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MEMBERS OF LOCAL CLUB ENTERTAINED AT KEPHART CAMP

Boone Civitans Make Merry at Yonahlossee. Girls Entertain With Songs and Interpretive Dancing. Bounteous Meal Served, Accompanied by Humorous Toasts. Twenty-Seven Clubmen Present.

The members of the Boone Civitan Club were the guests of Dr. and Mrs. Kephart, directors of Camp Yonahlossee, on Thursday evening, July 30th. Dinner was served in the camp dining room, and a delightful informal program was enjoyed.

The Civitans arrived at the camp early in the evening, and spent the time before dinner observing the regular camp life, seeing something of various sports, such as swimming, tennis, archery, and horseback riding. The dining room and living room of the main cabin were artistically decorated with summer flowers. During the dinner which was served by a group of the camp leaders, clever toasts were given introducing some of the members of the Civitan Club. Between courses, too, the girls sang many of their camp songs.

After dinner the guests were invited into the dining room where both Civitans and camp girls participated in entertaining the group. Mr. I. G. Greer of the Appalachian State Teachers College delighted the group by singing a number of mountain ballads which he has collected. He was accompanied by Mrs. Greer who played the dulcimer, an old instrument used by mountain people.

Miss Dorothy Duckett of Charlotte gave a humorous reading in which she very realistically took the part of a small boy. Miss Jerry Bonkemeyer of Greensboro, Katherine Morgan of Salisbury, and Quenye Sloan and Joyce Martin, of Nashville, Tenn. entertained the guests with a number of tap and clog dances. An unusual feature of the program was the Indian war dance and Maiden's Dance, given by Miss Ethel Wainwright, Yonahlossee Cherokee Indian counselor. The remainder of the evening was spent in group singing and in dancing.

The toasts to the members of the Civitan Club follow:

Modest Tiny Gragg took a big, long drag from the stem of his ten-inch pipe. He gave a big sigh 'cause he had to stay dry.

For bathing suits are all too tight. Sing a song of sixpence, little Ikie Green.

Ate a bag of peanuts and drank a glass of water.

Took his wife and dulcimer away to the halls of state. Walked the streets of Raleigh, but no one took his hat.

The Carolina Civitans just bumped along their way.

Until a Moose for Governor they found one happy day.

Now, too, all Civitans of Boone are calm and well controlled.

Because a drugist's at the helm, who handles all things, so we've told.

Famous Harris goes away to all the big conventions.

And we are sure he always has the very best intentions.

He says he sees no naughty things, his time is always full.

Standing on the platform, fervently shooting the bull.

Noisy, naughty Hagaman, the man who's always gay.

His clothes are loud, his voice is heard along the gay white way.

Now he's where we put him; quiet he must be.

Surrounded by the safest girls we have at Yonahlossee.

Twenty-seven Civitans and seventy from Yonahlossee made up the happy group.

Local School Attracts Many College Folk

The Appalachian State Teachers College attracts students from many colleges, say officials of the institution. In the second summer school, 64 colleges and universities are represented in the enrollment of 490, by those who have completed freshman or more than freshman work. Those from other colleges alone are classified as: Sophomore, 77; Junior, 74; Senior, 20; Graduates with Bachelors Degree, 18.

Captain B. L. Smith, superintendent of the Shelby City Schools and member of the Text Book Commission, spoke to the school today on the "Educational Outlook in North Carolina. His points of emphasis were adequate preparation, educational opportunity and, willing service. His address rang clear with optimism about the school situation. He visions a trained army of faithful teachers who, putting the childhood of North Carolina in the highest place, will continue the onward march of education.

Back in Public Eye



Newton D. Baker, Woodrow Wilson's Secretary of War, made the Convocation address at the Institute of Politics. His Ohio friends are trying to get him to permit the use of his name as a candidate for President.

BOONE MARKERS TO BE DEDICATED IN LATE AUGUST

Congressman Harry Thatcher Expected to Be Present When Huge Arrowheads Are Unveiled at Boone and Blowing Rock. Exercises Will Be Educational. Director Hampton Rich in Charge of Work.

The unveiling of the huge arrowhead marker on the campus of the Appalachian Teachers College will take on the significance of emphasizing the route of the Park to Park Highway into the Great Smoky Mountains playground, says Director J. Hampton Rich, of the Boone Trail Association. Hon. Maurice H. Thatcher has been invited as the speaker at this occasion. Congressman Thatcher is the president of the Eastern National Park to Park Highway Association and is very much interested in the work of routing traffic to the eastern national parks. Mrs. Thatcher has also been invited to be present. She is a lineal descendant of Daniel Boone, and is much impressed by the scenes of the doughty old pioneer's travels in North Carolina before he went to Kentucky. Recently she unveiled the Boone Trail marker in Louisville.

A letter received from Congressman Thatcher expresses his great interest in the Park to Park Highway following as nearly as possible pioneer trails. A large arrowhead has also been erected at Blowing Rock and the dedication will take place with appropriate ceremony within the near future. Director Rich has been in the county for the past ten days looking after the erection of these markers.

The exact date for the dedication of the marker on the college campus will be announced later, as it is desired to suit the date to the convenience of Congressman Thatcher when he visits this section. The last week in August has been tentatively set for the ceremony.

Uncle Elbert Horton Dies at County Home

Uncle Elbert Horton, colored, who was supposed to have been born in slavery, died at the county home Sunday and was buried nearby on Monday. The old negro's age is not known, but it is thought he was beyond the ninetieth mile post.

Uncle Elbert had been in the county home several years, and prior to that time had received aid for a quarter-century. Before old age rendered him incapable of taking care of himself he lived in a tiny cabin on the side of the mountain above Boone, and was often visited by the white folks, who listened with feigned belief as the doughty slave unfolded his scriptural prophecies.

Elbert was a harmless old wayfarer, without a semblance of "learning," but he had managed to amass considerable Biblical information, and as he dozed in the sunshine beside his cabin door he believed "the spirit" communed with him and pointed out the details of conduct he should follow in his daily life. Frequently he would become so profoundly moved that he would make a round of the residences of the town warning the "white folks" of impending disasters, and urging them to heed the injunctions he conveyed from Spiritland.

White folks generally will regret that Uncle Elbert has passed on. He was perhaps the only remaining "rebellum negro" in this entire section—and he has entered the region of which he dreamed, after having sojourne'd among the hills perhaps longer than anyone now living.

Ashe County Attorney to Enter Senatorial Struggle

Thomas C. (Tam) Bowie Announces His Candidacy for Upper House. Platform Based on Economy in Government and Reduced Taxes. Former Jurist Returns from Trip to the East, Where He Found Sentiment Favorable to His Candidacy. Will Not Seek to Array "Faction Against Faction or Section Against Section."

West Jefferson, N. C.—Judge Thomas C. (Tam) Bowie Saturday announced his candidacy for the United States Senate on a platform calling for a revision of the tariff laws and economies in municipal, state and national governmental affairs.

In a prepared statement, formally announcing his entrance into the race, the prominent attorney pledged himself to exert his influence toward bringing about a reduction in taxes and revaluation of land and property on a more equitable basis. While not attempting to inject state and local issues in a race for a national office, he declared he would lend his influence to those who favor reforms in the taxation system of North Carolina.

For twenty-five years Judge Bowie has been an outstanding figure in North Carolina politics. Entering the legislature as representative from Ashe in 1909, he has served several terms in that body as a representative. He was co-author of the famous Connor-Bowie-Deighton road bill which initiated the great North Carolina road program. In 1924 he was an unsuccessful candidate for the nomination for lieutenant governor, a race which, in spite of the fact that he entered only a month before the primary, revealed a strong Bowie following all over the State and a practically solid support in his own section.

Judge Bowie declared Saturday that he does not desire to array section against section, class against class or faction against faction, but presents himself to the Democratic voters of North Carolina on his record as a loyal supporter of the principles of Democracy.

Promising to set forth fully during the campaign the platform upon which he will rely in his contest with Senator Cameron Morrison, Frank D. Grist and Robert K. Reynolds, Judge Bowie issued the following statement:

Advised by Friends.
"After careful consideration and conference with friends of mine in the different sections of North Carolina, not all of whom have advised this course, but in obedience to the requests and advice of the great majority of such friends as well as an ambition from early boyhood, and fully realizing the import of this decision and the strain and stress incident thereto, I have decided to enter the race for the Democratic nomination to the United States Senate and in waging this contest, I expect to stand for the following principles:

"I believe in the most rigid economy in the administration, both of public and private affairs, and I think the time has come when such economy must be practiced in the management of our counties, municipalities, state and federal governments.

"I believe that the time has come when we must refrain from the creation of any further bonded indebtedness, either in the counties, the municipalities, the State or the nation, and that we must inaugurate an era of the payment of, and not the creation of debt and must persistently pursue this course until governmental units from the small civic municipality to the nation itself are freed from debt obligations.

Senator Has Influence.
"I am well aware of the fact that the Federal constitution prohibits Congress from passing any local laws affecting state interests and state rights, but I along with the public generally am well aware of the fact that the influence of a United States Senator is something very powerful as was well illustrated during the fight for tax reduction in the last legislature of North Carolina. Therefore, in entering this contest I desire to state that if I am elected to the United States Senate, while I will have no desire to become a dictator as to state affairs, I shall favor the enactment of legislation to bring about the revaluation of farm lands and real estate in North Carolina, which all admit is on the tax books at least 50 per cent higher than its actual value in money; the reduction in taxes upon all real estate which I believe all will concede is bearing an unjust and disproportionate burden of taxation; and the state support and maintenance of a six months school term without any ad valorem tax.

"I favor the most rigid economy in the administration of the public school funds of the State. I believe in a system of taxation that places the individual and the corporation upon an absolute equality before the law requiring each to pay in proportion to his or its ability to pay.

Tariff Revision.
"Extending this theory to national affairs, I favor a revision of the tariff laws.

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JUDGE J. J. HAYES TO SPEAK SUNDAY

Will Deliver Principal Address at B. Y. P. U. Convention at the Cove Creek Church. Other Prominent Figures Will Be Present.

Hon. Johnson J. Hayes, Judge of the Federal Court in the Middle North Carolina District, is scheduled to deliver the principal address when the Three Forks B. Y. P. U. convention is held at the Cove Creek Baptist Church next Sunday, according to the program which has just been released by the president, S. C. Eagers. The sessions will begin at the Sunday school hour and be concluded in the afternoon with an address by James A. Ivey, State B. Y. P. U. secretary. Judge Hayes will be heard at 11 o'clock, his talk preceding a picnic-style dinner.

Officials have pointed out that an unusually entertaining program has been prepared this year, which includes the names of several figures of State-wide prominence in church work, and it is indicated that large delegations will be present from every Baptist church in the county. The complete program appears in this issue of The Democrat.

DR. A. P. KEPHART TO STUDY IN ENGLAND AND SCOTLAND
Dr. A. P. Kephart, owner and director of Camp Yonahlossee between Boone and Blowing Rock, will sail for Edinburgh, Scotland, on September 19th, where he has an exchange appointment with the University of Edinburgh, becoming for a year a member of the faculty of the University.

His particular assignment is a study of the types of education in Scotland and England. Dr. Kephart has been in this county for the past ten years. The Kepharts will spend some time touring England, Ireland and the Continent before returning to their camp on July 1st, 1932. He is director of training at the North Carolina College for Women, Greensboro, but will be on leave of absence for the college year.

Wins Legion Honor



LLOYD S. ISAACS
Boone business man who was appointed district commander of the American Legion at its Morehead City meeting last week.

LLOYD S. ISAACS IS CHOSEN STATE LEGION OFFICER

Boone Business Man Now Commander of 176th District. Following Action of Morehead Convention. In Charge of Five Counties. Younce and Gingrich at State Meeting. Local Post Meets Friday.

Lloyd S. Isaacs, prominent business man of Boone, was elected district commander of the Seventeenth District at the State Convention of the American Legion which was held in Morehead City last week. The territory assigned Mr. Isaacs includes Watauga, Caldwell, Burke, Avery and Mitchell counties, and his election marks the naming of the first Watauga soldier as a state official of the Legion.

Mr. Isaacs has been engaged in the mercantile business here since the cessation of hostilities, and has been prominent in American Legion circles since the formation of the Watauga Post, having served in the capacity of commander and held other offices in the organization. He is eminently fitted for the official position, and the appointment is an indication of the worth of the local man as a Legionnaire.

Henry C. Younce, of Terboro, was named State Commander and Mrs. Ruth Perry, of Louisa, will serve as State president of the Legion Auxiliary, which held its sessions simultaneously.

Important Meeting Friday

Messrs. Charles L. Younce and Bob Gingrich were delegates from Watauga Post to the State Convention and it is announced that on Friday evening an important meeting of the local post will be held at which time those gentlemen will make a detailed report of the proceedings from first hand information. The session will be held at 8:30 to allow the members time to dispatch the business and be able to attend the concert which is being given by the Hill Billies in the clubhouse at 8:15. One-half of the proceeds of this entertainment will go into the local Legion treasury, and a full attendance of ex-servicemen and their friends is being urged.

Gastonia Editor Spends Vacation Period Here

J. W. Adkins, editor of The Gastonia Gazette, with Mrs. Adkins, is spending his summer vacation at the Council home, and resting his body and mind among the hills after a hard year's work at the helm of one of North Carolina's finest daily newspapers.

This is the first time Editor Adkins has made a stop-over of consequence in Boone, and he is pleasantly surprised at the growth of Watauga's metropolis. However, he finds his greatest pleasure in the short trips he and Mrs. Adkins are enjoying into the rural sections, and sees great promise in the truck farming which is just now coming into commercial significance in these parts.

The journalist can't entirely get away from the feel of the typewriter keys, however, and is giving out some valuable stories of Watauga to his newspaper.

Publicity of this character has done more than any other agency to place Watauga County in her rightful position in the forefront of North Carolina progress.

PERRY CHILD IMPROVED

Donald Perry, 14-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Perry, of Zionsville, who was severely burned about the body a week ago, was sufficiently improved last Saturday to permit his discharge from the Caldwell Hospital, where he was treated. Mr. Perry is formerly of Lenoir and was employed at the Bernhard-Seagle Company.—News-Topic.

GEN. SUMMERALL SPENDS SUMMER AT VALLE CRUCIS

Former Commander in Chief of the American Armies Adopts Watauga Village as Permanent Summer Home Following Retirement Last Spring. One of the Most Colorful Figures of World War Period.

General Charles P. Summerall, who retired as commander-in-chief of the American armies last May, after a military career covering a period of almost two-score years, has been spending the past thirty days at the Valle Crucis School, and will remain in Watauga County during the month of August. General Summerall, who is an Episcopalian and devout churchman, was leaving Miami, Fla., for northern points some weeks ago when an acquaintance who is extremely interested in the Valle Crucis School suggested to him that he should "drop by" and note the wonderful work being done by the denominational institution. The General made the proposed alteration in his itinerary, and when he had held the business of the "State of the Cross" he was so forcibly impressed that he immediately decided to remain for sixty days, and five, therefore, gave out the information that he had adopted that region as his permanent summer home. He is accompanied by his wife.

General Summerall was one of the three American military leaders which were described by General Pershing as invaluable, and served with distinction during the World War when he was successively a member of the Military Commission to England and France, commander of the 67th Field Artillery Brigade, and later of the First Artillery Brigade, commander of the First Division A. E. F., the Fifth Army Corps, the Ninth Army Corps and the Fourth Army Corps. His service with the American armies in France covered the period from October, 1917, to September, 1919, and included various special missions, membership in the Inter-Allied Military Commission at Rome and service with the American Mission to Negotiate Peace.

Upon his return to the United States he was assigned command of the First Division at Camp Taylor, Ky., and was later commissioned as commander-in-chief of the army.

General Summerall was graduated from West Point in 1892, rising steadily through the various grades from second lieutenant to the highest post within the gift of the American land forces.

Boone a Model Town, Says New Resident

To the Editor of The Democrat:
After reading the letter published in the issue of July 29th of your fine local paper, I cannot refrain from answering this Mr. B. A. Hodges, and I hope this answer may be published in your next issue.

I came to this town last April to look around for a few days and find out for myself if it was indeed as good as some people had whispered. I fully expected to see monuments and revenue officers shooting at cars; I had heard of the "section machine," etc. I was indeed pleasantly surprised. I found a normal town, a fine hotel, modern stores, good roads and wonderful scenery, and a very friendly people, a very quiet people, and above the average town in the amount of religious activities.

I have traveled over the United States quite a bit since our prohibition law became effective and the last three years I have traveled over North Carolina a great deal.

Every town in the United States has one or more bootleggers—there is very likely one here in Boone, because Boone is a normal town. If folks stopped buying liquor there would be no more made and no more sold. I have never heard of a bootlegger forcing a man to drink.

The officers in Boone seem to be as competent as the officers in any normal town. I believe they are as fine as any town would expect. I agree with Mr. Hodges when he calls drunkenness a disgraceful thing—it most certainly is, but why blame Boone; why be ashamed to tell anyone you are from Boone?

After all, does it help this fine town to go away and hang your head and whisper the fact that you came "from Boone"?

I rather think that it hurts the town more than the bootleggers do. Boost your town, boost your officers, boost your civic clubs, boost your own merchants, and tell the world what a wonderful place Boone is. Tell the world of your climate, your energy, your fine churches, your fine people, and you will be helping more to push the undesirable citizen into the background.

Shout "Boone." For heaven's sake, stop whispering.

Just a "temporary citizen."
A. F. SWIFT.

Boone, N. C.
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