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MEET THE DOCTOR!

Doctor Albert Hartman, native of New Orleans, graduate of Johns Hopkins...

This may all seem strange to you, dear reader, and the old Sketch Man is willing to admit that he is slightly overcome by this strange whim of fate that would toss a gent from the top rung of fame into the uncertain vocation of a window scrubber.

Perhaps many of those who come in contact with the old doc will turn skeptical ears to his story. Maybe they will tell him openly that he's crazy in the head...

Doc is not seeking sympathy, nor-sir-ee!... he does his work, collects his pay, buys his own grub, and coffee almost by the gallon...

And does he like Huey Long? When asked his private opinion of the Pelican State's one and only Kingfish, Doc went into action: "Why Huey Long is a Garibaldi, a Thomas Jefferson, a Daniel Webster, a Napoleon, a Teddy Roosevelt, a Billy Sunday and a Jack Sharkey, all tied up in one volume..."

At this point someone asked Doc why he had forsaken his medical practice for the trade of a window washer, and he told his questioner outright that he'd been given the royal bounce from a position at the Louisiana Charity Hospital...

Well, Doc Hartman, who handles the King's English with a cultured abandon, spent the night in a "side-door pullman" down on the tracks, with a few newspapers and a frayed blanket over his fragile form.

YES, WE SAW:

A couple of petulant parcels of feminine pulchritude, attired in swank outfits, riding a couple of "Dobbins" along the main drag, and as they passed, a trio of backwash-damosels passed an over-size package of dear old Bruton's favorite Scotch, filled their sweet, sweet

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MRS. DOUGHTON FELICITATED BY MR. ROOSEVELT

Mrs. Rebecca Doughton, mother of Congressman Robert L. and Hon. R. A. Doughton, was felicitated recently by President Roosevelt upon having attained her ninety-fifth birthday.

LEGION FEAT TO FEATURE FOURTH OF JULY IN BOONE

Legionnaires Plan Celebration of Day in Approved Style. Parade, Racing, Baseball, Boxing, Pig Races Some of Attractions. Refreshment Facilities on Grounds. Flat Admission Entitles One to All Entertainment.

Plans for the Fourth of July celebration sponsored by the Watauga Post American Legion are practically completed and a program of the day's festivities has been released by the committee on arrangements, and the sponsors believe that they have completed a round of entertainment which will be thoroughly enjoyed at a price which will enable all to participate.

The day's festivities are to get under way at 9:45 a. m. when a parade will be formed, with prizes offered for the most attractively decorated automobile and truck. Baseball of the Watauga League brand will be played at 10 o'clock; potato races, sack races, etc., will feature the noon hour; feature boxing bouts are billed for 12:30 and two official league baseball games will follow.

An aeroplane has been secured to make flights during the day and there will be other attractions. An admission fee of 25 cents will be charged, and will admit one adult to the College Athletic Field where all entertainment is provided.

Refreshments may be secured there and there will be no occasion for one leaving the grounds during the day.

MUSIC CAMP OPENS

Banner Elk.—The Southern Appalachian Music Camp opened its second season here Monday, under the direction of W. F. Warlick of Conover and Christian D. Kutschinski, of Winston-Salem. The camp will last until August 7th, and is for champion boy and girl high school musicians of the South. They will give their opening concert at Banner Elk next Saturday.

BUSINESS UPTURN SHOWN AS HUM OF WHEELS IS HEARD

County Superintendent Smith Hagan believes that the long-looked-for corner has been reached and that prosperity in a large way is practically at hand. Mr. Hagan returned last week from a visit down state and especially noted the manufacturing activity. On a visit to the plants of the Chatham Manufacturing Company he was told that the blanket kings were doing the biggest business of their career.

Mr. F. H. Coffey, president of the Southern Furniture Manufacturing Association, and prominent Lenoir manufacturer, had about the same story for the local school head. His plant is running full blast, day and night, orders are coming in faster than they can be handled, and the market price is advancing so rapidly that Mr. Coffey's principal problem is to know at what price to bill the finished product.

lips, and looked skeptically after the equestrians.

BUILDING & LOAN MAILED CHECKS FOR \$5,000 IN INTEREST

Local Association Makes Payments on Time Despite Fairly Good Condition of Business. Letter Sent Out Calls Attention to Remarkable Record of Co-operative Enterprise. New Series Open First of July.

Dividend checks, in the aggregate of about \$5,000, were mailed out last Friday from the offices of the Watauga Building and Loan Association, to holders of prepaid stock in the institution. These checks were drawn in the names of 200 investors scattered throughout the county, and represented semi-annual earnings at the rate of 5 per cent.

A letter signed by W. H. Gragg, secretary, accompanied the checks, and called the attention of the investors to the fact that Building and Loan is still worth 100 cents in the dollar and that the dividend, due July 1st, was paid on time, in fact, ahead of time. Building and Loan, it was pointed out, furnishes the only security that continues to hold its high value during the years of depression when all other stocks and bonds have suffered the greatest slumps in history, many becoming worthless and the best of them paying little or no dividends.

A new series of Associational stock opens on the first of July, and Mr. Gragg believes that the record of the institution, covering a period of thirteen years of service to home builders, guarantees that the bright prospects for the new series will reach plentiful fruition.

LOCAL MEN NAMED ON DRY COMMITTEE

Clyde R. Greene, Revs. McKaughan and Greene of Watauga Named on State Central Committee of United Prohibition Forces.

Clyde R. Greene and Rev. Tipton Greene of Boone, and Rev. J. A. McKaughan of Sherman were named as members of the State central committee when the United Dry Forces met in Raleigh last week and following their appointment are awaiting further orders before they know just what part they will be expected to play in the campaign launched to keep North Carolina in the dry column at the fall election.

There were 200 members of the committee, and they were appointed without regard to county lines. Some counties, it is said, had more than a proportionate representation, while others had no names in the list. Local members of the committee state that they can take no definite action in the campaign until a later meeting of the dry forces is held, at which time organization plans will be laid out. However, they do aver that whether or not they head the campaign in Watauga County or whether their organization activities are directed in other territory, they will naturally be very much concerned as to Watauga County remaining in the dry column.

THE WEATHER

Weather report for week ending June 24th, as compiled by the Co-operative Station at Appalachian State Teachers College:

- Average maximum temperature, 83 degrees. Average minimum temperature, 59 degrees. Average temperature, 71 degrees. Average daily range in temperature, 24 degrees. Greatest daily range in temperature, 32 degrees; date, 22nd. Average temperature at 6 p. m. (time of observation), 76 degrees. Highest temperature reached, 82 degrees; date, 22nd. Lowest temperature reached, 54 degrees; date, 20th. Total precipitation, in inches, 0.53. Greatest precipitation in 24 hours, 0.53; date, 24th. Number of days with 0.01 inch or more precipitation, 1. Number of clear days, 5. Number of partly cloudy days, 0. Number of cloudy days, 2.

STORES TO CLOSE ON 4th

All stores of the city, with the possible exception of drug stores, will be closed Tuesday for the fourth, according to information coming from a representative merchant Tuesday. Cafes will, of course, be open as usual.

The curb market, established at Lenoir, Caldwell County, eight months ago, is now selling over \$500 worth of farm produce each month. There are 21 farm families that sell each market day.

Watauga Bank May Open Soon; Loan Expected To Be Approved By R. F. C.

Our Industrial Boss



General Hugh S. Johnson, administrator of the Federal Industrial Act, at his desk in Commerce headquarters at Washington, where he started the wheels turning in our new industrial era.

Officials of the Watauga County Bank made a trip to Raleigh last week, conferring with heads of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation relative to perfecting what is believed to be the final detail for the opening of the institution closed since March 4th.

The application for the loan of a sum of money has been forwarded to Washington, it was stated, and should an approval come forth soon it is generally believed that the bank should be able to resume its normal functions within two or three more weeks. The R. F. C. officials interviewed thought well of the collateral being offered, and was ratiher of the opinion that the proposed loan would meet final approval.

This, according to members of the directorate, is the last step thought necessary for the opening, and when the loan is approved, officials will apply to Commissioner of Banks Gurney P. Hood for permission to reopen.

The organization at the local bank has been working hard, it is stated, getting notes renewed, interest paid, and working out the manifold details to meet the requirements which had been laid down by Mr. Hood.

Real Estate Trade Active; Many Building Projects

Watt H. Gragg, local realtor and secretary of the Watauga Building and Loan Association, states that real estate transfers are being made, building is going forward throughout this section, much repair work being done, and that activity along these lines is decidedly more favorable than at any time since the boom days of 1929. Investors are coming to his office in great numbers from outside sources, and it looks as if Watauga dirt is soon to be at a premium.

Mr. Gragg has recently sold the Hill Wright property to Lee Teague; Spencer Miller has bought two lots west of Boone on No. 60, and J. L. Harrison has traded for a residence above the A. E. South property.

Among those who are taking advantage of present low prices to provide themselves with homes, is Robert F. Coffey, who is just completing a handsome stone residence in Cherry Park. R. L. Clay is engaged in the construction of a native stone house, while J. T. C. Wright and W. G. Hartzog have revamped the old Cottrell store building and rented it as an apartment house. Grady Greer is rushing work on a brick house east of Boone, and a Mr. Kirkman has completed a home on Hardin Street. Besides this, many residents are making permanent improvements on their premises, and painters and carpenters are busy.

Watauga Hospital Soon To Be Ready To Occupy

Watauga Hospital, being built on former College property by joint subscription of the State and the Duke Endowment Fund, is to be completed and ready for occupancy in the near future, according to information coming from Smith Hagan, president of the Board of Trustees of the institution.

A representative of the Duke interests will be in Boone this week, checking up on construction details, and information is that the money will be available at any time with which to complete the building. All details are agreed upon except as to the really. Since the enterprise is on a fifty-fifty basis between the State and the Dukes, it is necessary that the State land adopted shall be appraised. This will be done by a joint committee, and settlement made upon the basis of their decision.

The walls to the hospital building have been completed and the structure enclosed for a long time, and now the way is open for rapid completion. The structure is designed as a 50-bed hospital, is constructed of brick, and will be thoroughly modern in every respect.

MISS LUCINDA LOWE NO RECORDERS PASSES ON SUNDAY COURT ON FOURTH

Banner Elk Lady Succumbs in Her Eighty-second Year. Survived by Brother and Sist. Burial Took Place on Monday.

Miss Lucinda C. Lowe, one of the oldest residents of Banner Elk, died there Sunday, in her eighty-second year. Death was caused by heart trouble. Miss Lowe was found unconscious in her house by one of her nephews, and died one hour later, without recovering consciousness. She was the daughter of G. A. and Rebecca Lowe, was born in Henry County, Virginia, May 13, 1852, and moved to Banner Elk with her parents in 1876, where she lived ever since. One sister and two of her six brothers, survive her. They are Mrs. Henry N. Banner, of Oklahoma; G. L. Lowe, of Missouri, and R. L. Lowe of Banner Elk.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at the Banner Elk Presbyterian Church, of which Miss Lowe was an active member, and were conducted by the Rev. Marion Murray.

Miss Lowe was a widely-known and loved member of the Banner Elk community, as well as one of its pl-

No sessions of Recorders Court will be held next Tuesday, on account of the fourth of July, and Solicitor Chas. T. Zimmerman asks that all those who are supposed to report at this time for the purpose of proving up on good behavior bonds, not to report to the court until Tuesday, July 11. Mr. Zimmerman states that the court has caught up with its docket and that there appears to have been a noticeable decrease in crime within the past few weeks.

Only one case came up for trial on Tuesday, that of the State against Bruce Long, who was arraigned on a charge of violation of the dry laws. Long was fined \$10 and assessed with the costs in the action.

She was especially noted for her interest in flowers, having one of the finest flower gardens in the village, and for her devotion to church work, in which she was active all her long life. Many nephews and nieces survive her.

600,000 BUSHELS ESTIMATE LOCAL FIELD POTATOES

Buyer in County Has Offered Contract for Potatoes at \$1.00 Per cwt. and Price Expected to Go Higher. Huge Crop Would Pay Off Notes, if All Profit. 45,000 Tons of Cabbage Estimated.

Despite late frosts and continued dry weather in some sections of the county, prospects for a bumper crop of potatoes, cabbage and the like, continue bright in this section, according to farmers, who predict that at market time prices for their products will be at a decidedly higher level.

A man who has a great interest in Watauga County agriculturally and who at the same time possesses a mighty passion for figures, which generally don't lie, says that the acreage seeded to Irish potatoes in Watauga County this year should yield 600,000 bushels. One buyer has already offered to sign contracts at \$1.00 per bushel, so if the figures on the yield are correct, six hundred thousand dollars would be the minimum gross income. It was further observed that should this amount be net profit, it would practically pay the notes held at local banks. The same informant continues his line of reasoning with the statement that even more than this amount may be realized from 45,000 tons of cabbage which he expects to bring at least \$15 a ton, to say nothing of 200 acres of Burley tobacco, which is certain of a favorable market, and not considering corn, onions and others of the crops which have not gained widespread favor in this region.

The season has been extremely dry in some sections of the county, but no material damage is thought to have resulted on that score. The late frosts, however, did do considerable damage on river bottom plantations.

B. & L. MEETING AT BLOWING ROCK

Dr. Dougherty Delivers Address of Welcome at Convention. Sessions to Be Held for Three Days at the Mayview Manor.

The thirtieth annual meeting of the North Carolina Building and Loan League convened at Mayview Manor Wednesday morning for a three-day session. The invocation was said by Rev. J. A. Yount of Boone, while Dr. E. B. Dougherty appeared in an address of welcome, responded to by W. A. Fonvielle of Wilmington. J. E. Brinn of Sanford gave the president's address and L. B. Leftwich of Winston-Salem will speak on "Handling Delinquent Payments and Foreclosed Real Estate."

This morning there are to be addresses by Professor Robert S. Rankin, of Duke University; A. H. Eller, of Winston-Salem; and W. P. Jacobs, of Clinton, S. C. Informal discussions will follow both Friday afternoon and Thursday morning meetings. Thursday afternoon will be given over to outdoor recreation, which will include a golf tournament.

Thursday at eight o'clock a banquet will be held in the main dining room, at which David Owens, general manager of the J. B. Ivey Company in Charlotte, will speak on "Stressing Our Specialties."

At the closing sessions on Friday morning O. K. LaRogue, Deputy Insurance Commissioner of North Carolina, will speak on "The Past, Present and Future of Building and Loan in North Carolina"; the Hon. Heriot Clarkston, associate justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court, will speak on "Work"; and Thomas W. Ellet, executive vice-president of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Winston-Salem, will speak on "The Relation of the Home Loan Bank to Building and Loan Associations in Future Home Financing." Reports of committees and election of officers will conclude the meetings.

Mr. W. H. Gragg of Boone, secretary of the Watauga Building and Loan Association, is attending the sessions, and was the man responsible for bringing the convention to Blowing Rock. He extended the invitation at the last meeting at Wilmington, had strong opposition, but finally won his point over another city.

TWO SESSIONS OF MUSIC CAMP

Banner Elk.—W. F. Warlick, dean of the Southern Appalachian Music Camp, announced Tuesday that the camp will hold a second term, beginning July 10th and ending August 7th. The camp is for student musicians of the South. Christian D. Kutschinski, of Winston-Salem, is musical director of the camp, which is held each summer at Banner Elk.