

DEMOCRACY... A form of government in which the supreme power is retained by the people and exercised either directly or indirectly through a system of representation periodically renewed. This is not the Sketch Man's definition of this all-important word... he borrowed it from Mr. Noah Webster's dictionary of the English language.

WATAUGA citizens have had scant opportunity in recent months to enjoy the benefits of clear democratic government. A domineering minority has, if outward appearances bear no deceit, gathered into its hands the reins of authority... established, as it were, a pseudo-dictatorship which bears a distinctively Russian flavor. These observations are offered in a spirit of love and high affection... the writer is honestly quite fond of all persons affected or afflicted by this new scheme of things.

BEFORE commenting further, the Sketch Man must plead guilty to party affiliation and interest... he is a Democrat by inheritance and faithful practice. He has nothing but admiration for duly elected officials of Watauga county. He has been afforded opportunity to study the public lives of these gentlemen. Through the panic period and up to the present they have exhibited rare qualities of leadership. With revenues shot to pieces they effected economies, struggled manfully with deficits and defaults, maintained a sound financial status. Public buildings have been improved, several modern school buildings constructed. Courthouse offices have been well kept. No apologies are needed in this quarter.

BUT back of the scenes is a small combine which, through political practices of the peanut variety, has succeeded in throwing up a smoke-screen that shrouds in darkness the worth-while accomplishments of the ruling party. We don't like this system... neither does a vast majority of Watauga people!

THERE is, in effect, an iron-fisted Stalin who has surrounded himself with the usual retinue of puppets. His judgments are infallible... he can do no wrong. His crafty practices are manifest in the conduct of public agencies, in the administration of relief, in the distribution of those unmentionable by-products of politics. Good fellows, no question about that... but they've assumed a big order... there's always a breaking point.

DEMOCRACY, as a party, is fast becoming a closed corporation. The few, with fiendish glee, rule the many. No effort is made to save old wounds, to rectify wrongs of the past. Warnings are unheeded... edicts from the inner circle are rammed down the throats of Wataugans with the proverbial handspike. Communism yells bloody murder about the conduct of their school... they get the same committee, the same faculty. By devious methods this "Jeffersonian" heresy worms its way into the bowels of every public endeavor. And the slickest sort of schemes are employed to make of it a self-perpetuating dictatorship... sometimes it's fear, sometimes it's shame, sometimes it's feigned acquiescence to the majority's will. But they always come back... always have to be reckoned with.

TEACHERS as pretty as pinks desire schools. They've trained themselves to the profession, they've passed their work with fine grades. They start their hunt for employment. But pretty soon they find it necessary to square themselves with a group far removed from the community which commands their interest. If lucky, they are assigned and commence work... only to find that a school row has been in progress for a year or two, and that two-thirds of the patrons are mad-dern wet hens. They have tough sledding... the term is likely to be a flop... they seek other "nesting" grounds.

THIS condition is not necessarily the fault of those charged with the conduct of Watauga's educational system... it's bound to rest on the shoulders of the aforementioned heresy. It's always been a personal opinion of this column that schools should be purged of politics... that the party which permits its entrance into the classroom is inviting defeat, and promoting the disruption of a

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LABOR LAWS GO INTO EFFECT 1ST

State Department Representative Consults Local Welfare Officer About Provisions

Miss Marguerite Miller, Watauga county superintendent of welfare, has announced that an inspector from the state department of labor has been in the local office for the purpose of making explanation of the provisions of the new maximum hours and child labor laws.

The inspector was here to acquaint the county welfare superintendent and members of the staff with rules and regulations prescribed by Major A. L. Fletcher, state commissioner of labor, to govern the administration of the new statutes, enacted by the last legislature and effective July 1.

The hour law provides a maximum work-week of 48 hours for women and 55 hours for men employed in certain North Carolina industries. The maximum work-day is nine hours for women and ten hours for men. This act also requires time and payroll records of employment and enforcement features that are particularly progressive in nature.

The division of standards and inspections of the department of labor will be in charge of its enforcement.

The new child labor law provides a minimum age limit of 16 for the full-time or regular employment of children, with exceptions made for employment of children in the home or on the farm. All minors under 18 are required to have an employment certificate before engaging in any type of employment.

Features of this statute also permit 12 to 14-year-old boys to sell or deliver papers or magazines, under certain restrictions. Children 14 to 16 are allowed to work in non-manufacturing jobs when school is not in session.

Employers who desire to acquaint themselves with full regulations contained in the new statutes may call the welfare officer for information of this nature, it was stated.

DRY FORCE LEADER IS NOW IN COUNTY

Rev. M. A. Adams Will Speak in the County Next Sunday; Remains Here For Field Day

Rev. M. A. Adams, former Boone Baptist pastor and lately a representative of the United Dry Forces of the state, arrived in town Monday and will remain here until the Field Day, which he has instituted and which will be held on Sunday, July 11. At that time services in the interest of the temperance movement will be held in perhaps twenty-five churches, and Mr. Adams states that a detailed program of the day's activities will be released within the next few days.

Mr. Adams will speak in the interest of the dry cause at Bethel church at 11 o'clock Sunday, at Timbered Ridge at 3 in the afternoon, and at Willowdale at 8 in the evening.

All those concerned about the evils of strong drink, and who are willing to aid in the return of the state to the dry column, are earnestly asked by Mr. Adams to participate in the meetings to be held.

NOTED AUTHOR IS BLOWING ROCK VISITOR

Clifford Dowdy, of Richmond, who has come into his own as an author and magazine writer, is spending the summer months at Blowing Rock while completing a new serial for a nationally known magazine. Mrs. Dowdy is with him.

Mr. Dowdy's novel, "Bugles Blow No More," one of the best-sellers, is his latest effort. It is a story of Richmond during the Civil War and considered the best historical novel of the year.

For a number of years, Mr. Dowdy was a "pulpster," having contributed 150 stories to 40 of the leading pulp magazines and serving as editor of 10 pulp magazines at one time.

He delivered a lecture before the Blowing Rock School of English Tuesday evening on the subject, "A Penny a Word," which was a revelation of how "pulp" are made.

OATES INFANT DIES

An infant son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Oates, of Kings Mountain, died there last Thursday evening, and interment was in the cemetery there.

Mrs. Oates will be remembered as the former Miss Floy Cottrell, of this city, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Cottrell attended the funeral of the baby.

Daniels a Visitor



Hon. Josephus Daniels, United States Ambassador to Mexico, who was a week-end visitor to Blowing Rock, returning to Raleigh Monday. Mr. Daniels will return to the mountain for a more extended stay.

CLINICS ARE BEING ARRANGED HERE

Tonsil Clinic to Be Held Here Early in July; Typhoid Vaccination Dates Given

The tonsil clinic to be held in Boone on the 6th and 7th of July is having the available places filled rapidly. All those who expect to take advantage of this clinic must have their names registered during this week. Dr. Robert B. King, district health officer, announced Tuesday. The general instructions given to patients are as follows: Bring for each patient, one pillow case, two sheets, one blanket, night clothes, two towels and wash rags, clean clothes or rags or paper tissues.

Give a laxative the evening before and do not drink or eat anything the morning of the clinic. Bring a four-ounce specimen of urine to the clinic.

Dr. King says this is the last chance to register for the clinic for this year, and the place to register is at the district health office from 8:30 a. m. to 4:30 p. m., any day this week. The fee for the clinic is \$13.

Typhoid Clinics

According to health authorities it is advisable to be vaccinated against typhoid fever every second year in order to be sure of maintaining a resistance against the disease. Watauga county has shown few cases during recent years, but in order to maintain the good showing citizens should do their part through effective sanitation and the regular use of the vaccine.

Dr. R. B. King announces that typhoid clinics will be held at the times and places listed below:

Friday, July 2, 9 and 16—Matney 9:30 a. m.; Cool Springs 11 a. m.; Rominger 1 p. m.; Wuddy Gap 3 p. m.

Monday, July 5, 112 and 19—Rutherford 1 p. m.; Laxon 2 p. m.; Deep Gap 3 p. m.; Stony Fork 4 p. m.

Tuesday, July 13, 20 and 27—Blowing Rock 9 a. m.; Aho 10:30 a. m.; Bamboo 1 p. m.; Triplett 3 p. m.

Friday, July 23, 30 and Aug. 6—Bethel 9:30 a. m.; Timbered Ridge 11 a. m.; Reese 1 p. m.; Forest Grove 2:30 p. m.

Monday, July 26, Aug. 2 and 9—Green Valley 1 p. m.; Riverview 2 p. m.; Castle 3 p. m.; Miller 4 p. m.

Tuesday, Aug. 3—Cove Creek 9:30 a. m.; Mast 11 a. m.; Mabel 1 p. m.; Silverstone 3 p. m.

Friday, Aug. 13, 20 and 27—Tracy 10 a. m.; Tamarack 11:30 a. m.; Winebarger 1 p. m.; Meat Camp 2 p. m.

Monday, Aug. 16, 23 and 30—Lovell 1 p. m.; Vilas 2 p. m.; Valle Crucis 3 p. m.

Tuesday, Aug. 24, 31st and Sept. 7—Shulls Mills 9:30 a. m.; Grandfather 10:30 a. m.; Foscoe 1 p. m.; Poplar Grove 3 p. m.

Boone any Monday morning during July.

Please note that only three visits will be made to each point so that if any immunizations are missed they will have to be completed at the Boone office.

LEGION MEETING TO BE HELD FRIDAY NIGHT

A meeting of the Watauga Post, American Legion and the Auxiliary will be held at the Legion hut next Friday evening for the purpose of electing officers and a slate of delegates to the state convention, which is to be held in Durham July 25-28-29.

It is urged that there be a full attendance.

SUMMER SEASON AT BLOWING ROCK IN FULL SWING

Locations Point to Record Number of Tourists at Neighboring Resort; Conventions Are Being Held

Blowing Rock, the mountain-top mecca for summer tourists, is experiencing the greatest influx of guests since the panic, according to hotelists, who are entertaining the largest number of visitors for perhaps ten years. The streets of the little village are again crowded with automobiles from various states and the playground of the northwest has again been enlivened by the presence of the old summer residents as well as by hundreds of those who hitherto had not known of the beauties of the Blowing Rock section. The construction of the Park-to-Park Highway, a national scenic thoroughfare, which passes by the tourist center, gets a good share of the credit for the great increase in the number of visitors to Blowing Rock.

All the leading hotels on the mountain have already opened their doors and the Mayview Manor has thus far been host to two conventions, that of the Southern Manufacturers convention and the Building and Loan League, which ended a three-day meeting on Saturday.

Real estate dealers report an increasing number of inquiries and prospects are that the Blowing Rock section will enjoy the most prosperous year since the twenties, when bicyclists by the hundreds lead their mounts up the mountain pass to enjoy the cool breezes which contributed to the name of the region crowning the mountains of the northwest.

Cafes in County Given Ratings by Health Department

Under requirements of public health laws in North Carolina, the local health department announces grades of the cafes and hotels in Boone and Blowing Rock as follows:

Boone	Name	Score	Grade
	Boone Trail Cafe	90.0	A
	Shell Cafe	87.0	B
	Carolina Cafe	83.5	B
	T and L Cafe	83.0	B
	Cottrell's Quick Lunch	82.0	B
	Grand View Lunch and Cabins	80.5	B
	Caro-Jean Inn	70.0	C
	Daniel Boone Hotel	91.5	A
	Carolina Hotel	83.5	B
Blowing Rock	Sudds' Cafe	91.0	A
	Parkway Cafe	82.5	R
	Williams' Cafe	77.0	C
	Antler's Cafe	70.5	C

It will be noted that a full list of hotel grades for Blowing Rock is not published here which is due to the fact that a complete survey of the town has not been made, but this survey will be made in the near future. At that time a complete list will be published in the papers.

In a recent survey in the hotels and cafes made by Mr. John E. Floyd, of the state board of health, Raleigh, and Mr. H. S. Webster, of the local health department, Mr. Floyd was well pleased with the progress made in the eating establishments of Watauga county and it is hoped that this county will be a leader as it should be in good clean eating places.

There are a number of new tourist camps being developed in the county under the direction of the health department, and as soon as these are completed, they will also be graded under the public health laws, it is said. It is the desire of the state board of health in Raleigh to make all public eating and sleeping places safe, not only from a point of sanitation, but also from a standpoint of comfort. Progress made in this direction is very gratifying to those in the department who are responsible for this supervision.

Chamber Commerce To Meet On Tuesday

The Boone Chamber of Commerce will hold a luncheon meeting at the Boone Trail Cafe Tuesday, July 6, at 12:30 at which time it is hoped there will be a large attendance.

Secretary Wade E. Brown states that several thousands of folders, advertising Boone and the Blowing Rock region are now available at his office to all who care to use them in connection with their correspondence or otherwise. The folder is handsomely prepared and contains numerous pictures of this community as well as of the Blowing Rock section.

Aids Merchants



WILLARD L. DOWELL, Executive Secretary North Carolina Merchants Association and editor of Carolina-Virginia Retailer.

DOWELL SPEAKS HERE ON FRIDAY

Local Merchants Association Will Be Organized at Meeting of the Retailers

The local merchants as well as a number of business men from the county will meet together at the Junior Hall Friday, July 2, at 3:30, when the organization details for the Boone Merchants' Association will be completed.

Willard L. Dowell, executive secretary of the North Carolina Merchants' Association and editor of the Carolina-Virginia Retailer, will be the guest speaker on this occasion, and the sponsors of the local organization feel most fortunate in having secured his services in the organization work. Under Mr. Dowell's leadership the state merchants' association has grown into a virile and outstandingly useful organization, and it is hoped that all the business men who can possibly be present, will hear him.

As has been stated heretofore, all the business men of the town and of the county, who are engaged in retailing are invited to membership in the proposed organization.

A. S. T. C. Ranks High In Teacher Training

College Has Largest Assemblage of Actual Teachers in North Carolina

In evidence of the purpose Appalachian State Teachers College has as an institution for the training of teachers, the college makes claim to the largest number of actual teachers assembled anywhere in North Carolina for summer school work. Out of an enrollment of 962, 732 hold teachers' certificates and 69 are expecting to complete their courses to graduation at the close of the summer quarter. To be more specific, at the end of this summer term, 801 members of the student body will possess and be entitled to teachers' certificates. Nine others are freshmen, never before having been to college.

A classification of students according to type of certificates show that 34 have elementary A certificates; five elementary B certificates; 38 grammar grade A, 203 grammar grade B, 51 grammar grade C, 22 primary A, 1062 primary B, 46 primary C, 48 high school A, seven high school B, two high school C, two high school principal's certificates and one elementary principal.

There are 51 out-of-state certificates, one superintendent's certificate and nine life certificates.

ESCAPE DROWNING IN YONAHLOSSEE LAKE

Miss Jane Logan, student at Appalachian, and Gerald Lackey, graduate, narrowly escaped drowning in Lake Yonahlossee last Sunday when the canoe in which they were rowing capsized. Miss Logan was rescued from the water by Bill Kephart, life guard, and Mr. Lackey was assisted to dry ground by Gene Wike, publisher of the college paper.

No serious damage was done other than a thorough soaking of the rescued and rescuers, as they dived into the water fully dressed.

NEW COUNTY SURVEYOR HAS BEEN APPOINTED

Charles F. Thompson, of Mabel, has been appointed county surveyor, following the resignation of Roby Vines, who was elected to the position last year. Mr. Vines has been named carrier on the Sugar Grove rural mail route, hence his resignation from the official position.

BLANKS FOR OLD AGE PENSIONS ARE AVAILABLE HERE

Welfare Officer Gives Out Information Concerning Administration of Social Security Act; Those on County Given First Consideration

Application blanks which are required for the assistance of the aged and the children as called for under the Social Security act are now available, according to Miss Marguerite Miller, county welfare officer, who states that applications will be taken with her department beginning July 1.

Miss Miller states that all applications must be made by the person who is applying for aid, to the Watauga County Welfare office and signed before a notary public. A thorough investigation will be made following the filing of the application to establish the needs of the person concerned, says Miss Miller, who continues:

"Due to the fact that only a small amount of money has been allotted to Watauga county, it will be necessary to go slowly with the program in order to see that only those who are in greatest need are given the aid. From the estimate received from the state office there are only 119 persons eligible for old age assistance and 105 dependent children who are eligible for the aid to dependent children in the county. The money for the county was allotted on this basis. The state officials have asked that those who have been receiving aid from the county be taken care of first and then accept applications of others who may be eligible as soon as possible. We are asking that those who think they are eligible, but who have not been receiving aid from the county, be as patient as possible in waiting to file their application. We are seeking the co-operation of each citizen in Watauga county to help make this program a success."

"The application blanks for aid to blind have not been received, but we are hoping to have them within a few days. Applications for this assistance must be made by the person to the welfare office in about the same manner as that for aid to dependent children and old age assistance."

BUSINESS HOUSES CLOSE FOR FOURTH

Independence Day Comes on Sunday; General Observance Will Be Monday

Due to the fact that the Fourth of July happens this year on Sunday, Monday is to be observed as a holiday by most of the business houses of the town, including the bank and postoffice. The drug stores and cafes will remain open as usual, it is said.

Those who have signified their intention of closing in observance of the holiday are:

Dixie Stores, Smithy's Store, Daniel Boone Shoe Shop, B. W. Stallings, City Meat Market, McGuire's Beauty Shop, Pearson's Store, Mullins & Clay, New River Light & Power Co., Boone Feed Co., M. & M. Motor Co., Boone Body Shop, Will C. Walker, Lillian Mae Beauty Shop, Harrison Chevrolet Co., Watauga County Bank, Boone Motor Sales, Belk-White Co., A. & P. Store, Spainhour's, Farmers Hardware & Supply Co., Johnson-Stewart Co., Crest Stores Co., Central Barber Shop, J. L. Qualls, Sanitary Barber Shop, City Barber Shop.

MRS. DONALD GREER PASSES ON FRIDAY

Mrs. Donald Greer, aged 22 years, died at a Rutherfordton hospital last Friday after an illness of three weeks.

Funeral services were conducted on Saturday from the Methodist church in that city by the pastor, Rev. Fletcher Nelson, and interment was in that community.

Mrs. Greer was the former Miss Charlotte Stallings, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Stallings, and received her Bachelor of Science degree from Appalachian College, after a two-year course at the Asheville Normal School. During her stay in Boone she made for herself many friends who are saddened by the news of her demise.

Surviving is the husband, who is the son of Mr. T. Milton Greer, of this city, and one daughter, Sylvia Lee.