

WORK ON BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY IS PROGRESSING

Grading Work on Sector is Almost Finished; Two Tunnels Bored and Part of Road is Surfaced

Asheville, July 5.—The first of three sectors of the Blue Ridge Parkway now under construction in this vicinity will be completed this summer, H. C. Binger, engineer with the United States bureau of public roads, supervising the projects, said last night.

This is the 3.44-mile link between Buck Creek gap and Big Laurel mountain, on which grading and drainage is now more than 90 per cent finished. The sector which follows the Yancey-McDowell county line, is being constructed by the Asheville Construction company at a cost of \$366,900.

Two Tunnels Bored

Boring of two tunnels on this link, one approximately 200 feet and the other more than 400 feet in length, is almost completed, and contractors are expected to begin placing a crushed stone base on the road within the next month. None of the links in the 477-mile route which will connect the Shenandoah and Great Smoky Mountain National parks, is being paved at this time.

Work is progressing rapidly on the two other links, one which lies entirely in Buncombe and the other in Buncombe and McDowell counties, Mr. Binger said. Near the Virginia-North Carolina state line, approximately 50 miles of the Parkway is nearing completion, and the larger part of this section of the route has been opened to traffic.

The Big Laurel Mountain-Toe River gap sector is being constructed by the Kentucky Virginia Stone company, of Middleboro, Ky., and is approximately 30 per cent complete. This link is 7.16 miles in length and lies partly in McDowell and partly in Buncombe county.

Will Join Toll Road

This sector will connect with the Mt. Mitchell toll road about ten miles from the base of the toll road. Construction of a 125-foot tunnel is included in the contract. It is here that the Parkway will reach one of its highest points, climbing approximately a mile high on the lofty slopes of Mt. Mitchell. Work will not be finished here until probably next year sometime.

Construction of this unit was begun early this year by the M. E. Gilloz company, and according to Mr. Binger is now approximately 15 per cent finished. Solid stone cliffs through which the route must pass, will impede progress somewhat.

Part of Road Surfaced

Grading of more than 50 miles of the Parkway route near the Virginia line is near enough completed to permit use of the road in Allegheny, Ashe, Wilkes and Watauga counties. Approximately 15 miles of the road has been surfaced with crushed stone, and the remainder is expected to be finished this summer.

Although only about 100 miles of the entire Parkway is now under construction, officials hope to open the various sections to traffic as soon as they are completed through use of connecting state highways. Intermittent sections have been placed under construction with this object in view.

GOVERNOR HOEY IS TO SPEAK IN CITY

Dr. Dougherty Arranges for Address of Executive on the 19th of August

Governor Clyde R. Hoey, one of the foremost orators of the state, is to deliver an address in the auditorium of Appalachian College, Monday morning, August 19, at 11 o'clock, according to an announcement made by Dr. B. B. Dougherty, president of the institution, and close personal friend of the executive.

Dr. Dougherty extends an invitation to the general public to hear Governor Hoey, whose appearance marks the first time a governor has spoken in Boone since the administration of Governor Cameron Morrison.

Governor Hoey is a good friend of the local college, having been a member of the legislature when the institution was created. His legislative efforts did much toward the establishment of what is now one of the greatest teachers' colleges in the south.

COVE CREEK FOLKS ASK FOR SCHOOL HEARING

A group of citizens from the Cove Creek and Mable school districts Tuesday afternoon made written request to the county board of education for a hearing as to the conduct of the schools in these districts, particularly as regards the naming of teachers. It is understood that a number of charges are to be presented by the group, if and when the hearing is granted.

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SCENIC CIRCLE ORGANIZED AT MEETING FRIDAY

Western North Carolina and Tennessee Group to Stress Loop Drive; Organization is Headed by Nelson McRae

An enthusiastic meeting of representatives from towns in Western North Carolina and Eastern Tennessee was held on Grandfather mountain last Friday to organize the Scenic Circle, Incorporated.

Those who attended the meeting were: M. T. McArthur, J. C. Coad, Johnson City, Tenn.; B. F. Siler, Elizabethton, Tenn.; Wade E. Brown and H. G. Farthing, Boone; D. P. Coffey, Jack Craft, O. W. Stone and Harlan Gregg, Blowing Rock; Edgar H. Tufts and J. C. Mackorell, Banner Elk; Nelson McRae, Linville, Burnsville and Spruce Pine were represented by proxies at the meeting.

The following were elected as officers for the coming year: Nelson McRae, president; B. F. Siler and M. T. McArthur, vice presidents; Edgar H. Tufts and O. W. Stone, vice presidents; J. E. Coad, secretary-treasurer. The latter two maintain executive offices in Johnson City, but regular meetings will be held on Grandfather mountain.

The object of this organization is to emphasize and advertise a circle trip through what is considered one of the most beautiful scenic sections of Eastern America. Plans were made for a vigorous and extensive campaign to publicize a tour through this section over highways that will give visitors the opportunity to observe from their own cars the most beautiful scenery in the nation.

FOURTH OF JULY PASSES QUIETLY

Stores of Town are Closed; Police Department Says Minimum Number of Arrests

Monday, which was celebrated in Boone only by the closing of practically all the mercantile establishments of the city, passed off in a safe and sane fashion, and Chief of Police Ollis stated late Monday afternoon that only six arrests for drunkenness had been made over the week-end. This is considerably below the average for the same period of time, when no holiday is involved.

Business men of the town took advantage of the double-holiday to make trips about the country and to mingle with friends, while Boone and Blowing Rock were thronged with tourists. No serious accidents occurred in this section so far as is known.

Long Illness Fatal To Herbert E. Cook

Herbert E. Cook, aged 48, well-known resident of the Rutherford section, died Saturday after an illness which had been considered critical for the past several months.

The funeral was conducted from the home Monday morning at 11 o'clock, Rev. J. C. Canipe preaching the sermon. Rev. Levi Greene assisted during the course of the service.

Surviving are the widow, one son, Edsel Cook, and four daughters, Mrs. Mabel Cook, Mrs. Gladys Brookshire, Mrs. Nell Barnes, all of Boone, and Mrs. Beulah Bodenheimer, Kanawha, N. C. The parents, Berton and Abie Cook, together with the following brothers and sisters, also survive: E. D. and G. S. Cook, Boone; T. B., B. C., Hade and W. C. Cook, Fishtail, Mont.; Mrs. Tate Vannoy, Fishtail, Mont.; Mrs. Lois Keys, Lenoir, N. C.; Mrs. Nell Keys, Lenoir; Mrs. Hazel Winkler, Elkin, N. C.; Mrs. Annie Flower, Leaksville, N. C. Mr. Cook was reared in Watauga where he spent his entire life, and where he engaged in farming. He was well known in this section, where he leaves a large circle of friends and relatives.

Men Wanted For Foreign Service

Men between the ages of 18 and 35, are now wanted for service in the United States army, according to Mr. Eugene Russell, who has the necessary enlistment blanks at his office in the Watauga County Bank building. Mr. Russell states that there are vacancies in the Canal Zone, Hawaiian Islands, Philippines, Alaska, as well as several points in the states. Those interested in enlisting are asked to communicate with Mr. Russell.

REV. CANIPE CONTINUES WORLD TRAVEL STORIES

Rev. J. C. Canipe, Boone Baptist pastor, has agreed to continue his writings of foreign travels, which have hitherto appeared under the heading of "Little Journeys in Palestine," and another installment of the series will appear in The Democrat next week.

Mr. Canipe decided to tell more of his old world travels after literally scores of Democrat readers had called at the newspaper office to express their pleasure over former articles and to insist upon their continuance. The Democrat feels most fortunate in having been assured that the esteemed divine will again be a regular contributor to these columns.

DR. DOUGHERTY IS AGAIN HONORED

Appalachian College Head is Named by Fourth Governor to School Commission

Dr. B. B. Dougherty, president of Appalachian College, was named again last week as ninth district member of the state school commission. In appointing Dr. Dougherty, Governor Hoey has followed the examples of Governors McLean, Gardner and Ehringhaus, and only A. McL. Graham, of Johnston county, has served so long as the local educator on the important commission.

The school commission, it is explained, has charge of the expenditure of about \$25,000,000, which includes the salaries of the teachers of the state, the superintendents, bus drivers, etc., and the people of this community are gratified that Dr. Dougherty has for the fourth time been honored by a place on the most important commission thus far created by the state government.

The school commission is scheduled to meet this month in Raleigh for the purpose of naming an executive secretary. Indications are that Leyd Griffin will be re-elected to this post.

JUSTIN MILLER BUYS HOME HERE

Former Dean of Duke Law School and Member Board Tax Appeals is New Resident

Justin Miller, who was formerly the dean of the Duke University law school, and who is at present a member of the Federal Board of Tax Appeals, has purchased the property of Don Farthing near Boone, and he and his family are residing at the home of C. B. Duncan, pending the renovating of the newly-acquired property.

Mr. Miller, who is a native of California, tells S. C. Egger, local realtor, through whom the trade was consummated, that he and his family have toured the country from one end to the other, and that Boone is the best town of its size of which he knows in the United States. Certain standards by which he and Mrs. Miller were to find a location for a residence had not been met with, he says, until they reached Boone.

Mr. Miller's duties on the important federal commission takes him to various parts of the country; however, Boone is to be his permanent home, according to the local realtor.

Mary Miller Dies At North Wilkesboro

Miss Mary Miller, aged 16 years, daughter of Joe H. Miller of Boone Route 2, died Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock at the Wilkes hospital, where she had been a patient for several days.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday afternoon from the Hope-well Methodist church by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Winkler and interment was in the nearby cemetery.

Pallbearers were George Greene, Grady Proffitt, Monroe and Walter Winebarger, Jack Clawson and Clifton Holman. There was a large floral offering.

Miss Miller is survived by her father and mother, nine brothers and two sisters, Earl, Wade, Charles, Leroy and Arlie Miller, Miss Goldie Miller and Mrs. Verlie Davis.

In her short life, Miss Miller, in her quiet way, had made many friends as manifested by the unusually large attendance at the funeral.

PIE SUPPER AT BAMBOO

There will be a pie supper with ice cream, cake walks and wholesome entertainment on the sideline, at Bamboo schoolhouse Saturday night, July 10. Recreational Center invites you to be present.

PROGRAM GIVEN FOR FIELD DAY FOR DRY FORCES

Many Speakers Will Participate in Temperance Rallies at Various Church of County; Citizens Are Asked to Rally to Dry Cause

Rev. M. A. Adams, general director of temperance education for the United Dry Forces of the state, who has been in the county for several days arranging for the Field Day next Sunday, states that an outstanding group of speakers have agreed to be present at the various churches and insists that the general public take part in the meetings.

Mr. Adams further states that the organization is greatly in need of funds and asks that an offering for the benefit of the United Drys be taken at each engagement. He desires to thank all the people of this section for the fine co-operation of the past, and hopes that next Sunday will be a red-letter day in the cause of temperance in this county.

Following are the churches which will observe the field day and the speakers who will appear in each instance:

Sunday Morning
First Baptist church, Boone, Rev. J. C. Canipe; Advent Christian, Boone, Rev. W. W. Lyles; Henson's Chapel Methodist, Rev. M. A. Adams; Middle Fork Baptist, Rev. Dwight Edmisten; Pleasant Grove Baptist, Dr. J. D. Rankin; Zionville Baptist, Attorney T. E. Bingham; Laurel Fork Baptist, Prof. Herman Eggers; Mt. Ephraim Baptist, Mr. S. C. Eggers; Poplar Grove Baptist, Attorney W. R. Lovill; Stony Fork Baptist, Dr. D. J. Whitener; Watauga Baptist, Mr. J. A. Boidin; Beaver Dam Baptist, Mr. Clyde R. Greene; Laurel Methodist, (16 a. m.) Rev. W. A. Adams; Meat Camp Baptist, Prof. Sawyer.

Sunday Afternoon
Willow Valley Baptist, Attorney T. E. Bingham; Brushy Fork Baptist, Rev. W. W. Lyles; Three Forks Baptist, Rev. J. C. Canipe; Mt. Vernon Baptist, Rev. Paul Townsend and Rev. M. A. Adams.

Sunday Night
Oak Grove Baptist, Attorney T. E. Bingham; Shulls Mills Baptist, Mr. Clyde Greene; Lutheran church, Boone, Dr. J. D. Rankin; Methodist church, Boone, Rev. Paul Townsend; Blowing Rock Baptist church, union service. Twenty-minute pageant given by Mrs. Gertrude H. Rogers and assistants, followed by a stereopticon lecture, "To Drink or Not to Drink."

LEGION ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

Cleve Gross Will Head Local Post; Chas. C. Rogers Named Vice-Commander

Cleve L. Gross was named commander of Watauga Post American Legion at the joint meeting of the Legion and Auxiliary held at the hut Friday night. At the same time Charles C. Rogers was named first vice-commander, and the other officers chosen are as follows:

Vice commanders, B. K. Osborne and T. A. Weaver; adjutant, L. D. Woodard; finance officer, Marshall F. Brown; service officer, Lionel Ward; guardianship officer, Spencer Miller; sergeant-at-arms, R. J. Church; chaplain, Walter C. Greene; historian, Roey I. Haynes; athletic officer, Coy Bingham; child welfare officer, Lionel Ward; Americanism officer, Walter C. Greene; graves registration officer, Lionel Ward; membership chairman, B. K. Osborne.

HONOLULU STROLLERS TO APPEAR IN CONCERT

Sweney Prosser's "Honolulu Strollers" will appear in person at the Demonstration school here Saturday night, July 10, at 8:15, under the auspices of the Daniel Boone Junior Order Council.

Officials of the organization feel most fortunate in being able to provide this fine entertainment, which consists of one hour and fifteen minutes of Hawaiian, Spanish and popular music on the electrical guitars. The company is said to include the best guitar players in the south.

TRAVEL STORY OMITTED

The Democrat regrets that a most interesting story prepared by Mr. S. C. Eggers of this city, telling of a recent trip made by him and a group of friends to the Pacific Northwest, was unfortunately omitted from these columns this week. The story is most entertaining and will appear in the next week's edition.

Greene is Chosen President Local Merchants Group



Clyde R. Greene, leading merchant, who was elected president of the Boone Merchants' Association last Friday.

\$40,000 INVOLVED IN REALTY DEAL

Blowing Rock Realtor Makes Largest Transaction in Perhaps Twenty Years

W. P. Bickett, retired New York business man, last week became the owner of the Elliott Reed estate in Blowing Rock, the consideration being something in the neighborhood of forty thousand dollars. The transaction was consummated by C. S. Prevette, realtor, who believes that the trade involves the largest single turnover experienced in the resort town for twenty years.

Mr. Bickett left soon after the deal was made for a summer tour of Europe and will occupy the estate during September.

Mr. Prevette states that Blowing Rock is enjoying the best season since the early twenties and that he has completed a record number of smaller realty transactions.

MINISTERS MEET HERE NEXT WEEK

Program Has Been Arranged for Preachers Conference at Boone Baptist Church

A preachers' conference is scheduled to be held at the Boone Baptist church Monday following the second Sunday in July, and Rev. E. C. Hodges, chairman of the committee on arrangements, has released the following program:

"What is the mission of the Holy Spirit and are we waiting on it to fill its mission?" J. C. Canipe.
"At what age are children accountable to God?" Will Cook.
"At what age was the youngest Christ healed?" R. H. Shore.
"Is water baptism essential to salvation?" W. C. Payne.
"Is it important to teach and preach on these subjects?" W. D. Ashley.

Mrs. Grace F. Norris, Esteemed Lady, is Dead

Mrs. Grace Farthing Norris, aged 64 years, prominent resident of the Beaver Dam section, died at her home Sunday.

Funeral services were conducted from the Bethel Baptist church by Reverends W. D. Ashley and E. J. Farthing and interment was in the neighboring cemetery.

A large floral offering was borne by the young ladies of the neighborhood, and the pallbearers included Carl Farthing, J. B. Farthing, Dudley Greene, Clyde Perry, Martin Clay, Charles Clay, R. S. Swift, Clarence Swift, Roby Vines, Conley Greene.

Surviving are two sons and two daughters: Paul Norris, Sugar Grove; Rubye Norris, Detroit, Mich.; Mrs. A. E. Woolfolk, Memphis, Tenn.; and Mrs. L. S. Gates, Guthrie Center, Iowa. Also surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Nora Norris and Mrs. Oscar Phillips.

Mrs. Norris was reared in Watauga county, the daughter of Lewis W. and Nancy Farthing and was married in 1903 to E. N. Norris. She was one of the most active and useful members of the Bethel Baptist church, and was one of the most devoted ladies of that section. Her neighborliness and attention to the sick and more unfortunate of her neighborhood, had been especially commended.

Willard Dowell Addresses Local Business Men as Organization is Perfected; Wade Brown is to Be Secretary; Directors Are Named

Clyde R. Greene, prominent local hardware merchant, was chosen as president of the Boone Merchants' Association at the meeting held Friday afternoon, at which Willard Dowell, executive secretary of the State Merchants' Association, was a guest speaker.

Mr. Greene, who is one of the town's most progressive merchants, is serving his second year as a director of the state association, and his election to the post met with the unanimous approval of the 18 local merchants present at the meeting.

W. O. Robertson was named vice-president, and a board of directors was constituted consisting of J. A. Mullins, Frank Pearson, Chas. Rogers, J. L. Qualls, A. S. Harris, John Conway, R. D. Hoiges, M. J. Clark, W. T. Pugh, E. F. (Scotly) Wilson. One member is yet to be elected to the board.

At a subsequent meeting held Tuesday evening, Wade E. Brown was elected secretary and a membership committee was created, which includes the following members: W. O. Robertson, J. A. Mullins and D. P. Wyke.

Dowell's Speech

Mr. Dowell, in his address, dwelt upon the functions and benefits to be derived from a merchants' association, and the deliverance was enthusiastically received by the gathering. He spoke particularly of the advantages of co-operative effort in arranging special trade events and spoke of the credit reporting bureau which is to be maintained.

Twenty-five members were reported at the end of the meeting and Mr. Dowell was enthusiastic in his praise of the enterprise of the local business men.

FORMER MAYOR OF CITY DIES

Conrad M. Yates Succumbs at Brownwood Home; Funeral Held Sunday

Conrad M. Yates, prominent lumberman and former mayor of Boone, died at his home in the Brownwood section Saturday, after a long period of failing health. Although his physical condition had been considered grave for some time, his death was said to have been almost sudden.

Funeral services were conducted from the Methodist church at Brownwood Sunday, Rev. H. M. Winkler, Rev. J. C. Canipe, Rev. Joe Greene and Rev. Levi Greene taking part in the obsequies. Interment was in the family cemetery.

Surviving are the widow, the former Miss Annie Hendrix, and three sons: William, Gwyn and Conrad, Jr. Three brothers also survive, Tom and Shelton Yates of Spokane, Wash.; Claude Yates, Lenoir, N. C.

Mr. Yates had engaged in the lumber business in this section for the past several years, and had resided in Boone during the early twenties, when he had served as mayor, and where he was held in high esteem as one of the town's best and most public-spirited citizens.

Lions Club Names New Slate of Officers

Wade E. Brown, local attorney, was named president of the Boone Lions Club at a meeting at which the ladies were present, and which was held at the Daniel Boone Hotel Thursday evening.

Other officers named were: R. W. Watkins, first vice-president; Jim Council, second vice-president; E. S. Christenbury, third vice-president; W. Amos Abrams, secretary-treasurer; Murray B. Craven, lion-tamer; Richard E. Kelley, tail-twister; Frank Payne and W. G. Hartzog, directors.

There was a large attendance at the ladies' night banquet, at which Dr. King presided as toastmaster. Dr. W. M. Matheson, the retiring official, briefly reviewed the work of the club since its organization in November, 1936, and called attention to the clinic for the blind, the publicity endeavors, and other worth-while enterprises which had been sponsored by the organization.

The incoming president, Mr. Brown, outlined the aims of the club for the coming year, and pledged the club to a definite program for the welfare of the community.

The club will again meet in regular session on the third Tuesday evening.