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Movement Launched to Build Boy Scout Hut

Civic Organizations of City Behind Project to Construct Building in American Legion Park

Through the co-operation of the American Legion, Civitan club and Women's organizations of the city, a movement has been launched by the Boy Scouts to construct a hut for scout headquarters in the American Legion Park. The material for a building may be procured for about \$600, basing the estimate on accommodations for about thirty-five boys. If the movement is successful the building will be used by the city, American Legion, Civitans, Women's clubs and other worthwhile organizations of the community.

Some of the most prominent leaders of the city have been consulted concerning the project. W. B. Gragg, mayor, has given his approval, and through L. S. Isaacs, the American Legion has promised aid other than the building site. The fine co-operation of the Civitan has been assured by Mr. Frank Moore. Others approving the project are Rev. C. H. Moser, Rev. P. A. Hicks and Mr. W. E. Camer. The first contribution is from Mr. W. G. Hartzog, who promises fifty dollars' worth of material in addition to his time in directing the construction work. Those interested are asked to help by suggestion, private or club donations to Mr. Frank Moore, L. S. Isaacs, A. B. Williford or the scouts.

The Boy Scout movement has greatly interested many of the boys of the town and they are anxious to receive even greater benefits for themselves and their friends. To do this they need the greatest co-operation of their parents and all of those interested in helping them choose right companions, literature, amusements and all forms of outdoor activity. The greatest necessity at the present time for the carrying on of this work is an adequate central meeting place and indications are that this obstacle is shortly to be overcome.

"The truly happy boy is the boy whose habits impose upon him the thinking of the highest thoughts, dreaming of the noblest dreams, exulting in the deepest joys."

CAPT. HODGES BIVOUACKING ON THE OTHER SHORE

Captain William M. Hodges, Watauga's second oldest inhabitant, having passed his ninety-sixth birthday, died at the home of his son, Mr. Patterson Hodges, in Boone Tuesday afternoon. Old age and its accompanying infirmities being the cause of his death. Funeral services will be conducted from the Advent Christian church here at 10 o'clock this forenoon. Immediately after the funeral, procession will leave for Dixey, near his old home, where interment will be made.

Captain Bill Hodges was in no way respects, a most wonderful man, his long life was spent in Watauga, and never have we heard his good name assailed. He went on the eve of his death, a kind word for every one with whom he came in contact, and best of all, he was a devout Christian gentleman.

Capt. Hodges volunteered in the Civil war at its beginning, casting his lot with the Confederacy. He was assigned to Company I, 58th North Carolina infantry, and was soon promoted to captain. It is said that he took part in every engagement in the west from Ohio to Wilmington, and that a braver soldier never shouldered a musket. At the close of the war he was given his discharge at Greensboro. True to his country, true to his family and true to his God, can well be applied to our departed friend.

Two sons and one daughter survive. Mrs. James Cook of Richmond, Va.; Mr. T. A. Hodges, Cashockton, Ohio, and Mr. J. P. Hodges of Boone.

SMITH DENIES CLEMENCY IN SNYDER-GRAY CASE

Governor Smith has denied the pleas of Ruth Snyder and Henry Judd Gray for executive clemency. Both are scheduled to die in the electric chair tonight at Sing Sing prison for the murder of the woman's husband, Albert Snyder.

"The execution of this judgment on a woman is so distressing that I had hopes that the appeal would disclose some fact which would justify my interference with the process of the law," the governor said in announcing his decision.

The governor said the case had received his anxious consideration since their conviction was unanimously confirmed by the court of appeals November 22. Counsel for Mrs. Snyder are expected to ask for a writ of habeas corpus on the ground that in being tried jointly with Gray her constitutional rights had been denied her.

NEWS OF WEEK AT BLOWING ROCK

Financial Report of Town for Two Months Made Public; To Recover Presbyterian Church; Funeral Held for Marshall Hix

Blowing Rock, Jan. 12.—The financial report of the town of Blowing Rock for the period August 1 to October 1, just made public by the treasurer, J. E. Holshouser, shows receipts and disbursements for the two months balancing at \$13,314.71. The largest items among the receipts were taxes collected by A. M. Criccher, \$7,117.39; transferred from the water works account, \$3,436.96; collected from water users, \$1,125.25.

The largest items among the disbursements, exclusive of salaries, were interest on bonds, \$1,500; paid to Boyd and Goforth for sidewalk, \$2,500; interest on note to Blowing Rock Improvement Company, \$1,074.

The report on the financial condition of the water works, made public at the same time, showed receipts and disbursements balancing at \$5,835.83. This report covers the period from August 1 to January 1, and it will be the last separate report for the water works, as this account has now been transferred to the town treasury.

The main source of revenue to the water works was from the water rents, which amounted to \$2,590.83.

The largest item of expense was salaries, and next came the amount paid for meters, \$263.25. The power bill was \$326.51.

Will Repair Church
Material has been placed on the ground for putting a new roof on Rumpel Memorial Presbyterian church. The roof will be of slate and will cost approximately \$1,000. It is planned some time in the future to erect a tower at the front of the church, but no funds for this purpose are yet on hand.

Funeral For Mr. Hix
Funeral services were held last week at Cool Springs for Marshall Hix, who died here of typhoid fever after a long illness. He is survived by Mrs. Hix, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Foster of Blowing Rock.

Quits Postoffice
A. G. Miller resigned January 1 as assistant postmaster here and returned with his family to his home at Vilas. Miss Corrie Moody has been appointed assistant postmaster in his place.

G. L. Robbins Entertained
Much entertaining is being done here in honor of G. L. Robbins of the United States navy, now home on a short leave of absence while his battle-ship visits San Diego harbor. On Saturday evening a dinner dance was given at the Central hotel with the following present: Misses Velma Cannon, Marjorie Coffey, Edna Miller, Lucy Williams, Corrie Moody, Rosella Goffey, Pearl Robbins, Ethel Holshouser, Mabel Coffey, Ann Greene, Ann Ward, Pam Robbins and Mary Robbins; Mrs. Rob Greene, Bea Greene, Bob Bolick, Rob Greene, Konda Foster, Clarence Greene, Dewey Story, Byron Crisp, Max Cannon, Harry Farrington, Ambrose Underdown, Paul Underdown, Thos. Willis, Mr. Branch of Lenoir and Henry Conrad of Winston-Salem. Mrs. Leo Robbins, mother of the honoree, was chaperone. Music was furnished by Grayson Story, Marse Foster, and Randall Foster.

On Sunday Mr. Robbins was the guest of his sister, Mrs. Paul Klutz at a family dinner. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Klutz as host and hostess, Misses Pam and Pearl Robbins, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Robbins, Charlie and Edward Robbins and Mrs. Lily Hartley.

On Monday evening Mr. and Mrs. Rob Greene were hosts at an informal dinner, followed by music and cards. Guests on this occasion were Mr. Robbins, Misses Edna Miller, Velma Cannon, Ann Green, Ben Greene and Mr. and Mrs. Moore.

Attendance Prizes Awarded
Prizes were awarded Sunday at the Presbyterian church for good attendance during the past year. Perfect attendance records were held by three, Louise Prevette, Edward Coffey and Frank Klutz. Awards for almost perfect attendance went to Louise Klutz, Maud Mr., Helen Sudderth, Daniel Klutz, Jr., and May and Beulah Tester.

Ladies Auxiliary To Meet
The Ladies Auxiliary of the Presbyterian church will meet tomorrow (Friday) afternoon with Mrs. Coon.

An excellent and well attended New Year's sermon was preached Sunday at the Methodist church by the new pastor, Rev. C. H. Moser.

A Regular Raffle
Prof. A Turk never sees the face of his fiance until after they are married.
Stude: Can Turks get divorced?

\$1,370,675.02 Spent in 7th District Last Year

Reported to Have Cost \$90,000 Take Care of Traffic on Blowing Rock Road Last Year

Rebuilding nine miles of Lenoir and Blowing Rock roads was one of the biggest items in the seventh district last year, according to reports reaching here today. Figures are not available for this project, but it is understood it cost a good deal over \$200,000. The state highway commission arranged to spend about \$75,000 on this section of highway. When this gave out the work was continued until the entire nine miles were rebuilt. The work was kept open while the construction work was under way. The delay in taking care of traffic alone cost the state over \$90,000, it is understood.

Approximately eighty-four miles of highway construction were either completed or gotten under way at an expenditure of \$1,370,675.02 in the district during the year 1927.

Of this amount of construction, there were 24 miles of hard surfaced highways built.

The largest project completed during 1927, although coming over from 1926, was the eight-mile stretch from Walnut Cove to Danbury in Stokes county. This cost \$198,997.50. The second biggest piece of construction, the completion of the nine-mile stretch from Lenoir to Blowing Rock in Caldwell county. The new highway from North Wilkesboro to the Yadkin county line, fourteen miles long, five miles of which are paved, is another of the larger projects of the year. This project, on highway No. 60, has been completed at a cost of \$176,889.25. A project started in December, 1927, and which will be completed in 1928, on route 25 in Alleghany county, running from Sparta to the Virginia line. During December \$2,177 were spent on this project.

Another project under construction is route 69 in Watauga county, a road from Ashe county to Boone, which has already cost \$129,606.42. It is expected that this will be completed before the end of the year.

Another project of great interest to the people of Watauga is project 77 on 69 from the Boone Trail at Vilas to the Avery county line. Some \$50,000 has already been spent on this stretch of road, which will also be completed during the summer.

MAY PROTECT MEATS FROM SKIPPER FLIES

Raleigh, Jan. 11.—Much meat cured in the farm is subject to the attacks of the ham skipper when it is a small fly resembling a winged ant. Maggots from eggs laid by this fly may cause considerable damage and it is a wise plan to wrap the meat on screen, the smokehouse so that the fly cannot enter.

This skipper is much smaller than the common house fly, says C. H. Brauner, extension entomologist at State college. "The maggots, produced from these flies attack mostly the pork hams and shoulders which have been cured and smoked. The fresher meat, the more rapid the injury. Old pieces of meat which have become hard and dry and which are sometimes covered with a coating of blue mold or a salvelike layer of fat, seem to be immune from attack. Very fat meat, like bacon, is not extensively injured. The insect apparently prefers lean meat."

The best control method is to prevent the adult flies from entering the storage room, states Mr. Brauner. This can be done by screening with a 30-mesh wire cloth and by seeing that flies do not enter the room when the door is opened. Where the flies can enter this room, the usual method of preventing infestation is to wrap each piece of meat with paper and then enclose it in a tight sack. If the screen mesh wire is used, wrapping is not needed.

Mr. Brauner states that the smokehouse should need no further protection. Where infested meat cannot be reconditioned by trimming, the meat should be destroyed. Bones should not be allowed near the meat as the skipper breed within these old bones.

There is an excellent market for well cured hams and such meat is too valuable to permit it ruin by the attacks of these flies.

SEED POTATOES ARRIVE ON SHIP FROM CANADA

Washington, N. C., Jan. 9.—The Norwegian steamer Bettie arrived here today from Prince Edward, Canada, with a cargo of 12,000 bags of seed Irish potatoes, said to be the first shipment of the kind ever received here.

The cargo is for state distribution. Duty amounted to approximately \$10,000, it was learned.

JUDGE HAYES IS GIVEN CLEAN BILL

Hearing Closed Saturday and Middle District Jurist Given Clean Slate by Senate Sub-Committee; Apology by Opposing Attorney

Washington, Jan. 12.—The senate today confirmed the recess nomination of Jefferson J. Hayes of Greensboro, to be federal judge of the newly created middle district of North Carolina.

Washington, Jan. 11.—The nomination of Jefferson J. Hayes as federal judge for the middle district of North Carolina was unanimously approved tonight by a senate judiciary sub-committee, which spent three days investigating his fitness for the office. The sub-committee will recommend confirmation of Hayes and its report will assure his confirmation by the senate.

The fact that scores of the most prominent of senators, lawyers and judges in North Carolina came to Washington voluntarily to testify to Hayes' integrity, legal ability and judicial fitness, swung the sub-committee in his favor. Its members decided that Hayes had satisfactorily explained every charge raised against him.

His defense was led by Mark Brown, president of the North Carolina Bar association, W. C. Newland and former Supreme Court Judge Luther Varney. At the close of the hearing, J. W. Ragland, a Marion, N. C., attorney, apologized to the sub-committee for the "weakness" of his case against Hayes.

"We have been disappointed in our presentation," said Mr. Ragland. "We thought there would be more evidence against Mr. Hayes than was presented here."

It was a significant development of the investigation that a large number of witnesses called in opposition to Hayes, wanted to be practicing attorneys and to be endorsing him for the federal judgeship.

Governor Smith Favors Enforcement of Prohibition Law

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 5.—In 99 printed pages totaling more than 30,000 words, Governor Alfred E. Smith yesterday laid before the legislature—and, incidentally at least, before the country—a summary of his political platform. By many of his friends and opponents it was accepted as a fairly complete exposition of the platform upon which he might be considered a candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination.

Among points he covered which might be deemed to have national scope, Governor Smith urged state development and control of public water power sites; restoration of the direct primary; extension of basic home rule laws to towns and villages and control by municipalities of public utilities within their jurisdiction.

With reference to the broad question of prohibition, the governor urged adoption of an amendment to the state constitution to provide that no amendment to the federal constitution be ratified by future legislatures until it had been approved by a referendum. The message also contained a declaration for strict observance and enforcement of the prohibition laws. No legislation affecting prohibition was suggested.

Most of the governor's 29 recommendations for legislation were repetition of policies which have been advocated by him for several years, and which have repeatedly been defeated by Republican majorities in the legislature. Besides those mentioned they included requests for abolition of the motion picture censorship; four-year term for governor with gubernatorial elections between presidential elections, and biennial sessions of the legislature.

VALLE CRUCIS

Valle Crucis, Jan. 11.—Mrs. T. H. Taylor has accompanied his daughter, Mrs. Howard Mason, to her home in Freedom, N. J.

Thos. and William Mast, James and Gordon Taylor and Frank Baird returned to State college, Raleigh last week after spending the Christmas holidays at home.

Miss Lucy Mast, Gladys Taylor, Mina Shall and Wilma Baird were also home for a few days during the holidays.

Miss Susie Taylor left the first of the year for Nashville, Tenn., where she is taking a course at Peabody college.

The friends of Mr. J. L. Tester are much pleased that he seems to be making improvement after his long illness.

Carl Kohle is convalescing after an attack of pneumonia.

L. E. Campbell spent Monday night in Valle Crucis.

Rev. J. P. Burke went to Asheville on Tuesday.

Six Months Schools in the County Close

Good Progress Made, Notwithstanding Ravages of Contagious Diseases

By SMITH HAGAMAN (County Superintendent of Schools)

Practically all of the six months schools of the county closed just before Christmas. We had the best attendance for the summer and early fall months ever; but about October one contagious disease after another began to spread over the county. Beginning in the extreme eastern part of the county, measles spread almost over the entire county. Numbers of schools were closed temporarily. Then whooping cough, diphtheria, scarlet fever, mumps, small pox and if there be any other like diseases, seem to finish up the few measles left-overs.

These epidemics and the extremely bad weather very seriously cut the last month's averages, notwithstanding large numbers of students have completed the public school course this year and are now ready for high school.

It is very noticeable from year to year that the average age of completing the public school course is being reduced—a large number now completing the work at 13 and 14 years of age. We have now a very few in elementary schools over 16 years of age. This makes the percentage of enrollment of the census—16 to 21—very much less than formerly.

STATE NEWS BRIEFS

Judge E. Yates, Welch of the Western North Carolina district, has been called to Richmond, Va. to sit on the bench of the fourth district United States court of appeals.

Officers throughout North Carolina and adjoining states are still on the alert for three bank robbers who shortly after noon Saturday, looted the cashier and assistant cashier of the Bank of Belmont, at Bennett, N. C., in the vault and escaped with \$4,000 in cash.

Lexington, Jan. 6.—The Thomasville Baptist Orphanage and the Methodist Children's Home at Winston-Salem each will receive \$10,000 from the estate of James A. Elliott, Thomasville merchant, who died recently. The bequests are made payable upon the death of Mrs. M. J. Elliott, mother of the deceased, and Mrs. A. S. Dobson, a sister.

Washington, Jan. 6.—Hospitalization in any government hospital of the veterans of all wars would be permitted under a bill introduced today by Representative Bulwinkle of North Carolina, a Democrat of the house veterans committee. He said the measure was designed to carry out recommendations of the American Legion's Paris convention.

Washington, Jan. 7.—Eastern North Carolina was getting ready to go to welcome one of the most famous athletes of sports—Gene Tunney and Babe Ruth. The heavy-weight champion of the world and the "king of swat" have made reservations at a local resort and are expected to arrive here about the middle of next month for a hunting expedition.

Automobile accidents caused by drunken drivers in North Carolina last month, the automobile bureau of the department of revenue, reported Friday night. A total of 67 deaths under similar circumstances were reported in November. Six persons were killed in collisions of cars with railway trains; four in accidents in which drivers were intoxicated and twenty killed were pedestrians.

Asked who he favored for the Democratic presidential nomination, former Governor Cameron Morrison, who with a party of Charlotte friends, was in Winston-Salem Friday, told newspaper men that "I am for Sampson, the strongest man." The state's former chief executive was reluctant to discuss the political outlook, declaring that he preferred not to express an opinion as to who he favored for selection as the Democratic standard bearer.

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 5.—Another murder indictment was returned today against William E. Hickman and a plea of "not guilty by reason of insanity" immediately drawn up in his defense, the same as in his fight against the gallows for the murder of Morian Parker. The county grand jury returned a charge naming Hickman and his chum, Welby Hunt, 16, as legally responsible for the death of C. Ivy Thoms, a druggist of Rosenhill, a suburb, on Christmas eve of 1926. Trial on the new charge is set for February 1. Hunt also appeared for arraignment and his case was transferred to the juvenile court after Judge Harby heard testimony that the youth was born in 1911.

Silly Sam says that just because his father is a hick, is no reason to think he is descendant from a family of drunkards.

S. C. TATE HELD FOR ROBBERY IN TEXAS

Son of Mr. Floyd Tate of Boone Held at Baird, Texas, on Suspicion in Connection With Bank Held Up in Lone Star State

From press dispatches of Monday morning, it was learned here that Simeon C. Tate, son of Mr. Floyd Tate of Boone, was being held at Baird, Texas, in connection with a bank holdup at Wildflore, Texas, on Thursday of last week. Very little information has been secured as to what part, if any, young Tate played in the robbery, a he being held only on suspicion.

Young Tate left here several mornings ago, in company, it is said with a Shores boy from the Made Park section. Since his arrest in Texas, it is learned that the young fellow forced the name of Mr. Mack Luttrell of Boone, to a check to secure money on which to leave.

The Associated Press of Sunday gave the following report of the Texas bank robbery:

Baird, Texas, Jan. 8.—A 17-year-old boy, arrested on suspicion in connection with the hold-up of a bank at Walterboro, Texas, Thursday, told officers yesterday that his name is Simeon C. Tate, of Boone, North Carolina.

He previously had told officers his name was Frank Teague, and his home as Bluff City Tenn. He gave the name of his father as R. F. Tate, an electrician of Boone.

"All I hate about this is my folks knowing it," he said. "I'd feel better if they never found it out."

The youth told officers he met a second man who participated in the robbery three weeks ago in Atlanta and had been persuaded by him to "go robbing." The man the youth described had not been apprehended at a late hour tonight.

Two robbers held up employees of the bank and escaped with about \$100. They took W. E. O'Neal, president of the bank with them in their flight, using him as a shield to escape bullets of a posse.

HICKMAN'S CAPTOR NATIVE OF CAROLINA?

Kinston, Jan. 9.—"Buck" Liguawallen, the Oregon state cop who participated in the capture of William Edward Hickman, slayer of little Marian Becker of Los Angeles, is a Tar Heel. At least, Beaufort county people feel sure he is the same strong young fellow who left the Haslet community a number of years ago, joined the army and then drifted out of touch with the Pamlico river country. The Buck Liguawallen who walked away from the section between Leechville and Bath one morning to enlist in the military service failed to consider the home ties he usually it seems, and his hood cronies had not heard from him in years until the arrest of Hickman by a man of the same name and the Pondletts Cove, police chief.

It is easy to believe that Liguawallen from Haslet, joined the army, served a hitch or two at some western post, then drifted to the coast, and the county and stepped up in the constabulary. The state police forces over the country are filled with men from the army service.

The Oregon Liguawallen's picture was in the papers following the apprehension of the Los Angeles slayer. "The same Buck," said Beaufort county people who saw the picture. The Beaufort county Buck was big and broad and powerfully built, it is said.

CONGRESSMAN DOUGHTON NOT "FIXING FENCES"

Washington special to Waston-Salem Journal: "Farmer" Bob Doughton, member of congress from the eighth North Carolina district, says that it was news to him when he read a story from Raleigh to the Greensboro News that he was busy during the holidays mending his political fences.

"The only fences I looked after were those on my farm, and the weather was too cold and the wind too high to do much of that," he explained in regard to the story that he was fearful of fire results because of his views on Governor Al Smith.

Congress was in recess for ten days, his family was at Laurel Springs and his business was there, so that he considered it entirely proper to leave Washington. He was back at his post when congress reconvened.

"So far as building political fences is concerned, the first news I had was when I saw Tom Host's story," "Farmer" Bob said today.

Painless Touch System
"Where did you find this wonderful follow-up system? It would get money out of anybody."

"I simply compiled and adopted the letters my son sent me from college."