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WELCOME, EDITORS!

Gentlemen of the "Fourth Estate," accompanied by their women folks, paper and equipment salesmen, are gathering over at Banner Elk today for the Sixty-second Annual Convention of the North Carolina Press Association...

An invitation to visit Banner Elk was a blessing to the editors... a blessing that will last... for those who dwell in the atmosphere of printers ink and type lice need inspiration...

But the setting of Banner Elk is the thing that gets 'em going! To the north the pinnacles of Beech Mountain rear themselves into the clouds...

Another blessing of no small import was dished out to the journalists when they selected Banner Elk as their 1934 convention site...

The editors will have as their guest tonight Senator Bob Reynolds, our one and only Bob... tomorrow Judge John Parker and Undersecretary of Commerce John Dickinson...

This afternoon a car bearing one of North Carolina's foremost publishers rolled along Boone's main drag, en route to Banner Elk...

"THE HANDWRITING" From The Inquirer and Mirror, Nantucket Island's hundred and thirteen year old newspaper, we garner a breezy article, headed "Handwriting on the Wall," which fills the hole, as printers say, and provides amusement for those who watch and wait.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy H. West and small daughter, Jimmy, returned to their home in Clarksburg, W. Va., Sunday, after a visit of two weeks with Mrs. West's parents, Rev. and Mrs. W. I. Trivett.

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Maxie Greets Ma



New York.—Max Baer, the new heavyweight champion of the world, greets his mother when she arrives from the West to help him celebrate his victory over Primo Carnera.

A. S. T. C. SUMMER SCHOOL LARGEST IN ENTIRE STATE

Student Body of Near Nine Hundred Represents Nine States and One Foreign Country. Auxiliary School Being Conducted at Dobson. Watauga Leads With 110 Students; Ashe Has Fifty-four.

Appalachian State Teachers College has the largest enrollment of public school teachers assembled anywhere in North Carolina for its first summer term, according to announcement made this week by Dean J. D. Rankin...

Watauga County leads in enrollment with 110 students, Ashe following with 54, and Iredell with 45. Those registering from Watauga are: Watauga Students: Boone: Jack Allred, Ella Austin, Sam Austin, Wendell Ballou, Morris Barnett, Mrs. Gladys Bingham, Mary Lee Bingham, Ruth Blair, Della Irene Clark, Mrs. R. L. Clay, Ollie Jean Coffey, Betty Collins, Mack Cowles, Mrs. Mack Cowles, Carl Dennies, Mrs. Zeb Dixon, Zeb Dixon, Edwin Dougherty, Eunice Dawson, Homer Eggers, A. L. Eggers, Roy Ellison.

Two Lincolnton Women Injured in Car Accident

Two young Lincolnton women received serious injuries when the automobile in which they were riding skidded and overturned on the Blowing Rock Road, five miles from Boone, Monday morning. Miss Ethel Hoover, a student at the summer school of Appalachian State Teachers College here, suffered a fractured leg. Miss Frances Ruth, who was visiting Miss Hoover over the week-end, suffered a broken pelvis bone. The driver of the car, John Bingle, of Lincolnton, was not injured.

Democratic Meeting To Be Held Monday

An organization meeting of the Young Democratic Club of Watauga County will be held in the courthouse next Monday evening at 8 o'clock, according to an announcement made Wednesday by Jim Rivers, chairman of the organization. The purpose of the meeting is to elect officers and to name delegates to the State Convention of Young Democratic Clubs in Asheville July 27, 28, 29. Senator Robert R. Reynolds has been extended an invitation to address the meeting, and Mr. Rivers believes it is entirely possible that he may have opportunity to accept. Incidentally, the chairman requests a large attendance.

MRS. KING DIES IN TEXAS A telegram received by Mr. R. R. Hodges on Saturday told of the death in Paris, Texas, of his niece, Mrs. Howard King. Mrs. King prior to marriage was Miss Olla Hodges, a daughter of the late Colonel Jake Hodges, former resident of Watauga County.

RECORD YIELDS BRING SMILES TO COUNTY FARMERS

Most Favorable Season in Years Brings Figures on Potato Crop to Near a Million Bushels. Seed Being Produced Under TVA Supervision Will Bring Added Income. Kraut Industry Takes Care of Cabbage.

The most favorable growing season known in Watauga County for many years has wreathed local farmers' faces with smiles, and those who lean to mathematical speculation have been so bold as to predict a yield of Irish potatoes of from eight hundred thousand to one million bushels, with cabbage, beans and other mountain truck crops thriving in bounteous proportion.

A fine open spring season enabled the farmers to seed their soil with a minimum of hindrance from the elements, which rewarded their labors by the withholding of late killing frosts which have wrought such damage in late years. Unlike any summer which can readily be recalled, almost daily showers have interspersed the hot sunshiny periods, and so rapid has been the growth of vegetation, particularly potato vines, that many farmers have been forced to forego a final hoeing, because of the overlapping of a jungle-like growth.

Those who have "sampled" hills of potatoes report in many instances that the tubers are now as large as at digging time last year, and a noticeable absence of twos and threes is reported. An 800,000-bushel yield is regarded in most quarters as a conservative estimate.

Certified Seed In addition to the usual market crop of the table variety of spuds, a good many farmers in Watauga have gone in this year for the production of certified seed, under the direct supervision of the Tennessee Valley Authority. One thousand five hundred bushels of choice Maine-grown seed were planted in Watauga and Avery counties, the vines are being sprayed and cared for in accordance with Government specifications, and one inspector has already visited the fields. He was unable to find fault with methods employed or with the rank growth of the foliage. The opportunity which is opened to Watauga farmers for increased income through the production of certified seed is strikingly shown by the fact that the seed planted in these select patches cost growers \$2.35 per bushel, 1-0, b. Johnson City, Tenn. At that time the regular market on table potatoes was \$1.00 and less in some instances.

Other Crops Flourish Likewise, cabbage, beans and other crops by which is gauged the prosperity of Watauga County people, have responded in prolific style to the kind treatment of Mother Nature and bumper crops are undoubtedly in the offing. The local kraut factory has about twice as much acreage of cabbage under contract this year as ever before, and encouragement is found in information that this year's output is already sold, and that there has been no kraut available at the factory since about the first of the year.

More cattle and sheep are to be found in Watauga than in many years and the market, while still snort, is much better than last year.

With brightened prospects as to improved market conditions, Wataugans generally believe that this year will mark the sharpest economic upturn ever known in a similar period of time.

Game Farm at Banner Elk Promising Project

One of the interesting places to visit at Banner Elk is the game bird farm of the Lees-McRae College, where Edgar Tufts has aroused the envy of other such enterprises throughout the country in that he has actually succeeded well in the rearing of the ruffed grouse. So well has the production of this favorite and wary bird progressed that plans are visualized for the setting aside of 700 acres of mountain land for a grouse refuge. Eggs were originally secured from the slopes of the Grandfather Mountain and hatched in an incubator.

Mallard ducks, quail, ring-neck pheasant and wild turkey are being grown in abundance at the game farm and many of these birds are sold over the nation as breeders. Mr. Tufts has always been keenly interested in wild life, and this latest venture of the versatile educator is the fulfillment of his long-time desire to restock the mountains with game birds. It is said, however, that several years will be required to obtain a sufficiently large breeding stock before any birds may be released into the forest and field.

Mr. Walter W. Sutton, publisher of the Greensboro Patriot, accompanied by Mrs. Sutton, were guests at the Daniel Boone Hotel over the week-end.

Reynolds Speaks As Press Dinner Opens At Banner Elk

Near one hundred editors and publishers, with their ladies, passed through Boone Wednesday en route to Banner Elk, where Edgar Tufts is playing host to the journalists at the sixty-second annual convention of the North Carolina Press Association. Pinnacle Inn, popular summer hostelry of Lees-McRae College, is convention headquarters, and the organization program has been supplemented with a number of suggestions by Mr. Tufts for pleasant and informative glimpses of the mountain scenery thereabout.

The convention, which comes to a close Friday morning, opens on Wednesday evening, when, following a welcome address by Mr. Tufts, the Tennessee Valley Development will be discussed by Mr. W. S. Sturdevant, director of information for the T. V. A.

Hon. Robert R. Reynolds, United States Senator, will follow with one of his inimitable addresses, and the high spot on Thursday's program will be the address by Hon. John J. Parker, Judge of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals. Judge Parker, who is known as a masterful speaker, will discuss the proposed new State Constitution.

Thursday afternoon will be given

over to recreation, and in the evening the program is to be featured by an address by Dr. John Dickinson, Assistant Secretary of Com-



SENATOR BOB REYNOLDS merce Dr. Dickinson, a former law partner of William G. McAdoo, is said to be scheduled for a place in the regular President's Cabinet in (Continued on Page 8)

DEPOSITORS TO BE ALIKE IN OPENING BANK

Federal Authorities Do Not Allow Discrimination and \$40,000 Will Be Distributed. Watauga Bank Meets All State Requirements and Federal Examiners Now Going Over the Records. Remarkable Progress.

The Watauga County Bank has met every requirement of the State Banking Department, according to a statement issued by officials Tuesday. However, when the affairs of the bank were referred to Washington in connection with the granting of deposit insurance, it was asked that all depositors, both time and checking, be treated exactly alike; that checking deposits must be put on the same basis as time certificates. The statement continues:

"The \$40,000 now available in cash in the bank belongs to all of the depositors—checking and time, and in due course will be distributed, together with other collections that will be made from time to time. "Mr. C. G. Armfield, a grandson of the late Judge Armfield of Statesville, and Mr. R. Vance Brown, representing the Federal authorities, together with Mr. John G. Allen, representing the State authorities, have been in Boone for the past week making a complete examination of the bank for the purpose of deposit insurance recommendations.

"The bank has made remarkable progress toward the goal of increased liquidity during the past few months. All of its indebtedness has been paid; notes have been renewed and brought into current condition, and in many instances materially curtailed; considerable relief has been afforded through the two Federal Loan agencies—the Federal Land Bank at Columbia and the Home Owners Loan Corporation at Salisbury, and the physical appearance of the banking quarters has undergone complete renovation.

"The 100% co-operation in meeting the last condition imposed by the Washington authorities, that all depositors be treated alike, both time and checking, is meeting with instant and abundant success. In fact, everyone recognizes this as the fairest possible arrangement.

Mr. Allen optimistic Mr. John G. Allen, of the State Banking Department, who through his friendship to this section has taken a deep personal interest in the affairs of the Watauga County Bank, (Continued on Page 8)

NEW BREEDERS AT STATE HATCHERY

Smathers Restocks Pools After Vandals Destroy Hundreds of Fish. Rainbow, Brown and Brook Trout Used. Reward for Providers.

Hundreds of trout, big ones of the rainbow, brown and speckled species, were placed in the breeding pools at Rutherford Fish Hatchery last Saturday by Manager Charles E. Smathers, and will replace those killed recently when night prowlers diverted the water from the rearing pools. Mr. Smathers secured his new stock from the Marmon Hatchery at Pineola and from the State Hatchery at Roaring Gap, and states that despite the hard luck of recent weeks, he is now in a position to proceed with the hatchery as if nothing had happened, and with a minimum of delay.

Mr. Smathers incidentally makes known the fact that \$50 has been offered for the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who turned the water from the hatchery pools and destroyed the trout.

COOK IS NAMED AS FARM SUPERVISOR

Says There Is Plenty of Time to Produce Vegetables, and Will Co-operate in Giving Information, Seeds at County Relief Offices.

Mr. Newton Cook has been appointed as County Farm Supervisor by the Emergency Relief Administration to succeed L. M. Farthing, who died last week. Mr. Cook insists on people of Watauga County growing later crops of vegetables, and has given the following statement to the press: "There is still plenty of time for the people of Watauga County to plant fall gardens. The opportunity is open to everyone to grow an abundant supply of vegetables for fall and winter use. Many early crops, such as onions and peas, have already been harvested. This ground can be prepared and planted again, or other ground prepared. The main rush of the crop season is past, giving ample time for the planting and cultivation of these crops.

"It is not too late to grow such vegetables as beets, carrots, beans, peas, mustard, turnips and many other similar crops. These crops give added variety to the table during fall and winter months. Any surplus may be canned or stored for future use. The people of this section have never yet fully realized the necessity of a fall garden, or the success with which it may be grown. Once tried, it will become an important part of the garden program.

Mr. Cook will be glad to co-operate with any family in need of help in growing a late crop of vegetables. There is still a supply of suitable seeds available at the Relief Office. Anyone interested should see about them at once.

Health Clinic Will Begin Next Tuesday

A second child health clinic will begin Tuesday, the 17th, at the Demonstration School building in Boone, and will be conducted by Drs. J. B. Hagaman and H. E. Perry. Assisting Dr. Hagaman will be Dr. Baughman of Elizabethton, Tenn., and the same low rates will apply to tonsil and adenoid operations. Eyes will be examined and glasses fitted at cost. Other arrangements are the same as previously announced.

Miss Theodosia Watson, director of relief, says she will be able to assist in defraying the expense of a limited number of operations for children whose families are on relief rolls, and anyone knowing of children needing such medical aid will please notify Miss Watson at once. The case will be looked into and such steps taken as seem advisable.

Junior Order Council To Install Officers

Daniel Boone Council No. 129, Jr. O. U. A. M., will install officers for the new term at its regular meeting Monday night, July 23rd. The officers who will be installed are: Clyde R. Greene, past commander; Ralph G. Greene, counselor; O. J. Harmon, vice-counselor; Russell D. Hodges, financial secretary; B. Kelly Osborne, treasurer; Linney Walker, recording secretary; Dallas Shoemaker, assistant recording secretary; Finley Shore, conductor; Vilas Moritz, warden; James Carter, inside sentinel; Tom Shore, outside sentinel; C. H. Blackburn, trustee.

LAMBS BRING GOOD PRICE

Mr. M. J. Williams of Lovell tells The Democrat that he recently sold 11 lambs, weighing 1040 pounds, for seven cents per pound. A number weighing less than 80 pounds were kept on the farm. A neighbor, Clyde Danner, sold four at the same scales which weighed 380 pounds and brought the same price. In both instances the sheep were sold on the farm where produced, and Mr. Williams, states that considerable "drift" was thus saved.

Messrs. Clifford Norris and Clint Norris, of West Virginia, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Norris in Boone.

Home Loans Now Go Through Greensboro

Wade E. Brown, Watauga County attorney for the Home Owners Loan Corporation, states that he has recently been advised that local loans will henceforth be handled through the offices of the Greensboro district, and asks that people of Watauga take note of this change. Formerly Watauga County loans were handled through the offices of the Asheville district.

Rev. Levi Greene Hurt In Automobile Crash

Rev. Levi Greene, popular Baptist minister of the Deep Gap section, was injured Sunday when the car he was driving left the Blowing Rock road near the power dam, and crashed into a building. Mr. Greene received treatment at Dr. Hagaman's office, and was taken to Wilkes Hospital, where it was found that his condition was not necessarily serious, and he was returned to his home Tuesday. The automobile in which the minister was riding was said to have been almost demolished and the porch of the building considerably damaged. He was en route from Caldwell County to Hopkins when the accident occurred.

Only One Case Is Heard by Recorder

Only one case was heard in Judge John H. Bingham's court Tuesday, that in which one John Speck, Charlotte, was charged with driving an automobile while intoxicated. Defendant was fined \$50 and cost and driving license was revoked for a period of 90 days. This constitutes one of the lightest dockets in Recorders Court for many months and Judge Bingham is firm in his belief that the crime wave is gradually receding, in so far as Watauga is concerned.

BIG WHEAT CROP

The Democrat is in receipt of an appreciated personal letter from Mr. J. P. Todd, for a resident of this county, who has lived at Lancaster, Wash., for many years. Mr. Todd calls attention to the fact that harvest is just beginning in his section, says that wheat is good and that an eleven-million-bushel yield is predicted for Whitman County.

Local Park to Be Developed by Legion

At a meeting of Watauga Post, American Legion, last Friday night, it was decided to build a cottage in Legion Park to house a park manager, and plans were laid with promoters of the county singing and other public-spirited citizens for development of the park into a county-wide social center. The erection of a community building with seating capacity of not less than 1,000 was discussed.

Record Sale of Cars Reported for June

More Chevrolet automobiles were sold during the month of June than at any time in the history of the W. R. Chevrolet Company, Mr. W. R. Winkler, president of the concern, told The Democrat Monday. Seventeen new units were delivered to their owners during the thirty-day period, and the preference for the new Chevrolet is said to be widespread throughout this section. In addition to the new cars, Mr. Winkler states that his concern disposed of 23 used cars during June.

IMPROVE SCHOOL GROUNDS

A project which would lead to the improvement of many rural school grounds in Watauga is being contemplated by the local relief administration, and Miss Theodosia Watson asks that those interested call at her office for a discussion of their particular problems.