

PARKS FEATURE SCENIC HIGHWAY

Recreational Areas Are Planned
Along Blue Ridge Parkway
Officials Say.

A program for wayside recreation parks adjoining the Blue Ridge Parkway has been definitely launched, it was revealed in Richmond, Va., last week by Federal officials. Acquisition of lands for several parks in Virginia and in North Carolina has been negotiated and approved for purchase by officers of the Resettlement Administration, which is supplying about \$300,000 for land buying and partial development. Development of these areas will be under the supervision of the National Park Service and in accordance with the so-called master plan for the development of the Blue Ridge Parkway, now being constructed to connect the Shenandoah and Great Smoky Mountains National parks. It is expected that when the first WPA allotments for construction are released shortly by the Resettlement Administration, approximately 80 per cent. of which funds will go directly to the employment of labor from the relief rolls of neighboring counties.

Development of the parks will first be undertaken in sections where the Blue Ridge Parkway is now under construction. Parks will be developed on Bent Mountain, near Roanoke, Rocky Knob, near Floyd, and Smart View, near Smart Postoffice, in Virginia. An outstanding North Carolina mountain (Cumberland Knob), near Galax, Va., and the Blue Park, near Sparta, N. C., will be the first parks to be developed in that state.

The National Park Service officials stated that the present program of the Resettlement Administration is a portion of a comprehensive park plan for 19 such units distributed along the 500-mile mountain drive. The Blue Ridge Parkway has been routed through large sections of National Forest areas along the Blue Ridge. The program of the Resettlement Administration is intended to supplement the regular parkway right-of-way through the non-forest sections of the parkway, with an initial purchase of five parks totaling 12,000 acres of land.

Conservation of the natural scenery, including mountains or whole groups of mountains, adjacent to the Blue Ridge Parkway, is an objective of the program in addition to the provision of recreation. Reforestation—erosion control and other planning measures will be employed to bring back the one-time natural beauty of many areas which have been despoiled through exploitation for forestry and agriculture.

Those reclaimed and beautified areas will be administered as part of the Blue Ridge Parkway and will be made available to the tourist by means of minor spur or loop roads along which parking spaces will be provided. From those points trails will lead to the interesting natural features within the park. It is explained that the parkway itself cannot provide a complete enjoyment of the mountain area to which it will form a backbone of access. The restrictions of modern road alignment and grade, plus the desirability of maintaining reasonable direction, have largely determined the location of the parkway. Many of the most unusual features of nature are to be found in the more rugged mountain areas where it has been found impracticable to build the parkway.

The main developed facilities within the parks will consist of picnic areas consisting of individual units with tables, benches and fireplaces of native stone and logs. Suitable areas will be set aside for camping. In some of the larger parks provisions will be made for horseback riding, fishing and swimming. Concession buildings for gasoline and restaurant facilities will not be provided under the present program, it was said.

Will G. Moody Dies From Short Illness

Will G. Moody, 47 years old, a good citizen of the Blowing Rock section, died at his home last Friday, after a short illness with pneumonia. Funeral services were conducted from the Brushy Fork Baptist Church Sunday morning by Rev. Bob Shores and Rev. W. D. Ashley and interment was in the Hines cemetery near Boone.

Surviving are the widow and six sons and daughters: Mrs. Ivy Greene, Margaret, Virginia, Verlee, Viola, and Dwight of Blowing Rock. One brother, Mr. Ed Moody, of Adams, survives, and one sister, Mrs. Mattie Hollers of Blowing Rock.

Mr. Moody was well known throughout this section where he had always made his home, and held in the very highest regard by all.

CATCHES LARGE TROUT

Mr. Ab Mullins, popular local grocer, and persistent angler, has out-distanced other followers of Walton, as was evidenced by a 22½ inch brown trout displayed at his store last Monday. The fine specimen was taken from the waters of Elk River and weighed three and three-quarter pounds. During the first three days of the week Ab has caught 27 trout, practically all of which were above the average size.

WATAUGA DEMOCRAT

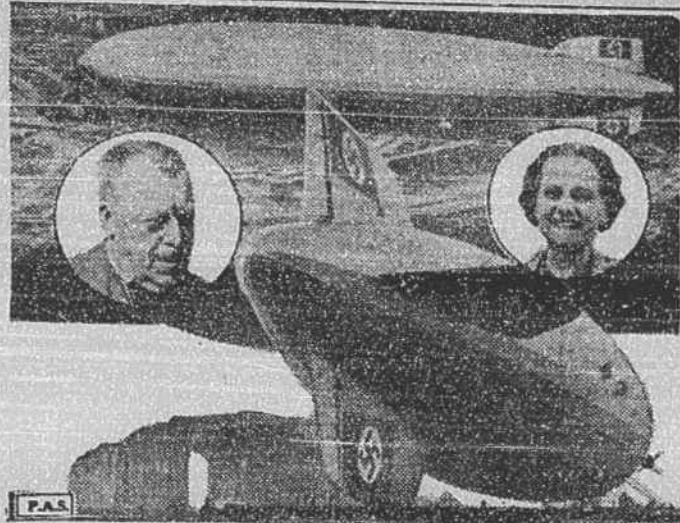
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America Thrills in European Air Service



NEW YORK. The inauguration of passenger air service between Europe and America, which became a reality upon the arrival and departure of the great German dirigible "Hindenburg" on the first of her nine scheduled round trips for 1936, found America highly enthused. Thousands visited the field at Lakehurst, N. J., to inspect the huge craft. Photos show two views of the Hindenburg. Insert, left, Dr. Hugo Eckener, Commodore; and right Miss Helen Leisy of Peoria, Ill., the first American passenger to purchase a ticket for the return trip to Germany.

M'DONALD ASKS LOCAL SUPPORT

Candidate for Governor Outlines His Views in Speech At Court House.

Dr. Ralph W. McDonald, Forsyth county representative and educator, who apparently is leading the field in his primary race for the Governorship, addressed a sizeable and enthusiastic audience at the courthouse last Thursday morning, dealt candidly with the issues of the campaign and asked those who believed in his policies to go to the polls under his banner on the 6th of June.

Dr. McDonald dealt at length with the sales tax which he is vigorously opposing, and termed it a tax on consumption, rather than on ability to pay. He further submitted that the Democratic state platform itself pledges the party against the retail levy, and said the amount of money raised by the tax could be replaced with taxes on corporations and on dividends which go untaxed at the present. The candidate upheld the enactments of the new deal and criticized the state administration for not co-operating in the matter of social security and tobacco regulation.

Dr. McDonald castigated "machine politicians" who occupy swivel chairs in Raleigh and pledged under his administration to bring about a changed and more wholesome governmental condition. He praised his opponents from a personal viewpoint, said no finer men lived in the state, but opposed them for "allegiance to the machine."

The candidate's remarks were interspersed with rich humor and the deliverance was well received.

DR. STANBURY HONORED

Dr. W. A. Stanbury, pastor of the West Market Street Methodist Church at Greensboro, and a native citizen of Boone, was signally honored by his congregation recently when it was unanimously voted to extend Dr. Stanbury a six weeks vacation later on in the summer. Dr. and Mrs. Stanbury will likely attend the World's Sunday School Convention in Norway.

The lettuce crop of New Hanover county is selling at a fair price and truck growers are in a happy frame of mind.

OFFICERS NAMED AT JUNIOR MEET

State Officials Are in Attendance At District Meeting of Order Here.

More than 75 delegates were present for the district meeting of the Junior Order held in Boone last Wednesday afternoon and night and Monroe Adams, of Statesville, State Councillor and Gurney P. Hood, State Treasurer, addressed the enthusiastic gathering.

The afternoon session was featured by the election of district officers as follows: Wallace Gentry, Elk Park, district councillor; Richard Kelley, Boone, vice-councillor; Russell D. Hodges, Boone, Sec.-treas.; R. C. Isaacs, Elk Park, Conductor; E. D. Odum, Elk Park, warden; W. L. Stout, Elk Park, inside sentinel; J. C. Sparks, Spruce Pine, outside sentinel; J. C. Canipe, Boone, chaplain.

Mr. Clyde R. Greene of Boone was again recommended for the post of District Deputy, and it is expected that he will be elected at the state convention.

MITES ARE HELD FOR BASIL ANNAS

Former Student at Appalachian College Is Killed In Automobile Accident.

Granite Falls, May 11.—Funeral services for Basil Adams, age 20, of Saw Mills, who was killed early Sunday morning in an automobile accident near Wadesboro, were held this afternoon at 3 o'clock at Mt. Zion Baptist Church at Saw Mills. Rev. R. D. Carrol of Hudson, was in charge.

The death of the young man, who would have been a senior at Appalachian State Teachers' College, Boone, next year, occurred at 5 o'clock Sunday morning when the car which he was driving overturned, left the highway, and rolled down an embankment on a curve on U. S. Highway 74, west of Lileville, near Wadesboro.

Young Annas received a fractured skull, deep abdominal injuries, and a crushed knee, when he was thrown from the car. His death followed within several minutes after the wreck.

Bane Smith, of Hudson, suffered a broken collar bone, and Clarence Julian, also of Hudson, minor cuts on his face in the accident. Smith is receiving treatment in a Mooresville hospital.

Surviving the Annas boy are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Annas, of Saw Mills, and the following brothers and sisters: Carl Annas, Fort Bragg; and Mildred, Harold, Bobby, and Doris Annas, all of Saw Mills.

Saturday Last Day Voters Can Register

Mr. A. D. Wilson, county election board chairman, calls attention to the fact that all those who desire to vote in the primary of June 6th, must be sure they are registered, since the books will not be open again after Saturday. The following Saturday is challenge day.

It is to be understood that all those who have previously voted in this county in a general election or primary are not required to register, only those coming of age since last election, or newcomers who have resided here for the legal length of time.

POPPY DAY WILL BE OBSERVED HERE

Legion Auxiliary to Offer Red Flowers For Sale in Honor Of Veterans.

Poppy Day is to be observed in Boone this year on May 30, it has been announced by Mrs. Coy I. Billings, president of the American Legion Auxiliary, and the little paper flowers which are fashioned by the disabled veterans at Oteen government hospital will be sold on the streets for funds with which to aid these veterans and others in this locality who may be in need.

Mrs. Russell D. Hodges will be in charge of the sales in Boone and a group of other ladies will aid her in selling the poppies. Legion Auxiliary members bespeak the full co-operation of the public in the furtherance of this worthy work.

The strawberry crop of southeastern Carolina will be short this season due to the late wet spring, the subsequent dry weather and the prevalence of leaf diseases.

DEMOCRATS MEET; GROSS CHAIRMAN

Delegates to State Convention Are Named at Party Convention Saturday.

At an enthusiastic gathering of the Democrats of the county Saturday afternoon, a full slate of delegates to the State Convention was chosen, and Cleve Gross of Boone, was named as chairman for the ensuing two years by the executive committee.

Mr. Charles Hodges served as temporary chairman and Mr. Cleve Gross as Secretary to the convention. W. F. Miller, Clement McNeil and Henry Hardin constituted a nominating committee to propose delegates to the state convention. The following were approved by the convention:

Jim Rivers, Joe Luther, W. R. Lovell, Roy Wilson, A. D. Wilson, W. H. Brown, T. L. Mast, Jack Horton, Sam Horton, John Combs, W. S. Miller, Don Hagaman, John Ward, Clyde Perry, D. J. Boyden, Wade Brown, C. C. Triplett, Clay Hodges, Loyd Welch, Dallas Edmisten, Nile Cook, Marion Coffey, Walter South, T. C. Baird, John Fox, Olus Mast, John H. Bingham, J. R. Phillips, C. G. Hodges, Avery Greene, Harrison Baker, Henry Beach, G. C. Carroll.

Mrs. Honeycutt, Dora Strother, Wilma Baird, Mrs. Howard Edmisten, Oia Thompson, Mrs. Tom Miller, Carrie Britton, Mrs. Clyde Perry, Jr., Annie Dougherty, Eula Cowles, Annie Mae Sherwood, Mary Harris, Virginia Shipley, Lee Lookabill.

Miss Hagaman Secures Coveted Scholarship

Mr. Charles E. Hagaman, public accountant of Hickory, who was reared in Watauga county, was a business visitor in Boone last week and brings the intelligence that a daughter, Miss Nell Hagaman has all her work finished for a PhD degree at Columbia University, and has been accorded a scholarship in the school of philosophy, the only one awarded in that particular branch of the institution. The award gives Miss Hagaman the advantage of a half year's work at Columbia with all expenses paid, and is given her because of her unusual brilliant scholastic record. Friends of the family in the county are congratulating Miss Hagaman upon her fine achievements.

MANY GUESTS AT PUROL BANQUET

More Than Hundred and Fifty Enjoy Hospitality Local Oil Dealer.

More than one hundred and fifty especially invited guests were present at a banquet given Tuesday evening at the Daniel Boone Hotel by the Pure Oil Company, in co-operation with the local distributors, Hodges Tire Company, and the evening was one of splendid entertainment.

While the event was instituted largely as a good-will meeting, and with an advertising angle, following the recent establishment of a Pure Oil bulk plant here, the banquet was thoroughly enjoyed and a general good time resulted.

Mr. Kirkpatrick, high official of the company, spoke of the newly-evolved motor fuel, while the district supervisor, Mr. Talmadge, a brother to Georgia's renowned Governor, also made remarks. The talks dealt in large measure with the solvent used in Puroil gasoline, which it is said eliminates carbon deposits in motors and results in economical operation.

Vital Statistics Record Incomplete

The Works Progress Administration has a force of clerical workers under the direction of H. Walter Horton, cataloguing and indexing the vital statistics and it has been found that the record of births is incomplete in that the names of many children are not on the record.

This is apparently a most important part of the record and the co-operation of parents is asked in order that the discrepancy may be remedied.

Children born since 1913 should be interested in having their names properly inserted in their birth record, so both parents and children are asked to please call at the office of the Register of Deeds and see that this birth record is complete, or mail a post card to H. W. Horton, Supervisor, Boone, N. C., giving child's name, parents' name and date of birth, so that it may be checked. It is the desire of the project supervisors that this important service to the community might be well done.

WINS AWARD

Councill Cook Gets Havana Cruise From Philco



Mr. C. C. Cook of New River Light & Power Co., local Philco Dealers who has just been notified that he is the winner of a week's cruise to Havana in the Philco Havana Cruise contest. This nation-wide contest was sponsored by Philco and the winners will sail from New York on May 24.

Seventeen dealers from the Carolina territory will make the trip on the "Monarch of Bermuda," luxurious Furness-Bermuda line steamer, which has been chartered by Philco. The winners will leave Charlotte, N. C., May 23 on a special Pullman car for New York.

This contest was nation-wide and Philco dealers from all over the United States and Canada competed for this wonderful trip. Over one thousand dealers will be on board.

AGED RESIDENT TAKEN BY DEATH

W. W. D. Edmisten Passes at Age of 85 Years; Funeral Held Thursday.

A period of failing health extending over a period of about two years resulted in the death of Mr. W. W. D. Edmisten last Wednesday evening. The immediate cause of his demise was given as heart dropsy. Death came to the venerable citizen at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Will Hayes, on New River.

Funeral services were conducted from the home Thursday at 10 o'clock by Rev. J. C. Canipe, Baptist minister of Boone, and Rev. Mr. Watts, former pastor of the deceased and burial was in the family cemetery.

Surviving is one daughter, Mrs. Will Hayes and two sons, Hill Edmisten of the state of Maryland and William Edmisten, who resides in Montana.

With the death of Mr. Edmisten comes the loss of another of the county's pioneer citizens. Although slightly too young for conflict in the Civil War Mr. Edmisten was a potent force in the rebuilding of the devastated South, and established himself as a model of good and constructive citizenship. Mr. Edmisten was loyal in his religious beliefs, charitable and kind as a neighbor, and contributed in an abundant measure to the general well-being of his fellow man, his state and his nation.

Sheriff's Office Has Busy Saturday Night

Sheriff Howell tells the Democrat that he and his deputies had a very active Saturday night. The fore part of the evening was spent in a still raid, and after twelve the Sheriff, his helpers and Patrolman Ingle captured two automobiles, 74 pints of liquor and brought nine prisoners to jail about four o'clock Sunday morning, bringing the total up to fifteen in jail over the week end. Four of the prisoners are young women, it is said, one of them being an escaped convict from Kingston.

This makes 90 odd escaped convicts and criminals captured by Sheriff Howell since he has been in office for other states and counties.

THRESHERS ASKED TO SECURE LICENSE SOON

Miss Helen Underdown, Register of Deeds desires to ask all farmers who expect to operate threshing machines this year to come to her office and secure the licenses which are required. The fee is 50 cents.

KILLS BIG EAGLE

Mr. Royce Lookabill of Deep Gap killed an eagle last week which had a wing spread of seven feet and four inches. His father, Mr. W. D. Lookabill, was in town Thursday and exhibited the talons of the bird.

DIVIDENDS MAY BE AGAIN PAID BY LOCAL BANK

State Banking Commissioner Presents Plan For Retirement of Preferred Stock.

PLAN IS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY DIRECTORS

General Meeting of the Stockholders May 29th; Belief is That Common Stock May Soon Bear Dividends.

At a special meeting of the Directors of the Watauga County Bank held in the banking rooms at Boone, on Friday, May 15, at 10 o'clock, initial steps were taken with a view of facilitating and expediting the retirement of the preferred stock, and bringing about the possibility of an early resumption of dividend payments to the common share holders in that institution.

When the bank was reorganized and re-opened in September, 1934, there was outstanding over \$200,000.00 in preferred stock. Under the plan of re-opening, the preferred issue was to be retired as collections were made on the old assets of the bank. Since September 1934 one-half has been paid, and there now remains of the preferred stock of the bank \$100,000.00 outstanding. The \$100,000.00 of preferred stock that has been retired in installment payments has entailed an enormous amount of work on the part of the bank's officials and employees, as with each payment old certificates have been surrendered, new certificates have been composed and exchanged for them, clerical work has been burdensome and postage, printing and other expenses have added to the costs.

Fully cognizant of the large amount of time and energy expended by the bank in connection with these operations, the State Banking Department outlined a plan whereby the preferred stock could be handled separately, and thus relieve the bank of the burden of such work. This plan was presented to the Board of Directors at Friday's meeting by Hon. Gurney P. Hood, Commissioner of Banks, and other representatives of his Department.

Present at this meeting were the following officers and directors of the Watauga County Bank: Mrs. Luna P. Robbins, P. J. Carroll, S. E. Gragg, L. A. Greene, President, George P. Hagaman, vice-president, Dr. R. H. Hardin, Baxter M. Linney, W. W. Mast, J. M. May, R. C. Rivers Jr., Paul A. Coffey, cashier.

All of the officers and all of the directors were present, with the exception of Dr. B. B. Dougherty, a (Continued on Page 2)

IS FOUND GUILTY IN BUS COLLISION

Manslaughter Verdict is Returned in Case Involving Death of Two Persons.

John Jones, Greyhound bus driver, was found guilty of involuntary manslaughter by a jury Friday morning in Wilkes county for the death of Miss Wilhelmina Triplett and Mrs. Hubert Canter when the bus he was driving and Miss Triplett's car crashed head-on 15 miles west of this city on the Boone Trail highway in October, 1935.

The jury returned its verdict Friday morning after being out since Thursday afternoon and a recommendation was made for mercy. Prayer for judgment was continued until the June term of Wilkes court.

The trial consumed practically the entire week of court starting Monday morning and ending with the charge to the jury Thursday afternoon. More than 100 witnesses were used by the state and defense.

The state alleged that Jones was racing with Dell Richardson, Boone resident, and that he was driving in a reckless manner when the crash occurred. Richardson is indicted for the same offense but the case was not reached. The prosecution alleges that Richardson had driven around the bus and crowded Miss Triplett's car from the road, causing it to swerve into the path of the oncoming bus.

Julius Minton, convicted of manslaughter in the death of Jack McClain in an automobile-motorcycle collision, was fined \$500 and sentenced to five months on the roads, the sentence not to take effect until November.

Court adjourned Friday noon—Wilkes Journal.

The TVA triple superphosphate is finding favor with Transylvania farmers especially where they mix the material with ground limestone in the proportion of 200 pounds of the lime to 100 pounds of phosphate.