

LANGUAGE ARTS TOPIC OF MEETING

Hundred Teachers and Principals From Six Counties Gather at Appalachian

The Language Arts conference held in the Demonstration school here Saturday, March 13, was attended by nearly one hundred teachers, principals and superintendents of the counties of Wilkes, Alleghany, Ashe, Watauga, Avery and Mitchell.

W. H. Walker, county superintendent of schools, delivered an address of welcome, while Prof. Chappel Wilson, director of teacher training and Prof. E. S. Christenbury, president of the Watauga Teachers' association, each spoke briefly in orientation of the occasion.

Miss Nancy C. Devers, of the state department of education, used as her subject, "The Place of the Language Arts in the Curriculum." She is convinced that the language arts should be prominent in the courses of study, which in turn should be flexible, and expressed the belief that it will never be perfect or finished. There will be new models just as there are new models of automobiles, and Miss Deaver stated that there should be additional concentration on the language arts, since they are so important in the development of the child.

At the conclusion of the discourse, smaller units were formed from the group, each going to a class in the training school for observation. Visitors were requested to observe and to notice the general room conditions, whether the children were happy, the materials they use, whether all were participating and what particular job was under way. Teachers (Continued on Page Eight)

BOONE BOY CHAMPION BOXER IN MARINES

Jay Jones, Boone resident, and son of Mrs. J. W. Jones, who is doing service with the marines in Shanghai, China, is making a record as a boxer, it is learned. Mrs. Jones gives The Democrat the following story from a marine publication dealing with his recent fistic accomplishments:

"Sluggo" Jones of the Fourth U. S. marines lived up to his nickname when he put Kid Nick away in the first canto with a perfect right hook. After the preliminary mixing, Jones started to lash out with both hands and he shook his man. The Russian also opened up when they came to the center of the ring, but before he could lay his foe, Jones nipped him with a left and then caught him with a furious right hook delivered with terrific force and perfect timing. Kid Nick went down like a felled log and never even twitched while the referee tolled off the fatal count.

Action a plenty was provided in the first three preliminaries, each of which ended in the first round. That crack to the jaw that Kid Nick took in the first round of the curtain-raiser was a terrific blow and stretched the Russian boy cold. He was so badly hurt that he was unable to leave the ring for several minutes and then only with the assistance of his seconds.

Attended Every Court Term Held Here For 63 Years

Mr. J. M. Johnson, of the Beaver Dam section, one of the county's best citizens, called at The Democrat office the other day, and in a series of reminiscences, remarked that for 63 years he heard the judicial charges at the opening of Watauga superior court. Mr. Johnson broke his record last year when he failed to appear at the two criminal court terms.

Mr. Johnson attended his first court as a lad in 1873, and he is able to recall the names of many of the early jurists. Once, he recalls, more than 40 years ago, Judge Ferguson, who came to be nicknamed "Granny" Ferguson, touched on the good roads issue by stating that in one of the European countries a stretch of road had been built so smooth and on such an easy grade, that two ponies were able to draw a load of one thousand pounds. Judge Ferguson is reported as saying that Watauga county would sometime have such roads—that materials for their construction were readily available, and that the need for such highways would soon become apparent.

When Mr. Johnson first attended court he was brought by a group of men who had been summoned for jury service, in order that he might take their horses back home.

In commenting on the various charges to grand juries, the venerable citizen believes that the late Judge Oglesby at the last term of court he held in Boone, delivered the most easily understood outline of the criminal code and the duties of the grand jury that he has ever heard.

Mr. Johnson at the age of 80, years, is hale and hearty and states that he is well ahead with his farming operations, and has plied a good deal of his corn ground himself. He is a splendid man, and his habits through life have been quite in accord with the judicial injunctions to which he listened for more than three score years.

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Labor Peacemaker



Pittsburgh, Pa.—Mrs. Myron Taylor, wife of the chairman of the U. S. Steel corporation, is credited with paving the way for negotiations which led to an agreement between the steel corporation and C. I. O.

BABY SHOW TO BE HELD NEXT FRIDAY

Cove Creek High School to Be Scene of Baby Judging; Juvenile Program Arranged

A combination of a baby beauty contest and a juvenile amateur program will be held at Cove Creek high school Friday night, March 19, beginning at 7 o'clock. Any child from the ages of 1 to 6 may enter the beauty contest. Prizes will be given to the best looking boy, and the prettiest girl.

Prizes will also be awarded to the best amateur performance of children between the ages of 4 and 10, and 10 to 16. Entrants will be divided into the two groups.

The number that have already applied are varied, including vocal solos, trios, guitars, duets, piano solos, xylophone solo, readings, imitations and dancing.

Any person wishing to enter either of the contests, are asked to see Mrs. James B. Mast, Mrs. Coy Billings, Miss Louise Johnson, Miss Janie Heason, or Miss Constance Shoun.

Music will be furnished by the Rhythm Band of Cove Creek school, under the direction of Mrs. John Horton and Annie Mae Sherwood. Entrance fee is 10c and admission 10c.

60 GALLONS LIQUOR LANDS THREE IN JAIL

J. C. Barnett, Bill Lowe and John South, of Johnson City, were tried Friday before United States Commissioner S. C. Eggers and released under bonds of \$500 each, to be tried at the next term of federal court in Wilkesboro for violation of the internal revenue act, in connection with the possession of 60 gallons of non-tax-paid liquor.

The trio were apprehended in Boone late Thursday by State Patrolman Carlyle Ingle, who suspected them of having participated in the robbery of the Troy bank the day previous. Unmindful of the patrol car's screeching siren, the fugitives headed in the direction of the Tennessee line and were captured near Hampton, Tenn., after a mad chase of more than 80 miles. When it was determined that a large cargo of bootleg liquor was on board, Barnett, Lowe and South were jailed in Boone, and because of the quantity of the illicit fluid, it was deemed wise to indict them under the federal rather than the state laws.

HENSON HEADS CLUB MEMBERS FOR 1936

Council Henson has been declared the most outstanding 4-H club member in the county for 1936. For this honor he will get a free trip to the state short course which will be held at State College, Raleigh, during the latter part of July. The Chilean nitrate educational bureau awarded Council this free trip. He carried the baby beef project and made a fine record for his first year in club work.

It is hoped that these awards will stimulate more interest in 4-H club work in the county.

BOYS' CLUB TO OBSERVE CHARTER NIGHT THURS.

The newly-formed Boys' club of the town will observe charter night at a meeting to be held at the American Legion hut Thursday evening at 8 o'clock, and all members are asked to be present. Those desiring membership in the organization may save money by joining at this meeting, it is said. All those interested in the recreational features of the organization may become members, regardless of age.

CONTRACTORS TO RESUME WORK ON SCENIC PARKWAY

Expect to Complete Parkway in Alleghany, Ashe and Wilkes Counties; Many Workmen Are Needed

North Wilkesboro, March 16.—Contractors who suspended operations on the six projects of the Blue Ridge parkway in Alleghany, Ashe, Watauga and Wilkes counties during the winter months, plan to resume work in the next few days and begin a big push to complete the grading and surfacing this spring and summer.

James M. Anderson, head of the district employment service office which serves the counties through which the parkway is being constructed, said that he had received a requisition from one contractor for 90 laborers and skilled workmen to begin work soon and that every contractor is planning to push operations when resumed. He urged a full registration of all who live within the vicinity of the parkway or who can reach any of the projects daily.

Those who have formerly worked on the parkway construction projects but have not renewed their registrations within the past few months are advised to call at the office and renew application if they are interested in working when operations of the biggest public works project in this part of the state are resumed.

In the meantime the office is in receipt of calls for various types of labor for private industry, ranging all the way from laborers at prevailing wages to skilled men who command lucrative salaries.

WILKES COUNCIL TO CONFER JUNIOR DEGREE

Junior Order class initiation for the third district, composed of councils in Avery, Mitchell and Watauga counties, will be held in the lodge hall (old Masonic hall) in Boone on Monday, March 29, at 7:30 p. m.

The degree team from North Wilkesboro will put on all three degrees in a very impressive manner, and it is hoped that every member of the local council will be present. Large delegations from Elk Park, Pineola, Spruce Pine and Bakersville are expected and will be warmly welcomed. A rare opportunity is in store for the members, who have never seen the work.

An interesting program is being planned and refreshments will be served.

FARM MEETING TO BE HELD TUESDAY

Marketing of Truck Crops to Be Principal Topic as Agrarians Assemble

The marketing of potatoes, cabbage and truck crops in this county is to be the principal topic for discussion at a meeting of the farmers called by County Agent W. B. Collins and which will be held in the courthouse in Boone Tuesday, March 23, at 9:30 a. m.

J. W. Johnson, extension marketing specialist of State College, Raleigh, will talk to the farmers at this time on co-operative marketing. The county agent's office has had a large number of requests from the farmers of the county for assistance in marketing their cabbage, potatoes and other truck crops. So far they have not had time to render this kind of service. Their work is now better organized and they hope to be able to assist the farmers with their marketing problems this year.

If the farmers' planting anticipations are carried out, there will be more truck crops made this year than average and farmers may not find as ready sale for their products as last year. If the markets are glutted this fall, some system of co-operative marketing might help to move the truck crops from this county.

The county agents request that a large number of farmers attend the meeting and help work out some kind of marketing program for the county.

REED COFFEY EXECUTION IS DELAYED UNTIL JUNE

Reed Coffey, Avery county youth sentenced to die in the gas chamber for the murder of an uncle, Hardy Coffey, has been granted another reprieve by Governor Hoey, in order that time may be allowed for further study of the case. The new execution date set for Coffey is June 10.

Editorial Staff of Scarsdale Eagle News



Scarsdale, N. Y.—Carl Limbacher, Jr., 12 years old, is editor and publisher of the Scarsdale Eagle News, published monthly and on a paying basis for the last year. Peter Conese, (standing left) is the compositor; James Duff, right, handles sports and writes a column. The plant's headquarters take up most of the basement of the Limbacher home.

COURT OF HONOR HELD FOR SCOUTS

Dr. King Presides as Number of Boy Scouts Successfully Pass Examinations

A Boy Scout court of honor was held at the Methodist church Tuesday evening of last week, and Dr. King presided as a number of Scouts earned badges of merit which will be presented to them at the next meeting.

Fifty Scouts were present from the Boone, Blowing Rock and College troops, and the high spot of the meeting, perhaps, was the earning of the Eagle rank by Robert R. King of Boone, this being the highest honor in Scouting.

The following members of Blowing Rock troop No. 2 became second class scouts: Robert Potter, Bernard Pennell, Robert Ward, Ernest Williams, James Williams, Johnnie Tate. Harry Robbins was raised to the rank of tenderfoot.

Arnold Brown, of Boone troop 41 was promoted to second class and 14 boys from the college troop earned their tenderfoot rank.

Merit badges were earned by the following: Roscoe Bucklaw, Robert R. King (Eagle), Thos. Graybeal, Blaine Miller, Richard Patterson, J. C. Canipe, Jr., J. B. Hagaman, Jr., Chas. E. Rogers, Baxter Howell, Claude E. Gragg, Tommie Gragg, Max Storie and James Harris.

Those constituting the court of honor were Rev. J. C. Canipe, Rev. G. Sexton Buchanan, W. M. Cook and Dr. Robert King.

PREACHERS' MEETING

Secretary M. A. Huggins of Raleigh, will meet with the Baptist pastors of the Three Forks and Stony Fork associations at the Boone Baptist church on Wednesday, March 31, at 10 o'clock. The theme of the meeting will be "How to Have a Revival," a Real Holy Ghost Heaven-born Revival. All pastors are urged to set aside this day and come for discussion and prayer on that day. Don't forget. Wednesday, March 31.

MUSIC CONTEST IS ANNOUNCED

Miss Wary District Chairman of Event Scheduled for April 10th

The state department has added a new district to its list for the State Music contest this year. This new district has been named the Boone district because Boone is the center where the contest is to be held.

The counties comprising the district are five in number: Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Mitchell and Watauga. Miss Virginia Wary, of Appalachian State Teachers College, has been appointed district chairman.

The following schools are planning to enter in some of the music events: Boone high school, the music under the direction of Mrs. Rivers and Mrs. Pyatt; Blowing Rock high school, under the direction of Mrs. Norma Gragg; Cove Creek high school, with music under the direction of Mrs. Philip Fletcher; Cranberry consolidated school, under the direction of Mrs. Mary H. Christensen; Newland (Continued on page 8.)

COUNTY COURT IS MADE POSSIBLE BY MILLER MEASURE

Pool Rooms to Be Legalized Under Restrictions, and Changes in Absentee Ballot Law Being Sponsored by Watauga's Representative

The commissioners are empowered to establish a county court, pool rooms would be legalized in the county under rigid restrictions, and certain changes would be made in the absentee voting law in Watauga, under the terms of three new measures which have been introduced in the legislature by Representative Miller.

Court Not Compulsory

Under the terms of the court bill, the machinery is merely set up for the establishment of a county tribunal, and the county commissioners are empowered to establish the institution, if and when in their judgment it is expedient. The court provided would have an enlarged jurisdiction over the recorder's court, one of the principal differences in power being that the proposed institution would be empowered to dispose of divorce cases. A five-dollar cost would be charged against each case, regardless of what the verdict would be. The bill passed the house.

Pool Room Measure

A second piece of legislation is designed to permit the operation of pool rooms in the county, with the provision that no beer, wine or whiskey may be sold on the premises, and that the institutions must be conducted in a way thoroughly satisfactory to the board of county commissioners. In the event that any pool room, it is explained, should be operated in such a way as to be a nuisance in any sense of the word, the commissioners may revoke the operating license of its operator. The bill is on the unfavorable calendar, but Mr. Miller expects to gain its passage.

To Change Absentee Law

The third new Miller bill would revise the law as pertains to absentee voting in Watauga county, and would make it unlawful for a person who has already filed his absentee ballot, to appear on election day, rescind his action, and vote in person. Considerable confusion, it is stated, has formerly resulted from such practices. Under the new bill, when a person executes his absentee ballot, he is considered to have voted, just the same as if it had been done in person.

Mr. Miller returned to Raleigh yesterday after having been at home for the past few days, indisposed with an illness from influenza. He believes the end of the legislative session will have been reached by the end of this week.

LIQUOR LICENSES

A bill to require all purchasers of liquor in this state to purchase annual license at cost of \$1 was introduced in the state senate Monday night.

Bearing the names of six senators headed by Gimer Sparger of Stokes, the measure would raise \$400,000 from residents and \$200,000 from tourists, Sparger estimated.

Revenue the first year would be used to repay salaries withheld from state employees during the financial crisis of 1933.

SATURDAY NIGHT MARKS OFFICIAL END OF WINTER

The remarkable winter of 1936-37 will come to an end at 7:45 p. m., eastern standard time, on Saturday, March 20. At that moment the earth will have reached the point in its orbit where its axis is at right angles to a line from the sun. Thus, the sun will then be directly over a point on the equator. This is the vernal equinox, which marks the beginning of spring, and, in older times, marked the beginning of the year.

When the sun is over the equator, it rises exactly east, and sets exactly west. It is above the horizon half the day, and below for half, neglecting the effect of the earth's atmosphere, which bends the rays of sunlight around the earth's curvature, so that we always see the sun higher than it really is. But the supposed equality of day and night gives us the name "equinox," which really means "equal night."

After March 20, the north pole of the earth swings over towards the sun, and the south pole away. For us in the northern hemisphere, the sun will climb higher in the sky. In southern countries, on the other hand, it sinks lower, so this is for them the beginning of autumn.

MILLER RENAMES BOARD EDUCATION

Chappel Wilson Added to Take Place of Senator Greer; Bill Passed House

The former five-member board of education for Watauga county has been recommended for re-appointment by Representative W. F. Miller, with the exception of Senator Roby Greer, who because of his present official capacity is disqualified. Prof. Chappel Wilson, of the Appalachian college, has been named for the vacancy.

The board will consist of J. B. Horton, W. H. Walker, T. H. Coffey, Jr., Clyde Perry and Prof. Wilson. The old members of the board had filed in the primary of last June, and since no opposition developed at that time, Mr. Miller felt bound by the result of the balloting, he stated.

The appointments are contained in the legislature's omnibus bill, which has already passed the house.

BURNS ARE FATAL TO AGED WOMAN

Mrs. Clarissa Hayes, 89 Years Old, is Burned From Open Fire; Funeral at Oak Grove

Mrs. Clarissa Hayes, 89 years old, died on the 6th at the home of a grand-nephew, Mr. Fin Shoes, of grand-nephew, Mr. Fin Shore, of burns suffered the day before as her clothing was ignited from an open fire.

Funeral services were conducted on the 7th from the Oak Grove Baptist church by Reverends W. C. Payne and W. D. Ashley and interment was in the Hine cemetery.

Surviving is one brother, S. F. Moody; Lovill; one sister, Miss Lora Moody of Blowing Rock.

Mrs. Hayes was the widow of William Hayes who died something like 18 years ago. She had resided in Watauga county for her entire life, was a member of one of its prominent families, and had many friends throughout this section.

EASTER SEAL SALE IS APPROVED BY LIONS CLUB

The Lions club, at its regular meeting Tuesday night, gave its approval and wholehearted support to the seal sale that is being put on in Watauga county this Easter for the first time.

Mrs. G. K. Moose and her helpers are dividing the town of Boone today and are going to make an effort to contact every home and business house in the town.

The remainder of the county will be worked through the schools. Each teacher has been sent 100 seals, and have been asked to take responsibility for their sale.

GOVERNOR NEWLAND ILL.

Hon. W. C. Newland, of Lenoir, is yet a patient at the Banner Elk hospital, where he was taken for treatment some weeks ago. The esteemed barrister is reported as now showing a marked improvement.