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BEAUTY CONTEST AT BLOWING ROCK

Winner of State Contest to Enter National Competition at Virginia Beach

Beauties from every section of North Carolina are expected to gather at Blowing Rock next Wednesday and appear on the stage of the Yonahlossee Theatre Thursday evening, the winner to receive the title, "Miss North Carolina" in addition to a trip to Virginia Beach, Va., to enter the national beauty competition.

Mrs. Mary Trapp is in Blowing Rock arranging for the show for the National Cinema Productions, sponsors of the national contest.

Representatives of North Carolina towns and cities will register the afternoon of the 13th and after the contest on the evening of the 14th, will be honored at a dance at one of the local hotels.

Reservations for Miss North Carolina have already been made at Gay Manor hotel, Virginia Beach, Mrs. Trapp says.

The contest is under the sponsorship of the Blowing Rock Chamber of Commerce.

New Hardware Store At Blowing Rock

The Farmers Hardware and Supply Company has purchased the business at Blowing Rock recently established and which was known as the Hardware and Electric Company, and was busily engaged Monday in moving new merchandise into the building.

The local hardware concern states that in establishing the branch at Blowing Rock they are endeavoring to give the people of that town and its environs the very best service possible, and that the immense stocks carried in Boone will be available in thirty minutes' notice. However, the lines at the Blowing Rock store will be practically complete.

Mr. Custer, who has been with the Hardware and Electric Company since it was founded, will remain in charge of the Blowing Rock store.

Preachers' Meeting Monday Afternoon

The next Baptist preachers' conference will be held at the Boone Baptist church next Monday afternoon, July 10, at 2 o'clock, and Rev. E. C. Hodges has announced the following program:

Devotional, Rev. Raymond Hendrix.

What Did Jesus Mean About Gain Being Godliness? Rev. Marshal Watson.

What Did Jesus Mean When He Said, "From Such Turn Away?" Rev. Roscoe Trivett.

Who Will Be Responsible For the Crowd Deceived at the Judgment? Rev. J. C. Canipe.

Is It Enough Just to Ask Lost People to Confess Christ and Join the Church? Rev. Will Cook.

Have We the Same Class of People Today the Scriptures Have Reference To? Rev. W. D. Ashley.

Old Age Pensions For Many Wataugans

Watauga county's aged, 1,580 of them, are receiving pensions averaging \$8 per month, according to figures given out Friday by the public assistance division of the state board of charities and public welfare. The county's share in this distribution is \$4,320, it is reported.

At the same time it is indicated that 130 of Watauga county's dependent children are receiving an average of \$4.50 each per month, with the county's contribution to this fund being \$2,340.

CREDIT GROUP DIRECTORS HOLDING MEET AT RESORT

Directors and secretaries of seven production credit associations in North and South Carolina, Georgia and Florida began their annual conference at Mayview Manor, Blowing Rock, Monday morning. The meeting will continue through Wednesday.

The session opened with talks by R. S. Rogers, director of the Farm Credit administration; George L. Griffith, treasurer of the Production Credit corporation, and Jack Frost, of the secretariat department of the corporation, all from Columbia, S. C.

Figures submitted to the conference revealed that 18 associations in the third farm credit administration district, composing North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida have aggregated \$12,821,804 in loans in the past five years.

New La. Governor



Baton Rouge, La.—Lieut. Governor Earl K. Long, brother of the late Huey P. Long, who succeeds to the state's executive office because of the resignation of Governor Richard W. Leche. The governor said he was resigning because of poor health.

MERCHANTS WILL GATHER MONDAY

New Officers Are to Be Named by Retailers as Employees Are Fed at Banquet

The Boone Merchants Association will be host to the employees of the various retail establishments at a banquet in the basement of the Baptist church Monday evening at 7 o'clock, when Mr. Willard L. Dowell, secretary of the State Merchants Association will deliver an address.

New officers will be elected at the gathering and reports of the treasurer and secretary will be heard. President Clyde R. Greene will review the accomplishments of the association during the past year, and outline a program of activities for the coming twelve months. Any suggestions or constructive criticism will be welcomed.

All members of the association and as many employees as possible are urged to attend the annual meeting. No less than fifty persons are expected to attend.

MANY VISIT THIS AREA ON FOURTH

Blowing Rock Reports Large Influx of Visitors; Boone Has Many Guests

Hundreds of people flocked from the lowlands to the mountains for the Fourth of July and reports from Blowing Rock indicate that the hotels and boarding houses had the largest crowds of holiday guests for many years. At the same time Boone came in for a good share of the guests and Monday evening all available rooms in the town had been taken, with a large number of visitors remaining after the fourth.

This entire area was visited by rain on the Fourth, but nevertheless the holiday crowds seemed to have a good time.

All business houses in Boone were closed Tuesday and there was a safe and sane observance of independence day. No disorders have been noted, and no accidents are reported.

Farmer Fires Shotgun On Chicken Thieves

Mr. J. M. Isaacs of Mable, fired his shotgun point blank at two men who were raiding his chicken house last Friday night and believes some of the birds shot might have taken effect.

Mr. Isaacs watched his hen house until about 11:30, when two men stealthily snatched three hens from the roost. Mr. Isaacs fired, and the intruders fled, dropping the chickens in their haste.

On Friday night before this, Mr. Isaacs lost five hens while eight were taken Friday two weeks previous. The circumstances establish the belief that the chicken thieves are covering a large territory and visit specific localities at weekly intervals.

SINGING CONVENTION

A singing convention is to be held at the Oak Grove Baptist church near Boone next Sunday afternoon, starting at 1 o'clock. Classes from Willow Valley, Union, Erushy Fork, Boone Fork and Stoy Fork will be present and a good time is anticipated. The general public is invited.

WOMAN'S CLUB TO ENTERTAIN FRIDAY

Famed Musicians Will Feature Open House Meeting of the Worth While Club

Mrs. Dorothy Clark Tomlin, noted St. Petersburg, Fla., harpist, and Miss Elizabeth Trowbridge, nationally-known lyric soprano, will feature the program at the open-house meeting of the Worth While Club to be held at the American Legion last Friday evening, July 7, at 8 o'clock.

The musical program which has been arranged for the meeting is one of the most outstanding events thus far promulgated, and all the ladies of the town are urged to be present. At this time, Mrs. Charles H. Cowles of Wilkesboro, district club president, will be present, and the Worth While Club is to be reorganized at the "open-house" session. The reorganized club, it is pointed out, will incorporate four active clubs within the one federation, and Mrs. John Conway, the president, believes that every woman of the city will find at least one department of particular interest to her. The new club is to be a civic rather than a social organization and Mrs. Conway expects it to have splendid support in the community.

She feels exceptionally fortunate in being able to offer the outstanding musical program which is as follows:

Old English group, Miss Trowbridge: Where the Bee Sucks, Thos. Arne; Under the Greenwood Tree, Thos. Arne; Lo! Here the Gentle Lark, Sir Henry R. Bishop.

First group, Mrs. Tomlin: Believe Me if All Those Endearing Young Charms (Irish melody); My Heart and Thy Sweet Voice; Son of the Volga Boatman.

German group, Miss Trowbridge: Ave Maria, Schubert; Du bist ja die Ruh, Schuetz; Ich hab dich, Grieg.

Second group, Mrs. Tomlin: Stephen Foster Medley—Way Down Upon the Susannah River, My Old Kentucky Home, Old Black Joe; Mighty Like a Rose, Nevin.

Miss Trowbridge: Jewel Song (Paust); Gounod—One Fine Day (Madame Butterfly) Puccini; Third group, Mrs. Tomlin: A Japanese Sunset, Deppen; Moonlight Sonata, Beethoven.

Miss Trowbridge: Jeanie With the Light Brown Hair, Foster; The Last Rose of Summer, Foster; Lullaby, Cyril Scott; My Johann, Grieg. Address, Mrs. Charles H. Cowles, Wilkesboro.

Judge Winston To Speak Here Friday

Judge R. W. Winston of Chapel Hill, will deliver an address on Andrew Johnson at the college auditorium Friday morning at 10:30, and the general public is cordially invited to hear the eminent visitor.

Judge Winston has recently completed a book on the life of Johnson, the North Carolinian who became the seventeenth President of the United States, and is recognized as an historical authority. The biography has been adopted as a standard textbook at Harvard University.

Mr. Carl Story of Lynn, N. C., was a visitor in the county over the weekend.

Beautiful Yonahlossee Trail

A Brief Sketch of This Romantic and Historic Pioneer Mountain Road

(A tribute from a summer visitor, George W. Mason, Homestead, Fla.)

"A thing of beauty is a joy forever." And so, since Yonahlossee Trail is for its entire length of twenty miles from Blowing Rock to Linville, one of the most entrancingly beautiful mountain highways in Eastern America, its claim to fame and permanent joy to all who travel thereon, is well-founded.

The road penetrates some of the most rugged mountain sections of North Carolina and certainly, the oldest mountain peak in all of North America, if not in the world, Grandfather Mountain, stands guardian at the western end of this most fascinating nearly mile high scenic highway.

For miles the road rides the very topmost peaks of the Blue Ridge Mountains, affording superb views of distant peaks and deep, exclamation-compelling gorges on either side of the road. For distances of perhaps fifty to sixty miles north or south of the highway at these high ridge points, range after range of mountain tops like succeeding high waves on a turbulent sea, are clearly visible.

At seasons, the sides of these mountains are one vast field of floral

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BICYCLES ANSWER TO STUDENT'S PROBLEM

Henry Baggett, popular student at Appalachian College, who will be in the next senior class at that institution, needed some cash to tide him over his final school year and no jobs were available—that is, young Mr. Baggett failed to find one. Undaunted, Baggett recalled that bicycles, in universal demand during the gay nineties, had again become a craze over the country, and he bought, not one, but several. Now Henry is renting bicycles to students and others and has built for himself a lucrative business, the only trouble being that oftentimes his supply of "wheels" is inadequate to the demand. He is enjoying splendid success.

Quite fittingly Baggett has been named business manager of the college newspaper during the coming year.

L. J. Honeycutt Dies Tuesday Afternoon

L. J. Honeycutt, 79 year old resident of Watauga township, died at his home near Shulls Mills Tuesday afternoon, after an illness of several months.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Shulls Mills Baptist church, Rev. E. D. Butt, Episcopal minister, being in charge of the rites and interment was in the nearby cemetery. Surviving are four sons and four daughters: R. J. and C. D. Honeycutt, Boone; Mike Honeycutt, Butler; Ed Honeycutt, Johnson City; Mrs. Will Cook Hickory; Mrs. Lee Coffey, Shulls Mills; Mrs. Bill Coffey, Hickory; Mrs. Henry Coffey, Linville.

Mr. Honeycutt was born in Alexander county and the family moved to Watauga when he was 12 years old. He was a farmer by occupation, and a good substantial citizen.

JOINS ARMY

John O. Cook, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Cook, Sr., of Boone, was last week accepted by the Lenoir recruiting station for enlistment in the United States army for field artillery at Fort Bragg.

DRY LEADER TO SPEAK IN BOONE

Sam Morris of Texas, "Voice of Temperance," Will Be Heard Here July 12

Sam Morris of Del Rio, Texas, whose Voice of Temperance broadcasts have been heard by millions of radio listeners from coast to coast, will speak in Boone on Wednesday, July 12, at 8 o'clock.

Twice each night, during the past four winters, Mr. Morris has presided over up-to-minute radio discussions of the liquor question over radio stations WJFN and KEAW.

Mr. Morris is now making a speaking tour which will take him through a number of states.

Mr. Morris is associate editor of The National Voice, America's oldest temperance newspaper, and comes here under that publication's auspices.

His talk here will deal with intimate behind-the-scenes details of the manner in which a temperance radio crusade is conducted, and a description of the powerful interests that have been at work to keep the true facts about repeal and the liquor question from reaching the people.

KIMBER JOHNSON RITES ARE HELD

Elizabethton, Tenn., Citizen Dies While on Visit to Relatives Here; Was 88 Years Old

Kimber Johnson, aged 88, for about 49 years a citizen of the Rutherford section of Watauga county, died at the Watauga Hospital Tuesday after an illness of only a few days. Mr. Johnson, who resided at Elizabethton, Tenn., was on a visit to relatives and friends in Watauga when he contracted the fatal illness.

Funeral services were conducted from the Mount Vernon Baptist church at 11 o'clock Wednesday, Rev. W. C. Greene being assisted in the rites by Rev. W. K. Harris of Elizabethton, and interment was in the cemetery at Brown's Chapel. Dr. B. B. Dougherty, lifelong friend of the deceased, paid striking tribute to the memory of Mr. Johnson during the course of the services.

Surviving are five sons and five daughters: W. H. Johnson, Potwin. (Continued on page eight)

Edwin Mast Is New Chief of Police

Edwin B. Mast of Boone, has been named chief of the police department of this city, to succeed Mr. Staniel D. Ollis, and has already taken over his new duties. Mr. Ollis will remain on duty for fifteen days assisting Mr. Mast, before accepting another position.

The position of county game warden which Mr. Mast had held, will not be filled immediately, according to Mr. Grady Farthing, district game protector, who states that the work here will be absorbed by officials in other counties for the time being, under a new policy of the state board of conservation and development.

PIANO RECITAL

Mrs. P. M. Rutherford will appear in a piano concert in the Appalachian College auditorium Saturday night at 8 o'clock. Mrs. Rutherford is a member of the faculty of Hockaday College, Dallas, Texas, and is a pianist of note throughout the south. The public is invited.

BURLEY GROUP IS NAMED BY C. OF C.

Committee to Contact Tobacco Manufacturers in Line With Warehouse Movement

The board of directors of the Boone Chamber of Commerce met Thursday morning and a committee named, whose duties will be to contact various tobacco manufacturers with a request that they furnish buyers for the proposed Boone market, and at the same time to locate a suitable site for the warehouses.

Those named on the committee are Harry Hamilton, chairman; Wade E. Brown, W. R. Lovell, Dr. H. B. Perry, Horton Doughton, Statesville; Charlie Beard, Avery county farm agent; R. E. Blalock, Alleghany county agent; Jack Shoun and Barton Mount of Silerby, Tenn. A member of the committee from Ashe county will be named later.

"It has been definitely decided to build a warehouse," says H. W. Wilcox, Chamber of Commerce president, "and the prospective warehousemen have been notified to this effect. It is pointed out that this market will handle the best grade of burley in the south, and therefore, is expected to command the highest market prices."

The committee has several sites in view which could be used for the establishment of the warehouse, and Mr. Wilcox requests anyone who has a tract of land from two to three acres, close in, which could be offered at a reasonable price to contact some member of the aforementioned committee.

B. & L. Asked to Meet At Blowing Rock

The North Carolina Building and Loan League has been asked to hold its 12th convention at Blowing Rock, the invitation having been extended the group by W. H. Gragg of Boone, secretary of the Watauga Building and Loan Association, who attended the convention at Wrightsville Beach last week. O. K. LaRogue, president of the Home Loan Bank of Winston-Salem, extended an invitation for the convention to be held in his city next year. However, it is felt that since the convention usually rotates between mountain-top and seashore resorts, that Blowing Rock will likely be host next year.

Postal Receipts Show An Increase

Receipts at the Boone postoffice for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1938, compared with the year ending June 30, 1937, showed a gain of \$1,177.45, or almost eight per cent, according to Postmaster Wiley G. Hartzog. For the quarter ending June 30, the gain was \$112.91 over the same quarter in 1937.

For the year ending June 30, 1938, the receipts were \$15,256.96, as against \$16,428.41 for the year ending June 30, 1937.

WATAUGA 4-H WILL ATTEND 4-H CONFERENCE

When the annual 4-H short course is held at N. C. State College July 24-29, Watauga county will probably have several representatives from among its farm boys and girls. One of these will be Council Henson of Vilas, who was selected as the outstanding 4-H club boy in the county for 1938. The honor carried with it a scholarship to the State College event, given by the Chilean Nitrate of Soda educational bureau.

The 4-H short course combines education, recreation and inspiration, and offers farm boys and girls an opportunity to exchange ideas, receive the latest information on agricultural and home-making developments, and engage in programs of entertainment and games.

One of the features of this year's event will be a pageant depicting the 25-year history of 4-H club work in North Carolina. L. R. Harrill, state 4-H club leader, and Miss Frances MacGregor, assistant state club leader, have selected several county groups to act out in pantomime and song the various phases of the youth-training organization.

THREE SLATED TO DIE IN STATE PRISON FRIDAY

Raleigh, July 5.—North Carolina is scheduled to take the lives of three men Friday in the first triple execution since July 1, 1938.

The three men slated to die in the gas chamber Friday are: Bracey Hammonds, Indian, Robeson county; Alfred Capen, negro, Robeson county; and James Henderson, negro, New Hanover county.

Governor Hooty has indicated that no reprieve will be granted to any one of the three.