

FOREST FIRE IN BLOWING ROCK AREA SUBDUED

Blaze Under Control After Burning Over 3,000 Acres; 250 Battle Flames in Western North Carolina

District Forester Ed Simmons of Lenoir, said Sunday night that a forest fire which had been raging in Caldwell and Watauga counties since last Wednesday, was brought under control Sunday after devastating an estimated 3,000 acres.

The fire was centered about the head of the Yadkin River and reached within two miles of the resort community of Blowing Rock. Several houses were destroyed by fire, as well as a quantity of farm provisions such as corn and fodder.

Most of the area burned was cut-over land, however.

Simmons said the fire started last Wednesday morning apparently from a camp fire left by a party of fox hunters, and swiftly spread to a large area of dry forest land.

More than 250 fire fighters, most of them from Civilian Conservation Corps camps, battled the blaze all day Saturday and Sunday. Sunday night, however, the battle appeared to have been won and the fire was under control.

The fire had become so serious Saturday that Assistant State Forester W. C. McCormick left Raleigh Saturday night to go to the area to direct the battle against the fast-spreading blaze.

After the fire started Wednesday, it was thought for a time to be under control, but it broke out with renewed fury Saturday, and additional fighters were recruited in an attempt to check it.

Blackened acres and hazy skies in many sections of the south attested Monday the seriousness of sporadic forest fires which have kept thousands of firefighters busy for the last few days. In two sections—northern Alabama and western North Carolina—widespread fires were battled.

The weather bureau reported a "considerable" deficiency in rainfall in the interior sections of the south during the last 60 days and a lack of humidity which always goes along with a dry period.

DR. GAUL TO BE HEAD OF CLINIC

Eminent Charlotte Specialist to Conduct Examination of Local Crippled Children

A clinic for crippled children will be held at Watauga Hospital, Boone, Saturday, November 5, beginning at 8 o'clock a. m.

Dr. J. S. Gaul, eminent orthopedic specialist of Charlotte, will be in charge of examinations, and parents of crippled children throughout Watauga county are urged to take advantage of his services, which are paid for with funds of the State Crippled Children's Commission.

Miss Marguerite Miller, county welfare officer, states that seventy-four local children have already been treated by Dr. Gaul in clinics held and financed by a Lenoir civic club. This is his first visit to Watauga, and Miss Miller is especially anxious that those children who have attended former clinics, be on hand for a further check-up.

Arrangements will be made for those not hopelessly crippled to go to Charlotte for surgical operations, which, if parents are unable to bear expenses, will also be financed by the Crippled Children's Commission.

Suggestions for braces and appliances to strengthen limbs made useless by paralysis will be offered by Dr. Gaul.

Revival Meeting at Local Advent Church

Evangelist J. Fremont Whitman of Charleston, W. Va., will be with the Advent Christian church of Boone for their fall revival which is to start Sunday, November 6th, with the 10:45 service. The evangelist will arrive next Tuesday and take charge at night.

Rev. Mr. Whitman is a very forceful speaker—a preacher of more than ordinary ability. Boone is very fortunate in having the opportunity of hearing him in this series of services. Everybody is cordially invited to attend and assist in this special meeting.

DOUGHTON SPEAKS HERE SATURDAY

Veteran Congressman Waging 15th Campaign for Election to National House

Congressman Robert L. Doughton appeared in a political address before a packed courtroom here Saturday afternoon, in his fifteenth successive campaign for election to the national house of representatives. It was the largest political gathering in the county during the current campaign, and the speech of the venerable solon was repeatedly interrupted by applause.

The speaker was introduced by Dr. W. A. Deaton, who paid tribute to his record of service to the people, and a short talk was made by William B. Ausch of Jefferson, candidate for the state senate.

Mr. Doughton, who is a potent factor in the administration of the New Deal policies of President Roosevelt, attacked the Townsend pension plan, advocated by his opponent and deduced that the plan would cost two and one-half times the total of all federal, state, county and municipal taxes, and would result in the enactment of a federal sales tax. He does not believe that the present congress or the incoming one, would pass the Townsend act, and states that its only hope would be through its endorsement by one of the major political parties in national convention, or by the election of a congress on a third ticket, favorable to the enactment of the law. Mr. Doughton does not subscribe to the belief that votes should be solicited on promises obviously impossible of fulfillment.

Mr. Doughton lauded the achievements of the Democratic national administration and spoke of the fine school buildings, roads and other permanent improvements which have come to this immediate section as a result of the far-sighted policies of the President.

The speaker told of his activities in behalf of the social security law, of its benefits to the aged and infirm, as well as unemployed and believes that in all likelihood, it will be so altered as to render an increasing measure of security for those for whom it was enacted.

Congressman Doughton referred to his vote in favor of the soldier bonus payment, and declared that he voted to override the presidential veto of the measure.

Music Institute Be Held Here November 11th

A music institute will be held in Boone on Friday, November 11th, from 3 to 5 p. m.

The institute will be conducted by members of the state instructional service department, and will be of great value to the teachers of this section, both in giving suggestions through demonstrations for teaching music, as well as materials and equipment for classroom instruction.

The program will be as follows:

1. Music Festivals for schools and community.
 2. Song clinic (songs suitable for festivals).
 3. Materials and Equipment for classroom work in music.
 4. Demonstration or Type Lessons in Music Instruction for both accurate and inaccurate singers.
 5. Music Appreciation on Lessons.
- All those who are interested in music are urged to attend.

Annual Harvest Festival Nov. 7th

The annual Harvest Festival, consisting of entries in music and dramatics, will be held in the college auditorium at A. S. T. C., Monday, November 7th. Registration will be held at 9 o'clock Monday morning, and the festival will begin at 10 o'clock.

This festival is a development of the high school association and is for the purpose of stimulating interest in music and dramatics in the high schools of this section.

All entries should be sent in to the chairman of each division not later than Wednesday, November 2. Miss Virginia Wary is chairman of the music and Mr. A. Antonakos is chairman of dramatics. Anyone who is interested in these phases of cultural development, is invited to attend.

TOWNSEND CLUB MEETING

The Townsend Club will meet at the courthouse in Boone next Friday night at 7 o'clock. Since important business is to be transacted, all the members as well as others interested are urged to attend.

CANDIDATES IN TUESDAY'S GENERAL ELECTION



Political futures of these men rest with the voters in Tuesday's election. Top row, left to right: Thos. E. Dewey, Republican gubernatorial candidate in New York; Richard Lyons, Illinois G. O. P. senatorial candidate; Sheridan Downey, California's Democratic senatorial nominee. Bottom, left to right: Leverett Saltonstall, Massachusetts G. O. P. gubernatorial candidate; Harold Stassen, G. O. P. candidate for governor of Minnesota; Gov. Phillip LaFollette, who stakes his national Progressive party's future on re-election in Wisconsin.

MONROE ADAMS TO SPEAK HERE

Republican Candidate for Congress Will Address Voters Saturday Night

Hon. Monroe Adams of Statesville, Republican candidate for congress in the ninth district, will address the voters of Watauga county at the courthouse here Saturday evening, November 5, at 7:30 p. m., and it is expected that a large crowd will gather to hear his first political speech made in this county.

Mr. Adams was in town Monday mingling with friends and looking after his political interests in this section.

Old Guns Shown By H. W. Horton

An old or unusual gun always creates interest because of the fact that they are so closely associated with the past history and activities of this county.

Mr. H. W. Horton has an interesting collection, one of which has an unusual history. It is an old flintlock, long barrel muzzle-loader that has been loaned to the state museum, for about half a century, and recently taken out and brought home. It was used by one of the Horton family in the Revolutionary War, and was carried by Nathan Horton as captain at the execution of Major Andrae, a British spy, in New York. It is in a fine state of preservation.

Another firearm he has in his collection is an old Colt cap-and-ball horse pistol with a five-inch barrel, used by Col. William Horton in the Civil War, and possibly by some other members of the family further back in history.

Annual Bazaar and Chicken Supper

The missionary circles of the Boone Methodist church will sponsor a chicken supper and fancy work bazaar, Thursday, November 3, in the lunch room of the new high school building. Sale of fancy work begins at 3:30, supper will be served from 5 o'clock until 9 p. m.

Home-made candy will also be for sale. Tickets are 35 cents. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

MORE CATTLE

Because of increased yields of hay due to applications of phosphate and limestone, Mitchell county farmers are adding additional cattle. This has been done without material increase in pasture acreage as pastures formerly over-grazed are now able to carry more animal units.

ONE PER CENT

Out of nearly 5,000 tobacco allotments made in Columbus county only 190 growers have felt that they had cause for appeal. This is less than one-half of one per cent. Of the appeals, 67 were reviewed and changes made in 13 cases.

Mrs. Bus Crowell spent last week visiting with relatives and friends in Charlotte.

Temperance Meetings To Be Held On Sunday

Temperance meetings will be held at various churches of the county next Sunday, under the sponsorship of the Watauga County Evangelistic Club. Following is a list of the churches and speakers who will appear at each at 11 o'clock a. m.:

- Antioch—Vilas Minton.
- Beaver Dam—T. E. Blingham.
- Ethany—Roy Dotson.
- Nathel—W. D. Farthing.
- Blowing Rock—Mrs. J. A. Williams.

- Boone—J. C. Canipe.
- Brookside—G. M. Watson.
- Brushy Fork—James Gross.
- Cool Springs—Earl Colvard.
- Cove Creek—S. F. Horton.
- Forest Grove—George Pearson.
- Gap Creek—Will Jones.
- Howards Creeks—Mrs. T. C. Hodges.
- Laurel Springs—R. L. Barnes.
- Meat Camp—J. D. Rankin.
- Mr. Calvary—Wade E. Brown.
- Mr. Gilead—Kemp Williams.
- Mr. Lebanon—Robt. Honeycutt.
- Oak Grove—Z. T. Greene.
- Pleasant Grove—D. M. Edmisten.
- Poplar Grove—H. M. Wilcox.
- Proffits Grove—Carl Winebarger.
- Rich Mountain—W. M. Thomas.
- Shulls Mills—Raymond Hendrix.
- South Fork—J. M. Hodges.
- Stony Fork—S. C. Eggers.
- Three Forks—J. A. Williams.
- Timbered Ridge—Edgar Edmisten.
- Boone's Fork—Carl Triplett.
- Valle Crucis Methodist—Don J. Horton.

- Zion Hill—R. C. Eggers.
- Zionville—H. R. Eggers.
- Union—Jim Brown.
- Willow Valley—Willie Cook.
- Willowdale—Bert Farthing.
- Mt. Vernon—W. L. Cook.
- Laurel Fork—Roby Oakes.
- Lutheran Church, Deep Gap—J. A. Yount.

- Boone Methodist—Paul Townsend.
- Mabel Methodist—J. E. Holshouser.
- Clark's Creek—Troy Danner.
- Henson's Chapel—Rev. Sexton Buchanan.
- Presbyterian, Blowing Rock—J. T. C. Wright.

- Watauga Baptist—A. R. Smith.
- Doe Ridge—Roger Colvard.
- Boone Advent—W. L. Trivett.
- Foscoe Christian—A. E. Moretz.
- Boone Lutheran—Rev. Troutman.
- River View Methodist—J. W. Byers.

Parkway Near Deep Gap Open to Traffic

Fifty-eight miles of the Blue Ridge Parkway from the Virginia-Carolina line southward to Deep Gap has been surface treated and is now open to travel.

A bulletin from the national park service carries the information that the final running surface is now in place and many people express delight at driving over the roadway.

Driving over the parkway is more popular than at any time this year, this being due to two reasons: because the surface has been applied and because the forests of the Blue Ridge present a scene of resplendent autumn colors in all their variety and glory.

Motoring along the scenic boulevard is indeed a pleasure at this season of the year. Although there are invigorating chills in the air of early morning and evening, the atmosphere during the sunny hours of the day is pleasant and beautifully clear, affording unexcelled panoramic views.

The bulletin issued by the park service cautions people along the parkway not to abuse the surface of the road and particularly calls attention to the fact that tractor cleats are barred. The bulletin points out that there are laws covering use of the parkway by tractors, horses with shod hooves, iron wheels, etc., but they are asking volunteer co-operation on the part of the people who must use or cross the parkway.

For the protection of natural beauty of the landscape of park lands and for the protection of wild life, the park service is asking that all be careful with fire. It is asked that all fires be reported immediately to forest rangers.

REVIVAL CLOSES

Rev. E. C. Hodges and Rev. A. T. Payne of Granite Falls, closed a very successful revival meeting at Rich Mountain church Sunday, which resulted in about 12 additions to the church. The baptismal service will be held Sunday, November 13.

NEW BUS LINE IS PLANNED

Queen City Co. May Establish Through Service Between Blowing Rock and Marion

There is a strong possibility of the establishment by the Queen City Coach Company of a new bus line from Blowing Rock to Marion, via Linville and Newland, it was learned last week when representatives of the several towns on the proposed line gathered in Raleigh for a hearing before the interstate commerce commissioner.

Mr. Lyles Harris of Blowing Rock, Dr. E. B. Dougherty and Eugene Wike of Boone, were among those attending the hearing, at which no opposition to the granting of the new franchise was expressed, and it is believed that service will start shortly after the first of the year. The winter schedule, it is reported, will likely call for only one bus each way daily, but a much more complete schedule will be offered with the coming of the next tourist season.

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WORK ON RURAL ELECTRIC LINES HAS COMMENCED

Ceremonies Mark Setting of the First Pole; Congressman R. L. Doughton Invited to Attend; County Officials and Others Asked to Be Present

Actual construction of the rural electric lines starts in Watauga county this (Wednesday) afternoon, when a large number of the members of the Caldwell Mutual Corporation, perhaps Congressman Doughton, county officials and others interested, will gather at the county home to witness the setting of the first pole.

Mr. G. F. Messick has addressed the following letter to the patrons of the REA project:

"Construction of our new rural electric lines began this morning when Melvin F. Burgess, Inc., moved its crews and machines to this part of the country and began work. Much of the material has already arrived and poles, wire, transformers and other equipment are on the way from many parts of the country.

"A special meeting is called at 2 p. m., Wednesday, November 2, at or near the county home for the purpose of erecting the first pole. We hope to have our congressman, R. L. Doughton, the board of directors and others that have worked to secure rural electrification for Watauga county. All members are urged to attend.

"In addition, the REA plan for financing wiring and plumbing will be thoroughly discussed. If you wish to wire your home completely in the beginning and do not have the ready cash on hand at the moment, you will be interested in this plan.

"This is your opportunity to solve your problems. The directors, the REA representative and I will be glad to assist you in any way we can. It is our interest to make and keep you satisfied with our new electric service.

BAPTIST PASTORS, DEACONS TO MEET

Gathering Will Be Held at Boone Baptist Church on November 7

There will be a meeting of the pastors, ministers and deacons of Baptist denomination at the Boone Baptist church on Monday afternoon, November 7th, with the following program:

1. Devotional, Raymond Hendrix.
2. What Would it Mean to Have Regular Attendance of All Our Church Memberships at All the Services? Led by Vilas Minton.
3. One-seventh of Our Time and One-Tenth of Our Means—is that Enough for God? led by Carl Triplett.
4. Does the Shepherd Need to Know His Sheep and How May He Know Them? Led by Tipton Greene.
5. What is the Greatest Need for Your Church Now? Discussed by all.

The above program was prepared by Mr. Nathan Greene, chairman of the committee, and all are asked to be present and take a part.

Lions Club Meets Tuesday Evening

Harry Hamilton's 4-H Club boys, who won state-wide recognition for their success in feeding baby beavers, were guests of the Boone Lions Club at its regular meeting held at the high school cafeteria Tuesday evening, the following boys being present: Baker Edmisten, Van Farthing, John Edmisten, Asa Reese, Jr., Gilbert Edmisten, Earl Edmisten, Frank Mast, Maston Hodges, Burl Greene, Council Henson and Joe Brown.

Mr. Hamilton talked on the future of these boys and the better beef cattle movement in Watauga county. Mrs. Bob Agle and Miss Evelyn Brown rendered musical selections and led the Lion songs.

Special guests were Messrs. Wilson Norris and E. E. Garbee of Boone, and Mr. Richard Olsen of Valle Crucis. Mr. Norris talked on Armistice Day and told of his experiences in the World War, while Mr. Garbee gave a brief history of the Red Cross, its work in America and in the World War, also the first aid work being carried on in this county.

Thirty-three Lions were present and it is hoped that there will be a 100 per cent attendance at the next meeting.