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## TREASURE HUNT IS SUCCESSFUL

Throngs Come to Town to Participate in Unique Merchandising Event

Hundreds of people from the surrounding trade area jammed the streets of the city Saturday at 2 o'clock, when the merchants' Association treasure hunt got under way and the throngs began to tour the shops of the city to check trade tickets against numbers displayed in the windows in order to share in the distribution of the many valuable prizes being offered.

Numerous prizes were promptly claimed by the treasure hunters but the following firms have not yet delivered their offerings. Those who have the numbers shown may call at the respective places of business and claim their reward:

New River Light & Power Co., 7; Farmers Hardware & Supply Co., 1375; Watauga Democrat, 12,501; Boone Photo Shop, 12,085; Harrison Chevrolet Co., 10,005.

Prizes awarded are as follows: Pearson's Store, 300 pounds flour, Essie Potter, Route 2; King Street Grocery, basket of food, Mrs. W. H. Gregg; Mullins Grocery, basket of groceries, Mary E. Steele, Caro-Jean Inn; Lillian Mae Beauty Shop, permanent wave, Mrs. James Brown, Valle Crucis; Qualls Furniture Store, table and mirror, Fay Greene, Deep Gap; Beik-White Co., Chatham blanket, Mrs. A. E. Hamby; Spainhour's, Bates bedspread, Mrs. R. H. Harmon; Carolina Pharmacy, Shaffer pen set, Mary Ethel Cook; W. W. Mac Co., glass dinner set, Marion Pratt; High Land Furniture Co., picture, Fletcher Barnes; Hodges Tire Co., gasoline, oil and grease job, Lester Carroll, Route 2; B. W. Stallings, Ted Hagaman.

## West Jefferson Rocked By Tar Tank Explosion

West Jefferson, Aug. 23—Monday night West Jefferson residents heard an explosion that caused their homes to tremble, and a number of window lights to shatter. Some thought an earthquake had struck.

Investigation by officers revealed that a large truck, carrying a load of liquid tar for the Byler Construction Company, had caught fire and exploded at the government stock yard while being loaded from a Norfolk and Western flat car.

Truck Driver Eugene Craven and his companion were in the process of filling the enormous truck when Craven climbed on top of the tank, struck a match and peered inside to see if it was filled. It was!

Before he had time to jump clear of the tank, flames were spreading over the truck and climbing skyward. Craven suffered burns on his hands and arms. Both of the men, however, were out of the way when the big explosion came. The back of the tank blew out, sending a stream of fire across the yard to nearby buildings. When it appeared that the spreading fire might soon ignite surrounding structures, Henry Curie climbed under the steering wheel of the burning truck and drove it to a safe spot where volunteer firemen, by piling on dirt and spraying chemicals, soon extinguished the fire.

## Engenia Christian Funeral on Sunday

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at the Beaver Dam Baptist church for Miss Engenia Christian, 20, of the Howards Creek section, who died early Saturday morning. Rev. W. C. Payne was in charge of the service. Burial was in the Beaver Dam cemetery.

Pall bearers were William Brown, Wilson Brown, Frank Norris, Jack Greene, Judd Barnes and Warren Greene.

Flower bearers were Mozelle Barnes, Bernice Brown, Faye Brown, Nannie Belle Brown, Rosa Lee Brown, Estelle Greene, Polly Greene, Gertrude Norris, Gwendolyn Norris, Mrs. Jim Barnes, Mrs. June Greene, Mrs. T. Critt Norris, Mrs. Roscoe Brown, Mabel Norris, Eno Hodges, Annie Norris, Martha Shepherd, Martha Miller, Alma Miller, Mary Dugger, Sammie Dugger, Hazel Robinson, Grace Robinson and Louise Greene.

Miss Christian, who was well known and popular in her community, is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Christian, five sisters, Mrs. M. K. Jones, Johnson City, Tenn.; Mrs. Ramon Jones, Misses Ellen, Maggie and Mabel Christian of Howards Creek; three brothers, Kyle and Robert of Bristol, Tenn., and Henry Christian. She is also survived by her paternal grandmother and several aunts and uncles.

## G. O. P. CANDIDATES PLACED IN FIELD; DRY LAW IS URGED

Watauga County Republicans Name Candidates For Office; Resolutions Passed Calling for Publicizing County Affairs, Condemning Intoxicants and Asking For Election Reforms

Republicans of Watauga county gathered in nominating convention at the courthouse Saturday afternoon, picked their candidates for office and passed resolutions calling for publicizing statements of the financial condition of the county, condemning alcoholic beverages, and "the practice of forcing school teachers to contribute to any campaign fund." The resolutions also demanded fair and impartial elections.

The convention was called to order by Chairman T. E. Bingham, and S. C. Eggers was made temporary chairman, Clyde R. Greene and Mrs. DeWitt Barnett acting as secretaries.

Clyde R. Greene and Blaine Coffey were both placed in nomination for representative, but on motion of the former the place on the ticket was left open, pending subsequent nomination by the county executive committee.

Thomas Miller of Boone, was nominated for sheriff; Mrs. P. A. Coffey, register of deeds; James Burkett, clerk superior court; while on the third ballot the following were nominated as county commissioners: Bert Farthing, Stacy Ford and Jason Moretz. Iredell Bumgarner was named as a candidate for county surveyor, while the coroner's place is vacant.

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## Homecoming Services at Mount Pleasant Church

There will be homecoming services at old Mount Pleasant Lutheran church Sunday, August 28. This church is in the vicinity where the first Lutheran congregation in the county was organized in 1845, and where the first Lutheran church building in this section was erected in 1868. It is where a number of prominent ministers of sainted memory preached, as many older citizens will recall.

The congregation feels that its many friends, far and near, will welcome this opportunity to assemble again at the place where they were once probably accustomed to gather to worship, but who now find themselves in situations that prevent their being in close contact with this church. Especially remembered are those of other denominations who came regularly to make possible a flourishing Sunday school when walking two or three miles was considered no handicap. It is the sincere desire of Old Mount Pleasant that the people of the neighboring communities and churches of all denominations come to enjoy and take part in the full day program. It will be an opportunity to renew old acquaintances and friendships and to see many friends and relatives who have been away for long periods.

There will be two sessions of the program in which former pastors and visiting ministers will participate. During the noon recess a picnic dinner will be spread. To this lunch all are invited and all who can conveniently do so are asked to bring well-filled baskets.

A brief outline of the program follows: 9:45—Sunday school. 11:00—Morning service. Sermon, Rev. J. L. Norris. 12:00—Noon recess and lunch. 2:00 Devotional service, Rev. W. J. Moretz. 3:00—Short addresses by visiting ministers and friends.

## TOWNSEND PLAN MAN TO SPEAK IN BOONE

Mr. Grant Lowe of Salisbury, national representative of the Townsend Recovery Plan, will speak to the citizens of Watauga county at the courthouse, Friday, August 26, at 8 o'clock.

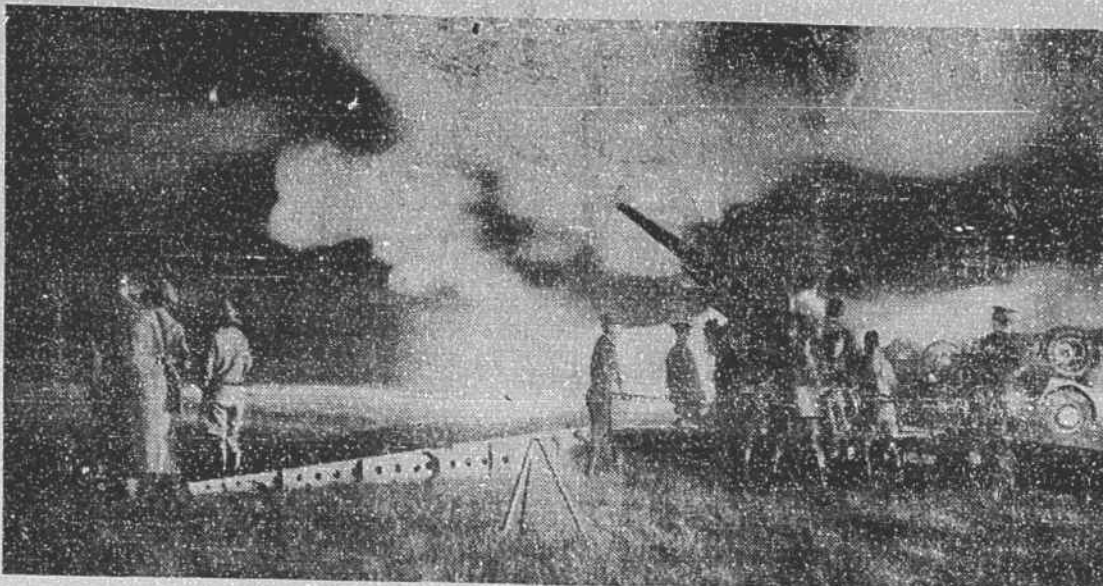
A special invitation is extended to the business and professional men, city and county officials to be present, and hear the principles of the Townsend plan explained.

Judge John H. Bingham of Sugar Grove, will preside over the gathering.

## REV. BUCHANAN TO PREACH HERE SUNDAY

Rev. G. Sexton Buchanan, pastor of the Blowing Rock Presbyterian church, will preach in the Graham tabernacle Sunday afternoon at 2:30. It was announced today. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

## ARMY CONDUCTS WAR GAMES ON THE GULF



More than 25,000 officers and men of the regular army, national guard and officers' reserve corps participated in war games on the Mississippi Gulf coast, which ended last Sunday. Soldiers were concentrated at Biloxi, Miss., to defend the river area against an imaginary enemy attacking the gulf coast. Maj. General Van Horn Moseley was in command.

## ASSOCIATION AT OAK GROVE CHURCH

Ninety-eighth Annual Session of Three Forks Association Convenes Tuesday

The Three Forks Baptist Association will gather in its ninety-eighth annual session at Oak Grove church next Tuesday and Wednesday, with Rev. R. C. Eggers, the moderator, presiding. Rev. Phillip Fletcher will preach the annual sermon, and the following is the program:

Tuesday, August 30  
9:00 a. m., devotional and roll call; 9:25, address of moderator; 9:45, religious literature; 10:15, temperance; 11:00, annual sermon; noon recess; 1:00 p. m., devotional; 1:15, missions; 2:30, benevolences; 5:30, closing worship.

Wednesday, August 31  
9:00, devotional; 9:15, obituaries; 10:00, woman's work; 10:45, report of executive committee; 11:15, associational progress. Noon recess; 1:15, devotional; 1:30, Christian training; 2:15, Sunday schools; 2:45, history of Oak Grove church; 3:00, reports; treasurer, finance, nominations, resolutions, time, place and preacher; 3:30, election of officers and miscellaneous; 3:45, closing worship.

In 1940 the association will celebrate its centennial and the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the founding of Three Forks Baptist church. The association is composed of 35 churches with a membership of 5,341, and with church property valued at \$189,000.

## Porto Ricans Visit With Local Minister

Senor Don Jose Diaz and son, Radflo Diaz, of San Juan, Porto Rico, passed through Boone and were overnight guests of Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Canipe Friday.

St. Diaz is manager of the Merchants Exchange of San Juan, and is touring the United States in the interest of creating better trade relations between the United States and Puerto Rico. He is particularly anxious that trade with southern ports be established, without the necessity of shipping through New York. The son acted as interpreter between the Senor and Mr. Canipe.

## HELD ON LIQUOR CHARGE

William Gold of Blowing Rock, was arrested Saturday near that city by sheriff's officers on a charge of selling a gallon of white liquor to Dallas Dula and John Jones, Caldwell county negroes. Gold was placed in the county jail, while the buyers were released on bond as state witnesses in the case which will be tried at superior court next month.

## CORN ROAST

Boy Scout Troop 41 took to the hills last night with pack on back, loaded down with good things to eat. Roasted, roastingears were served piping hot, garnished with creamy butter. Boy, oh boy! what a feed! Those who were absent sure missed a treat. We have in overnight trip planned next week and hope all the boys will go along.—Reported.

## GRAY A VISITOR

Mr. Gordon Gray, Winston-Salem newspaper publisher, was in town Monday, conferring with numerous Democrats incident to his candidacy for the presidency of the State Young Democratic Clubs.

## Rev. Graham Goes To Virginia City

Rev. Dan Graham and the other members of his evangelistic party closed their meeting in Boone Sunday evening to open an engagement at Virginia City.

The largest crowd ever to attend the meeting gathered Sunday evening, and after 12 o'clock the work of loading the seats and other equipment began.

A movement is under way looking to keeping the tabernacle for county singings and other gatherings of a like kind, and Mr. Graham has offered to give the structure to the singing association if they can procure the lot.

## BLOWING ROCK TO GET PWA MONEY

Water Works, Filtration Plant and Paving to Be Included in Big Project

The town of Blowing Rock has been accorded a loan of \$66,000 and a straight grant of \$54,000 of PWA funds to finance general municipal improvements, according to advices coming from Washington last week.

The \$120,000 project, which has been approved, includes work on the municipal water works, erection of a filtration plant, improvement of the sewage disposal system and the paving of a number of streets of the town.

A special election has been called by the town board to pass on the question of issuing bonds to cover the \$66,000 expenditure, which the town must assume on the project. The election will be held at the town hall on August 20.

## AGED BAPTIST DIVINE DIES AT HENDERSONVILLE

Rev. T. C. Holtzclaw, 79, Baptist minister, died on the 13th at his home on the Flat Top road near Hendersonville. He had been in failing health for 18 months but had been seriously ill for only two weeks. Members of his family had been summoned to his bedside a few days prior to his death.

A native of Watauga county, Mr. Holtzclaw was ordained to the ministry at the age of 17 years. At the age of 21 years he was chosen missionary evangelist for the Baptist churches of the state of South Carolina.

The minister was a graduate of old Judson College at Hendersonville and had served as pastor of numerous Baptist churches in western North Carolina. He had made his home at Hendersonville for 15 years. Failing health brought his retirement from the ministry a few years ago.

Funeral services were conducted on the 15th, at the late residence, Rev. Broadus E. Wall, pastor of the First Baptist church, and Rev. Carl Blythe officiating. Burial was in that community.

Surviving are his widow, three daughters, Mrs. D. S. Morgan of Blantyre; Mrs. A. C. Glazner of Chillicothe, Ohio, and Mrs. Olan Luke of Valdosta, Ga., and the following sons: Rev. Walter Holtzclaw, Etowah; Robert Holtzclaw, Canton; Clyde Holtzclaw, Canton; Ralph Holtzclaw, Kingsport, Tenn., and B. F. Holtzclaw, New Orleans, La.

There is a radio set in every home of Selkirk, England.

## DEALERS IN BEER AND WINE ASKED TO QUIT BUSINESS

Three Thousand People at Closing of Graham Revival Meeting Adopt Resolutions Against Alcoholic Drinks; Committee Named to Confer With Beer Dealers

Resolutions against the sale of alcoholic drinks, were unanimously passed at Rev. Graham's meeting Sunday evening, when more than three thousand people indicated their desire to have intoxicants banned from the county. A committee of five, composed of R. H. Vannoy, B. K. Osborne, B. F. Hodges, George Pearson and Fred Critcher, was named and these men are to call on every beer dealer in the county, requesting that they desist from further sale of alcoholic beverages. The text of the resolution is as follows:

Resolution  
Whereas, we recognize that the use of alcoholic drinks of any kind in any amount is detrimental to our people physically, mentally, financially, morally and spiritually; and  
Whereas, we believe that it is morally wrong to import, manufacture, transport or sell alcoholic drinks in any form; and  
Whereas, certain business men of Watauga county are selling beer, wine and other forms of alcoholic drinks, now therefore be it resolved:

First, that we respectfully request any and all dealers in beer, wine or other forms of strong drink in Watauga county to stop selling same by September 1, 1938.  
Second, that we request all Christian bodies in our county to adopt this resolution.  
Third, that we send a copy of these resolutions to the Watauga Democrat with a request to publish same.  
Fourth, that we appoint a committee of five to convey this request to each and every person in Watauga county who sells wine, beer or other form of strong drink.

Adopted by audience of more than 3,000 in Dan Graham tabernacle at Boone, N. C., August 21, 1938, without opposition.

## SENIOR SOAP BOX RACES WILL BE HELD FRIDAY

The second annual soap box derby, sponsored by Mr. B. W. Stallings, will pass into history Friday afternoon on Water street at 6:30. All junior racers are eligible to enter this race and compete for grand honors. Some of the spectators who saw last week's races, seem to think that some of the junior boys will stand a good chance of winning over the seniors.

Last week's winners were: Harold Watson, 1st; Glenn Greer, 2nd; Ray Morris, 3rd; Ted Hagaman, 4th; J. B. Brindall, 5th; Billie Aldridge, 6th; Jimmie McConnell, 7th, and Blanton Miller, 8th.  
Earl Phillips and Stanley South put up a good race but failed by seconds to get into the money.  
The event Friday will be the last race of the season, and the public is invited to come out and root for their favorite boy to win.

Norman Cordon, star of the Metropolitan Opera Company, will appear in concert at the Blowing Rock high school auditorium Thursday evening, August 25, at 8:30. Seats are now on sale at the Boone Drug store at \$1, \$1.50 and \$2.

## MRS. ALBERTINE BOND BROOKSHIRE, 81, DIES

Mrs. Albertine Bond Brookshire aged 81 years, died at the home of Don Hartley in the Bamboo section Sunday, and the funeral services were conducted from the home Monday at 11 o'clock, by the pastor, Rev. R. C. Eggers, who was assisted in the rites by Rev. W. J. Cook. Interment was in the Critcher graveyard.

Mrs. Brookshire, who was a native of Rowan county, was the widow of the late N. B. Brookshire and had resided in this county for the greater part of her life. She was the mother of three children, all of whom are deceased. Twenty-one grandchildren and 38 great-grandchildren survive.

Mrs. Brookshire joined the Baptist church in early life and was a kind Christian mother.

## EDMINSTEN REUNION

A reunion of the Edmisten family will be held at the state fish hatchery, near Boone, Sunday, September 11. The event will last all day and all the Edmistens and their kin are urged to attend and bring well-filled dinner baskets. There will be some speeches and a general good time.

## JOHN W. POPOW ADDED TO LEES-McRAE FACULTY

Banner Elk, Aug. 24—John W. Popow of Pittsburgh, Pa., has been added to the faculty of Lees-McRae College here as head of the department of mathematics and assistant in physical education, according to announcement made this week by Leo K. Pritchett, dean and registrar.  
Mr. Popow received his B. S. from Washington-Jefferson College in Washington, Pa., and did two years work toward his Ph. D. at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, where he was junior instructor in mathematics and director of graduate student athletics.  
During the past year he has been professor of mathematics and director of athletics at Shenandoah College, Dayton, Va.