

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NOTES

New Shoe Factory Facts Given; County Zoning Laws Are Needed

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Over \$1 Million Payroll Mr. Bradley, President of the Blue Ridge Shoe Company, reveals some most interesting facts about our new shoe factory. As soon as they move into their new plant, a one million and fifty thousand dollar per year payroll begins, based on local wage scale. 380 persons—70 per cent of these men—will be employed. The factory will produce 300 dozen pairs of shoes per day.

Why Did We Decide To Come To Boone? After extensive surveys of various locations, the following five factors made up our mind for us: (1) educated labor, (2) labor rate, (3) favorable climate, (4) interest and cooperation of your citizens, and (5) close to the Southern market.

The Melville Shoe Company now has 1160 retail outlets, and an additional one added each week. There are still 55,000,000 pairs of shoes imported each year.

Additional Labor Needed The Company urges any man who desires employment to contact the Employment Labor Security Board and make application for employment in the new shoe factory.

Architects Well Received The locating of the Architects Engineers Collaborative office in Boone is being well received by our citizens. They are very busy drawing plans for homes and motels for the area. In their words, "We are very pleased to have the pleasure to work with such fine people. The excellent cooperative spirit is greatly appreciated by our entire staff."

County Zoning Laws Needed One of our greatest needs is for our county commissioners to put into effect their powers to zone our county, especially the territory adjoining Boone and Blowing Rock. We need to protect those who spend their money to build, in that just any type of building could not be built next to them. We feel this should be done and control residential as well as industrial sites. Let's tell our commissioners we will be glad to work with them in this most

pressing and important matter. Overflow Of Tourists The motels in Boone and Blowing Rock this past weekend were overflowing, and they were looking for rooms in private homes.

They reported "the best business since mid-August," remarked one operator. All indications point to the fact that this fall's coloring has brought to the mountains the largest crowds in our history.

IRC Establishes New Market Facility In Pa.

Philadelphia. — International Resistance Company has established an Instrumentation & Systems Division to design, manufacture, and market electro-mechanical/electronic subsystems and associated equipment and circuitry.

The new organization was formed by integrating the firm's Control Components Division with its recently merged Frontier Electronics and Plastic Products Divisions. It will be located in Philadelphia.

O. C. Kebernick, formerly Manager of Plastic Products, has been appointed Division General Manager. Marketing ac-

tivities will be managed by Terry Halpern, former Head of Control Components. Chief Engineer is Patrick Lannan who held a similar position in Frontier Electronics.

In developing the circuitry for subsystems, the new organization will work closely with the microcircuit group of the firm's R & D Division to take advantage of the latest developments in that area.

While developing subsystem lines and handling custom orders, the new division will, except for some curtailment with respect to Plastic Products, continue to market the product lines of the former divisions.

Little Theater Starts Production Tryouts

Tryouts began Monday night for the Boone Little Theater's forthcoming production of Eugene O'Neill's play, "Beyond the Horizon," which is slated to open its five-day run on November 7, according to director Jerry Moore.

The Little Theater's last production, "Anastasia," closed a four-night run last Sunday. It was "fairly well accepted," according to Moore, with attendance averaging about 35 persons for each performance. Moore pointed out that this attendance could be considered quite satisfactory, since college students are pretty well tied up with other activities during this time of year.

"We got more support from townspeople than ever before," said Moore. "That, we hope, is a good indication for the coming season."

Moore further stated that he was well satisfied with the work of his actors and crew. "The play came off smoothly," he said, "with no muffing or forgetting of lines. Everyone did a good job. The play was absorbing and very pretty to look at, thanks

to the beautiful costumes which were made by the individual cast members."

"Beyond the Horizon," the next play on the Little Theater's agenda, is one of the later works of a man whom most have called America's greatest playwright. Though some of the effects which O'Neill uses in this and other plays may seem bizarre and rather clumsy, no one can deny their power and overall effectiveness. "Beyond the Horizon" is best described as a drama with deep meaning but without elaborate symbolical contrivances.

Information as to the members of the cast and further plans for this forthcoming theatrical event will be contained in next week's Democrat.

Robert Cook Student At King College

Among the students enrolled at King College this year is Robert Francis Cook, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Cook of 401 Stansbury Creek, Boone.



Shown in "Eye Clinic" picture taken Oct. 9 at the District Health Department are: (left to right) Mrs. Lois Harrill and Mrs. Opal Clawson, Public Health Nurses and the local Health Department; Major John H. Thomas, President of the local Lions Club;

Miss Florence Bell, R. N., District Medical Supervisor with the North Carolina Commission for the Blind; Mr. Bill Johnson, Optician; and Dr. R. H. Harmon, ophthalmologist.

Lions Are Pleased With Clinic

The Eye Clinic of the Watauga County Health Department opened at 9 a.m. and closed at 1:15 p.m. October 9 at the Health Department Building, during which time 24 patients were examined and 23 pairs of glasses issued to students of elementary schools in the county.

The clinic was originally planned to hold its second meeting on the second Wednesday of January, 1964, but due to conflicts the next meeting of the clinic will be held instead at the Wa-

tanga County Health Department Building on December 11 and every three months thereafter.

Lion Major J. H. Thomas was pleased with the fine reception and cooperation of all who conducted this clinic, and hopes that future clinics will be as well received.

The weakness of a nation can be measured by the number of families in it who think it smart to evade military service.

Senior Citizens Meet With Mrs. Goodnight

The Boone Senior Citizens Club will hold its October meeting at 1 p.m. on Friday the 18th at the home of Mrs. J. L. Goodnight at 1613 Perkinsville Drive. Each person attending will bring sandwiches for lunch and other refreshments will be provided by the hostess. The program will consist of talking about and showing samples of or demonstrating the hobbies of the individual members or others in attendance.

Former Wataugan Dies In Chicago

Dolph A. Guy, Sr., 71, passed away unexpectedly on September 23 at the Union Station in Chicago, Illinois, while waiting to board a train to return home. He had been visiting his son, R. E. Guy, who resides in Marion, Va.

Mr. Guy was born at Sugar Grove, N. C., August 23, 1892 to Mary Jackson and James Enoch Guy. He went to Illinois in 1909, at the age of 17, and was employed by the Chicago Peoria and St. Louis Railroad in the car repair shops at Springfield. He transferred to engine service as a locomotive fireman on November 29, 1911 and was promoted to locomotive engineer on August 14, 1920, in which capacity he served until his retirement from the Chicago and Illinois Midland Railroad on May 18, 1961, having completed 52 years of service on the railroad.

From 1921 through 1925, during a recession in business, he was employed as a locomotive engineer on the Florida East Coast Railroad. He served as President of BLF&E Lodge 408 and on the General Grievance Committee during his time as a fireman, and later, during his time as an engineer, he served as a member of the BLE General Committee of Adjustment, and as Chief Engineer of BLE Division 460. He was in possession of his 40-year emblem with the BLE, and was a life member of both the BLE and the BLF&E.

He was married to Mary Ellen Robinson in 1915 and was the father of two sons, Dolph A. Guy, Jr., who is also employed on the C&M Railroad in engine service, and Robert E. Guy of Marion, Va., who is a design engineer

for the Brunswick Corporation.

Mr. Guy is survived by his widow, Mrs. Mary E. Guy, two sons, 13 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, one brother, Robert Guy, Mayor of Banner Elk, N. C., three sisters, Mrs. Robert Miller and Victoria Combe, both of Sugar Grove, and Mrs. Andrew Dickens of Reidsville.

Mr. Guy was a member of the BLE, BLF&E, St. Peter and Paul's Church, the Holy Name Society and Knights of Columbus Council 364.

He was buried in Calvary Cemetery in Springfield, Illinois.

USES BULB 40 YEARS

Charleston, S. C.—A light bulb is still burning in the home of Mrs. Ada Javins, 83, after 40 years of service.

Mrs. Javins recalls that she and her husband bought the bulb, shaped like a cluster of grapes, when they moved into their new home in 1923.

The bulb, which she still uses, gives off a dull reddish glow, as a night light.

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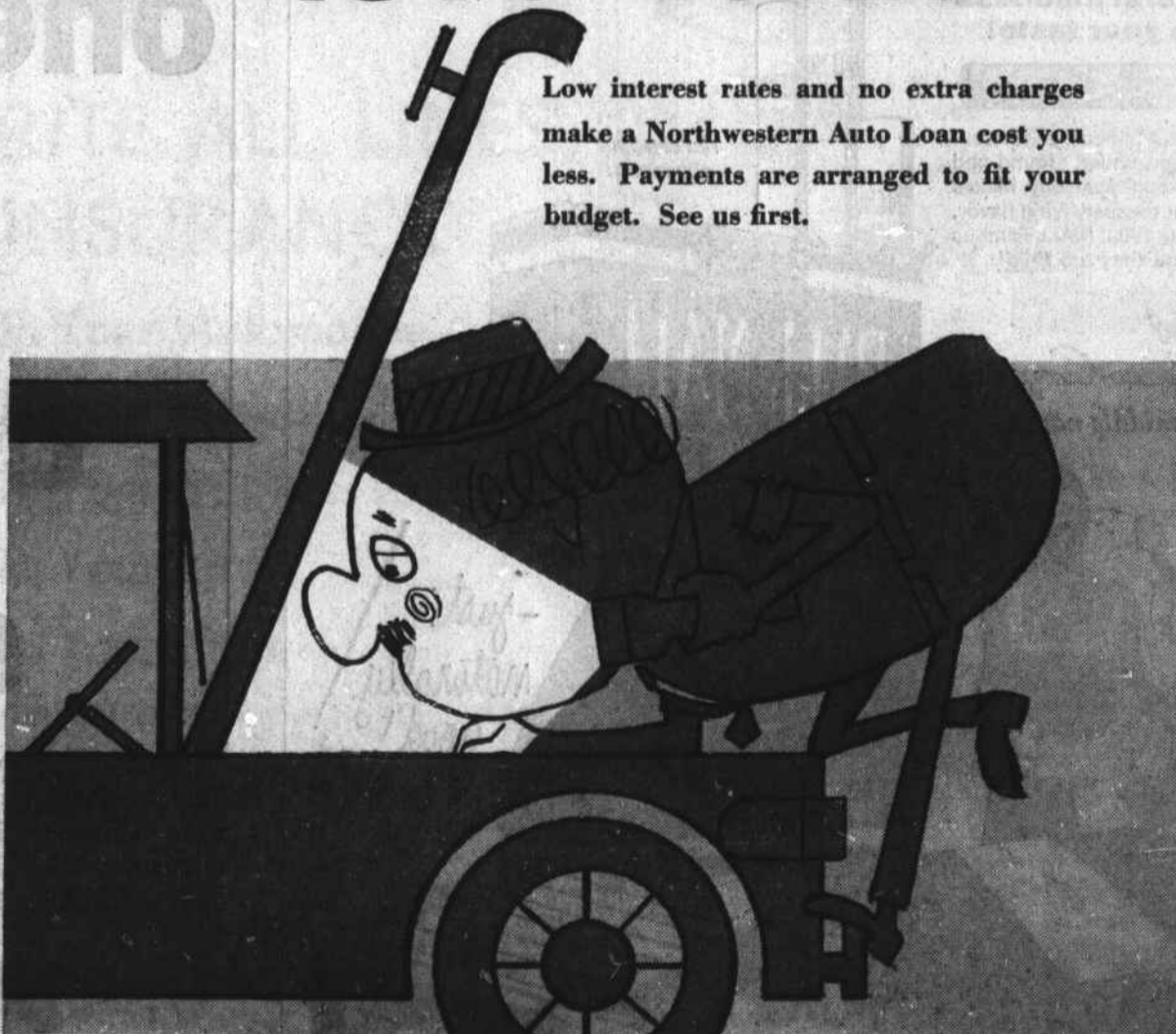
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