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## CRAFTS BOARD IN MEETING TUESDAY

### Semi-Annual Meeting Directors of Watauga Industries Held at Handicrafts Center

The semi-annual meeting of the board of directors of Watauga Industries was held Tuesday evening in the Watauga Handicrafts center.

Eight members of the board were present: W. H. Gragg, Miss Cora Pearl Jeffcoat, Miss Elizabeth M. Lord, Bert Townsend, Cicero Townsend, Joseph Townsend, Rev. Edwin F. Troutman and W. H. Walker.

A financial report was given for the period from October 7, 1938, when the center was opened, to July 1, 1939. During the winter season sales were steady, and hopes are high for a good summer season.

Handicrafts are carried for sale by the industries on a consignment basis from craftsmen around Boone and from similar centers throughout the highlands, which, like the industries, are members of the Southern Highland Handicrafts Guild. Wood carvings come from the John C. Campbell Folk school in Brasstown. Pen and seal pewter and copper; Asheville sterling silver jewelry. Ties and baby blankets are from Kentucky.

Most of the weaving at the industries, of linens, homespun, rugs, are now consigned by students of the local center. Hooked mats come from Rominger. Excellent craftsmen consign wood work, Joseph Burkett carved a prairie schooner with oxen. J. Hardy Taylor's hearth brushes are noteworthy, and looms are made by Cicero Townsend and Bert Townsend.

Beautiful blankets are made in the county and more are in demand. It is hoped that by another summer that much excellent work may be offered by workers in Watauga county.

## Pooled Lambs To Be Weighed July 27

The county farm agents will weigh pooled lambs for the third shipment on Thursday, July 27. The county lamb pool is open to all farmers in the county and it is believed that it is to the farmer's advantage to ship their lambs through the pool and hold up the prices of lambs in the county.

Two sets of graders, as usual, will be used to weigh lambs on July 27, at the following places:

C. B. Reese's 7 a. m.; Mrs. W. Y. Farthing's 9:30; John Ward's 11:30; Hard Mast's 1 p. m.; Ed Shipley's 2:30; Oeda Wilson's 3:30; R. A. Thomas' 5:30.

W. S. Moretz's 7:30 a. m.; C. D. McNeill's 9; Boone Stock Yard 10; Avery Greene's 11:30; W. A. Profit's 1 p. m.; Lee Carender's 3; Claude Shore's 4:30; W. W. Mast's 5:30.

## Triple-A Distributes 50,891 Tons of Lime

Orders for 50,891 tons of ground agricultural limestone and 2,585 tons of triple-superphosphate have been placed under the grant-of-aid plan of the agricultural conservation program, announces E. Y. Floyd, AAA executive officer of State College. The grant-of-aid plan allows farmers to obtain lime and phosphate for immediate or fall delivery without a cash outlay. The cost of the materials is deducted from 1939 conservation payments.

Floyd reported that 62 of North Carolina's 100 counties have ordered limestone, and that 26 have ordered triple-superphosphate. He expects every county in the state to obtain ground limestone under the grant-of-aid program.

The leading counties in applications for lime are: Watauga, 5,263 tons; Cherokee, 3,927; Buncombe, 3,823; Davidson, 2,462; Wilkes, 2,461; Henderson, 2,296; and Transylvania, 2,124. Although the western counties are taking the largest amounts, lime is also being shipped into coastal counties.

Ashe county leads in orders for phosphate, with 340 tons. Watauga is second with 329 tons.

## Teachers Allotted To Local Schools

One hundred and twenty-six teachers have been allotted to Watauga county elementary and high schools for the year 1939-40, according to information received by County Superintendent Howard Walker, from the state school commission.

This allotment represents a loss of four teachers to the county. These losses, however, may be reclaimed if there is an increased attendance during the fall months.

## BLACK BEAR SEEN IN HIGHWAY NEAR BOONE

Mr. H. Grady Farthing, district game protector with the conservation department, says that upland game is really becoming plentiful. When a black bear ambles down a concrete highway in front of an automobile, without particular concern. And that is what happened last Thursday evening about 10 o'clock, as Mr. W. J. Bason of North Wilkesboro, was leaving Boone.

At a point just west of Three Forks church, about half a mile from the city limits a black bear cub walked in front of Mr. Bason's auto. He applied the brakes and the little bear kept right down the middle of the concrete for a considerable distance before deserting it for the less hazardous undergrowth along the right-of-way. Mr. Bason stopped his car and tried to capture him, but was unable to find him in the darkness.

## LOCAL SCHOOLS OPEN AUGUST 30

### Most of Schools to Open 30th of August; Others Begin Next Day, Says Walker

Most of the schools of the county will open on August 30th, according to information given out by County Superintendent W. H. Walker. Those opening on that date include: Howard's Creek, Miller, Rich Mountain, Bamboo, Green Valley, Wineberger, Riverview, Castle, Mount Paron, Elk, Lower Elk, Cool Springs, Penley, Bradshaw, Cook, Valle Crucis, Foscoe, Grandfather, Valley Mountain, Seal Springs, Cove Creek, Liberty Hill, Rominger, Presnell, Kellersville, Wiggy Gap, Bethel, Mabel, Silverstone and Fottertown.

Those to open Thursday, August 31, are: Appalachian high school, Appalachian elementary, Rutherford, Deep Gap and Stony Fork. Blowing Rock school will open on Monday, September 18th.

## PARKWAY ROUTE STUDY STARTED

### Engineer to Report on Cost of Link of Scenic From Blowing Rock To Thunder Hill Gap

The national park service last week was going forward with plans for the Blue Ridge parkway in North Carolina, when it assigned H. J. Spillman of the bureau of roads to make a study of the costs of the proposed links connecting Thunder Hill Gap with U. S. highway 221 at Blowing Rock.

Frank Dunlap, state highway commission chairman, and R. Getty Browning of Raleigh, district highway engineer, were in Washington Thursday to discuss with Representative Zeb Weaver of the eleventh district, and officials of the park service the location of the proposed link.

Final decision of the location is to be made after Mr. Spillman's report on costs. Messrs. Dunlap and Browning returned to Washington Monday and appeared before the committee on public lands in the interest of Weaver's bill providing a right-of-way through the Cherokee Indian reservation.

## Spanish War Veterans To Meet in Asheville

Spanish American War veterans of North Carolina will hold their 16th annual department convention at the George Vanderbilt hotel in Asheville, next Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. The auxiliary will meet at the same time.

Several hundred delegates from the 22 state camps are expected to attend the three-day program which gets under way Sunday night at 7:45 o'clock with a memorial service at the First Baptist church.

## ABRAMS SPEAKS AT KIWANIS CLUB MEETING

Dr. Amos Abrams of Appalachian College, was guest speaker at a meeting of the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis Club Friday noon. Dr. Abrams took for his subject, "An Appraisal of North Wilkesboro," and spoke particularly of the set of values derived by that town from being a comparatively small community, where there is a common acquaintance and general neighborliness. Many stories and interesting anecdotes were used by Dr. Abrams during the course of his remarks.

## ASHE MAN KILLED AS CAR OVERTURNS ON DEEP GAP ROAD

### Allie G. McNeil Fatally Injured When Pickup Turns Over on Highway 421 Saturday Night; Coroner Believes Whiskey Figured in Tragic Accident

Allie G. McNeil, 18-year-old Ashe county citizen, was instantly killed Saturday night at 11:45 when a Ford pickup, occupied by he and two companions, left highway 421 at Deep Gap and turned turtle. McNeil suffered a crushed skull, while Claude Miller and Joe Phillips, who were riding in the vehicle which the deceased was driving at the time of the accident, escaped with minor cuts and bruises about the face and head.

County Coroner R. E. Kelley, who investigated the accident Sunday morning stated that whiskey likely figured in the tragedy. One of the survivors, said Mr. Kelley, stated that the broken fruit jar which was found at the scene had been about half full of whiskey when the crash came.

Funeral services were conducted on Monday from the Riverview church in Ashe county, and burial was there. Surviving are the parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McNeil, a brother, James McNeil, and a sister, Mrs. Ira Griffin, all of Idlewild, N. C.

## STORE BURNED DURING STORM

### Lightning Believed to Have Set Fire to Victor Ward's Store in Laurel Creek Township

The general store, belonging to Victor D. Ward and located at the mouth of Cove Creek in Laurel Creek township, was totally destroyed during the severe electrical storm of Tuesday evening. A bolt of lightning was believed to have started the conflagration.

The building and its contents are said to have been worth about \$7,500. The loss is partially covered by insurance, it is reported.

Mr. Ward operated one of the most complete country stores in the county, and the entire stock was burned.

## Watauga Youth Wins in Stock - Judging Contest

Bill Bingham, of the Cove Creek section of Watauga county, scored high in livestock judging contests held recently at Raleigh in connection with the eleventh annual convention of Young Tar Heel Farmers at State College.

As a result of his triumph, young Mr. Bingham will be a member of a team which will represent North Carolina at the national Future Farmers of America convention at Kansas City in October.

Mr. Roy H. Thomas, state director of vocational agricultural education, said the convention was one of the most successful in the history of the Young Tar Heel Farmers organization.

All of his expenses are to be paid. Mr. Bingham is being congratulated upon having won this high honor.

## J. N. YOUNG SUCCEUMBS IN WINSTON-SALEM

J. N. Young, 71 years old, father of Mrs. Fred H. Hodges, former resident of this city, died in Winston-Salem Tuesday of last week, having been removed to a hospital in that city a few days before.

Funeral services were held Thursday and burial was in Winston-Salem. Mr. John W. Hodges attended the rites.

Survivors include the widow, three daughters and two sons: Mrs. Fred H. Hodges, Knoxville, Tenn.; Mrs. J. C. Bennett, Mrs. William E. Bach, Winston-Salem; Julius C. Young and Irvin Young, Winston-Salem.

Mr. Young, who was a native of Rockingham county, had lived in Winston-Salem for 25 years, where he was connected with the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. He was a member of the Episcopal church.

## MRS. HARTLEY RESIGNS

Mrs. Pearl Hartley, seventh grade teacher in the Wilkesboro school, and an outstanding member of the faculty, has returned her contract to the school authorities unassigned, according to the Journal-Patriot. Mrs. Hartley has been a teacher in the Wilkesboro school for the past 12 years and is considered one of the best seventh grade teachers in the state. Much regret is being expressed by the patrons of the school over her reported resignation.

## Judge Winston Speaks at College Friday

Judge Robert W. Winston of Chapel Hill, who is spending the summer at Blowing Rock, will deliver an address at the auditorium of Appalachian State Teachers College Friday morning at 10 o'clock. The general public is cordially invited to hear the eminent Carolinian.

The subject of Judge Winston's discourse will be "Andrew Johnson, the Modern Prometheus." The jurist is the author of an authoritative biography on Johnson, which is used as a text at Harvard University.

Judge Winston, who has formerly spent his summer vacations in the Green and White mountains of New England, in switching to Blowing Rock, said: "This climate is more invigorating than any I have ever experienced, whether in America or Europe. Blowing Rock is simply a thing of beauty—a joy forever."

## LIBRARY WEEK IS TO BE OBSERVED

### Week of July 30 to Be Devoted To Upbuilding of Library Facilities in County

The library committee of Watauga county met Monday evening, when it was determined to observe Library Week in this county from July 30 to August 5.

Miss Jewel Hagaman is the county librarian and she is putting forth every effort to get more and better books for the people of the county to read. The observance of Library Week will be an effort on the part of the churches and the people generally to help Miss Hagaman to get more money and more books for the library. Every citizen is asked to give one book or a free will offering for this purpose.

The committee hopes that all the people of the county will pull together during Library Week for this worthy movement.

## WPA EMPLOYEES ARE DISMISSED

### Administrative Workers Dropped in State Because of New Federal Relief Act

Raleigh, July 17—Fifty-eight administrative employees of the WPA in North Carolina were discharged today because of the state's curtailed budget under the new relief act passed by congress.

C. C. McGinnis, state WPA administrator, announced that approximately 70 other administrative employees would be dropped within the next two weeks.

McGinnis announced Saturday that, as provided in the relief law, 8,500 project workers who have been employed continuously for the last 18 months would be discharged within the next two or three weeks.

## Annual A. C. Camp Meeting To Be Held July 29-August 6

Advent Christian camp meeting will be held this year July 29th to August 6th. The camp ground is located seven miles west of Blowing Rock on the Yonahlossee highway. A number of improvements have been made on the camp grounds since last year. These consist of a new water system, electric lights in all buildings and over the grounds, and a nice new woman's building, erected by Mr. R. F. Greene. This building will accommodate a large number of people. The women are very much pleased with the building, and they appreciate Mr. Greene's help in getting this building ready before camp meeting begins.

Mrs. F. E. Warman has charge of the dining department. All donations of food for the annual conference meeting and the camp meeting will help in reducing the expenses of this department.

The annual meeting of the Piedmont A. C. conference will convene just preceding the camp meeting—Friday and Saturday, July 28-29.

## BINGO PARTY

There will be a bingo party at the Legion hut Thursday night, July 20, beginning at 8 o'clock, sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary. There will be free entertainment by local talent, and valuable prizes are being donated by local stores. Proceeds will be used to furnish the hut.

The committee in charge of the affair is composed of Mrs. Arlee Younce, Mrs. Eddie Johnson, Mrs. Ralph Greer and Mrs. Fred Winkler.

## Postoffice Is Completed; Will Be Occupied Soon

### Gridman Is Killed



Don L. Gaffney, one of the captains of Appalachian Mountaineers, who met instant death in an automobile wreck at Gaffney, S. C. Saturday.

## LOCAL FOOTBALL CAPTAIN KILLED

### Don Gaffney of Appalachian Football Roster Dies in South Carolina Auto Crash

Don L. Gaffney, 23, of Blacksburg, S. C., co-captain of the Appalachian Mountaineer football aggregation, met almost instant death Saturday, when his automobile and a truck collided about five miles north of Gaffney, S. C.

Funeral services were held at Blacksburg Sunday afternoon at 4:30 and interment was there. Coach Fluie Stewart of Appalachian and about 25 local college students attended the rites.

Mr. Gaffney was co-captain-elect of the Appalachian football team for the coming season, and was a triple-threat back. He had been working during vacation at the new Duke Power Co. steam plant under construction near Clifftside, N. C., and was on his way to Gaffney when the accident occurred. The truck driver was detained.

Deceased was a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Gaffney. They and several brothers and sisters survive.

## John F. Phillips Rites Held Sunday

Funeral services for John F. Phillips, 46 years old, a resident of this community, were conducted from the Baptist church Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, the pastor, Rev. J. C. Canipe, being in charge of the rites. Interment was in the Edmisten cemetery on the state farm near town.

Mr. Phillips, who was a valued employee of Appalachian College farm, had been ill for some time, and was taken to the Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem Thursday for examination and treatment. He succumbed there on Saturday.

Surviving are the widow and the following children: Mrs. Connie Phillips, Grant, Vermie, Essie, Jean, Clifton, Paul, Russell, Louise and Velma Phillips, all of Boone.

## RAYMOND HAYES WITH MARINES AT N. Y. FAIR

Among the 200 carefully selected marines serving at the New York world's fair is Raymond R. Hayes, local youth, who has served in the marines since March 5, 1937. Captain A. C. Small, district recruiting officer at Savannah, Ga., has announced.

These picked marines live in a model tent city within the fair grounds and have a part in a daily parade held at sunset as well as other roles at the naval exhibit. Their activities have created favorable comment from both military men and civilians.

Hayes enlisted at the marine recruiting station in Savannah and received training at Parris Island, S. C. While serving at Quantico, Va., in the fleet marine force, he received advanced instruction in combat and tactic principles enabling him to meet the exacting qualifications for assignment to the fair detachment. He is the son of Mrs. Lou E. Hayes and a graduate of the Boone high school.

## Postmaster General Farley Definitely Agrees to Attend Dedication; \$75,000 Structure is One of Most Beautiful Federal Buildings in This Area

Federal inspectors completed the final check-up on Boone's new post-office building Tuesday afternoon, and prospects are that the elegant \$75,000 structure, which was completed Saturday, will be occupied about the first of August.

As the final inspection progressed, word came from the office of Congressman Robert L. Doughton to the effect that Postmaster General Jas. A. Farley has definitely accepted the invitation to be present at dedicatory exercises at an undetermined date late in September. It is proposed that the postal official make a trip over the Blue Ridge parkway while here, and Mr. Doughton hopes to have the honored visitor spend at least one night in the county, most likely at Blowing Rock. A detailed program of the dedicatory activities will be worked out in due time.

Henry Dattner Co., Detroit contractors, began the construction of the building last November, and the completed structure is one of the most attractive federal buildings to be found in the entire state. It is located just above the street level on the eminence occupied by the residence of the late J. D. Council and fronts 61 feet on King street, with a depth of 57 feet. The building is constructed of native stone, laid with infinite care by the Lyons Brothers, local artisans, and the trim is of light buff. Spacious lawns to the front and rear are becoming well set, through which three short flights of steps lead from the sidewalk to the front entrance. The roof is of copper, topped with a cupola, bearing a weather vane and pointers.

A loading platform 10x25 feet and a vestibule is at the rear of the office, and the heating system occupies a part of the expansive basement. Office space is to be provided there at some future time.

The interior is elegantly appointed, the floor being of terrazo marble chips, with wainscot of dark cedar marble. New fixtures, including 44 lock boxes have been installed; \$750 has been appropriated for the placing of a mural painting above the postmaster's office door.

Since none of the fixtures from the old building will be used in the new, the matter of moving will be of small concern to the postal employees. The change will be made as soon as Postmaster Hartzog gets the necessary authorization from the department.

## Triplet Leads Tar Heel Batters With .398

Hooper Triplett, Gastonia outfielder, continues on his way to the Tar Heel League batting championship and now has a .398 figure. Hooper has hooped his total bases up to 165, his homers stand at 16 and has batted in 71 runs to keep his lead in those departments as well, according to figures released by the Atlanta office of Howe News bureau.

Young Triplett is a son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Triplett of Watauga county, and his diamond successes are followed with much interest by the people of this area.

## LUTHERAN CHURCH TO BE DEDICATED SUNDAY

The Holy Trinity Lutheran church at Deep Gap, will be dedicated Sunday, July 23, according to an announcement by the pastor, Rev. J. A. Yount.

Services will begin with the laying of the cornerstone at 10 a. m. The public is cordially invited to attend these services. Bible school is being conducted at Holy Trinity this week and next, ending Friday, July 28th.

## BENEFIT CONCERT TO BE GIVEN AT BANNER ELK

Banner Elk, July 17—Announcement was made here today that Miss Isabelle Traydon, well-known Miami coloratura soprano, will give a benefit recital for Grandfather Orphanage at Banner Elk on Friday, July 21. Miss Traydon has given several concerts in Miami and has also sung at the largest Episcopal church in that city. Her program Friday will be given at 8:30 p. m. in the auditorium and will consist of selections from operas.

Miss Willie Mae Linker will accompany Miss Traydon on the piano and will also present several selections of her own.