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NEW REA LINE TO BE BUILT FROM LENOIR TO BOONE

Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation Gets More Money to Expand Service in Watauga, Other Counties; 44,000-Volt Feeder Line First Work

Lenoir, Oct. 25—G. F. Messick, manager of the Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation, reported today that the Federal Rural Electrification Administration has now made available the remaining \$1,220,000 part of a \$2,197,000 loan to the cooperative for extending its service in four Western North Carolina counties.

The money will be used, he said, for constructing 1,100 miles of electric distribution lines to serve 4,000 farm homes in Caldwell, Watauga, Ashe and Alleghany counties.

Of the total loan, \$280,000 will go for building a 44,000-volt transmission line from Lenoir to West Jefferson via Blowing Rock and Boone.

The Blue Ridge corporation already has let a contract to the Miller Electric company of Linden, Ind., to build 311 miles of the new distribution lines. This work is now going forward with the headquarters situated at Boone.

Contracts for the remainder of the 1,100 total mileage of distribution lines will be let "immediately," according to Mr. Messick. He said, however, that the lines can be built only so fast as materials become available and it may be some time before they are completed.

To assure deliveries of materials as early as possible, the cooperative has signed contracts with suppliers totaling approximately \$700,000.

Work on the 44,000-volt transmission line from Lenoir to Blowing Rock has been delayed by the construction work in progress during the summer on the Blowing Rock road, but a contract will be let as soon as the road project is completed. Materials are on hand for this phase of the extension.

When the 1,100 miles of new extensions are completed, Mr. Messick observed, the Blue Ridge Corporation will be serving an aggregate of 10,000 farm homes. It already is serving 6,056 members on 1,150 miles of distribution lines.

Blue Ridge is understood to be at least one-third larger than any other similar electric cooperative in the United States.

Besides extending its distribution service, the firm has obtained a \$500,000 loan from the Government for financing purchases by its members of electrical equipment and plumbing appliances. These appliances are being brought in carload lots and distributed to the members at cost. Some shipments already have been received.

Halloween Carnival Plans Being Made At Local School

The Boone elementary school is "joining all forces" in preparation for a supper and Halloween carnival on Thursday night. Each class and all teachers are contributing some part toward the success for this occasion.

Complete plans include such amusements as fishing, a doll and puppet show, apple bobbing, hall of horrors, bean guessing game, a curio shop of artistic and unique arrangements, and major features of the evening, which will be the cake walk and crowning of a king and queen of the harvest festival.

Supper will be served from 5 to 7 o'clock at the cost of \$1.00 per plate, and the amusement stalls, to which admission may be gained for 5 cents, will open at 6 o'clock. Prizes, through the courtesy of local merchants, will be awarded during the evening and will include the drawing of the lucky number for the door prize at 7-15. Patrons, friends are cordially invited to be present on Thursday night for fun and frolic.

WM. C. PITTMAN NAMED TO SUPERIOR COURT BENCH

Raleigh, Oct. 30—The appointment of William C. Pittman, Rockingham lawyer, as resident superior court judge of the 13th judicial district succeeding Judge F. Don Phillips, was announced Tuesday by Governor Cherry.

Judge Phillips resigned several weeks ago to accept a position offered him by the war department as judge of a U. S. zonal court in Germany where he will preside over the trials of war criminals.

SUPREME COURT VISITS PRESIDENT



Members of the new U. S. Supreme court as they called on President Truman, left to right: Associate Justices Wiley Rutledge, Frank Murphy, Felix Frankfurter, Hugo L. Black, President Truman, Chief Justice Vinson, and Associate Justices Stanley F. Reed, William O. Douglas, Robert J. Jackson and Harold E. Burton.

Ministers Laud City Officials For Efforts Against Wine, Beer

AIR MAIL WEEK BEING OBSERVED

Local Postoffice Reports Stimulated Volume Air Mail at the New Rates

Inauguration of the new five-cent air mail rate October 1, immediately brought a sharp rise in local air mail volume, says Postmaster John E. Brown, Jr., who states that ever further increases are being shown as a result of National Air Mail Week, the observance of which started Monday. Rapid air mail service offered at the low rates, have caused business leaders to encourage large mailings this week.

The Post Office Department has taken a leaf from the book of American business reducing the air-mail rate from 8 cents to 5 cents an ounce and simultaneously offering better and faster service. The Post Office has borrowed the proven principle that a good product at a reduced cost the unit cost of delivery is cut. A lower price requires one thing to succeed—larger volume.

Meanwhile, Postmaster Walsh reported, air mail letters are being received at the post office with incorrect postage affixed. The five-cent rate applies anywhere that the American flag flies, including all United States possessions. It is also applicable to the armed forces abroad, and to Canada and Mexico.

MUSIC FESTIVAL BEING REVIVED

Appalachian College Resumes Event Which Was Discontinued With War's Advent

Appalachian College will be host to the high schools belonging to the Appalachian Athletic Association at 9:30 a. m., on Monday, Nov. 4th. The occasion is the revival of the music festival which had been a popular annual event in this locality prior to the war.

The purpose of the festival is to stimulate interest in musical development in the high schools, by their coming together and performing in the various musical events, thus getting an exchange of ideas and experience in performance.

It is hoped that all schools that have entered in the past will bring entries again this year and aid in making the festival a success. From the interest already shown, it is believed this will be possible.

Entries have been received from several schools and the program is already in the process of being completed.

The various events listed for entries are as follows: Choruses open to girls' groups, boys' groups and mixed groups; small vocal ensembles, consisting of duets, trios, quartets and quintets; vocal solos for sopranos, altos, tenors, baritones, basses and unchanged voices; piano solos and piano ensembles as well as solos and small ensembles from instruments of the orchestra and band.

Awards will be made for those receiving the highest ratings. There will be no registration fee. Registration will begin at 9 o'clock in the lobby of the administration building.

It is estimated from entries received that there will be 250 high school students participating. The music department of the college will act as host for the occasion.

CANDY COMPANY MOVING

The Boone Candy Co. is moving in their new building on Howard Street. They are county boys, reared in Watauga county. They are sons of Eugene Moretz of Meat Camp and Dora Hartley Moretz, daughter of the late Azor Hartley of Boone.

BURLEY GROWERS FAVOR QUOTAS IN FRIDAY VOTING

Three-Year Plan of Burley Marketing Quotas Gets Overwhelming Approval of Local Farmers; Only 12 Growers Vote Against Quotas of Any Kind

In spite of the heavy rainfall last Friday, voting in the tobacco quota referendum was heavy, more than 60 per cent of the eligible growers having registered their opinions at the ballot box on continuance of the quota system, and 96.5 per cent of the voters approved the three-year system, 2 per cent were for the one-year system, while 1.5 per cent voted to remove all controls from the production of the weed.

The vote by communities is given as follows:

Community	For 3-year quotas
Bald Mountain	7
Beaver Dam No. 1	102
Beaver Dam No. 2	80
Blue Ridge	2
Blowing Rock, Boone	2
No. 2 and 3	17
Boone No. 1	69
Cove Creek No. 1	94
Cove Creek No. 2	109
Silverstone	79
Laurel Creek No. 1	90
Laurel Creek No. 2	27
Meat Camp 1 and 2	36
North Fork	19
Shawneehaw	9
Stony Fork	5
Watauga No. 1	46
Watauga No. 2	8

Total 797
Seventeen votes were cast for one-year quotas, and 12 against quotas.

U. S. Burley Weed Growers Vote For Three-Year Quotas

Incomplete and unofficial returns compiled by the U. S. department of agriculture and reported by the Associated Press Saturday night showed that tobacco growers throughout the nation, as well as in Western North Carolina, voted overwhelmingly in Friday's national referendum to retain burley tobacco marketing quotas on a three-year basis.

Returns reported by the agriculture department were as follows:

State	3-year	1-year	Against
N. Carolina	4,644	95	148
Indiana	2,663	92	138
Kentucky	73,285	1,020	1,047
Ohio	2,916	105	291
Tennessee	20,869	466	914
Virginia	6,849	120	203
W. Va.	6,849	120	203

Returns were not reported for Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Illinois, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania or South Carolina. Department officials however, that burley tobacco farmers in the seven states which had reported represented approximately 95 per cent of the total number in the nation, so that the remaining tabulations could have no bearing on the result. The official vote will not be announced until certified returns have been received from each state.

Watauga Herefords At the State Fair

The Hereford show at the North Carolina State Fair was not so large as in previous years but the competition was keen.

Watauga county breeders represented by J. H. Council and H. M. Hamilton, Jr. and E. E. Earp claimed part of the prizes. Only three Herefords from the county were shown.

The placing for the Watauga Herefords were as follows: Heifers calved after September 1, 1945, 1st place won by Council and Hamilton, on Princess Paladin, by Prince Domino Paladin, Jr.

Heifers calved between September 1 and April 30, 1945, 7th place won by Council and Hamilton, on Triumphant Lassie, by T. T. Triumphant 3rd.

Heifers calved between September 1 and December 31, 1944, 2nd place won by E. E. Earp, on Triple E. Princess 1st, by Anxiety Axtell.

MOLOTOV CALLS FOR WORLD DISARMAMENT

U. N. Assembly Hall, Flushing Meadows, N. Y., Oct. 30—Russian Foreign Minister Vacheslav Molotov called on the U. N. general assembly and the governments of the world yesterday to start at once on a sweeping program of universal armament reduction, including the abolition of atomic warfare.

Nuernberg Hangman



M/S John C. Wood, San Antonio, Texas, American army hangman, who officiated at the hanging of the ten condemned Nazi war criminals in Nuernberg, Sergeant Woods' only regret was that one got away. He has served as official hangman at more than 300 such events while in the army and in civilian life.

JULIAN PRICE DIES IN AUTO CRASH FRIDAY

Greensboro Insurance Executive, En Route to Blowing Rock Operation, Fatally Injured as Car Leaves Highway Near North Wilkesboro; Rites Sunday

Julian Price, Greensboro insurance executive, and part-time resident of Blowing Rock, was killed Friday, and two companions were injured, when the car in which they were riding careened over an embankment and turned over 13 miles east of North Wilkesboro.

E. D. Broadhurst, Greensboro attorney, and R. R. Harrill, Elizabethton, Tenn., were injured slightly, while Mr. Price's chauffeur, Walter Poole, was uninjured.

State Highway Patrolman S. M. Carter, who investigated the accident, said Price and his companions were en route to Blowing Rock. Mr. Price was on the front seat of the car when the accident occurred.

The officer said the car hurtled 80 yards along the roadway after climbing up the embankment and overturning. No other cars were in the vicinity at the time, he said. Mr. Price was dead when he reached the Wilkes hospital, it was said.

Pursuing Local Development

Mr. Price had been spending most of the summer at Blowing Rock, where he was engaged in the construction of a huge dam and recreational area on the waters of Boone's Fork. He had given considerable of his personal attention to the supervision of this construction, and there were reports that a large hotel was to have been built at Blowing Rock in the future by the insurance executive. It is not known whether the Blowing Rock venture will be affected.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday at 4 o'clock from the First Presbyterian Church in Greensboro, by Dr. Charles F. Myers, former pastor, and interment was in the family mausoleum in Green Hill Cemetery.

Farm Meets Planned

All families living in the Rubes Creek area are urged to attend a meeting in the Bethel school, Wednesday, November 6th, at 7:00 p. m. The purpose of this meeting is to set up the goals to be accomplished while on the demonstration program. The work is progressing nicely so lets all be present for the meeting.

In the near future meetings will be held in each community for the purpose of selecting a farm to be put on the demonstration program as a farm and home demonstration. Places and dates for these meetings will appear later in this paper.

ATTEND GRANGE MEETING

Mr. and Mrs. George F. Smitherman of Beaver Dam township were delegates from Beaver Dam Grange No. 1045, to the North Carolina Grange at its 19th annual convention held in Clinton, N. C. last week. They report a most pleasant and helpful convention.

AMATEUR HOUR

The Cove Creek Home Demonstration Club is sponsoring an amateur hour Thursday, Nov. 7, in the high school auditorium at 7 o'clock. The public is cordially invited. Admission, adults 35c, children 20c.

Campaign For Local Offices Nearing End

HEREFORDS WIN AT STOCK SHOW

Fred Council of Boone, Takes Championship With Calf at Asheville Show

The three 1946 Watauga county 4-H baby beef projects were completed with high honors last week, when the 790 pound Hereford steer shown by Fred Council, 4-H club boy of Boone, was made grand champion at the Asheville fat stock show. This steer was also champion Hereford in the junior department, Atlantic Rural Exposition, Richmond, Virginia, on October 8th. He sold in the sale at Asheville, Thursday, October 24, for the record county price of \$1.35 per pound, to bring Fred a total of \$1,066.50. Gross Brothers restaurant Asheville made the purchase.

The steer was sired by Prince Domino Paladin, Jr., the herd bull owned by H. Grady Farthing, J. H. Council and H. M. Mamilton, Jr. This bull was also the sire of the other two 4-H baby beefs that were fed out this year in the county and won honors in the show ring at Richmond and Asheville.

Milton and Elmo Moretz, 4-H club boys of Green Valley, fed the 840 pound Hereford steer that stood fourth in the light weight 4-H division, at Richmond. This steer brought 43 cents per pound when sold at Richmond on October 11.

Martha Council, of the Boone 4-H club fed the 860 pound Hereford steer that stood third at Asheville. This steer sold to City Market, Boone, for 50 cents per pound.

Home Clubs Hold General Meeting

Eighty-Five Women From Most of County's Demonstration Clubs, Gather Here

Approximately eighty-five women, representing almost every home demonstration club in the county, attended the annual federation meeting held on Friday, October 25th at the First Baptist church in Boone.

The meeting opened with the singing of the hymn "Fairest Lord Jesus", followed by the devotional led by the Rev. James McKeown, Pastor of St. Lukes Episcopal church. Mrs. R. H. Harmon then brought greetings from the Worth While Woman's club, and Mrs. W. R. Vines of the Bethel Home Demonstration club, gave the response.

A report was given by each of the home demonstration clubs as to the work their club has done in the past year. Mrs. Dean Reese gave a report on the curb market, sponsored by the clubs during the summer months. Miss Betty Lou Clawson, newly elected president of the 4-H county council, reported on the activities of the 4-H club during the past year.

In the afternoon, Miss Willie Hunter, Extension Clothing Specialist, gave a very interesting and helpful demonstration on "Remodeling of Hats and Accessories". Mrs. Pauline Hotchkiss, district agent at large, also attended the meeting.

Newton Bros. Open New Store in City

Messrs. F. P. Newton and W. R. Newton of North Wilkesboro have recently opened their Newton Brothers Department Store in the new Wilcox building, next to Highland Cleaners, and are displaying a complete line of clothing for the family, and other dry goods items. The store occupies all three floors of the handsome new building, which is one of the finest in town, and designed particularly for department store needs.

Mr. F. P. Newton, is in charge of the new store.

A Correction

In the advertisement appearing in the last issue of the Democrat regarding Hollar's Food Center, an error appeared. The ad was signed "Lige Hollar" when in fact the name should have been "Lige C. Hollar." Since the names of two different men are involved, it is hoped that this correction will clear up the matter. The error is regretted by the publisher.

Local Partisans Making Supreme Effort In Last Days of Campaign; Hoey and Doughton to Highlight Rally Thursday; Republicans meet Friday Night

The local political campaign is going into the home stretch with intense activity being shown by the leadership of both the Democratic and Republican parties, in their efforts to win the slate of county offices for their respective candidates, and the indications are that the usual heavy vote will have been cast when the polls close next Tuesday evening.

The Democrats reach the climax of their campaign Thursday evening at 7:30 when Senator Clyde R. Hoey and Congressman Robert L. Doughton will deliver political addresses at the rally to be held in the courthouse, and a particular effort is being made to turn out a huge crowd for the addresses by these leading figures.

On Friday evening the Young Republican Club announces a county meeting to be held at the courthouse, but whether there will be outside speakers has not been announced. An invitation is extended to all to be present for this gathering.

The Candidates

The following men compose the local county ticket:

James C. Farthing, Democrat of Lenoir, veteran, is unopposed for the sixteenth district solicitorship. Wade E. Brown, Boone veteran, Democrat, is opposed by Paul Swanson, also a war veteran, of Alleghany county for the state senate in the 29th district. Lester Carroll of Boone, Democrat, is seeking the seat in the general assembly held by S. C. Eggers, Republican, also of Boone.

Albert Henson, combat veteran of the last war, is running for the office of sheriff against C. M. Watson, Republican incumbent.

Pete Coffey, veteran, wounded in Europe, is running on the Democratic ticket for clerk. Fred Cragg, a veteran, is running on the Republican ticket.

For coroner, Richard E. Kelley, Democrat, veteran, received the endorsement of both Democratic and Republican conventions.

For surveyor, Don Thompson, a veteran, Democrat, is running against Jack Storie, Republican, also a veteran.

For county commissioners, Hayes Wellborn, veteran; Grover Johnson and Dick Vannoy are the Democratic candidates. A. G. Miller, H. O. Aldridge and R. M. Ward are the Republican candidates.

The polls open at 6:30 a. m. and close at 6:30 p. m.

BUS TERMINAL OPEN SATURDAY

Handsome New Transportation Building to Open Under Temporary Arrangements

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Wilcox, owners and operators of the local bus terminal, announce that open house will be held Saturday for anyone wishing to visit Boone's new and elegant transportation building.

Mr. Wilcox states that it will be necessary to load and unload the coaches in front of the terminal until the grounds to the rear are completed. A number of things are yet to be done, he adds, but for the benefit of the public it is thought best to move in under temporary arrangements.

ADMINISTRATION PLANS TO SCRAP BOARD ON WAGES

Washington, Oct. 30—The administration is considering scrapping the wage stabilization board when the OPA's master price control program is released, a person close to the government said last night.

The OPA plan is expected to be announced on or about Friday, Nov. 1, although this is not definite, and the government's new wage statement is to accompany it, the official said. To avoid any label of politics, the decision may be withheld until after the November 5 elections.

Benefit Dance At Valle Crucis School

A square dance will be given at the Valle Crucis school, Valle Crucis, Saturday evening, Nov. 2nd, from 8 to 11 p. m. Proceeds will be given toward the fund for the new parish house for Holy Cross Church.

FDIC head urges the repayment of U. S. share of its capital.

U. N.'s outlay is put at a little more than \$20,000,000.