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DUKE POWER CO. TO ENERGIZE REA LINES IN COUNTY

Agreement Reached Between Power Concern and REA Authorities to Furnish Current For All Lines of Caldwell Mutual Corporation in Area

The Duke Power Company is to furnish the current for all the lines of the REA in Watauga, Caldwell, Ashe and Alleghany counties, according to an agreement which has just been closed, and Project Engineer Harry Dewar and his engineering crews are busy planning for the principal transmission lines from the Duke sub-station in Lenoir.

According to Mr. Dewar, a three-phase trunk line is to be designed and built from Lenoir through Blue Ridge township into Todd, and on through West Jefferson and into Alleghany county. Branch lines are being constructed so as to serve the entire REA area.

Mr. Dewar will start engineering crews Monday morning to working on the main transmission line in Blue Ridge township and the work will be rushed to completion as early as possible. In the meantime the contractors are making splendid headway in the construction of the branch lines over the county.

SANTA CLAUS TO APPEAR DEC. 3

Plans Going Forward for Turning on Christmas Lights Saturday of Next Week

Special committees appointed by the Boone Merchants Association are busily engaged in doing the preliminary work looking to the decoration of the shopping district for the Christmas season in a much more elaborate way than was the case a year ago, and Saturday evening, December 4th, the town will be ablaze with vari-colored light, mingled with holiday greenery.

Santa Claus will be on hand with his huge pack, and the kiddies of the entire cuntry roundabout are expected to share in the fun.

The huge ropes of evergreens and lights are expected to extend this year on both sides of the street through the principal business section, rather than only on the south side, as was the case formerly. No effort is being spared to make the town thoroughly attractive for the throngs who yearly turn to the ample stocks of the local business men for their Christmas merchandise.

Local Trainman Is Back From New York

C. G. Crumley, conductor on the Linville River railway, has returned from New York, where he appeared last week on the radio program, "We the People."

Mr. Crumley states that New Yorkers whom he contacted at the studios were thrilled at his story of his railroad and the country it traverses, and many expressed an intention of visiting Boone and taking a trip over the narrow-gauge. He is receiving mail from many states of the union since his broadcast.

Officials of the railroad state that they hope to be in shape to take care of all who desire to make the rail trip during next spring and summer. They are being flooded with requests for information regarding the railway and the country it serves.

Guest Artist to Appear On Amateur Program

The amateur show to be held in the Boone demonstration school on Friday night of this week, sponsored by Boone high school, will be featured by several guest performers. Paul Weston, former radio star, will be on hand to play selections on the piano. College artists will also appear on this program and do such performances as sing, tap dance, play musical instruments and give readings. On the amateur show many towns in this section will be represented by young performers.

Be sure to attend the program Friday night and see performances by talented young artists from your own community. Admission will be 15 cents for children and 25 cents for adults. Luck tickets will be given and the holders will be awarded valuable prizes.

Mrs. C. M. Critcher and P. L. Hamby are spending sometime visiting with relatives in the vicinity of Fort Myers, Fla.

W. C. NEWLAND TAKEN BY DEATH

Chairman Board of Trustees of Appalachian College, Dies in Banner Elk Hospital

William Calhoun Newland, 78-year-old attorney and former lieutenant governor of North Carolina, died at Grace Hospital, Banner Elk, shortly after noon Friday after an illness of two years. Death was caused by complications from kidney and heart disease.

A native of McDowell county, he was the son of the late Dr. Joseph C. and Laura Conley Newland. He attended Finley academy and West Point before studying law under Colonel C. A. Cilley. He passed the bar examination at the age of 21 and was shortly thereafter elected mayor of Lenoir.

Served in Assemblies

He was elected district solicitor and later served in the general assemblies of 1899 and 1903. During the latter term he led the fight for appropriations to establish Appalachian State Teachers College, and today a hall on the campus bears his name. At the time of his death he was chairman of the college's board of trustees.

He was the Democratic nominee for congress in 1904, but lost in the Republican landslide to the late E. Spencer Blackburn. In 1908 he was elected lieutenant-governor under Locke Craig and while presiding over the senate the county of Avery was created and the county seat of Newland named in his honor.

In 1920 he placed the name of Senator F. M. Simmons in nomination for the Presidency at the national Democratic convention.

In 1884 he married Miss Jessie Hendry of Wilmington, and was the father of the following children: Ben of Lenoir; Mrs. Jessie Day of Baltimore, Md.; Mrs. Josephine Ethridge of Roanoke, Va., all of whom survive with his wife, and the late Mrs. Mary Allen of Detroit.

He was a member of the First Methodist church of Lenoir and taught a Sunday school class for many years. He was twice master of the Lenoir Masonic lodge and a member of the Odd Fellows. He was one of Western North Carolina's leading criminal lawyers and practiced with F. L. Townsend of Lenoir.

Funeral Sunday

Funeral rites were conducted in Lenoir Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the First Methodist church by Rev. J. S. Hiatt, pastor, assisted by Rev. A. A. McLean, pastor of the First Presbyterian church. Interment was in Belleview cemetery under the direction of Hibriten Lodge No. 262, A. F. & A. M.

GIRLS WANTED FOR XMAS TRADE

Employment Service Has Several Openings for Sales Clerks During Holiday Season

The North Carolina state employment service has several openings on file for bright, energetic young ladies who are interested in securing positions as sales clerks in local stores during the Christmas shopping season.

If those interested are 18 years old or more, they should report immediately for registration. Classification will be made according to experience, qualifications and aptitude for sales work, and if the employers' requirements are met, many applicants may get the work.

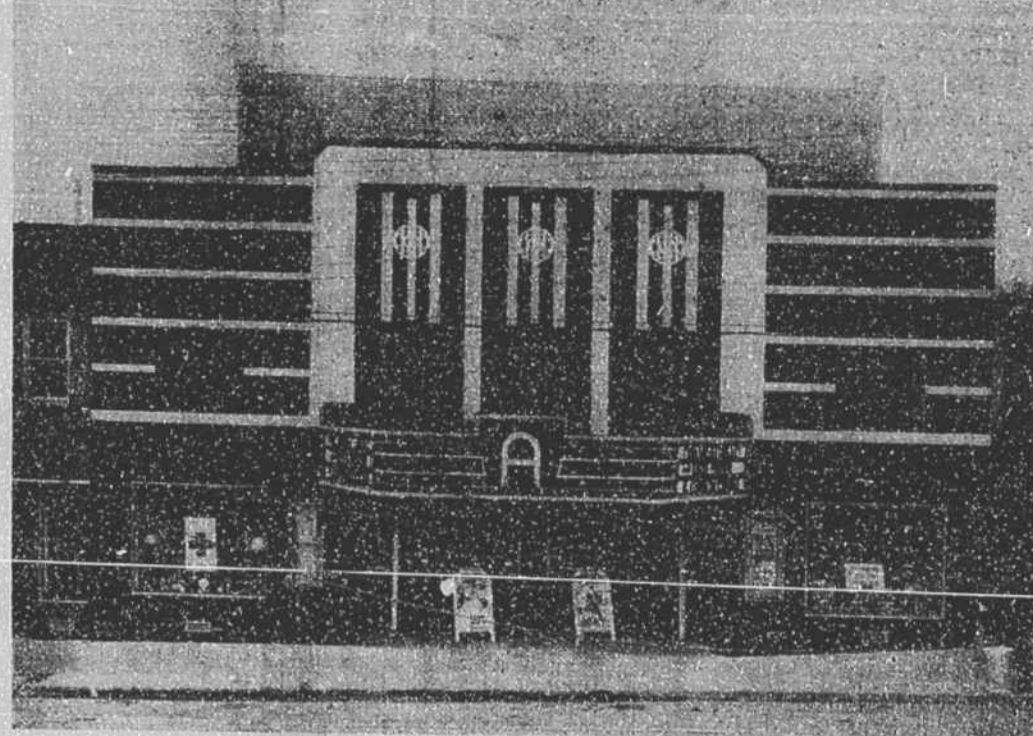
A representative of the employment service will be in the clerk's office at the courthouse in Boone each Friday for the purpose of registering those desiring positions and render such other assistance as is possible, especially as regards unemployment compensation adjustments.

Low Bids Made On Blowing Rock Work

Blowing Rock, Nov. 18—Thursday night saw the end of a long series of efforts to supply this town with an adequate supply of water, a complete sewerage disposal, and the paving of the principal streets, when bids for the construction of the various units were opened.

The following were low bidders: Filtration plant and sewer outfall and disposal, Reed and Abbee, Asheville, \$26,271.30; filter equipment, Roberts Filter Manufacturing Co., Darby, Pa., 17,150.00; water mains, Boyd and Goforth, Charlotte, \$15,548.00; power transmission lines, Mill and Marine Electric Co., Gastonia, \$2,500.00; street improvement, Kirkman Bros., Inc., Winston-Salem, \$28,935.50.

HANDSOME THEATRE STRUCTURE NOW OPEN



The Appalachian Theatre, Northwestern Carolina's finest playhouses which was opened to the public last week. The commodious structure is located in the center of the town's business district, opposite the Daniel Boone Hotel.

Theatre Pioneers



Mr. A. E. Hamby, above, and W. R. Winkler, Boone men, who recently completed the construction of the elegant Appalachian Theatre in this city. They are the pioneer theatre men of this section, and have been in the business more than twenty years.

APPALACHIAN THEATRE IS ONE OF STATE'S FINEST PLAYHOUSES

Messrs. Hamby and Winkler, Pioneer Theatre Men, Envision Growth of Town by Erecting Elegant Structure, Comparing Favorably With the Finest in the State

The community this week is joining in congratulating A. E. Hamby and W. R. Winkler, the owners of the new Appalachian Theatre, upon their faith in the growth of this community which resulted in the building of the handsome structure, which is one among the finest theatres of the state. The theatre opened last week under the management of Mr. C. H. Trotter, Mr. A. F. Sams of Statesville, being the lessee.

The structure, which occupies the former property of Edwin N. Hahn, opposite the Daniel Boone Hotel, fronts 50 feet on King street and has a depth of 158 feet. The construction is of brick and steel, the front being finished in black plate glass, a striping of cream and green being used. The marquee, with "chasing" lights, is finished in baked porcelain to compare with the front of the building, and a distinctively beautiful appearance results.

In the main auditorium and balcony there are 997 spring-edge upholstered seats, while the aisles are heavily carpeted. The stage is of ample proportions, and modernly lighted. The mezzanine floor contains ladies' and men's rooms, manager's office, supply rooms and is likewise luxuriously carpeted. The operator's booth is of the most modern design, fully fireproof, and houses the latest Western Electric sound system which is used by the majority of metropolitan showhouses.

On the second floor a number of offices are being fitted out, and on the street level, three shops have been leased.

A huge combination air conditioning and steam plant supplies the heat for the structure and the blower system will provide fresh cool air during the hottest of the summer.

The building was started in March of this year, and is the culmination of the owners' dream of twenty years ago, when they secured permission to operate a tiny projection machine in the courthouse auditorium.

Mr. A. F. Sams of Statesville, has signed a 15-year lease on the property, including the Pastime Theatre, which is still being operated. Mr. C. H. Trotter is the general manager of the two houses.

DIVIDEND CHECKS ARE NOT CALLED FOR

Mr. W. M. Thomas, manager of Rich Mountain Mortgages, states that several of the stockholders have failed to call for their dividend checks, which have been made out for some time. Mr. Thomas is anxious that stockholders bring their old certificates to his office in the bank building at once, and receive their dividend payments.

New Manager



Mr. C. H. Trotter of Statesville, who is the manager of the Appalachian and Pastime Theatres here. The two houses are under lease to Mr. A. F. Sams of Statesville.

RABBIT SEASON TO START TODAY

Quail Season Will Not Open Until December 1st; Game Warden Issues Warning

Sportsmen who have been impatiently awaiting the time when they can lawfully go into the field, may begin the hunt today, Thanksgiving, but can train their guns on nothing but rabbits, according to County Game Protector Edward Mast.

The season will open on rabbits today, but those who wish to hunt quail and ruffed grouse must wait until December 1st, Mr. Mast says, and anyone who hunts birds before that date will be prosecuted.

He also calls attention to the fact that all hunters must have a license or lay themselves liable to prosecution. License dealers have been named at conveniently located places throughout the county.

Mrs. W. J. Storie Dies In New York

Mrs. W. J. Storie, aged 58, died Friday at her home in New York city after a long illness. Funeral services were conducted Saturday at 1:30, and interment was in Woodlawn cemetery.

The only immediate survivor is the bereaved husband, who will be remembered as a son of the late J. L. Storie of Shulls Mills. The deceased had often visited with friends and relatives in this section and was held in the highest regard by the acquaintances she formed here.

WORK ON FEDERAL BUILDING BEGUN; 210-DAY CONTRACT

Detroit Contractor Has Men on Job; Postoffice to Be Ready in 210 Calendar Days; Excavation Work Starts Today and Will Be Finished Next Week

Mr. R. E. Skidmore, representing Henry Dattner, Detroit, Mich., contractor, has established his residence in Boone and is making rapid headway of work preliminary to the actual start of construction on Boone's new postoffice building.

Mr. Skidmore now has a crew of men engaged in building his office on the premises, tool house and cement shed, and a steam shovel will begin this morning the excavation for the basement. Mr. Skidmore's firm received the contract on a bid of \$45,000 and the building is to be completed within 210 calendar days.

The building, according to tentative plans, will be constructed from native stone, samples of the rock having already been sent to Washington for approval. The postoffice will be situated on the eminence across the street from the present site and will be 68x60 feet, with a loading platform at the rear 12x24. Mr. Skidmore states that the building will be thoroughly modern, steam-heated, and will present a handsome appearance. It is regretted that an architect's drawing is not available for publication.

Mr. Wolfe Mueller, construction engineer for the procurement division of the treasury, is expected to arrive in the city next Monday, together with Contractor Dattner.

NATION CALLED TO GIVE THANKS

President Roosevelt Proclaims November 24th as Thanksgiving Day

Washington, Nov. 19—President Roosevelt said in his annual Thanksgiving day proclamation today the nation "had ample cause to be thankful" for peace among other blessings.

"We have lived in peace and understanding with our neighbors and have seen the world escape from the impending disaster of a general war," the chief executive said.

"In the time of our fortune it is fitting that we offer prayers for unfortunate people in other lands who are in dire distress at this our Thanksgiving season."

The proclamation designated Thursday, November 24, as a day of general thanksgiving.

The President said "our lands have yielded a goodly harvest, and the toiler in shop and mill receives a more just return for his labor."

"We have cherished and preserved our democracy."

The chief executive noted that "our fathers set aside such a day as they heaved a nation out of the primeval forest."

"The observance was consecrated when George Washington issued a Thanksgiving proclamation in the first year of his presidency," he said. "Abraham Lincoln set apart a day of Thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens."

"Thus from our earliest recorded history, Americans have thanked God for their blessings. In our deepest natures, in our very souls, we, like all mankind since the earliest origin of mankind, turned to God in time of trouble and in time of happiness. 'In God we trust.'"

BARNHILL LED TICKET

Raleigh, Nov. 23—Associate Justice M. V. Barnhill of the supreme court led the Democratic ticket in the Nov. 8 election with 318,440 votes, state board of elections found today. His Republican opponent got 168,977. Senator Reynolds got 316,685 and his Republican opponent, C. A. Jonas, 179,650.

STORES CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING DAY

All the business places of the town are closed today in observance of Thanksgiving, only the cafes, drug stores and some of the filling stations being open to the public.

Many of the business men and their employees will visit with friends and relatives at other points, while others will enjoy hunting trips and other outings in the immediate vicinity.