monday Night and Gas Pumps Yield Additional Harvest.

For a business house to be burglarized is no uncommon occurrence this day and time, but when thieves break in and steal twice within the period of a week, the news ceases to be of passing interest. And that is just what has happened at the Town and Filling Station, near the Mission School at Valle Crucis.

On last Thursday evening the building was entered and besides the theft of a considerable stock of groceries (only a package of "corn flakes" left to tell the story), drums containing motor oil were drained, the net results of the raid being about \$400. It seems that Mr. Townsend's place had yielded up its every item of intrinsic value, but not so, for on Monday night the same or a different band of prowlers broke the locks from his gasoline pumps and helped themselves to the fluid. No information as to the amount of gas obtained is available other than that it was in large quantities. No clues as to the identity of the thieves have been advanced.

As was the case in the robbery of McNeill's store at Rutherford last week, everything was removed from its original containers and the cartons left in the store, the robbers having thus avoided to a large extent the possibility of any of the goods being identified. This lends credence to the theory that the stores in this section are being raided by a band of organized criminals, there being no indications that amateurs might have been involved.

Dr. Logan Farthing Is Endorsed for Board

Dr. L. E. Farthing of Wilmington, former Wataugan and son of Mrs. Addie Farthing of Boone Route 1, is being backed by members of the medical profession of New Hanover County for appointment as a member of the State Board of Health. A recent issue in the Wilmington Star tells of the campaign launched by the medical society of that place a few weeks back in support of Dr. Farthing. It follows:

"A campaign for the selection of Dr. L. E. Farthing, Wilmington physician, as a member of the State Board of Health was launched last night by the New Hanover Medical Society. The county physicians' organization adopted a formal resolution endorsing Dr. Farthing for the place, and plans for a vigorous drive in his behalf were informally discussed.

"Election of a member of the State Board of Health will be made by the State Medical Society at its next meeting in April, 1931. A vacancy on the board occurred recently with the death of Dr. Cyrus Thompson of Jacksonville. Dr. James M. Parrott was chosen by the State Board to fill out the unexpired term of Dr. Thompson, which would have ended in April."

Car Stolen from Tunnel; Dismantled in Caldwell

Last Monday night a Chrysler car, the property of Mr. Bill Tunnell, who operates a restaurant on Route 17 in the edge of town, was stolen from the highway where it was parked near his place of business. Search was instituted Tuesday morning, and the remains were found near the Hagaman Woolen Mills in Caldwell County. Every movable part of the car had been taken off by the rogue or rogues, and but little, save the body and chassis, was left. Signs indicated that the car had been pushed much of the way down the mountain.

LIGHT CRIMINAL DOCKET DISPOSED OF DURING FIRST TWO DAYS OF SUPERIOR COURT; CIVIL CALENDER IN PROGRESS

Watauga Superior Court, when convened Monday with Judge H. Hoyle Sink presiding, made short work of the criminal docket which was of about the usual proportions, and the State cases were cleared up by Tuesday afternoon. The more than half-hundred cases which comprise the civil docket are expected to have been disposed of by sometime Thursday. As the judgments would indicate, few cases came up of a very serious nature.

Deputies sheriff in North Carolina, numbering approximately 2,200 in the one hundred counties of the State, have an opportunity to be of real service to the people of the State in the enforcement of the highway laws along with their regular duties if they will but do it, Judge Sink declared in his charge to the Grand Jury.

His Honor is a firm believer in the enforcement of all of the laws, but the great number of fatalities on the highways has so impressed him that he is of the opinion that even with an increased patrol personnel, it will take something more to reduce to appreciable extent the deaths and maimings which occur daily on the roads of Carolina.

Instead of devoting a major portion of their time, as seems apparent, to the apprehension of the pint and half-pint liquor law violators, Judge Sink thinks the energy thus spent could be more profitably expended in trying to reduce the menace of

King Winter Takes Last Million Dollars Worth of Snap Beans Visualized

Saturday, the first day of spring, witnessed the beginning of a snow-storm which terminated Sunday afternoon after approximately ten inches of "the beautiful" had been piled up on the ground around Boone. King Winter, it seemed, was in one of his capricious moods, and took advantage of the dawn of spring to "pitch a party"—and what a party it was. Highway squads worked all during the Sabbath clearing the roads, and mails from the east did not arrive until Monday morning. Blowing Rock, which has an altitude of around 4,200 feet, is said to have had a fall of more than 12 inches, while the upper Cove Creek section had only a trace. The storm seemed to have centered over an area of approximately twenty-five square miles, and Monday court visitors, many of them from short distances, were surprised to find the streets of Boone almost impassable.

Much of the snow melted as it fell and Monday morning Old Sol broke through the clouds and the blanket of white started its retreat from his torrid radiance. This (Wednesday) morning much snow remains, but skies are clear and prospects are that spring has sure enough arrived.

Legion Box Supper Was Widely Attended

The box supper and old-time dance which was given at Blowing Rock by the American Legion and Auxiliary Saturday night was one of the most entertaining events of the season, and the attendance included motor parties from practically all sections of Watauga, with a considerable sprinkling from adjacent counties. The proceeds from the sale of boxes reached a sum of more than one hundred dollars, which will be used for the benefit of the American Legion Band. All joined heartily into the enjoyment of the ensuing dances, music for which was furnished by the Blowing Rock Orchestra. Several large parties of Boone citizens attended the function.

BLACK DIAMOND PICK AND HANDLE CO. WILL PLACE PRODUCT ON MARKET SOON

Messrs. J. A. Sproles and R. M. Owens are the sole owners of the Black Diamond Pick and Handle Company, Boone's newest enterprise, which is now actively engaged in the manufacture of a coal miners' pick of superior qualities, which was invented and perfected by Mr. Owens some time ago. Patents covering the manufacture of the new tool have just been granted through Clarence O'Brien, Washington patent attorney, who incidentally gives out the information that there has been no patent of a miner's pick since 1865.

The Black Diamond pick claims as its principal feature of superiority an elongated eye, which reduces to a minimum the possibility of handle breakage. This improvement has been made without incurring surplus weight. The points are fashioned of Black Diamond steel, tempered to a stage of wear-resistance hitherto unknown in digging tools, and so designed that new points may be slipped on, or hammers substituted for driving spikes when extending

driving on the highways. Or, in connection with their regular duties, the sheriffs and deputies sheriff could incidentally help out in making the highways safe. The automobile with only one light, the reckless speeder, the drunken and vicious driver—these are the ones, says the Judge, who should be apprehended at all cost.

Judge Sink, whose native county is Davidson, says he has witnessed in his driving to the courts over the State numerous instances of hairbreadth escapes and some mishaps due principally to carelessness. Faulty brakes, ramshackled cars which ought to be in the junk pile, inexperienced and nervous drivers, these are some of the hazards which the average automobilist meets on the highway.

Judge Sink believes in helping the school fund with fines upon small offenders of the liquor law. Jails are too full and road gangs are too near capacity to send more prisoners there except for graver offenses.

Criminal Docket
Following are the criminal actions disposed of and the judgments passed:

Monroe Hampton and Belle Coffey, f. and a., nol pros with leave.
Otis Johnson, murder Andy Johnson, nol pros with leave.
Ron Teaster, disturbing religious congregation, nol pros with leave.
Anderson Atwood, larceny, nol

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Copies of Soil Survey Will Be Available

Hon. Josiah W. Bailey, U. S. Senator from North Carolina, in a communication to Dr. H. B. Perry, states that the Bureau of Chemistry has lodged with him 500 copies of the soil survey of Watauga County which are available to those who desire them. Mr. Bailey has kindly agreed to send the entire allotment to Dr. Perry for distribution, and on their receipt by him within the next few days they will be turned over to the editor of The Democrat, who will pass them out as long as they last.

The bulletin contains much valuable information concerning soil formations, etc., in Watauga, and should prove very beneficial to mountain farmers.

40 LOCAL CLUBMEN GUESTS OF BANNER ELK SERVICE CLUB

International Secretary Arthur Cundy Delivers Principal Address at Banquet Meeting. Boone Men on Program. Dr. Chandler Tells of Work Done in Watauga County By Civitan.

On Tuesday night of last week forty members of the Boone Civitan Club met with the Men's Service Club of Banner Elk for a banquet at the Lowe Hotel. The meeting was one of good fellowship throughout. Professor Zimmerman of Lees McLea College acted as toastmaster. Rev. J. A. Yount of Boone returned thanks following which popular songs were led by Professor I. G. Greer.

Governor George K. Moore called upon Professor Greer and Dr. O. J. Chandler to tell something of what the Civitan organization has meant to them and to Boone. Mr. Greer mentioned the good citizenship essay contest for high school pupils, the Boy Scout movement, agricultural clubs for boys, and other movements Civitan is sponsoring.

Dr. Chandler in his inimitable way brought a message of good cheer and fellowship. He stressed the high ideals of Civitan and stated that the club has toned up the moral atmosphere of Boone and has created greater visions and deeper appreciation of each other's tasks.

Following Dr. Chandler's remarks Governor Moore introduced International Secretary Arthur Cundy who delivered the address of the evening. The Civitan official discussed the three main objectives of Civitan—namely, building of good citizenship, curbing of crime, and treatment and care of tuberculosis. He stated that Civitan is paying dividends in its saving of the youth of the land, and mentioned the crime bill of four billion dollars a year and the work that Civitan and other similar organizations have in reducing this enormous amount.

Mr. Cundy also stated that every community should advertise, should sell itself to the rest of the world. "The natural beauty of Northwest North Carolina is unsurpassed, its resources are uncalculable, then it is for Civitan to let the rest of the world know of these advantages," he said in closing.

Members of the Men's Club of Banner Elk were called upon and responses were made by Dr. Tate, Dr. Hardin, President Tufts, Professor Pritchett, Professor Erickson, Mr. Stinson, Rev. W. R. Smith and a number of others.

Evangelistic Services at Boone Methodist Church

Beginning March 29th and continuing through Holy Week, Dr. O. J. Chandler, pastor of the Boone Methodist Church, will hold two services each day, running up to Easter Sunday.

The day service will be held at the noon hour from 12:00 to 12:30. The theme for these discourses will be "Studies in the Last Scenes of the Life of Jesus." The evening services will be strictly evangelistic. All services are open to the public.

The noon-day services are an innovation in Boone worship, but members of Dr. Chandler's congregation are of the opinion that they will prove quite popular. Only thirty minutes will be consumed daily in this brief period of worship.

BANK DISTRIBUTES FREE BULLETINS FOR FARMERS

Through the co-operation of the Department of Agriculture, the Watauga County Bank now has a large supply of the latest agricultural bulletins for free distribution to the farmers. The bulletins cover the most grown crops of this region, their culture and susceptible diseases, and will provide authoritative reference books for even the most experienced farmers. Those who desire these bulletins are asked to call at the bank.

FARMERS MAKE DEFINITE PLAN FOR MARKETING

Move That Gather a Hundred Agrarians in the County-Wide and Formulate Plans for Systematic Marketing of the County's Produce. Niswonger Is Heard; Produce Men.

More than one hundred farmers of Watauga County gathered at the courthouse last Thursday afternoon, having been called there by the county-wide marketing committee to work out definite plans for placing the produce of the county on the Southern markets during the present season. Mr. H. R. Niswonger of the State Department of Marketing was present, and presented his views, while H. D. Andrews of the firm of Andrews and Knowles, Mount Olive, came to propose that his organization take over the entire production of the county on a percentage basis. After considerable discussion, mostly of a favorable nature, it was unanimously decided that the only way Wataugans could hope to dispose of the enormous crops to be produced this year, would be through strictly wholesale channels.

An executive committee was appointed for the purpose of perfecting the details of the plan. The members are: Smith Hagaman, chairman; R. T. Greer, W. W. Mast, Dwight Edmisten, Grady Tugman and W. Y. Farthing. It is announced that complete information and contract blanks will be given out just as soon as further negotiations may be completed.

For a long time the problem of selling the crops of Watauga County, has been engaging the best thought of this region, and the farmers are determined this year to systematize the disposal of their surplus. Heretofore, it is pointed out, a large part of the potatoes, cabbage, etc., has been sold down the country independently—"peddled" out to retailers and consumers alike. The result has been that almost daily some truck man, away from home, and with only a small part of his load remaining, would sell at any price, or practically give away the remnant in order to return home the same night. Next day's business for other produce haulers would then have to be in conformity to the sacrifice prices of the evening before.

This has brought about a most unstable market condition, and from now on, so the farmers say, produce is going to be sold in big lots at prevailing market prices and strictly on a commission basis. It is predicted that when this plan is perfected a new era of prosperity will have dawned upon those who till the mountain soil.

Mrs. Austin Passes At Caldwell Home

Mrs. T. W. Austin, 68 years of age, died at her home in Lenoir last Thursday after an illness of several days. Pneumonia was the immediate cause of her death. Funeral services were conducted from the Adventist Christian Church Sunday afternoon by Rev. Furlough, and interment was made in Lenoir Cemetery.

Mrs. Austin before marriage was Miss Sarah Hartley, member of a prominent Caldwell County family, was a popular and consecrated lady, and for a number of years was a member of the Shiloh Methodist Church.

Surviving are the husband and five daughters: Mesdames Ella Sudreth of Nebraska, Mary Hall of Lenoir, Mrs. Alice Austin of Lenoir, Mrs. Joe E. Greer of Boone, Mrs. Nell Pearson of Lenoir; two sons, Harvey Austin of Lenoir and William Austin of Rock Creek, Idaho. The Greer family of Boone attended the funeral.

Mrs. Davidson to Open Business at Spruce Pine

Tuesday was the last day of the existence of the Davidson Department Store in Boone, and while the final sales were being made, goods were being packed for removal to Spruce Pine, where the owner and manager, Mrs. J. N. Davidson, will open a modern department store within the next few days. The Removal Sale, which was conducted preliminary to the closing of the Boone store, reduced the big stock of merchandise to a minimum, and it is the intention of the owner to have largely a brand-new line when she opens at the new location. Mr. D. J. Cottrell, pioneer merchant of Boone, who assisted in the final Davidson sale, has been employed to aid in the opening of the Spruce Pine business.

For more than a decade the Davidson Department Store has filled an important niche in the mercantile circles of this region, and it is with deep regret that the institution sees fit to make a change. However, the opening at Spruce Pine is said to be ideal, and Mrs. Davidson carries with her to the new location the best wishes of Wataugans generally for a continued prosperous career.