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## PAVING TO BEGIN ON BOONE TRAIL LINK AT AN EARLY DATE

Stone Now Being Crushed at Cranberry for Closing of Link of Road Between Boone and New River. Work Will Start When Sufficient Rock Has Been Delivered. Surfacing Being Done on County Road.

The rock crushers at the Cranberry mines began Monday morning to crush the stone necessary to mix the concrete for paving the link of the Boone Trail Highway between Boone and New River, and the contractors in charge of the project are ready to begin operations as soon as a sufficient quantity of the stone shall have been delivered to the railway yard here. The Guilford Construction Company has the contract for paving the 1.3 miles of road, and machinery was held in readiness here, after the completion of the paving of five miles east of New River last year. It is expected that work may begin this week.

### Work on County Roads

In the meantime, states Resident Engineer James H. Council, work is going forward rapidly on the Beaver Dam road, where a stone surface is being laid for a distance of about five miles, giving the people of that section the first satisfactory all-weather-round outlet they have ever enjoyed. It is also stated that a gravel surface is being placed on three miles of road in Meat Camp township, running east from Sands postoffice.

## Printer on Watauga's First Paper a Visitor

Mr. Charlie Logan, of Welch, W. Va., called on The Democrat last week, and he and R. C. Rivers met for the first time in 44 years, at which time they were employed in the publication of The Enterprise, Boone's first newspaper, and the official organ of the Republican party. The late Thomas Bingham was editor of the paper, which was conducted during the campaign of 1888, when Benjamin Harrison overwhelmingly defeated Grover Cleveland for the Presidency, and North Carolina registered notable gains for the G. O. P. The paper was published in the Blackburn store building, and John S. Williams was succeeded as publisher by R. C. Rivers, and it was during Rivers' tenure that Mr. Logan was employed. Mr. Rivers became publisher of The Watauga Democrat the following year which post he is still holding.

Mr. Logan is the son of the late John F. Logan of Jefferson, and although he has visited Ashe County infrequently since his career as a Boone newspaperman was completed, he had never since until last week set foot on Boone soil. Mr. Logan is a traveling man of many years' standing and has succeeded.

## MITCHELL VETERAN MAKES TWO SUICIDE FAILURES

Bakersville.—Tuesday morning, a man by the name of Clarence White, said to be a World War veteran, attempted to take his own life at Toccoa, by swallowing a quantity of iodine. A local doctor was called from Bakersville and administered to the would-be suicide, and ordered the man sent to a Johnson City hospital. It was said last Sunday White, at the home of a relative near Toccoa, broke a small mirror and ate a quantity of the glass. He is said to have suffered greatly from eating the glass and Tuesday morning he attempted to finish the job by swallowing iodine. He was rushed to Johnson City, Tenn. and after reaching the hospital, soon regained consciousness. His only explanation was that he was worried and tired of living and thought he would end all his troubles.

### THE WEATHER

Weather report for week ending July 9, 1932, as compiled by the Cooperative Station at Appalachian State Teachers College:  
Average maximum temperature, 78 degrees.  
Average minimum temperature, 74 degrees.  
Average daily range in temperature, 18 degrees.  
Greatest daily range in temperature, 29 degrees; date, 3rd.  
Average temperature at 6 p. m. (time of observation), 72 degrees.  
Highest temperature reached, 82 degrees; date, 5th.  
Lowest temperature reached, 46 degrees; date, 3rd.  
Number inches of rainfall (including melted snow), 1.02.  
Greatest rainfall in 24 hours, 0.34; date, 5th.  
Number of days with 0.01 inch or more rainfall, 5.  
Number of clear days, 4.  
Number of cloudy days, 2.  
Number of partly cloudy days, 1.  
Direction of prevailing wind, west.

S. L. Kiser, of Bessemer City, reports that limestone is the best fertilizer he has used on his farm after reviewing his results this season.

## Travels from Texas to Boone on Pocket Change

Fred Hodges, 18, son of the late Holland Hodges, of Paris, Texas, arrived in Boone last week for an extended visit with his uncle, R. R. Hodges, and other relatives in Watauga. The young man had "hitchhiked" from the Lone Star State to this city in three days, had made excellent connections and had spent only \$1.35.

Mr. Hodges is now getting his first view of the mountains, and is carried away with their beauty, as well as the delightful climate and the unsurpassed hospitality of Watauga people. He will probably remain here during the month of July.

## CANNON INDICATES HE WILL OPPOSE GOV. ROOSEVELT

Considers Him Outspoken Enemy of 18th Amendment. He May Be for Hoover. Says President's Last Utterance on Subject Set Him Against Repeal. Democracy Is Scored by Politically-minded Bishop.

Lake Junaluska.—Bishop James Cannon Jr., who called the dry conference which led to the organized anti-Smith movement of 1928, indicated here Sunday that he would oppose the election of Franklin Roosevelt, the Democratic presidential nominee.

After reading the report of the board of temperance and social service of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, which said "our people should vote for men and women who believe prohibition should be the law," Bishop Cannon described Roosevelt as an "outspoken enemy of the 18th amendment," and said President Hoover's last statement on the subject recorded him as opposed to repeal of the amendment.

The Methodist bishop spoke in the auditorium of his church's assembly grounds here.

The report of the board of temperance and social service was written by him as its president.

## Sunday School Revival To Begin Next Sunday

The second annual Sunday School revival of the Three Forks Association will open Sunday afternoon, 2:30 o'clock, at Boone Baptist Church. At present fifteen churches have asked for workers. The pastors and superintendents are requested to be at this meeting and secure workers so they can get to the church where they are to work. Officials of the association are anxious to have twenty-five churches in this work, and hope that other churches will yet decide to secure a worker.

These revivals are promoted by the Baptist Sunday School Board and are under the direction of Mr. Perry Morgan, State Sunday School secretary.

## JACOB COXEY NOMINATED BY FARMER-LABOR PARTY

Omaha, Neb.—Members of the executive committee of the farmer-labor party Sunday night chose Jacob S. Coxe of Massillon, Ohio, as their presidential candidate to replace Col. Frank E. Webb of San Francisco and Washington, who was disqualified by the committee several weeks ago.

Roy M. Harrop of Council Bluffs, Iowa, chairman of the committee, announced the vice-presidential candidate will be selected from among the following, among others:

Walter W. Waters, of Portland, Oregon, commander-in-chief of the bonus expeditionary forces now camped in Washington, demanding immediate payment of a cash bonus.

Robert L. McLendon of Vossburg, Miss., prominent in southern activities of the party.

Harrop explained the vice-presidential candidate will be selected by mail vote of the full committee membership.

## NUDIST COLONY ON NEUSE RIVER FALLS THROUGH

Raleigh.—Wake County nudist colony on the Neuse River bank has collapsed. It was found in magistrate's court that two of the three girls arrested were clothed in bathing suits, a little the worse for wear, to be sure, at two tents and in company with four young men. While there had been complaint about the camps, no evidence of nudism or immorality was presented. The magistrate, however, gave the two girls short jail sentences, explaining it was on the somewhat unsavory reputations they have established, not on the camp episode. One of the young men was put under bond on another charge, for having a drink or two of intoxicants in his tent.

## HODGES AWARDED BRICK CONTRACT ON COLLEGE GYM

Work on Three-story Building Expected to Start by 25th, and Will Be Completed in About Forty-five Working Days. Local Contractor Places Low Bid, and All Home Labor Will Be Used. Seven Bids.

W. B. Hodges, Boone contractor, was awarded the contract for raising the three-story brick walls for the new gymnasium on the college campus Tuesday, when Engineer R. F. Coffey received seven bids on the project from contractors located in different parts of the State. The amount of money involved in the low bid was not given out.

Mr. Hodges states that he expects to start work on the walls by the 25th, and that the handsome structure will be finished in so far as the brick work is concerned in about 45 working days. Only local labor will be employed, he said.

The structure will be three stories high, with dimensions of 112x77 feet, and will contain about 275,000 brick. It will represent one of the finest gymnasiums in the State, and will be equipped to thoroughly take care of the college in this respect for years to come. It is stated that the contracts for electric wiring, plumbing, heating and plastering will not likely be let before the walls shall have been completed.

## REYNOLDS WIDOW LEAVES WINSTON

Broadway's Favorite Blues Singer Bids Farewell to Scene of Fatal Tragedy. Mystery of Husband's Death Unsolved.

Winston-Salem.—Libby Holman, who six weeks ago arrived here as the bride of Smith Reynolds, tobacco fortune heir, and mistress of the palatial family estate, stumbled to the steps of a slow passenger train here Tuesday afternoon and began a 16-18 hour journey to her Cincinnati home, a widow sobbing her grief before a small crowd of curious spectators.

Meanwhile from his office in the imposing granite-block courthouse, Sheriff Transon Scott made formal announcement that his investigation of the mysterious pistol death last Wednesday of the 20-year-old Smith Reynolds was not closed. A coroner's jury last night attributed the death, which came after a gay party, to persons unknown.

No members of the Reynolds family accompanied the widow, Broadway's favorite singer of blues songs, to the railway station.

Mrs. Reynolds' departure from Winston-Salem followed days of investigations into the circumstances surrounding the death of her husband, Smith Reynolds, heir to the R. J. Reynolds tobacco millions.

Young Reynolds died from the effects of a pistol ball fired into the head early last Wednesday morning, after numerous friends had been entertained in his home. Evidence introduced tended to show that he had had suicidal intent for some time, was melancholy at periods, and complained on occasion of trouble with his head. There were no witnesses examined who were eye-witnesses to the firing of the fatal shot, and the investigations will continue.

## RECEIVES SERIOUS INJURY WHEN MOTOR TRUCK WRECKS

Mr. Olus Mast, of Sugar Grove, was badly injured Tuesday evening as he was returning to his home at Sugar Grove from a business trip to Boone. The motor truck in which he was riding turned over, it was stated, near the John Hodges home west of town, and both bones of the right arm were broken near the wrist, and the hand seriously cut. Mr. Mast was brought immediately to the offices of Dr. Perry in Boone, where the bones were set and the cuts dressed. There were no other injuries of consequence.

## EDUCATOR'S BODY FOUND

Estes Park, Colo.—Disappearance of the Rev. Thornton R. Sampson, Austin, Texas, educator and friend of Woodrow Wilson, on a fishing trip seventeen years ago was believed solved Sunday with the finding of a skeleton at the foot of a cliff near Odessa Lake.

The skeleton was found by Weldrum Loucks, a member of a trail crew in the Rocky Mountain National Park.

Edmund B. Rogers, park superintendent, said an examination of personal effects lying nearby convinced him the skeleton was that of Dr. Sampson. Among the effects was a diary in which the last notation was made September, 1915.

Park officials said it was apparent the educator had fallen over the cliff.

Haywood County sheep growers pooled 4,800 pounds of wool and shipped it to Elkin recently.

## COLLEGE CLOSES FIRST SUMMER TERM ON FRIDAY

Second Six Weeks Term to Begin on Tuesday. 814 Students Have Taken Training, and Many of Them Will Stay for Second Term. Inquiries and Reservations Pouring Into the Registrar's Office.

The first six-weeks term of the Appalachian State Teachers College summer school will come to a close Friday noon, and a new group of students will arrive over the week-end to register for the second term which will begin next Tuesday. Reservations are being made, and inquiries are pouring into the college offices in great numbers, it is explained, which strengthens the belief that the next term will be quite as fully attended as those of former years.

By a strange coincidence the number enrolled this summer, 814, is the identical number which was registered at the beginning of the summer work last year. Practically seven-eighths of the student body are ladies, coming from six states and representing 84 counties.

College officials point with pride to the accomplishments of the past six weeks, state that intensive work has been done on the part of the teacher-students, and that their attitude toward the college has been splendid.

## PRIMARY RESULT GIVEN BY BOARD

Robert R. Reynolds and John C. B. Ehringhaus Declared Victors in Run-off. Biggs May Resign from Election Board.

Raleigh.—The State Board of Elections Tuesday formally declared Robert R. Reynolds, Asheville anti-prohibitionist, the Democratic nominee for the United States Senate to succeed Senator Cameron Morrison and named John C. B. Ehringhaus of Winston-Salem as gubernatorial nominee.

Reynolds got 227,864 votes in the July 3rd primary for the short term, compared with 129,428 for Morrison, for the long term. Reynolds got 221,869 votes and Morrison 116,012. Reynolds had a majority in 93 of the state's 100 counties and his lead set a new primary record.

Ehringhaus got 182,000 votes and Fountain got 168,917. The Elizabeth City man carried 58 counties.

A. L. Fletcher of Raleigh got 184,293 votes for commissioner of labor to become the nominee over Clarence E. Mitchell of Raleigh, who got 114,072. Fletcher carried 83 counties.

During the meeting of the board it developed that Judge J. Crawford Biggs, the chairman, is under the impression he must resign as he is elected at-large from the State, and Geo. McNeill of Fayetteville must resign because of his nomination to the State Senate. Neither submitted his resignation Tuesday.

## MRS. HARTLEY IS DEAD AT AGE OF 97

One of County's Oldest Ladies Dies at Home in Bamboo Section. Funeral by Rev. Eggers. Nine Children Survive.

Mrs. Nancy Hartley, who had reached the remarkable age of 97 years, and was one of the oldest ladies known to have been living in this county, died at her home in the Bamboo section last Sunday, after an illness developing from the infirmities of her great age. Funeral services were conducted Monday from the Mount Vernon Baptist Church by her pastor, Rev. R. C. Eggers, and interment was in the nearby cemetery.

Mrs. Hartley had been a member of the Baptist denomination since she was 22 years old, having first been affiliated with the old Three Forks Church, and during her active years had been an important figure in the works of the church. She was well and favorably known and her community is saddened by her demise.

Mrs. Hartley was the widow of the late John Hartley, and of the twelve children born to the couple, nine survive.

## ESTABLISH LIVESTOCK MARKET

Messrs. V. L. Hamilton and R. C. Carter, of Bristol, Va., were in town Monday looking after the interests of the Farmers Livestock Market, which they have recently established in their city. Cattle and sheep of all grades, and in any quantity, are sold by them each Saturday on a straight commission basis at the highest market prices. An advertisement carried today gives the results of the sales last week, and these gentlemen respectfully solicit the inquiries of local breeders.

## Wins Chairmanship



James A. Farley, New York City, was rewarded for the winning fight he made as pre-convention manager for Roosevelt by being elected Chairman of the Democratic National Committee to conduct the party campaign.

## CALVIN C. TUCKER PASSES SUDDENLY

Was One of Watauga's Last Soldiers of Union Army. Funeral Wednesday at Pilot Mountain. Widow Survives.

Calvin C. Tucker, 84, one of Watauga's last survivors of the Union army, died suddenly at his Brownwood home on Tuesday of last week. He had been in rather poor health for several months, but was thought to have been somewhat improved when a fatal heart attack occurred.

Funeral services were conducted on Wednesday afternoon at Pilot Mountain Baptist Church, Rev. W. M. Winkler, pastor, presiding, and burial took place in the church cemetery. A large concourse of friends and relatives were present for the rites.

Surviving are the widow, one daughter, Mrs. Ettie Rominger, who lives at Matney; two step-daughters, Mrs. R. F. Vannoy and Mrs. Roe Greer, and one sister, Mrs. Maggie Huffman, of Norfolk, Va.

Mr. Tucker was born and reared in Watauga, and had spent his entire life near the place where he died. He enlisted in the Union army during the War Between the States, and served under General Kirk in the Southern wing. Immediately following the surrender, he returned to Watauga, where he took up the occupation of a farmer.

The deceased man had been a faithful member of the Pilot Mountain Church for more than fifty years, and was one of its most generous supporters. He was a good neighbor and commanded the respect of a wide circle of friends.

## R. F. C. Lends to 141 North Carolina Firms

Washington.—A report of the operations of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation from its formation last February to June 30th, this year, issued Monday, shows that a total of 141 borrowers from North Carolina took advantage of the corporation's loan facilities. Of these, 83 were banks and trust companies, 52 were building and loan associations, four were insurance companies, one was a joint stock land bank, and one a railroad.

The rules and regulations of the corporation do not permit it to specifically name the borrowers, or to give the amounts lent to each borrower.

## Baltimore Couple Are Married at B. Rock

Miss Dean Lindau and Dr. Allan Roos, of New York, were quietly married at the home of Miss Lindau's aunt, Mrs. Moses H. Cone, last Thursday at night.

Edwin N. Hahn, Boone justice of the peace, performed the ceremony. After the ceremony, which was witnessed by the immediate family only, Dr. and Mrs. Roos left for Bermuda. They will make their home in Baltimore, where Dr. Roos is connected with Johns Hopkins.

### TWO FOR ONE SALE

The Watauga Drug Company makes announcement today of its semi-annual two-for-one sale, which begins Thursday and continues for ten days. During this period the Nyal line will feature the displays and medicines and toiletries will be sold at two for the regular price of one.

## TRIAL OF ELECTION CASES SET FOR AUG. 22 AT WILKESBORO

Thirty-nine Watauga Defendants to Receive Hearing Before Judge Johnson Hayes at Special Term of Federal Court. Charges of Fraud Grew Out of 1930 Election. Judge Jackson Assists in Gathering Data.

The Watauga County election fraud cases, in which 33 defendants were indicted by the Federal grand jury in June last year, have been set for trial at a special term of Federal court which will be convened in Wilkesboro on August 22nd by Judge Johnson J. Hayes, it was announced in Greensboro last week.

It was indicated by officials that the cases will be tried before jurors drawn from the Greensboro and Winston-Salem divisions of the district, but no order to this effect has been signed by Judge Hayes. In January, after trial of the cases had been set for Wilkesboro in March, it was said that a special venire of 150 men would be ordered from the two divisions.

Four bills of indictment against the 43 Watauga County residents, alleging infractions of the election laws, were returned by the Federal grand jury in June, 1931, and trial of cases was transferred to Wilkesboro upon motion of the defense counsel. The indictments charge the defendants with irregularities in the 1930 elections in Laurel Creek, Boone, Stony Fork and Cove Creek townships. Thirty-nine Watauga County officials are indicted among the defendants.

Trial of the cases will probably be prolonged. The government is said to have issued subpoenas for seventy-five witnesses, while the defense counsel have indicated that they will subpoena approximately 100 witnesses for their clients.

Continuance of the so-called election fraud cases to an indefinite date was ordered by Judge Hayes at the conclusion of a hearing held in Greensboro on March 15. The continuance was ordered after the court had denied a prior petition of the defense for a postponement of the trials. When the cases had been transferred to the Wilkesboro division in January of this year, it was stipulated that the cases would be called at a special term of court at Wilkesboro during March. However, another continuance to an undetermined date was ordered by Judge Hayes for the convenience of defense counsel.

Judge Dan M. Jackson, specially assigned by the Department of Justice to assist in the cases, spent several weeks in North Carolina conducting a thorough investigation in Watauga County and in preparation of the government's case in the office of the district attorney at Greensboro.

## Gentlemen of Faculty Entertain the Ladies

On Monday evening the gentlemen of the faculty of Appalachian State Teachers College entertained their wives, children, and the lady members of the faculty with a picnic supper on Green Hill at Blowing Rock. The unusual feature of the occasion was that the men did all the work. They bought the provisions, provided transportation, planned, cooked and served the supper. While the picnic was being spread, Dr. Dougherty entertained the ladies with negro stories.

The guests voted the occasion a great success. About fifty men, women and children were in attendance.

## GILLETTE, MAN WHO MADE SHAVING SAFE, DIES AT 87

Los Angeles.—King C. Gillette, the man who invented the safety razor and whose picture was known in every country of the world, passed away at his ranch home at 3 a. m. Sunday.

He was 87 years old. His wife, formerly Alanta E. Gaines, of Ohio, and his son, King C. Gillette Jr., were with him when he died.

More than 35 years ago Gillette conceived the idea that was to make him a multi-millionaire and famous throughout the world.

A salesman for a bottle stopper company at that time, he was riding on a swaying railway train and trying to shave with an old-style razor when he was seized with a determination to invent a razor that could be used satisfactorily under all conditions.

In 1901, six years after the incident on the swaying railway train, the first safety razor ever manufactured appeared on the market. The invention did not, however, receive immediate favor with the then b. male population of the world. Only fifty razors were sold that year.

The following year, however, 90,000 of the new razors were sold and with them went 100,000 blades. From then on sales increased rapidly and in 1930 the Gillette factory turned out razor number 115,272,539.