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## SUMMER SCHOOL BEGINS TUESDAY

Boone High and Elementary Schools Will Open June 21 for Eight Weeks Term

The Boone high school and the elementary demonstration school will open for an eight weeks' summer session on Tuesday, June 21, at 8 o'clock, according to Prof. E. S. Christenbury.

Mathematics, science, history, English and French will be offered in the high school and the registration fee for the session will be \$2.00. There will be no tuition fees charged.

All seven grades will be offered in the elementary demonstration school and there will be no registration or tuition fees charged there.

"We would like to urge all students that find it possible to attend this summer to be present next Tuesday morning," Mr. Christenbury said.

During the past few summers a great many students in the community have attended these summer sessions for two months. In this time the child gains considerably in its courses and is ahead of the child who does not attend. Then, should the child get sick during the winter and not be able to attend for some time, it still has a good opportunity to pass its grade because of the summer work.

Children in Watauga or the surrounding counties are eligible to register for the summer session until the classes are filled. Any child who will be six years of age by October 15th, will be permitted to attend the first grade during the summer.

Arrangements have been made to run a school bus to the Poplar Grove camp and return to Boone by way of the prison camp and Hodge's filling station to bring children from those sections to the summer school here. All children attending the summer school will be able to get back to their homes by about one o'clock.

## SCENIC CIRCLE GROUP GATHERS

Hold Session at Linville; Officers for the New Year Are Elected

Blowing Rock, June 12.—A meeting of the Scenic Circle Association was held Saturday at the Eseeola Lodge at Linville. The association was formed in 1937 for the purpose of disseminating knowledge of the famous Scenic Circle in northwestern North Carolina and eastern Tennessee.

Directors present at the luncheon were: Nelson McRae, president of Linville Development Company; M. T. McArthur, manager of the John Sevier hotel at Johnson City; J. E. Coad, secretary of the Johnson City Chamber of Commerce; Wade E. Brown, secretary of the Boone Chamber of Commerce; Jack Craft, manager of Mayview Manor at Blowing Rock; James H. Council, district engineer of the N. C. state highway department; John F. Hampton, manager of the Linville Company; F. F. Stancliff, manager of Eseeola Lodge at Linville; B. F. Siler, secretary of the Elizabethon Chamber of Commerce, and W. C. Mitcham, Jr. secretary of the Blowing Rock Chamber of Commerce and publicity director.

The election of officers for the coming year resulted in the following directors being installed: President, Nelson McRae, Linville; secretary and treasurer, J. E. Coad, Johnson City; vice presidents, Jack Craft, Blowing Rock, Charles Pettipiece, Ervin, T. E. Henry, Burnsville, Dr. B. B. Dougherty, Boone, and Edgar Tufts, Banner Elk.

## A. S. HARRIS GOES WITH BELK LIGGETT COMPANY

Mr. A. S. Harris, former popular manager of the Spainhour store here, and Mrs. Harris left Wednesday for Lynchburg, Va., where Mr. Harris takes up his new position with the Belk-Liggett mercantile chain. Mr. Harris made the contact before he resigned his local position, he says but followed his physician's orders in taking several weeks of rest before assuming his new duties.

Mr. Harris was one of the city's most popular business men and the hearty good wishes of a wide circle of friends follow him.

## Registration Now 900 At College

Reports coming from Appalachian State Teachers College at noon Wednesday indicated that the enrollment for the first term of summer school had reached 906, and officials believe that it is quite likely by the end of the week the total number of students on the campus may reach one thousand.

## GRAHAM TO SPEAK AS DRY FIELD DAY COMES TO CLIMAX

Burgess and Jonas Unable to Be Present for Temperance Rallies Sunday; Number of Local People to Participate in Church Programs Throughout the County

The field day of the United Dry Forces, which is to be observed in the churches of the county next Sunday, will reach its climax with the address of Rev. Dan Graham, which will occur at his tabernacle in Boone in the afternoon at 3:00. All the people of the county are urged to be present for this rally, which will be in charge of Rev. M. A. Adams, field worker for the United Dry Forces, who was here today making final arrangements for the Sunday gatherings.

Last-minute information indicates that because of a serious illness, Hon. Cale K. Burgess, state dry leader, who was to have participated in the field day exercises, will not be able to be present, and he sends his sincere regrets to Mr. Adams. Hon. Chas. A. Jonas also found it impossible to fill his place on the program.

A number of prominent business men and educational leaders of Boone are listed to participate in the rally at various churches throughout the county. Among these are: Rev. J. C. Canipe, W. R. Lovill, Clyde R. Greene, Prof. Herman Eggers, Dr. (Continued on page eight)

## Spainhour's To Have Student Day

Spainhour's, Inc., will be turned over to 15 Appalachian students on Monday, June 20, in celebration of collegiate day at this store, it has been announced by Mr. J. O. Cook, manager.

Jack Gibbs of Appalachia, Va., will act as manager, assisted by Warren Mitchell of the same town. In the men's clothing department, Bruce Harrison of Chicago, will be in charge, while Bob Elliot of Charlotte, will take care of the shoe department.

Other departments will be assigned to Mary Stinson, Taibottom, Ga., ready-to-wear; Margaret Register, Wadesboro, millinery; Sarah Leigh Armfield, Winston-Salem, cotton shop manager; Susie Grose, Harmony, misses' department; Mrs. Ruth D. Choate, Sparta, foundation garments; Flora Teague, Sanford, hosiery; Rena Mae White, Statesville, piece goods; Daphne Butner, Burnsville, assistant piece goods department; Pauline Bingham, Boone, lingerie; Clarice Johnson, Silver Springs, Fla., house furnishings, and Mavis Smith, Lenoir, baby department.

The management extends a cordial welcome to all townspeople as well as students of the college.

## Coffey Child Suffers Serious Injury Sunday

Armfield Coffey, four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul A. Coffey of Boone, received serious injuries Sunday evening when he fell from an automobile occupied by members of the family. The child was occupying the rear seat of the sedan and in some way the fastening on the door became loosed as the machine rounded a curve near town on the Blowing Rock road, casting the lad to the pavement. He received a serious cut near the crown of the head and a slight skull fracture. He was immediately taken to the Watauga Hospital, where Dr. Zach Linney, a relative, who happened to be a visitor in town, has been in almost constant attendance. Dr. Linney believes that the popular child will show a speedy recovery, barring some unexpected complication.

## MERCHANTS HOLD ANNUAL MEETING

Vice President of Merchants Association Principal Speaker at Banquet Session

Mr. O. A. Swearingen, vice-president of the North Carolina Merchants Association, was the principal speaker as the members of the local retailers organization gathered in their annual banquet meeting at the Daniel Boone Hotel Tuesday evening.

About fifty were present at the banquet when Mr. Swearingen spoke to the local merchants relative to the aims and purposes of their association. He reviewed the advantages accruing to the membership through legislative endeavor, the promotion of good fellowship, the holding of sales events, and the affiliation with the state association. He referred to the value of the credit reports issued by the association and the action of the advertising committee in weeding out many undesirable schemes which are almost daily being presented to the merchants of the city.

Clyde R. Greene, president of the Boone Merchants Association, was in charge of the gathering, and presented his annual report, following which the secretary, Wade E. Brown, presented his report, together with the financial statement of the organization.

The report of the nominating committee was adopted, the following being offered as members of the new board of directors: J. A. Mullins, Frank Pearson, Ed Hodges, J. O. Cook, John Conway, G. K. Moore, J. L. Qualls, L. L. McGill, R. D. Hodges, Bob Rivers and M. I. Clark.

Plans for the convention of the state merchants association at Blowing Rock next Monday and Tuesday were discussed, and it was voted that every member desiring to attend the gathering will be recognized as delegates. Mayor W. H. Gragg, who made some remarks relative to the convention, is chairman of the delegation.

## WORK ON THEATRE NOW PROGRESSING

Handsome Playhouse Will Likely Be Opened to the Public Within Next Few Weeks

The new home of the Pastime Theatre, which is being erected on the former homestead of Edwin N. Hahn, Esq., is rapidly taking form, and Messrs. Hamby and Winkler believe that with continued favorable weather the cinema palace will have its formal opening within the next few weeks.

Brick walls have already been raised practically to their height and workmen were busy the first part of the week installing the huge steel beams which will support the balcony and roof structure.

The building, which will have a black-striped plate glass front, will be one of the most elegant theatre structures in this entire section of the state, it is said.

## VIOLIN CLASS FOR BEGINNERS BE OFFERED

Under the direction of Jack Gibbs, former violinist of the Appalachian Symphony and graduate of Appalachian, a violin class will be offered at the beginning of the summer session of the demonstration school.

The class will meet twice weekly for an hour each period. The fee is 75c per week.

All those interested, whether in the grades, high school or college, should make written application or contact Mr. Gibbs or Mr. Nash immediately.

## Child Badly Hurt By Kick of Horse

Heidron Mast, four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Dave P. Mast of Sugar Grove, suffered a broken jaw when kicked by a horse at the home farm last Saturday. The child was brought to the Haganam Clinic in Boone for treatment, and has now returned to his home. The many friends of the family will be glad to know that attending physicians believe the injury will rapidly heal and that no permanent ill-effects will be suffered.

## Anti-War Signs at the White House



The last of a group of youths shown placing his part of anti-war signs which read—"FDR—YOU'RE PREPARING WAR—YOU FIGHT IT," on the White House fence. The members of the group said they represented an anti-war committee, holding their national congress in Washington. The signs were immediately removed by United States park police.

## TONSIL CLINICS AT NEW HOSPITAL

Health Department Asks Registration of Those Seeking Treatment; Fee Charged

Tonsil clinics will be held this year as usual with the work being done in the Watauga Hospital rather than in the school building, said Dr. Robert R. King, district health officer. All those who expect to take advantage of this clinic should visit the health department office over the postoffice and register the name of the person desiring tonsils removed, together with that of the surgeon they want to do the work, Dr. King said.

As soon as a sufficient number have registered a definite date will be set and each one notified. There will be no change in the fee from last year which was \$13.00.

## Miss Annie Lou Kerley Is Dead

Miss Annie Lou Kerley, aged 58 years, died at the home in the Mt. Vernon section Sunday at the age of 58 years.

Funeral services were conducted from the Mount Vernon Baptist church Monday at 4 o'clock by Rev. R. C. Eggers and burial was in the Critcher cemetery.

Miss Kerley, who was the daughter of the late J. E. and Mrs. Kerley, was reared and spent her entire life in the community in which she expired. She was loved and respected by all of her acquaintances.

Five sisters survive.

## MRS. ROSEDNA FRANZ DIES AT BANNER ELK

Mrs. Rosedna Dugger Franz, former resident of Watauga county, died at the Banner Elk hospital Tuesday evening after a long illness, and meagre information is to the effect that the funeral services will be conducted Thursday morning from the Willowdale Baptist church on Brushy Fork and that interment will be in the neighborhood cemetery.

Mrs. Franz is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Dugger, who reside at Elk Park. Other details of her funeral will be published when available.

## REYNOLDS MAJORITY PLACED AT 118,162

Senator Robert R. Reynolds won renomination to the United States Senate by a majority of 118,162 over Representative Frank W. Hancock, Jr., it was shown Tuesday by the state board of elections' certification of the official vote in the June 4 primary. Reynolds' vote was 315,316; Hancock 194,154.

In the only other state-wide race, State Utilities Commissioner Stanley Winborne, won renomination by a majority of 55,781 over Paul D. Grady, the vote being: Winborne 254,624; Grady 198,343.

Hon. Chas. H. Cowles of Wilkesboro, mingled with friends on the streets of Boone for a few hours Wednesday.

## STREETS OF TOWN TO BE REPAIRED; SIDEWALKS FIXED

\$40,000 WPA, City and Individual Funds to Be Used in Street Program; Some Streets to Be Widened; New Ones Opened and Sidewalks Built

A WPA project calling for extensive municipal street improvements and involving a total expenditure, including the sponsor's share, of something like \$40,000, received Presidential endorsement in Washington Monday, according to a telegram received from Congressman R. L. Doughton by Mayor W. H. Gragg. Mr. Doughton used his influence in hastening action on the project after it reached Washington.

The works program, which is expected to be actually started just as soon as minor details can be worked out, will include widening of streets, drainage, opening up of certain new streets, sidewalk repairs, and building of new walkways in certain areas.

The project, which was worked out by the city officials in co-operation with individual citizens of the town, was made possible by joint contributions from the city treasury and from certain property owners into the sponsor's fund. Without the payment of the subscriptions from the interested property-owners, the town would have found it impossible to have matched the federal funds to the degree demanded. Mayor Gragg and the town council express their gratitude to the people for their fiscal co-operation in making possible the much-needed civic improvement.

## THROGS ATTEND GRAHAM MEETING

Big Tabernacle is Filled Each Evening as Noted Evangelist Occupies Pulpit

Rev. Dan Graham, evangelistic minister of Blountville, Tenn., preached his first sermon in the newly-constructed tabernacle near the courthouse Sunday evening and the commodious structure was almost filled with people from all over the county, many standing on the outside to listen to the sermon of the popular evangelist.

Monday evening a still larger crowd came to hear Rev. Mr. Graham, and it is understood the series of services will continue for perhaps several weeks. There is to be preaching each evening at 7:30 and beginning next Tuesday at 9 o'clock, a sermon will be broadcast from the tabernacle through the facilities of radio station WOPI, Bristol. The public is also invited to this one-hour sermon each day.

The evangelistic party headed by Rev. Graham asks The Democrat to thank the people of the town and surrounding territory for their most cordial reception and the fine spirit of co-operation which has been manifested. Besides Mr. Graham, Rev. J. A. Boyd of Bluff City, is here as song leader; Mr. Rhea Anderson of Blountville, is the pianist, while Abe Aldrich of Black Mountain, is acting as general helper.

## PENSION CHECKS NOW READY FOR VETERANS

The two Watauga county veterans of the Civil War who remain on the state pension roll, may now secure their semi-annual checks by applying at the office of Clerk of Court A. E. South. Mr. Lemuel Greene of Cove Creek, and Mr. J. E. Luther of Deep Gap, are the remaining followers of Lee and Jackson.

Mr. South also has checks for fifteen widows of Confederate veterans.

## NEW DRUGGIST ARRIVES

Dr. S. L. Lee of Leaksville, a registered pharmacist, has arrived in town and taken charge of the prescription department at the Carolina Pharmacy. Dr. Lee is a druggist of fifteen years' experience, and the local establishment feels fortunate in having secured his services.

The "Happy Mornings for Little People" is a decided addition to the attractions of Blowing Rock and the town is fortunate in having the school in its midst.