

**NORTH STATE TOUR TO ARRIVE OCT. 14 AT BLOWING ROCK**

Motorcade Sponsored by Department of Conservation and Development Will Be Overnight Guests at Neighboring Resort; Notable Guests in Party

The Old North State Tour, sponsored by the Department of Conservation and Development, and which is to be composed of seventy-six people, many of them nationally known, will be overnight guests at Blowing Rock on October 14, according to the Chamber of Commerce of that city, which is making elaborate preparations for the entertainment of the distinguished visitors. The tour will spend a short time in Boone, and will go from here to Blowing Rock. It is felt that this section will be particularly benefited by the publicity to be derived from the visit of the motorcade.

Further detailed information as to the personnel and itinerary of the tour is furnished by Coleman W. Roberts of Charlotte, member of the committee on advertising and promotion of the conservation department.

**Starts in Asheville**  
The guests of the tour have been invited to meet in Asheville October 9 and the tour will terminate October 20 at Elizabeth City. The group will travel 11,517 miles, visit the principal resort areas of the west, sandhills and the east and likewise touching the important centers of the Piedmont section and agricultural centers of the east. Among the guests are Ted Gill, editor of the Associated Press, New York; a representative of the secretary of agriculture and the travel editors of a number of the leading publications and the travel counselors of the leading motoring organizations.

"This is just one feature of the program to promote the travel industry in North Carolina in connection with the state's advertising campaign," Mr. Roberts said. "Due to the generous co-operation of the hotels, communities and counties, the Carolina Coach company, the Queen City Coach company and the Greyhound Bus Lines, this tour, which acquaints the leading travel counselors and travel editors with the state, will be conducted without expense to the state. Like the newspapers that are co-operating and contributing space, the hotels and bus lines are providing food, lodging and transportation."

**U. S. Lending Hand**  
"It is interesting to know in connection with the development of the travel industry that the United States for the first time is lending its assistance by the establishment of the United States Tourist Bureau of the National Park Service with offices at 45 Broadway, New York. The chief of this tourist bureau, N. A. Locmis, will be one of those who will make the tour. The state of North Carolina will have available in the United States Tourist Bureau information concerning the state as a whole, its various attractions and activities."

Mr. Roberts made public a revised itinerary of the tour. Sunday, October 10, will be spent visiting points of interest in and near Asheville, with meals and lodging furnished by local hotels. At 8:30 a. m. Tuesday the tour will head for the Great Smokies with stops at Canton, Waynesville, Sylva (lunch), Cherokee reservation, Newfound Gap, Clingmans Dome and back to Bryson City where the visitors will be dinner and overnight guests of the city, Swain county and Fryemont Inn.

Wednesday, October 12, the tour will visit Franklin, Highlands, Cashiers, High Hampton Inn (lunch), Brevard and Hendersonville. Hendersonville will be the overnight stop with the chamber of commerce and Skyland Hotel as dinner and overnight hosts.

**Comin to Boone**  
The fifth day, Thursday, the guests will visit Tryon, Lake Lure and Chimney Rock. Mr. Roberts will be host at luncheon at his home, "Saug Harbor." Cliff Dwellers Inn will be dinner hosts and the party will spend the night at Lake Lure Inn.

Rutherfordton, Marion, Little Switzerland, Linville, Banner Elk (lunch), Boone and Blowing Rock will be visited Friday. Mayview Manor will be host for dinner and lodging.

On the seventh day the visitors will leave the Blowing Rock area and visit Lenoir, Hickory, Gastonia and Charlotte. The Lenoir Board of Trade and the Carheim hotel will be luncheon hosts and the Charlotte hotel will be dinner and overnight hosts.

Piedmont Carolina will interest and entertain the tour Saturday. Concord, Kannapolis, Salisbury, Lexington, Thomasville, High Point, Sedgefield, Greensboro, Guilford Battleground and Winston-Salem will be visited.

Sunday will be spent visiting Asheville, Pinehurst, Southern Pines, Fayetteville, Fort Bragg and Raleigh. Lunch will be served at Fort Bragg. The Raleigh hotels will be hosts for dinner and lodging. At 9

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**WATAUGA ALUMNI TO HOLD BANQUET AT APPALACHIAN**

**Business Men and Educational Leaders to Participate in Meeting at College Cafeteria On September 17; To Elect Officers**

In an effort to organize an Appalachian club in Watauga county, the Alumni Association of Appalachian State Teachers College will hold a banquet for the group in the college cafeteria on September 17. Every citizen of the county who has had as much as one quarter's credits is eligible and invited to attend. A major feature of the occasion will be the election of officers to the club.

Plans are under way to make it the biggest event of its kind yet held by the local institution. Business men as well as educational minded leaders are being invited to participate in the program's activities.

Special effort will be launched to take the meeting away from the usual "dry" and business-like fashion by selecting a group of talented individuals as program committee. Activities scheduled make it evident that the gala event will serve to make the public aware of the progress being made by Appalachian graduates of Watauga county.

The banquet is the second of its type. Mr. Paul Winkler, of Morganton, is credited with having organized the first Appalachian club. Recently he was instrumental in uniting the alumni of Burke county, a club which has gained wide publicity in that section.

Alumni wishing to attend the Watauga county banquet are asked to write immediately to Mr. Starr Stacy, secretary of the Appalachian Alumni Association, Box 502, Boone, N. C.

**BOARD APPROVES OTHER TEACHERS**

**Remainder of Teaching Staff in County is Approved, Also Drivers and Janitors**

At the regular meeting of the county board of education, held Monday, the following school teachers were approved:

Boone high school—Gordon A. Nash, Dorothy M. Miller, Foy Martin.

Boone elementary school—J. E. Rivers, Jr., William Coles, Miss Carolyn Weaver.

Rich Mountain school—Miss Beatrice Culler.

Deep Gap school—Miss Alice Sherrill.

Lower Elk school—John Idol.

Blowing Rock school—Mrs. Kate Brown.

Valle Crucis school—Clint Baird (substitute), Mrs. Henry Taylor.

Foscoe—Miss Susan Winkler.

Cool Springs—Clyde Henson, Mrs. Ruby Michael.

Cove Creek high—Miss Pauline Brummitt, Lawrence Spaven, Mrs. Cleta J. Harmon.

Cove Creek elementary—Miss Ophelia Bingham.

Rominger—Miss Alice W. Bingham.

Bethel—Miss Mary Austin Eller.

Mabel—Miss Maude Williams, Miss Ella Dare Reese.

Also a number of janitors and bus drivers were selected as follows:

**Janitors**

Valle Crucis—Karl Kohnle.

Mabel—C. F. Thompson.

**Bus Drivers**

No. 1, Carmer Shook (substitute).

No. 8, Dwight Hayes (substitute).

No. 9, Buster Wallace (substitute).

No. 11, Don Henson.

**Lees-McRae Opens New College Term**

Lees-McRae College at Banner Elk began yesterday morning, with prospects of the final registration figures showing a decided increase in the number of students on the campus of the institution. Leo K. Pritchett, dean and registrar, states that in fact, a capacity number of students have been accepted, with prospects for a splendid year.

The first faculty meeting was held Tuesday evening and classes began today.

**FINISHES HOME**

Contractor W. C. Greene has completed the erection of a nine-room brick veneer residence for Mr. David Bingham, which is located in the Rutherfordton section, and is now engaged in an extensive remodeling of the R. F. Greene home in Boone.

**Merchants of City Join in Setting Apart Trade Days**

With a view to offering the most notable reductions in prices known in local merchandising circles since the depression, and thus further convince the people that Boone is the practical shopping center for the entire northwestern tier of counties, the members of the Boone Retail Merchants Association have set apart Thursday, Friday and Saturday September 16, 17 and 18 as three Big Bargain Days, during which period some thousands of persons are expected to visit the town, take advantage of the values being offered and enjoy the hospitality of the participating merchants.

Bargain days have been observed in the past on smaller scales, and the success experienced influenced the organized effort to further convince the citizenry of the feasibility of trading at home.

It is the particular desire of the townspeople to acquaint the farmers of the northwest of the rapidly growing importance of Boone as a produce center. One dealer has esti-

mated that no less than 50,000 bushels of Irish potatoes were marketed locally last year, four or five million pounds of cabbage, 300,000 or more pounds of chickens and perhaps as many as 20,000 bushels of onions. There is a fair market available in Boone for practically all the produce of the farm.

**Gets Wide Publicity**  
A large scale-publicity program is being carried out this week. Preliminary announcements of the event are appearing not only in the local newspaper, but in those of some of the surrounding counties, while next week The Democrat will carry detailed announcements from the various merchants.

The association urges all members to join wholeheartedly into the publicizing of the event in order that the event may be a complete success. Those constituting the membership of the Merchants group are: I. T. Barnett, Belk-White Co., Boone Feed Store, Boone Motor Sales, Boone Drug Co., Carolina Pharmacy, City Meat Market, Farmers Hardware & Supply Co., H. & H. Oil Co., High Land Furniture Co., M. C. Holler, Johnson-Stuart Co., Mullins & Clay, Pearson's Store, Qualls Furniture Co., Reins-Sturdivant, Inc., Rivers Printing Co., Spainhour's, Inc., Daniel Boone Shoe Shop, Watauga Coal Co., New River Light & Power Co.

**EIGHT INJURED IN AUTO COLLISION**

**Car Driven by Boone Merchant and One Occupied by Virginians Figure in Crash**

Six Labor Day vacationists from Big Stone Gap, Va., Frank Pearson of Boone, and Ben Estes, of North Wilkesboro, were injured, some seriously, when the automobile occupied by the Virginians and one driven by Mr. Pearson, collided in a dense fog in the vicinity of Deep Gap Monday. Some of the passengers were critically hurt, and the automobiles were said to have been almost demolished.

The injured: Ralph Beaman, dislocated vertebrae, crushed knee and lacerated arm, recovery doubtful; Mrs. Beaman, bruises and sprained ankle; James Beaman, compound fracture of leg; Carl Johnson, broken nose and lacerations; Buddy Beaman, aged two, and baby Beaman, bruised; Frank Pearson, bruises and cuts; Ben Estes, cut on head and bruises.

The injured were given treatment at the Dr. Hagaman clinic and were returned home Monday evening. Ralph and James Beaman going to an Abingdon hospital for further treatment.

**More Than 750 Are Enrolled At College**

With orientation and classification of the two hundred freshmen out of the way, upperclassmen returned Thursday to register, bringing the total number of students up to 750. Before the books close this term it is expected that the number will exceed 800.

Several new additions have been made to the college faculty. Dr. Zeb H. Burns remained from the summer terms as teacher in the field of education. Formerly, Dr. Burns was connected with the Birmingham city schools. He received his M. A. in education from the Alabama Polytechnic Institute, and his Ph.D. from the University of Cincinnati.

Miss Louise Moore, graduate, who has been teaching at Happy Valley, Caldwell county, has been employed to teach a library science course. She received her library training at George Peabody College, where she has been doing graduate work.

**QUINCY GILLEY DIES; FUNERAL AT MT. VERNON**

Quincy Gilley, aged 67 years, a resident of the Deerfield section, died Monday and funeral services were conducted from the Mount Vernon Baptist church Tuesday morning, Rev. J. A. Yount, Lutheran minister, being in charge of the rites.

Surviving are a brother and sister, John Gilley, Boone, and Mattie Gilley, Jacksonville, Fla.

**REVIVAL SERVICES**

A revival meeting is in progress at the Gap Creek church this week. Rev. J. C. Canipe of Boone being assisted by Rev. W. C. Greene. Services are being held daily at 2:30 and 7:30, large crowds are in attendance and there is deep interest shown.

**Veteran Dies**



BERN HODGES

**RRITERS FOR BERN HODGES THURSDAY**

**Prominent Oak Grove Citizen Is Interred With Military Honors; Was Veteran**

Funeral services were conducted Thursday afternoon from the Oak Grove Baptist church for Bernard Hodges, aged 45, one of the outstanding citizens of that community, who was found dead on the porch of his home Wednesday, with a bullet wound in his head and a .22 calibre rifle lying nearby. Mr. Hodges had been in extremely poor health since his service with the American armies in France, but the absence of powder burns about the wound, led some to question the suicide theory.

The pastor of the church, Rev. F. C. Watts, was in charge of the funeral services, and was assisted by Rev. E. C. Hodges. The church was filled to overflowing with friends of the family who gathered to pay their respects and the floral offering was most profuse. The American Legion Post furnished the pall bearers, and the organization was in charge of the services at the graveside in Hines cemetery.

Surviving are the widow, the former Miss Hettie Gross, and one small daughter, Nancy Lee. The mother, Mrs. Ben Hodges, survives, and one sister, Mrs. Ernest Hodges.

**Reared in Watauga**  
Mr. Hodges was reared in the community in which he died and was a carpenter by trade. He enlisted in the National Guard, third Tennessee regiment in 1916, and served with the American forces during the Mexican skirmishes of that day. At the outbreak of the World War, the National Guard unit became Co. F, 117th infantry, and Mr. Hodges spent 12 months in France, being sorely wounded in the engagements in the vicinity of Bellecourt. Sergeant Hodges' health had been extremely poor since his discharge in April of 1919, and he was never able to resume his pre-war avocation.

Mr. Hodges was a member of the Oak Grove Baptist church, had served as Sunday School superintendent, member of the Board of Deacons, Sunday School teacher, and at the time of his death was church clerk. He was active in the affairs of the American Legion, was a useful and highly honorable citizen and was in the forefront of any movement for the advantages of his church, community or neighbor.

**Pooled Lambs Are To Be Shipped Thursday**

A cleanup shipment of pooled lambs will be made on Thursday September 16, County Agent W. B. Collins announced yesterday. Two sets of grades will be used for this shipment, so that all lambs may be taken up in one day.

Following is a list of time and places at which the lambs will be weighed on September 16:

W. S. Moretz's at 8 a. m.; C. D. McNeill's at 9 a. m.; L. H. Hollars at 10 a. m.; A. W. Greene's at 11 a. m.; W. A. Proffit's at 12 m.; Sullivan's scales at 1:30 p. m.; C. B. Reese's at 2:30 p. m.; Mrs. W. Y. Farthing's at 4 p. m.; Lee Carender's at 8 a. m.; Claude Shore's at 9 a. m.; W. W. Mast's at 11 a. m.; Conley Glenn's at 12:30 p. m.; W. H. Mast's at 1:30 p. m.; R. A. Thomas' at 4:30 p. m.; John Ward's at 5:30 p. m.

Any farmers of the county who wish to sell their lambs through the pool may do so.

Mr. Collins urges that all lambs be at the above mentioned scales on time in order that the weighing schedule may be adhered to.

**JURORS SELECTED FOR FALL TERM SUPERIOR COURT**

**Judge Will Pless to Preside at One Week Term; Forty-five Cases on State Docket Which Will Occupy Most of Week; Spurling to Prosecute**

Judge Will Pless of Marion, will preside at the fall term of Watauga superior court which convenes for a one-week session on Monday, September 20. Solicitor L. S. Spurling will prosecute a state docket which consists of forty-five cases and which will likely occupy the full week's time of the court.

Following are the names of those who have been drawn for jury service in the several townships of the county:

- Bald Mountain**
- Fred Krider, C. H. Howell.
- Beaver Dam**
- Asa Reese, Wade L. Greene.
- Blowing Rock**
- Flo Hartley, H. C. Hayes.
- Blue Ridge**
- H. F. Greer, Marion Coffey.
- Boone
- Wiley J. Cole, J. C. Hodges, W. H. Gragg, Cecil Miller, John R. Horton, R. W. McGuire, Henry T. Miller.
- Cove Creek**
- Don Perry, Lee Mast, Claude Davis, Chas. A. Greer, Chas. Proffit, Don J. Horton, Ham Thomas.
- Elk
- C. C. Triplett, N. G. Wheeler.
- Laurel Creek**
- Robert Ward, Henry Hagaman, P. R. Shull.
- Meat Camp**
- Johnson Greene, Grover C. Winebarger, T. C. Norris, Troy Norris.
- North Fork**
- J. M. Brown, W. C. South, A. N. Thomas.
- Shawnee**
- Walter E. Michael, Dallas Edmisten.
- Stony Fork**
- V. G. Carroll, Roby Winebarger, S. H. Miller.
- Watauga**
- W. R. Brewer, C. P. Moore, J. A. Hellfield.

**MINISTERS MEET AT MOUNT VERNON**

**Rev. Mr. Payne Issues Program For Ministerial Convention, to Be Held Monday**

The ministers of the Three Forks and Stony Fork Baptist Associations will hold their meeting at the Mount Vernon church next Monday, September 13, beginning at 9:30 a. m., and extending into the afternoon. Rev. W. C. Payne, chairman of the convention, has issued the following program of activities:

Devotionals will be conducted by Rev. Grady Minton and there will be a general discussion of these subjects: "How Can We as Pastors Encourage Our People to Have Christian Homes?" "What Is the New Testament Idea of the Kingdom of God?" "What is the Proper Attitude for We as Ministers, to Assume Toward Each Other?"

The good people of the Mt. Vernon community will serve a picnic dinner on the grounds. Deacons, church clerks and other officers of the church and Sunday school are particularly urged to attend.

**Boone High School Will Have Band**

The Boone high school this year is attempting to have an organization which has never been in the school system before—a school band.

Mr. Nash, the organizer and instructor, wishes to have students from the fifth grade on up through high school.

The school is unable to furnish any of the band instruments, but it is the hope of the school to get a few instruments through the town and civic organizations.

The instruction is free to the students. There will be a fee of 50 cents per month which will be used to purchase instruction books and music.

It is urged that all parents who can purchase instruments for their children to do so. Prof. E. S. Christenbury principal, wants to start a good sized band because it takes more than one year to build a fine organization.

In the purchase of instruments, it is not recommended that the very finest for beginners be purchased, nor is it recommended that the cheapest be bought. For advice on the purchase of instruments, those interested are asked to see Mr. Nash, the instructor.

**TO THE BUSINESS MEN OF THIS CITY**

The Democrat respectfully asks the co-operation of the members of the Merchants Association in connection with the publicity for the Bargain Days next week. The publisher will make a determined effort to get as much of the ad copy into type during the present week as is possible, and the more complete the co-operation is, the more useful will be the edition.