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The BREMCO Meeting

The Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation drew more than five thousand members to the annual meeting held here Saturday.

Watauga, Caldwell, Ashe, Alleghany and parts of other counties were represented at the gathering, and again we are reminded of the worth of the co-operative to the people of the country.

The co-operative was glad to have Mr. Norman Clapp, national administrator of Rural Electrification Administration as principal speaker. Mr. Clapp pointed out that in 1935 one person out of ten had electric power in rural areas. Through the help of the electric co-operatives today now 97 per cent of all rural people have service.

The hardest thing, some people in

BREMCO tell us, is to convince the people generally that this is not government power that is being distributed, and the operation of your electric cooperative is not in the hands of the government, but rather in the hands of a corporation, in which the members name the board of directors—local men—who borrow the money made available by the Federal government, repay it, with interest, and run the business just like any other corporation.

Five billion dollars has been repaid with interest. Out of one thousand borrowers, one is delinquent, but is catching up fast. It is a remarkable record of achievement the cooperatives have written. They've done great things for the country. We don't want them ever to be hindered.

Time To Register

The school-hospital bond election is drawing near and the registration books will be open two more Saturdays to give every un-registered voter a chance to qualify to vote. Registration may also be taken care of during the week at the respective homes of the Registrars.

No general new registration is required, but those who haven't previously registered to vote in a general county election, but who are otherwise qualified will have to register, and it is important that this important step be taken.

Through the use of newspaper and radio coverage, the School Board, various civic organizations, the Hospital Steering Committee have and are, doing everything possible to acquaint the voters with the issues involved, and have, in our opinion

made out excellent cases for both the school and the proposed new hospital, and we shall continue to do everything possible to inform the people right up until election day.

We haven't fared overly well in predicting the outcome of elections in Watauga county, but if the opinions being expressed in Boone township are indicative of the general feeling in the county, we'd say the bond issues will be approved. As you recall, Watauga was one of the few counties to go down the line in approving the State bond package.

It is to be hoped that there will be a full vote, so that there may be no doubt as to the wishes of the taxpayers. Meantime, if you're not registered, you'd better see to that important duty.

Patrol Cited Again

North Carolina's State troopers have for the seventh straight year, been cited as outstanding by the International Association of Chiefs of Police. This is generally regarded by top police officials to be the ultimate professional honor.

The IACP noted that the Carolina troopers have taken the national award every time since 1956 and for two previous years won Certificates of Achievement.

The awards are based on performance evaluations of 90 per cent or better as determined in the annual inventory of traffic safety activities, which is conducted throughout the country, annually to assess every

state's progress in the battle against highway slaughter and is administered by the National Safety Council in conjunction with the nation's leading authorities on traffic safety protection. The awards are given principally on the basis of departmental performance in training procedures and the quality of enforcement. Other aspects include accident investigation, the drinking driver and pedestrian control.

The officers and men of the Patrol are to be commended for sustaining a record so impressive that they get national recognition time and again. Congratulations!

WINSTON-SALEM JOURNAL-SENTINEL

A Chance For Northwest

The State of North Carolina isn't going to force a community college or an industrial education center on any county. But the state, with help from the federal government, will give generous assistance to counties which can show a need for one or both and a willingness to provide some of the money. Twenty industrial centers and five community colleges are now operating.

An urgent need for one such institution, or a combination of the two, exists in Northwest North Carolina. This 11-county area has no community college, although colleges like Wake Forest, Salem, Winston-Salem State, and Appalachian State Teachers help to meet the need.

The only industrial education center, located in Winston-Salem, renders a real service to young people in Forsyth County and others within easy commuting distance. Steve Lasher's article in this section tells what the center is doing. But it does not help those young people in counties like Wilkes, Alleghany, Ashe and Watauga who are eager to learn technical skills.

The logical place for a center or a college is Wilkes County, near the center of the Northwest. An institution at one of the Wilkesboro would serve Wilkes

and also draw students from such neighboring counties as Ashe, Watauga and Alleghany. It would be fair to expect these adjoining counties to help build and support the institution. State law permits participation in centers and colleges by several county governments.

Fortunately, Wilkes leaders are aware of the need. Three of them—Edwin Duncan and W. D. Halfacre, both bankers, and Hight Helms, president of the Northwest Association, are serving on the Northwest's committee. They know the difficulties of the venture but they also know the benefits to be gained. They are in a position to work closely with leaders in other counties who share their understanding of the need.

H. F. Snyder, who deserves a lot of the credit for Winston-Salem's industrial education center, said last spring that full use of such centers can do more than anything else to improve income and job opportunities.

Mr. Snyder knows what he is talking about, for he has been devoting most of his time since he retired as a Western Electric executive to promoting industrial development in the Northwest. He is confident that if skilled manpower is available, industry will follow.

Breeding Place For Future Castros



From Early Democrat Files

Sixty Years Ago

August 27, 1903

Weather very hot for the past few days.

Miss Greer, of the Yarkin, is a guest at the Blackburn Hotel.

T. H. Taylor and wife, of Valle Crucis, were in town Monday.

Messrs Will Jurney and Sharp Peimster, of Olin, Iredell county, have been in the village a few days.

It is feared that the continued heat and dry weather is damaging to a considerable extent the corn crop on uplands.

The schools of the county are now getting nearly all in session and a good attendance is reported from nearly every section.

It is now understood that the first term of the Appalachian Training School will open in the Academy building early in October.

Miss Lucy Matheson, of Taylorsville, who has added much to the mirth of the social circle in Boone for some weeks past, left for her home last Saturday.

Dr. Jones amputated the little finger from the right hand of Mr. T. Adam Hodges on Monday, the amputation being necessary as a result of a horse bite he received a few days before.

Those who went on the Wilmington excursion last week express themselves as being well pleased with the trip.

Five colored laborers who are well up on brick-making, arrived here last Thursday and the brick machinery is running on pretty good time, making on an aver-

age of about 15,000 brick per day.

Contractor Henry left for his home at North Wilkesboro on last Saturday, and is expected back today. He will, we are told, bring with him more machinery to further expedite the manufacture of brick.

The new telephone line to Blowing Rock has been completed, and we again have connection with Lenoir and other points east. The entire system throughout the county is being put in good repair, and when completed we will be in touch with our four nearest railroad points. Mr. J. C. Horton, promoter of the Blowing Rock line, will put in a system of phones in Boone in the near future.

The Association at Zion Hill closes today. It seems that the attendance from this part of the county is unusually light, judging from the small number passing through the village.

Thirty-Nine Years Ago

August 23, 1924

Work on the fish hatchery at Rutherford is progressing nicely. The residence of the Superintendent is being pushed to completion by Mr. Ben Moody, and much grading on the site is being done. It is the idea of the fish commission to stock the hatchery this fall.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Taylor who have been living in the Watauga Hospital for some months moved into their handsome home on North Water Street last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Blain Hodges of Newport News, Va. are visit-

ing Mr. Hodges mother, Mrs. Wiley Norris on Meat Camp.

Mayor Hahn and family returned Monday from a motor trip to Mooresville.

Miss Thelma Suttle has returned to her home in Charlotte after spending several days with Mrs. Tracy Council.

Mr. W. J. Horton and family of Farrell, Pa. after a few weeks pleasantly spent with home folks and friends in Watauga, left their home Monday. They were accompanied on their return by Mr. Horton's brother Don and wife, who will spend a few days there. While out the party will visit Niagara and other points of interest in the north.

Alonzo Hodges who recently purchased the garage equipment owned by Sam Atkins and moved the same to a new building a short distance farther up the Boone Trail is now completing a neat bungalow on an adjacent lot, and the properties, taken together are both valuable and attractive.

Fifteen Years Ago

August 26, 1948

Mrs. Claude Norris left Sunday for Stuart, Va. where she will be employed as a teacher during the coming session. Mr. Norris will join her in the near future and will build a home for them there. They will return here when the building is completed.

Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Critcher have returned to their home in Bamboe after spending six weeks in Cleveland, Ohio, Akron, Ohio, Erie, Pa., New York, Niagara Falls and Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Newton announce the birth of a daughter, Lillian Rebecca, on August 17th at Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hanes of Pine Hall announce the birth of a son, William Hanes, Jr., on August 12th. Mrs. Hanes was the former Miss Anne Adams.

James A. Greene QM2, U.S. Navy, has returned to duty aboard the USS Taussig in the Pacific Fleet after being confined to the Naval Hospital at San Diego with pneumonia fever. He was at first listed as a polio victim, but his illness was later diagnosed as pneumonia.

Mrs. A. P. Van Dusen of Woodster, Ohio arrived at Sherwood Sunday for a visit with her mother, Mr. Charles L. Lewis, Mrs. Lewis and other relatives in the county.

Mrs. Jennie Whitehead left Wednesday morning for Lynchburg, Va. to visit relatives. She will attend the wedding of her granddaughter, Miss Nancy Whitehead to Mr. William Stewart Patterson in Richmond, Va. September 3.

Max G. Pennell, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Pennell of Zionville enlisted in the Army August 2; and his address is RCT Max G. Pennell-1430992, Co. C, 2nd Regt. 5th Inf. Div., Fort Jackson, S. D.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Buchanan and Mr. and Mrs. Lamar H. Love and daughter, Nancy left for their homes in Trenton, Fla. Monday after spending 10 days with Mrs. Myrtle Buchanan and Mrs. Ronda Buchanan.

Mr. G. H. Thomas returned to his home at Mabel Monday after spending a week with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Snyder and family and his son, Mr. Lee Thomas and Mrs. Thomas of Thomas, Md.

KING STREET

BY ROB RIVERS

From The Summit . . . Some Good Words

Our 75th anniversary year has been fun for us . . . We've had a lot of nice things said about our efforts, and we've focused our attention, even more than before, on giving all that we have to the production of a constantly improving newspaper . . . We are glad for your approval, and for the respect the Editor personally has been able to gain among the people . . . And we are not a stranger to vanity, as is shown by our front-paging a letter we had the other day from the President of the United States.

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE, in his customary scholarly and articulate fashion, said some things which brought us great joy, and which we shall treasure for all our days . . . That President Kennedy should have so impressively appraised our record of service, is cause for prideful pleasure . . . To you, Mr. President, our thanks for your generous remarks . . . and our sincere good wishes for your happiness, and continuing successes in facing the gravest problems, perhaps, any Executive has faced . . . To our readers, we're not given to boasting—not that at all—but you'd agree it isn't a common thing for a country newspaperman's efforts to get the notice of the President of the United States.

measuring them out to householders in tin cups . . . We couldn't tell at the time why our mom bought the things, which didn't lend themselves to sugar and cream treatment. . . . Blueberries are being produced here, by Dan Klutz on the Flat Top Road and by Ralph Gwaltney of Banner Elk and Boone, and maybe others, but we know of no cranberries.

ANYWAY, WE ENJOYED a lot the visit of Mr. and Mrs. Simons, Judy and Mrs. Eggers. . . . And we appreciate highly the two containers of blueberries they left for our gustatory delight.

Uncle Pinkney

HIS PALAVERIN'S

DEAR MISTER EDITOR:

I see by the papers where a cook working in a cafe in Baltimore has took his case to court when the manager fired him. He claims he was fired on account of putting too much vegetables in the vegetable soup. That will never do, and the manager done right in stopping this sort of thing right at the start. If this fellow had got away with it, the first thing you know somebody would be putting ham in one of them wrapped ham sandwiches we get at the country store. I'm certain the court will rule this is un-American and hold in favor of the manager.

And I see where one of them finance experts allows as how installment buying is ruining the country. That fellow is crazy, Mister Editor. We've had installment buying in this country ever since Sir Walter Raleigh planted the first tobacco crop. Furthermore, if history books told the truth, I wouldn't be surprised if the \$24 them Dutchmen give the Indians for Manhattan Island wasn't just the down payment.

As far back as I can recollect, people was spending their money afore they got it. They'd buy their stuff all through the year and pay for it when they sold their crops. They probable never was a time when the majority of folks wasn't in debt. I've knowed folks that lived and died without ever having a dime they didn't owe. Take me for instant. I'm already 2 payments behind on my old lady's new washing machine.

They was a heap of things that might be ruining this country but installment buying ain't one of them. I heard a fellow say the other day one thing wrong with the country was we got to many chislers and not enough whittlers. And we got another big problem too. The finance experts tells us about the future and the history writers tells us about the past and that leaves the politicians to keep us confused about the present.

I heard one talking the other night on television and he was riled up about a heap of things. And the things he listed was all mighty small. I put him down right away for a small man. Small folks acts small. You can always tell a man by the size of the things it takes to make him mad. A small man blows up about somepun that would only make a big man stand pat and start to thinking.

Well, I see where a Government welfare worker come out the other day with a statement that might make a heap of sense. She said parents ought to use the hair brush on their youngsters onet in a while not that it would do the youngsters any good, but would give relief to the parents. And I got a hunch, if they use it hard enough, it might do the youngsters a heap of good.

Yours truly,
Uncle Pink

Just One Thing

By CARL GOERCH

What one attraction makes a more lasting impression upon tourists in North Carolina than anything else?

Most people, in answering that question, will say that it's scenery, but Garth Cates, travel director for the Scripps-Howard newspapers, thinks differently. And, with the experience he has had, he ought to be an authority.

In a note to the advertising division of the State Department of Conservation and Development, Garth says:

"I insist that FOOD outranks SCENERY as a lasting, long-pull tourist attraction. And you should talk food and recipes whenever you can."

Personally, we're inclined to agree wholeheartedly with that statement. People will talk about food for hours after they have forgotten all about the scenery.

Mrs. Mary Bojling, who is about 65 years of age, lives in Troy and can boast of having seen seven generations in her family.

She was a lass of about 12 years old at the time of the death of her great-grandfather. Here's the complete list:

1. Great-grandfather, the late Archibald Leach.
2. Grandfather, the late A. P. Leach.
3. Mother, Lucy Leach Cochran.
4. Her own brothers and sisters.
5. Daughter, Hattie Bolling Allen.

AFTER ANOTHER

6. Granddaughter, Mary Allen Spivey.
7. Great-grandson, Charles S. Spivey.

Bill Horner, of Sanford, is editor of the Sanford Herald. Not long ago, the Horner household got hold of a new colored cook. The first day she was there, Bill called up his home from the office. When the girl answered the phone, Bill inquired: "Who's that?" just to see how she would answer.

"This is the girl who works here," was the reply.

Bill Kennedy lives down in Washington, North Carolina. A number of years ago he happened to be in Carthage, Moore County. A man stopped him and said: "Hello, Bill; how are you getting along?"

Bill didn't recognize the man but told him that he was getting along splendidly.

"I just saw your father in the bank a little while ago," continued the stranger.

"I'm afraid you're mistaking me for somebody else," said Bill.

"Aren't you Bill Kennedy?"

"I most assuredly am."

"And isn't your father with the bank here?"

"No, he isn't."

The man stared at him a moment and then said: "You come with me. I want Mr. Kennedy to take a look at you."

So they went to the bank, and the senior Mr. Kennedy said that Bill looked exactly like his son.

Some coincidence. Same name, same looks.