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A. S. T. C. FOOTBALL SQUAD COMPLETES INITIAL TRAINING

First Week Taken With Calisthenic Drills, Punting, Passing, and Signals. Practice Game Shows Strong Reserve Forces. Opening Game of Season With Campbell College Here Saturday Afternoon.

The first week of practice for the A. S. T. C. Mountaineers consisted of "blackboard work" in the mornings, which the afternoon practice consisted of punting, passing, signal drill, and calisthenics. The calisthenic drills were given by Phil Utley, track coach at Wake Forest and special friend of Coach Johnny Johnston.

The second week of practice consisted of real work, with the squad out on the field every afternoon. The first part of the week was given over wholly to running signals and "dummy scrimmages." Two scrimmages were held the latter part of the week, the last being between the letter men and the last year reserves and newcomers. The reserves showed up well against the letter men, the latter being able to shove over only one touch-down. Kanamaker, who has been showing up well in practice, sustained a leg injury but diagnosis showed no fracture of the bone, as was first suspected. He is getting along nicely and will be out for practice again in a few days.

Prospects are good for a winning team, in view of the number of letter men and reserves from last year's team back in harness. The letter men out for their positions are: Goins, Pyatte, Hooper, ends; Smith, Mahoney, Westenburg, tackles; MacDonaid, McKinney, Workman, guards; Captain Harris, Walker, Triplett, Baucosa, halfback; Hallyburton, quarterback.

A number of reserves, including Davis, Loy, Johnson, Reeves, Cook, Franklin, Lackey, Dotson, Trott and Harding, have been looking good in practice. The following first year men are showing up exceptionally well: Kanamaker, Moore, Fitzgerald, Lewis, Sullivan, Boland, Weaver, Childress, Morrison and Walker.

The Mountaineers open the season with Campbell College here Saturday, Sept. 15, on College Field. Nothing is known of Campbell's strength, but they are rated as one of the best junior colleges in the State. On the Friday night following the local grid-iron meet Lenoir-Rhyne at Hickory in the first conference game.

Appalachian faces one of the hardest football schedules in its history.

Winners Announced in Legion Prize Contest

Considerable interest was manifested in the advertising contest conducted by the Watauga Post American Legion through the columns of the Watauga Democrat last week, and two of those who filled in the blank spaces with correct firm names and slogans were so uniformly adept, that the five-dollar prize was divided equally between Billy Mack Hardin and Miss Julia Mabrey. A. W. Smith, Bill Hagaman and Jim Rivers acted as judges and the results of the advertising contest was announced Saturday evening at the final presentation of the "Jollies of 1931," a minstrel sponsored by the Legion post.

The local business houses co-operating with the Legion in the slogan contest were: Peoples Bank and Trust Company, Carolina Stores, J. B. Dick Company, Central Tire Company, Farmers Hardware Company, Watauga Motor Company, Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company, Highland Dry Cleaners, Boone Feed Company, Five to Five Store, Daniel Boone Hotel, Boone Drug Company, Isaacs Department Store, Walkers Jewelry Store, Spainhous, Watauga County Bank, Watauga Democrat, Watauga Building & Loan Association, Harris Brothers Department Store.

The minstrel, the cast for which was locally selected, proved to be exceedingly popular and a considerable sum was realized to be used for Legion purposes. The cast was trained under the direction of Mr. Fred Rudisill, of Charlotte.

Erect Large Traffic Sign At Highway Junction

The Lions club of North Wilkesboro has erected a large sign at the junction of the Boone Trail—U. S. No. 421—and state highways 16 and 18 between the Wilkesboros. This sign is put up for the purpose of directing the tourist travel over the Boone Trail, the shortest and best route to points of interest in western North Carolina.

The sign gives the distance to Boone, Blowing Rock and other scenic centers in the mountain section, showing that the shortest route is by the national highway.

Although the purpose of erecting the sign is to give a service to the traveling public, it will direct the tourists through North Wilkesboro and give publicity to the Boone Trail which is destined to become one of the Nation's main arteries of motor travel.—Wilkes Journal.

"Jim Ham" Abroad



Senator-Elect James Hamilton Lewis of Illinois is visiting in Berlin. Folks are talking of Jim Ham for vice-presidential candidate.

LEES-M'RAE JUNIOR COLLEGE OPENED ON LAST THURSDAY

Dr. Robert Yost, of King College, Addresses Student Body. College Department Has Seventy-six Enrolled. Boys Dormitories Greatly Improved. "Get Acquainted" Socials Held Saturday.

Banner Elk, N. C.—Lees-McRae College held its formal opening on Thursday with Dr. Robert Yost of King College, Bristol, conducting the chapel exercises, taking as his subject "The Things That We Have." The college department, entering its third year, numbers 76, thirty-one seniors and forty-five freshmen, with fifteen signed up for the course in mountain farming under Mr. E. T. Erickson.

On Sunday Dr. Yost was again the speaker, conducting the morning service at the Banner Elk Presbyterian Church, preaching from the text, "WIL!" A violin solo was rendered by Miss Esther Carlin from Grandfather Orphanage, and a duet, "Today," was sung by Marlin Tate and Anita Clippin. Sunday evening vespers were held on the lawn, conducted by Miss Kathleen O'Neal, director of religious activities, with Miss Jane Hall of Wilmington as speaker. Saturday evening the "get acquainted" socials were held in the lobbies of the Tennessee and Virginia dormitories.

The boys are rejoicing in the improvements to their dormitory which is in charge of two members of the faculty, Mr. E. T. Lafferty of Rome, Ga., chemistry department, and Mr. Glenn C. Poole, Columbia, S. C., department of mathematics. Mrs. Aurelia Chestnut, of Point Pleasant, W. Va., house mother, is another newcomer, with Miss Johnnie Sue Freeman, assistant dietician.

Winston-Salem Editor At Baptist Church Sun. At Blowing Rock School

Editor Sanford Martin, of The Winston-Salem Journal, will be in Boone Sunday and will teach Mr. I. G. Greer's Berean Class at the Baptist Church at 10 o'clock. Mr. Greer in turn goes to Winston-Salem where he will speak to Mr. Martin's class at the Brown Memorial Baptist Church. At the 11 o'clock hour, Mr. Martin will occupy the pulpit at the local church and will lecture from the subject, "The Man and His Church."

294 Students Enrolled Blowing Rock School

The Blowing Rock School opened Monday morning at 9 o'clock. Rev. Euchannan of the Presbyterian Church conducted the devotional and made a short and inspiring talk to the student body. Superintendent Hagaman was also present and gave an interesting address on education. Many patrons and visitors were present, and the auditorium was filled.

Eighty-eight students were enrolled in the high school and 206 in the elementary school, making a total of 294.

Mrs. R. H. Askew, formerly Miss Hattie Greer, returned recently from Seattle, Wash., where she and her husband attended summer school at the University of Washington. Mrs. Askew has returned to resume her position as a teacher in the Blowing Rock school. Mr. Askew is continuing his study at a Western university.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Story and Dewey Story returned Friday from Cleveland, Ohio, where they have been visiting relatives for ten days. The Storys were in Cleveland during the week of the international air races and attended some of the events.

Many of the people who spent the summer in cottages in Blowing Rock have returned to their winter homes. The hotels had good crowds stopping for the week-end for this late in the season.

Mr. W. S. Whiting of Butler, Tenn., was a business visitor to Boone on Wednesday morning.

PRINCE WILBURN AN ATTRACTION AT LOCAL FAIR

West African Native Will Contribute to Entertainment at Cove Creek Event Which Begins Friday Morning. Usual Agricultural Exhibits and Varied Contests Make Occasion of Standard Proportions.

Saturday evening at the Cove Creek High School, Prince Wilburn, of Gold Coast, West Africa, will deliver a varied musical program, as the closing event of the Cove Creek Fair, which begins Friday morning. A small admission fee will be charged which will be used for the benefit of the school. The African prince is known as one of the world's greatest pianists and is a vocalist, composer, comedian and lecturer. He has won favor in the courts of many of the crowned heads of Europe, and is known as the "Prince of Music." One unique feature of his program is his ability to play the same number on two pianos at the same time, a feat that has rarely been successfully accomplished. He is not only a master pianist, but a composer as well. Many of the best known numbers today were composed by Prince Wilburn.

The music comes as a finale to the Cove Creek Fair for Watauga County and indications are that there will be a record attendance both Friday and Saturday and that the exhibits will be varied. Prizes are awarded in all the various classes of agricultural endeavor, and a program of entertainment and contests has been worked out which will contribute much to the merriment of the occasion. The sponsors of the fair have made their plans along strictly county fair lines, and it is expected that the farmers of the county will co-operate to the fullest extent in bringing together the greatest collection of fine products ever assembled in Western Carolina.

Wharf Rats Becoming Numerous in County

Reports coming from various sections of the county indicate that wharf rats are appearing in ever-increasing numbers and in some instances are playing havoc with the flocks of baby chicks. The first of the rodents are supposed to have come to Boone by rail from other points and to have distributed themselves throughout the city, multiplied and many of them moved to the country. At any rate, they are here, and Roy McBrayer exhibited a specimen the other day which he shot with a rifle near the Jones building, and which weighed three pounds. No organized effort to exterminate the pests has yet been started.

Revival Services to Start at Blowing Rock

Revival services will begin at the Blowing Rock Church next Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock hour, according to announcement made the first of the week by the pastor, Rev. P. A. Hicks, and the services will continue each afternoon and evening for a period of at least ten days. Rev. W. T. Tate of Pecotet, S. C., has been secured to do the preaching. He is known as an unusually able sermonizer and his evangelistic efforts have been very successful. The present plans indicate that the services will be held at 3:30 and 7:30 p. m. each day, and the public is cordially invited to participate.

Anderson Low Bidder On Local Road Project

Bids were opened Tuesday on nine State highway projects, including the two miles of grading on Route 60 between Boone and the New River bridge. The W. H. Anderson Construction Company of Asheville furnished the low figure on the local project, their bid being \$16,169 for grading and structures. The grading, if the bid is approved, is expected to be completed by the first of the year, and concrete will probably be laid in the early spring.

GRADUATES OF TEACHERS COLLEGE BEGIN NEW WORK

The opening of the public schools in the state has taken away a number of recent graduates from State Teachers College. Miss Mildred McDade has taken charge of the Seventh Grade in Troutman schools; Miss Gladys Swift the Fourth Grade, Cornelius schools; Mr. Conrad Hinson to Science and Athletics, Kannapolis schools; Mr. Kermit Hinson, Y. M. C. A., Kannapolis, and Mr. Elmer Rankin to Mathematics and Physics, Kannapolis Schools.

CIRCUS NOT COMING

The Democrat is in receipt of a wire from the Walter L. Mains Circus which was advertised last week for appearance here on the 21st, that owing to a change in the routing, the tented attraction will not play Boone this season.

FALL TERM COURT OPENS MONDAY; MOORE PRESIDES

Solicitor L. S. Spurling Will Prosecute Docket for First Time. Chas Stone Faces Trial for Murder of Mattie Bentley. Seventy Cases Appear on Criminal Docket, Most of Them Minor Infractions.

The fall term of Watauga Superior Court will convene next Monday for a one-week session, with Judge Walter E. Moore presiding, and Solicitor L. S. Spurling of Lenoir will prosecute the docket for the first time under the re-districting act of the last Legislature.

Of chief concern is the case against Clint Stone, who is charged with having shot to death Mattie Bentley, resident of the Deep Gap section, the tragedy having occurred on a mountain top near the Ashe-Watauga line on last April 30th. There were no witnesses to the shooting but when Coroner J. B. Hagaman held an inquest over the shot-riddled body of the woman, enough evidence was forthcoming to warrant Stone's arrest, and he was placed in jail, and arraigned on May 4th before Justice of the Peace E. N. Hahn, at which time Deputy Sheriff Clint Norris, who incarcerated Stone, testified the prisoner had made a complete confession of the sordid crime. He stated that he had become enraged when the deceased had written letters demanding sums of money, how he became "madder and madder" and "decided to get her out of the way." He told the deputy of the meeting on the mountainside, and the heated argument which precipitated the fatal shooting. His confession indicated that he didn't remember the firing of a second shot, but "guessed he did."

A few days later, it is recalled, Stone swore out a warrant for William Watson of Deep Gap, charging that he had been a party to the murder and fired one of the shots. When Mr. Watson was brought before the justice, however, Stone refused to testify, stating that his mind was in no condition to answer the court's questions, and was returned to jail, and Mr. Watson was released.

The law firm of Bingham, Linney & Bingham will assist the State in the prosecution while the defendant has employed Trivette and Holsouser to conduct his defense.

On the criminal docket are about seventy cases, most of them being as a result of minor infractions of the prohibition laws, only one or two cases of manufacturing having been reported. Thirty-four cases have been calendared for trial on the civil docket, which, it is said, are brought for motions, judgments, etc., most of the important actions having been slated for trial at the special civil term of court which will convene on November 2nd.

Large Enrollment at Boone High School

Boone High School opened on Tuesday, September 15th, with an enrollment of 292 students. This number has been raised to 304 during the first week. Every possible effort is being made to provide sufficient accommodations for the student body.

Reverend P. A. Hicks, pastor of Boone Baptist Church, opened the new school year with devotional exercises. Superintendent Smith Hagaman made a short talk to the school. Mr. Hagaman emphasized the importance of co-operation—co-operation among the teachers, students and parents.

Coach Gorley and his football squad will get down to hard training during this week.

Singing Convention to Be Held October 4th

The Watauga County Singing Convention will convene at the courthouse in Boone on Sunday, October 4th, according to an announcement made Monday by Chairman J. R. Isaacs. Choir leaders of the county are urged to bring their classes and make this the greatest singing of all time.

QUICK THINKING OF DRIVER AVERTS FATAL ACCIDENT

A brand new sedan, driven by R. L. Teague was completely wrecked Monday afternoon near the intersection of Routes 60 and 17 in the eastern part of town. Teague was driving his car east on No. 60, when a car driven by a Mr. Triplett suddenly emerged from the Blowing Rock road and blocked his path. Realizing that if he struck the car, which was loaded with women and children, certain death would ensue for members of the party, Mr. Teague swung his car into a telephone pole. The vehicle was badly damaged by the impact, three wheels being torn completely from their axles.

Mr. Tom Cushing, who has been quite ill for several days at the Daniel Boone Hotel, is reported as somewhat improved.

Another Candidate



Hon. A. J. Maxwell, Commissioner of Revenue, who announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for Governor last week.

COUNCIL DAIRY BARN RAZED BY FLAMES MONDAY

Fire of Unknown Origin Inflicts Big Loss When Modern Plant is Destroyed. Two Silos and One Calf Included in the Destruction. Silos to Be Rebuilt at Once. Loss Was Total; No Insurance Carried.

The large and modern barn of Mr. Tracy Council, which had been used for housing the fine dairy herd which supplies practically all the milk for the town of Boone, was completely destroyed by fire shortly after noon on last Monday. No figures as to the amount of the loss have been made, however it is understood that the building was one of the most modern ever constructed in this region, and at the time of the conflagration housed a quantity of dairy feed and various tools, as well as electric motors and feed cutters. One four-day-old calf was included in the loss and two nearby silos were destroyed. A milk house was saved by the local volunteer fire department. It is said that the loss was complete, there having been no insurance in force.

The smoke from the building was first sighted, it is said, not more than thirty minutes after Mr. Council and others had visited the barn, and it seems that the blaze had its origin in the hay loft, and it was believed that a short circuit in the electric wiring had supplied the spark. However, examination of fuses by an electrician after the fire indicated that they were not blown, as would have been the case had the short existed. No other theory has been advanced.

Mr. Council is now engaged in the work of having other silos constructed in order that his corn crop, grown for ensilage, may be saved, and is contemplating the rebuilding of the barn at a spot nearer the highway. If tentative plans are carried out, the new structure will be of either stone or brick.

Local Civitans Present Charter to New Club

Messrs. W. H. Gragg, R. D. Hodges, G. K. Moore and I. G. Greer, members of the Boone Civitan Club, went to Marshall, N. C., Thursday night of last week, and presented a charter to the newly formed Civitan organization there.

During the ceremonies, which were held in the New Cafe, Civitan Moore, who is Governor of the Carolinas District, delivered a talk on "The Curbing of Crime," which was well received by the more than thirty new members. Mr. Gragg, president of the local club, brought greetings from Boone, and extended an invitation to the Marshall group to pay this city a visit in the near future.

President Rudisill presided at the meeting.

Special Church Meeting To Be Held Sunday Eve.

I. G. Greer, moderator of the Three Forks Baptist Association announces that there will be an important meeting at the Baptist Church in Boone next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, at which time matters of vital significance to the association will be discussed. All pastors, Sunday School superintendents, members of the executive board and other church leaders are urged to be present.

INJURED IN AUTO WRECK

Bill Casey, of Boone, received painful facial injuries Monday afternoon when the steering wheel of a "skeeter" which he was driving came loose and the vehicle overturned in the eastern part of the city. Oscar Brown, who was with young Casey, escaped injury.

WORK PROGRESSES FAST ON WATAUGA HOSPITAL BUILDING

Brick Work Completed to Second Floor. Building to Be Enclosed by First of November. May Be Completed in February. Superintendent Coffey Pushes Work. Bids for Equipment to Be Received Soon.

Brick work on Watauga Hospital has been completed to the second story, and a large force of men is now engaged in pouring the reinforced concrete floor. The brick work is of mingled design, the window sills are of Indiana limestone, and the building, when completed, is expected to be one of the most imposing structures in the city.

Robert F. Coffey, engineer in charge of construction, stated Wednesday morning that he contemplates having the building inclosed by the first of November. A temporary heating plant will be installed by that time, and work will proceed during the winter months. It is hoped that the hospital will be ready for occupancy by the first of February.

The first floor of the building will contain laboratory rooms, X-ray rooms, a clinic room, and a three-bed ward for negro patients. The second floor will be devoted entirely to wards, while the third floor will contain operating rooms and wards. Six of the private rooms are to have connecting baths, and the seven wards, three containing three beds, and two containing four beds, will be large and well ventilated.

Ornamental terra cotta and stone will be delivered next week, and the contract for equipment is expected to be let within the next thirty days. The only wood being used in the building is in the window frames and doors. It will be the first absolutely fireproof structure ever erected in Boone. The approaches to the hospital as laid out by engineers are said to be very beautiful, and will provide a one-way drive for ambulances and other cars entering the grounds.

The college will have the privilege of using the hospital as an infirmary, but patients will, of course, be subject to charges the same as outsiders. It is understood that an infirmary fee will be charged each student upon registration, the funds derived in this way to take care of short-time patients.

Watauga Hospital is located in a grove of beautiful pines, and the two-acre of ground embodied in the tract which was recently transferred to the institution by the state is expected to be improved to a high degree following the completion of the building. Details as to the management of the hospital have not been worked out by the board of trustees, but selection of a staff is expected to be made within the next few weeks.

Heaton Man Confined in Newland Jail for Murder

Newland, N. C.—Cline Franklin, who is charged with the killing of Guinie Cannon Sunday, September 13, near Heaton with a baseball bat, was given a preliminary hearing at Elk Park last Thursday before Justice of the Peace Tom Miller and Magistrate Ray of Newland. The case was carried to October term of court and young Cannon was not under \$10,000 bond, but not being able to furnish bond was taken back to Newland jail.

Number Local Students Exceeds Population City

Few towns, it is believed, if any, have a body of school folks in excess of the number of the inhabitants of the town. Boone has now enrolled in its three institutions of learning about 1,759 students, or more than three hundred above the government census of the city, which credits Boone with 1,396 souls. The college leads with 749, the graded school comes in for second honors with about 700, and the high school has registered 292.

CONVINCING PROOF

Convincing proof that Boone is the "biggest little city in the world" has been produced. An Atlantic Grayhound special bus passed through the city the other day, and on the side of the huge coach, appeared the names of the following cities: New York, Philadelphia, Washington, Richmond, Bristol, Boone, Winston-Salem, Augusta, Savannah, Jacksonville and Miami. A bystander was heard to remark: "Boone might not be a city, but she sure keeps big company."

SUFFERS STROKE PARALYSIS

Mr. Marion Harmon, highly respected resident of the Lower Cove Creek section, suffered a stroke of paralysis last Saturday morning, and Wednesday noon his condition was said to be gradually failing. No hope is entertained for his recovery.

Miss Mary Frances Linney left for Winston-Salem last week where she was enrolled as a student in Salem College for the ensuing term.