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## Roaring Gap Gets Large Game Preserve

Morehead City, July 9.—Definite assurance was given today that the state will establish a large game refuge in the Roaring Gap section of Alleghany, Surry and Wilkes counties.

In the annual meeting of the state department of conservation and development, a resolution presented by Sanford Martin of Winston-Salem, was unanimously adopted looking to the immediate establishment of the Roaring Gap refuge.

The refuge contemplated under the order of the state board today includes more than ten thousand acres surrounding Roaring Gap, touching three counties. The director was instructed to establish the refuge as soon as less than half of a dozen land owners in the area affected, who have not yet signed application approving it, shall forward their approval to the state department.

In commenting on this refuge, Col. J. W. Harrison, director of the department, declared that nowhere in North Carolina was the state receiving quite so splendid co-operation in its conservation program as in Northwestern North Carolina.

**Full-Time Wardens**

Raleigh, July 9.—Full-time game warden service for each of the 100 counties of North Carolina during the entire year was provided for in a budget adopted at the two-day meeting of the board of conservation and development ending today at Morehead City. The new arrangement will begin August 1.

Under the plan worked out and presented to the board of directors, J. W. Harrison and state Game Warden C. H. England, a saving of approximately \$50,000 will be accomplished in the warden service and at the same time the wardens will be in the field the entire year instead of only during the seasons for hunting as heretofore.

The board also voted to reduce the number of assistant state game wardens from five to three, one for each of the three geographical districts of the state.

Assistant Director J. S. Hargett reported to the board that the anticipated output of game fish from the state fish hatcheries this year will amount to approximately 3,500,000, a large per cent of which are being reared to a fingerling size at nursery ponds over the state.

The board voted to prohibit the use of live lines for taking fish in inland waters of North Carolina and also decided to allow the use of nets of certain sizes for the taking of minnows for use as bait. Use of more than one pole in fishing in inland waters was made illegal by the board.

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## PASTOR'S CONFERENCE

1. Devotional service, E. J. Farthing.
2. How to Use and Develop our Young People—A. J. Greene.
3. How to Develop Better Sunday School Teachers and Officers—Roy Dotson.
4. Dinner.
5. How to Stimulate Better Cooperation in our Church Work, H. M. Stump.
6. An Outline of Work for a New Testament Church—L. C. Wilson.
7. A Report from the Pastor's School—E. C. Hodges.
8. A Report of His Trip Abroad—C. C. Watts.
9. Business.
10. Adjournment.

## THE WEATHER

Weather report for week ending July 7:

- Average maximum temperature, 79 degrees.
- Average minimum temperature, 66 degrees.
- Average temperature, 72.5 degrees.
- Average daily range in temperature, 11.
- Greatest daily range in temperature, 18, on 6th.
- Average temperature at 8 a. m., 70.
- Highest temperature reached, 85, on 7th.
- Lowest temperature reached, 60, on 4th.
- Number inches of rainfall, 1.85.
- Greatest rainfall in 24 hours, .60 inches, on the 1st.
- Number days with .01 inch or more rainfall, 6.
- Number clear days, 2; partly cloudy, 5.
- Direction of prevailing wind, northwest.
- Dates of thunderstorms, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th.

## WORK PROGRESSES ON YONAHLOSSEE

Grading Completed to Coffey's Gap, and Hard Surfacing is Expected to Begin in Short Time; Activities on Green Park Golf Course

Blowing Rock, July 10.—Grading of the Yonahlossee road has been completed to Coffey's Gap, four miles west of Blowing Rock. With a large crew of men working on the road, it is expected that hard surfacing may begin in a short time.

Two steam shovels are now at work on the road and are supplemented by a fleet of trucks and tractors and a crew of 75 men. It was said by engineers in charge that the road would be completed some time late in the fall.

All traffic is being detoured by way of Boone, Valle Crucis and Banner Elk. Because of the torn-up condition of the Yonahlossee road, it was said that tourists could make better time over the detour than over the Yonahlossee.

Extraordinary paving has been in evidence on the Green Park course during the last few days. In the first tournament of the season, three men from Lexington, N. C., came out winners. Mr. Waiser and Mr. Styers winning first place with scores of 66 each. Mr. Kirkman came second with 68, and Dan Stubbs of Lenoir third with 70. This was Mr. Stubb's best card of the season.

In the other tournament, Harry Link and Garland Jones of Lenoir tied for first place with a net score of 67. Grady Rankin of Gastonia was second with 69, and three tied for third, Dr. Shoaf of Winston-Salem, C. V. Henkel of Statesville, and Mr. Myers of Gastonia, all with cards of 70.

Mr. Lumpkin, member of the Ridgewood Country Club and the Forest Lake Club of Columbia, S. C., made a mastic pitch shot on the fourth green Tuesday morning. He then proceeded to make one eagle, one birdie and one par.

The first hole-in-one of the season was made by Mr. Dixon of the Tinniquana Country Club of Jacksonville, Fla. He was playing with Mr. Nicholson of Brookline, Mass.

George Blagg, course professional, announces a handicap tournament to last throughout the month of August. The entry fee will be \$5, with prizes offered in golf supplies. Each player must play five rounds to establish his handicap, and then signify his intention of playing for the handicap prize before he starts any each round. He must play each round with another entrant. The play will be for 72 holes.

For a tournament to be announced in a short time, a cup will be donated by L. P. Henkel of Statesville, and will be known as the President's Cup. The tournament committee working on this plan composed of Mr. McMahon, Gordon Smith, professional of the Palm Beach Country Club, and Garland Jones of Lenoir.

## W. P. Pendley Dies At Blowing Rock

Blowing Rock, July 10.—W. P. Pendley, one of Blowing Rock's oldest and best-loved residents, died Friday night following an illness of several weeks. Funeral services were held at the Baptist church Sunday morning at nine o'clock and burial was at the old family home in Caldwell county.

Mr. Pendley, "Daddy Pat," as he was affectionately called by the younger generation of his family and friends, was a Confederate veteran and served in the home guards during the bushwhacker period. He had lived in Blowing Rock thirty-one years, and was eighty-three years old at the time of his death. As was said of him many times Saturday, everybody who knew him was his friend.

Funeral services were conducted at the Baptist church with Rev. Hicks and Rev. Moser both taking part. A most beautiful and profuse offering of flowers filled the church. The flower girls included Misses Presnell, Edna Miller, Corrin Knight, Katherine Knight, Katherine and Margaret Sudderth, Helen, Sudderth, Dorothy and Polly Hayes, Lucille Reid, Mabel Coffey and Miss Nell Coffey of Boone.

The pall bearers were J. T. Miller, C. S. Brevette, Francis Patterson, W. L. Holshouser, N. C. Greene, G. M. Sudderth, Stuart Cannon and C. S. Williams.

Mr. Pendley is survived by Mrs. Pendley, two daughters, Mrs. Thos. H. Coffey, Sr., of Blowing Rock, and Mrs. Herman Deal of Alexander county, and two grand children, Thos. H. Coffey, Jr., and Miss Ellen Coffey, all of whom were with him when death came.

## STATE HIGHWAY PATROLMEN HERE

Three Motorcycle Officers Came to Boone Tuesday Afternoon and Left Wednesday Morning; Many Motorists Cited for Law Violations

Three motorcycle officers, members of the newly formed state patrol, spent Tuesday night in Boone. They are now making a rather general tour of the western highway district in which their duties are assigned, and left yesterday morning for North Wilkesboro via West Jefferson.

While here numerous violations of the automobile law were cited, motorists were warned of the penalty of operating cars with defective lights, brakes, etc., and were given forms upon which to furnish proof within a given length of time of the correction of the trouble. Several cars were being operated without license plates and were caused to be stored pending the purchase of license. Patrolman Fontaine of Winston-Salem, a member of the party, who will make headquarters at Elkin, stated that provided warnings were heeded, it was not the policy of the patrol to take action, but that unless license plates were promptly secured, warrants would be issued and the violators prosecuted. According to Mr. Fontaine, irregularities are prevalent throughout the district, but that the patrol expected to legalize the automobile traffic as rapidly as possible. "It's a big job," he said, "but we expect to produce results sufficient to justify the next legislature in increasing the personnel of the patrol."

## 7-Lb. Meteorite Falls Near Riddle's Fork

Mr. R. A. Greene of the Riddle's Fork section was in town yesterday exhibiting a meteorite which fell Tuesday on the old Blackburn place in his community. The formation weighed seven pounds and fell with such force that it buried itself in hard packed ground. Two sons of Joe Miller saw it fall and when picked up was still hot. The construction of the meteorite is similar to fine-grained granite and the surface was black and pitted from the intense heat to which it had been subjected.

Mr. Greene says he was working some distance from the place where the discovery was made and first heard a sound as if an airplane was flying from the east. The noise circled the Laurel Ridge and an explosion was heard as if several sticks of dynamite had been exploded. It was in Mr. Greene's judgment fully five minutes after the detonation that the meteorite was seen to fall from the west into the field. Then followed a series of rumblings as of distant thunder.

The noise created by the meteoric body was heard throughout this section and speculation had been rife as to its cause, until the fragment was found. Rumors are heard on the streets to the effect that a portion of the foreign matter fell near Todd in Ashe county, which was perhaps ten feet in diameter, but The Democrat has been unable to verify them.

In accordance with the request of a number of citizens attracted by this incident, The Democrat adds a bit of information as to the phenomenon.

The luminous meteors, which also known as shooting or falling stars have their place in the upper parts of the atmosphere and it is believed that a ring of them revolves around the sun and that each year the earth's orbit cuts through the ring. Owing to their origin from without they should probably belong to astronomy. The most interesting of the phenomena are those which are followed by the falling of stones to the earth, and the circumstances accompanying the fall are colorably uniform. A ball of fire crosses the sky so bright as to be visible in daytime and bright enough to light the entire landscape if it appears at night. It traverses the sky and as a general rule finishes its course within a few seconds. It suddenly goes out, either with or without an accompanying bursting into pieces and after a short period a loud detonation is heard throughout the region. Sometimes a single stone is found, sometimes several, while the fragments have been known to run into the thousands. The meteors come at all seasons, all hours and in all regions of the earth. The region of meteor falls is said to range from 40 to 80 miles above the surface of the earth, but the stone-furnishing meteor comes much lower. The stones, or meteorites vary in weight from a few ounces to several hundred pounds, one having fell upon the Alps weighing 1,100 pounds. In 1896 a meteor exploded above the city of Madrid and although in daytime its light was dazzling. It exploded at a height of about fifteen miles and the detonation was so tremendous that it was heard and tremors felt over a radius of more than 50 miles. As a general rule, however, the friction encountered when the particles of matter or meteorites enter the earth's atmosphere the friction is so great that they become incandescent and are generally completely disintegrated. Those found are always made up of substances known terrestrially and iron and nickel are often included in their composition.

## BIG CELEBRATION HAPPY OCCASION

Unusually Large Crowds Gather in Boone for 4th of July—General Albert L. Cox of Raleigh Delivers Address of the Day

A crowd variously estimated at from 8,000 to 10,000 people came to Boone last Thursday to join hands with Watauga Post American Legion in their efforts to stage the greatest Independence Day celebration in the history of the northwest. The highways were jammed for miles around with the holiday crowds and several hundred came on a special excursion train from Johnson City, Tenn.

The day's festivities got under way at 10 o'clock when a colorful parade, led by soldiers of three wars, was formed in the western limits of the town, taking a roundabout course through the city to the American Legion Park, where the addresses were to be delivered and the dinner served. Business houses and various organizations were represented by more than fifty floats, each ingeniously constructed and vying with the others in originality of design.

When the procession arrived at the Legion Park, short addresses of welcome were delivered by Post Commander H. Grady Farthing and Mayor R. S. Swift, following which Rev. C. H. Moser of the Boone Methodist church, himself a Legionnaire, in a masterful manner introduced General Albert L. Cox, who made the address of the day. The speaker was already known in Watauga county, most of Watauga's soldiers having served under his command on the fields of France, and a touching tribute was paid to the memory of Grady Barnes, young Boone recruit, who was the first Wataugan to fall on the field of battle. He referred to the recent passing of Prof. D. D. Dougherty in a sorrowful vein, describing him as a fallen hero of peace time. service. He also recalled the unselfish service rendered the state and community by the late lamented Frank A. Linney.

General Cox related the history of the nation from the Revolutionary days to the present time, and urged upon his hearers a program of preparedness to the extent of protection, and extolled the ideals which a sponsored the organization of the American Legion. Formed in Paris soon after the cessation of hostilities, General Cox avowed, the Legion was respectfully dedicated to the widows and orphans of the slain troopers, to maimed and wounded comrades, and to the campaign for promoting peace through judicious preparedness. He emphasized the fact that the Legion is not primarily concerned with the affairs of political life. He endorsed a service act which would include the entire citizenship and eliminate the necessity for another selective draft.

This was General Cox's first visit to Boone, and the throngs which came to hear him were loud in their praise of the forcefulness of his delivery. Mrs. Cox accompanied her husband to Boone on the previous afternoon and they returned to Raleigh Friday.

Following the address, dinner was served in the park under the direction of the Women's Auxiliary, the proceeds going to help defray the expenses of the celebration.

In the afternoon a heavy shower slightly interfered with a baseball game which was being played between Boone and West Jefferson, following which various field sports were enjoyed.

A considerable crowd went at 4 o'clock to the old Master Field where an array of men beyond fifty years of age participated in an old-time shooting match. There were a number of entrants and the arms used were the muzzle-loading rifles of a generation ago. The event was promoted largely in honor of "Uncle Lige" Norris, venerable Confederate soldier and the oldest man on the ground. Mr. Norris is known as one of the most expert riflemen in this country but owing to the overcast skies, the light was poor and he failed to score, although he drove two bullets close to the center. First and second prizes, however, went to his brother and son, Silas and Jack Norris, respectively. Third and fourth honors were claimed by Z. T. Watson and a Mr. Mahala. So much interest was aroused by the event that tentative plans are being made to promote a second match to be held under more favorable circumstances.

"The Air Legion," an appropriate film, ran continuously at the Pastime Theatre during the day and was largely attended. The merry-

## Fountain is Taking His Race Seriously

Raleigh, July 9.—Lieutenant Governor Richard T. Fountain, who comes to Raleigh every few days on business that will help him when he becomes governor, if he does, is a Raleigh visitor today and Mr. Fountain is constrained to believe that nobody has the ups on him right now.

Mr. Fountain understands that elections are won on the day of voting often and that any accounting of strength three years ahead of the poll is quite premature. But he is a most studious observer of politics and he has observed that his contemporaries generally have entered the race early and remained late. For instance, Aycock got in when Cy Watson was beaten in 1896. Glenn got ready in 1900 for 1904. Kitchen started in 1905 for 1908, and Craig began in 1906 for 1908 and 1912. Bickett began in 1908 for 1912 and Morrison in 1912 for 1920. Gardner made his beginning in 1920 in 1915 and McLean fixed himself for 1924 in 1920.

Mr. Fountain, therefore is not disposed to wait until 1932 to inquire of J. C. B. Ehringhaus, D. G. Brummitt, Albert L. Cox and J. W. Bailey if they really are serious in their desires to tenant the big house on North Blount street. Mr. Fountain is very serious. And he sees piles of people who feel as he does about it.

## Jury Finds King Guilty of First Degree Murder

Chester, S. C., July 9.—A jury in general session court late today found Rafe King, 37, charged with slaying his wife, guilty of first degree murder. The defendant, a member of a wealthy and prominent family, accepted the verdict smilingly and gave notice of appeal. Judge J. K. Henry, presiding, announced he would hear arguments on a motion for a new trial tomorrow morning, and if the new trial should be denied, pass sentence at that time.

Three ballots were taken by the jury. After a discussion of the case all agreed he was guilty but eight voted for a first degree verdict and four for a second degree verdict. The second ballot had 19 for first degree and two for second. On the third ballot it was unanimous.

The decision was reached at approximately 6 o'clock, and at 6:30 the knock came on the jury. Judge Henry a few minutes before had started home and had to be called back. The court waited until 6:25 for Miles Wood, court stenographer, who had come home.

The verdict was handed in an envelope to the clerk of court, who read it. There was no demonstration in the crowded court room. King's face did not change and he had on it a strained smile as he conversed with his attorneys a few minutes later.

The motion for a new trial was made by The F. M. Dew of the defense counsel, on behalf of King. Mrs. King, French teacher in the Sharon, S. C., high school, was found dead in an outhouse near her home at Sharon the night of January 25 last. Her husband, who had been ill reported to neighbors that she had failed to return from school. A search was started and the body found.

It was at first believed that Mrs. King had committed suicide but Solicitor J. Lyle Glenn, now United States district judge, asked that the inquest be postponed until he could attend. At the inquest neighbors told of seeing blood in the King home and blood spotted clothing said to belong to King was produced. King was ordered held on a charge of murder but on a writ of habeas corpus was ordered released on \$2,000 bond. He was free on bond until the trial started.

The trial started on Monday July 1. Taking of evidence was ended shortly before noon Saturday and arguments lasted until 3 o'clock this afternoon. The jury got the case at 4:06 p. m.

## GENERAL COX DELIGHTED WITH VISIT TO BOONE

Commander Grady Farthing of the American Legion here, has received the following letter from General Albert L. Cox, who delivered the address at the Fourth of July celebration last Thursday.

"Words fail me in an attempt to express the thanks and appreciation I have for the delightful visit Mrs. Cox and I had to Boone. I don't know when either one of us have ever enjoyed an occasion more or been more hospitably received. We both look forward to an opportunity to return."

## PATHFINDER REACHES SPAIN

Santander, Spain, July 9.—Roger Q. Williams and Captain Lewis Yancey, forced down today after a transatlantic air voyage of 3,400 miles from Old Orchard, Me., slept on their laurels here tonight before completing the flight to Rome tomorrow morning in their airplane Pathfinder.

Want of gasoline forced them down as night was falling over the northern Spanish coast, not far from the spot where their French comrades of the Yellow Bird had been obliged to land. They did not seem fatigued when the Associated Press correspondent found them drinking a glass of whiskey with Governor General Saliquet.

Williams and Yancey said they had realized a few hours after leaving Old Orchard they could not reach Rome when they met head winds.

## COOKE-WINKLER

Married on Monday evening at the Methodist church in Mountain City, Tenn. Miss Hazel Cooke and Mr. Cloy Winkler of Boone, the Rev. Byrd performing the ceremony. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Cooke and has for some time been in charge of the Queen Annis Beauty parlor. She is talented and popular. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Winkler, a native of this city and one of her most enterprising young men. He holds a position as engineer with the state highway commission and is in charge of the grading being done on No. 60 west of Boone.

The young couple will shortly make their home in the Horton apartments.

## NEW ENDURANCE RECORD

Culver City, Cal., July 9.—Two commercial aviators, L. W. Mendell and R. B. Reinhardt, set a new world's endurance light record here today with their single motored bi-plane "Angeleno" and continued to pilot the ship with no indication of a landing.

At 2:30 p. m. (Pacific coast time) they bettered by an hour the record of 174 hours and 59 seconds established last Saturday at Cleveland by Roy L. Mitchell and Byron K. Newcomb. When they took off the aviators planned to fly at least 200 hours or until they were forced down.

## LIKES DEMOCRAT SERVICE

The Democrat is in receipt of a letter from Mrs. P. S. Shearer, secretary of the Alpha Delta Pi Sorority, in which she encloses check for the publication of four daily newspapers for the recent convention at Blowing Rock. The national executive adds: "We wish to express our appreciation for the splendid work done on the day."