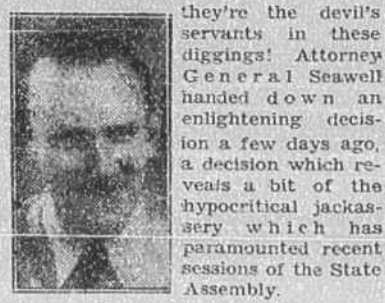


Raleigh, N. C.—Get drunk as a hound, if you like, on brandy or grain alcohol... they're North Carolina's official purveyors of "kick" but lay off gin and licker...



they're the devil's servants in these diggings! Attorney General Seawell handed down an enlightening decision a few days ago, a decision which reveals a bit of the hypocritical jackassery which has paramounted recent sessions of the State Assembly.

Fortification of wine and the proper construction of locally-sold cocktails was the unusual theme of Seawell's ultimatum, and the legal judgment of so brilliant a barrister can't be taken lightly. Quoting section so-and-so of the Consolidated Statutes, which vaguely pertain to the sale of herb-juice in a politically dry Commonwealth, the Attorney General observes that brandy or neutral grain spirits may be used to bolster the alcoholic content of wines too tame for Tar Heel palates... that either of the aforementioned liquids are "legal" seasoning for goggle-producing concoctions sold nowadays at most highway filling stations and lunch-stands under a dozen different brand names.

But stick a jigger of gin or rye in a bottled cocktail or a wine jug, offer the blended beverage to a thirsty patron, and you're a bootlegger of the vilest sort... that's what Mr. Seawell says the law says! Thus brandy and alky become the official beverages of a State we all thought leaned a little grain toward white corn licker.

Church bells have tolled incessantly in Raleigh today. Ministers and active lay workers are crusading against liquor stores which are being voted "in" or "out" of Wake county. One block down Hargett street a disreputable saloon serves drinks, mixed or plain, to a nondescript clientele. There are three more speakeasies in short walking distance. Across the street is a beer joint with the significant sign "Oasis" on its windows, fortified wine and cocktails of twenty-odd percent alcoholic content on its shelves. Fight fans are gathering to hear the result of the Braddock-Louis championship and returns from the licker election. The boys are most anxious to know if Wake county is to remain "dry."

A personal opinion is to the effect that ministers and churchmen should conserve a portion of their energies for earnest prayers to the Good Lord that North Carolina be delivered in future years from weak-kneed, spineless legislators and "dry governors." For this sorry combination has most of a certainty yanked a perfectly good State right dab into the middle of a helluveness!

"FLAPPER GRIN"

Mr. H. C. Martin, friend of The Democrat family since '88, has forwarded to the Sketch Man a letter which contains some much-appreciated compliment, along with suggestions relative to the grinning portrait which appeared, until this week, at the column's head. With a sincere hope that alterations proposed by the former Lenoir newspaperman may be carried through in future editions, we give you Mr. Martin's letter, in part:

"I have been wanting to congratulate The Democrat upon the return of the Sketch Man to its columns. I read all he says and enjoy it. I think his 'Oh, Yeah' in the last issue is great. I wish, though, he would take that picture out of the paper, for it spoils that good honest face which we all admire, and that grin reminds me of a modern flapper. I think the Sketch Man's field is in the homey mountain stuff we are all familiar with and love, with an occasional dip into State and National affairs which he handles with interest and enlightenment; rather than in the realm of kings and potentates, of which we know little and care less."

Thanks again, Mr. Martin, particularly for your reference to "that honest face!" And from Washington comes a letter over the signature of Charlie Zimmerman who's doing a turn with the Justice Department as an attorney. Charlie says: "It was a pleasure to learn that your column will again appear in The Democrat. I will now look forward to my paper each week with more than usual

GORDON SPAINHOUR ON 2,000 MILE BICYCLE TOUR

Gordon Spainhour, son of Mrs. P. G. Spainhour, of Amantha, is on a bicycle tour of North Carolina. He started on the trip Monday, June 14, went via Asheville, where he attended the Rhododendron Festival, then down to Murphy, and when last heard from was at Franklin. He expects to swing down into South Carolina, then back to Charlotte and Wilmington. From there he is going to Norfolk, Va., then back home by way of Raleigh, Greensboro and Winston-Salem. The entire trip will cover approximately 2,000 miles.

FOUR IN TOILS FOR DYNAMITING FISH

District Game Protector Says Practice of Destroying Fish Must Be Stopped

District Game Protector H. Grady Farthing tells The Democrat that on Tuesday of this week, four Caldwell county residents were arraigned before the recorder in Lenoir on a charge of killing fish with dynamite, and were given their choice of paying \$100 each and the costs of the action or serving five months on the chain-gang. When Mr. Farthing left Lenoir the money hadn't yet been paid into the court, and presumably the road sentences will go into effect.

The law violation took place on Gragg's Creek, where the conservation department had made an especial effort to provide good game fishing by intensive stocking, and it is estimated that some four or five hundred of fingerling trout were killed by the blast. The depredaters, who were immediately apprehended by County Protector Clyde McLean, had retained 30 large trout. Mr. Farthing commented on the excellent work Mr. McLean is doing in the neighboring county, and stated that he has the 100 per cent backing of the sportsmen.

Dynamite Rumors Here
The conservation department official continued by stating that there were persistent rumors of the use of dynamite in Watauga county streams, that these reports, as well as those regarding seining, are being investigated, and that a particularly stringent effort is being made to enforce the law.

DR. LEN HAGAMAN JOINS STAFF AT LOCAL CLINIC

Dr. Len Hagaman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Smith Hagaman, has returned to Boone following an intensive course in medicine and surgery and has affiliated himself with Dr. J. B. Hagaman in the conduct of the Hagaman clinic.

Dr. Hagaman finished his initial course in medicine at Wake Forest in 1934, with high honors, received a medical degree at the University of Pennsylvania, since which time he has served an internship at the Gallagher Municipal hospital in Washington City.

HOME DEMONSTRATION WORK IS MOST VALUABLE

Leaders in the Home Demonstration program here have cited some of the outstanding advantages derived by the county from this work: "The women learn to plan, prepare and serve better meals to their families which means better health. They study clothing for the family. Learn to be better home-makers as well as better housekeepers. "Then the farm woman's market adds to the family income which means home conveniences and comforts.

"The girls also have their part in the program of foods, clothing, room improvement and in living up to their club pledge, make better citizens of the county, state and nation. "Watauga won first place in the western half of northwestern district health contest."

PHOTO SHOP NOW IN IMPROVED QUARTERS

Mr. Paul Weston announces the removal of his Boone Photo Shop to the Jones building, opposite the Belk-White Co., and the establishment has been enlarged, modernized and improved to the point where it is one of the best studios in this section of the state.

Mr. Weston, who had four years experience with MGM in Hollywood, and two years with a New York studio before coming to Boone, has enjoyed a splendid patronage here.

961 REGISTERED AT APPALACHIAN

Summary Prepared by Registrar Indicates 670 Come From East of the Ridge

Enrollment data for the first summer session of Appalachian State Teachers College as compiled by Mr. Downum indicates a wide representation, especially of counties in North Carolina. Of the 961 registered, 670 are from east of the Blue Ridge mountains and 291 from west of the range. Seventy-six North Carolina counties with a total of 881, and 46 out-of-state counties with 80 students are represented.

Leading in county attendance are: Watauga, 119; Ashe, 71; Iredell, 37; Wilkes, 36; Surry, 36; Yadkin, 31; Union, 27; Avery, 26; Caldwell, 25; Mitchell, 24; Rutherford, 22; Alleghany, 21; Stokes, 19; Sampson, 18; Cleveland, 18; Yancey, 16; Chatham, 15; Lincoln, 15; Gaston, 14; Davidson, 14; Moore, 14; Rowan, 12; Stanley, 11; Anson, 11; Catawba, 11; Rockingham, 10; Mecklenburg, 10; Robeson, 9; Forsyth, 9; Burke, 8; and Person 8.

Other counties with less representation are: Guilford, Granville, Cabarrus, Bladen, Richmond, Randolph and Lee, 7 each; Columbus and Montgomery, 6 each; Cumberland, Davie, Duplin and Harnett, 5 each; Alexander, Edgecombe, Hertford, Hoke, Nash, Onslow and Vance, 4 each; Alamance, Beaufort, Durham, and Scotland, 3 each; Bertie, Buncombe, Johnston, Madison, McDowell, New Hanover and Orange, 2 each; while the following have one each: Craven, Greene, Henderson, Martin, Polk, Tyrrel, Wake, Warren and Wayne.

Some interesting facts are connected with the denominational affiliation of the students. Considering the entire group, 338 are affiliated with the Baptist church; 336 with the Methodist; 104 Presbyterian; 21 Lutherans; 95 other churches, and 22 no church.

Taking the academic rating into consideration, 96 colleges are represented with 858 undergraduate students, 103 bachelor's degrees, and three master's degrees. Of the number, 505 are from Appalachian and 282 from other colleges.

The term closes July 14th, and the second term begins July 15th, closing August 20.

POOLED WOOL IS SOLD FAVORABLY

Local Fleece Brings Good Price; Times and Places Given for Weighing

By W. B. COLLINS
(County Agent)

The wool committeemen of the Watauga wool pool have sold the pooled wool at a good price. The following is the time and places at which the wool will be weighed up:

Monday, June 28, at Harbin and Shores' warehouse, near depot, Boone, from 8 a. m. to 2 p. m.; W. W. Mast's store, Valle Crucis, from 2:30 p. m. to 4 p. m.; Vilas Service station from 5 to 6 p. m.

Tuesday, June 29, at Clyde Perry's store from 8 to 10 a. m.; Don Hagaman's store from 10 to 12 a. m.; W. F. Sherwood's store from 1 to 3 p. m.; and Bert Mast's store 4 to 5 p. m.

All farmers of the county may sell through the pool regardless of whether they have signed up in the pool, and they are requested to bring their wool to the place most convenient for them at the time specified above.

DOUGHTON IS PROTESTING RAILWAY MAIL CHANGE

In a personal letter to a citizen of the town who is intensely interested in the continuance of the mail service over the narrow-gauge railway into Boone, Congressman R. L. Doughton states that he has already lodged his protest with the postoffice department against the proposed action.

Mr. Doughton further states that the recommendations toward the discontinuance of this service have not as yet been filed, but that he has been told that the matter will be discussed further with him before final action is taken.

Mr. Doughton states that he realizes the importance of the railway mail service to this community and action and that he will use every effort to assist in its retention.

FUNERAL OF JEAN HARLOW



Glendale, Calif.—The overflow of flowers from the chapel of the Wee Kirk O' the Heather at Forest Lawn Memorial Park here, where the funeral service of the late movie star was held.

MAGAZINE STORY PUBLICIZES CITY

Highway Traveler Gives Two Pages to Boone and County; Considered Invaluable

Boone and the Blowing Rock country in general have received invaluable publicity through an article appearing in the current issue of the Highway Traveler, organ of the Greyhound Bus company and which has been circulated to two hundred and twenty-five thousand persons throughout the nation.

The article, which was made possible through the efforts of Mr. H. W. Wilcox, local station manager, occupies two pages of the magazine and carries pictures of the Boone and Blowing Rock localities. The material for the publicity came through the co-operation of Wade E. Brown, secretary of the local Chamber of Commerce.

In commenting on the publicity, Mr. Wilcox makes the following (Continued on page four)

MOTOR PARTY RETURNS FROM FAR WESTERN TRIP

Messrs. A. E. South, S. C. Eggers and C. J. Stuart have returned from a trip to the Pacific northwest, which required 18 days and which embraced 19 states. With them was John Vannoy, who was returned to his home in Snohomish county, Washington, from his first visit to his native home in Watauga county for 18 years.

The itinerary covered 7,940 miles, and the travelers visited many places of interest, which included Yellowstone National Park, Mount Ranier National Park, Bryce Canyon National Park, Zion National Park and the Carlsbad Caverns.

MOSES TEAGUE DIES AT BANNER ELK SATURDAY

Moses H. Teague, aged 37, and a resident of Boone, died at the Banner Elk hospital Saturday morning after a lingering illness.

Funeral services were conducted from the Boone Baptist church Sunday morning at 9 o'clock by Rev. W. C. Payne and interment was in the Reform church cemetery at Blowing Rock.

Surviving are the widow and six children: Walter, James, Virginia, Earl, Evelyn and Sylvia. The mother Mrs. Sarah Teague, of Boone, also survives, as do two sisters, Mrs. George Grimes, Concord, Tenn.; Mrs. G. G. Galyen, Knoxville, Tenn.

CLYDE R. LOVE RETURNS FROM WILKES HOSPITAL

Mr. Clyde R. Love has returned to his home at Vilas from the Wilkes hospital, where he had been a patient as a result of severe injuries sustained some time ago when struck by a limb from a falling tree. Mr. Love received several broken ribs and a spinal fracture which necessitated the use of a plaster cast. Physicians, however, believe he will recover from the injuries.

AN UNUSUAL FLOWER

The Democrat is indebted to little Miss Emma Lee Lookabill, of the Meat Camp section, for the most unusual floral gift of the season. Strangely enough, the flower is only a thistle, but its beauty and fragrance has been the cause of much comment. The bloom is of lavender hue, about three inches in diameter, and is an oddity in the thistle family. It is likely that the seed which produced the unusual plant came into the county with grass seed grown in some other region.

BUSINESS MEN TO ORGANIZE AT MEET ON FRIDAY THE 2ND

Willard Dowell to Be Present For Actual Formation of Merchants Association Which is Outcome of Meeting Held Last Week; Much Interest is Shown

Willard L. Dowell, executive secretary of the North Carolina Merchants Association, will be present at a meeting of the business men of the town of Boone, which will be held at Junior Hall Friday, July 2, at 3:30, the purpose of which is to complete the organization of a retail merchants association for Boone and Watauga county.

A preliminary meeting was held Friday night, and was well attended by the merchants of the city. R. B. Tomlinson, field representative of the State Merchants Association, was present, and a committee composed of A. S. Harris, John Conway and J. E. Clay, arranged for the organization meeting.

According to an announcement made Wednesday by Clyde R. Greene, a director of the State Merchants Association, and who is actively identified with the local movement, all business men of the town as well as of the county, who are engaged in the retail business, are urged to become affiliated with the organization. Representatives of any type of merchandising, filling stations, garages, etc., are eligible for membership, it is said.

A board of directors will be appointed which will contain men representative of the different business interests, and a full time secretary will be employed.

One of the primary aims of the association will be the establishment of a card index system, giving the credit standing of all persons in the trade territory, which will revert to the mutual advantage of both buyer and seller.

Urges Adherence To Parking Rules

Chief Ollis, of the local police department, realizing the desperately crowded condition of the streets of the town, is insisting upon all motorists parking according to the lines painted along the curb.

Mr. Ollis states that if the people will park systematically, much of the congestion will be relieved, and he proposes to begin a strict enforcement of the parking regulations. Parking against hydrants is not to be tolerated under any circumstances it is said.

A suggestion has been made that business men of the town could aid in solving the traffic problem to a great extent if they would leave their cars off the street during the day.

The situation which has developed owing to the great volume of traffic and the relatively narrow streets, is causing grave official concern, and the full co-operation of the people is asked.

WESTERN-UNION OFFICIAL IS A VISITOR IN BOONE

Mr. H. C. Worthen, general manager of the Western-Union Telegraph company, together with Mrs. Worthen and Mr. and Mrs. John Spangenberg, all of Atlanta, Ga., were weekend guests with Mr. Worthen's cousin, Mr. George S. Walton, in Boone.

Mr. Worthen had some nice things to say about the improvements made in this city since his last visit here ten years ago. He made mention of the rapid growth of the city, as regards building activities and referred to the delightful climate, which he thinks should attract an increasing number of visitors to this section during the summer.

DR. HAGAMAN RECOVERING FROM RECENT ILLNESS

Dr. J. B. Hagaman, who has been right seriously ill for the past two weeks, is considerably improved, and while he is yet confined to his room it is believed he will be recovered within the next few days. During the indisposition of the popular physician, Dr. Len Hagaman is looking after the practice at the Hagaman clinic.

OPPOSES GOV. EARLE FOR THE PRESIDENCY

Harrisburg, Pa., June 21.—J. W. Lindau, Jr., of North Carolina, notified Governor George H. Earle today that he was raising \$2,000,000 fund in the southern states "to prevent" Earle's "possible nomination in 1940" as President of the United States.