

### Greyhound Lines Gave Territory a Big Boost

Growth of Present Service Started With Merger of Small Transportation Units in 1928. Greyhound Corporation, Formed in 1930, Has Served This Area Well Through 10 Years

Consolidation of a number of small individually owned bus lines into the transportation system of the Atlantic Greyhound Corporation was a big factor in more extensively opening Northwestern North Carolina to tourist trade. The resort communities were the first to feel the stimulation of this new business but the shopping center and county seat, Boone, quickly reflected this new blood in the economic life of the area. This amalgamation of small lines was begun by the Atlantic Greyhound Corporation in 1928 and the most recent development is the opening of a through service between Wilmington, N. C., and Boone, the famous from-the-sea-to-the-mountains trail.

In the summer of 1928 the Camel City Coach Company acquired a small line with limited equipment from E. O. Woodie, of West Jefferson. This line extends from North Wilkesboro to Bristol and a small sedan type of bus was in use, hauling from eight to twelve passengers. This line is a part of the present Greyhound transportation system between Winston-Salem and Bristol. At the time of this merger the Camel City Coach Company had not merged with the Blue and Grey Transportation Company, but was operating between twenty and twenty-five buses in North and South Carolina.

In the spring of 1930 these companies merged and started the operation of the Atlantic Greyhound Lines. At the time of the merger the company had one hundred buses on the road.

The Greyhound system now operates in eleven different states and the District of Columbia on the Atlantic seaboard. They have coaches operating from Richmond, Va., to Jacksonville, Fla., from Richmond to Atlanta, Ga., Pittsburgh, Pa., to Jacksonville; Columbus and Cincinnati, Ohio, to Jacksonville, and also through the Shenandoah Valley to Washington, D. C.

At the present time the Atlantic Greyhound is operating 250 buses. The company started with the 17 model "X" buses, which were soon outgrown, and then began the use of the model "U" 25-passenger bus. From that they went to the model "Y" 29-passenger Yellow. In 1933 the company began to use the model "Zee" 33-passenger Yellow.

In 1936 the 37-passenger super-coach was brought out which is the latest word in motor transportation. At the present time, the Atlantic Greyhound Company owns 125 of these super 37-passenger models and 60 of them are operated in North Carolina.

At the time the company purchased the line to Bristol, the fares were quite high, owing to the fact that the buses were small and the roads were very poor and it was necessary to charge 3½ to 4 cents per mile for transportation. As the roads have improved and the equipment is giving much more life than formerly, fares have been gradually reduced and the company now charges from 1½ to 2 cents per mile.

The Atlantic Greyhound Company operates something like 1,800,000 miles per month and about 22,000,000 miles per year. They make something like 60,000 passenger miles per day and carry between 4,000 and 5,000 passengers per month. Something over 350,000 gallons of gasoline is used each month.

The Spartans of ancient Greece are credited with the organization of the game of football. They created such a game about 500 B. C., calling it "harpasten."

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Fishing scene at Wildcat Lake, just out from Pinnacle Inn, at Banner Elk, N. C.

### SOUTHERN FLY CASTING TOURNAMENT HELD AT WILDCAT LAKE AND ELK RIVER

Johnny Mackorell, Athletic Director at Lees-McRae College, Directs Events; Season Opened on April 15

Banner Elk, July 6.—To the mountain resort of Banner Elk belongs the undisputed title of "The Fisherman's Paradise," for it is here that the sportsmen may enjoy fishing for brown and rainbow trout in a mountain lake and river—and may be rewarded by fine catches of both.

Elk River, which is now known throughout the state as a leading trout stream, has been carefully stocked and protected by the Banner Elk Fishing Club over a long period of time. A warden is kept on duty the year-round, and young trout are put into the stream every year.

Since the opening of the season on April 15 this year, sportsmen from all parts of the south have come here to fish. The largest fish caught have been 20 and 22 inch brown trout, and

fish 16 and 17 inches long are caught almost every good fishing day.

The highlight of the fishing season was the Southern Fly Casting Tournament and Trout Derby which was held on Elk River and Wildcat Lake June 23, 24 and 25. Johnny Mackorell, director of athletics at Lees-McRae, who is an expert fly fisherman, was in charge of the event.

Mackorell and Edgar H. Tufts, president of Lees-McRae, are two of the most skilled fishermen in Western North Carolina, and have lately made a study of fly-tying. With home-made flies they have landed some of their biggest fish.

No bait fishing is allowed at Banner Elk, so it is here that fly fishermen come into their own and casting has developed into a real art.

### Bowling Manager Collects History of Ancient Recreation

George Walton, Manager of Boone Recreation Center Tells of Historical Background of Old Sport of Bowling or "Kegelz"

"No exception should be taken to bowling as a common sport," says George Walton, manager of the Boone Recreation Center. Arthur Brisbane was a defender of the game and rolled them down the alleys enthusiastically. So did John D. Rockefeller, Sr., and E. H. Harriman, railroad magnate, and Paul McNutt, ex-Governor of Indiana. In Buffalo there is an 80-year-old woman, a church leader, who bowls regularly each week. The list of famous persons who have found it an excellent recreation in bowling is almost endless."

Mr. Walton has collected bowling items from magazines and books for years and is prolific with information on the sport. "Movie fans will be interested to know that Carole Lombard's blonde beauty may be seen free in the bowling alleys of Hollywood. Lee Tracy, Harold Lloyd and Cary Cooper are others among the cinema stars who use this ancient and honorable game as a way to health through fun. I think that's the secret of the attraction of bowling for its ten million fans in this country. Your doctor can certify it as a good exercise and your next door neighbor will go with you willingly to the alleys because it is such fun."

"Take the American Bowling Congress, meeting annually, as an example of the drawing power of the sport of bowling. It attracts well over 20,000 participants representing the ten million fans. It represents almost a quarter of a million dollars in entry fees and in these days men and women don't put up that kind of money unless they're getting something for it."

Mr. Walton points out that the game of bowling is historically recorded as far back as 400 A. D., under one of its forms. The Dutch introduced it to America in 1623. Today corporations, churches, colleges and private clubs have bowling teams.

"We've had our alleys in Boone, the only bowling alleys in the entire county, reconditioned and renovated," Mr. Walton explains. "Boone has some very fine bowlers and the sport increases in community appreciation by leaps and bounds. We are always glad to welcome new recruits to the ranks of bowling enthusiasts. Indeed, we feel that we offer them an opportunity of keeping physically fit at small cost and with a world of fun and good company."

In 1932, Japanese high school girls made a flag for a Japanese regiment at Shanghai, and dyed it red with blood from their own fingers.

### Blowing Rock Scouts Will Guide Visitors

Resort Boy Scouts Will Run an Information Bureau Under Direction of Scoutmaster Harris; Governor's Hospitality Committee Sponsors Movement

The Boy Scout Troop of Blowing Rock has offered its services to the Watauga county division of the Governor's Hospitality Committee for the present tourist season. The Scouts will co-operate with the committee in their efforts to see that all visitors to the mountains of Western North Carolina are shown the scenic points of interest and enjoy themselves generally.

Plans have been completed to establish a Boy Scout headquarters by erecting a tent on a grass-covered lot with a sign reading, "Boy Scouts of America—Governor's Hospitality Committee Headquarters." There will be one Scout appointed each day to act as officer of the day and he will be in charge of the headquarters for that day. Under him will be a group who will act as guides for the visitors wanting to see the various scenic trails and other points of interest. Two troopers will be assigned to run errands for the Chamber of Commerce and to co-operate with the public relations department of Blowing Rock by carrying messages and reports. All the boys expect to wear arm bands printed with the words, "Boy Scout Division, Governor's Hospitality Committee," and give information about roads and locations of interesting places to visit.

This commendable undertaking on the part of Troop No. 42 will be under the supervision of their Scoutmaster, Lyles Harris. Mr. Harris is training the boys and will superintend their activities.

This plan is expected to be a great help to summer visitors, and at the same time give the Scouts a fine lesson in self-reliance and confidence. The plan has the enthusiastic approval of the Governor's Hospitality committee, whose executive secretary states: "The Scouts of Blowing Rock are doing a fine work, not only for themselves, but for the resort and the committee. Let us hope that other counties will follow the splendid example set by Troop No. 42, and establish similar headquarters."

This work is not only of great benefit to the Scouts by broadening them by contact with travelers from all over the world, but will also be helpful to the community, the county and the state of North Carolina.

A near-riot was caused by the first wagon load of limburger cheese made in the United States when it was driven through the streets of Monroe, Wis.

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The luxurious Super-Coach, now in operation on all principal Greyhound routes, was undreamt of a few years ago. A comparison of this modern Cruiser with the finest coaches built in the years just after the War shows how phenomenal the advancement has been. And yet no extra fare is charged for all the extra comfort and convenience this Super-Coach has brought to highway travel.

The Greyhound Lines, proud of their own rapid growth, take this opportunity to congratulate the Watauga Democrat on its fifty years of progress.

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