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### FOREST RESERVE IS SOUGHT FOR MOUNTAIN AREA

North Wilkesboro Men in Washington in Interest of Proposed Park Area in Watauga, Wilkes and Caldwell Counties. 40,000-Acre Tract of Elk Creek Lumber Company Would Furnish Nucleus for Project.

A national forest reserve for Watauga, Wilkes and Caldwell counties, built around the vast holdings of the Elk Creek Lumber Company on the south side of the mountains, is being sponsored by citizens of North Wilkesboro, it has been learned here.

Attorney W. H. McElwee and Mr. Floyd C. Forester of that city have just returned from Washington where their proposal was laid before the proper Federal officials, and information is that Congressman Robert L. Doughton is interested in and supporting the proposal. The 40,000-acre tract of timber land, known as the Elk Creek Lumber Company property, better known in this locality as the Grandin property, would be the nucleus for the proposed reserve, it is said.

Mr. McElwee visited Mr. Yarbel, assistant head of the Forest Reserve Department, and there it was disclosed that the purchase of the Elk Creek Lumber Company property would be the first objective of the Yadin Valley Purchasing Unit. This area comprises the largest boundary of virgin timberland perhaps in the South, and lies in Watauga, Wilkes and Caldwell counties.

### WOULD LIGHTEN FISCAL BURDEN

Interest Reduction Proposition Being Arranged by Brokers. Would Secure Fifty Per Cent Reduction on Town's Bond Rate.

A deal was closed between the city fathers and Bray Brothers, Greensboro brokers, last Saturday, whereby authorization is given to submit a proposition to the creditors of the municipality reducing the interest rate on outstanding securities to three per cent. The plan calls for the reduced rate of interest for a period of six years, and an enormous saving would result should any appreciable number of the bond holders agree.

Mr. Bray has high hopes of working the deal on rather a large scale, and reports that he has negotiated similar agreements with other local units of government, with highly satisfactory results. He was not in a position to state, however, just what percentage of the security holders would likely be agreeable to the proposition.

### Vacation Bible School Opens at Deep Gap

The Bible Vacation School of the Lutheran Church was opened Monday, the sessions being held both at Holy Communion, Clarks Creek, and Holy Trinity, Deep Gap. Officials of the church state that results are most promising. A very able and efficient corps of teachers are in charge, including Mrs. Kepner and Miss Smith, of Pennsylvania, Miss Ziebart of Indiana, and Miss Sublet, of Hickory, N. C. Several local Lutherans are also assisting.

### COOK FAMILY IN REUNION

Relatives of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Cook of Boone assembled at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Keyes in Lenoir last Sunday, May 27th, to enjoy a reunion and picnic dinner. Five of Mr. and Mrs. Cook's children were present, in addition to a large number of other relatives. Everyone reported a good time.

Those attending were: Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Cook; Misses Mabel, Nelle and Gladys Cook and Mr. Ernest Hodges, of Boone; Mr. and Mrs. T. Buel Cook, Fishtail, Mont.; Mr. Bern Cook, Absarokee, Mont.; Mrs. A. E. Modie, Absarokee, Mont.; Mr. and Mrs. George Bowman and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Greer and daughter, Callie, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Price, Mrs. John Bowman and daughter, Eva, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. George Greer, Mrs. Joe Haigler, Mr. Sherrill Maynard, Mr. and Mrs. Grady Keyes and family, of Lenoir; Mr. and Mrs. Cloy Winkler, Sparta; Mr. and Mrs. John Barlow and Mrs. Gillespie, Banner Elk; Mr. and Mrs. Carter Estes and sons, Troy and Burma, of Upton.

### OFF TO MARKETS

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Brewer of the Five to Five Stores are in New York this week placing orders for fall merchandise for the popular establishment they operate Mrs. Brewer will especially look after the purchase of new creations in coats and dresses. They are expected to return the last of the week.

### She Is Missing



Wynnewood, Pa.—A nation-wide search has been started to find Miss Eleanor LaRue Vansant, pictured above, 27 years old, socially prominent here and student at the University of Pennsylvania, who disappeared from an Atlantic City hotel last month.

### COLLEGE OPENS NEXT TUESDAY

Prospects for First Summer Term are Said by Officials to Be Bright; 726 Registered Last Year. Number of College Graduates Expected.

The first summer term of Appalachian State Teachers College will open Tuesday and, according to Dr. J. D. Rankin, dean of the institution, prospects are very bright for a high enrollment. Last year 726 were registered at the opening, and judging from the applications already received, Dr. Rankin believes that this year's registration may be even better.

A large number of college graduates will be in the student body this summer, it is said, and many are completing their life-time certificates and renewing their Grade A certificates. Very few changes have been made in the personnel of the faculty for the summer terms, it is said.

### Auto Bandit Waives Preliminary Hearing

Will King, an escaped convict, one of two who abducted Cecil Critcher, Blowing Rock taxi driver, stole his car and later wounded two Newton policemen, waived preliminary hearing in Newton Recorder's Court on Monday. He was later delivered to State's Prison authorities to be held pending his return to Catawba for trial.

Deputy Sheriff Ray Pitts and Arthur Hoffman, Newton policemen, were shot as an aftermath of the theft of the local man's automobile, and King was later arrested at Erwin, Tenn. He was said to have admitted being present when the officers were wounded, but denied a part in the shooting.

King was given a long sentence in Montgomery County two years ago for robbery, and made his escape from a tuberculosis camp a few weeks ago.

### Drought Is Broken By Copious Showers

The long dry period, which had parched pastures in certain sections of the county and retarded the growth of field and garden plants, was definitely broken Monday evening when refreshing showers began. Wednesday the steady, drizzly downpour continues, and farmers are wearing more optimistic countenances. The wet weather was preceded by a cold period, and considerable quantities of frost are reported without appreciable damage.

### Lawyers Pay State Dues

Slightly more than 2,200 North Carolina lawyers had paid their 1933 dues of \$3 to the North Carolina State Bar up to last week, while 200 others listed had not paid for that year, and a few had paid the 1934 dues, payable January 1, but not required under the act until July 1st, records of Henry M. London, secretary-treasurer, show.

The list of 200 delinquents on 1933 dues has been purged of members who are inactive, moved out of the State, and those now in government jobs elsewhere, but a few others may not be active, while it is likely that the list of slightly more than 2,400 of paid and non-paid may be incomplete for those practicing. In some cases already, judges have prevented lawyers delinquent from practicing.

Watauga, with 11 lawyers listed, has the following nine, who have paid 1933 dues: Boone, Robert L. Ballou, T. E. Bingham, Wade E. Brown, John E. Brown, J. E. Holshouser, W. R. Lovill, Robert W. Pulliam, Charles T. Zimmerman; Blowing Rock, Geo. M. Sudderth.

### NEWLAND HEADS BOARD TRUSTEES AT APPALACHIAN

Lenoir Attorney Singularly Honored at Meeting Held Here Last Week. Has Been Termed Farther of the Institution, Having Sponsored Legislation Creating the State School, Had One-Vote Margin.

Former Lieutenant Governor W. C. Newland of Lenoir was elected to the presidency of the Board of Trustees of the Appalachian State Teachers College at a meeting held in Dr. B. B. Dougherty's office last week, in recognition of his ability, and at the same time in appreciation of his efforts toward the establishment of the Appalachian Training School, parent of the present institution.

It was in 1903 that Governor Newland, a representative in the General Assembly from Caldwell County, sponsored the measure creating the State school and won the title "Daddy of Appalachian." In an interview with a reporter for the Lenoir News-Tribune, Governor Newland recalls that it was nearly a losing battle that he fought more than thirty years ago.

"I had trouble in getting the bill brought from the House committee," he said, "and it was only after I threatened to report the chairman's delay to the Speaker that it was given some action. It passed the House with a safe margin, and went into the Senate and met stern opposition. The superintendent of public instruction was opposed to it, and others were aligned strongly with the opposition."

"I had no authority to do so, but went into the Senate and lined up some support to get the bill passed. The proposition was not brought to a vote until the last day of the session and when it was called, it had won by a single vote."

In the course of the meeting the president's report to the trustees indicated that the college is now finishing the most successful year of its history, and pleasure was expressed over the completion of the new library building, and with the general management of the institution.

The trustees were informed that arrangements are complete for conducting schools for practice teachers in the half elementary and high schools.

### CHILD WELFARE SURVEY BEGUN

American Legion in State-wide Effort to Locate all Disabled Children. Mrs. Chas. Younce to Register Disabled in Watauga.

A State-wide survey by the American Legion and Legion Auxiliary, aimed at locating all disabled and diseased children, has been begun, according to Walter C. Greene, local Legion official, and registration of these physical delinquents will begin on June 1st.

Mr. Greene insists that all who have children under the age of 21 years, suffering with any disease, or know of any such cases, that they are requested to report same to Mrs. Charles Younce at the Relief Office any day from June 1st to June 9th, inclusive.

The survey is for all physically disabled and handicapped children, and Legion officials insist upon full cooperation of the people in this worthy movement. The ultimate end of the survey is to get the disabled in touch with medical authorities who will make examinations and furnish treatment, and in all cases where possible, effect a cure. This service is free.

### County Singing to Be Held Next Sunday

The annual county singing will be held at the courthouse next Sunday, according to an announcement by the chairman, Mr. N. L. Harrison, who believes the event will be the most thoroughly entertaining of any thus far attempted.

The singing begins promptly at 9:45 o'clock and class leaders are urged to be present with their classes early, in order that they may get seating room.

The singing is an outing day for the whole county, and the attendance this year is expected to be large.

### Livestock Market to Be Opened at Shouns, Tenn.

The Shouns Livestock Company, of Shouns, Tenn., will open next week, and announcement of the first sale appears in The Democrat today, which will prove of interest to farmers of Watauga County. Buildings, sheds and loading facilities have been erected, and it is believed the venture will prove most convenient and profitable to mountain livestock raisers.

### Optimistic Candidate



Solicitor L. S. Spurling, who seeks the Democratic nomination to succeed himself next Saturday. He is opposed by Mr. Theodore Cummings, of Hickory.

### SPURLING SAYS PROSPECTS GOOD

Solicitor Tells of Favorable Indications Over District on Visit Here. Op. posed by Theodore Cummings in Saturday's Primary.

Solicitor L. S. Spurling of Lenoir, on a visit to Boone the last of the week, was very optimistic as to his chance of receiving the Democratic nomination to succeed himself as State's Attorney in the primary election next Saturday. Reports coming from the six counties of the district have been most encouraging, states the Solicitor, who at the same time does not discredit the abilities of his opponent, Mr. Theodore F. Cummings of Hickory, whose candidacy was announced some time ago.

Mr. Spurling is rounding out his second term as solicitor, but in Watauga County he has only prosecuted the docket since the spring term of 1931, this court having been included in the Sixteenth District by an act of the Legislature of that year. He has created for himself an enviable record throughout the district for doing his utmost in the fair and impartial administration of justice, and in Watauga County his record has been frequently lauded by members of both political parties.

Impartial observers in Watauga believe, at this time, that Mr. Spurling will garner an overwhelming percentage of the vote Saturday, but there is some fear of tight balloting, due to the fact that county candidates are not nominated by primary, as in most other counties.

Mr. Spurling has made many strong personal friends here during his practice, who are urging a good representation at the ballot box as an approval of the official conduct of the popular attorney.

The only other contest in which Watauga County Democrats will participate in the week-end voting will be that for the post of Utilities Commissioner. The incumbent, Stanley Winborne, is being opposed by E. C. Macon. There is much less interest in this fight than in that for the solicitorship, although it appears that Mr. Winborne will be the local favorite.

### Seriously Injured By Rolling Timber

Mr. Wayne Miller, well-known sawmill man of the Meat Camp section, was seriously injured last Thursday when he was pinned beneath a rolling saw log. The worst injuries were in the region of the hips, and the pelvic bone was crushed, it is said. An attending physician was of the opinion that the injured man would be confined to his bed for a minimum period of six weeks.

### Widow Wins Laurels as Student at Appalachian

She decided to qualify herself to do primary school work and entered Appalachian State Teachers College here. For the last two years she has been keeping house for herself and children, who are in school; doing part-time office work for the college, giving music lessons, sub-renting rooms, etc.

A busy woman, you say? Yes, but she managed to graduate with second highest honors in her class!

### JOHN H. BINGHAM HOLDS FIRST TERM AS NEW RECORDER

Sugar Grove Lawyer Named by County Board to Succeed George M. Sudderth on Court Bench. First Session Held Tuesday. Members of Bar Felicitate Attorney Upon His Pre-ferment.

John H. Bingham Sugar Grove citizen and veteran barrister, was named Judge of the Recorder's Court to succeed George M. Sudderth at a special meeting of the board of county commissioners last Friday evening, and on Tuesday morning presided over his first term of court.

Mr. Sudderth resigned the position to accept the Blowing Rock postmaster-ship, and immediate action was required by the commissioners to fill the vacancy. Mr. Bingham had the solid support of the bar association and many other leading citizens of the county, and the final decision did not present a controversial problem.

After the court was opened, Mr. Bingham took occasion to thank the members of the bar and other citizens for having aided in securing the position for him, and said the honor was all the more appreciated because it came unsolicited, that he had never sought the position at any time. At the same time he took occasion to laud the administration of justice while Judge Sudderth was on the bench, and pledged his best efforts toward meeting out justice and mercy in the proper proportions. Fair and equal treatment to all, regardless of station in life, was held out as an aim of the court.

Judge T. C. Bowie, Solicitor Chas. T. Zimmerman and Senator William R. Lovill briefly felicitated the new jurist, and his appointment was hailed as a stepping stone to a Superior Court judgeship, a position for which Mr. Bingham has striven for several years, and for which he has endorsement of leading citizens of the State, including many Superior judges.

### Only One Case Tried

Only one case was tried, following Judge Bingham's induction into office, that of the State against Reed Holman, charged with an assault upon Mrs. Ethel Woodring, with a deadly weapon, the weapon referred to being a horse. The State attempted to show that the defendant had willfully tried to run over Mrs. Woodring with a horse, and that she had suffered serious physical consequences as a result of the fright. The defense held that the steed was running away, that its rider was trying to bring it under control, and that no harm was anticipated. When a large array of witnesses had been examined, the defendant was acquitted.

### Prof. Hill to Speak at Baptist Church Sunday

Dr. Guy H. Hill will speak at the Baptist Church at 3 o'clock next Sunday, his deliverance being addressed particularly to the instructors who have conducted a better-teaching campaign in the Baptist Sunday schools of the county during the week. The address will be along church and Sunday school lines, and while the instructors are especially asked to be present, the deliverance will be of general interest and the public is cordially invited.

### ASKED TO RE-REGISTER

Mr. R. S. Swift, former manager of the National Re-employment office here, has information from the offices of Mr. R. L. Wooten in North Wilkesboro, under whose jurisdiction Watauga now is, to the effect that all applications for work which have not been renewed within ninety days, are to be cancelled and put in the inactive file June 1, 1934. All those who have not received work and desire to remain on the active list must renew applications every ninety days. They may renew by postcard or letter, stating their desire to renew and also stating the county in which they reside.

### THE WEATHER

Weather report for week ending May 26th, as compiled by the Co-operative Station at Appalachian State Teachers College.

- Average maximum temperature, 75 degrees.
- Average minimum temperature, 48 degrees.
- Average temperature, 62 degrees.
- Average daily range in temperature, 27 degrees.
- Greatest daily range in temperature, 37 degrees, date, 20th.
- Highest temperature reached, 84; dates, 20th and 22nd.
- Lowest temperature reached, 33; date, 26th.
- Total precipitation in inches, 0.40.
- Number of clear days, 5.
- Number partly cloudy days, 2.
- Frost on 26th.

Growers of late truck crops in Alleghany County purchased 1,000 lbs. of stringless green pod bean seed and 34 pounds of Reed's Sabbage during the past week.