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HOME COMING IS TO BE FEATURED BY MANY EVENTS

Former Students of Appalachian State Teachers College Will Gather on the 21st, and Detailed Program Has Been Drafted for the Home Coming Event. Andrew H. Casey Will Preside.

Saturday, October 21st, has been designated as Home-Coming Day at the Appalachian State Teachers College, and an interesting program has been worked out for the event when hundreds of those who were educated at Appalachian in the old days will gather and treat themselves to fond memories of the past, and pleasant reflections on the miraculous growth of their Alma Mater.

Andrew H. Casey, North Wilkesboro attorney, will preside at the meeting which is scheduled to begin at 10 a. m. and there will be a number of speeches and three-minute talks prior to the serving of a plate lunch at central dining hall during the noon hour. Football games, recitals, etc., will feature the afternoon event, and what is described as the most outstanding gridiron battle in the history of Appalachian will get under way when Piedmont College, will bring to the campus its strong Georgia team, to furnish the Mountaineers their fiercest tilt of the season.

The home-coming program is published in full:

Program for the Day

Beginning at 10 a. m., song by the audience; prayer, A. J. Greene, welcome address, V. C. Howell; "The Growth and Work of the College," Ira T. Johnson; song, "North Carolina Hills," led by I. G. Greer; "Future of the College," B. B. Dougherty; song, "Alma Mater," by students.

Three-minute speeches: I. G. Greer, superintendent of Mills Home; W. E. Austin, attorney of Jefferson; Wesley M. Bagby, principal Cranberry High School; C. B. Eller, county superintendent of Wilkes County; J. M. Cheek, county superintendent of Alleghany County; S. F. Horton, principal of Cove Creek High School; E. D. Wilson, county superintendent of Yancey County; Sloan Payne, superintendent of Alexander County; W. F. Robinson, county superintendent of Davie County; A. V. Nolan, county superintendent of McDowell; Clyde Erwin, county superintendent of Rutherford; T. H. Cash, superintendent of Forsyth.

At 12:00 o'clock a plate lunch will be served in the central dining hall; 1:30, variety football, Appalachian vs. Piedmont College; 3:00, freshman football, Appalachian vs. Lees-McRae College; 8:00 recital in voice and expression, directors, Miss Virginia Wary and Mrs. Maitland Thompson Linney.

HOME ECONOMICS CLASS OF COVE CREEK AGAIN AT WORK

The Home Economics Class of the Cove Creek High School has been doing some very interesting work for the past week. The second year girls all have their woolen dresses cut out and some sewing done on them. The first year girls are still working on their aprons, but now have them about completed.

Last Thursday we spent the day in Boone visiting several business places. We were taken through the kraft factory, the Woodcraft Novelty Company and several business houses. We attended chapel at the college and visited the college dining hall and the power and heating plant.

The Home Economics Club met on Friday afternoon at the regular time, and the following program was rendered:

Song, by the class; Bible story, by Ruth Johnson; story of Columbus, by Josephine Bradley; Columbus Day exercise, Roxanna Bingham and Virginia Donnelly; song, "America," by the class; styles for this winter, by Edith Thomas; jokes, Cora Lee Tester.

The program was enjoyed by everyone. We then adjourned to meet again next Friday afternoon.—Vivian Fox, reporter.

MRS. BROWN TO TARBORO

Mrs. Evelyn Saddler Brown, who for the past three years has been doing young people's work for the Presbyterian Church in this community, left the first of the week for Tarboro, where she will continue with her church activities. Mrs. Brown has been engaged for the most part while here in religious work among the membership of her church at the college. Many friends acquired by her here will be hopeful that she may be returned to this field later on.

Mrs. J. L. Reece underwent a minor operation at the Hagaman Linsley Clinic on Sunday.

In "Ike" Hoover's Job



Above is Raymond Muir, newly appointed White House usher, who will take over the duties of the late "Ike" Hoover, who died recently.

LOCAL DRY FORCES CONDUCT THREE RALLIES SUNDAY

Attorneys W. R. Lovill and T. E. Bingham, Rev. Roy Dotson Among Those Who Swung Into Campaign. Much Interest Reported in Prohibition Cause. Attention Called to One-Day Registration.

The United Prohibition Forces of Watauga County held three rousing meetings last Sunday, Senator W. R. Lovill taking the dry cause to a large audience at Beaver Dam Church, Attorney T. E. Bingham speaking at Silverton and Rev. Roy Dotson presenting the issues at Proffitt Grove Church.

Publicly Chairman Clyde R. Greene points to an ever-increasing interest in the dry cause, and states that it is the purpose of his organization to take the campaign into every nook and corner of the county before election day on November 7th, some two of three speeches having been arranged for strategic points by well known drys.

One-Day Registration. Mr. Greene wishes to call attention of all township chairmen and others interested to the fact that only one day is provided for registration, October 28, and urges all who have reached their majority since the last election or those who have moved since, to register or transfer as the case may be on that day. There will be no other opportunity, he emphasizes, and opines that there may be some people in the county, who for one reason or another have not registered or voted heretofore. These are especially urged to register and vote.

Sunday's Meetings. Dry meetings will be held at the following places on next Sunday, October 22, at 2:30 p. m.: Forest Grove Church in Beaver Dam Township; Skyland Church in Blowing Rock Township; Howard's Creek Church in Boone Township; Matney Church in Shawneehaw Township; Zion Hill Church in Laurel Creek Township; Deep Gap School in Stony Fork Township; Brushy Fork Church in Boone Township; Old Mt. Pleasant Church in Meat Camp Township.

Government Pork to Be Dispensed in State

Raleigh.—About 650,000 pounds of pork, slaughtered under the direction of the National Recovery Administration and taken from the market to bolster prices, has been allotted by the office of Mrs. Thomas O'Berry, State relief administrator, for distribution to the needy in North Carolina.

Under the plan of distribution the State is divided into 18 districts, with some city or town centrally located designated as distribution center, or shippings point, for the district. The districts embrace from three to ten counties, based somewhat on population, and the usual allotment for each of the districts is around 30,000 lbs. Some of them, however, with larger populations, are allotted as high as 60,000 pounds.

In some of the larger counties allotment is made to the larger city, and another allotment to the county.

District No. 4, with North Wilkesboro as the distribution center, embracing eight counties, has been allotted 29,984 pounds of the pork, of which Watauga County is to receive 4,095 pounds.

SHERIFF MADRON INJURED

Possibly serious internal injuries were suffered by Sheriff K. D. Madron of Johnson County, when the car in which he was riding was struck by a truck loaded with coal on the Laurel highway. Reports indicate that the car, after striking the truck, turned over several times, pinning the sheriff underneath.

BOARD RULES TO PLACE MR. MAST ON THE BALLOT

Tangle as to Whether or Not Dry Candidate Had Met the Terms of Election Law Is Adjusted When Telegram is Presented Local Board From State Chairman, Recommending Act.

W. W. Mast, well known Valle Crucis merchant and official of the Watauga County Bank, will receive the votes of the drys when the prohibition question is balloted upon November 7th. This became certain Thursday afternoon when the Watauga County Election Board ruled him a legal nominee, following receipt of a telegram by R. S. Swift, the chairman, from H. P. McLendon, chairman of the State Board of Elections, recommending such action.

When the filing time closed on the 7th and it was determined that Mr. Mast had failed to file notice of his candidacy and declaration of his stand upon the prohibition question, many repeals and antis concurred in the opinion that he was no technically entitled to a place on the ticket.

Referred to State Chairman. Mr. Swift wired the chairman of the State Board of Elections as to what action to take, and when the local board was called together a reply was submitted wherein Major McLendon recommended the inclusion of Mr. Mast's name on the official election ballot. This settled the argument and a motion by G. C. Robbins to the effect that Mr. Mast be considered the dry nominee, was carried without dissent.

Neither Giady Moretz, repeal candidate, nor Mr. Mast has shown any signs of making any strong personal fight for the favor of the electorate, although the dry campaign continues with meetings being held weekly in different sections of the county.

Only One Day to Register This Year

Electors wishing to participate in the wet-dry election November 7th are reminded that there is only one day provided for registration, Saturday, October 28th. The books will be open in each of the fourteen voting precincts in the county for one day only, and it is important that new voters appear on that day if they wish to exercise the right of the franchise when the repeal voting starts. Those citizens whose names are already on the books do not have to re-register.

E. W. THOMPSON DIES SUDDENLY

Man Who Developed Hydraulic Plant on Watauga Passes Suddenly in Knoxville. Responsible for Electric Service at Blowing Rock.

A beated communication tells of the death of Edward William Thompson, 51, former Watauga County citizen and electrical engineer, who died suddenly in Knoxville, Tenn., on August 28th.

Mr. Thompson was a native of Louisiana but came to Blowing Rock in 1922 on a honeymoon trip. Mr. Walter Alexander was developing Mayview at that time and induced Mr. Thompson to finance and construct an electric power plant near Shulls Mills on the Watauga River, build a transmission line and install a distribution system in Blowing Rock. Several years later he returned to Louisiana but the plant he built continues to serve the people of Blowing Rock, Valle Crucis, Vilas, Shulls Mills, Sugar Grove and Amantha.

Mr. Thompson had a B. S. degree from the University of Nashville, a Bachelor of Engineering from Tulane, as well as Master of Engineering, and had a full membership in the American Society of Mechanical Engineering. He worked in Cuba and constructed there the largest sugar mill in the world.

Deceased was one of the foremost engineers of this country, and during his brief sojourn in Watauga County attached himself to a wide circle of friends who will hear of his untimely death with sorrow.

FRED McDANIEL FOUND GUILTY

Fred McDaniel, one of the occupants of the Blue Goose Barbecue at the time Chief Hill Hagaman was fatally wounded in conducting a search of the premises for whiskey, came before Judge Sudderth Tuesday on charges of violating the prohibition laws in connection with 22 pints of intoxicants found in the raid. McDaniel was found guilty as charged, but the Recorder held judgment open until the next session of his court.

Lonnie Ward was arraigned on a charge of assault with deadly weapon, was sentenced to six months on the roads, and filed notice of appeal to the Superior Court.

Violet Adams Denied Bail; State Connects Her With Slaying Of Police Officer

"I Handed Him the Gun," Quotation of Youthful Witness Ascribes to Girl Defendant; Deputy Farthing Also Damaging Witness; Defense Puts Up Gallant Fight for Accused Girl.

Violet Adams, slender, dark-eyed Caldwell County girl of nineteen summers, was returned to the county jail without the privilege of bail Monday afternoon, where she will remain until the spring term of Watauga Superior Court to answer charges of complicity in the death of Chief of Police Hill Hagaman, who was mortally wounded as he participated in a raid on a roadside barbeque stand two weeks ago.

The mild-mannered defendant was without any evidence of emotion as Esquire Edwin N. Hahn pronounced the words which withheld her freedom for at least five more months, and forbode grim consequences should the higher tribunal in turn find her an accessory in the drama of stark tragedy which took the life of Hill Hagaman, and the liberty of Rufe Lewis into whose hands Violet Adams was alleged to have thrust the death-dealing automatic.

THE HEARING

A larger crowd than usual for a preliminary hearing met at the courthouse Monday to hear the evidence presented. Lovill and Zimmerman appeared for the State while John E. Brown and Robert W. Pulliam put up a heroic defense.

Deputy Sheriff Albert Farthing, who accompanied the late Officer Hagaman to the Blue Goose late in

the evening of the 4th, recited the well-known facts regarding the occurrences which led up to the firing of the fatal shots. His testimony was frequently interrupted by defense counsel, as they objected time and again to legal details involved. However, the story of Mr. Farthing was to the effect that when he and Mr. Hagaman arrived on the scene, Violet Adams, Rufe Lewis and Bill Bingham, a customer, were the only occupants of the portion of the roadhouse where travelers were entertained.

The search was instituted, according to the witness, and twenty-two pints of whiskey found in the ceiling under a window. Fred McDaniel, one of the proprietors of the place, was found in an adjoining room, and he, Lewis and the woman were arrested.

Officer Farthing was guarding the three while Hagaman continued the search in an adjoining room. The Adams woman went to the curtain separating the two rooms and called repeatedly to Lewis to join her. Later it was testified that they had whispered words, not understood by the officers, and that after Lewis had gone into the room where Hagaman was continuing the search, two shots were heard.

Aside from the statement as to the unintelligible conversation and subsequent

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Citizens To Gather To Launch Campaign For Law Observance

Organized with Educational Campaign Against Crime Wave; Court and Mayor Endorse Movement; Rev. Armbrust of North Wilkesboro Will Be Principal Speaker at County-wide Mass Meeting to Be Held Here Next Monday Afternoon.

Under the auspices of a citizens committee a mass meeting is announced which will be held in the courthouse in Boone Monday afternoon, October 23rd, the primary purpose of which is to discuss conditions as they exist today, and to form an organization for the dissemination of information and to educate the people to a wider observance of the laws of the municipal, State and Federal governments.

Rev. J. H. Armbrust, prominent North Wilkesboro minister and chairman of the Wilkes County Citizens Association Against Crime, will deliver the principal address of the occasion, and various local figures are expected to take part in the movement which is expected to result ultimately in curbing the widespread disregard for laws, which has been so manifest throughout the nation.

All citizens of this county who are interested in the development of a better citizenship are being urged to attend the meeting, and ways and means of combating the crime wave and to lay plans for an educational campaign for a more widespread disposition to observe all laws, will be discussed.

The advertising matter calling attention to the mass meeting carries the names of Judge G. M. Sudderth, Solicitor Charles Zimmerman, Mayor J. F. Moore, Sheriff A. Y. Howell and Rev. J. A. Yount.

The meeting will begin at 2:30 o'clock.

LOCAL CLOTHING STORE TO PRESENT FREE MOVIE

Final arrangements have been made for the showing of the "Yankee Don" film feature, under the auspices of the Five to Five Store and the Central Shoe Company of St. Louis, makers of the famous Robin Hood Shoes for children. The children of the vicinity are all invited to attend this big party and enjoy this picture free.

Every girl and boy is invited, and the management hopes that everyone will attend this big show. Remember, it is free, and souvenirs and lovely prizes will be distributed to the winners holding the lucky numbers of the attendance prizes.

Don't forget the date, October 19, at 10 a. m., given at the Pastime Theatre. Come and enjoy a picture of real entertainment. Tickets may be obtained at the Five to Five Store.

Four Avery County cabbage growers co-operated to sell 12,000 pounds of nicely grown heads at a fair profit over local price.

HEAVY BUYING IS NOTED IN RETAIL LINES PAST WEEK

Buy Now Campaign and Bargain Carnival Unite to Bring Large Groups of Shoppers to Town. Event Continues Throughout the Week With Numbers of Valuable Prizes to Be Given at Close of Event.

Boone merchants practically without exception agreed that retail sales had shown steady gains throughout the past week, and on Saturday, the opening of the Buy Now Campaign and Fall Bargain Carnival, found local stores crowded with shoppers, many of whom came from far distant points to partake of the unusual bargains being offered by local business men, in an effort to do a share toward national trade revival.

This trade territory had been covered by an intensive advertising campaign preliminary to the opening of the buying drive, and Saturday reminded one of the last Saturday before Christmas. Many merchants reported sales quite as heavy as those experienced during the holiday period last year, and the outlook for heavy buying this week, as the home stretch of the Bargain Carnival is approached, is bright.

Prizes to Be Given. Saturday evening a number of valuable prizes, including wearing apparel, articles of furniture, etc., are being offered as a grand climax to the buying drive. The prize list is headed by two awards totaling thirty dollars in cash, and the entire offering is on display in a window next the theatre. The prizes are awarded on a basis of trade coupons distributed by participating merchants, who declare there are plenty of bargains left and that the offerings are quite as attractive during the present week.

Reports from over the nation indicate that the first week of General Johnson's campaign has gone over big, and from inquiries by The Democrat, Boone reflected a full share in the returning prosperity.

Rev. J. A. Downs of Lenoir Dies Monday

Rev. J. A. Downs, widely known minister of the Advent Christian Church, died Monday afternoon at his home in Lenoir. Funeral services had not been arranged as this is written.

Rev. Downs had served as pastor of the Advent Christian Church in Charlotte, Chicago, Augusta and Live Oaks, Fla., and at the time of his death was pastor of Central Avenue Advent Christian Church in Lenoir.

The minister was well known in Watauga County where he had been a frequent visitor during the past years, and had made numbers of friends in this community.

NEW SUBSCRIPTIONS

Following are the names of those who have, within the past few days, subscribed to the Watauga Democrat or renewed their subscriptions:

- Mrs. Mary E. Carroll, Boone; Jas. Council, Boone; H. Neal Blair, Boone; Miss Jennie Coffey, Boone; Mrs. John Clawson, Boone; Bedford Greene of Boone; Dr. J. M. Gaither, Boone; Cecil Miller, Boone; A. E. South, Boone; L. D. Woodard, Boone; Mrs. J. F. Hardin, Boone; Miss Jennie Todd, Boone; Mrs. John Howell, Boone; C. E. Smathers, Rutherford; Mrs. J. L. Winkler, Boone; Wiley Norris, Boone; T. J. Norris, Boone; Roscoe Brown, Boone; B. R. Brown, Boone; George A. Wilson, Boone; W. L. Holshouser, Blowing Rock; J. C. Storie, Blowing Rock; Mrs. Ruth Miller, Blowing Rock; Henry Auton, Blowing Rock; Mary L. Castle, Blowing Rock; Mrs. Elliott Daingerfield, New York; R. W. Smith, Deep Gap; H. S. Steelman, Deep Gap; H. R. Maltha, Shulls Mills; A. J. Greene, Vilas; J. W. Ward, Vilas; Coy I. Billings, Vilas; A. D. Henson, Vilas; Edith Hampton, Lexington; Carl O. Story, Lynn; Miss Dare Maltha, Trenton, N. J.; Dr. J. E. Billings, Fairmont, Ga.; John A. Floyd, Nashville, Tenn.; I. N. Corpening, Lynn Creek, Mo.

THE WEATHER

Weather report for week ending October 14, as compiled by the Co-operative station at A. S. T. C. Average maximum temperature, 65 degrees. Average minimum temperature, 37 degrees. Average temperature, 51 degrees. Average daily range in temperature 28 degrees. Greatest daily range in temperature, 40 degrees; date, 11th. Average temperature at 6 p. m. (time of observation), 55 degrees. Highest temperature reached, 74 degrees; date, 12th. Lowest temperature reached, 30 degrees; date, 11th, 14th. Number of clear days, 6. Number of cloudy days, 1. Date of killing frost, 11th.