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TROUT SEASON IS TO OPEN ON NEXT WEDNESDAY, 15TH

Warden Urges Sportsmen to Have Licenses Ready for Initial Casting. Sport Expected to Be Unusually Attractive This Year, but Laws Will Be Enforced to Letter. One Dynamiting Case Being Probed.

The season for trout fishing will open in Watauga County next Wednesday and County Warden H. Grady Farthing is urging sportsmen to comply with the law and secure proper license before trying their luck. It is also necessary, of course, to have the consent of the landowner before invading his property.

The Izank Walton League has leased the fishing rights of Howards Creek and Meat Camp, and their tributaries, and Mr. Farthing says these waters have been well stocked with fish of sufficient size to be taken now, and that anglers will doubtless enjoy fine sport this season. Under the arrangement of the League, Howards Creek will open on the 15th, while Meat Camp will remain closed until May 1. At that time the latter will be opened and the former closed. Both streams will not be fished at the same time and during the period a stream is closed an abundance of six and eight-inch trout will be added, thus assuring a permanent increase in the speckled herd.

Mr. Glen Coffey is the warden appointed and paid to patrol the waters of Meat Camp, while Mr. Forace Moretz will keep a watchful eye on Howards Creek. A special permit is issued by the League for each day's fishing, costs one dollar, and must be carried by the angler in addition to the State or county license. Violations of the game laws will not be tolerated, full-time wardens will operate for the League, and deputy county wardens are preparing to double their enforcement efforts in other waters.

One case of dynamiting fish, says Mr. Farthing, has been reported, and the likelihood is that the miscreants will be brought to speedy justice. The crime is said to have been committed in the vicinity of the Raven Rock on New River.

State and county licenses are now available from the following persons, some one of them being convenient to every section of the county:

Deputy Warden Harrison Baker, Boone R. F. D., I. C. Billings, Vilas; Tom Broyhill, Blowing Rock; Jim Brown, Meat Camp; Ruth Cottrell, Boone Hardware Store; Ira Critcher, Bamboo; C. C. Carroll, Deep Gap; Horace Cook, Blowing Rock; Carl Davis, Todd; Everett Fox, Banner Elk; Randall Foster, Blowing Rock; R. L. Gentry, Laxton; Edd Harbin, Shulls Mills; Donny Hagaman, Reese; G. C. Harman, Peoria; Clay Hodges, Triplett; W. R. Jackson, Laxton; Lee Cavender, Matney; Forace Moretz, Zionville R. F. D.; W. W. Mast, Valle Crucis; John Mast Jr., Sugar Grove; Eller McNeill, Rutherford; Clarence Newton, Shulls Mills R. F. D.; Roby Penley, Penley; A. E. South, Boone; W. M. Shirley, Deep Gap R. F. D.; Carroll Trevitt, Beech Creek; Victor Ward, Sugar Grove; J. D. Winebarger, Meat Camp; John W. Ward, Leander.

Carolina Sells Bonds At Low Interest Rate

Raleigh, N. C.—Governor O. Max Gardner and State Treasurer Nathan O'Berry went to New York to sign Monday the \$9,457,000 in State bonds which were sold recently at an interest rate of 4.02 per cent., a rate better, Captain O'Berry states, than New York City was able to obtain on bonds sold by that city recently.

North Carolina has now only \$400,000 in bonds authorized and not sold, these for the new central prison plant on Cary farm near Raleigh. All of the bonds sold were authorized by the 1927 General Assembly. No new bonds are expected to be authorized by this session of the General Assembly.

REXALL ONE-CENT EVENT LASTS THREE DAYS OF WEEK

On page five of this issue of The Democrat appears the announcement of Boone Drug Company's semi-annual Rexall one-cent sale which begins today and closes Saturday evening. These events are for the first time being featured simultaneously by every Rexall store in North and South Carolina, and printed publicity is for the first time being supplemented by entertaining radio programs from both the Charlotte and Raleigh broadcasting stations. The advertisement contains the hours of the broadcasts, and also a partial list of the many staple drug store articles which may be purchased two at a time for the price of one plus one cent. It is suggested that the ad be clipped and the items wanted checked in order that customers may facilitate their shopping.

City-Bred Man Would Like to Dwell in Boone

Mr. E. A. Resch, of Atlanta, Ga., who recently spent several days in Boone recuperating from injuries received in an automobile wreck, has the following to say, in a letter to the editor, about small town life:

"It is deplorable that more of us 'city fellers' can't get into automobile wrecks and be forced to go to a small place such as Boone in order to recuperate . . . if that were possible a great number of us might learn a lot about life and living, and lose some of the inborn assurance that city life is the only thing there is. I, for one, would much rather spend the rest of my days in a small place . . . among people who have learned to be satisfied with life as it comes to them . . . than to be given free rein over all of the large cities in the world. Don't catch all the fish before July rolls around. Leave a few for me."

Farming on Large Scale By Wataugan in Georgia

The Democrat is in receipt of an interesting letter from Mr. W. L. Winkler, of Ocilla, Ga., who in partnership with Mr. Rufus Greene of this city is now engaged in actively operating a large plantation in the far-southern State. Some excerpts from Mr. Winkler's letter are most interesting:

"In a letter from Mr. Greene, we learn that you still have plenty of snow up that way. It certainly seems strange to us here when we look out and see the forests green and, too, we have our corn planted and up nicely. I have just come in from hiving my fourth swarm of bees in the past week. Pears and figs are as large as your thumb. Roses have bloomed out in the yard every month this winter—I say winter, but really we haven't seen any winter."

"This spring we are planting about 3,350 pounds of peanuts, 14 acres of tobacco, around three hundred acres in cotton, about 125 acres in corn, then we happened to think of our mountain friends, so planted plenty of early beans, corn, tomatoes and, last but not least, a fine patch of watermelons. They are all up nicely now. This is the finest place to spend the winter I have ever seen. Just warm enough to be pleasant and cool enough to put the pep in you and make you feel like doing things."

Operettas to Be Given at Blowing Rock School

"Rose Dream" and "A Day in Flowerdom," two fantastic fairy and flower operettas, will be presented by the elementary department of the Blowing Rock School on Friday evening, April 10th, 8 o'clock in the auditorium of that institution. An admission charge of 15 and 25 cents will be made, proceeds to be used for school work. Those in charge of production state that the youngsters are taking form rapidly, and guarantee those who attend a most enjoyable evening.

Cast of characters in "Rose Dream" follows: Little Rose, Lucy Wooten; Fairy Queen, Pauline Stout; Rosebud, Mary Klutz; Hop-o-My-Thumb, an elf, Ray Castle; Giant "Forget," Alfred Greene; The Twins, "Can" and "Can't," Albert Hayes and Ross Pitts; Door Fairy, Louise Prevette; chorus of elves.

Characters in "A Day in Flowerdom": Papa Jacques Rose, George Suddreth Jr.; Mama Jacques Rose, Mary Moody; Pink Rose, Luda Coffey; White Rose, Elise Pitts; Flora, "Queen of Flowerdom," Francis Pitts; M'lie, Grace Hartley; Miss Moss Rose, Alveta Greene; Miss Lilac, Verdola Coffey; Miss Lily, Mary Ann Knight; Miss Blue Bell, Ethel Wooten; Mr. Sunflower, Bill Klutz; Mr. Pansy, Johnnie Brooks Lentz; Flower Chorus, group of girls and boys.

Few Copies of Soil Survey Yet Available

There has been an unusually heavy demand for copies of the Watauga soil survey furnished the editor of The Democrat through the courtesy of Senator J. W. Bailey, and the same have been widely distributed. However, a good many copies yet remain for distribution. If it is not convenient to call for yours, drop a card to the editor and your copy will be mailed forthwith, provided the supply has not been exhausted. The document contains a full analysis of Watauga soil conditions and is invaluable to the farmer.

Alexander County farmers are installing hydraulic rams to provide running water for their homes and barnyards. Some rams installed in 1918 have never cost a cent for repairs or replacements.

Park-to-Park Highway to Traverse Watauga County

The North Carolina delegates to the Federal Highway Commission meeting in Washington last Saturday, were apparently defeated "on the face of things" when they arrived in the capital city to urge the adoption of the route through Boone, Blowing Rock and Linville for the thoroughfare extending from the Shenandoah National Park in Virginia to the Great Smoky Mountain National Park in North Carolina and Tennessee. When the meeting convened a map was exhibited, which it is said left North Carolina without a single foot of the important tourist artery.

Senator Bailey was given the floor and to his masterful plea for the recognition of North Carolina is ascribed a good part of the credit for the resolution routing the road from Sparta to Boone, Blowing Rock, Linville, Pineola, Woodlawn and Asheville, and the Smoky Mountain Park. The matter was definitely settled and the highway will traverse the most picturesque section of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Among those attending the meeting were Senator Bailey, who acted as spokesman for the delegation, Representatives Doughton and Lambeth, Dr. E. C. Brooks of Raleigh; R. L. Gwyn, F. H. Coffey and T. H. Broyhill of Lenoir; L. G. Greer of Boone; Messrs. Doughton, Kistler and Stikeleather of the Highway Commission; Mary Squires of Lenoir, chairman of the State Park Commission, and W. E. McDonald, of Senator Morrison's office.

COVE CREEK FARM BOYS ORGANIZING

Young Tar Heel Farmers Will Cultivate Diversified Acreage. Eleven Youths Try Out for Debating Contests in State.

The Young Tar Heel Farmers of Cove Creek are making rapid progress. Already they have planned their supervised projects which consist of growing eighteen acres of potatoes, 7 acres of beans, 8 acres of cabbage, some tobacco, and some livestock projects.

Not only are these boys studying agriculture with much interest but they are entering debating and public speaking contests with enthusiasm. Recently eleven of them tried out for the agricultural speaking contest, which is an annual affair among the Future Farmers of America, the national organization with which the Cove Creek group is affiliated. The winners were Delmar Combs of the eighth grade, Earl Henson of the ninth grade, Earl Henson of the tenth grade, and Hardie Moody of the eleventh grade. They spoke on modern agricultural subjects, such as "The Future of the American Farmer," "The Machine Age and Its Effect Upon American Agriculture," "Rural Electrification," etc. Earl Henson won his speech on "The Machine Age," was given first place. During the week of April 20th, young Henson will represent Cove Creek in the contest at Asheville, N. C.

He will be accompanied by Delmar Combs, Earl Henson, Hardie Moody and Howard Walker. The winner at Asheville will represent Western North Carolina in the State contest at Raleigh. The North Carolina winner will enter a contest with representatives of other Southern States. Later the Southern representatives will go to Kansas City to compete for the place of champion speaker of American Future Farmers.

Marketing Plan Is Approved by Body

At a meeting of representative farmers of Watauga County, which was held in the courthouse Saturday with Mr. Andrews of the Andrews-Knowles Company, Mount Olive, present, it was agreed that the produce of Watauga should this year be sold through the eastern company, strictly on a percentage basis. As a result of this action on the part of the county-wide committee, another meeting of the farmers was called for next Saturday to either adopt or reject the executive action. A call for this session is to be found elsewhere in this issue of The Democrat.

CHURCH SCHOOL IN PROGRESS HERE

Presiding Elder Poovy and Other Outside Ministers Present for Courses at M. E. Church. Closes Friday Night.

The Watauga County standard training school for church workers opened at the Boone Methodist Church last Sunday evening, and the courses will be continued until Friday night of this week. The presiding elder of the Mount Airy District, Rev. W. E. Poovy, is present for the sessions, as are the pastors of the Boone, Watauga and Todd churches, and three courses are being given.

Dr. J. D. Rankin of Boone, acting director, is giving the course in "Principles of Teaching"; Rev. C. S. Kirkpatrick, Mount Airy pastor, is centering his efforts on the "Life and Letters of Paul," while Presiding Elder Poovy is teaching a survey of the Old Testament. Forty-eight have been enrolled for credit in the school and perhaps another dozen are auditing the courses. One class is being conducted at the church at night, and two at the college in the afternoon. The credits are accepted by the boards of education of the Methodist and Presbyterian churches and are standard in Sunday School work.

This is the fourth school of this kind which has been sponsored by the local church.

Dr. Chandler Conducts Series Revival Services

Dr. O. J. Chandler, pastor of the Boone Methodist Church, conducted a series of revival services at the noon hour and in the evening during last week, and the attendance was satisfactorily large. The fine Gospel messages were well received, and one member was added to the church at the Sunday services. More are expected to unite next Sunday as a result of the week's services.

MISS VIRGINIA WALKER THE BRIDE OF J. EDGAR BROWN

News reaches Boone of the marriage in York, S. C., Easter morning of Miss Virginia Walker to Mr. Edgar Brown of Boone. The contracting parties are widely known here, the bride a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Walker of Fayetteville, is a student at the Normal College, and has a large circle of friends. The groom is a son of Attorney and Mrs. John E. Brown, of this city, was reared here, and is favorable known throughout this section.

Important Farm Market To Be Held Saturday

Every farmer who expects to sell potatoes, cabbage or other vegetables this year is urged to a meeting at the courthouse in Boone on Saturday, April 11, at 10 o'clock p. m.

The Watauga Marketing Committee, recently formed, has, it is stated, worked out a very satisfactory means of marketing everything that can be grown in the county this year, but it is entirely up to the individual farmer whether or not this plan is accepted.

If you want to be sure that you have a market for your products this fall, it is to your interest to attend this meeting, no matter how small the quantity you may grow. The committee urges that all growers be on hand.

Zionville Man Produces Huge Crop Stock Beets

Rev. R. C. Eggers, Baptist minister of Zionville, planted a quarter-acre of ground to stock beets last year, harvested two hundred and twenty bushels of beets, and on these wintered two cows. This is what the gentleman has to say about beet culture:

"Last year I raised two hundred and twenty bushels of stock beets on what I guessed to be one-fourth of an acre. These have come in very handy for our two cows this long winter; they have done well on them and have given plenty of good milk. It takes but little ground and a bag of fertilizer to make enough beets for two cows; it involves little work to get them started and then they go well. I have raised them for four or five years, and would not think of leaving them off now."

"Mr. Farmer, if you will put in stock beets that little garden plot you usually plant to corn which is most always gone by the first of January, they will do your cows ten times more good than the corn would. I had rather have my stock beet patch of last year than to have an acre of any man's corn. They are good for sheep, also for chickens, and are hard to freeze. They are the last thing to freeze in the cellar; will also keep buried like potatoes."

Bethel School Closes Most Successful Term

Bethel Junior High School closed last Saturday, what is looked on as the most successful term in its history, and patrons of the Beaver Dam institution are loud in their praise of the principal, Mr. J. Andrew Morgan, whose diligent work has put Bethel "on the map."

On Friday evening, the elementary school presented a very clever program, all grade pupils being used. On Saturday morning the graduation exercises were held. At this time the seventh-grade certificates and junior high diplomas were presented. In the absence of the speaker, Mr. Morgan made a brief talk on "The Purpose of Education."

The following students received seventh-grade certificates: Lena Cable, Rom Eggers, George Edmisten, Addie Mae Edmisten, Earl Johnson and Lena Ward.

Those finishing the junior high were: Doshia Cable, Ethel Currie, Clive Farthing, Barton Farthing, Lenis Farthing, Loy Farthing, Lucy Farthing, Lessie Gae Greene, Johnny Greene, Erie Hagaman, Berl Isaacs, Howard Kincaid, Marjann Kincaid, Hugh Moody, Frank Perry, Wiley Perry, Frank Roark, Hattie Vines, Georgia Walker, Carl Ward, Grace Wilson, Dean Winebarger and Kate Winebarger.

The exercises were brought to a close with a play, "The Path Across the Hill," presented by the high school students on Saturday evening.

Anton J. Cermak Wins Over "Big Bill" in Chi

Chicago.—Anton J. Cermak was elected Mayor of Chicago Tuesday, bringing to an end the rule of William Hale Thompson. The son of a Bohemian immigrant miner topped "Big Bill" from the executive chair he had occupied through three spectacular terms, achieving his defeat by the largest majority ever accorded a candidate for the office. The final unofficial tabulation of votes gave Cermak, the Democrat, 627,529; Thompson, Republican, 475,613; a majority of 151,916.

Only five wards stood by the Mayor in his downfall—among them the negro wards and the notorious "Bloody Twentieth," bailiwick of his staunch ally, Morris Eller. Even the First Ward, embracing the downtown "Loop," deserted him. In choosing Cermak its leader for the World's Fair term, Chicago closed a stirring chapter of American political lore. The Democratic candidate won the signal victory upon campaign promises to "clean up Chicago."

MRS. S. E. DAY WAS SATURDAY VICTIM OF HEART ATTACK

The Former Miss Mary Beach of North Wilkesboro Succumbs from Sudden Stroke. Funeral Services and Interment at Cove Creek Sunday. Several Small Children Survive Watauga Lady.

Mrs. S. E. Day, of North Wilkesboro, the former Miss Mary Beach of Boone, died at her home in North Wilkesboro Saturday morning at 9 o'clock, a few minutes after having been stricken with an attack of the heart. The remains were returned to Watauga Sunday morning and funeral services were conducted from the Cove Creek Baptist Church by Revs. McKaughn and Hicks, and interment was in the nearby cemetery.

Mrs. Day was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Beach, Watauga residents, was born and reared in Boone, and with the exception of the past five or six years, had spent her entire life on native soil. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of this city for many years, was well known throughout this region and lived an exemplary life.

Mrs. Day's death is the fifth within her immediate family during the past twelve-month period, father, mother, husband and sister-in-law having preceded her by only a few months. Her husband, Edward Day, also a Wataugan and World War veteran, succumbed during last October from a gunshot wound inflicted at the hands of Sewell Webster of North Wilkesboro.

Surviving are five small children, Carl Junior, Lewis, Helen and Martha; one sister, Mrs. P. H. Hodges of Boone, and the following brothers: Willard Beach of North Wilkesboro, Carl and Thomas Beach of Boone, Enzor of Rich Mountain, Everett of Spokane, Wash., and Mack of Springfield, Ill.

Weather Man Hands Out Hectic 'Box-score'

Rain, snow, sleet, mud, slush, fog, thunder, lightning, freeze, thaw, wind, frost, and what-have-you—these are some of the things that compose the weather chart compiled by Observer J. T. C. Wright for the week ending April 3, which follows in full:

Average maximum temperature, 50 degrees.
Average minimum temperature, 32 degrees.
Average temperature, 41 degrees.
Average daily range in temperature, 18 degrees.
Greatest daily range in temperature, 28 degrees; date, April 3rd.
Average temperature at 6 p. m. (time of observation), 42 degrees.
Highest temperature reached, 59 degrees; date April 3rd.
Lowest temperature reached, 27 degrees; date, March 30th.
Number inches of rainfall (including melted snow), 2.29.
Number inches of snowfall, 3.50.
Greatest rainfall in 24 hours, 1.17; date, April 1st.
Number of days with 0.01 inch or more rainfall, 4.
Number of clear days, 1.
Number of cloudy days, 5.
Number of partly cloudy days, 1.
Direction of prevailing wind, west.
Dates of sleet, March 31st and April 1st.
Dates of fogs, March 29, 30, and April 1st.
Dates of thunderstorms, April 3rd (night).
Other phenomena described as follows: Solar halo March 30; high wind, April 1st.

Black Diamond Pick Attracts Attention

The story recently carried by The Watauga Democrat regarding the local manufacture of Black Diamond coal miners' picks, has created much interest among readers, especially in the mining regions, and the concern is receiving many inquiries. One of these, Mr. W. E. Gragg, of Bobtown, Pa., an employee of one of the biggest coal corporations of the country, is extremely interested in the newly-patented instrument and writes for prices and demonstration tools.

He believes that the new pick will be popular and is anxious to try it in actual mining operations. Mr. J. A. Sproles, principal stockholder of the new firm, asks us to state that a man will be sent shortly to the various most important coal camps of the country, placing the picks and taking orders, and it is expected that the demand will be heavy. Production, however, will be made to keep well ahead of orders at all times, and modern equipment and a good force of men will be added when the implement is approved.

U. D. C. MEETING
Mrs. Tracy Council will be hostess to the members of Watauga Chapter, U. D. C., at her home in Cherry Park next Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. A full attendance is urged.



DEMOCRAT GIVES GEN. PERSHING'S COMPLETE VERSION OF WORLD WAR

At great expense, The Watauga Democrat has secured for exclusive publication the full and complete text of General Pershing's copyrighted history of the World War, or more particularly the story of America's participation in the world-wide conflict. The first installment of the story which was first released for publication in the metropolitan newspapers a few weeks ago, is carried on page three of this issue, and readers will be partial to General Pershing's fairness as well as fearlessness in colorfully portraying the part that America played in time of war. The story will be carried from week to week until completed.

The publishers hope that readers will avail themselves of the opportunity of absorbing the first-hand information in this greatest story ever handled by a country journal, however, should a copy be left unread for any reason, the installments are more or less complete each within itself. The Pershing story is well worth the price of subscription for a whole year, and will continue for several weeks. It is suggested that school children be especially urged by parents to read the story, and get the unquestioned information contained therein. Turn to page three now!