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Federal Engineer Inspects Grading On Postoffice Site

Mr. A. W. Longacre, civil engineer representing the postoffice department, came to Boone Tuesday, inspecting the work being done on the postoffice site, and "setting the pegs" for the actual location of the building. Mr. Longacre promised to return within the next ten days for further engineering in connection with the construction of the new postoffice.

Work has been steadily going forward on the excavation and it is freely predicted by some that should weather conditions continue favorable, the lot will be brought down to the required grade by the end of the week. It is expected that when the dirt is all moved, the contract for the erection of the \$75,000 building will be let at once.

BLOWING ROCK TO GREET MERCHANTS

N. C. Association Votes to Hold 1938 Convention at Mayview Manor in June

The North Carolina Merchants Association will meet in annual convention at Mayview Manor, Blowing Rock, June 20-21. It was unanimously agreed at the meeting of the directorate in Asheville on Tuesday. About 500 are expected to attend the convention, it is said.

Clyde R. Greene of Boone, member of the board of directors, and Wade E. Brown, secretary of the Boone merchants group, attended the Asheville gathering, along with Jack Craft, manager of Mayview Manor, and the leadership of these local people resulted in the unanimous selection of the neighboring resort city as the site for the annual merchants meeting. Members of the Lenoir Merchants Association also lent their assistance.

Middle Fork Fishing Club to Open Stream

Members of the Middle Fork Fishing Club met Friday evening and a motion was passed whereby the famous trout stream will be open to anglers for four days each month as follows: April 20-23; May 18-21; June 15-18; July 4-7, all dates inclusive.

It is said that plenty of fish are now available in the stream and that the limited open season was designed to further aid in their conservation. A full time warden is to be employed and daily permits will be sold for \$1.10 with a bag limit of eight fish per day being in force.

The present officers were re-elected for another year as follows: H. G. Cook, president; W. D. Ashley, vice-president; Wade E. Brown, secretary-treasurer.

STEEL HEAD EXPECTS IMPROVED BUSINESS

New York, March 13.—Myron C. Taylor, chairman of the United States Steel corporation, said in the corporation's annual report today, "We are hopeful of an early improvement" in business.

The huge steel producer, the report showed, spent \$130,799,633 for improvement and expansion of its properties last year and is pushing for completion this year new mills in the Pittsburgh and Birmingham districts.

OPERETTA AT COVE CREEK HIGH SCHOOL

On Tuesday evening, March 22, the Glee Club of Cove Creek high school will present "The Love Pirates of Hawaii." This operetta has proven popular through the years. The dreamy Hawaiian girls' chorus is in contrast with the blood-thirsty pirates. Miss Primer, the old maid school teacher, will be played by Nina Hayes; Dorothy Dear, the American girl who is in school in Hawaii, will be played by Imogene Castle; Billy Wood, Dorothy's sweetheart, will be played by Gordon Spainhour. The chorus of 30 voices promises its best.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

JOE F. CANNON ILL

Joseph F. Cannon, wealthy Concord manufacturer, who maintains a home at Blowing Rock, is reported as being seriously ill at St. Petersburg, Fla., with double pneumonia. Tuesday attendants reported Mr. Cannon's condition as being "a little better," but he remained critically ill.

BINGHAM IS NEW LEADER OF LOCAL G.O.P. COMMITTEE

Boone Attorney Succeeds R. D. Hodges as Chairman of Local Republican Committee; Delegates Are Named and Watt Gragg Eulogizes Congressman Doughton

T. E. Bingham, prominent Boone attorney and for many years prominent in the local councils of the G. O. P., was almost unanimously chosen chairman of the Republican executive committee in the convention held here Saturday, succeeding Russell D. Hodges, who resigned the chairmanship after eight years of service. Clyde R. Greene, secretary of the committee for four terms, was unanimously re-elected. Mrs. Joe Coffey was named vice-chairman.

Mayor W. H. Gragg eulogized the retiring chairman as having been the "most faithful and loyal chairman of any Republican organization in North Carolina," and Mr. Hodges was given a rising vote of thanks by the convention for his splendid services to the party. In his response Mr. Hodges thanked all the citizens of the county for their loyalty to him, and extended his heartiest good wishes and full co-operation to his successor. Others mentioned for the chairmanship included Clyde R. Greene, Ralph Greer, O. J. Harmon, Howard Holshouser and Kenneth Linney. Messrs. Holshouser, Greene and Linney withdrew their names from the balloting.

The following were named as delegates and alternates to the congressional convention in Statesville Tuesday and to the state convention in Charlotte Wednesday:

Delegates: Stacy Ford, Dick Prevette, Howard Holshouser, Arthur Moody, E. F. Shore, Will Carroll, F. L. Wilcox, W. H. Gragg, R. D. Hodges, Clyde R. Greene, S. C. Eggers, G. R. Miller, McCoy Bingham, Marion Thomas, T. E. Bingham, J. E. Holshouser, George Greene, Edith Hampton. Alternates: Mrs. A. D. Adams, Mrs. J. M. Gaither, Mrs. Joe Coffey, Mrs. Fred Hartley, Mrs. G. B. Miller, Leonard Starke, W. H. Bingham, Ivey B. Wilson, John W. Hodges, C. M. Critcher, Mrs. Oliver Roberson, Ralph Wilson, Joe Bingham, Lum Miller, Alvin Cannon, Mrs. Eugene Russell, Blaine Coffey, G. C. Robbins, Kenneth Linney.

Due to the absence of delegations from some townships, the personnel of the executive committee for the entire county was not completed at the convention.

Russell D. Hodges was unanimously chosen member of the state executive committee for Watauga county.

Gragg Eulogizes Doughton

When the routine business of the convention had been disposed of, W. H. Gragg, former county chairman and in 1936 a candidate for congress against Representative R. L. Doughton, took the floor in behalf of the veteran ninth district solon, insisting that the minority party refrain from naming a Republican congressional candidate this year. Mr. Gragg expressed the belief that Doughton could not be unseated at this time, and referred to his excellent service to the people of this state, particularly mentioning the Scenic Highway, which is expected to draw thousands of tourists to the Blowing Rock area each year, who would not otherwise have visited the mountains of this region. At the conclusion of his address, Mr. Gragg made a motion to the effect that no candidate be named this year against "Farmer Bob." There was no second, and Messrs. G. W. Robbins and Blaine Coffey made brief speeches against the proposal.

Compensation Agent Meets Fifty Friday

Mr. David C. Ball, field investigator of the N. C. Unemployment Compensation Commission, states that last Friday fifty claimants for benefits met him on his weekly visit here.

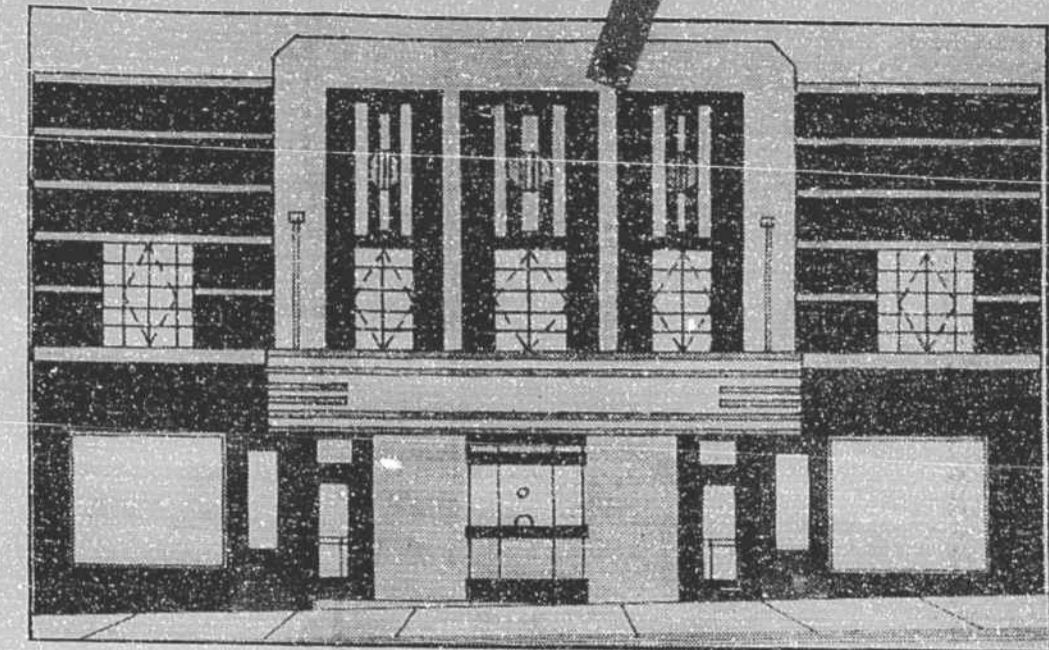
Mr. Ball stresses the fact that it is of vital importance that those claiming unemployment insurance payments meet him here next Friday. Unless they are registered, says Mr. Ball, there is no chance for them to claim benefits under the act.

DR. POTEAT DIES

Dr. William Louis Poteat, president emeritus of Wake Forest College, and former president of the State Baptist convention died at his Wake Forest home Friday night. He was 81 years old.

Dr. Poteat had been in poor health since last October when he suffered a stroke and had been confined to bed for the past 10 days.

ULTRA-MODERN SHOWHOUSE ENVISIONED



Architect's sketch showing the front of the new building which will house the Pastime Theatre and for which ground has already been broken. The showhouse will be one of the most modern in western North Carolina.

BLOWING ROCK HAS PUBLICITY MAN

Summer Resort Town Adopts Systematic System of Publicizing Its Advantages

Mr. William Mitcham of Charlotte, experienced newspaperman, has been employed by the Blowing Rock Chamber of Commerce as a full-time publicity agent for the mountain-top resort and entered upon his new duties Tuesday.

Mr. Mitcham was employed by the Blowing Rock commercial organization upon the recommendation of Clarence O. Kaester, secretary of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce and Mr. Luther Snyder, leading business man of the Queen City, who maintains a summer home at Blowing Rock. He has had a number of years' experience in both newspaper and magazine work, and besides handling the routine publicity of the Chamber of Commerce, will specialize in press dispatches through the channels of the Associated Press. Blowing Rock feels fortunate in having secured his services.

Explains Delay In Local Privy Project

Mr. C. M. Crutchfield, area supervisor for the WPA, was in town Wednesday and tells The Democrat that the reason for the delay in instituting the local privy project lies in the fact that all the certified relief labor in this territory is now being utilized. Mr. Crutchfield states that if and when additional men are certified it might be possible to institute the sanitary project on a small scale.

ELK PARK YOUTH DIES FROM GUNSHOT WOUND

Elk Park, March 15.—Charles Taylor, 22, died in a Banner Elk hospital late today of gunshot wounds suffered at Elk Park when Sheriff W. H. Hughes said, he was shot by V. B. Bowers.

Sheriff Hughes said Taylor ran amuck after suffering a breakdown. The sheriff said Taylor was shot as he attempted to enter Bowers' home after smashing a window.

MRS. NANNIE C. TESTER

Funeral services for Mrs. Nannie C. Tester, 55, former resident of Watauga county, were conducted from the late residence at Roanoke, Va., February 22, according to belated advices reaching The Democrat. Rev. E. D. Poe was in charge of the rites and interment was in Mountain View cemetery, Vinton.

Surviving are a son, Clarence Tester, Appamattox; three daughters, Mrs. Gertrude Adams, Bristol; Miss Ethel Tester and Miss Sarah Tester, Roanoke; three brothers, Charles and Stephen Phillips, Reese, N. C., and David Phillips, Margo. A sister, Mrs. Lucy Tester of Elizabethton, Tenn., also survives.

PLAY AT BLOWING ROCK

The junior class of Blowing Rock school will present "A Day at School" with a mock faculty on Friday evening, March 18th, at 8 o'clock. An admission fee of ten cents will be charged. The proceeds will be used for the junior-senior banquet.

Senate Approves Quota Vote On Burley Tobacco

Washington, March 11.—The senate approved a farm bill amendment by Majority Leader Barkley today ordering a grower referendum to determine whether a 1938 marketing quota should be established for burley tobacco.

It would direct the secretary of agriculture to establish a national quota for the marketing year beginning next October 1, provided it is approved by two-thirds of the producers.

Adams Nominated G. O. P. Candidate In Ninth District

Statesville, March 15.—Monroe Adams, Statesville attorney, was nominated here today by ninth district Republicans as their candidate for congress.

Adams, former Statesville postmaster, formerly was chief of the income tax division of the North Carolina internal revenue collector's office. He was elected solicitor of Iredell county recorder's court in 1928 and is a former state councillor of the Junior Order, United American Mechanics.

JONES TO RUN IN EIGHTH

Lexington, March 15.—Eighth congressional district Republicans today nominated Solicitor John R. Jones as their candidate for the house seat now held by Representative Walter Lambeth, Democrat. Jones, the only Republican solicitor in the state, announced recently that he would not offer for the same office. He was named by acclamation at the brief session.

Wiley Harmon Is Taken By Death

Wiley Harmon, aged 59, prominent lumberman of this region, and who has resided at Trade, Tenn., for the past several months, succumbed at the Davis hospital, Statesville, Monday from what was described as heart ailment.

Funeral services were held by the Masonic fraternity at the community cemetery at Mathews Wednesday at 11 o'clock.

Survivors include the widow, one son and two daughters: Herst Harmon, Trade, Tenn.; Mrs. F. T. Lyman, Washington, D. C., and Mrs. Frank Falson, Hampton, Va. Two brothers also survive: W. C. Harmon, Neva, Tenn., and J. W. Harmon, Valle Crucis.

Mr. Harmon was reared in the Laurel Creek section of Watauga county and engaged in the lumber business in various sections and states during his entire life. He was a good citizen, a churchman and a Mason.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION

A civil service examination has been announced to fill the position of rural carrier at Trade, Tenn. The examination will be held at Boone and receipt of applications will close April 1. The date of the examination will be stated on cards mailed to applicants following the close of receipt of Applications.

Miss Thelma Miller, Bruce Dent and Mrs. E. G. Oliver spent the weekend in Kingsport, Tenn.

JOE BROWN IS 4-H CHAMPION

Deep Gap Youth Will Receive Scholarship to State College Short Course

Joe Brown of the Deep Gap 4-H Club, Watauga county, on the basis of his project work and other activities in 4-H Club work, has been selected as the county champion 4-H Club member and as a reward will receive a free scholarship to the 1938 state short course to be held at State College the last week in July. His record has been forwarded to State College where it will be considered along with the county champion records from the other counties of the state for the four-year scholarship to the North Carolina State College of Agriculture and Engineering, offered by the educational bureau of the Chilean Nitrate Company for the club member making the best record in 4-H Club work.

George L. Payne Funeral Thursday

George L. Payne, well known citizen of the Deep Gap section, died Tuesday of last week.

Funeral services were held Thursday at 11 o'clock at Stony Fork church, conducted by Rev. Levi Greene of Deep Gap, and Rev. Eugene Olive of North Wilkesboro. The Masonic fraternity had charge of the service, J. W. Nichols acting as master.

Pallbearers were Elster Greene, Paul Greene, A. F. Nichols, W. E. Carlton, R. V. Beshears and Walter Greer. Flower girls were Mrs. P. E. Warren, Mrs. Lucy Luther, Miss Earl Payne, Mrs. Murry Brown, Mrs. Ora Brown, Mrs. Bertha Lee Cook, Mrs. Ivory Greene and Mrs. Ira D. Payne.

Mr. Payne, who was 71 years of age, is survived by his wife and five children: Ira D. Payne, North Wilkesboro; Claude D. Payne, Deep Gap; Mrs. Annie Welborn, Newton; Mrs. B. M. Tripiett, Deep Gap; Fred Payne, Deep Gap. There are 19 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

DR. RANKIN HONORED

Dr. J. D. Rankin, dean of Appalachian College, was signally honored at the recent meeting of the South Atlantic Forensic tournament in High Point when he was elected vice-president of the North Carolina Association of Teachers of Speech.

For the past several years Dr. Rankin has been coach of forensic activities at Appalachian, and his delegations have with few exceptions made good records in the oratorical and forensic meets of the state and south.

RIFLE CLUB TO MEET

The Boone Rifle and Pistol Club will hold a meeting at the city hall Friday evening. Capt. H. M. Rooney of Linville, will be here at this time. All the members are asked to attend.

PATRICIA ANN MCBRIDE

Odenton, Md., March 13.—Sergeant and Mrs. Dean C. McBride are receiving congratulations upon the birth of a daughter, Patricia Ann, on March 13.

NEW THEATRE IS TO BE FINISHED BY MIDDLE JUNE

Ground is Broken for Northwest Carolina's Most Modern Playhouse and Materials are Being Daily Delivered; Completion Envisioned During June

Ground was broken the first of the week on the site of the new Pastime Theatre, and Messrs. Hamby and Winkler, the owners, tell The Democrat that with favorable weather conditions, the handsome structure will be open to the public by the 15th of June.

The playhouse will front 60 feet on Main street and will occupy the former homestead of Edwin N. Hahn. Its extreme depth will be 160 feet and the auditorium is designed to seat from 800 to 1,000 people, including the balcony space. The most modern seating arrangement has been incorporated in the plans and an air-conditioning system of the latest type will keep a uniform temperature throughout the year. The building is to be of fireproof construction throughout, concrete, brick, steel and plate glass composing its fabric.

The plans which were drawn by Clarence P. Coffey, Lenoir architect, and which have been definitely approved, provide space for two small business houses on either side of the theatre lobby, while the upper story in the front portion of the building will be used for office space for the theatre. The front of the building is to be of plate glass, with contrasting stripes, and according to the architect, the structure will be the most modern one thus far erected in western North Carolina.

EYE CLINIC WILL BE HELD ON 24TH

Winston-Salem Specialist Will Examine the Eyes of School Children of Vicinity

On Thursday, March 24, Dr. Bass, an eye, ear, nose and throat specialist of Winston-Salem, will be at the Demonstration school in Boone for the purpose of examining school children's eyes. If the number of patients is sufficient to justify his doing so, Dr. Bass will remain in Boone on Friday, March 25.

A fee of \$3.00 per child will be charged for each examination, and glasses will be furnished at a reasonable price.

Should pupils in schools other than those in the local schools, wish to see Dr. Bass, they may come on the afternoon of March 25. Adults, who wish to have their eyes examined, may see Miss Heinzerling at the Demonstration school on the 25th, and make engagements to see Dr. Bass on the following day.

Miss Heinzerling, who has charge of the clinic, is superintendent of the local hospital. She is glad to have secured Dr. Bass' services.

Further announcement will be made in next week's Democrat.

Merchants Organize At Blowing Rock

At a recent meeting of the business men of that place, a merchants association was organized at Blowing Rock, George T. Robbins having been named as president; R. B. Hardin, vice-president and W. L. Holshouser, Jr., secretary.

The organization, it is said, will be an active one, and is designed to improve trade conditions in the popular resort town. About a dozen of the leading merchants of the place constituted the charter membership.

Merchants of City Observe Ladies' Night

Members of the Boone Merchants Association gathered in the annual ladies' night banquet at the Carolina Cafe last Thursday evening, and about 25 members and their ladies enjoyed the social event.

Messrs. Setzer, Courtney and Miss Eva Goodman, officials of the Lenoir Merchants Association, were present and spoke briefly to the diners. It was agreed that the Boone and Lenoir associations should attend a joint invitation to the state association to hold its annual gathering at Blowing Rock this year.