

**LIONS CLUB AIDS
MANY CHILDREN**

**Eighty-five Children Examined
in Eye Clinic Here; Eighty
Are Fitted With Glasses**

By DR. ROBT. R. KING
An eye clinic was held here last Tuesday and Wednesday under the sponsorship of the Boone Lions club in co-operation with the North Carolina state commission for the blind. Dr. Chas. B. Baughman was the ophthalmologist in charge of the examination and did a full three days work in the two that clinic ran. Mr. W. F. Wilkins, of the American Optical company of Johnson City, measured the children for their frames and assisted generally in the clinic work.

The clinic was held in the district health department offices in the postoffice building, the children being brought in by various members of the Lions club and returned by them to their homes. A total of 85 children were served at the clinic. Of this number four were found not to need glasses and one child only needed a change of frame. The other 80 were furnished glasses and approximately a third of the cost of the glasses was done by the parents and others a part of the expense. The glasses were purchased at a very much reduced rate through the state commission for the blind, and the Lions club of Boone bore the cost of two-thirds of the total bill. The glasses for these children totaled \$250, and this is a great saving over what the regular price would have been.

The Lions club is a civic service club and this is the initial service the local club has offered to Watauga county. They are to be congratulated upon the splendid success of their first effort, and we may look forward to continued service on the part of this worthy organization for the good of its neighbors.

**Parkway Work To
Begin About 15th**

Work on construction of the scenic parkway will begin in the vicinity of Deep Gap about the fifteenth, according to J. M. Anderson, of the state employment service in North Wilkesboro, who was a visitor in town last Friday. Mr. Anderson states the demand is still urgent for laborers, truck drivers, jack hammer operators, and all those skilled in the operation of any kind of road machinery.

Mr. Anderson will be at the clerk's office in Boone Friday, April 23, and also on Friday, April 30, for the purpose of registering the unemployed who desire work in connection with parkway construction. Friday of this week was the regular date for Mr. Anderson to be in Boone, but he could not fill the date due to merit examinations which were being conducted in the department. After the 30th, Mr. Anderson will again come to Boone every other Friday.

**DUNCAN VICE-PRESIDENT
OF NORTHWESTERN BANK**

Edwin Duncan, of Sparta, has been elected by the directors of the Northwestern Bank as executive vice-president, following the non-acceptance of the post by LeRoy Martin, Wachovia Bank official, of Raleigh. In the first organization meeting Mr. Duncan was elected secretary of the consolidated bank and in the recent meeting L. L. Aycock of the Deposit and Savings Bank, North Wilkesboro, was made secretary, following the election of Mr. Duncan to the executive position.

The newly formed banking institution, of which the Watauga County Bank is a unit, is expected to be in operation within a short time.

**4-H CLUB COUNCIL IS
ORGANIZED IN WATAUGA**

Some of the officers of the 4-H clubs in Watauga county met at the courthouse last Saturday for the purpose of organizing a council for the county. The following clubs were represented: Green Valley, Deep Gap, Blowing Rock, Valle Crucis and Bethel. The following officers were elected: President, Margaret Perry, of Bethel; vice president, Kent Miller, of Deep Gap; secretary, Thelma Ragan, of Green Valley; reporter, Elizabeth Kincaid, of Blowing Rock; recreation leader, Earl Rowe, Valle Crucis. After the election of officers Miss Elizabeth Randall, a 4-H club member from Cleveland county, gave a very interesting talk on a trip to Chicago, which she won last year for keeping the best 4-H club record in North Carolina. She is now attending College in Boone.

Mrs. Harmon and Mr. Hamilton gave some interesting things the different clubs and the county council would be doing this summer in 4-H club work.

The purpose of the council is to help plan for short courses, canning and the regular meetings. It is organized to better the work of the different clubs in the county.

ELIZABETH KINCAID, Reporter.

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CANNING EXPERT



MRS. HELEN B. ZOLLER

**CANNING SCHOOL
HERE ON TUESDAY**

Noted Culinary Authority to Instruct Women in Art of Food Preservation

A free canning school will be conducted at the Appalachian College home economics laboratory Tuesday, April 20, at 2 o'clock, according to an announcement made by Mrs. Cieta Jones Harmon, home demonstration agent of the Watauga county extension service.

Mrs. Helen B. Zoller, famed home economist and culinary authority, will conduct the classes in food preservation, which include the latest practices, labor-saving methods, and timely recipes. The modern hostess, it is explained, serves home-canned products, and it is urged that all the women of this section arrange to be present for the authentic instruction.

Mrs. Zoller is a home economics graduate of Miami University, Oxford, Ohio and is sent here through the extension service of State College.

Mrs. Harmon desires to express appreciation to the college for its co-operation in allowing the canning school to be conducted in the home economics department.

**Music Contest Was
Held Here Saturday**

The district music contest for Watauga, Ashe, Alleghany, Avery and Mitchell counties was held at the Appalachian State Teachers College Saturday, with Miss Virginia Wary, of the music department, acting as chairman. Representatives from six high schools participated: Boone, Cranberry, Newland, Bethel, Spruce Pine and Elk Park. Others had registered but were unable to attend due to commencement exercises.

The high schools entering were classed according to enrollment, those with an attendance of 200 or above in the department were rated as B schools, and below 200 as C schools. Awards were made to schools of both divisions. In the B class were Boone high and Cranberry, Newland, Bethel, Spruce Pine and Elk Park were classed in C division.

The program featured mixed choruses, girls' glee clubs, trios, high school piano, junior high piano, junior high violin, vocal solos, sopranos, altos, baritone and bass. In each division, awards were made by numbers: 1, excellent; 2, very good; 3, good; 4, average; and 5, below average. Schools rating above 5 are eligible to enter the state contest which will be held in Greensboro April 21, 22 and 23.

Results: Newland mixed choruses (2) Boone mixed choruses (2) Newland glee club (2) Cranberry glee club (1), Newland girls' trio (2), High school piano: Sally Teague, Newland, first place, (2) Mary Burleson, Spruce Pine, second place, (3); high school piano in B class: Laura Ruth Hagaman, first place (2); Jacqueline Hardin, Cranberry, second place, (2); junior high school piano: Margaret Duncan, first place, (3); junior high school violin: Claude McLure, Jr., Spruce Pine, first place, (2). Soprano solos: Marjorie Dryman, first place, (1); Mildred Crow, Newland, second, (2); Elizabeth South, Boone, third place, (2). Alto solos: Grace Cooper, Newland, rated first in C schools, (2); Louise Cook, Boone, rated first in B school, (1). Baritone: Shell Hartley, Newland, first, (1). Bass: Fred Gragg, Boone first, (2).

South Dakota's statehouse has a new attraction for visitors—an aquarium in which 20 or more varieties of native fish will be displayed. In the town of Louisa, Va., (population 301), there are 53 widows and 39 maiden ladies.

**COMMITTEEMEN
NAMED BY BOARD**

Educational Body Selects District School Committeemen in Recent Meeting

The board of education in a recent session named the members of the school committees for the different districts of the county. Those who had been serving in this connection previously for the most part were renamed. Following are the appointments:

- Boone District No. 1**
Boone—R. S. Swift, Roy Hagaman, L. L. Bingham.
Oak Grove—J. C. Hodges, A. L. Gross, Lionel Ward.
Howard's Creek—F. P. Hodges, Bart Norris, Henry J. Hardin.
Rutherford—Robby Winkler, Ike Bodenhamer, Ralph Hodges.
Miller—Harrison Baker, C. E. Carroll, D. C. Coffey.
Rich Mountain, L. E. Beach, G. F. Culler, Grady McNeil.
Bamboo—A. J. Edmisten.
Green Valley District No. 2
G. C. Ragan, Bynum Gross, Wm. Winebarger.
Deep Gap District No. 3
W. C. McNeil, Tilden Miller, Zeb Greene.
Elk and Lower Elk—P. G. Carroll, C. C. Triplett, H. C. Hodges.
Blowing Rock District No. 4
John A. Lentz, E. G. Underdown, Richard Hollers.
Valle Crucis District No. 5
J. E. Harbin, Joe C. Mast, Richard Olsen.
Foscoe—J. L. Fox, T. H. Holloway, C. P. Moore.
Valley Mountain, Ccool Springs—W. L. Welch, Lee Carender, J. L. Triplett.
Cove Creek District No. 6
T. L. Mast, Mrs. Mary Harris, W. T. Payne.
Liberty Hill—W. R. Anderson, E. L. Walls, T. H. Hollers.
Bethel District No. 7
Carl Farthing, John W. Ward, Alvin Hagaman.
Mabel District No. 8
E. G. Greer, Bert Mast, Spencer Dishman.

**FUNERAL FRIDAY
FOR DR. SMITH**

Well-known Deep Gap Resident in Declining Health Many Months; Practiced Dentistry

Dr. G. W. Smith, aged 72 years, prominent citizen of Watauga county and former dental surgeon, died at his home at Deep Gap April 7th, after a long period of illness. Funeral services were conducted at Gap Creek Baptist church Friday, April 9th, at 11 o'clock, by the pastor, Rev. J. C. Canipe, who was assisted in the rites by Rev. E. C. Hodges and Rev. Levi Greene, former pastors of the deceased. Interment was in the nearby cemetery.

Active pallbearers were Glenn Moretz, Thos. Fairchild, E. H. Greene, Ralph Moretz, Glenn Greene and Roe Church. Honorary pallbearers were Mack D. Wagner, J. E. Luther, A. D. Wellborn, E. W. Moretz, John E. Luther, W. D. Lookabill, Levi Church, W. S. Moretz, V. L. Moretz, A. G. Miller, Grady Triplett and G. W. Church.

A lovely floral offering was borne by Flossie Miller, Minna Greene, Winnie Moretz, Jenna Greene, Lura Reynolds, Ama Greene, Ora Watson and Ina Lookabill.

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**CHARLES LATHAM DIES
AT ASHE COUNTY HOME**

Charles Latham, former sheriff of Ashe county, and a brother-in-law of Mr. Gus Donnelly, pioneer hardware salesman, died at his home near Creston last week, but details as to his death and funeral could not be learned.

Mr. Latham was well known in Watauga and was a leading figure in his home neighborhood and county.

BETTY JOYCE BAIRD

Betty Joyce Baird, four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Baird, of Vilas, succumbed Sunday after a long illness. Funeral services were conducted at Matney Monday by Rev. Will Cook and interment was in that neighborhood. Surviving are the bereaved parents and one sister, Georgia Lee.

RENOVATE COURTHOUSE

Six women, formerly employed in connection with the WPA sewing room, are busily engaged this week in a thorough renovating of the courthouse, including washing windows, cleaning the floors, etc., and the recently approved project will include other public buildings.

Back Home After the Flood



This family has returned to their farm at East Prairie, Mo., after the winter flood and set up tents among the wreckage of their home. Flood rehabilitation work is now being undertaken in the region roundabout.

**GAME FISH SHOW
A FINE INCREASE**

Best Angling in Years is Predicted for This Section, Says District Official

H. Grady Farthing, district fish and game protector for the department of conservation and development, in commenting on the opening today of the fishing season, states that anglers are due to find more trout in the streams of this county than for many years. Five hundred thousand brook trout were liberated in the streams of the county last year, states Mr. Farthing, none of them less than four inches in length, and the finny tribe was reinforced in every suitable stream. Due to the extremely favorable winter, heavy rainfall and plentiful food supply, Mr. Farthing predicts the highest rate of survival in any recent year. Besides the people are showing a splendid spirit of co-operation, he says, not only here, but over the entire district. The propagation of wild game has also been most successful over the district, he says, and a new game farm near Fayetteville is soon to supply this county with wild turkey eggs for hatching under domestic fowls. Ring-neck pheasants are also to be supplied through the same source.

The trout season opens today, the 15th, and state license sell for \$2.10, county \$1.10 and state-wide hunting and fishing combination licenses is \$3.10. County wardens will make a strong effort to eliminate illegal angling this year.

**BOONE GETS SPACE
IN TRAVEL GUIDE**

Wilcox is Successful in Getting Valuable Publicity on a Nation-wide Scale

Mr. Herman Wilcox, agent for the Linville River railway and manager of the union bus terminal, has been successful in his efforts to have considerable space allocated to Boone in "The Highway Traveler," one of the most widely circulated travel magazines published.

The Geryhoud Management company, of Cleveland, Ohio, publishers of the magazine, have agreed to Mr. Wilcox's suggestion that two or three pages of the handsomely executed publication be set aside to publicize Boone, including pictures of the community, its environs, and various points of scenic interest. The Chamber of Commerce and the Lions club are to co-operate in compiling the necessary information and photographs and the publicity is expected to appear in the June and July issues. Anyone having pictures or suggestions of materials for the story should contact Wade E. Brown, Clyde R. Greene or Herman Wilcox.

Since the "Highway Traveler" has a circulation of 225,000 copies, distributed throughout the United States, Canada and Mexico, the value of the publicity is obviously great. Mr. Wilcox states that the town is getting a quality of advertising which it would find impossible to buy with dollars and cents.

**SAFETY SABBATH
ASKED BY MAYOR**

Carolina Motor Club Sponsors Safety Movement; Programs to Be Presented

Mayor W. H. Gragg has issued the following proclamation in line with the observance of "Safety Sabbath" as sponsored by the Carolina Motor Club.

The appalling number of preventable accidents and deaths upon the highways of our community, state and nation has become a menace of major concern to all the people. Our beautiful threads of travel, designed for pleasure and trade have been converted by the reckless driver and the careless, incompetent operator into lanes of horror. Daily the newspapers carry gory accounts of lost limbs and lives and of maimed and injured bodies.

On Sunday, April 18th the Carolina Motor club is sponsoring a Carolina-wide observance of "Safety Sabbath." This date being selected upon the eve of summer travel season in an effort to make the general public safety-conscious, so as to decrease, if not eliminate, the terrible road tragedies incident to the seasonal increase in the use of automobiles.

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**WAYNICK, ALLEN
URGED BY BOARD**

Watauga Education Board and W. F. Miller Urge Renaming of Highway Members

The Watauga county board of education has adopted a resolution to Governor Hoey, endorsing Capus M. Waynick as chairman of the state highway and public works commission, and urging the reappointment of Ed F. Allen, of Lenoir, as a member of the commission.

The resolution of the board, which carried the signature of J. B. Horton, chairman, W. C. Walker, Clyde Perry, Chappel Wilson and T. H. Coffey, is as follows:

"We the members of the Watauga county board of education have met and discussed the improvements of county roads and highways and have found the same to be thoroughly satisfactory to us. Through the past winter which was severe indeed, our school buses continued to operate. For these great services we believe that our state highway chairman, Mr. Capus M. Waynick, and our district highway commissioner, Mr. Ed F. Allen are responsible. We would like to take this opportunity to express to you our appreciation of these services. Mr. Waynick and Mr. Allen have visited our county many times and during their visits here have endeared many friends. By reappointment of these commissioners we feel that you would do

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Infant and Pre-School Clinics

Infant and pre-school clinics are being held in the county this week for the examination of infants and pre school children up to six years of age. Vaccination against diphtheria will be available to all these children and vaccination against smallpox will will be available for anyone of any age.

Clinics will be held at the following places on the dates named:

Bamboo, April 16, 1:30 p. m.
Rich Mountain, April 19, 2 p. m.
Mt. Paron April 23; 10 a. m.
Stony Fork, April 23, 2 p. m.
Deep Gap, April 26, 2 p. m.

**SUPERIOR COURT
IS FEATURED BY
4 MURDER CASES**

Record Number of Homicide Cases on Docket of Spring Term Convening April 19; Judge A. Hall Johnston Will Preside

For the first time in the recollection of members of the local bar, the spring term of Watauga superior court, convening for a two weeks' session next Monday, will contain four murder indictments.

Roby Warren, Mabel citizen, is indicted for the slaying of Don Jones, Tennessee man, the fatal shot having been fired as the two are alleged to have disagreed, following a drinking party at the home of the accused; Dillard Coffey, who resides on the Linville Road near Blowing Rock, is said to have confessed to the slaying of Raymond Dellinger. Glen Brown is held for the murder of Birchie Potter, and Walter Porter will be tried for casting a stone at Ira Watson with deadly results as the two engaged in a sort of family quarrel.

Thirty-seven other cases are on the state docket, which will be prosecuted by Solicitor Spurling, most of the offenses being in connection with dry law violations, the homicides composing the greater part of the felonious slate. About fifty cases are on the civil calendar.

Judge A. Hall Johnston, of Asheville, will preside over the court, it being one of his first judicial assignments. Judge Johnston was recently appointed by Governor Hoey, following the resignation of Judge Pender A. McElroy, who was originally scheduled to come to Boone this month.

**STROKE IS FATAL
TO AGED CITIZEN**

R. A. Thomas Dies at Home in North Fork Township; Funeral Held Saturday

R. A. Thomas, 77-year-old resident of North Fork township of Watauga county, died Thursday evening of last week from an illness of ten days. A paralytic stroke and an attack of pneumonia were the joint causes of his demise.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday morning from the Thomas Chapel Methodist church by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Lackey, while Rev. R. C. Eggers of the Baptist church, assisted in the rites. Interment was in the family cemetery.

Surviving are the widow and four children: Bon Thomas, Mrs. Frank Bumgarner, Mrs. Delma Mock, Mrs. Herman Osborne, all residents of the home neighborhood.

The deceased was a son of the late Joseph Thomas and was born and reared in the North Fork section, where he held in high esteem, and where he led an outstandingly upright and useful life. He was a leading and active member of the Methodist church and served with devotion on the board of stewards. Mr. Thomas was engaged in farming, before ill health brought about his retirement.

**Stockholders' Meeting
For Farm Loan Group**

Mr. O. H. Bracey, secretary of the Columbia Land Bank, will be present when the annual stockholders' meeting for the Sugar Grove National Farm Loan association is held at the Demonstration school next Wednesday at 10 o'clock. The meeting would have been held at the courthouse but for the fact that superior court will be in session.

All stockholders, and the farmers of the county in general, are invited to attend. Officers will be elected, and a pedigreed pig will be given away as a feature of the gathering.

**BOY SCOUTS TO GATHER
FRUIT JARS FOR NEEDY**

Members of the Boy Scout troop will canvass the town next Monday in quest of fruit jars, which will be given to needy families of Boone and environs, in order that they may preserve fruits and vegetables for use during next winter. Scoutmaster E. W. Stallings joins with the Scouts in the hope that Boone residents may contribute liberally of their surplus jars, of any size, shape or kind which may be used for general canning and preserving. Residents interested are asked to place the jars where the Scouts may get them during the morning hours, and thus the canvass may be facilitated.

**LIQUOR VOTE CALLED
IN ALLEGHANY COUNTY**

Sparta, April 10. — Alleghany county will vote on the proposed establishment of liquor stores May 25, the board of elections having set that date after being requested by the county commissioners to call an election.

Alleghany county will be the first in northwestern North Carolina to ballot on whiskey under the 1937 county option law.