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CHARITY FLOWER SHOW A FEATURE FOURTH OF JULY

Civitan Club and Ladies Societies Sponsoring City's First Exhibition of Mountain Flora. Business Men Award Prizes for Most Pleasing Exhibits in Various Classes. Proceeds for Charitable Purposes.

A fourth of July event which is attracting county-wide attention, is the flower show which is scheduled to be held Saturday afternoon and evening in the Hahn Building, under the auspices of the Civitan Club and the ladies' missionary societies of the different churches. More than fifty prizes have been provided by the various business interests of the city, to be awarded to the winners under the following classifications:

First and second prizes for the finest and most attractive display of roses, daisies, laurel, rhododendron, poppy, ferns, Indian pink, sweet pea, hydrangeas, sweet pinks, sweet william, fox glove and others; the largest variety of cultivated flowers; the greatest variety of wild flowers; the most attractive basket of wild flowers; also of cultivated flowers, the finest bowl or vase of wild flowers; also cultivated ones; finest pot flowers; most unusual exhibit of wild flowers; projects showing arrangement of flowers for decoration. Everyone has a chance to compete for the awards since the exhibits may be composed of wild, cultivated, home-grown or purchased flowers.

An entry fee of twenty-five cents is being charged for each exhibit and the exhibitor is entitled to a free pass to the show. A small admission will be charged, the entire proceeds to go for local charitable purposes. Punch and cake will be sold and a prize awarded to the lady bringing what is adjudged to be the best cake. Competent judges will be secured, and efficient committees have been chosen to carry out every detail. Flowers are expected to be entered by 10:30 o'clock in the morning, thus giving the judges plenty of time to look over the exhibits before the doors are opened to the public at 1 o'clock.

There had been a fine response the first of the week from the ladies of Boone, Blowing Rock and Cove Creek communities and it is urged by the committee in charge that every section of the county be represented in the exhibits.

It is also urged that cakes be entered from over the entire county. The sponsors of the show say that it promises to be the greatest community get-together event of the season, and must be of much social, educational and financial value.

Freedom Is Granted Roy Martin Tuesday

Roy Martin, resident of the North Fork section, who was convicted at the March, 1929, term of Watauga Superior Court for the slaying of Fred Ellison, and sentenced to serve from five to seven years in the State Prison, has been granted a parole by the Governor, according to information coming from Raleigh Monday. It was stated the twelve jurors who heard the case, the plaintiff and all the immediate members of the family and hundreds of good and law abiding citizens joined in the plea for executive clemency.

In granting the parole the Governor said: "I am informed that the deceased was a very dangerous and violent man; that he went to the home of the defendant and was in a dangerous state of mind. He had attempted to molest members of the defendant's family and had the son of the defendant and was trying to cut him when the defendant fired the fatal shot. The prisoner prior to this time had borne a good reputation and it is the general consensus of opinion among those familiar with the case that the prisoner shot in defense of his son.

"Taking into consideration the time the prisoner has served and the mitigating circumstances surrounding the homicide, and acting upon the strong array of recommendations in his behalf, I have decided to grant the prisoner a parole at this time, and he is, therefore, this day paroled for the remainder of his term, under the supervision of the Superintendent of Public Welfare of Watauga County, under condition that he be of good behavior and engage in gainful employment."

OXFORD SINGING CLASS TO APPEAR ON WEDNESDAY

The singing class from the Oxford Orphanage, it is announced, has been secured to give one of their concerts at the public school building Wednesday, July 8th, at 8 o'clock in the evening. Local members of the Masonic Fraternity feel that a large crowd will be present for the entertaining program, and benefit the hundreds of children in the home who are represented. An hour of genuine pleasure may be spent, and at the same time a worthy cause benefited.

Wade L. Brown Will Open Office in Boone

Wade E. Brown, attorney-at-law, will open offices in the Blackburn Building opposite the county courthouse, next Monday morning, for the practice of his profession. Young Brown passed the State bar examination in 1930, was sworn in at the spring term of Watauga Superior Court in the March following, and since that time finished his course at Wake Forest College, graduating with the class of 1931 and receiving his B. L. degree.

During his college days, Mr. Brown distinguished himself as a debater, and was also prominent in religious activities on the campus. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Brown, of Blowing Rock, and received his early education at Mars Hill College.

WORK TO BEGIN ON HOSPITAL BUILDING IN NEXT FEW DAYS

Deeds Executed for Transfer of Valuable Property on A. S. T. C. Campus. Funds Available for Immediate Use. To Be Three-Store Fireproof Structure. Local Labor to Be Utilized.

Mr. Smith Hagaman, chairman of the board of trustees, governing the new Duke hospital project, gives out the information that Governor Gardner has secured execution of the deeds to the property owned by the State, and which will be used as the hospital site, and that there is no reason why active work on the building should not commence within a few days. Mr. Hagaman states the plans are now in Raleigh for approval, that the \$40,000 subscribed by the Duke Foundation is now available, as is a like amount furnished by the State in accordance with an act of the Legislature of 1929.

Physical details of the hospital unit are unavailable other than that the structure will be a three-story brick and concrete building, thoroughly fireproof, and is expected to house about fifty beds. The building is to be erected on the site of the old Lovell Home, first dormitory of the Appalachian Training School, and the big job of tearing away the old building is expected to begin at once. It is understood that local labor will be utilized.

Watauga Receives Part Of Equalization Fund

Raleigh, N. C.—Sixty-seven North Carolina counties received last week from the State Treasury a total of \$100,112.71 of the \$150,000 set aside in the school equalizing fund for 1930-31 for paying for the salaries of additional teachers allowed by the State Board of Equalization, over the number provided for in the approved school budgets. Of this amount, \$71,269.86 was for the six months term and \$28,842.85 for the extended term.

Watauga County, the records of Dr. A. T. Allen, State Superintendent, show received a total of \$840, of which \$630 was for the six months term, and \$210 for the extended term. This is the final payment of the funds of the 1930-31 equalizing fund, unless some error or omission should be discovered, Dr. Allen said.

Legion Will Elect New Officers Friday Night

Commander Charles Younce of Watauga Post 130, American Legion, announces that a meeting of that organization will be held on Friday night, July 3rd, in Legion Hall, for the purpose of electing officers for the coming year. A report of the financial success of the fiddlers contest recently held will also be made, and a radio will be installed so that the members may listen to the broadcast of the Schmeig-Stribling fight.

Commander Younce urges that all ex-service men be one hand for the Friday night meeting, whether a member of the Legion or not. Delegates to the State Convention will be named.

WATAUGA BOY WINS HIGH HONORS AT STATE COLLEGE

Mr. William T. Mast, of Valle Crucis, received his B. S. degree from North Carolina State College in June and of interest to his many friends is the fact that he graduated with honors from the business administration department. He was a member of the Golden Chain, senior honor society, Blue Key, national leadership fraternity, and president of Delta Sigma Pi, business fraternity. Mr. Mast also held the presidency of the Pine Burr Scholarship Society.

Another Watauga boy who graduated from State was Newton Cook, he having finished in the agricultural department.

Democrat Celebrates Its 42nd Anniversary With "Air Party"

In commemoration of the 43rd anniversary of the Watauga Democrat and the 42nd with R. C. Rivers as publisher, it has been arranged to distribute by airplane several hundred copies of the current issue of The Democrat, about a fifth of which will contain free airplane rides, free movie show tickets, and free passes to the Fiddlers Convention on the fourth of July, which is the birthday of this journal. Lieutenant "Red" Harman will leave the flying field about 2:30 o'clock p. m., and will make a wide circle of the county dropping the papers over different communities and along the highways, and it is hoped that the major part of the copies will be retrieved, and that the entertainment provided by The Democrat will be enjoyed by the recipients to the fullest.

The three events promise a Fourth of July celebration filled with thrills, and especially the children of the county will get lots of fun out of the chase for the papers. It is planned for one out of five or less will carry a ticket for one of the attractions. There is no catch to the proposition. Just bring the ticket to the theatre, the convention or to the flying field and you will be accorded either the trip in the airplane or a pass to one of the other attractions.

DINNER AT BANNER ELK DRAWS MANY STATE SPORTSMEN

Banquet at Pinnacle Inn Featured by Interesting Speeches. Mountain Trout Furnished for Meal by Howard Marmon. Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Greer Entertain With Folk Songs. Director Harrelson Speaks.

Banner Elk, N. C.—Forty-three sportsmen and their friends gathered at a banquet here at Pinnacle Inn on Friday night, June 26th. The main feature of the seven-course menu was mountain trout, served in a Pinnacle Inn.

The trout was furnished through the kindness of Mr. Howard Marmon, who has a beautiful estate and fishery near here.

The guests were entertained between courses by Professor I. G. Greer, of Boone, who sang mountain folk songs and ballads. He was accompanied on the piano by his wife, who also played the accompaniment on the dulcimer in two selections. The dulcimer is a mountain instrument, which was probably the first musical instrument used to accompany the original ballads in England and Scotland.

Other features of the dinner were speeches by outstanding sportsmen. The host, Mr. Edgar H. Tufts, welcomed the guests and spoke of the growing interest in and value of conservation in our State. Mr. J. F. Hampton, of Linville, talked on the possibility of the streams of Avery County. He said that this section is better suited to trout than any other in the State.

Colonel J. W. Harrelson, of the North Carolina Department of Conservation, told of the possibilities that lie in fish and game. After mentioning the great revenue which is received in Maine and Michigan from fish, Colonel Harrelson said that through House Bill 820, which makes it possible in North Carolina to establish privately-owned public hunting grounds under legal status and with the protection of the conservation department, at least \$100,000,000 should be brought into North Carolina annually.

Mr. Fred Ott, representative of the More Game Birds in America Foundation, gave a review of the work he is doing on the bird farm of the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association at Banner Elk. At the present time, there are on the farm wild ducks, grouse, pheasants, hatched from eggs found on nearby mountains. Until this time experts have never been successful in raising grouse in captivity. However, the climate and altitude of Western North Carolina is so suited to these birds that Mr. Ott believes the experiment will be a great success. If this is true, the farm will be able to restock the mountain forests with their native birds.

As a fitting close to the dinner, a twenty-inch brown trout, which was caught in the Elk River at Banner Elk, was displayed. Out-of-town guests at the dinner were:

Mrs. Fred Sheetz, Mr. John Fox, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hatch, Mr. C. A. Messenheimer Jr., and Mr. T. H. Parrish, of Charlotte; Colonel J. W. Harrelson, of Raleigh; Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Carson, of Whiteville; Mr. J. H. Squires, of Lenoir; Mr. E. C. H. Shober, of Linville; Mr. and Mrs. I. G. Greer, Mr. W. H. Gragg and Mr. S. M. Ayers, of Boone; Senator Roy A. Harmon, of Elk Park; B. M. Hagen and L. L. Duckett, Kingsport, Tenn.; J. P. Rhea, D. R. Beeson, K. S. White and J. A. Summers, of Johnson City, Tenn.; T. L. Hartworth, of Bristol, Tenn.; William Megginson, of Lynchburg, Va.; Dr. Hartley E. Roorom, Sarasota, Fla.

Local guests were: Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Tate, Dr. and Mrs. Ronda H. Hardin, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stinson, J. M. Shoemaker, Ed Gualtney, C. E. Silver, R. O. Banner, F. W. Von Canon, George Whitehead, Fred Ott and Miss Alison Stirling.

Walton League to Open Two Streams to Anglers

Paul A. Coffey, secretary of the Isaac Walton League, announced at the beginning of July 1st, both Hoots Creek and Meat Camp Creek, two streams supervised by the organization in Watauga, will be open to sportsmen. Since the beginning of the season the waters have been opened alternately, but officials have decided that the streams are now well stocked and that anglers will find a broader field for the outdoor pastime if the two streams are kept open during the month.

Mr. Coffey states that permits sold so far this season have more than paid the salaries of the two wardens, and prophesies that the conservation work done by the Walton League will do much toward preserving game fish in the years to come.

ROAD COMMISSION BEGINS DUTIES ON WEDNES., JULY 1

Governor O. Max Gardner Explains Duties of New Organization. Four Thousand County Convicts to Be Taken Over by State. Forty-five Thousand Miles of Road Assumed in Gigantic Maintenance Program.

Governor O. Max Gardner has released from the Executive Mansion in Raleigh the following explanation of the new Highway Commission and its work:

On July 1st, an unprecedented event takes place in North Carolina. On that date the State for the first time in history, and the first State in the United States, takes over from the counties the job of maintenance and construction of every mile of public road and every bridge in North Carolina and will assume the responsibility of paying the cost of this tremendous job.

The State will also take over around four thousand county convicts and relieve the counties of the burden of their support and maintenance. On July 1st all of the convicts and prisoners in jail serving more than sixty-day sentences will cease to be fed and clothed and supported by the counties. The State will serve over twelve thousand additional meals of a uniform and balanced food content, on July 1.

From that date the county commissioners are prohibited from levying a cent of tax to support the maintenance and construction of roads in North Carolina. The State appropriates a minimum of \$6,000,000 to county roads, to be derived from (Please turn to Page 8)

Maude Celebrates Her Twenty-fifth Birthday

"Uncle Billy" Spainhour, 88-year-old veteran of the Confederacy who resides in East Boone above town in his buggy Wednesday morning. Parking his horse-drawn chair alongside the curb in front of The Democrat office, the venerable citizen beckoned the editor closer and informed him that Maude, his faithful steed, was celebrating her twenty-fifth birthday. The aforesaid Maude, according to "Uncle Billy," was a full of pep that he had to hook her to the buggy and give her a little "road work."

Maude, since a colt, has belonged to the Spainhour family, and during her long life has rendered faithful service—has always been ready to accept the bit, and never refused to carry her burdens. And to look at Maude now, fat and sleek as a four-year-old, one could easily surmise that during the fleeting years she has never missed a meal, or wanted for kind treatment. "Uncle Billy," who is one of Boone's most beloved citizens, has borne his great age as gracefully as has Maude. He sits erectly on the carriage seat, and propels his vehicle through traffic with the ease of a cab driver. The Democrat and all of its readers who know the Spainhour name, wish for Maude, as well as "Uncle Billy," many more happy birthdays.

Several Local Stores Will Remain Open on Fourth

Just at press time an agreement is being circulated asking business houses of the town to stay open on the fourth, instead of closing as was announced last week. The agreement has not completed its round as this is printed, however the following stores have signed and will be open on Saturday: Harris Brothers, Five to Five Store, Boone Clothing Store, Spainhours, Inc., and Isaacs.

It is understood that a number of the other businesses have arranged to open. The change came about as a result of the inconvenience which would be experienced by outside shoppers should they find the stores closed on a Saturday trip to town. Clerks and managers will likely set a date later on to make up for the holiday vacation which was planned.

HIGHWAY FORCE OF NEW STATE ROADS FORMED

Engineer Council Establishes Offices in Postoffice Building and Organization Plans Are Going Forward. A Number of Appointments Having Been Made. Roads Taken Over on Wednesday.

Division Highway Engineer James H. Council has opened his offices in the postoffice building and had his organization practically ready to take over the county roads yesterday. John F. Greer of Boone, patrolman on the Boone Trail for many years, has been placed in charge of the force which it is understood will look after all maintenance work which prior to yesterday were county maintained through wardens. The following appointments of patrolmen have been made relative to the highways which had already been under control of the State:

Harz Brown, Route 69 to State Line, Route 69 from Valle Crucis to Avery County Line; Ed Payne, Route 63 to Wilkes County line, and 17 to Blowing Rock and Yadonassaw to Avery line; Fred Kreider, 69 from Boone to Jefferson; G. B. Bentley has been transferred from Valle Crucis to Sugar Grove and will supervise the road down the river to Terrestrial line, as well as the Baxter Drive road.

Mr. Council states that two or three appointments are yet to be made, which will be announced next week. It is understood that W. Roy Johnson, of Boone, has been made the assistant engineer under Mr. Howard in the Asheville district.

Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co. to Open Store Here

Mr. G. L. Rankin, superintendent of the Charlotte unit, Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company, was in Boone Monday looking after details incident to the opening of the store in the Boone Drive Company building, a lease for which was signed the latter part of the week by Dr. G. K. Moore. Carpenters were immediately put to work remodeling the interior of the building so as to meet the requirements of the grocery business, and two mechanics were sent here to install the fixtures, which began arriving Tuesday. Initial plans called for the opening of the store next Saturday, but since other business houses were found to be taking a holiday then, the doors will not open until the first of the week.

In commenting on the latest link in the A. & P. chain of stores, Mr. Rankin stated that his concern had for a long time been interested in this section of the country, especially as regards the possibilities of securing produce, and came to the conclusion that a retail establishment would provide closer contact with the producers of mountain commodities. He states that Mr. L. G. Jones of Newton is expected to be the manager for the time being, but that at a later date it is likely that a local man will be trained for the position.

Four Special Judges Named by Governor

Raleigh, N. C.—Governor Gardner has announced the appointment of four special judges for the next two years, their terms beginning July 1, as provided by the special judge act passed by the 1931 General Assembly, the appointments being of all of the four judges who have been serving as special judges. They are: G. Vernon Cowper, Kingsport; Clayton Moore, Williamston; J. H. Harwood, Bryson City, and Cameron E. MacRae, Asheville.

The act directs the governor to name four special judges, two from the east and two from the west, and authorizes him, if he deems it necessary, to name two judges from the east, the other two from the west. Governor Gardner announces that because of the improved conditions of the docket, he has agreed to demand for special courts and the relief offered by handling of the State's compensation cases by the Industrial Commission, he has decided to consider the other two judges essential at this time. Judge T. S. Johnson resigned last year and Judge S. Hoyle Sink was appointed as a regular judge. Their places as special judges have not been filled.

These judges, Governor Gardner states, "are now serving and have served the State for a number of years in a most satisfactory manner."

ENJOY CAMPING TRIP

A party of Boone people motored to Roan Mountain Saturday afternoon, and spent the night and a part of Sunday camping out at Cloudland. They report a most enjoyable occasion. Those making the trip were: Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Gragg and daughter, Helen; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Robbins and sons, Vernon and Max; Mrs. Will Cooke and daughter, Eleanor; J. B. Taylor, wife and daughter, Louise; John Greer and son, Earl; Mrs. Jennie Whitehead and Milton Greer.