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BOONE PREPARES FOR TOWN-WIDE DOLLAR DAYS

Event Which is to Take Place First Week in November Will be Perhaps the Biggest Bargain Festival in History of the City

Merchants of the city are now getting all in readiness for Boone's Dollar Days which take place November 3, 4, and 5, and it is freely predicted by the local merchants association, which is sponsoring the event, that more people will be drawn to the city than on any other similar occasion in the history of the town.

A more concerted advertising campaign is being undertaken than ever before and besides the liberal use of the columns of the local newspaper, circulars, posters, stickers, etc., have already been printed to further aid in publicizing the event. In next week's issue of the Democrat watch for the individual messages of the participating merchants, which will tell of the most remarkable values offered since Boone became the trade center for this mountain area.

Business men are laying in extra supplies of new and seasonable merchandise in order that none may be disappointed when they come to Boone to share in the harvest of values. Watch for the advertisements. They will carry a valuable message to the thrifty.

DEATON DECLINES EDUCATION POST

Minister Says it is Impossible to Serve on County School Board; Triplett Named

Dr. W. A. Deaton, prominent Lutheran minister of Meat Camp township, recently appointed as a member of the Watauga county board of education asks The Democrat to announce that he finds it impossible to serve in the tendered position.

The Democratic executive committee of the county immediately named Charlie Triplett, well-known citizen of Elk township, to fill out the remainder of the term of Thomas H. Coffey, resigned, and tendered him the nomination for the regular term which will begin after the legislature takes action.

Mr. Triplett, who is a merchant and farmer of his neighborhood, will, it is felt, be a valuable addition to the educational body.

High School Band Observes Birthday

This week the Boone High School band is continuing the observance of its first anniversary. It was exactly a year ago when the 15 members of the band began practice after school hours, and most of these original members are still with the aggregation.

The first uniforms were bought last year and are still in use. Many new members have been added and some new instruments purchased, including a sousaphone, which the merchants association helped buy.

Band practice continued through the summer and the organization marched through the streets of Boone several times, appearing in free concert at the Daniel Boone hotel. The band was on hand when football started and it was taken to Elon-Appalachian game in Greensboro last Saturday on a specially chartered bus. This first big trip of the group was made on its first birthday.

New Books Are Added To County Library

Miss Jewel Hagaman, who is in charge of the county library, states that 25 new books have been added and that a memorial shelf is being started. Citizens are asked to buy books and place them on this shelf in memory of relatives or others. A list of the most wanted volumes can be found at the library, which is located in the old Democrat building.

CONDUCT REVIVAL

Rev. F. C. Watts, pastor, assisted by Rev. C. C. Holland of Taylorsville, is conducting a meeting at Oak Grove church, which began Sunday evening and which will likely continue for ten days or two weeks.

Services are being held each afternoon at 2 o'clock and in the evening at 7. Special music has been provided for the evening services and all are invited to attend.

LATE NEWS BRIEFS

PERSHING SAILS FOR UNITED STATES

Ole Havre, France, Oct. 23.—General John J. Pershing sailed for New York on the liner Manhattan yesterday after his usual summer tour of inspection in France as chairman of the American battle monuments commission.

PWA HAS \$25,000,000 FOR 1938 PROGRAM

Washington, Oct. 22.—Public works officials said today they had only about \$25,000,000 left for loans and grants under the 1938 program. To date, they said, PWA has allotted approximately \$885,000,000 out of roughly \$910,000,000 appropriated.

NEW DEAL HELD UP TO LEHMAN

Hyde Park, N. Y., Oct. 21.—Republican Mayor F. H. La Guardia of New York, made it emphatically clear today that Governor Herbert H. Lehman could expect no support from him in his campaign for reelection unless he came out anew for the New Deal.

METHODISTS ADD 6,933 MEMBERS

Charlotte, Oct. 22.—A gain of 6,933 members through professions of faith during the last year was reported to the Western North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at its morning session Friday. Reports were made by the presiding elders of the respective districts and were described as encouraging by Bishop Claire Purcell, presiding. The Greensboro district led with 1,245 additions.

THOUSANDS PUT TO WORK IN AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY

Detroit, Oct. 23.—Stepping up employment rosters by recalling many thousands of workers, and adding millions of dollars to its weekly payroll, the motorcar industry this week swings into production schedules which which competent observers predicted today would add close to 200,000 new 1939 models to its assembly volume by the end of the present year and give impetus in the drive toward another 4,000,000 output volume next year.

WAGE-HOUR LAW NOW IN EFFECT

The federal government began regulating wages and hours of thousands of workers Monday under the most far-reaching industrial legislation since the supreme court killed the NRA. Opinion of the new labor standards law, which became effective at midnight Sunday, began on a note of assurance from Washington that its purpose was not to "hound" business men but to protect "decent" employers against ruinous competition. In the capital the rush to issue regulations and explanations to the public was reminiscent of the early days of NRA. But at the helm, instead of Gen. Hugh S. Johnson, now out of the new deal and critical of it, was Elmer F. Andrews, former New York state industrial commissioner. Speaking to the nation by radio, Andrews said the law was not designed to remake the nation, but that it should become "one of the pillars of a sound economic system in the United States."

Burley Specialist To Hold Meetings

L. T. Weeks, assistant tobacco specialist of State College, will be in the county on November 1 and 2 for the purpose of holding tobacco grading meetings.

The first meeting will be held at W. H. Mast's farm, Sugar Grove, on Tuesday afternoon, November 1, at 2:30 o'clock.

The second meeting will be held at Mrs. W. Y. Farthing's farm in the Bethel community on Wednesday morning, November 2, at 9:30 o'clock.

STUNT NIGHT, SKATING PARTY AT COVE CREEK

On Friday night, October 28, the athletic department of Cove Creek high school is sponsoring a Halloween program, featuring stunts followed by a skating party. Prizes will be awarded to the best costumed girl and to the best costumed boy. Skating prizes will be offered to the best couple, the most graceful skater, and the best fancy skater. Besides these, the side attractions will be fortune telling booth, a fish pond, an apple-bobbing contest, bingo stand, and a moving picture. Everybody invited. Admission 10c.

BOX SUPPER

There will be a box supper at the Miller school on Saturday night, October 29, for the benefit of Mr. Wade Byers. Everyone is invited to attend. There will be string music.

HAMILTON NEW FARM AGENT

W. B. Collins Takes District Position Under TVA; Assistant Agent Succeeds Him

Mr. Harry M. Hamilton, who has been assistant to County Agent W. B. Collins since January, 1936, has been promoted to the county farm agency, due to the resignation of Mr. Collins, who has accepted a position under the TVA and the state extension service.

Mr. Collins, who came here in March, 1935, has lent his untiring efforts to the cause of more modern and profitable farming in Watauga county, and has accomplished a great deal for the people. His new position will carry him into 15 counties where he will devote a large part of his time to demonstration farm activities. It is gratifying to know that Mr. Collins will continue to reside here.

Mr. Hamilton, who has been assistant agent under the TVA, is most popular in the county, where he has made outstanding records with his 4-H Club boys in the production of a superior type beef cattle. His wide training and experience and his deep interest in farm activities, make of him an ideal agent.

SATURDAY LAST DAY TO REGISTER

Saturday is the last day in which voters may register for the general election November 8th, while the following Saturday, November 5, will be observed as challenge day.

All those who have reached their majority since last election or who have moved into the county and established their legal residence here, are required to register in order to be able to cast a ballot. One must have been a resident of the state of North Carolina for as long as one year before he is a legal voter, and must have resided in the county for a period of four months.

WORK PROGRESSES ON STREETS OF CITY

Shovel Engaged in Moving Dirt for Widened Thoroughfare in Business District

A steam shovel started to work Monday afternoon on the Mrs. Jones property, widening the street in the congested area to the same width of the completed project in the western section of the city, and Wednesday morning had moved the greater part of the soil from the W. W. Mac store to the Carolina Pharmacy.

The street will be widened 25 feet all the way to the Smithy store, and Boone will have one of the widest thoroughfares in any small town in the state. It is expected that about ten days will be required for the actual moving of the dirt and it is proposed to start paving immediately thereafter.

Townsend Returns To Boone Church

Rev. Paul Townsend, for the past two years pastor of the Boone Methodist church, was returned by the Western North Carolina Methodist conference which closed its sessions in Charlotte Monday. The minister is able and popular and the members of his denomination, together with others, are gratified over his return.

Rev. J. W. Parker, who is also well-liked in his churches, returned to the Watauga circuit. The presiding elder is Rev. J. C. Cornett.

Besides Rev. and Mrs. Townsend, others attending the conference from Boone were Dr. J. D. Rankin and Prof. J. M. Downum.

CHICKEN SUPPER

The Women's Missionary Society of the Boone Methodist church is sponsoring a chicken supper and sale of needlework articles at the new high school lunch room Thursday, November 3 from 5 p. m. to 9 o'clock. The admission will be 35 cents.

HALLOWEEN PARTY

The Girls' Physical Education Club of the Boone high school, sponsored by Miss Edith Rudisill, will sponsor a Halloween party Saturday night, October 29, in the auditorium of the high school. There will be a small admission fee charged. Students of Boone high are invited to come and have a good time.

FRED ALDRIDGE AND COMPANION MURDER VICTIMS

Rites Are Held at Foscoe for Retired Naval Officer, Who with A Lady Companion, is Thought to Have Been Robbed Prior to the Fatal Shooting.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday at Foscoe for Fred Aldridge, who was shot and killed by some unknown person near Torrence, California, two weeks previously. Rev. S. E. Gragg, Rev. Boyd and Rev. Sexton Buchanan took part in the rites which were attended by a large concourse of friends and relatives and interment was at the family graveyard, Reins-Sturdivant. Funeral Home being in charge of the arrangements.

The many flowers brought by relatives, friends and civic organizations indicated the high esteem in which Mr. Aldridge was held, both in this section and in his adopted state of California.

Tragedy Clothed in Mystery

Mr. Kay Aldridge, brother to the deceased, who went to California and returned with the body, gives what is known of the tragedy, as follows: Fred Aldridge, it is stated by his kinsman, had packed all his belongings and had moved out of the hotel where he lived in San Pedro, telling his friends he was leaving for the east. Investigation revealed that he had checked \$1,500 out of the bank and had sold his business establishment there to a lady, in whose company he left the store. He told her he was leaving for the east and would like to talk with her, and they proceeded in the direction of Torrence, California. One hour later they were found shot to death, lying near the car at the edge of the highway. Fred was shot three times, twice through the heart and once through the head. The woman was shot four times. Doctors and undertakers stated that either of the seven shots would have been fatal. Investigating officers have no doubt but that it is a clear-cut case of robbery and murder since very little money was found on the body of Mr. Aldridge, his pocketbook being empty save for a pair of ear rings which belonged to his mother. The identification card was also gone from the wallet.

The United States Bureau of Investigation, directed by J. Edgar Hoover, is co-operating with the California officials in working on the case and it is hoped and believed that persons responsible for the crime will be brought to justice within a short while.

The deceased, who was a son of Mr. James Aldridge of Foscoe, and who was popular throughout this section, had retired from the navy a little more than a year ago and since then had held a position as deputy tax collector for the county of Los Angeles.

Sale of Greene Lands a Success

The recent auction sale of the lots near the courthouse, belonging to the estate of the late Judge Greene, was most successful, states Mr. S. C. Eggers, local realtor, who was in charge of the event. Practically all of the lots offered were sold and all sales were confirmed, Mr. Eggers said.

Public Speakings At Blowing Rock

Attorney Wade E. Brown, Dr. W. A. Deaton and others will address a gathering of citizens at a Democratic rally at the Blowing Rock school building Friday evening at 7:30, and it is expected that a large number will hear the gentlemen discuss the issues of the current campaign.

GOODFELLOWS CLUB

The Goodfellows Club will hold a meeting at the Daniel Boone hotel Thursday evening. Dinner will be served at 7:30 following which card games will be enjoyed. A full attendance of the membership is desired.

Only three showers that could be measured have occurred in the last 18 years in the Arica district of Chile, which is reputed to be the most arid section in the world as far as rainfall is concerned.

Discovery of a new Indian culture in Wayne county, Missouri, has been announced by Dr. Brewster Berry University of Missouri professor. He estimated it preceded that of the known Indian cultures.

Meets Tragic Death



A recent photograph of Fred Aldridge, native Wataugan, whose bullet-riddled body was found at Torrence, Cal., recently.

ELECTRIC WIRING TO BE DISCUSSED

Extension Rural Electrification Specialist to Hold Meeting Here

By H. M. HAMILTON, Jr. (County Agent)

D. E. Jones, extension rural electrification specialist of State College, will be in the county November 2 and 3 for the purpose of discussing the methods to use in wiring your houses for electricity.

In order that we may reach everyone that is interested in rural electricity, we are holding six meetings in different sections of the county. The meetings will be held at the following places:

Blowing Rock high school on Wednesday morning, November 2 at 9 o'clock.

Deep Gap school on Wednesday afternoon, November 2, at 2 o'clock.

Courthouse in Boone on Wednesday night, November 2, at 7:30.

Green Valley school on Thursday morning, November 3 at 9 o'clock.

Bethel high school on Thursday afternoon, November 3, at 2 o'clock.

Mabel school on Thursday night, November 3, at 7:30 o'clock.

The contract for rural electrification has been let, the electric lines will soon be built, and you will need to wire your home in the near future. So please come out and find out as much as you can about the best method of wiring your home.

Labor Law to Affect Big Number in State

New Wage and Hour Act Will Cover Between 200,000 and 250,000 in North Carolina

Raleigh, Oct. 23.—The federal wage-hour law effective Monday throughout the United States will cover some 200,000 to 250,000 North Carolinians, though many may not feel any immediate effect.

Labor Commissioner Forrest H. Shuford made the estimate tonight but pointed out that many persons employed in industries coming under the act already get wages higher than the minimum and their work hours come within the maximum.

Shuford said that incomplete labor statistics made it impossible to correctly determine the effect of the new law but from available figures little change will be made in the textile industry.

Burgin Is Nominee for Congress in Eighth

Raleigh, Oct. 25.—C. B. Deane of Rockingham, formally withdrew from the eighth district congressional race today, leaving the way clear for certification of W. O. Burgin of Lexington, as the Democratic party's nominee.

Deane's withdrawal came a few hours after a three-man board of referees—endowed with extraordinary powers—decided "as a matter of law" that Burgin won the nomination in the run-off Democratic primary of July 2.

CHINESE CAPITAL FALLS

Shanghai, Oct. 26.—The Japanese army and navy commands announced last night that the vanguard of their central China invasion had entered Hankow and early today the Japanese were massing for an entrance in force.

BACK FROM HOSPITAL

Mrs. H. P. Dougherty has returned to her home here from the Baptist hospital in Winston-Salem, where she has been a patient and is showing a considerable improvement.

CONTRACT FOR BUILDING REA LINES IS LET

Staking Crews Are Busy, as Equipment and Materials are Delivered for Early Construction of Lines to Electrify Rural Watauga

Melvin F. Burgess, Inc., Baltimore, Md., who bid \$189,993.66 on the construction of 176 miles of electric transmission lines for the REA in Watauga county, has been awarded the contract; tools, equipment and materials are being delivered and officials of the Caldwell Mutual Corporation believe that it is entirely likely that some of the lines will be energized by the Christmas holidays.

Staking crews are busily engaged in staking out the lines from the county home in the direction of Shulls Mills and the construction men are to follow close with the actual building of the lines.

A carload of poles, together with a large amount of equipment, has been delivered to the contractors here, who will make rapid progress in bringing the lines to the doors of some 1,100 people in this county.

DOUGHTON RALLY HERE SATURDAY

Ninth District Congressman to Deliver Address to Voters of Watauga

Hon. Robert L. Doughton, for 28 years representative of this district in the national congress, will address the voters of Watauga county at the courthouse Saturday afternoon at 2:30, in connection with a Democratic rally which is being arranged.

The Democratic committee, in making the announcement of Mr. Doughton's visit, states that other speakers of prominence are expected for the occasion, and a cordial invitation is extended to all to attend.

Important Meetings Of the Red Cross

Two important Red Cross conferences at which chapter delegates are to discuss Red Cross roll call plans and further development of the Red Cross service program, are announced for this week by Mrs. James H. Council, chairman of the Watauga county chapter.

The first of these was held at the Hotel Ricks, Rocky Mount, on Tuesday and the other at Hotel Charlotte, in Charlotte, is being held today.

Delegates from the local chapter who are in attendance at the Charlotte meeting today are Mrs. James Council, chairman, and Mrs. R. W. Watkins. Both the meetings were featured by notable speakers, including various Red Cross officials, and the programs were most helpful to those in attendance.

Lions Program For Nov. 1st is Given

The Boone Lions Club will meet at the high school cafeteria at 7 o'clock Tuesday, November 1, the program centering about the Red Cross and Armistice day. Following is the complete program for the evening.

President James Council presiding. Invocation, Rev. J. C. Canipe.

Songs, led by Evelyn Brown and Margaret Agle: (1) "Keep the Home Fires Burning," No. 131; (2) "Pack up Your Troubles," No. 136; (3) "As the Lions Go Roaring Along," No. 11.

Dinner.

Roll call. Announcements by president.

War Experiences, Wilson Norris.

History and Importance of Red Cross, E. E. Garbee.

JUDGE GIVES MAN'S JOB TO WIFE, HUSBY TO COOK

Atlantic City, N. J., Oct. 22.—Judge Joseph A. Corio today ordered Geo. Smith, 38, to let Mrs. Smith take over his WPA job and "you stay home, do the cooking and take care of the kids."

"That suits me, judge," Smith replied.

Probation Officer Preston Cook told Judge Corio in domestic relations court that Smith was behind in payments for support of his wife and their four children.

BROOM SEDGE

Where J. P. Miller of Ashe county, used phosphate on his pasture, the grass and clover continued green until late in the fall, but where he did not, broom sedge turned brown early and there was no grazing.