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MOVEMENT MADE TO IMPROVE NO. 60

North Wilkesboro and Boone Join in Effort to Get Important Route Hardsurfaced; Part of It Would Be Relocated

North Wilkesboro, Aug. 3.—At a meeting of the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club held at noon today, an effort that will be a most vigorous one was started, looking to the improvement of the state's third greatest highway—the Boone Trail, known by the state road authorities as Number 60. This proposed improvement is to embrace re-location and surveying from Millers Creek, six miles west of this city, to Boone, one of northwest North Carolina's thriving resort and tourist cities.

Interest in the meeting was augmented by the presence of Dr. B. B. Dougherty, president of the Appalachian State Normal school at Boone; Prof. I. G. Greer, a member of the institution's faculty; George P. Hagaman and J. Frank Moore of Boone, and C. E. Walker, a visiting Kiwanian of Morganton, who is spending his vacation in Boone.

Dr. Dougherty was the first to address the Kiwanians on the subject of improving the Boone trail to the west. He stated that the state's three outstanding highways were Numbers 10, 20 and 60, and that all but the Boone Trail had been practically hardsurfaced across the state. In his efforts to get the trail re-located and hardsurfaced from North Wilkesboro to Boone, Dr. Dougherty said he had "been told that there was no money, and that the highway traversed a sparsely settled section of the state." The speaker said that "in justice to the people of this northwestern section, the state, if it has no money with which to convert this highway, should provide some by issuing bonds sufficient to complete the road," and that if it did not do so it would be a "great travesty of justice."

Dr. Dougherty pointed out that the highway was both an economic and tourist route and would take the place of a railroad across the mountains. The proposed highway would be a great factor in the development of this section, and would pass through mountain scenery that even exceeds "the land of the sky" around Asheville.

Prof. Greer was the next speaker, advocating the re-location and surfacing of the highway. He handed an appeal to the citizenship of the Wilkesboro and Wilkes county to join hands with those of Boone and Watauga county in one great, momentous movement to get the highway constructed. He said that trucks could be operated over a surfaced highway \$2.00 a ton cheaper than over a sand-clay gravel road. "Suitable detours have much to do with the cost of converting highways," Prof. Greer said, "and right now is the best time to build the road," there being excellent highways between North Wilkesboro, Jefferson and Boone and between this city and Lewis to Boone. By using these, the speaker said, workmen would not be bothered with traffic.

Mr. Hagaman and Mr. Moore followed Prof. Greer with short talks.

Mr. C. E. Finley, a member of the North Wilkesboro club, and for years a strong booster of the Boone Trail highway, and familiarly known as "Boone Trail Bob" was the next speaker. He advocated in strong terms the immediate conversion of the trail to the west and made a motion to adopt the same resolution as read by Prof. Greer and adopted by the Boone Civitan club yesterday.

The road committee of the local club will work jointly with a committee of the Civitan Club of Boone to promote the movement, and Julius C. Hubbard of North Wilkesboro, made a motion, which was adopted, that this committee take the matter up with the district commissioner. If no response is given in that quarter, the appeal is to be taken to the state highway commission, and over into the next session of the general assembly.

RENO'S FUNMAKERS

Edward A. Reno's Funmakers, together with Bud Davis and a company of 28 people with band and orchestra will start a full week's engagement in Boone next Monday. Modern plays and vaudeville will be the features of the bill, while free concerts will be given outside each evening. This is the second engagement of this show here and last season the entertainments offered proved very popular with the local showgoers. Clean and modern performances are promised.

MUSICAL CONCERT

There will be a musical concert at the Rutherwood school Friday evening beginning at 8 o'clock, to which all musicians are cordially invited. A feature of the occasion will be the presence of Joe Hopkins of "Hill Billy" fame and his orchestra. An admission fee of 15 and 25 cents will be collected which is to be used for the benefit of the school. Refreshments will be served to those taking part in the concert.

MABEL BEATS COVE CREEK

The Mabel baseball team was the winner in a game of baseball played last Saturday at Mabel, the score being 5 to 1. The Boone-Bamboo game was postponed because of rain. It will be played Friday afternoon at Bamboo.

Plan Local Electric Power Expansion

Public Service Co., Cleveland, O., Purchaser of Blowing Rock Light and Power Co., Plan Large Expansion Program

Blowing Rock, Aug. 8.—The Public Service Company of Cleveland, Ohio, which has purchased the Blowing Rock Light and Power Company's properties here and at Shavis Mills, plans a large expansion program in this vicinity, according to J. H. Smith, the company's representative, who was here last week completing arrangements for taking over the plant. Mr. Smith explained that his company makes a specialty of linking small towns under one source of electric power, and thus reducing the rates in small towns to approximately the rate enjoyed by the larger cities. A number of small towns in Ohio, Mr. Smith said, have been linked together in this way, with the result of great economy in operation.

Just what will be the nature of the expansion planned in this part of the state, Mr. Smith did not say, but he indicated that the purchase of the Blowing Rock plant is only a step toward the acquisition of other properties in this vicinity. If a number of towns in this region are linked as the Ohio towns were, they may expect some reduction in electricity rates.

George Robbins will be the local manager, under the direction of the Asheville offices of the Public Service Company. The local plant will continue to be known as the Blowing Rock Light and Power Company. S. J. Stutts, former head of the company, has not announced what his plans are since the sale of the plant.

Joseph Daniels, who has been spending his vacation at Mac-view Manor, was to leave here Thursday or Friday to return to Raleigh. "I've just been up here resting," Mr. Daniels said, "and the mountain air has done me a great deal of good." Mr. Daniels will return to the county later this fall.

The free baby clinic for well babies in the Russell Memorial building has brought out what Dr. Mary Caswell Warfield of Spartanburg, S. C., says is one of the finest groups of babies she has ever seen. The clinic is held on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 3 to 4 and a great deal of interest is shown by mothers in the clinic. Dr. Warfield and two assistants were kept busy examining and registering the babies on the first day. At the end of the month, prizes will be awarded to the best babies in each of three classes.

The quarter-mile riding ring and the grandstand for the Blowing Rock Horse Show next week (Aug. 15) are rapidly being completed. The riding ring occupies a level space in a natural amphitheater in the old Mayview golf course. Seats will be provided for several hundred spectators and cars can be parked on the sloping ground around the ring. The occupants will have a clear view of all that occurs. Some of the finest horses and riders in the south have been entered in this show, which is expected to be the greatest of its kind ever held here. The entire proceeds, above expenses, will be given to the Blowing Rock Community Club.

Demolition of the old wooden dam below the Snyder lake, formerly the Strimfellow place, was started Monday in preparation for constructing a \$20,000 concrete dam. The McClellan company of Charlotte has the contract for the work.

Miss Annie Wall of Chester, S. C., who is the house guest of Miss Dorothy Hayes for some weeks, was the guest of honor at an outing on the Grandfather Mountain, the party going from Blowing Rock on Saturday.

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Hoover Plans Call For Few Speeches

Only Three or Four Trips Will Be Made by Republican Nominee to Keep Campaign "Dignified"; Will Stay in Washington Most of Time

Stanford University, Calif., Aug. 5.—Unless the party managers are able to dissuade him from his purpose, Herbert Hoover will make only three or four more trips during his campaign for the presidency.

There will be no "swings around the circle," it was stated officially here today, and the trips will be brief with only a few speeches. This is in line with the determination of the Republican candidate to refrain from an attempt at a ballyhoo and keep his campaign upon a dignified plane.

The future journeys will be made with Washington as the base of operations, the candidate remaining there most of his time, so as to be in close touch with national headquarters.

It was reiterated that only one set speech will be made on the return to Washington from here—that at Hoover's birthplace at West Branch. In that address the candidate will give particular attention to the agricultural questions, dealing largely with what he regards as the indirect, rather than the direct, means of aiding the farmers. He feels that not enough stress has been laid upon this side of the problem, aside from which he regards as of high importance.

POLITICAL EVENTS OF THE PAST WEEK

Highlights of Political Activity of Both Major Parties Summarized From Recent News Dispatches From Over the Country

Hoover Will Not Make Speeches in the South

Announcement was made last week at Dunsmuir, Cal., where Mr. Hoover had been spending a short vacation, that the Republican candidate would not invade the south in his campaign, but will make a tour of the border states devoting the larger part of his campaigning to New England and the western states.

Rascob Sees No Objection to Equalization Fee in Farm Relief

Chairman John J. Rascob of the Democratic national committee, said last week, after a study of the equalization fee for farm relief he had failed to find that it is economically un sound. Something of the sort, he said, might be included in the Democratic plan for farm relief. The McNary-Haugen farm bill, carrying the equalization fee, was vetoed by President Coolidge.

G. O. P. to Raise \$4,000,000 for Campaign Purposes

Republican leaders have fixed \$4,000,000 as the amount to be raised for use in the coming campaign. Chairman Work of the national committee worked out the dimensions of the campaign war chest at a conference with party leaders. Active solicitation of funds will be begun soon. It was said no limit has been set on contributions but it was announced that "discretion" would be used.

N. C. Claimed For Hoover

Chairman Brownlow Jackson will visit the congressional districts in North Carolina where the G. O. P. board of strategy plans to lay down its heaviest barrage in anticipation of a victory for Herbert Hoover in November. It was announced in Asheville last week. This change in policy, the attitude of state Republican officials heretofore being that of marking time, is believed to have been influenced by the same factors that moved Senator Moses to retract his position of hopelessness in regard to the south and announce that the battle for Hoover votes would be carried into Dixie by Republican campaigners.

"I am perfectly confident that we will carry North Carolina for Mr. Hoover," Mr. Jackson is quoted as saying. "We have a great many friends among the old line Democrats this time who are going to see that we get a fair count and the result is going to be close but it will be a republican victory."

Western Farm Leader Favors Smith

In his fight for the presidency, Governor Smith has gained an ally from the corn belt—George N. Peck of Illinois, one of champions of the McNary-Haugen farm relief bill which was frowned on by the Coolidge administration. Peck announced that he had bolted the Republican party to enlist under the Smith banner after he and the Democratic nominee had discussed the farm question for two hours. Immediately after the conference with Peck Governor Smith reaffirmed his intention, if elected, of calling for the best means for aid in the shaping of a farm relief program. He mentioned particularly Frank O. Lowden of Illinois, a one of the Republicans he would like to consult.

Smith Opposes Equalization Fee—New York, Aug. 8.—The equalization fee provision of the vetoed McNary-Haugen farm relief bill is unacceptable to Governor Smith and so far as he was concerned consigned to the scrap heap for good. The Democratic presidential nominee recognizes and feels that his party will in this instance be committed to control of the sale of agricultural surpluses with the cost borne by the government, but his thumbs are turned down on the McNary-Haugen method.

Hoover Completes Acceptance Speech

Sanford University, Cal., Aug. 3.—Herbert Hoover had unburdened himself tonight of the long and arduous task of preparing the address which he is to deliver here a week from tomorrow formally accepting the Republican nomination for president.

The completed draft of the speech which makes about 6,000 words, or five full columns of newspaper type, was sent back to the printer late in the day after the nominee had labored all day with it, assisted at times by William J. Donovan, assistant to the U. S. attorney general, and foremost in Hoover's council of advisers.

Republican Campaign Leaders Are at Oouts

H. E. C. Bryant in Charlotte Observer—Republicans are worried over the situation in the east and north. The Moses-Work row is still on. Dr. Hubert Work, chairman of the Republican committee has now decided to open headquarters in New York and take charge of them himself. This is a hard blow to Senator Moses, who is slated to succeed Senator Curtis as leader of the senate. Mr. Moses is very sore. Once upon a time he called the Volstead act a "jackass law." His views have

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Daniel Boone Hotel Sold to Florida Promoters; Consideration \$105,000

The Daniel Boone hotel passed into new ownership Tuesday afternoon when the stockholders were called to meet at the courthouse and approved a contract tentatively made some days ago with Messrs. Bland and Jiggins of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., through Mr. S. C. J. Stuts, local realtor, the consideration being based on the stock certificates issued, which is a little more than \$105,000.

Under the terms of the sale the preferred stockholders will be paid in cash with interest on same, final payments to be made no later than 1935, or at any intervening time, according to the wishes of the purchasers. The stock was purchased at par and the local citizens are fully protected from loss. In exchange for the com-

mon shares, stockholders receive 100 lots in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., a new and thoroughly improved development, which according to Mr. Eggers, who knows the property, were sold for likely less than they were worth even at this low tide in Florida realty. At any rate a large majority of all stockholders were present and the trade was made by unanimous consent.

The new owners plan to make rather extensive improvements on the already modern new hotel and Mr. Bland will spend the summers here in the future. The sale does not in any way effect the lease by Mr. Leo B. Vaughn who has so successfully operated the hotel in the past and under whose management it will continue.

Civitan Club Names Road Committee

I. G. Greer, J. F. Moore and G. P. Hagaman on Committee Seeking Relocation and Surfacing of Highway No. 60

At last Thursday's meeting of the Boone Civitan Club a committee composed of I. G. Greer, G. P. Hagaman and J. F. Moore was named to co-operate with the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis Club and a resolution adopted asking for the re-location and surfacing of the Boone Trail between this city and Millers Creek. The committee went to North Wilkesboro Friday and met with the Kiwanians of that city, and heard addresses by Dr. B. B. Dougherty, I. G. Greer and others who urged that this artery of travel be improved at the earliest possible time.

The resolution adopted by the local club and unanimously concurred in by the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis Club is as follows:

"Whereas, we feel that one of the most important roads traversing North Carolina, Route 60, has been to a great extent neglected, we go on record in connection with the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis as favoring the permanent location and surfacing of this route at the earliest possible time.

The local club will hold its meeting this Thursday afternoon at the club headquarters at Rutherfordwood, the North White Club acting as hostess.

FOUR-YEAR-OLD GIRL IS INTELLECTUAL PRODIGY

Lincoln Times.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Lyon and daughter, Willie Earle Lyon, of Boone, are spending some time at the home of Mrs. Lyon's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Lewis, while Mr. Lyon recuperates from an attack of pneumonia.

Last Monday morning Willie Earle, accompanied by her grandfather, paid a visit to the Times office and proved one of the most refreshing and entertaining visitors the office has had for some time. Although only four years of age, the little girl has a wonderful amount of knowledge stored in her childish brain and possesses exceptional talent. She recites poetry and composes in a manner that would do credit to one much older, and all of these she did for the benefit of the Times office. After giving perfect recitation by several lengthy recitations, some one suggested that she sing. "Would a Christmas song be all right?" she asked her grandfather, and being assured that it would, she began in her sweet childish voice to sing, "Away in a Manger," and did so until she had sung every verse.

The time knows her letters, and has read nine books, her grandfather said. When asked what they were she replied, "Primer and First and Second Readers, but the last second reader I started was too hard and I am going to wait until I go to school to finish it. I have a little cousin who started to school when she was five but mother thinks that is too young and I may not go to another year. But I want to go."

Almost since she could talk, Willie Earle has been acting the cleverest at the table. She likes to sweep and would help wash dishes if mother would let her.

Not only is Willie Earle smart, but she is pretty, too. She has big, blue eyes which exactly match the blue organdy bonnet she wore.

"Goodbye," said the little girl as she left. "I enjoyed my visit and hope grandfather will bring me to see you again."

We hope so, too, Willie Earle.

GAS TAX YIELDS STATE \$838,587.36 IN JULY

Gasoline consumed in North Carolina during July totaled 20,964,634 gallons and yielded \$838,587.36 in taxes, the state revenue department announces. The June consumption was 18,645,396 gallons.

CARPENTER-CLENSUR

Announcements have been received of the marriage of Miss Josie Grace Carpenter to Cherryville to Mr. Milton Clensur of Richmond, the ceremony having been performed on May 30. The couple are at home at 500 West 122nd street, New York city. The bride is well known in this vicinity where for different sessions she was a member of the student body of the Normal school.

CAPIAS IS ISSUED FOR C. E. MILLER

High Point Broker Fails to Appear at Hearing Set for Saturday; Answer to Complaint Denies Municipal Charges

Clerk of the Court Austin E. South on Monday issued a capias for Claud E. Miller, High Point broker, charged with giving worthless checks to the town of Boone in exchange for a note for \$16,000. The capias was sent to Guilford county authorities.

Miller was to have had a preliminary hearing here Saturday before Magistrate E. N. Hahn, but failed to appear, hence the capias was issued, which, it is said, binds him to the September term of superior court, at which time he will have to show cause why his bond shall not be forfeited.

In the formal answer to the complaint of the town, filed by Austin & Turner, attorneys, it is denied that Miller has received any benefits or advantages from the note received by him from the city authorities, and that he has never misappropriated, withheld or converted to his own use any funds whatsoever belonging to the town of Boone. The explanation of the transaction as set forth by Miller is as follows:

"That after receiving the said note referred to in the complaint from the said town of Boone, the defendant made a diligent effort to sell the same at the price stipulated by the town of Boone; that he had a long distance conversation with a party in the city of New York relative to the sale of the said note and the said party gave him to understand that he would purchase the said note from him, the defendant, as agent of the town of Boone; that the defendant immediately drew and mailed his checks to the town of Boone for the said note, depending upon payment of draft drawn upon the outchance of the said note in New York for funds with which to meet his said checks; that thereafter the party in New York informed him—the defendant—that he was unable to purchase the note and would not be able to pay the draft drawn for the purchase price of the note, upon which the defendant immediately drew and mailed his checks to the town of Boone in anticipation of the proceeds of his draft drawn upon the said New York party for the purchase price of the said note; that this defendant is informed and believes that before he was able to stop payment upon the said checks they were cashed for payment at the bank on which they were cashed, and payment thereon refused by the said bank because of the fact that the defendant had insufficient funds in the said bank to cover said checks; that the defendant did not have sufficient funds in the said bank for the payment of said check because of the fact that the tentative sale of the said note was not consummated and that thereafter his draft against the said New York party was not paid.

"That after the defendant's failure to sell the said note to the party in New York, he, the defendant, made several other efforts to dispose of the said note and was unsuccessful in so doing; that finding that he could not dispose of the said note, the defendant mailed the same to the town of Boone and by some means, unknown to the defendant, the note has been lost or misplaced.

Wherefore, the defendant asks that the action be dismissed, that the order for his arrest be null and void, and that he be released from custody and that he be allowed to return to his home in New York.

The amendment to increase the tax of legislators has been before the voters a number of times in one form or another during recent years, but it has never mustered the necessary popular vote for passage.

One campaign advanced in support of the proposal to make senatorial districts independent of the circuits, in each of which are present a judge and a senator are elected. All additional judges can then be appointed as necessary to handle congested dockets, without the necessity of adding a senator for every added judge. Efforts in the past two general assemblies to provide for more judges have been opposed on the ground that it could not be done without creating new senatorial seats which, it was argued, were unnecessary and would greatly increase the basis of the judiciary.

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BLACK BUTTERFLIES

Last Wednesday evening Misses Nellie, Bertha and Ruth Cottrell were hostesses to the Black Butterflies. The guests were conveyed to Green Hill by truck, where sandwiches and watermelon were served around a camp fire. Those present besides club members were Misses Louise Coffey, Lisa Geary, Rebecca Young, Marie Jean Parks and Mary Avery Park.

Kraft Cheese Industry Is Promising in Ashe

Plant Recently Opened at West Jefferson is Receiving Daily More Milk Than Any Like Plant in the South; To Collect Milk in Watauga

Mr. F. R. Farnham, of the state department of agriculture, was in the city Friday on his return to Bristol from a survey of the cheese industry of Ashe and adjoining counties. Only recently the Kraft Cheese Company opened a small plant at West Jefferson and Mr. Farnham is very optimistic over the future of this new branch of the cheese industry in this section. On last Thursday 7,000 pounds of milk were delivered to this new factory, which is by far the largest amount ever assembled in western Carolina. Two hundred and fifty farmers are interested in the enterprise and nine motor trucks are being used to collect the surplus milk, which is paid for according to the content of butter fat, the average price being equivalent to 20 cents per gallon.

With the completion of Highway 69, Mr. Farnham says milk will be collected for the Kraft plant all the way to Boone and that indications are that receipts will soon reach the 10,000 gallon mark. The promoters expect to pretty thoroughly cover Ashe, Alleghany and Watauga counties. More milk has been received at the West Jefferson plant, says Mr. Farnham, than at any Kraft cheese plant yet opened in the south. This is due in a large measure, he says, to "hard times" which have stirred the farmers to the highest pitch of co-operation in the enterprise.

Morrison Expected to Address the Farmers

Annual Picnic Will Be Held August 22 at Beaver Dam for All Day Session; Interesting Program Arranged for Event

The annual farmers picnic is to be held on August 22 at Beaver Dam, and predictions are that this year the event will be one of unusual interest. Hon. Cameron Morrison has been invited to deliver the address of the occasion, but it has not been learned whether or not he will be able to accept the invitation. Prof. Robert Ruffer, head of the animal industry department of State College, and Mr. Frank Jeter, agricultural editor of the North Carolina Extension service will contribute to the interest of the morning session, following which the usual picnic dinner will be spread.

The afternoon will be devoted as usual principally to games and contests, various business men of the county having offered prizes to the successful ones under each heading.