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Baby Clinic at Blowing Rock Begins Tomorrow

Blowing Rock, July 17.—Beginning Friday afternoon at 3:30 at the schoolhouse, the annual Blowing Rock baby clinic will be held under the direction of Dr. Mary Cabell Winfield of Spartanburg, S. C. The clinic will be held under the auspices of the Blowing Rock Community Club.

No charges will be made for the examination of well babies, and mothers will be given free advice as to diet and training. A charge will be made for advice to mothers of sick babies, and the proceeds will be given to the community chest.

A handicap golf tournament, open to all comers, will be played Saturday afternoon on the Green Park-Norwood golf course.

Prizes in 15 classes have been announced for the annual Blowing Rock Horse show, August 7. The classes are:

Single jumpers, lady jumpers, hunters, three-gaited saddle horses, 15 hands two inches, and under, three-gaited saddle horses, 15 hands two inches and over, the same for five-gaited horses; combination three and five-gaited saddle and harness horses, ponies, women's horseman ship, saddle ponies, three and five-gaited, children under 15 years.

GET DRY LAW MODIFIED BY ENFORCING IT—WICKERSHAM

New London, Conn., July 16.—George W. Wickersham, head of President Hoover's law enforcement commission, in a letter ready today by Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt of New York at the governor's conference here wrote that if federal and state agencies would co-operate in prohibition enforcement the prohibition laws "might be modified so as to become reasonably enforceable."

Characterizing prohibition as "a most serious subject," Mr. Wickersham's letter said it would be one of the chief national problems to be investigated by his commission.

He suggested a division of authority, the federal government to prevent importation and transportation in violation of inter-state commerce regulations, and the states to handle their own internal enforcement.

"If the national government," he wrote, "were to attend to preventing importation, manufacture and shipment in inter-state commerce of intoxicants, the states undertaking internal police regulations to prevent the sale, saloons, speakeasies and so forth, the national and state laws might be modified so as to become reasonably enforceable, and one great source of demoralizing and pecuniary profitable crime removed."

The letter, which was described by Governor Roosevelt as the first public expression of Mr. Wickersham as chairman of the law enforcement commission, also contained a criticism of the American public's attitude toward crime reduction and law enforcement, and cited the "excellent respect for the Volstead act" as an example.

Wickersham's View Approved

Washington, July 16.—Echoes of weakness in prohibition enforcement cited by George W. Wickersham, chairman of President Hoover's law enforcement commission, in a letter ready today before the governor's conference, were heard in many sections of the national capital.

Although there was a partial agreement with the Wickersham statements from both wets and dries, a difference of interpretation left the arguments at variance.

No moment was forthcoming from the White House, but Prohibition Commissioner Doran and Seymour Lowman, assistant secretary of the Treasury in charge of prohibition, approved the sentiments expressed by Mr. Wickersham for more co-operation by the states in enforcement. Neither would comment, however, on other phases of the letter, pending close examination.

Mr. Doran declared the responsibilities of states should be clarified. Intelligent co-operation and not further concentration in a federal police is needed, he said, and added that he had insisted for years that states under the law are equally responsible for enforcing the laws.

A NOVEL CAMPAIGN

Mr. W. H. Gragg, secretary of the Watauga Building & Loan Association, is determined that the series just opened shall be the best in the history of that organization. During the month he is offering 25 cents per share of installment stock by any individual in the county. The full details of the plan are announced on page five and Mr. Gragg is hopeful that 1,000 shares may be sold during the 20-day period. It is a fine opportunity to make a bit of money and at the same time help out the home builders.

TELLS GRAND JURY TO HELP GET AT BOTTOM OF CRIME

"A criminal is not born, he is made; put a child in the right environment and he will not be a criminal," Judge W. C. Harris, of Raleigh, told the Robeson county grand jury in his charge to it at Lumberton last week. The jurists, urged that the grand jury go to the root and make a study of crimes and try to find out the reason for them. Courts, he said, are not functioning as they ought relative to decrease in crime. The state has made wonderful progress, but it has taken no step as an organized effort to prevent crime.

He said he was of the firm conviction that no reformation came out of the courts. Some one is responsible for the condition, he declared, urging that the grand jury go back and try to prevent crime. The state must be made at the bottom, on the youth of the land, he stated. The child must be so taught that when he is turned out in life he will not have a criminal tendency but will have a respect for the law.

GOOD OUTLOOK SEEN FOR HIGH HOG PRICES

Though prices of fat hogs have been a little above the average during the last few months, the outlook is for still better prices throughout the year.

"From reports which we have received from the bureau of agricultural economics at Washington, it appears that there were over 47 million pounds less pork in storage on June first of this year than on the same date last year," says W. W. Shay, swine extension specialist at State College. "Then, too, the supply on June first, this year, was over 52 million pounds less than on May first of this year. During May, the first leading markets report 6.1 per cent less pork received than the average of five years for the month. Local slaughter was 15.9 per cent less than May of one year ago and the stocker and feeder shipments were much less than the average of five years." Mr. Shay finds also that the spring pig crop was about 8 per cent below that of 1928. In the corn belt, the decrease was 6 per cent, but greater than this in all other sections. This decrease of 8 per cent is equivalent to about 4,300,000 pigs which means that we have the smallest pig crop since 1925.

BROTHER OF PROF. DOWNUM DIES IN IREDELL COUNTY

George F. Downum, 82, Confederate veteran, brother of Prof. J. M. Downum of the Appalachian State Teachers' College died at his home in Harmony, Iredeell county last week, following an extended decline in health. Mr. Downum enlisted in the Confederate army at the age of 17 and served throughout the four years of the Civil war.

BASEBALL

Unusual interest has been aroused by the amateur baseball games which are being played on the local diamond by teams made up of the various business and professional men of the town. A game of this kind is called for next Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock, at which time bankers, lawyers, merchants and even the mayor of the town will be represented on the teams. A large crowd is expected to be present and enjoy the fun. The nines will be taken from among the following names:

East Boone: A. E. Hamby, Gordon Winkler, Fred Hodges, L. S. Isaacs, Hill Hagaman, Clyde Greene, R. D. Hodges, Tom Beach, J. F. Moore, Grady Moretz, D. J. Cottrell, G. P. Hagaman, G. L. Brinkley.
West Boone: A. E. South, Jas. Horton, Joe Crawford, Chas. Watson, E. S. Swift, Clyde Eggers, T. E. Bingham, Chas. Younce, Troy Norris, Ronda Hodges, W. H. Gragg.
Official umpires will be Smith Hagaman and I. G. Greer.

ENTRE NOUS CLUB

Mrs. Russell Hodges entertained the Entre Nous Club members and additional friends at bridge last Thursday afternoon, July 11th. The home was attractively decorated with vases of vari-colored dahlias. Bonbon dishes of peanuts festooned each table and at the tea hour Mrs. Hodges served a lovely punch course.

Miss Louise Critcher was awarded a cutesy set for having high score and Mrs. Tracy Council won a hand-decorated salad spoon and fork in the cut.

Those enjoying Mrs. Hodges' hospitality besides the club members were: Mrs. Robert Coffey, Miss Edith Knight, Miss Louise Critcher, Mrs. David Greene and Misses Margaret and Helen Majette.

Rev. C. H. Moser, pastor of the Methodist church, will occupy the pulpit at both services Sunday, July 21. These will be important services, and all are urged to attend.

Andy Johnson is M...ered; Unknown Slayer is at Large

Andy Johnson, 65, well known resident of the Meadow Creek section was found dead in his room a short distance from his home yesterday morning with three charges of shot in his body and the sheriff's forces are busily engaged in trying to locate clues which might effect the capture of the unknown slayer.

On the preceding afternoon about Sundown several persons in the community heard the reports of a shot fired from the wooded slope where the body was found, but thinking perhaps of hunters no investigation was made. Yesterday morning, however, at about 7:30 a young man of the community started on the little-used roadway to haul lumber and discovered the body about 150 yards from the home of the deceased. The coroner's office was immediately notified, and examination revealed that two loads of shot had entered the back, scattering in wide circles, which indicated that the shots were fired

from a considerable distance. A third wound, however, in the right breast covered a space scarcely larger than a silver dollar and was undoubtedly fired point-blank at a distance of only a few feet. Two empty shells were found which came from a 16-gauge shotgun, but no other traces of the slayer were found. Blood stains in the roadway indicated that the deceased had covered a distance of perhaps one hundred feet after he was shot.

As The Democrat goes to press bloodhounds are being used in an effort to apprehend the perpetrator of the crime. No reasons have been assigned as to why bloodhounds should have existed toward Johnson. He was under a bond for appearance at the next term of court in connection with the burning of a barn in the Deep Gap section but no connection has been established between that incident and the slaying.

Funeral arrangements have not been announced.

Comparative Figures Covering Three-Year Period Shows County is Producing Less on its Farms

Below are given some interesting figures compiled by the co-operative crop reporting service of the North Carolina department of agriculture, relative to acreage planted, yield per acre and total bushel production, of five of the county's leading crops—corn, wheat, oats, rye and potatoes. The figures are for the years 1926, 1927 and 1928, and indicate that Watauga is going backward rather than forward in the production of these crops. For instance, in 1928, the combined production of these crops in bushels was 124,966, produced on an acreage of 17,057, as compared to 320,538 bushels in 1926, produced on 17,274 acres. Corn production dropped from 251,613 bushels in 1926, to 111,183 bushels in 1928. However, Irish potatoes show a steady increase, both in acreage planted and in yield per acre, and while wheat showed an increased yield per acre, the total planted to this crop in 1928 was 1,483 acres as against 2,005 in 1926.

	Acreage Planted			Bu. Yield Acre			Product'n Estimated Bushels		
	1926	1927	1928	26	27	28	1926	1927	1928
Corn	9,319	8,499	8,499	27	23	17	251,613	195,477	144,183
Wheat	2,005	1,483	1,483	12	12	14	24,060	17,796	26,762
Oats	4,197	3,085	3,085	22	15	15	96,541	45,190	46,275
Rye	1,585	2,505	2,480	14	11	13	22,130	27,555	32,240
Potatoes	1,168	1,510	3,510	108	111	120	126,144	167,610	181,200

FARM RELIEF SHIFTED TO SHOULDERS OF FARM BOARD

Washington, July 15.—The federal farm board, created by congress after years of dispute, assembled today and was charged by President Hoover with responsibility for a solution of America's long standing and vexatious agricultural problem.

At the end of the first day's conferences, begun at a meeting with Mr. Hoover in the cabinet room of the White House, the chairman of the board, Alexander H. Legge—a Chicago business man—announced that "we are going to work long and hard." Saying there were no promises, he expressed hope that the board could organize agriculture to permit application of its work to this year's crops.

Most of the day was occupied with routine business. Charles L. Christensen, chief of the co-operative marketing division of the department of agriculture, was selected as secretary to the board.

The program of "long and hard" work, mentioned by Legge was initiated by employment of office personnel. The chairman said the board would meet tomorrow and indicated night sessions were in order. Little hope for important news announcements was held out, however. The board members were invited to dinner tonight at the White House.

THE WEATHER

Weather report for week ending July 13, co-operative station, Appalachian State Teachers' College, Prof. J. T. C. Wright, observer:

Average maximum temperature 84 degrees.
Average minimum temperature, 59
Average temperature, 71.
Average daily range in temperature, 18.
Greatest daily range in temperature, 1 degrees, 11th.
Average temperature at 8 a. m., 76.
Highest temperature reached, 90, 2th.
Lowest temperature reached, 64, 6th.
Number inches of rainfall, 0.66.
Greatest rainfall in 24 hours, 41 inches, 9th.
Number days with .01 inch or more rainfall, 4.
Number of clear days, 2; partly cloudy, 5.
Direction of prevailing wind, northeast.
Dates of thunderstorms, 6th, 9th, 11th and 12th.

Mrs. Laura Johnson of Statesville, daughter of the late Major Harvey Bingham, is a visitor for a few days with her brother, Dr. R. K. Bingham, in Boone.

LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION WOULD AID FARMERS

Editor Democrat:
I am enclosing a letter from the former countyman, Mr. Shipley. This is in reply to a letter in which I asked him his opinion in regard to some farmers of Watauga forming a livestock association, etc. I think it will be worthwhile to publish his letter.

SMITH HAGAMAN.

Mr. Shipley's Letter

I think that if the farmers of Watauga county will organize a livestock association and formulate a plan by which they can grow more and better livestock and market them to a better advantage, it will do more to bring them out of the rut than anything they can do. The thing to do is to make use of what advantage they already have and not depend on doing things on borrowed capital. I lived a long time to find this out—too much credit has done me much more harm than good.

Now to show you what a little sticking together will do, about four of us here in this neighborhood sell our lambs together; our first load went off the 6th of June and brought 14 cents or an average of \$11.90 each. We have another load sold to go any time after July 15th, when the buyer calls for them, at 12 1/2 cents. They will weigh 80 pounds and will, for the New York market, be the first load sold. One man sold hams off of 40 cures that brought him \$815 net at home, these going in the 6th of June shipment.

In this section sheep, cows and tobacco is our money crop. We milk 12 cows here on our little farm. Last month they averaged \$21.80 each. We get 25¢ per gallon for the milk at home—no delivery expense.

There is money in farming if you stay at home and work and keep your farm well stocked with well-bred livestock and use the auto just when it is absolutely necessary.

W. E. SHIPLEY.

Wallace, Va., July 8.

GROUP MARKETS TO AID FARMER IS BOARD'S AIM

Washington July 16.—In its first announcement of policy, the federal farm board declared today that the approach to better prices for the farmer lies through improved organization of marketing facilities.

To that end, the board announced it will work "with and through established farm groups of farmers who are organized or who may be organized on a basis of specific commodities." It is looking ahead to a "permanent structure" and said it was "probable that the board will move deliberately in its action."

As a step in its scheme to organize agriculture on a national scale and to work through existing agencies, the board decided today to attend the meeting of the American Institute of Co-operation to be held at Baton Rouge, La., beginning July 29.

A statement outlining the views of the board was issued by Chairman Legge at the end of another day of morning and afternoon sessions behind closed doors. Earlier the board had ratified the selection by President Hoover of James C. Stone, of Lexington, Ky., the tobacco representative on the board, as vice chairman.

Meanwhile no hint came from the board rooms of what it intends to do with the \$150,000,000 of its \$500,000,000 loan fund placed at its disposal by congress.

LIEUT. GOV. FOUNTAIN HERE

Lieutenant Governor R. T. Fountain of Rocky Mount, was a guest in Boone Friday night on his return from a meeting of the park commission in Asheville. He spent an hour at the evening with The Democrat, which was very much enjoyed and appreciated by the editor of the paper. The lieutenant governor is one of the foremost, if not the foremost candidate for gubernatorial honor in 1932. A splendid gentleman, a shrewd politician, possessing all the qualifications that go to make a model executive. Soon after arriving at Raleigh for the last session of the legislature, a friend said to me, "Now, when you want to meet a real man, one of the best in the state, see Dick Fountain." We met him, was highly pleased with him from every viewpoint, and fully agree with our friend that he is a real man.

The Boone Civitan Club will meet today at 12:15 at the Daniel Boone hotel. A full attendance of members is urged.

CIVITAN CLUB MEETS TODAY

Home is the safest place for a girl to entertain her acquaintances, advises an advice-to-the-love-lorn column. Defenders of American institutions will resent this slur on the rumba seat.—Greensboro Daily News.

There is no Solomon in the United States senate today, says a senator. Maybe not, but there still is a Moses.

Daniels Speaks at Baptist Church Here

The Raleigh News and Observer, who is spending some time vacationing at Blowing Rock, was present at the Baptist church at the 11 o'clock hour Sunday and spoke to a large and appreciative audience.

The former secretary of the navy continued his remarks for the most part to a discussion of the relations that should exist between churches and educational institutions, the bearing that one should have upon the other and insisted that an education gained without a knowledge of the Christian religion is meaningless and empty. He urged that the churches of Boone, which is now a college town, should throw every possible safeguard about the youth of the country at the dangerous age when they are entering college and implored the educators to have a care for the spiritual development of their charges.

Mr. Daniels was introduced to the audience by Mr. H. Montague of Winston-Salem, who is spending the summer at the Daniel Boone hotel.

TROOPS MOBILIZE AS CHINA ANSWERS SIVLET RUSSIA

Nankiang, China, July 16.—The nationalistic government at midnight, just within the three days allotted by soviet Russia's ultimatum, replied to the latter's demands in the Chinese eastern railways of Manchuria dispute.

The Chinese made two demands, although emphatically they were not counter-demands to those of the Russian note. The first was that the soviet should release all Chinese prisoners in Russia, which were estimated in an earlier official statement at 1,000. The second that the soviet government adequately protect Chinese nationals in Russia from aggression and oppression.

Moscow was informed that a Chinese plenipotentiary was leaving Nanking for that capital to discuss matters between the government. At the same time it was learned tonight that 15,000 Manchurian troops have been mobilized in the past two days to reinforce patrols on the border.

The plea was made that the action of the Chinese government in dismissing Russian officials on the railway and taking over various concessions was justified because soviet railroad officials had not carried out faithfully the terms of the 1924 agreement providing for joint operation.

The note termed it unfortunate that evidence of soviet Russian agents in Chinese territory spreading communist propaganda so as to endanger the Chinese government and its social system had been discovered.

CAMPING TRIP TO TATER HILL

Saturday afternoon a group of young people left Boone in a truck filled with straw, for a week-end camping trip to Tater Hill. It was a rather long, slow trip due to the condition of the roads, but what difference did that make to the happy campers? If they got stuck it was a simple matter for them to get out and push.

It was about dark when the party reached the foot of the mountain, and it began to rain, so everybody got in a large covered wagon for the second part of the trip. The road led over rocks and fallen trees. In fact, one tree had to be cut down to make room for the wagon to pass. The truck did fine work alone for a while but finally needed the aid of the horses to make the heavy climb, and the final leg of the journey was made on foot by lantern light. When the top was reached it was a wet and mud-covered group that gathered around the big campfire and eagerly devoured bacon, eggs, coffee and "paties."

The night was cool and foggy. When daylight came very little of the surrounding country was visible. However, the dense fog lifted about 10:30 and the beauty of the mountain scenery extended in all directions as far as the eye could see.

The remainder of the day was spent in hiking to the East and other points of interest nearby.

The tired but happy group returned late Sunday afternoon, already planning another trip in the near future.

Among those in the party were: Misses Louise Critcher, Katherine Harwell, Lucy Gatling, Estelle Pyc, Jane Elison, Mary Frances Linney; Mrs. P. A. Coffey; Messrs. James Young, Kenneth Linney and John A. Sroles.

Mr. W. F. Miller returned from Boone the middle of last week, where he had city water run into the kraut factory for use when the kraut season comes in the fall.—North Wilkesboro Hustler.

Miss Annae Triplet of Lenoir is visiting at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Moretz.