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CIVITAN CLUB HAS LIVELY MEETING

Musical Program, Report of Recent International Convention, Discussion of Golf Course and Naming of Standing Committees Feature

The weekly meeting of the Boone Civitan Club at the Daniel Boone Hotel last Thursday was one of the largest and most enthusiastic of recent months. 26 members and six guests being present.

Miss Edith Knight and Miss Lucile Hopkins gave a short musical program, which was greatly enjoyed by the club members and visitors.

Civitan John B. Steel gave an interesting account of the international convention recently held in Atlanta. He reported the best year in Civitan history.

President George P. Hagaman announced the following standing committees for the year:

Entertainment—J. Frank Moore, chairman; G. K. Moose, I. G. Greer.

Membership—W. H. Gragg, chairman; J. C. McConnell, G. H. Winkler.

Fellowship—C. H. Moser, chairman; J. A. Yount, A. P. Hicks, W. O. Gordon, R. F. McDade, W. C. Greer, D. L. Wilcox.

Finance—J. L. Qualls, chairman; Tracy Council, W. E. Winkler, S. C. Eggers.

Public Affairs—M. W. Beach, chairman; L. L. Bingham, Russell D. Hodges.

Miscellaneous—T. E. Bingham, chairman; A. Y. Howell, J. B. Hazaman.

Constitution and By-laws—E. N. Hahn, chairman; W. E. Conner, John B. Steele.

Mr. George Blagg, manager of the Green Park golf club, and Mr. Luther Bingham, who managed the golf club at Vero Beach, Florida, last winter were introduced to the club and each pointed out the advantages of a golf club to a town attracting tourists.

Mr. Blagg expressed his pleasure at being invited to talk about the great national game of golf. "Golf," he said, "is a game we all can play, no matter how lame we are, or how we wish to play, either with our friends or by ourselves. I am pleased that Boone wishes to have a golf course, and if so this would be doing its part in taking care of your tourists. The tourists are here and staying more every year as you are aware. Most every tourist plays golf and the tourist town that intends to cater to the tourist gets busy and puts in a golf course and reaps the benefit. I believe the present time is none too soon for Boone to have a golf course and cater to a class of people who would bring money into your town."

"I personally have been at Blowing Rock for six years, excepting one year when I was away building a golf course for W. J. Hill, son of the famous Jim Hill, at the entrance to Yellowstone Park. During this time I have been able to observe the growth at Blowing Rock, such as the building of Mayview Manor, enlarging of Green Park hotel, more business at Blowing Rock and our nine-hole golf course changed and made into an 18-hole golf course, and even now in the height of the season, our golf course can hardly take care of the crowd."

"Select your ground carefully," continued Mr. Blagg, "with a view to being convenient for everyone. Plenty of room so you can get the spirit of the game, liberty—liberty of mind and liberty of action."

"Last but not least, real estate values. Homes will always spring up around a well-planned golf course. Where do they come from? To Blowing Rock to play golf and at the same time enjoy these beautiful mountains? From all over our southern states, as far west as Chicago and as far north as Connecticut. Once they come they come again, for the majority declare such scenery as ours cannot be beaten."

"So I would advise you people of Boone to get busy and build you a golf course, one that you would be proud of. Doing this would, in my opinion, help build up your part of this wonderful mountain country and mark another forward step for your community. The prestige that a golf course gives a town, especially a tourist town, would then be yours."

The golf course proposition was referred to the public affairs committee, with the addition of Civitans Leo Vaughn and Clyde Eggers, and it is hoped that before long some plan can be devised whereby a course can be developed near Boone. Several suitable locations are already under consideration.

The new president, Mr. Hagaman, is exceedingly anxious for the club to be of the utmost service to the town and county in promoting a spirit of co-operation among all the people. Along this line, he has asked Civitans Frank Moore, I. G. Greer and G. K. Moose to speak to

Highway Fund To Be Allotted Aug. 1

Raleigh, June 24.—Counties of North Carolina will receive their first money from the \$2,000,000 county aid road fund August 1. It has been announced by Charles Ross, attorney for the state highway commission.

Statements are now being prepared by the highway commission to be sent to the 100 counties each month showing each county just how much of the fund has accumulated to its credit. Under the plan of distribution worked out, the counties will then issue requisition upon the commission for the funds available, which may be applied to either the bond debts of the county or to road maintenance.

Wake county, which will receive \$68,400 according to the allocations, the largest amount allocated any county in the state, has notified the highway commission that it will apply its funds to pay interest on bonds. Only 14 of the 69 counties heard from so far have indicated that their fund will be used for maintenance, the others requesting that the money be applied on local road bonds.

Watauga county's share of the fund, arrived at on a basis of area and population, is \$17,250.

M. E. BISHOPS DIFFER ON ACTIVITIES OF CHURCH

Washington, June 23.—Bishop James Cannon, Jr., chairman of the board of temperance of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, today replied to the "amazing protest" of Bishop Collins Denny at Richmond against adoption of a resolution pledging hearty co-operation to President Hoover to secure law enforcement.

"Concerning the resolution pledging hearty co-operation and support of the Richmond district conference of the Methodist Episcopal church to President Hoover in his efforts to secure law observance and law enforcement," the statement declared, "Bishop Denny is quoted as saying: 'I do not think it is within the sphere of the church to do such things. I fear that it means the ultimate division of the Methodist church, for many will refuse to be dragged as a church into politics.'"

"Without questioning the sincerity of Bishop Denny in the position which he has taken, the overwhelming majority of his Methodist brethren believe that it is their right and their duty to assure the president of their support in his efforts to stamp out the lawlessness which is threatening the national life."

Bishop Cannon cited the resolution adopted by the conference at Richmond, despite Bishop Denny's protest, as "the best answer." The resolution pledged the conference to hearty co-operation and support of the president in efforts to strengthen the sentiment of law observance "among our people and to secure proper efficiency in the administration of justice throughout the land."

"Surely it is unthinkable," Bishop Cannon's statement continued, "that there should be any appreciable support by patriotic, law-abiding citizens of the position taken by Bishop Denny that a division of the church will result from the passage of resolutions by church bodies declaring that as against the lawless element of the nation and its supporters and apologists the church will give its hearty, undivided support to the president of the United States in his determination to secure law observance and law enforcement."

BROWN TO ADDRESS CLERKS OF COURT

Attorney John E. Brown has been selected to deliver the address of welcome next Tuesday, when the clerks of the superior court from all over the state will gather in annual convention at Blowing Rock. The sessions will last for two days and a court official from practically every county is expected to be present. On account of the recent illness of the president of the association, the complete program has not yet been distributed.

JOHN HARTLEY INJURED IN AUTOMOBILE WRECK

Mr. John Hartley of Valle Crucis, left last Thursday for Hampton Roads, Va., where he was called on account of injuries received by his son, John, Jr., in an automobile accident. The young man has been in the navy for several years and the telegram came from the commanding officer of the U. S. S. Medusa, who explained that the injuries were serious, but that his condition was not critical.

Word has been received by H. Grady Farthing, commander of Watauga Post 130, American Legion, from officials of the Lenoir River Railway to the effect that excursion trains will be operated on July 4 between Johnson City and Boone and intermediate points. Although no schedule had been definitely arranged, it is the intention of the company to operate the trains in such a way that visitors may remain in Boone from 10 a. m. to about 3 in the afternoon. The round trip fare from Johnson City to Boone has been placed at \$1.50.

MANY INTERESTING EVENTS SCHEDULED FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

Activities Will Get Under Way With Parade at 10 O'clock, and Will Continue Until Late at Night, With Not a Dull Minute; Program Calls for Address by General Albert L. Cox; Dinner in Legion Park; Shooting Match for Older Men; Baseball Game; Field Sports, Boxing Bout, Band Concert and Many Other Features

From the program which has been officially adopted for the Fourth of July Celebration, it would appear that the Independence Day event of this year, will provide a wider range of entertainment than has been offered in any previous year. The indications are that the attendance will be correspondingly large, according to H. Grady Farthing, commander of Watauga Post, American Legion, he having received word from different posts to the effect that the Legionnaires will visit Boone in a body.

Considerable interest has been aroused by the inclusion in the program of a heavy-weight boxing contest at night. Arrangements have been made for fighters of considerable note to participate, and in view of the fact that Watauga county has never before witnessed a pugilistic event, this news is calculated to swell the attendance. It will be a free attraction.

Another feature which is looked forward to eagerly is the shooting match which is to be settled between Nimrods above fifty years of age. Cap and ball rifles are already being prepared for the event and the competition will likely be keen between the hunters of other days.

Parades, field sports, band concerts, dances, etc., have been arranged in great variety and there will be no dull moments during the day and half the night.

Following is the program in full:

10:00 A. M.—Parade, forming at Sprinkle Oil Station, West Boone, in the following formation: Band; Color Bearers, John E. Combs and S. F. Horton; Color Guards, B. K. Osborne and Tracy Council; Ex-Service men in uniform; Ex-Service men in civilian clothes; Legion Auxiliary; Spanish-American War Veterans; Watauga County Hog Rifle Squirrel Hunting Brigade (all must be over 50 years of age); Mounted Squad; Memorial float; Civil War Veterans' Memorial float and other floats. The parade will proceed down King street to Advent church; turn to left and march in front of homes of B. J. Council and J. F. Hardin; back in to Boone Trail at intersection of Blowing Rock Road; up King street to American Legion Park.

11:00 A. M.—Address of Welcome by Post Commander H. Grady Farthing

11:10 A. M.—Address of Welcome by Mayor R. S. Swift

11:20 A. M.—Introduction of Speaker, by Rev. C. H. Moser

11:30 A. M.—Address by General Albert L. Cox, of Raleigh, N. C.

12:30 P. M.—Dinner to be served on the grounds.

2:00 to 4:00 P. M.—Shooting Match in Legion Park. Open to men 50 years of age and over. Suitable prizes will be awarded the winners.

2:00 P. M.—Baseball Game, Boone vs. West Jefferson, on College Athletic Field.

3:30 P. M.—Special Attractions—horseback riding, jumping, etc.

4:00 P. M.—Field Sports, consisting of Relay Race, Hundred-Yard Dash, Potato Race, Cigarette Race, Fat Man's Race, Greased Pole Climbing and other attractions.

5:00 P. M.—Baseball Game, American Legion vs. winner of first game.

7:30 P. M.—Band Concert in front of courthouse.

9:00 P. M.—Preliminary Bout in Boxing contest.

9:30 P. M.—Heavyweight Boxing contest by fighters of note.

9:30 P. M.—Dance at Critcher Hotel.

10:30 P. M.—Street Dance.

"The Air Legion" will be shown at the Pastime Theatre from 9:00 a. m. until midnight.

Amusements for elderly ladies will be provided by the Legion Auxiliary.

Prizes will be awarded to the winners of the different athletic events. Persons donating dinner baskets are requested to leave the same at D. J. Cottrell's Store by 10:00 A. M.

Residents of Boone are requested to leave their cars at home until after the parade.

Ladies' Rest Room will be provided under the direction of the Legion Auxiliary.

For the convenience of the public, refreshment stands will be conveniently located at different points in the town.

'Oil Discovery' in Ashe Causes Excitement

Great excitement prevails in the small town of Bowie on the Norfolk and Western Railway, says a dispatch of June 24. Oil in a great quantity is bubbling up out of the ground like a spring. On the farm of L. N. Keller a strange thing happened one day that led to the discovery of the flowing oil. Mr. Keller's children were playing and in building ponds or pools of water below a bubbling spring which prior to the discovery of the oil had flowed water. After the pool the children had made stood a few days oil was plainly seen on the surface of the water. Tests were made by a number of persons to see if the strange looking fluid was oil.

Mr. Keller would not say anything about the discovery of oil on his place. He says he was afraid to mention it for the reason that "people would make light of it." Now the secret is out and a number of persons in this small town are wild with excitement over the prospects of a great oil field that may some day be developed here.

A few years ago oil was discovered in standing pools on the lands of William Greer near the lands of Mr. Keller.

Legion Asks for More Dinner Baskets July 4

Ladies throughout the county who have kindly offered to bring dinner baskets for the Fourth of July are asked to leave them either at D. J. Cottrell's store in East Boone or at the Blackburn hotel.

Those who have not promised baskets and who can do so, are urgently requested by the American Legion, to furnish something—chicken, ham, pies, cakes, pickles, sandwiches, or what have you. The splendid co-operation the ladies of the county has given the Legion in its undertaking to stage a mammoth Fourth of July celebration here is greatly appreciated, and the profits accruing from the sale of dinners, refreshments, etc., will be used by the Legion for a worthy purpose.

HOME-COMING AT THREE FORKS

Saturday, July 6, will be Homecoming Day at old Three Forks church, three miles east of Boone on Highway No. 60. The event will begin at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and everybody invited to take part. The following program will be given:

Saturday 8 p. m.—Sermon by Rev. Ed. Greene.

Sunday morning, May 10—Talk by Smith H. Van.

11 a. m.—Sermon.

12 m.—Dinner on the grounds.

1:30 p. m.—Talk by Prof. I. G. Greer.

2:00 p. m.—Lecture by pastor on the Holy Land.

Everybody invited to come and take part. Let's make this a real home-coming.

MRS. LIGE HOLLER, WALTER CARROLL, W. G. TODD, Committee.

News reached Boone yesterday of the death of Mr. Leander Wilson, prominent citizen of the Silverstone community, which occurred after a prolonged illness. He was 66 years old. Funeral services will be held tomorrow, but the details have not been arranged.

Blowing Rock Gets 1930 Session of B.&L. League

Mr. W. H. Gragg, secretary of the Watauga Building and Loan Association, returned Friday from Wrightsville Beach where he was in attendance at the annual state convention of the North Carolina Building and Loan League. An invitation extended the league by Mr. Gragg on behalf of the management of Mayview Manor was accepted and it is announced that the 1930 session will be held at Blowing Rock.

R. B. Davis of Rocky Mount was elected president and E. Y. Keebler of Charlotte, vice president for the ensuing year. Under their management it is expected that North Carolina will have building and loan assets of more than \$100,000,000. In announcing the opening of the 17th series of the local association, Mr. Gragg insists that the Watauga organization does its full share in meeting the goal aimed at by the League officials. He points out that in 1928 there were in the state 1,903,228 installment shares in force, that 8,880 homes were built at a cost of \$25,446,085.21, and that there were 92,285 white and 15,885 colored shareholders.

In November, 1923, when Mr. Gragg was elected secretary of the Watauga Building & Loan Association, its assets were \$64,000. Since that time more than \$500,000 have been added to this amount. More than 200 homes have been erected in various parts of the county, most of which could never have been built through any other channel. Mr. Gragg has applied the greater part of his time to the demands of the association and during two and one-half years of his tenure in office, he worked without salary, furnishing the office space and practically all of the equipment.

The most interesting thing perhaps in regard to the operation of the local association is the fact that since its organization a home has never been sold on account of non-payment of dues and at the same time the association has never lost a cent. More than 500 shareholders scattered throughout the county make the association possible.

In reviewing the growth of the association, Mr. Gragg says the series closing this month has been one of the most successful yet experienced and has an abiding hope that the one opening July 1, will be even more outstanding.

"NEXT GOVERNOR WILL ATTEND STATE BAR MEET"

Raleigh, June 24.—"The next governor of North Carolina will be at Wrightsville Beach and will take an active part in the 31st annual meeting of the North Carolina Bar Association," Henry M. London, secretary of that body, announced today.

He explained the statement by saying that Attorney General Dennis G. Brummitt, Oxford; J. C. P. Ehringhaus, Elizabeth City; Lieutenant Governor Richard T. Forsaiter, Rocky Mount, and General Albert L. Cox, Raleigh, will be present, and one of them, he predicts, will be the next governor. The result is that politics is expected to be an important, if not a part, of the meeting of the lawyers.

Mr. London believes that 800 to 1000 lawyers out of the 1,100 membership of the association will be present at the meeting, which will be addressed on Friday evening by G. E. Newlin of Los Angeles, president of the American Bar Association.

SPANISH-AMERICAN VETS WILL GATHER IN SHELBY

Shelby, June 24.—More than 700 veterans of the Spanish-American war are expected here for their state encampment July 8 and 9.

Captain H. B. Edmunds of Charlotte, acting commander of the organization of veterans in the state, visited Shelby recently to make arrangements for the entertainment and accommodations for the expected visitors.

SILVERSTONE NOTES

Zionville E. F. D., June 24.—It seems that cherry picking is the order of the day in this section.

Rev. G. W. Sebastain filled his regular appointments at Pleasant Grove church Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Clara Dougherty of Russellville, Tenn., is visiting relatives in this section.

Mrs. Elizabeth Reece of Richmond is visiting her son-in-law, Mr. A. B. Culler.

Mr. Simeon Bumgarner of Silverstone, who has been seriously ill for some time, doesn't improve any.

Mrs. Wade Byers is quite sick. Also Mrs. Scott Swift, but she is improving since her return from the hospital.

Mrs. Ella Perry and children spent Saturday night with her mother, Mrs. Amanda Fletcher.

TWO ARE JAILED AS P. O. ROBBERS

Dock Church and "Peanut" Coffey Held in Default of \$2,000 Bond Charged With Looting Postoffice at Bamboo Saturday Night

Dock Church and Milton ("Peanut") Coffey, both of the 3rd section of the county, are in the Watauga county jail on charges of store and post-office robbery at Bamboo, four miles east of Boone Saturday night.

The postoffice is housed in the same building with the general store of Mr. T. L. Critcher. Entrance was made by forcing a window and \$8.10 was missing from the postal funds. No stamps were taken. Between \$30 and \$40 worth of merchandise was taken from the store, consisting for the most part of candy, cigarettes, etc.

The arrests were made Sunday morning, following the finding of some of the stolen property and the young men were remanded to jail in default of \$2,000 bond, after having been given a hearing before Chas. Vannoy, Esq., his action having been taken pending advices from federal authorities, who have been notified of the theft of the postal funds.

DR. JOHN B. BREWER, 82, DIES AT BLOWING ROCK

Blowing Rock, June 26.—Dr. John B. Brewer, 82, of Rockingham, died here last Thursday of heart trouble as he sat in his automobile at a filling station. He and his two daughters, Mrs. J. B. Thomason and Miss Elizabeth Brewer, drove up to the filling station, and Dr. Brewer appeared to faint in his seat. He was taken to the home of the operator of the filling station, J. H. Winkler, and there it was found that he was dead.

Dr. Brewer was occupying a cottage with several relatives and friends near Camp Yonahlossee.

Three hundred college girls and alumnae from all parts of the United States and Canada are in convention this week at Mayview Manor. All are members of the Alpha Delta Pi, the oldest sorority in this country, established at Macon, Ga., in 1851.

Mrs. Henry Conrad was hostess at an attractive shower on Wednesday evening in honor of Mrs. J. D. Council, Jr., a recent bride. Guests were met at the door and an identity given to each by means of a tag pinned on the back, each wearer guessing her role by the conversation of the other guests. Lively conversation followed and then two entertaining contests in which the prizes were won by Mrs. Wm. Winkler of Boone and Mrs. Cecil Critcher, both of whom presented the prizes to the bride.

An invitation to the dining room was then given and on arriving there a humorous question was put to each guest before she was allowed to find the dainty card marking her place at the table. The only light of the room was that of pink candles which flanked the centerpiece of Dorothy Perkins roses. An iced salad and sandwiches with coffee were served, followed by a confection which bore out the color tones of pink and white.

Returning from the dining room the bride was presented with a traveling bag and commanded to open it. The gifts were a lovely assortment of linen, lingerie, toilet articles, colored glass and crystal.

Guests were the bride, Mrs. Winkler, Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Ricketts, Mrs. Critcher, Mrs. George Crisp, Mrs. Stuart Cannon, Mrs. Gene Story, Miss Helen Coffey, Miss Ethel Holshouser, Miss Lena Reeves, Mrs. Rupert Gillett and Mrs. Howard Holshouser, who assisted Mrs. Conrad as hostess.

POPLAR GROVE PERSONALS

Miss Clara Greene of Deep Gap was the week-end guest of Miss Reta Hodges.

Dr. W. E. Hodges has been right sick for a few days but at this time is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. A. Hodges and daughter, accompanied by Mr. Geo. Mane, went to Sands Wednesday to visit Mrs. Hodges' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clay Hodges.

Little Miss Edith Hodges of Kentucky visited her cousin, Mrs. Thos. Vannoy on the 16th.

Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Southworth of Richmond, Va., who are spending some time here visiting relatives and friends, spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Vannoy.

Mr. and Mrs. George Thompson and family of Hickory, accompanied by Mrs. Thompson's mother, Mrs. J. L. Winkler of Boone, visited Mr. and Mrs. Fred Winkler Monday afternoon.