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EXTRA SESSION OF LEGISLATURE OPENS MONDAY

Governor Hoey Calls General Assembly to Consider WPA Funds for State Institutions; Watauga Will Not Be Represented

Raleigh, Aug. 2.—Governor Hoey issued a proclamation today ordering the general assembly to meet here in special session Monday, August 8, to consider the allocation of state funds for a proposed WPA improvement program at North Carolina institutions.

Immediately, clerks in the governor's office dispatched telegrams to the legislators who were elected in 1936 and already have served in one special session and in one regular session.

Attorney General Harry McMullan was instructed to draw up a bill authorizing the issuance of bonds, the money from which will be used to supplement WPA funds in the event the contemplated improvement program is approved by the legislature and by federal officials.

The amount of the bond issue which the governor will recommend to the lawmakers will be determined by the advisory budget commission, which will meet here Wednesday and Thursday. Heads of institutions will present their requests to the commission at a hearing Wednesday.

The governor said there was a

possibility that counties may apply for WPA funds.

The governor's proclamation came as no surprise and administration supporters quickly took steps to see that the "must" measure or measures were passed expeditiously. It was understood that a resolution limiting debate to WPA business would be introduced in both the house and the senate a few moments after they are called to order.

The special session will be the seventh this century, and probably will mark the first time in the state's history that any group of lawmakers has met in three sessions. The legislators met first in December, 1936, one month after they were elected, in a special session called by former Governor Ehringhaus to consider unemployment compensation and WPA enabling measures. They also met in regular session in January, 1937.

At least nine members of the 1937 general assembly will not be present at the special session.

For the first time recalled, Watauga county will not be represented in the lower house of the assembly. Representative W. Frank Miller of Boone, died last December, and since there is no constitutional provision for replacing a deceased member without an election, Mr. Miller's seat will be vacant at the special session. R. T. Greer of Boone, will represent this district on the senate side.

WPA STREET WORK IS GOING FORWARD

Widening of King Street West of Postoffice First Work Being Undertaken Under Project

The Boone street widening project, involving the expenditure of about \$40,000 in WPA and municipal funds, got underway Friday, and the first work undertaken is the widening of King street from the new postoffice site west, making the thoroughfare approximately 100 feet wide, including the sidewalks. Since only a small amount of dirt is to be removed a steam shovel was not secured, and relief workers are making good headway on the project, under the supervision of Joe Luther. The project calls for the materials necessary for paving the twenty feet being provided, and it is said that just as soon as the dirt can be moved and the cement and stone delivered, the street and sidewalk will be completed.

The work of building a sidewalk on the west side of the street from the Baptist church by the Demonstration school will be done when a shipment of cement arrives, and repairing, and building of other sidewalks in the city will progress rapidly.

HARMON REUNION

The annual Harmon reunion will be held on the premises of Mr. Albert Harmon on Cove Creek Sunday. The public is invited to come and bring a basket.

Godiva Rides Again



Teddington, Eng.—Miss Maribelle Muller, 19 years old, was forced to leave a convent school because she took the part of the legendary lady, riding in the procession through the Middlesex town. Several objectors tried to pull her from the horse.

GRAHAM MEETING CLOSES SUNDAY

Interest in Revival is Great; Evangelist Was at Home for Few Days

Rev. Dan Gray

Religious services in the big tabernacle until next Sunday evening, which will round out eight weeks of the meeting. More than three thousand people have been gathering each evening to hear the evangelist, who returned to his pupil Tuesday after a few days rest at his Blountville, Tenn., home.

During Rev. Mr. Graham's absence, the preaching was done for the most part by Rev. Ted Fix, of Dallas, Texas, young Mr. Abe Adridge, ministerial student and evangelistic helper, having delivered a splendid sermon Friday evening.

It is believed that there have been something like 700 professions of faith and reconsecrations as a result of the ministry of the Graham evangelistic party in this county.

Services will continue daily up to and including Sunday evening at 9 a. m. and 7:45 p. m.

Bill Mitcham Hurt In Auto Accident

W. C. Mitcham, Jr., publicity director for Blowing Rock, returned to his work the middle of last week, after having been a patient in a Lenoir hospital for four days following an automobile accident.

Mr. Mitcham's car was said to have been almost demolished as it collided with a truck driven by Marshal Johnson on the Blowing Rock road near Lenoir. Examination indicated that Mr. Mitcham suffered injuries to the chest, damage to a lung, a lacerated leg and cuts and bruises.

The driver of the truck was arrested for reckless driving and was placed under bond.

Rev. Mr. Hiatt In Address To Lions

Rev. J. S. Hiatt, pastor of the First Methodist church in Lenoir, was the speaker at the banquet session of the Boone Lions Club held at the Daniel Boone Hotel Tuesday evening. The meeting was largely attended and Mr. Hiatt, who is a gifted after-dinner speaker, delivered a most entertaining address, while different members of the club rounded out the program.

OLLIS RETURNS FROM CHARLOTTE MEETING

Chief of Police S. D. Ollis returned Monday from Charlotte where he had been in attendance at the Police and Sheriff's Officers convention. During Mr. Ollis' absence, Mr. Karl Warlick, veteran Hickory police officer, patrolled the streets of the city. Mr. Warlick is still here and will be on duty until at least the end of this week, pending decision of the town board as to whether or not two officers are to be retained.

Those who visited for the past week with Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Church of Mabel, were Mr. and Mrs. Lon W. Church of Herrin, Ill.; John E. Church and Miss Thelma Pair of St. Louis, Mo., and Mr. and Mrs. Church of Butler, Tenn.

WATAUGA COUNTY SCHOOLS TO OPEN LAST DAY OF AUG.

Principals Conference Will Be Held at Demonstration School August 11; Number of Teachers Are Approved by Educational Body

At a meeting of the board of education Monday it was determined that the first of the county schools would open on August 31st, these including those in the following districts: Cove Creek, Valle Crucis, Bethel, Mabel, Fenley, Cook, Bradshaw and Cool Springs in Blowing Rock districts. Schools opening on September 1 include those in the Boone, Green Valley, Deep Gap districts, and the Boone colored school. The school at Blowing Rock will not open until September 12.

The following teachers were approved: Herbert Walter Way, mathematics, Boone high school; Rodney L. Leftwich, industrial arts, Cove Creek high school; Vanda Whicker, English teacher and girls' coach at Cove Creek high school; Mattie Lou Harman, elementary grades, Bethel school; Lavola Carender, primary grades, Valley Mountain school.

Principals' Conference A principals' conference has been slated to be held at the Demonstration school in Boone Thursday, August 11 at 9 o'clock, and County Superintendent Walker is anxious that the principals of all the schools in the county attend the meeting.

TO BEGIN SEPT. 29

Annual Agricultural Event is Arranged; Many Premiums; Fine Amusement Schedule

The annual Watauga Agricultural Fair, which is conducted each year at the Cove Creek high school, will be held September 29 and October 1, according to Mr. George G. Farthing, head of the department of vocational agriculture, which sponsors the event, which has grown into a county-wide institution.

Mr. Farthing states that premiums will be offered in the following departments, the name of the person in charge of each department being given in each instance: Baby show, Mrs. W. T. Payne; flower show, Mrs. Chas. L. Lewis; Mrs. N. L. Mast and Miss Edna Bingham; art department, Mrs. J. C. Mast; needlecraft, Misses Annie Mae Sherwood and Miss Constance Shoun; culinary, Miss Blanche Stokes; home canning, Mrs. S. F. Horton; home apairy, Miss Jennie Love; farm crops, T. J. Moody; home orchard, T. J. Moody; livestock, S. F. Horton; poultry, T. J. Moody; F. F. A. and 4-H Club boys, H. M. Hamilton; home economics and 4-H Club girls, Mrs. Cieta J. Harmon; N.Y.A. Handicrafts, Miss Clara Simpson; dog show, Mrs. John Horton; athletic contests, Lawrence Spavin and Miss Pauline Brummit; contests for men including hog calling and horseshoe pitching, S. F. Horton; contests for women including rolling pin throwing and cow-calling, Mrs. John Horton in charge.

Extended Prize List

This year's prizes in all departments are better, on the whole than ever before, it is said, and the premium list will be ready for distribution about August 20, copies to be available at practically all the stores of the county. They will also be distributed through the high schools.

Farm Crops Department

One of the leading departments of the fair, in which prizes have been increased considerably in number and in value is the farm crops department. This year the following prizes will be awarded for farm crops and home garden display: (1) \$10 cash, 5 tons ground lime and 10 apple trees; (2) \$5 in cash, 5 tons ground lime, 1 bag fertilizer and 10 apple trees; (3) \$3 in cash, 5 tons ground lime and 10 peach trees; (4) \$2 in cash, 5 tons ground lime and 10 peach trees; (5) 1 bag fertilizer, 1 hay fork and 5 peach trees; (6) 1 bag fertilizer and 5 peach trees.

Home garden display: (1) \$5 in cash, 1 silver vegetable dish and 500 strawberry plants; (2) \$3 in cash, 1 single wheel hoe and 300 strawberry plants; (3) \$2 in cash and 200 strawberry plants; (4) 1 bag of fertilizer.

Space for the farm crops and home garden displays in the fair building is limited, consequently all persons who plan to enter displays should notify the secretary before the fair. (Continued on Page Eight)

Midgets Attend Midget Wedding



Blackpool, England.—Herman Retter, 28 years old, and his bride, the former Annie Kneps, 27, both natives of Germany, are shown leaving the Church of Sacred Heart with members of the wedding party after their marriage. The groom is 3 feet 10 inches in height, and the bride 2 inches shorter.

Treasure Hunt Instituted!

The Boone Merchants Association, ever on the alert to devise new means of attracting visitors to the town and in an effort to provide an unusual sort of entertainment during the next two weeks, is today calling attention in a page ad to a "Treasure Hunt," a novel method of providing the people a lot of fun when the finish line is reached Saturday evening, August 20.

be displayed in the respective windows of the shops, together with complete information concerning the method in which they will be divided among Boone shoppers. Visitors to Boone the end of the week are asked to survey the wonderful array of valuable and useful premiums offered, and to find out how much fun is going to be had in securing them.

Prizes of \$100.00 to \$1000.00, and on Saturday of this week these prizes will

be a source of joyment and profit to the public.

GAME SEASONS ARE CHANGED FOR YEAR

Quail May Be Killed From Dec. 15 to Feb. 20; Squirrel Season Opens Sept. 15

Ed Mast, Watauga county game protector, announces that new combination hunting and fishing licenses are now available at convenient localities in the county and calls attention to changes in open season for hunting and trapping this year.

Chief among the changes made by the department of conservation and development was the shortening of the quail season, which will be December 15 to February 20. Other open seasons follow:

Opossum (with gun or dogs): October 15 to February 15; for trapping, November 1 to February 15.

Rabbit: November 20 to February 15.

Squirrel: September 15 to January 15.

Dove: September 1 to September 30; December 20 to January 13.

Game officials express the opinion that there will be a more plentiful supply of game this year than during the past several years.

\$5,500,00 Available For Scenic Parkway

16 1/2-Mile Sector Between Route 421 and Blowing Rock Will Be Built During Fiscal Year

Raleigh, Aug. 1.—Harold L. Ickes, secretary of the interior, informed Governor Hoey today that \$5,500,000 appropriated by congress for the Blue Ridge Parkway had been made available. Of this sum, \$3,500,000 was allotted in the 1939 interior department appropriation act and \$2,000,000 was earmarked under the second deficiency appropriation act for 1938.

The Blue Ridge Parkway construction program in North Carolina for the fiscal year includes 16 1/2 miles of road between Route 421 and Blowing Rock, 11 miles between Wagon Road Gap and Tennessee Bald, and 7 3/4 miles between Goch Gap and Buck Creek Gap. The governor said the highway and public works commission had obtained and conveyed to the federal government rights-of-way for part of the route.

ROACHES INFEST SOME SECTIONS OF THE CITY

Mr. H. S. Webster of the district health office here, states that cockroaches have become numerous in certain sections of the business area. Those being bothered with the pestiferous bugs may secure advices as to how to eradicate them inexpensively and easily by applying to him at the health office.

G. O. P. CONVENTION IS CALLED TO MEET SATURDAY, AUG. 20

Local Republicans Will Name Slate of Candidates for County Offices; One Candidate Has Announced for Office; Democratic Convention Uncalled

With the Republicans of Watauga county called to gather in nominating convention on Saturday, August 20, and with one candidate's hat definitely in the ring for nomination as sheriff on the G. O. P. ticket, county politics will soon hit its stride.

T. E. Bingham, county chairman of the Republican executive committee, and Clyde R. Greene, secretary, Tuesday announced the convention which is to be held at the courthouse at 2 o'clock on the 20th, at which time a complete slate of candidates for county office and a member of the general assembly will be nominated. Any other business may be taken up which is thought proper to come before the convention.

Almost at the same time the call was issued for the convention, Mr. Thomas R. Miller of Boone, threw his hat in the ring as a candidate for sheriff on the Republican ticket and his formal announcement appears in this paper today.

Mr. Miller, who is an upstanding young man, is a valued employee of the Smith Transfer Company, and formerly was associated with his brother, Mr. Spencer Miller, in the operation of the Boone Transfer Company.

Local Power Unit Steps Up Efficiency

A \$30,000 WPA project, sponsored by Appalachian State Teachers College for joint use of the institution and electrical units, has stepped up the efficiency of the New River Light & Power plant until it now stands with 1220 horsepower capacity, 830 horsepower more than is being used at the present time, according to figures compiled by electrical engineers.

Conclusive figures listing the New River Light & Power figures with those resulting from the recent merger with Blowing Rock's unit, shows that the Northwestern division's capacity measures up to 560 horsepower, of which 340 is required; New River's capacity 960, of which 350 is being used, thus leaving a potential head of 830 horsepower at ready command should growth find need for this excess power.

Building of the power unit to its present capacity has been made possible through installation of a completely new piping system to the engine units. Whereas the steam boilers lacked power efficiency of pulling hot water systems, engines, and heating plant the new set-up utilizes the exhaust steam to heat hot water and the buildings, thereby giving full capacity to running of the electrical units.

"Cinderella Rose" Is Well Received

"Cinderella Rose," a lively dramatic production, was enthusiastically received by a large audience at the Demonstration school Tuesday evening. The play was sponsored by the local Boy Scout troop and the cast was composed altogether from the youth of the community.

Mrs. Edgar Cooke, who directed the entertainment, is being highly commended by both the Scout organization and the general public for her splendid accomplishment in training the players and for her fine co-operation with the Scouts.

STOLEN CAR IS FOUND

A Chevrolet sedan, the property of Mr. Kermit Story of Blowing Rock, was taken from near Smithey's store Saturday evening and was found by Police Officer Warlick near the courthouse Sunday morning at 3:30. The key had been taken, some wires loosed and other damage of a minor nature done.

FARM INCOME DROPS

Cash income from the sale of farm products in the first six months of 1938 is now estimated at \$3,084,000, or 12 per cent less than the \$3,499,000 reported for the first half of 1937, says a report of the U. S. bureau of agricultural economics sent Julian R. Mann, extension station at State College.

FARTHING SELLS CAFE BUSINESS

Thos. B. Redmond is New Owner of Boone Trail Cafe; Mr. Farthing Takes Vacation

The Boone Trail Cafe, for more than fifteen years one of the leading cafes of the town, has been sold by Mr. T. Hill Farthing, the new owner, Mr. Thomas B. Redmond of this city, having taken over the thriving business Monday of this week.

Mr. Farthing, who has operated the restaurant for the past twelve years without a vacation, leaves today for Lenoir, where he will spend a few days with relatives before proceeding to the coast, and states that before his return he will visit the Bermudas. Need for rest and recuperation is given as the principal reason for his disposing of the business. Mr. Farthing has conducted a good cafe and has made many friends here and among the traveling public who regret to see him leave.

Following his vacation he will consider his future business course.

Mr. Redmond, who has lived in this city for several years and who lately has been engaged in the automobile business, is carrying out the same type of service which has made the Boone Trail so popular, and is receiving the full co-operation of the former customers of the establishment.

BAR MEETING TO BE HELD FRIDAY

Lawyers of Sixteenth District Will Gather in Boone as Guests of Local Barristers

About one hundred attorneys are expected to gather in Boone Friday evening, where they will hold the annual convention of the Sixteenth District Bar Association. The district comprises Watauga, Caldwell, Burke, Cleveland, Catawba and Lincoln counties.

The meeting which is to be held at the Daniel Boone Hotel at 7 o'clock will be preceded by a concert on the lawn by Gordon Nash and his Boone high school band.

At the banquet session W. R. Lovill of Boone, district president, will preside, while Wade E. Brown, also of Boone, is district secretary. The principal address will be made by Hon. Justin Miller of Boone and Washington, and the principal business to come before the gathering will be the selection of officers for the ensuing year. A convention city will also be selected for the next assembly.