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HIGHWAY POSTAL SERVICE IS BEING SOUGHT FOR AREA

Post Office Department Posts Advertisements for Bids on New Service Between Greensboro and Boone and Hickory and Johnson City

The establishment of highway postoffice service between Greensboro and Boone, as well as between Hickory and Johnson City, Tenn., is being seriously considered by the postoffice department, and an advertisement is being issued inviting proposals for carrying the mails and railway postal clerks, in motor vehicles especially designed and equipped for the distribution of mail en route, it was learned from Postmaster John E. Brown, Jr., Monday.

Bids will be received until May 22, it is stated, and the advertisement calls for the following schedules on the two proposed routes:

From Greensboro, by Kernersville, Winston-Salem, East Bend, Boonville, Jonesville, Elkin, Ronda, Roaring River, North Wilkesboro, Cricket, Miller's Creek, Pulear, Stoney Fork, Deep Gap, and Laxon, a distance of 130 miles, six times a week. The proposed schedule, daily except Sunday is:

Leave Greensboro, 2:30 a. m., arrive Boone, 7:40 a. m.; Leave Boone 4 p. m.; Arrive Greensboro, at 9:10 p. m.

The route from Hickory to Johnson City, would go through Lenoir, Blowing Rock and Boone, on the following schedule:

Leave Johnson City 6 a. m., arrive Hickory 10:30 a. m.; Leave Hickory 2:15 p. m., arrive Johnson City 6:30 p. m.

The proposed mail service is identical to that supplied through the use of mail cars on the railway lines, and would represent a distinct improvement in the mail service throughout this area. The proposal has long been advocated by Postmaster Brown, and Congressman R. L. Doughton has worked tirelessly in bringing the matter to its present status.

Forms for use of prospective bidders are available at the local postoffice. Bonds in the sum of \$10,000 will be required of successful bidders.

BOOKS TO OPEN FOR MAY PRIMARY

New Voters May Register for Party Primary Saturday; Little Interest Here

Registration books for the primary to be held on May 25th are to be open at the various voting precincts of the county next Saturday, and will remain open for three Saturdays, during which time any new voter may register and become eligible to participate in the party balloting Saturday May 18th will be observed as challenge day.

The voting here will be confined to the Democratic party, as Republicans have no contests. In fact the only contest at all here, is that involving the nomination of a Democratic candidate for the district solicitorship, and so far little interest has developed in the off-year voting.

James C. Farthing, of Lenoir, son of the late A. C. Farthing, Watauga native, is seeking the solicitorship, as is Horace Kennedy of Shelby. M. T. Leatherman of Lincoln, completes the three-way race. Messrs. Farthing and Kennedy have both been in Watauga looking after their political fortunes. Mr. Leatherman is expected to visit the county, and on promary day, it is likely that a considerable number of persons will register their choice at the ballot box.

Reins-Sturdivant Buys Newland Firm

The Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home, which operates businesses in Boone and other towns, has recently purchased the Hughes Funeral Home at Newland, and is now actively engaged in the conduct of the new enterprise. The burial association there has been merged with that of Reins-Sturdivant it is said.

Mr. Mack Greer, for many years connected with the Reins-Sturdivant business here has taken charge of the Newland business, and has moved his family there. Mr. Jack Ragan, also of Boone, is assistant manager at Newland.

50-Cent Wool Price is Predicted for State Clip

RALEIGH, April 21. — North Carolina's 1946 wool clip should bring about the same price as last year's average of 50 cents a pound, Leland Case, animal husbandry expert of the N. C. State college extension service, said today.

East Carolina sheep growers will begin spring clipping in the next few days.

The Commodity Credit corporation will again support domestic wool prices, Case said.

IN THE GHOST CITY



This one-legged boy standing alone in Warsaw, Poland, once a thriving city of 1,265,000 people, now a ghost city of a few thousand, is typical of those remaining in the razed city.

ASSOCIATION TO HELD IN MAY

Program for Spring Meeting of Three Forks Association is Announced

The spring session of the Three Forks Baptist Association will be held with the Poplar Grove Church on Friday, May 10, and the following program for the day's activities has been given out by the executive committee:

Theme: Spiritual Reconversion. 9:30 a. m.—Devotional, Rev. Ben Lee Ray.

9:45—Presentation of program, Rev. R. C. Eggers.

9:50—Recognition of Visitors.

10:00 a. m.—Panel on Evangelism, discussed by Rev. Ronda Earp, Rev. Lawrence Hagaman, Rev. Raymond Hendrix and Rev. W. D. Ashley.

11:00—Sermon on Evangelism, Rev. J. C. Canipe.

Dinner. 1:00 p. m.—Devotional, Rev. N. M. Greene.

1:15—The Opportunity of the Church in the Postwar World, Rev. G. A. Hamby.

1:45—Religion During the War and Our Treatment of Returned Servicemen, Wade E. Brown.

2:30—Closing Inspirational Message, Rev. H. K. Middleton.

The officers and executive committee urge that each church in the association be represented by the pastor and at least three delegates or messengers.

Stroke is Fatal to B. F. Wilcox, Age 75

Mr. B. F. Wilcox died at his home at Shulls Mills on April 18, from a paralytic stroke, at the age of 75 years.

Funeral services were conducted at the Oak Grove Baptist Church Saturday April 20, by Rev. W. D. Ashley and Rev. G. A. Hamby, burial being in the Hine cemetery, with Reins-Sturdivant being in charge of the details.

Mr. Wilcox was a member of the Sandy Flat Baptist church, also a Baptist minister, and had been the moderator of the Stony Fork Association for a number of years.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Delia Harrison Wilcox, and five daughters by a previous marriage: Mrs. T. R. Haggard, Mrs. Major Wood, Miss Ann Wilcox, all of Norfolk, Va.; Mrs. W. B. Hodges and Mrs. Duveny Hodges of Boone.

One brother survives, Joe Wilcox, of Summit, N. C., together with ten grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Elkland P. T.-A. Raises \$525.25

The Elkland Parent-Teacher Association sponsored a box supper last Saturday in the school gymnasium which raised \$525.25.

A free movie was seen first, then the boxes were sold, several of which brought over \$10 each. Mr. Hamp Blackburn was auctioneer.

In the pretty girl contest, Lillian Blackburn was the winner, with Margaret Hughes and Jean Absher as close runnersup.

In the ugly man contest, several were entered, but Mr. Douglas Redmond won the pickles. Many people participated in the cakewalk and several couples won cakes.

American Legion and Auxiliary to Meet 26th

The American Legion and Auxiliary will meet in regular session on April 26, in the hut. The meeting will begin promptly at 7:30 p. m. All ex-service and service men are invited to bring their wives and lady friends to the meeting.

RED CROSS QUOTA GOES OVER TOP BY SMALL MARGIN

Chairman Clyde R. Greene Announces that Goal of \$5,100 in Red Cross Effort Has Been Exceeded; Expresses Appreciation to All

Watauga county has reached her quota in the Red Cross roll call campaign, it was announced by campaign chairman, Clyde R. Greene, thus continuing the local record of having met every demand of the Red Cross during the emergency period.

The local quota was \$5,100 and total collections as of Monday were \$5,114.67. However, it is stated, that complete reports have not been received from all the solicitors, and that when these are in, the fund is expected to be considerably larger.

Mr. Greene takes occasion at this time to express to all the workers, and each neighborhood chairman, his sincere thanks for doing a difficult job well. He especially expresses appreciation to those business men of Boone who made a second subscription when it appeared that the county was destined to fall short of the quota. "Then too," says Mr. Greene, "sincere thanks are to be expressed to each donor, who consistently contribute to the Red Cross fund year after year."

County Democratic Convention to Be Held Here Saturday

There will be a convention of the Democrats of Watauga county, held in the courthouse in Boone next Saturday, April 27, at 2 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of perfecting the county organization and electing delegates to the state convention to be held in Raleigh on May 2. Precinct meetings in the various townships will be held Friday afternoon at the same hour.

Local A.C.E. Group Holds Meeting Tuesday

On Tuesday evening of last week, the Boone area branch of the Association of Childhood Education, under the leadership of Miss Annie Ree Kittrell, was delightfully entertained at a dinner meeting at the Carolina Cafe.

Miss Hattie Parrot, state head of the language arts department, and Miss Bertie Holloway, supervisor of music instruction in the W.C.U.N.C. training school, were honor guests at the meeting. Other special guests included Dr. J. D. Rankin, Dr. and Mrs. Lawrence Barden and Miss Helen Birch.

Miss Parrot, guest speaker of the evening, chose as her theme the advancement and promotion of professional growth through Childhood Education and like organizations.

Easter Cantata Given By Local School Pupils

Girls and boys from the fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh grades of the Boone Demonstration school gave an original Easter Cantata, Sunday, April 21, at the First Baptist Church. Most of the work on the Cantata was done during the regular music classes. Each child in school was given a chance to be in the Cantata. Music, as all true art, has a really spiritual quality, the development of which all human beings should be eager to gain. It is uplifting, it is genuine, and one of the most practical and democratic of all studies. The Cantata was truly one of those experiences we like to remember and cannot picture adequately in words. The children, in the short time they have had to work with Mr. Hartsell since his return to our school, gave a program of real talent and beauty. How could we live without music?

The faculty and students of the Boone Demonstration School should like to give special recognition and appreciation to:

Miss Virginia Wary, head of the music department of A. S. T. C., Miss Jean Wilson, College Music Major, organist.

Miss Clyde Goodman, stage design.

Professor A. Antonikas, technical advisor on special lighting.

Miss Catherine Coble and Mrs. Emnis Davis, assistant choir directors.

Boone Flower Shop for flowers.

Boone-Lenoir Traffic Is Being Detoured

Through traffic on the Lenoir-Blowing Rock highway is being detoured by way of North Wilkesboro, on account of the new road construction taking place on the mountains, says James H. Council, assistant division highway engineer.

Mr. Council says that an effort is being made to take care of local traffic, and that it is felt that the detouring of through traffic will enable contractors to open the road much earlier.

"ROLL INTO THE BARRELL"



"Roll out the barrel" because there are no suits to be had was the theme of a Pittsburgh clothier in decorating this window at which Marine Sgt. Robert Woodward looks with great pleasure. Soon to be released from service, Sgt. Woodward doesn't favor barrels for Easter wear.

BANK DEPOSITS HIT RECORD HERE

Boone Branch Northwestern Bank Has Deposits of Over \$3,400,000

Deposits at the local branch of the Northwestern Bank reached the sum of three million four hundred thousand dollars last Friday to set an all-time high record in local banking circles.

Alfred Adams, assistant cashier, pointed out that there has been a gain in deposits of around 40 per cent, or a little more than a million dollars in the past year.

Local Officers Will Attend Asheville Meet

Among those expected to attend the law enforcement conference in Asheville April 30 from Watauga county are: Sheriff Chas. M. Watson, O. L. Scroggs, chief of police, and C. M. Jones, highway patrol, all of Boone, and D. W. Wooten, chief of police, Blowing Rock.

The chairman at this conference will be special agent in charge Edward Scheidt of the Charlotte FBI office, and the speakers on the program will include Colonel H. J. Hatcher, commanding officer, North Carolina highway patrol, Raleigh; Walter F. Anderson, director, State Bureau of Investigation, Raleigh; Chief of Police John M. Gold of Winston-Salem, president of the North Carolina Police Executives Association; Hubert Jarvis, Asheville and Buncombe county juvenile court judge; and Brandon P. Hodges, Buncombe county attorney, Asheville.

Conferences of this type were instituted on a nation-wide basis by Director John Edgar Hoover of the FBI in 1940 and have been held periodically since that time. Attendance at the meeting is restricted to law enforcement officials. Objectives of the conference include the exchange of information regarding crime and criminals, the discussion of present day law enforcement problems and techniques, and the promotion of cooperation among the various law enforcement agencies.

Local P.T.-A. to Meet April 29th

The final meeting of the year for the Boone Parent-Teacher Association will be held at the high school on Monday night, April 29, at 7:30. "Building for Strong Bodies" will be the theme for the evening's program. Mrs. Edna James, chairman, Harold Quincy, Dr. Ralph House and Dr. W. M. Matheson will be responsible for the program.

All patrons and friends of the schools are cordially invited to attend this meeting and help close a successful year for the Boone Parent-Teacher Association.

Veteran of the Week

This veteran needs a job: Age 29, Male, high school education. U. S. Army experience: 1 year and 8 months as topographical surveyor.

Civilian experience: 1 year as instrument man with an engineering company.

Comments: Prefers work in this area. Will accept employment with an engineering company or surveying private property.

If an employer, or other persons, would like to interview this veteran for a possible position, or has suggestions where he might secure employment, contact the U. S. Employment Service, or telephone 220.

DEBATE CONTEST IS HELD MONDAY

Drexel and Black Mountain Schools Have Winning Teams at Appalachian Contest

Drexel and Black Mountain high schools each placed winning teams in the district contest held on Appalachian State Teachers College campus on Monday.

Nine high schools from eight counties participated: Appalachian, Black Mountain, Cranberry, Drexel, Glen Alpin, Harris, Jefferson, Lansing, and Tipton Hill.

The affirmative winners are Robert Baird and Farrell Lambert, from Drexel; Mrs. Faye T. Russell, coach and H. L. Hayburton, principal. The negative winners are Monty DuPuy and Weeta Simmons from Black Mountain; T. W. Nesbit, coach and A. W. McDougle principal.

These teams have won the privilege to take part in the statewide contest on the High School Debaters Union conducted by the University at Chapel Hill.

The runners up in the district contest were Appalachian affirmative: Mary Lee Stout and Eula Mae Hodges; Miss Winona Williams, coach and Herbert Wey, principal; Drexel: negative: Lloyd Rector and Betty Jean Abernethy.

Mrs. Virginia Maltba Taken By Death at 84

Mrs. Virginia Cannon Maltba, widow of Wilson Maltba, and a pioneer resident of the Poplar Grove community, died at Watauga Hospital last Wednesday, after a long period of declining health.

Funeral services were conducted at 11 a. m. on Saturday at the Poplar Grove Baptist Church, by Rev. Raymond Hendrix and Rev. R. H. Shore, and the body was interred in the Hine cemetery in the Oak Grove neighborhood. Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

The survivors include four sons and one daughter: Russell Maltba, Shulls Mills; J. E. Maltba, Valle Crucis; R. L. Maltba, Boone; Rufus Maltba, Middleton, Wis., and Mrs. Fred Winkler, Boone.

Local N.C.E.A. to Have Picnic Meeting

Members of the local chapter of the North Carolina Education Association will hold their last meeting of the school year on Thursday, May 2, at Cove Creek school.

The meeting, which will be in the form of a picnic, will be held at 2 p. m. Plans for the social are being made by Mrs. Billie Cooke, Mrs. Sam Osborne, Miss Cynthia, Stiles and Mr. Sam Osborne. In addition to the teachers of the county and city schools of Watauga, many local friends and patrons of the schools will be invited to attend the meeting and have an enjoyable evening with picnicking and outdoor games.

Monthly Scout Meeting To Be Held on Tuesday

The monthly Scout meeting will be held at the Carolina Cafe on April 30, at 7:30. At this meeting the Eagle badge will be awarded to Grady Moretz, Jr. There will also be an awarding of certificates to all men who recently completed the Scout leaders' training course. The meeting will be open to the public, and arrangements should be made either with Dr. D. J. Whitener or Eugene E. Garbee for a place at the table by 8 o'clock of April 30.

WATCH the LABEL

On your paper as it shows the date your subscription will expire and the date your paper will be stopped unless sooner renewed. The Democrat is operating strictly on a cash in advance basis. There are no exceptions to this rule.

ELLISON FACES HOMICIDE COUNT IN COURT TODAY

North Fork Man Likely to Go On Trial This Morning for Slaying of Neighbor; Many Cases, Disposed of in Superior Court; the Judgments

Sam Ellison, resident of North Fork township, is expected to go on trial this (Wednesday) morning in Superior court on charges of manslaughter growing out of the fatal shooting of his neighbor, Howard Hockeday, last October. Ellison surrendered himself to the sheriff shortly after the slaying, and told officers that he fired on Hockeday in self-defense, when Hockeday approached him with pointed rifle.

It is expected that the case will not consume much of the court's time and that likely the state docket will have been completed during the day Thursday.

Judge Don Phillips is presiding at the spring term of court, and until Tuesday night, thirty-seven cases had been tried, practically all of them involving the operation of automobiles by intoxicated drivers, and various violations of the prohibition law.

The Judgments
The following were fined \$50 and the costs each for driving while intoxicated, and their driver's license revoked for one year in each instance:

June A. Greene, Ben H. Ross, Blaine Stevens, Paul Lee Miller, Mart Lee Wheeler, Audrey B. Price, J. F. Mitchell, Sherman Winebarger, James E. Brinkley, Sylvester Coffey and Perry Ford. Stacy Ed Hodges and Carl Davis, also charged with driving drunk, were fined \$75 each and the costs.

Tom Bumgarner, charged with violating the prohibition laws, was sentenced to four months on the roads and given a suspended sentence of 18 months.

Leonard Rich, larceny. Placed on probation. Assessed with the cost.

Marvin F. Trivett, reckless driving. Payment of cost.

Trent Greer, driving after license revoked. Four months on roads.

Arnold Church, violation prohibition law, \$75 and the cost.

Claud D. Payne, carnal knowledge of female child less than 16. Marriage certificate presented. Dismissed on payment of cost.

Marvin Profit, violating prohibition law, \$15 and the cost.

Marvin Main, violating prohibition law, \$15 and the cost.

Blaine Stevens, violating prohibition law, \$15 and the cost.

Wison Eggers, temporary larceny of automobile. Not less than 12 or more than 15 months in state prison.

Chas. Troutt, violating prohibition law, \$50 and the cost.

J. K. Caudill, public drunkenness. One-half the cost.

Carl Cole, reckless driving, \$15 and the cost.

Chas. Brown, violating prohibition law, \$15 and the cost.

W. J. Crisp, violating prohibition law, cost.

Gordon Pitts, violating prohibition law, \$25 and the cost.

Carl Ford, violating prohibition law, cost.

Tracy Triplett, non-support of illegitimate child. Ordered to pay \$10 per month for child's support.

George Horton, violating prohibition law, \$25 and the cost.

Dillard Storie, carrying concealed weapon, \$50 and the costs.

Cecil Bumgarner, violating prohibition law, Four months on the roads, 18 months suspended sentence.

Warlick Willis, operating car after license revoked, \$100 and the cost.

BUS SERVICE IS TO BE IMPROVED
Greyhound to Give Better Service Between Boone and Sparta

An improved schedule of bus service between Boone and Sparta has been approved by the Greyhound Corporation, according to H. W. Wilcox, local bus terminal manager, the new arrangement giving the people from Alleghany and Ashe counties several hours time in Boone, and at the same time allowing them to return home the same day.