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FLOWER SHOW TO BE HELD FRIDAY

Ladies of Town Churches Sponsor Annual Showing of Flowers; Many Classes of Competition

The flower show which is annually sponsored by the ladies of the Boone Baptist and Methodist churches, is to be held Friday afternoon from 3 o'clock until 9 in the basement of the Baptist church.

Twenty-five cents will be charged for each entry or \$1.00 for a table. There will be no charge for admission but a silver offering is to be taken at the door. Blue and red ribbons will be given for first and second prizes, and everyone in the county is invited to enter as many exhibits as desired and requested to have them in by 12 o'clock.

Flowers will be judged under the following classifications:

Dahlias—largest specimen, prettiest mixed arrangement; pompon arrangement (dwarf), prettiest large arrangement.

Asters—prettiest (one color), prettiest mixed colors.

Painted daisies—prettiest.

Zinnias—finest large, best arrangement of dwarf.

Gladioli—finest.

Marigold—finest large, best dwarf.

Snapdragons—best.

Delphinium—best.

Mixed bowl—prettiest.

Azaleum—prettiest.

Petunias—best ruffled, prettiest common variety, prettiest dwarf.

Nasturtiums—prettiest arrangement of single, prettiest arrangement of double.

Scarlet sage—best.

Cut and come again—best.

Cosmos—prettiest.

Pansies—prettiest.

Roses—finest specimen, prettiest arrangement.

Verbena—prettiest arrangement.

Wild flowers—prettiest arrangement, largest variety.

Miniature gardens—prettiest.

Gallieria and calendula—best.

Most unique arrangement.

Best table.

Pot of flowers—prettiest blooming; best not-blooming.

MERCHANTS WILL ENJOY HOLIDAY

Business Men and Employees to Go to Backbone Rock Sept. 15; Stores Closed in Afternoon

Following a meeting of a special merchants association committee, held Tuesday, the chairman, Mr. J. E. Clay, announced that the business men of the town and their employees would enjoy an outing and picnic at Backbone Rock, in southwest Virginia, Thursday afternoon, September 15. The party will leave Boone shortly after noon and journey to the scenic spot, where games, a picnic and a general good time is to be had.

Stores will close at noon on the 15th and all the business men of the town, whether members of the merchants association or not are asked to participate in the outing.

Pooled Lambs To Be Shipped On Friday

By W. B. COLLINS (County Agent)

We will make our cleanup shipment of pooled lambs on Friday, September 16.

The following is a list of the time and places at which the lambs will be weighed:

W. S. Moretz's at 8 a. m.

C. D. McNeill's at 9 a. m.

L. H. Hollars' at 10 a. m.

A. W. Greene's at 11 a. m.

W. A. Proffit's at 12 m.

A. N. Thomas' at 1:30 p. m.

C. B. Reese's at 2:30 p. m.

Mrs. W. Y. Farthing's at 4 p. m.

John Ward's at 5:30 p. m.

Lee Carender's at 8 a. m.

Claude Shores' at 9 a. m.

W. W. Mast's at 11 a. m.

Ed Shipley's at 12:30 p. m.

W. H. Mast's at 1:30 p. m.

Odes Wilson's at 3 p. m.

R. A. Thomas' at 4:30 p. m.

Any farmers of the county who wish to sell their lambs through the pool may do so and any kind of lambs brought to the scales will be shipped.

We request that all lambs be at the above mentioned scales on time in order that we may keep up with our weighing schedule.

Mr. T. M. Dunkley, formerly manager of the A. & P. Store here, and one of the city's most enthusiastic bowlers, has taken over the management of the Boone Recreation Parlor.

"Little" Business



When President Roosevelt called a conference of small business men at Washington last winter, they responded by forming their own association under DeWitt M. Emery of Akron, Ohio, above. Two thousand delegates are expected at the first annual convention which will open at Pittsburgh, Tuesday, September 13.

EVANGELISTIC CLUB ORGANIZED

Meeting at Tabernacle is Well Attended; Christian Group to Work in County

An evangelistic club, to be known as the "Christian Life-Savers of Watauga County," was formed at a meeting held in the Graham tabernacle Sunday afternoon, and it was determined that the club would hold weekly meetings for the time being.

There is an initial membership of 44, and others are reported interested in the movement. The officers elected are: George Pearson, president; James Brown, vice-president; Walter Cook, treasurer; Clyde R. Greene, secretary, and Miss Doris Byland, assistant secretary.

Later on the membership is to be divided into teams and will go into the county doing religious work. For the present meetings will be held at the tabernacle each Saturday evening at 7:45.

Preachers' Meeting Here Next Monday

The preachers and pastors of the Three Forks Association will meet at Boone next Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. All are urged to be present as there are vital matters to be discussed.

Following is the program: Devotional, led by Rev. Grady Minton.

The Place of the Church in the Kingdom of God, by Rev. Dwight Edmisten.

The Church and Moral Questions, like Liquor, Gambling, Dancing, etc., led by N. M. Greene.

The Church and the Coming of Christ, Rev. J. C. Canipe and others. These speakers are asked to study the above questions and come prepared to enter the discussion.

Camera Excursion Over Narrow Gauge

Announcement is made by the Linville River Railway that a camera excursion will be conducted over the famed scenic narrow-gauge line Sunday, September 18th, leaving Boone at 8 a. m., and returning in the afternoon.

The capacity of the train will be 250 people and reservations must be made five days in advance, according to the advertisement appearing in the newspaper today. People from all over North Carolina are expected to make the trip on what is perhaps the last excursion train of the year.

Billings Farm Is To Be Sold at Auction

The W. R. Billings farm near Vilas, one of the best plantations in this section, will be offered for sale to the high bidder Thursday, September 15, and those in charge of the auction say that unusual interest is being manifested in the event.

The farm contains 65 acres, divided into large lots and baby farms, and all the land is in cultivation. A free barbecue dinner is to be served on the grounds, and a large crowd is expected to attend.

BIDS ARE ASKED ON CONSTRUCTION OF COUNTY R.E.A. LINE

Specifications on Rural Electric Project Have Been Approved; Bids on Construction to be Opened Sept. 19; Actual Work is to Get Under Way Soon.

Specifications have been approved and bids called for the construction of the rural electric lines of the Caldwell Mutual Corporation and Watauga extension, stated G. F. Messick, superintendent, in a letter to members and prospective members of the corporation in Watauga county. The actual construction firm is selected by competitive bid, advertisement for which appears in The Democrat this week.

Mr. Messick, in a letter to members and prospective customers of the corporation in the county last week says:

"Since I last reported to you, our rural electrification project has been making progress. Our engineer, Mr. H. D. Dewar, has prepared construction specifications for our new lines and has asked contracting firms to bid on them. These bids will be opened September 19, at 10 o'clock at the county courthouse in Boone.

"REA experts have examined the specifications carefully and found them to be entirely adequate. By following them, the construction firm will build sturdy, serviceable lines. They will bring us electricity yet they will not be more expensive than we can afford.

"As soon as the bids are opened, Mr. Dewar and REA will examine them to be sure to get the construction contract executed and approved by Administrator John M. Carmody in Washington.

"Then the contractor will be notified to start work at once. Within a few weeks we should see some actual construction activity right here in our community.

"Some projects have been held up by difficulties in obtaining rights-of-way permission from property owners for the lines to cross their land. Our loan from REA is for building lines. None of the money can be used for buying rights-of-way.

"Since it is to the advantage of all of us to build the lines efficiently and as inexpensively as possible, I hope that you will sign a right-of-way agreement readily when our representative calls on you. The form has been carefully checked by our attorney, Max C. Wilson, and REA lawyers. It is not a deed to your land, nor is it a mortgage of any sort. It merely permits the line to be built on your property, and it permits us to service the lines after they are built.

"You will need the short time left before the current is turned on to complete your wiring and make definite plans for the appliances you wish to install right at the start. We have a great deal of information about wiring and appliances at the office in Boone.

"Remember, this is your office. Come in and see what we have for you. Go over the maps, read the pamphlets we have available, let us help you plan to use electricity abundantly from the beginning."

Dr. Dougherty Speaks At Bridge Dedication

Dr. B. B. Dougherty, president of Appalachian College, was one of the speakers at the dedication of the Doughton bridge over the New River on U. S. Highway 21, in Virginia Monday.

Numbers of celebrities were on the program as the \$125,000 steel and concrete span was named for former Lieutenant Governor Rufus A. Doughton of Sparta. Governor Hoey spoke, former Governor Trinkle of Virginia, Congressman Kee of Virginia, and others. Thousands of residents of several states blocked the highway and surrounding terrain for the ceremonies.

JUDGE MILLER SPEAKS AT LIONS CLUB MEETING

Hon. Justin Miller, associate justice of the United States district court of appeals, was a speaker at the regular meeting of the Boone Lions Club at the Daniel Boone Hotel Tuesday evening.

Dr. Miller discussed a recent book, "Man-made Culture," which happened to have been written by a college mate and which deals with various social service organizations, including the Lions Club.

Among the visitors for the banquet meeting were Dr. Roy M. Brown of Chapel Hill, Prof. Sam F. Horton and H. Walter Horton, each of whom spoke briefly.

Celebrate Golden Wedding Anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. James M. Shull of Valle Crucis, who celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on last Tuesday afternoon. A large number of relatives and friends gathered from a wide area to partake of the sumptuous dinner and to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Shull upon their fiftieth anniversary, and to wish for the esteemed couple many more happy anniversaries.

CITY MAY SECURE RAILWAY EXPRESS

Representatives of Railway Express Agency Here; Prospects Good for Start of Service

Mr. H. W. Wilcox, local agent for the Linville River Railway Company, has for several years been working in the interest of the establishment of railway express service to this city and states that at this time the future looks bright for this enterprise. Representatives of the Railway Express Agency were in the city last week, making a survey of the territory, and it is stated that with the co-operation of the business people, there is a splendid chance of securing this service.

The express service would speed up all express movements and would place Boone in the tariff of all express companies. Boone and the surrounding territory would receive the same advantages and service as the larger cities.

REELY SMITH, 16, FATALLY HURT IN AUTO-BIKE CRASH

Reely Smith, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Smith of Stony Fork township, died in the Wilkes hospital last Tuesday afternoon from injuries received Monday, when the bicycle on which he and a brother were riding, collided with a car said to have been driven by Harley Smith on the Stony Fork road. The youth is said to have been cast against the windshield of the car by the impact, and received injuries of the head which proved fatal. The accident occurred on a curve, and since the bicycle was on the wrong side of the roadway, no blame was attached to the driver of the car.

Funeral services were conducted from the Stony Fork church Thursday, Revs. Vilas Minton, Troy Danner and Ben Triplett taking part in the rites, and interment was in the home neighborhood. Besides the parents, three brothers survive: Raylo, Ransom and Rexell Smith.

Employment Agent to Be Here Third Friday

A representative of the state employment service will be at the courthouse in Boone on the third Friday in each month for the registration of jobless. The hours to be observed will be from 10 to 3 o'clock.

Avery County Farm Is Being Offered

S. C. Eggers and Co., local realtors, today make announcement of the auction sale of the Thomas W. Hopkins farm near Newland, which will occur Tuesday, September 13, at 10 o'clock, and Mr. Eggers believes the sale will be one of the biggest of his career.

The 400-acre farm is one of the best in this entire mountain area, and small farms as well as lots have been arranged so as to suit any purchaser. Attention is directed to a large advertisement appearing on page three today.

BUDGET APPROVED BY TOWN BOARD

Tax Rate of \$1.50 to Again Prevail; Auditor Thinks Levy is Sufficient

The budget estimate for the city has been submitted to the board by the auditor and has been tentatively approved, final approval being with the local government commission in Raleigh. Under the proposed budget, the tax rate of \$1.50 will again be in effect, and the auditor believes that with reasonably good tax collections, the levy will be sufficient to keep the town in good fiscal condition.

Governor Hoey Speaks At Banner Elk Sunday

Banner Elk, Sept. 6.—Governor Clyde R. Hoey preached at the morning services of the Banner Elk Presbyterian church here Sunday before a large congregation which had gathered from Banner Elk and many other communities to hear North Carolina's first citizen.

Using as his theme the incurably religious nature of man and the importance of Christianity as a foundation for the world today, Governor Hoey illustrated this with a discussion of each of the five words on the Plymouth monument—Law, Morality, Education, Freedom and Faith. Faith, he said, is the foundation of each of these. In his discussion of Freedom, the governor compared the American constitution to the dyke of Holland. "The constitution is to the government what the dyke is to Holland," he said, "not needed when there is no crisis, but a bulwark in troubled times."

He closed with a plea for more confidence in religion and a deeper faith.

Special music was furnished by the choir and Miss Ruth Tate, soloist, accompanied by Mrs. Edgar Tufts. Governor Hoey was introduced by the Rev. M. J. Murray, and the prayer was offered by Dr. Frank Clark, of the staff of the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association.

Governor Hoey was the week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Cannon at their summer home in Blowing Rock. He was accompanied to Banner Elk by Mrs. Hoey, Miss Isabel Hoey, Mr. and Mrs. William Cannon of Concord, and Charles A. Cannon. The party were the guests of Edgar H. Tufts, president of Lees-McRae College, for dinner at Pinnacle Inn, and returned to Blowing Rock in the afternoon.

Sunday's visit was Governor Hoey's second to Banner Elk. He spent one Sunday afternoon here last summer.

Rev. E. C. Hodges Will Preach at Courthouse

Rev. E. C. Hodges, local Baptist minister, will preach at the courthouse Saturday evening, September 10th, at 8 o'clock, he announced Monday.

The general public is cordially invited to attend, and a special invitation is given to ministers of all denominations.

\$7,675 PAID TO NEEDY IN COUNTY LAST FISCAL YEAR

Figures On First Year of Old Age Assistance and Dependent Children Released; \$3,900,000 Expended in North Carolina

Citizens of Watauga county last year, from July 1 to July 1, received a total of \$7,675 from public assistance funds, including state, federal and county expenditures to the aged needy and dependent children, it was announced from Raleigh last week by J. A. Stewart of the state board of charities and public welfare.

The aged in Watauga county received \$4,375.50, and the dependent children \$3,099.50. A total of 120 aged people in the county and 128 dependent children were listed on the state records as having received payments during the month of June.

Figures released for surrounding counties were as follows: Ashe—\$9,488.50 to old age assistance and \$1,647.00 to dependent children; Wilkes county, \$20,339.50 old age assistance and \$5,933 to dependent children. The total expenditures in the state for the year ended June 30 reached \$3,026,153.22 of combined federal, state and local funds, with \$2,209,597.29 spent for old age assistance and \$816,235.93 being given to families with dependent children.

Heading the list of the 100 counties in the state in the total amount spent was Guilford, with \$218,278, followed by Buncombe with \$151,225.50. Guilford spent \$152,289 for 1,111 old people and \$55,989 for 963 dependent children.

Thirty-three thousand and sixty persons were on the old age assistance rolls during the year, 15,790 male and 17,270 females. Average grants to the aged was \$3.97. During the year 22,196 dependent children in 7,959 families were placed on state records, with the division between boys and girls being about equal.

PRINCIPALS AND BUS DRIVERS MEET

County Superintendent Outlines Program for School Year; Ingle Explains Road Laws

Sugar Grove, Sept. 3.—W. H. Walker, superintendent of Watauga county schools, met with his bus drivers and principals in the Cove Creek high school building last Saturday and outlined a general program for the ensuing year. The principal thing emphasized is the fact that the bus drivers have a great responsibility and that they should live up to it. Mr. Walker stated that a bus driver can easily do that which a teacher is not liable to do—"kill a whole bus full of children." Carlisle Ingle, state patrolman, was also present and gave some specific information as to the law and certain rules to be observed in driving buses.

Mr. Walker states that three new buses have been added and that all the others have been gone over by the county mechanic and are in first class condition. He also states that every building in the county has been gone over and repairing done where needed and that toilets have been installed in all the buildings. Telephones have been installed in the larger schools. It is generally conceded that Mr. Walker has one of the most business-like and systematic plans of running the schools of any superintendent in the state.

Miss Purdom Added To Music Faculty

Miss Natalie Purdom, graduate of the Georgia State College for Women, where she specialized in music, is here to complete the music faculty at the Boone high school.

Miss Purdom, who majored in stringed instruments will give instructions in violin, cello, double bass and piano, and will accept students from the college, high school, demonstration school or the town. Her studio has been fitted out in the high school building.

Miss Purdom comes to Boone from Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain, Miss., where she has been engaged as music director for the past two years.

WPA Case Worker Is Given County

Miss Joyce Belvin of Durham, has come to Watauga county and will act as WPA case worker here for the next three months. Miss Belvin's services have been secured without cost to the county.