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BOONE MAY SECURE CITY DELIVERY SERVICE SOON

Local Office Will Be Raised to Second Class on July 1st

Following close upon the news that the Boone postoffice will be raised to second class on July 1, comes the intimation that the city may soon have a mail delivery service. A post-office inspector has been here within the past few days and made a careful survey of the situation and will make a report to the department at Washington, which will determine the wisdom of inaugurating a city delivery. According to Postmaster W. D. Farthing, nothing is definitely known as to what action will ultimately be taken in this connection, but he is of the opinion that the service will be put on when the report of the growth of the office is officially checked in Washington. In the event the service is inaugurated, a civil examination will be held for the purpose of naming the carriers. It is probable the service will be started by the last of August or during the first days of September.

The Boone postoffice is a good index to the marvelous growth of the city and surrounding country within the past few years. The raising of the office to the second class on July 1st provides for clerks to be selected by civil service examination, enabling Postmaster Farthing to have a sufficient force to meet the demands of the office.

Mr. Farthing furnishes the Democrat the following report of postal receipts for the past four years, showing the amount received for postage stamps alone: 1922, \$4,998.87; 1923, \$5,983.56; 1924, \$7,293.67, and for the year 1925, \$9,000.00. According to the showing made for the first half of 1926, Mr. Farthing says the receipts for this year will likely reach \$11,000.

Noteworthy is the fact that fifteen years ago the receipts of the Boone postoffice were less than \$1,000 per annum.

TEN KILLED AND MANY HURT IN STEEL PLANT BLAST

Gary, Ind., June 14.—Ten workmen are known to have been killed and more than 75 injured, some so seriously they may die, in a gas and chemical explosion today in the coke by-product division of the Illinois Steel Company's plant.

The dead included four white men and six negroes.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON CLUB

On June 12, Mrs. F. A. Linney delightfully entertained the Friday Afternoon Club. Her home was a lovely inspiration of June with its profusion of roses. The short poems read by Miss Annie Stanbury and Mrs. I. G. Greer, together with the music rendered by Miss Ruth Rankin, made the afternoon a delightful one.

An interesting flower contest was engaged in, in which Mrs. South won the lovely prize.

It was a pleasure to those present to hear that Madame Orndorff had been secured to give a musical in Boone the latter part of the following week. Madame Orndorff is to be in Boone this summer to open a studio.

Very elaborate refreshments, consisting of two courses, were served by the hostess, assisted by her daughter, Miss Margaret Linney.

The invited guests for the afternoon were Miss Rankin, Miss Theresa Suttie and Mrs. South.

GOLDEN WEDDING

On Sunday, June 6, friends and relatives, more than 200 strong, gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Holden Davis near Silverstone, with great baskets loaded with good things to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding day.

Mrs. Davis has been an invalid for 25 years and because of that fact she was all the more happy to have her kith and kin remember her in this way. Their cup of joy was overflowing all day long as one after another greeted them in a glad handshake.

The good dinner was spread under the trees and the hymn, "Nearer My God to Thee," was sung very softly. Then it was that Messrs. W. F. Sherwood, W. Y. Perry and Finley Mast said words of congratulation and of love for the honored ones and of gratitude for the day together.

Rev. Eggers then returned thanks and a hearty meal was enjoyed.

About 3 o'clock in the afternoon hymns were sung and a talk made by Rev. Eggers.

There were present relatives from Mountain City, Tenn., Lenoir, N. C., and Bluefield, W. Va., beside those who came from all parts of Watauga county. Reported.

Carelessness on His Part Beggar—"An' madame, my foot weren't always like this."

"I know that! The last time you were here you were blind and the time before that you were starving."

R. L. DOUGHTON ON THE RADIO

Farmer Bob Says Contented Family on the Farm is Nation's Most Valuable Asset

Following is the address in part of Congressman Robert L. Doughton delivered over the radio and printed in the Congressional Record of May 17th:

This being my first effort in the way of a public address over the radio, I will first send greetings to the people of my district and the state of North Carolina and express to you my gratitude and appreciation of your oft-expressed and long-continued loyalty and confidence.

The first session of the sixty-ninth congress is nearing a close and the record will soon be submitted to the electorate of the nation for its approval.

It is well known to you that the Republican party is in control of each branch of the national government; therefore party responsibility rests upon the Republican party, while on the Democratic party there is only that responsibility which always goes with the minority.

During my 15 years as a representative in congress I have never known party lines so indistinct and the absence of party strife so manifest.

The Democratic party, being always patriotic and preferring the country's welfare above party welfare, has in no manner attempted to play politics or seek partisan advantage, but has co-operated in an earnest and faithful endeavor to enact wise, wholesome, and salutary legislation, and to assist by every honorable means in reducing taxes and bringing them to the lowest level consistent with efficient governmental service.

Under the constitution of the United States all measures for the raising of revenue and all appropriation bills must originate in the house of representatives.

The committee on ways and means, of which I have the honor to be a member, presented on the opening day of this congress, in a unanimous report, a bill for the reduction of federal taxes. The bill speedily became a law and gave substantial relief. The amount of reduction in this bill was about \$387,000,000. This was something new in legislation, as never before in peace time was a tax bill considered, perhaps, and reported free from partisanship. This, in my judgment, records a distinct step forward in legislative procedure, and if continued, will work to the great advantage of the American people.

Wisdom suggests that in all the affairs of life things should be considered in the order of their importance. The most important matter now before the congress is that of enacting some legislation for the relief and benefit of agriculture.

For more than five years the Republican party has been in full control of every branch of our government, and its policies touching every industry of the nation have been written into law.

However, agriculture, which is considered by everyone to be the most fundamental, basic, and necessary industry, has never been so thoroughly demoralized and so completely paralyzed. The protective tariff laws now on the statute books, placed there by the Republican party and guaranteed to produce agricultural prosperity, have signally and completely failed.

In the last five years the farms of America have declined in value at least \$3,000,000,000. The indebtedness of the farmer today is more than \$12,000,000,000, an increase of about eight billions in the last five years, making the farmers of America at least \$33,000,000,000 poorer than they were on the 4th of March, 1921, when Mr. Harding was inaugurated president.

Farm failures during the last five years have increased 1,000 per cent in contrast with commercial failures. The direct losses on the crops produced have been many billions more. A larger number of American farms and homes are under mortgage today than ever before in the history of the country. More bank failures have occurred in agricultural sections of the country in the last five years than had occurred in 25 years preceding that date.

From 1916 to 1920, inclusive, under a Democratic administration, the number of state bank failures was 117 and the number of national bank failures for that period was 28; total for the five-year period 145. While for the last five years, 1921 to 1925, the number of state bank failures was about 1,800 and the national bank failures for the same period was 338, making a total of 2,138 under a Republican administration against 157 under Democratic administration for the same length of time.

During the last five years the number of farmers have lost their homes and been driven to the towns and cities to seek other employment.

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MOUNTAIN CITY ORGANIZES LIVE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Capital of Johnson County is Taking On New Life

With the opening up of Mountain City, Tennessee, to the region east by grading and finishing of the bad bank or road west of Trade on No. 66, the little metropolis of Johnson county, heretofore isolated to a great extent, has taken on new life to a surprising extent. The first move of the enterprising citizenship is the organization of a live Chamber of Commerce, with all the money necessary to put the virtues of the east Tennessee section before the outside world. Mr. N. C. Parsons, a traveling man with headquarters in that city, is general spokesman for the enthusiasts of Mountain City. He was in Boone Monday getting necessary blanks, cards, membership certificates for a meeting which was held that night. Fine photographs have been made and sent to the engravers for half-tone cuts, showing the main points of interest and the most beautiful scenery in the city and county.

A local photographer, is still in Mountain City getting additional pictures for the publicity campaign.

More than \$1,200 was raised for publicity work before the meeting was called for Monday night. The dues to the chamber are fixed at \$21 per year, and the amount indicated has been raised with practically no solicitation. A good part of the money that will be collected is to be used for newspaper advertising in various parts of the country.

THE NEWS OF COVE CREEK

Vilas, June 16.—Mr. and Mrs. Luther Bingham have just returned from Florida, where Mr. Bingham has been in business during the past winter.

Miss Blanche Horton has returned from Meredith College, where she has been a student for the past year. Miss Annie Sherwood is spending a few weeks with home folks before going to Columbia university to attend the summer school.

Mrs. Hoag, formerly Miss Nell Holselaw, is visiting among relatives and friends who are very glad to welcome her back.

Announcement has recently been received of the graduation of Bynum Wilson from Philadelphia university, where he received the M. D. degree with high honors.

Mr. Greer Glenn passed through Sunday on his way to Chapel Hill where he will attend summer school.

Dave Mast is attending summer school at Chapel Hill, at the close of which he will receive his degree.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Bingham are visiting relative and friends on Cove Creek.

The ladies of the missionary society of Cove Creek Baptist church are planning to sell lunches at the land sale on June 21st, near Cove Creek high school. The proceeds are to go for the benefit of the church.

Mr. Varley Mast, postmaster at Sugar Grove, is building a new home near his father's residence.

Seven members of the graduating class of the Cove Creek high school are attending summer school at Boone, preparatory to teaching next fall.

The following have new homes on Cove Creek, near the high school: D. J. Hamon, Will Payne, Joseph Mast and Vardry Mast.

BIRTHDAY DINNER FOR MRS. MARY SHOEMAKER

Harley, June 15.—Under the shade of a majestic willow tree, a birthday dinner was spread, surrounded by numerous relatives, neighbors and friends of Mrs. Mary Shoemaker, widow of John Shoemaker, near here last Sunday.

From 9:00 in the morning until late in the afternoon friends from the surrounding country assembled at the home of Mrs. Shoemaker to enjoy the happy occasion with her. At 1 o'clock about 250 of her friends were gathered under the willow tree, overlooking the fertile farm of this good woman, to celebrate with her the passing of her 72nd birthday.

After meeting friends and acquaintances, the crowd was invited to dinner—cakes, pies, chicken, pork, everything one could wish for.

Mrs. Shoemaker has lived on this lovely farm for twenty-odd years. Two sons, six daughters and thirty-five grandchildren were among those attending.

After wishing Mrs. Shoemaker many more happy birthdays this delightful occasion closed with many happy greetings.

DR. JOHNSON AT COVE CREEK

Dr. Walter N. Johnson will preach at Cove Creek Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. He will also speak at Willowdale Thursday morning at 11 o'clock and at Brushy Fork at 3 p. m. Friday at 11 a. m. he speaks at Shulls Mills.

It is hoped that he will have good crowds at all these churches. He has a vital message for all Christians.

WORK AT NORMAL IS PROGRESSING

Students From Six States, and 66 N. C. Counties Represented in Student Body

The work of the summer school is moving on well, both faculty and students being busy. The number enrolled has reached 915. Among these only about 50 are men. There are about 300 high school graduates who are taking their first summer school work.

There are six states represented in the student body, South Carolina with 18, Virginia with 6, Georgia with 5, Tennessee with 2, and Mississippi with one, making 30 from other states and 865 from North Carolina. Sixty-six counties of this state are represented, Wilkes leading with 74, Watauga with 61, Yadon with 60, Ashe 49, Iredell 43, Union 43, Caldwell 45, Surry 41, Cleveland 28, Alleghany 27, Catawba 27, Avery 24, Gastor 24, Rutherford 27, McDowell 22, Cabarrus 21, Anson 20, Mitchell 19, Yancey 19; making 664 from 19 counties and the remainder from the other 47 counties.

The counties represented in the Normal are situated in various parts of the state from Currituck to Haywood.

Work on the campus in the way of leveling, fertilizing, sowing grass, improving the walks and drives has been done recently.

Several visitors have been at the normal, including Prof. Jones, head of the department of mathematics of Wake Forest College; Mrs. T. E. Johnson, of the department of education at Raleigh, who made a talk to the student body last week, and Prof. Privette.

VALLE CRUCIS

Valle Crucis, June 16.—Miss Nanine Smith has arrived in Valle Crucis to spend the summer with her sister, Mrs. C. D. Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud L. Mast, of Darlington, Md., after nearly a week's visit to their parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Mast, have gone to the Globe to visit Mrs. Mast's family. They will return later for another week in Valle Crucis, before returning to Maryland.

Mrs. Aron Mast is having a new loom house built, and hopes to move her looms in this week. We are glad to see members of the younger generation keeping up this old and artistic industry.

C. R. Hartley and James Lawes, of Baltimore, Md., who are working in Asheville, were in the valley Sunday. Gordon Taylor left Sunday for Cleveland, O., to work during the summer vacation.

The Senior and Junior Epworth Leagues of Benson's Chapel gave a very interesting entertainment Sunday night at the Methodist church here. The program included musical selections, a pantomime of "The Handwriting on the Wall," and a dramatic presentation of "The Loves and Fishes."

Misses Susie and Alice Taylor went to Hickory Sunday for a few days' visit to Mrs. H. C. Meizies, Jr.

Mrs. Clarence Ellis, of Bluefield, W. Va., returned to her home Monday, after a visit to relatives and friends in Watauga.

Much needed work at the St. John's church yard and cemetery has been done the past two Saturdays in the way of cleaning off the grounds and putting a new fence around the same. A beautiful spirit of co-operation was manifested by the people of this section in the work. They brought their basket dinners, and spent the entire day. The work will be completed next Saturday.

DEEP GAP NEWS

Deep Gap, June 16.—Misses Zella Watson and Mae Gillespie, of Coffeyville, Kansas, are visiting relatives while on vacation from their school work. They expect to spend about six weeks here.

Mr. B. H. Watson and family, of Boone, visited at the home of Mr. Alfred Watson here Sunday.

S. P. Tesch, of Greensboro, will arrive this week to rush up the land sale which will be held here soon. Much interest is being shown in real estate here now, and the lot will likely go in a hurry when offered at auction.

Rev. Ed Hodges filled his regular appointment at the Gap Creek Baptist church Sunday.

Gardeners hereabouts have been experiencing trouble in getting plants to set. Insects and bean beetles have been playing havoc with vegetation and it looks as if garden truck will be very short here this season.

FRENCH CABINET QUILTS

Paris, June 15.—Premier Briand and his entire cabinet resigned today. This was the fourth French government and the eighth French minister of finance to fall by reason of the financial difficulties born of the war. It was Briand's ninth cabinet.

DANIEL BOONE HOTEL IS MECCA FOR NEWLYWEDS

Several Couples From Various Sections Here During Past Week

"The Honeymoon Hotel" is the name given the Daniel Boone hostelry in an article by L. J. Hampton, staff correspondent of the Winston-Salem Journal in last Sunday's edition. It seems that the reporter has well named the place for during the past week five recently wedded couples registered there for brief sojourns.

Interesting is the fact that among the honeymooners was Sheriff C. W. Gibbs and wife of Pamlico county, their first trip to the mountains. Mr. Gibbs is the youngest sheriff in North Carolina, having been elected to that office when but 23 years of age. He is 26 now and thinks he can be sheriff of his home county as long as he wishes.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Wilson, of Rural Hall, were stoppers at the Daniel Boone, having been married recently at their Forsyth county home. Also from over at Elizabethton came another bride and groom, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Tipton, who are real Boone boosters, and will return later for a longer stay.

Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Love, of Rameur, Randolph county, were married last week and also came to Boone to view the scenery and catch some fresh mountain air. They were very enthusiastic over the northwestern country and are determined to visit Boone again before the summer is over.

Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Moore dropped in from South Carolina. It was easy to be seen that they had recently experienced the tying of a wedding knot for the decorations on their car were appropos. An old shoe was tied underneath the machine and a cow chain affixed.

Manager Vaughn is conducting a first class hotel and these honeymoon couples were quick to realize the fact. They are loud in their praise of Boone's fine new hotel and the excellent attention they received and will doubtless enjoy many more trips to this scenic part of northwestern Carolina mountains.

GRANDFATHER PARK ESTATES EDGEMONT, OPENS JUNE 23

An announcement of interest to those who have any desire to own a summer home in the mountains will be found in the display advertisement in this issue of The Democrat telling of the opening on Wednesday, June 23, of Grandfather Park Estates at Edgemont.

Grandfather Park Estates, which is situated about 20 miles from Lenoir at the terminus of the Carolina and Northwestern railway, is being developed by a company composed of Dr. A. W. Dula, R. L. Dula and F. H. May, editor of the Lenoir News-Topix; E. F. Allen and J. W. Whelan, of Lenoir.

The property is situated in a valley where Rock House creek and Lost Cove creek unite to form Big Wilson's creek. Grounds will be provided for hunting, fishing, biking, her back riding over the government lands in the Grandfather section of the Pisgah National forest, and boating. Trout streams like Harper's creek, Lost Cove, Laurel, Rock House and Wilson's creek will be made accessible to purchasers of this property.

The estate covers over 1,000 acres and may be reached either by the C. and N. W. railway or by auto from Lenoir, Blowing Rock or Linville. A new road recently opened from Lenoir to Linville runs through the property of the Grandfather Mountains, Inc.

WORTH WHILE CLUB

A most interesting and enjoyable meeting of the Worth While Club was held Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Zeb Farthing. Mrs. Don Farthing, the associate hostess, greeted the guests on the cool vine-covered porch and served delicious punch from the "fountain of youth." The guests then entered the reception room which was decorated with beautiful ferns and white peonies.

The club was pleased to have several special guests.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. J. M. Moretz, after the discussion of a few business items. Mrs. Bennett was asked to give a talk. Smiles of pleasure could be seen on each face. Mrs. Bennett, in her usual charming manner, gave a splendid talk, thoughts that will linger with each one present.

The meeting being turned over to the hostess, she gave a contest, "the most foolish thing I ever did," which caused much laughter. Mrs. Ed Qualls carrying off the prize. During the social hour the hostesses served ice cream and cake, followed by homemade candy, which all enjoyed to the fullest extent.

Mrs. Trivett will entertain the club at its next regular meeting, June 25th.

B. Frank Mebane, of Spray, Rockingham county, millionaire capitalist, textile mill founder and immense land owner, died Tuesday in New York, following a lingering illness.

PENSION CHECKS ARE NOW READY

Checks Arrive for 19 Soldiers and 34 Widows; Should Apply at Clerk's Office

Clerk of the Court A. W. Smith has received the semi-annual pension checks for the few surviving Confederate veterans in the county and for the widows of veterans. A survey of the county records show that there are now only 19 followers of Lee and Jackson within the borders of the county, and 34 pensioned widows.

By an act of the last legislature the pension fund was equally divided between the veterans and widows. Therefore, in Watauga county there being more widows than soldiers, the widows receive less than the veterans, \$50 each, while veterans of the third class receive \$85 and soldiers of the fourth class will receive \$77.50. There are only two third class pensioners in the county.

All who can be asked to come to the clerk's office and receive their checks. If unable to come personally one authorized to receive them may come.

A list of the soldiers and widows for whom Clerk Smith now has checks follows:

Soldiers—Third Class

Newton Greer and E. J. Norris.

Soldiers—4th Class

S. J. Bishop, E. H. Billings, (deceased), H. A. Davis, R. H. Farthing, E. M. Greer, Wyatt Hayes, W. M. Hodges, William Hollar, Thos. Love, J. E. Luther, John M. Miller, L. D. Miller, Jonathan Moretz, James C. Orrant, Duke Ward, W. A. Williams, Albert P. Wilson.

Widows

Caroline Bradshaw, Nancy Brown, Lydia Brown, Mary E. Coffey, Martha A. Cole, Elizabeth Cook, Martha Davis, Elizabeth A. Pyre, C. C. Edmisten, Elizabeth Eggers, Mary E. Eller, Nancy Farthing, Sarah C. Farthing, Elizabeth Hagaman, Lucinda Harmon, Susan Harmon, Julia Etta Horton, Mary S. Horton, Mary Isaacs, Mary Jesters, Margaret McGuire, Leona Mast, Mary Miller, Mary E. Moretz, Nancy Norris, Vina Norris, Mary S. Parks, Mary E. Pearson, Jennie Ray, Eliza Shull, Dorcas Turmire, Anna Eliza Vanduyke, Raenel Walker, Caroline T. Walker.

WATAUGA'S INVESTMENT IN RURAL WHITE SCHOOLS

Watauga stands 59th among the counties of the state in the amount of money invested in rural white schools, according to State School Facts, which shows that this county had \$4,817 invested in white rural schools for the year 1924-25, with a value of \$68.68 per white child enrolled in the rural schools for that year.

The counties are ranked according to the value of white rural school property for each white child enrolled in the rural schools.

Washington county ranks first in value of white rural school property per child enrolled with \$257.98, Cherokee is last with \$20.96, or less than one-twelfth as much per child. Wilson is the first in the average value of rural schoolhouses, with \$36,123, and Cherokee is last with \$1,109.

The average for 34 white school property per child enrolled is \$113.40 and the rural average is \$81.34, city average \$211.04. The city average is more than two and one-half times the rural average.

The average white schoolhouse in the state is worth \$13,627. The rural average is \$7,937 and the city average is \$86,073.

\$2,824,395 BALANCE IS SHOWN ON MAY 31ST

Raleigh, June 12.—With but one month more to complete the first fiscal year of the McLean administration the state treasury on May 31, showed a balance of \$2,824,395.66. This was revealed today in the combined statement of the auditor and treasurer.

The statement showed the receipts for the month were \$600,906.95, while the cash balance the first of May was \$3,045,106.41, making a total of \$3,646,013.36. The disbursements for the month of May amounted to \$810,617.70, leaving a balance in the treasury of \$2,824,395.66.

COLE PAYS ORMOND \$15,000 FOR DEATH OF SON

Raleigh, June 15.—Final judgment on the \$150,000 damage suit brought by Rev. A. L. Ormond against W. B. Cole, mill owner of Rockingham, for what is charged the wrongful death of his son, Bill Ormond, was handed out in Wake superior court today by Judge Barnhill, under which Cole agreed to pay the father of young Ormond the sum of \$15,000 costs in the case and have all original pleadings withdrawn from the record and destroyed, marking the "a" chapter of litigation which began when Cole shot young Ormond.