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Highway Commissioner Doughton Visits Boone

Governor R. A. Doughton, chairman of the state highway commission, was here for a short while yesterday, and was met at the Daniel Boone hotel by a number of local citizens, including the county road commission. Road matters in Watauga were discussed with this, the highest official connected with the state highway department in North Carolina, and while Mr. Doughton was not in position to make positive statement, he gave assurances that Watauga county will receive fair and just consideration in the matter of mileage to be taken over by the state for maintenance.

Those who talked with the commissioner feel much encouraged and have an abiding hope that at last Watauga is to receive due and proper consideration.

Governor Doughton is one of North Carolina's greatest citizens, and while he is by no means sectional, he is a native of this great mountain country and realizes as few men do in North Carolina, the great needs of our people.

PRESIDENT WILL HAVE FARM BOARD READY BY WEEK-END

Washington, June 30.—By the end of this week, President Hoover hopes to have virtually completed the selection of the new federal farm board to which is entrusted the task of bringing profits and prosperity to the agricultural industry.

Proceeding cautiously, the cabinet executive has filled three of the board's eight places and has offered two farm leaders and one business man places. Of the latter group, one is quoted as declining, while the others still have the president's proposal under consideration with decisions expected within a few days.

Cotton is to be represented on the board by Carl Williams of Oklahoma; tobacco by James C. Stone of Kentucky, and livestock by C. B. Deuman of Missouri. These three have definitely accepted appointment.

Members of the board have been named to A. H. Leake of Chicago, who would represent general business; W. S. Moscrip of Minneapolis, chosen to speak for the dairy industry, and C. G. Teague of California, identified with fruit growing co-operatives. Teague is reported as saying the press of private business will prevent him from serving.

Upon the assumption that the membership offered to Teague will be filled by another representative of the fruit growing industry, two places on the board remain to be filled from other industries, with a spokesman for the important wheat raising industry yet to be selected. In addition, Mr. Hoover announced when he signed the farm bill, that one membership would be filled by a man experienced in the field of banking and finance and well equipped to advise his colleagues on how best to administer the \$500,000,000 fund authorized and partially appropriated by congress for loans to co-operative farming organizations.

DRINKING LIQUOR IS NOT VIOLATION OF THE LAW

Asheville, July 1.—Lips that touch liquor are not breaking the law, provided the liquor is taken at the invitation of the owner, the United States circuit court of appeals ruled here today in an opinion handed down in the case of the Zurich General Liability Insurance Co., Ltd., of Switzerland, appealing in the case of Mrs. S. A. Flickinger of Norfolk, Va. Judge John J. Parker of Charlotte, affirmed the decision of the district court at Norfolk which held that she could collect on the insurance policy held by her son, who died as a result of drinking wood alcohol served in gin cocktails to him by friends. The insurance company contended that the death of the young man was due to the negligence of the insured who had violated the prohibition law.

MRS. T. W. BICKETT NAMED PRESIDENT OF N. C. RAILROAD

Raleigh, July 1.—Mrs. Thomas W. Bickett, widow of a popular governor of North Carolina, was named president of the North Carolina Railroad Company for a period of one year in announcement made by Governor Gardner today.

SHORT-TERM SCHOOLS TO OPEN MONDAY, JULY 8

The board of education in session Monday ordered that all short term schools in the county begin their 1929 term on Monday, July 8, provided teachers are not attending summer school. If attending summer school, the term will open on the 22nd. The long term schools will open at a later date.

GREER TALKS ON LAW ENFORCEMENT

Mayor and Members of City Council invited Guests at Meeting of Civitan Club Last Week; No Meeting Today

"Watauga is a good county, and Boone is a good town in which to live. But there are some conditions that need to be improved," declared Prof. I. G. Greer, of the faculty of the Appalachian State Teachers' College, speaking before the Civitan Club last week on the subject, "Law Enforcement and Making Boone a Clean Town."

Preceding Prof. Greer's address, a delightful musical program was rendered by Misses Kathleen, La Vern and Amee Greer, of Yankton, S. D., which was thoroughly enjoyed by the 26 club members and invited guests present. The attendance prize was won by Civitan E. S. Qualls.

The club voted to have a float in the Fourth of July parade, and R. F. McDade, D. L. Wilcox and R. D. Hedges were named as a committee to prepare the float.

The club was asked to prepare copy for a feature page to appear in a bulletin to be issued in the near future by the Teachers' College. The committee named by the club to prepare the copy is composed of J. F. Moore, W. H. Gragg and T. E. Bingham.

Mayor R. S. Swift and Dr. H. B. Perry, member of the city council, were guests of the club, and following Prof. Greer's talk, gave assurance that every effort would be exercised to really make Boone an ideal place in which to live. This, they said, would be easy with the hearty backing of the citizens of the town.

Civitan G. K. Moose outlined a few things for which the organization hopes to accomplish during the next year, these being a county farm agent, golf course, hot lunch for undernourished school children, sealing Civitan to the community, etc.

Dr. F. L. Warner, president of the Advent Christian Seminary, Bridgeport, Ala., was a member of the club and made a brief but interesting talk.

Today being July 1st, there will be no meeting of the club, the next meeting being on July 11th, at 7:30 p. m., at which time the regular monthly business session will be held.

Professor Greer's address, in part, is as follows:

"Crime is to a great extent the result of social progress. The passage of a law forbidding an act which has become a part of the habits and customs of a large group of people, makes the continuance of that act a crime. Let me call your attention to a few concrete illustrations.

"In 1808 congress passed a law forbidding the importation of slaves. Numbers of men who had been engaged in this business continued to import slaves into the United States. Although they were doing just what they had previously done, they were criminals in this respect and they were prosecuted and sent to the penitentiary.

"A very eminent jurist has said the passage of the pure food and drug law made fifty thousand criminals in one year. These fifty thousand criminals, however, were doing nothing more than they had been doing before the law was passed.

"A man makes, sells, transports and drinks liquor. He is doing what was once legal, but he can't do it today without violating the law and intruding upon society.

"A prosperous farmer decided to move to town. He bought a lot in a beautiful residential section and built an attractive home. When he moved he brought with him four fine hogs and put them in a lot back of his house. The town authorities notified him there was an ordinance against keeping hogs in this section of the town. He told the authorities he was a citizen of the state, paid his taxes and would keep his hogs where he pleased. He did not agree to keep this ordinance until he had spent \$400 in the courts and two weeks in jail. He was a fine citizen in every respect except one. He refused to adjust himself to new conditions.

"When conditions like these arise, where shall we place our sympathy and use our influence? Shall we sympathize and defend the criminal or shall we protect the law and society? I never saw a man in trouble that did not have my sympathy, but the law is the best friend we ever had. It protected us before we were born, it stands with drawn sword by sides and over our homes while we are living. It will protect our bones as we sleep on the hillside. It should and must be protected. Every Civitan here should use his influence in upholding the law and defending it.

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Change in Ownership in Winkler Garage

Mr. J. D. Horton is the sole owner of the W. R. Winkler garage, following a deal which was closed last Wednesday. Mr. Winkler having disposed of his entire interest in the business which he founded about ten years ago. The consideration was not made public.

Mr. Horton has been actively associated with and a part owner in the business for the past two and a half years, is a successful business man and will render the same high class of service which has characterized the business throughout the years. Mr. Winkler will devote his entire time to the management of the Central Tire Company, in which he is the principal stockholder.

WILLIAM CASEY SERIOUSLY INJURED IN AUTO CRASH

William Casey was seriously injured last Friday night when an automobile which he was driving collided with a truck near the Snyder Lake in the outskirts of Blowing Rock. He was returning to Boone and was thought to have been blinded by the lights of a truck he attempted to pass on a curve. Both bones in the left arm were broken below the elbow and a scalp wound about four inches long inflicted.

The young man was unconscious until Tuesday, about 80 hours, and it was at first thought his injuries might prove fatal. Late news, however, from the Watauga Hospital is to the effect that he is improving and is expected to permanently recover. The other young men who were riding in the car were uninjured.

CHARGED WITH BURNING BARN

Andy Johnson, who is alleged to have burned the barn of Mrs. Blanche Watson, near Deep Gap, given a hearing before Justice Jason Moretz, here Saturday. He entered a plea of not guilty, but waived examination and was held for trial at the fall term of Watauga superior court under \$1,500 bond, which he posted Monday and was released from custody.

TWO BARN BURN

Two large barns, the property of Mr. Clement McNeil of Rutherford, were burned Tuesday night. Mr. McNeil knows nothing as to the origin of the blaze. There were no cattle or other livestock in the buildings, but a considerable amount of feed and various items of farm equipment were destroyed. The estimated loss is \$1,000.

Obliging—Misses: Get me a dozen eggs, and see that they are fresh. Each one should have the date of laying on it.

Maid (returning): Are these all right, ma'am?

Misses: Yes, those are right.

Maid: I told the young man at the grocery's that they must have the date on, so he wrote it on at once.

Program for Today

10:00 A. M.—Parade, forming at Sprinkle Oil Station, West Boone, in the following formation: Band; Color Bearer; Law Enforcement; 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 E. J. Council and J. E. Hardin; back in to Boone Jail 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 Bouts 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 or the Blackburn Hotel by 10 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.

COURT CLERKS AT BLOWING ROCK

Annual Meeting of State Association Got Under Way Tuesday with Welcome Address by John E. Brown; Will Close This Afternoon

Blowing Rock, July 2.—John E. Brown, of Boone, delivered the welcoming address Tuesday night to the North Carolina Association of Superior Court Clerks as the association opened its annual convention at Blowing Rock. A large delegation of clerks from all parts of the state was here to hear Senator Brown's speech.

Rev. C. H. Moser opened the program with the invocation. B. D. McCummins of Salisbury was scheduled to deliver the response and the annual address, but he was detained by illness and did not reach Blowing Rock. He was expected about press time, when he was to deliver his address.

Tuesday night's session was mainly devoted to getting acquainted and hearing the minutes of the last meeting read by the secretary, J. N. Sills of Nash county.

Wednesday morning the association heard an address by Mrs. Kate Burr Johnson of Raleigh, commissioner of public welfare. C. M. McKaughan of Winston-Salem addressed the meeting on civil procedure, and E. C. Byerly of Davidson county spoke on the operation, system and equipment of a clerk's office.

A round-table discussion of juvenile courts was led by W. H. Young, and another discussion on special proceedings was led by O. L. Richardson of Union county.

Wednesday afternoon a memorial service was led by W. N. Harris of New Hanover county. M. W. Gant of Greensboro spoke on trust funds and their supervision. J. C. Gilmore spoke on recent legislation of interest to superior court clerks. A discussion of guardianships was led by A. T. Watson.

The association banquet was held Wednesday night in the dining room of the Manor, at which time the prizes were awarded for attendance. Hon. J. C. B. Ehrharts of Elizabeth City, was the speaker.

Thursday's program calls for a round-table discussion of any subject that the members wish to be brought up, led by C. A. Haynes. After the reports of secretary and treasurer, officers will be elected, and the place of the next convention will be chosen.

Following the announcement two weeks ago that George E. Coffey, Blowing Rock mechanic, had invented a pneumatic jack for automobiles, Mr. Coffey has had several inquiries about his invention. The drawings have been submitted to the patent office at Washington and Mr. Coffey has received his serial number. He expects in a few days to attach it to an automobile and show it in actual use.

In actual tests at the Blowing Rock garage, the jack lifted more than 1,100 pounds. It was said by

Democrat Celebrates Fortieth Birthday

The Democrat is closed today following the publication of this issue, and while we celebrate the fourth, we are also celebrating the fortieth anniversary of the paper under the ownership and management of R. C. Rivers. The publication has been in existence forty-one years, having been established by J. F. Spainhour. In wishing the visitors to the city a pleasant time today and in welcoming especially the veterans of three wars, the owner of The Democrat would express satisfaction at whatever good his efforts may have accomplished for the county during the past two score years. In entering upon his forty-first year as a country journalist, "the old man" of the shop renews his pledge made years ago to sponsor all those things calculated to better Boone and Watauga county and to publish a thoroughly modern county newspaper.

Marrying Minors Must Give Five Days Notice

Any little North Carolina boys and girls who want to run off and get married will have to keep running as far as South Carolina, Virginia or Tennessee. The marriage banns bill for minors went into effect Monday.

From now on when a minor wants to get married her or she will have to give five days notice, including names of contracting parties and their parents, or prove that the marriage has been announced in a newspaper, or bring along a set of willing parents.

mechanics that under proper conditions the jack would lift 2,000 pounds. In practice, one jack would be attached to the axle of the car at each wheel, so that one wheel or all four at once could be lifted by the driver without leaving his seat.

The jack works on the principle of a telescope, with one cylinder inside of another, when the air is turned on, the inside cylinder is forced out against the ground, and any weight on top of the jack is lifted. Like a telescope, the jack can be made with as many inside cylinders as is desired, so that the jack can be made to lift any car.

The air would be supplied from a tank, probably built by thirty-six inches, which could be placed under the seat. It could be filled at any filling station, or with the air pump with which many cars are now equipped. Only 150 pounds' pressure is necessary for the jack to lift about 2,000 pounds, or as mechanics have possible under proper conditions, 2,000 pounds.

The three girls' camps at Blowing Rock, Camp Tomahossee, operated by Dr. Kephart, Camp Alloway, operated by Miss Catherine Thompson, and Camp Cherokee, operated by Mrs. E. T. Hodgeson, are now under way all with large attendances. Mrs. Hodgeson's camp is running now for the first time in three years, but its past popularity is being maintained.

THE NEWS OF VILAS

Vilas, July 2.—Mrs. R. D. Falkerson and daughter, Annie Rose, of Jackson, Mich., are visiting Mrs. Falkerson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Dugger.

Mr. Coy I. Billings of Huntington, W. Va., but formerly of Watauga, has purchased the service station at the junction of highways 60 and 69 from Mr. B. S. Dugger. Mr. Billings is making many improvements on the property, and it is hoped that he will soon bring his family and make his home here.

Sergeant Thomas W. Andrews of Winston-Salem, with his wife, formerly Miss Puth Bingham of this section, and son Billy, are spending their vacation with Mr. W. H. Bingham. Mr. Andrews is recruiting officer at Winston-Salem.

Mr. L. A. Henson is recovering from a rather serious fall from a cherry tree. He is now able to go about his work, but for a while was confined to his bed.

Mr. B. S. Dugger and family motored to Statesville last Sunday.

Mrs. J. L. Reece has returned from Cleveland, Ohio. She is one of Watauga's teachers and has returned to teach this year. Mr. Reece remained in Cleveland where he holds a position with the General Motors Corporation.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph G. Greene spent the week-end with Mr. Palmer Tester on Dutch Creek.

Farm men and women of North Carolina have a cordial invitation to attend the exercises of the annual Farm and Home Week at State College, Raleigh, July 22 to 27.

BUSINESS HOUSES OBSERVE HOLIDAY

Only Cafes, Filling Stations and Drug Stores Will Remain Open; Parade to Start at 10 O'clock; 27 Firms Prepare Floats

The various business houses of the city are closed today, with the exception of drug stores, filling stations and cafes, and the managers will join with the throngs of visitors in enjoying what gives promise of being the largest Independence Day celebration ever witnessed in this section of the state.

The parade which is to be formed at 10 o'clock will be featured by elaborate floats prepared by 27 business houses, World War and Confederate floats and others. Starting from the Sprinkle Oil Company's station at the western end of the pavement, the procession of soldiers, mounted squadrons and floats will move through the city and return to the American Legion Park where the addresses are to be delivered. General Albert L. Cox of Raleigh, who is to deliver the principal address at 11:30, accompanied by Mrs. Cox, arrived in the city last night.

Word has been received from Elizabethton to the effect that the 24-piece Bembere band will be here today, as will also the Spruce Pine organization.

Legion officials were able to announce definitely Tuesday that the boxing match between fighters of considerable note will take place as advertised tonight at 9:30. Since the event was advertised, there was much discussion as to the legality of boxing in Watauga county. However, since the contestants have agreed to be present without coat it is taken that the staging of the bout will be within the statutes.

\$30,000,000 IN WHISKEY IMPORTED FROM CANADA

Washington, June 30.—An amazing tabulation of official figures on the liquor traffic across the Canadian border, collected from records of the Canadian and United States governments, was made public today after months of research by the Association Against the Prohibition Amendment with the following outstanding revelations:

1. The Canadian government is clearing through its border customs offices \$30,000,000 worth of four year, officially consigned to United States ports, but which, of course, none of it can be legally landed and is collecting taxes there on an amounting annually to \$8,000,000.

2. Records of seizures by border patrolmen of this government and other United States agencies designed to stop the liquor traffic across the frontier show that July 1, 2 per cent of the liquor cleared by the Canadian customs, admittedly for illegal entry into the United States, is captured or destroyed.

3. The United States pays more than \$100,000,000 a year for this particular lot of Canadian liquors, or almost \$1 for every man, woman and child in the nation; \$60,000,000 to bootleggers and middlemen, \$2,000,000 for bribes to border patrolmen of this government, \$8,000,000 in legal taxes to the Canadian government, and \$30,000,000 to the original distiller.

4. Even these enormous figures represent only a part of the Canadian liquor being smuggled into the United States, as vast amounts are being exported under various consignment to other countries, and still larger quantities are being smuggled out of the Dominion without being reported to Canadian officials in order to avoid the taxes.

Meanwhile, today, the Methodist board of temperance, prohibition and public morals made public a statement in which it said: "It is perhaps time that the Christian people of the United States appeal to the churches of Canada against the present policy of the Dominion government in giving sanctuary to American criminals who operate against their own government under the protection of Canadian laws."

According to the figures published today by the Association Against the Prohibition Amendment, the American consumer pays about \$10.50 for liquor that costs \$3 in Canada.

MORE THAN \$200 OF FISH LICENSES SOLD IN COUNTY

Mr. J. W. Bryan, former county fish and game warden, tells The Democrat that during the period from April 20 to May 10, his records show that he disposed of \$162 worth of fishing licenses in the county. Since May 10, he states further, County Warden Harrison Baker has sold \$25 worth, while the clerk of the superior court has received \$28 on this score during the season.