



Raleigh, N. C.—Oversize tummies, as prevalent amongst the genus homo since beer's return, once caused grave concern, especially to romantically-inclined middle-agers . . .

but that was last year! Girdles for those who have reached the "foolish, flabby forties" are offered this season by masculine modestes . . . elastic corsets in plain white and delicate tints, guaranteed to shrink a "Milwaukee goitre" to stream-line proportions.

"Do men really go for such things?" Why, Dora, we're surprised at such an open demonstration of your reputed dumbness! Capital city clothiers who bought gingerly of the slenderizing contraptions in early spring are now finding it hard to meet the increasing demand. A Hargett street dealer has disposed of more than thirty dozen girdles . . . other Raleigh vendors report similar sales and tailor shops, too, are busy as politicians at a barbecue, reducing trouser waist-lines as fallen chests are "lifted."

Down beside old Ocean where during former hot spells bathing suits revealed the lady midriff in all its quaking ugliness, there's been a new deal! Cavorting playboys now tread the white sands, pudgy "bread-baskets" held 'way down by elastic meshwork . . . and many's the calculating little daughter of joy who'll softly and seductively murmur "Oh, Arthur, you're so-o-o athletic! so-o-o masculine!" And the wild waves will knowingly retort . . . "All is vanity!"

GIFTS OF LOVE AND ESTEEM

Who doesn't remember the diamond-studded "ticker" tendered Annie L. O'Berry, at the end of her second year as czarina of relief? Dimes, quarters, halves and dollars came pouring in from every quarter of Tarheelia to purchase this dainty time-piece for the plump O'Berry wrist. Newsmen, the cynical devils, arched eyebrows, sharpened pencils . . . told their readers, by implication, that case workers, clerks and clients of NCERA had been assessed to make possible the elaborate Waterbury. And the gift watch became somewhat of a joke.

But other and more expensive tokens of "love and esteem" have been fetched to Raleigh in recent months . . . ceremoniously presented to retiring headmen. First came a shining Buick for John Christopher Blucher Ehringhaus from the Lord only knows where, which bore the familiar label, "an expression of our undying love and unswerving loyalty," or something like that. And the late Governor spilled sweet words and smiles on the thoughtfulness of those who'd eaten pie during his reign . . . the Buick was gratefully received!

Came a day in Raleigh when Capus Waynick, having failed to interest Governor Hoey in another term as chairman of the Highway and Public Works Commission, relinquished the reins of that all-important post. The occasion assumed a carnival air . . . engineers, hard-fisted maintenance foremen, office help and prison workers, assembled at the highway building. The crowd cheered . . . heart-warming tributes, clothed in the dullest sort of rhetoric, oozed from tremulous lips . . . the crowd cheered some more. And then the "big moment" for Mr. Waynick was driven to the building's entrance . . . a Chevrolet it was, equipped with every modern accoutrement. Newspaper cameras clicked . . . Mr. and Mrs. Waynick voiced their approval of the fine vehicle, and drove away in a happy state of mind.

A crumpled memorandum, addressed to District Engineers under date of May 3rd and signed by a prominent divisional chief, was retrieved from a Raleigh gutter just the other day. This is what it said: "While in Raleigh last Friday (April 30th) I was advised that each of the five divisions were to raise \$100 for the automobile that was presented to Mr. Waynick the day before upon his retirement as Chairman of the State Highway and Public Works Commission to take up his duties as Director of Purchase and Contract. Therefore, I would thank you to go forward with whatever scheme you think advisable to collect \$18 from employees in your district. This \$18 will include the prison as well as equipment personnel."

So it seems that the automobile was presented at least a couple of weeks before the vendor received his (Continued on page 8.)

San Francisco Bridge



San Francisco.—An unusual view of the \$77,000,000 San Francisco-Oakland bridge which has carried nearly five million vehicles in the past six months.

R. F. EDMISTEN IS TAKEN BY DEATH

Well-Known Citizen of Boone Succumbs at Age 69; Funeral Held Thursday

Rufus Farthing Edmisten, 69-year-old resident of Boone Route 1, and brother to Sheriff A. J. Edmisten, died suddenly at the home on the second. The prominent citizen had been in ill health for some time following a stroke of paralysis, but his condition had been thought to be improved.

Funeral services were conducted from the home on the afternoon of the third, Rev. J. C. Canipe preaching the sermon. Revs. W. D. Ashley and W. J. Cooke assisted in the rites and interment was in the family cemetery.

Active pallbearers were: Howard Cottrell, Raleigh Cottrell, Ralph Mast, Voyne Edmisten, Shuford Edmisten, Grady Edmisten. Honorary: J. C. Greene, Will Hayes, June Brookshire, Dave Ray, Albert Hodges, L. H. Holler, Grady Greene, John W. Hodges, Joe Winkler, Ike Greene, R. M. Greene, L. T. Tatum, W. G. Todd, Tom Moretz, George Wilson, Milt Greene, Jim Ray, Sylvester Gragg, H. H. Winkler, H. Neil Blair, Sherman Holler, Will Coffey.

Surviving are the widow, two sons and four daughters: Walter and Wade of Boone; Mrs. R. B. Shull, Boone; Mrs. M. O. Coffey, Blowing Rock; Mrs. L. L. Hayes, Boone; Mrs. S. B. Greene, Boone. Three brothers also survive: Sheriff A. J. Edmisten and D. G. Edmisten of Boone; Frank Edmisten, Blowing Rock; and one sister, Mrs. D. J. Cottrell, of Boone.

Mr. Edmisten was a son of the late Shuford and Mrs. Edmisten and was born and reared in this section, where he was engaged in farming. He was one of the county's most substantial citizens, industrious, honorable and neighborly, and his neighborhood and county have sustained a great loss.

RADIO STARS TO AID BLOWING ROCK CHURCH

A group of radio stars from Station WBT will appear in a concert at the Blowing Rock high school building Wednesday evening, June 16 at 8 o'clock, the proceeds from the admission of 15 and 25 cents to go to the aid of the Christian Endeavor Society of the Blowing Rock Presbyterian church.

The favorite cowboy and hill-billy songs will be featured on the program by Happy Sam Fowler, and old-time fiddling, jokes, tap dancing and impersonations will add variety. Elmer Warren, master of string instruments, who comes fresh from Hollywood, Ted Poole and his accordion will be included in the presentation, which is described as one of the most fascinating brought to this section in years.

BUILDING PROGRESSES

The Berman Jewelry store, located on the Hahn property, is near complete, and its owner, Mr. W. B. Stallings, expects to establish his business there during next week. The structure is a modern one, a unique plate glass front is being installed, and the interior will be most modernly appointed, reflecting great credit upon the progressive citizen. At the same time work is going forward on the business and apartment house of Messrs. Hamby and Winkler, which is adjacent to the Boone Drug store. It has not been announced as to who will occupy the ground floor, but the two upper floors will be divided into attractive living quarters.

MANY STUDENTS BEING ENROLLED AT APPALACHIAN

Seven Hundred Had Registered at End of Day Tuesday; Teachers Still Coming From Many States; Record Attendance Anticipated

Eager to be affiliated with a college generally considered to be the most popular summer school in the south, approximately seven hundred registered at Appalachian State Teachers College during the opening day Tuesday. With others coming in steadily it is expected that this year's enrollment will exceed that of any previous year. Last summer the enrollment was 1,027.

Statistics show that the college has a wider representation than usual, students being here from almost every state along the Atlantic seaboard and many of the other states of the union.

Those who attempt to explain the reason for this, say it is due to the fact that Appalachian is becoming more widely known and growing in importance in teacher education. The necessity for raising certificates in order to teach after 1939 is probably a major reason for the large enrollment.

Due to the increase in number of students, seven new professors have been added to the faculty. These professors were former superintendents, principals and college professors, selected by the college because of the commendable work they have done in the fields of education.

TONSIL CLINIC AT VALLE CRUCIS

Valle Crucis School Turned Into Hospital for Day; Other Community News

The Valle Crucis school took the form of a hospital Tuesday when a tonsil clinic, sponsored by the county health department, was held on the premises. Some twenty operations were performed, Dr. Robert H. King, Dr. H. B. Perry, Dr. W. O. Bingham and Dr. R. H. Harmon composing the medical staff. Miss Fisher, county health nurse, and Mrs. Glover, school nurse, together with Miss Nancy Taylor, also a registered nurse, lent their aid.

Mrs. Glover, who has been giving the women of the neighborhood instructions in practical nursing, utilized several of her students during the progress of the clinic.

Mrs. W. H. Wagner expects to attend the annual meeting of the Women's Auxiliary of the Diocese of Western North Carolina at Kanuga Lake Friday and Saturday of this week. She holds an official position in the Auxiliary. Mrs. Glover, who is chairman for the work among the isolated, will also likely attend the gathering.

Miss Mary Wagner has returned from Hannah More Academy, near Baltimore, Md., where she has been enrolled during the term of school recently closed.

Miss Miriam Glover, who graduated recently from Lees-McRae College at Banner Elk, has taken the position of publicity director for the Edgar Tufts Foundation during the summer season.

Mrs. Patte and daughter, Miss Mary Patte, have been visiting with Rev. and Mrs. E. D. Butt during the past week. They will leave Thursday on their return to Boston, going by boat from Charleston.

WOOL PRICES ARE EXPECTED TO IMPROVE

Wool prices have strengthened some in the last ten days and prospects are that prices will improve in the near future.

The wool committee of the Watauga wool pool have decided that we should wait awhile before selling the pooled wool.

We hope that the sheep growers of the county will hold their wool until the pool is sold, because there is every indication that wool will improve in price.

W. B. COLLINS, County Agent.

WILSON AGAIN NAMED AS TAX COLLECTOR

A. D. Wilson, who has acted as county tax collector since the tax books were taken from the sheriff's custody, was reappointed at the meeting of the board of county commissioners Monday.

Mr. Wilson, it is felt by the people, has acquitted himself well, and his careful and courteous attitude in his official capacity, have brought about much favorable comment.

SERVED AS CLERK BOONE BAPTIST CHURCH FOR PERIOD OF 42 YEARS



The late W. L. Bryan, one of the charter members of the Boone Baptist church, served in the capacity of denominational clerk for 42 years. Mr. Bryan, who died in 1929, contributed the lumber for the erection of the town's first Baptist church and remained faithful to the precepts of the institution. Incidentally, he was the town's first mayor and a pioneer merchant and hotelist.

Boone Baptist Church Dates to 1871; Concise History is Given

In connection with the opening of the new Baptist church in this city, the following brief, but rather complete history of the denomination in Boone, is timely and of more than passing interest:

The first Baptist church of Boone was organized in 1871-66 years ago—with seventeen charter members, as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Critcher, Mr. and Mrs. Guilford Critcher, Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Waitzel Gragg, Mrs. Carrie Coffey, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Bryan, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Bryan, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Greer and Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Holtsclaw. All the charter members have died, W. L. Bryan, who died in 1928, being the last one.

The church was organized in the courthouse and elected as its first pastor William M. Baldwin. They

worshipped in the courthouse until it was burned in 1873, when they moved into the Masonic hall and worshipped there until 1875, when the first building was completed. The first house of worship was erected largely through the efforts of W. L. Bryan and W. C. Coffey.

"During the sixty-six years of its history, the church has been served by seventeen pastors: William M. Baldwin, D. C. Harmon, J. W. Hall, T. F. Nelson, I. W. Thomas, E. F. Jones, J. H. Yarboro, J. F. Davis, L. C. Wilson, J. J. L. Sherwood, J. H. Farthing, J. M. Payne, M. A. Adams, R. D. Cross, F. M. Huggins, P. A. Hicks and J. C. Canipe, the present pastor. The church has had only four regular clerks, W. L. Bryan, who served as clerk for 42 years, W. R. Gragg, G. W. Gragg

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SINGING DRAWS LARGE CROWDS

Gathering at County-Wide Song Fest Numbers Perhaps Three Thousand People

One of the largest gatherings in the history of the local county singing gathered for the semi-annual event at Mount Vernon Sunday and the vocal renditions by the choirs from the various churches in this and adjoining counties provided a day of great entertainment. Most of those coming brought basket dinners, and a huge picnic featured the noon hour.

Mr. G. F. Critcher who resides on the road from Boone toward Bamboo tells The Democrat that he counted 122 trucks en route to the singing and 240 cars, which by a conservative estimate would account for about 2,000 people, to say nothing of the number who gathered by way of other highways.

BOONE TONSIL CLINIC TO BE HELD IN JULY

The local doctors will again hold a tonsil clinic in Boone for the benefit of the citizens of Watauga county. The date set for the beginning of the clinic is July 6th and it will continue for as many days as necessary. Several have already requested for this clinic and it is advisable for registration to be made as soon as possible. Instructions as to preparation, days and fees will be given at the time of your visit to the public health office for registration.

WELFARE BOARD HOLDS MEETING

Mrs. Harris Named Chairman of Body; Miss Miller is Re-elected Welfare Officer

The newly formed county welfare board, under whose direction local phases of the social security legislation will be administered, met with the commissioners Monday and named Miss Marguerite Miller welfare officer for the county.

Mrs. Mary Harris, of Amantha, who was named chairman of the board, was appointed from the state department of welfare; the second member, T. C. Baird, former county commissioner, was selected by the county, while these two chose Avery Greene, well-known Meat Camp citizen to complete the body.

The meeting was strictly for the purpose of organization, and nothing was actually done toward setting up the old age pension machinery and the children's aid as provided. However, it is stated that the necessary blanks for making applications will be received in a few days and that the security act is to go into full force and effect by the first of July.

WILSON CHILD DIES

Pearl Wilson, aged four, daughter of Mrs. Lizzie Wilson, of Triplett, died at the Wilkes hospital last Thursday from an infection of a minor wound on the leg.

Funeral services and interment were in the home neighborhood. Besides the mother, a brother, William Wilson, survives.

MERGED BANK IS READY TO OPEN FIRST OF MONTH

Northwestern Bank Merger is Approved by Authorities and Meeting of Directorate Held in North Wilkesboro Last Saturday

The Northwestern Bank, formed by the consolidation of the Watauga County Bank of Boone and Blowing Rock and three other banking institutions, will open on July 1, it was announced in North Wilkesboro Saturday, at the conclusion of a meeting of the board of directors.

At the meeting Gurney P. Hood, state banking commissioner, approved the setup of the institution and the Federal Deposit Insurance corporation admitted the bank to membership in its insurance fund.

The institution was organized through consolidation of the Deposit & Savings Bank, North Wilkesboro, which will be headquarters, the Bank of Sparta, the Watauga County Bank with a branch at Blowing Rock, and the Farmers and Merchants Bank at Bakersville with a branch at Burnsville.

The bank will open with resources of approximately \$3,000,000, capital stock of \$150,000, surplus of \$75,000 and undivided profits of approximately \$25,000.

The officers are: R. A. Doughton, president; R. L. Doughton, chairman of the board; C. C. Hunter, vice president; Edwin Duncan, executive vice president; L. L. Aycock, secretary.

Bank Commissioner Hood has expressed the opinion that the bank will reflect great credit, not only upon this section, but on the state as a whole.

UNITED DRY TO HAVE FIELD DAY

Expected that 25 Churches in the County Will Participate in Event on July 11th

By M. A. ADAMS, (General Director of Temperance Education)

The United Dry Forces of North Carolina have inaugurated a yearly field day for North Carolina. It is our intention to have a speaker on this day in as many places as possible. We want one located so that each person in the county, where these "Field Days" are held, can attend the meeting. They are intended to be educational along the following lines:

1. The nature and effect of alcohol on the human system. This applies especially to the work in the schools.
2. Informing the people in regard to recent legislation in regard to the liquor traffic, and the best way to handle this legislation locally.
3. The progress that the work is making and the prospects for the future.
4. The moral and spiritual obligation in regard to this matter.
5. What can be done in regard to the suppression of the liquor traffic?
6. The financial need for this work.

We hold these meetings mainly in the churches. This calls for hearty co-operation on the part of the churches and pastors in regard to this work. Wherever they are given, great good results. We are hoping to have services in the interest of this work in at least 25 churches on this Field Day, which will be on July 11th. A full list of speakers and places will be published the week before the meetings occur. Give us your hearty co-operation in this work.

CHURCH OFFERING IN EXCESS OF \$600 QUOTA

A special free will offering taken at the morning service at the Boone Baptist church, the proceeds of which are to be applied to the building fund, amounted to considerably more than the goal, which had been set at \$600.

Large crowds were present at the new church edifice during the past week, when special services were held on the occasion of the opening of the magnificent auditorium.

LIONS WILL ATTEND CHARLOTTE CONVENTION

Wade E. Brown, R. W. Watkins and F. M. Payne are the delegates to the district conference of the Lions Club which is being held in Charlotte Thursday. Mr. Brown is a member of the credentials committee.

Those named as alternates are W. G. Hartzog, R. E. Kelley and Jim Council.