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## THROUGH GATHERS WITH VETERANS IN ANNUAL REUNION

Congressman Doughton Principal Speaker; Thinks Doubtful if American Participation in War Can Be Averted; Other Speakers on Program

A crowd estimated by some to be in the neighborhood of five thousand gathered at the state fish hatchery near Rutherford last Sunday for the annual tri-state reunion of the veterans of three wars, heard addresses by prominent visitors and enjoyed a picnic dinner on the spacious lawn.

Hon. R. L. Doughton, of the national house of representatives, was the principal speaker, and referred to the European war as bringing America the darkest days since the beginning of the world conflict twenty-five years ago. Mr. Doughton voiced the hope that America will be able to live in peace, but doubted the possibility of her being able to escape the conflict.

Mr. Lionel Ward, prominent local Legionnaire, delivered an address of welcome on the part of the veterans, while Mayor W. R. Lovill also made a welcoming discourse to the vast assemblage. Col. Lee Harr of Johnson City, Tenn., who is governor of the veterans hospital at that place, told of the institution, the benefits it afforded veterans, and gave advice to former soldiers as to the procedure to be followed in gaining hospitalization. Mr. Metcalf of Johnson City, also addressed the crowd briefly. Mr. Albert Watson of Boone, spoke in behalf of the Spanish war veterans.

At the conclusion of the reunion Mr. Metcalf of Johnson City, was chosen as reunion president, while Mr. Albert Watson of Boone, was named secretary. It was then voted to hold the next reunion at the soldiers home in Johnson City on the first Sunday in September, 1940. The invitation was tendered by Col. Harr, governor of the home, who extended a cordial invitation to everyone to attend.

## EUROPEAN WAR BRIEFS

Paris, Sept. 5.—The left wing of the French army tonight increased the pressure on the northern flank of the German forces along a 100-mile front. Army communique No. 4 tonight said: "Our troops are in contact everywhere along the frontier between the Rhine and the Moselle. It is recalled that on the Rhine permanent fortifications border the river here and there."

Berlin, Sept. 5.—The German high command today announced the capture of the rich Polish industrial cities of Katowice and Chrosow in a drive toward Poland's historic ancient capital of Krakow, and declared the "foe, partly retreating in disorder," was badly shattered. In addition, the German forces reported they had crushed the entire seventh Polish army division southeast of Czestochowa, which was captured two days ago.

Budapest, Sept. 6.—Diplomatic dispatches from Warsaw early today said the German army after a lightning advance from the north was shelling the city. The Polish capital, already evacuated by the Polish government and foreign embassies and legations, was described as practically destroyed under the heavy bombardment. While the German forces were reported to be shelling the city heavily, airplanes conducted continual raids. The government was said to have fled to Lublin, 90 miles southeast of Warsaw.

London, Sept. 5.—Forty-four persons were believed today to have lost their lives in the torpedoing and sinking of the British liner Athenia by what survivors declared was a submarine which shelled the stricken vessel. Rescue reports received here and at the United States maritime commission office in New York showed 1,374 of the liner's 1,418 passengers and crew were picked up Sunday night in the ocean wastes west of Scotland. There were 311 Americans on the Athenia.

New York, Sept. 5.—The \$20,000,000 German liner Bremen, biggest merchant marine prize now on the high seas, was still unreported tonight—a fugitive prowling furtively toward a safe harbor six days after leaving New York without passengers. Under normal conditions the Bremen should have reached Bremerhaven yesterday.

London, Sept. 6.—The British ministry of information said early today that three German ships which

## 300 FRESHMEN ARE NOW REGISTERED

Information coming from Dean Rankin's office Wednesday forenoon indicated that more than 300 freshmen have registered for the fall and winter semesters at Appalachian College, representing a considerable increase over last year's enrollment at this period.

The upperclassmen are now being registered in large numbers and indications are that the total enrollment will be in excess of that of a year ago.

## NINTH WATAUGA FAIR TO OPEN ON SEPTEMBER 28TH

Will Continue for Three Days; Governor Hoey to Speak; New Gymnasium Now Being Erected to House Exhibits

The ninth annual Watauga county fair will be held at the Cove Creek high school Thursday, Friday and Saturday, September 28, 29 and 30, with Governor Hoey as a featured speaker, it has been announced by Ernest Hillard, teacher of agriculture at Cove Creek and secretary of the fair.

Workmen have begun the erection of a new gymnasium to replace the one destroyed by fire early this summer, and the plans are to have it completed for the exhibits.

All exhibits except flowers and livestock must be entered not later than 10 o'clock Thursday night, September 28. Thursday afternoon there will be a baseball game and Thursday evening at 8 o'clock a free sound movie will be given. Friday morning from 8 to 10 o'clock the flower exhibits will be entered. At 10 o'clock the address will be delivered by Governor Hoey. At 11 o'clock, judging of flower exhibits; 1 to 4 p. m., athletic contests; 4 p. m., band concert by Boone high school band; 8 p. m., an amateur show and at 10 o'clock, fireworks.

Saturday morning, entering and judging livestock and poultry; Saturday afternoon at 1 o'clock, baby show; 2 p. m., pulling contests for farm teams; 3 p. m., hog and cow show. (Continued on page four)

## Tabernacle Meeting to Close Sunday Night

Evangelist Miller informs the Democrat that the tabernacle meeting which he and Robert Hendershot have been conducting, will close with the Sunday night service. Mr. Miller states that his present purpose of launching a movement in Boone looking toward the ultimate unity of all God's people, has been accomplished. Plans are being formed to continue this work until victory is won, says the Evangelist.

Thursday night the sermon subject will be "The New Birth"; Friday night, "The Holy Spirit"; Saturday night, "The Word of God," and Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, a business conference will be held with plans laid for future work. All who are vitally interested in this unity movement are urged to be present at this morning service.

Sunday afternoon at 2:30 and evening at 7:45 will close the meetings.

## Auto Bureau Is New Feature At City Hall

Albert Blant, of the state revenue department, highway safety division, will be at the city hall from 2 to 5 o'clock every Thursday for the purpose of issuing drivers' licenses.

Although the highway safety division has been in existence for several years, it was not until recently that 15 field workers were employed and it is believed that they will be able to so promote the desire for safety that highway fatalities may be decreased.

In addition to giving examinations to applicants for drivers' licenses, Mr. Blant's services will be at the disposal of schools, civic organizations and other groups who wish to promote safety or to put on any kind of safety campaigns in the counties which he serves.

He explained that the safety division has no connection with the highway patrol in that its chief objective is safety education rather than law enforcement.

Children of 16 and 17 years must have parents sign applications for drivers' license and must have an automobile for road test, Mr. Blant said. The highway safety division is to promote safety on the highways in an effort to provide the fullest measure of protection for the traveling public.

## EGGERS IS NAMED MODERATOR AS ASSOCIATION ENDS

Other Officers Are Named; Reports Indicate Associational Progress During Past Year; Plans Made for Centennial Next Year

Rev. R. C. Eggers was named moderator of the Three Forks Baptist Association for the fourth term at the close of the annual association at Cove Creek church last Wednesday. Clyde R. Greene was elected clerk-treasurer, while A. J. Greene continues as historian.

S. C. Eggers was re-named as Sunday school director; Russell D. Hodges, orphanage director; Dwight Edmisten, hospital director; H. W. Wilcox, B. T. U. director, and N. M. Greene was made chairman of the promotion committee. The executive committee consists of Wade E. Brown, Grady Minton, W. D. Farthing, Lee Swift, Mrs. D. P. Coffey, Rev. R. C. Eggers and Clyde R. Greene.

Reports presented to the association indicated that there had been marked progress during the past year, the 37 churches of the association now having a membership of 5,122, as against 5,299 a year ago, or a gain of 823. Baptists last year numbered 348 as compared with 625 this year. The Sunday schools of the association have enrolled at this time 5,030 members. There were 5,010 a year ago. One new church at Rutherford was added to the association's roster.

The annual sermon was delivered by Rev. Dwight Edmisten; other speakers appearing during the two-day session being: Smith Hagaman, superintendent of the Baptist Hospital; I. G. Greer, superintendent of Mills Home, denominational orphanage; Rev. M. A. Adams, field worker with the United Dry Forests; J. C. Pipes, and M. A. Huggins, general secretary of the state mission board. The association was regarded by church leaders as one of the most beneficial and enjoyable gatherings (Continued on page four)

## Game Law Regulates Repeating Shotguns

District Game Protector H. Grady Farthing calls attention to the state law relative to the use of repeating shotguns in the taking of upland game, and the statute is quoted herewith:

"It shall be unlawful for any person to hunt, take or kill any upland game birds, squirrels or rabbits with or by means of any automatic-loading or hand-operated repeating shotgun capable of holding more than three shells, the magazine of which has not been cut off or plugged with a one-piece metal or wooden filler incapable of removal through the loading end thereof, so as to reduce the capacity of said gun to not more than three shells at one time in the magazine and chamber combined. It shall also be unlawful to shoot any such birds while such birds are sitting on the ground."

## QUALLS ATTORNEY FOR CASUALTY COMPANY

Archie Qualls of Boone, who has accepted a position as attorney with the U. S. Casualty Company of Charlotte, has already assumed his new duties and his family is moving to Charlotte this week.

Mr. Qualls has tendered his resignation as city attorney, and has also resigned as chairman of the Watauga Young Democratic Club. Files of the latter organization are with Mr. A. E. Hodges, at Hodges Tire Company, who will give out any information requested regarding the club.

## Local Lambs Bring Premium at N. J. Sale

A shipment of 348 lambs from this section brought a premium of 75 cents a hundred pounds above prevailing prices at the Jersey City, N. J. market, Paul Fletcher, livestock marketing specialist of the state department of agriculture, reported today. The lambs were graded under the department's supervision.

## THE DOVE SEASON

District Game Protector H. Grady Farthing refers to many inquiries reaching the conservation department in regard to the hours each day doves may be shot, and explains that under the federal migratory dove laws, doves may be shot from 7 a. m. until sunset each day during the open season, which is September 1 to September 30, and December 20 to January 31.

## MILK FLOWS IN NEW YORK STRIKE



Mount Upton, N. Y.—Striking dairy farmers in the New York state milk shed, determined that no milk should reach the market opened the valve of this tank truck and allowed the contents to flow into the street. A thirsty striker can be seen refreshing himself on top of the truck.

## ANNUAL MEETING OF REA MEMBERS

Stockholders of Caldwell Mutual to Gather in Lenoir; Board of Directors to Be Named

The annual meeting of the members of the Caldwell Mutual Corporation of Caldwell, Watauga, Ashe and Alleghany counties will be held Saturday, September 9, at the courthouse in Lenoir. Business of the cooperative will be discussed and the annual election of the board of directors will be held.

The following have been nominated by the nominating committee for the board:

Watauga: Avery Greene, Clarence Newton, Clyde Perry, C. M. Watson, Caldwell: A. G. Beach, D. R. Moore, C. C. Poovey, G. W. Sullivan, Alleghany: C. G. Collins, Van Miller, G. Tom Perry, Ashe: J. C. Goodman, A. B. Hart, R. E. L. Plummer, G. B. Price.

The meeting will be called to order at 10 o'clock a. m., by Mr. G. W. Sullivan, president. Since each member of the REA cooperative is a stockholder, he is urged to be present and take an active part in the transaction of the business of the meeting as well as voting on the directors.

## Mrs. Lula Ragan Succumbs Friday

Mrs. Callista Lula Ragan, widow of David N. Ragan, former sheriff of Watauga county, died at her home in Meat Camp township last Friday at the age of 70 years. Mrs. Ragan had been seriously ill for the past several months.

Funeral services were conducted at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon from the Meat Camp Baptist church. Rev. W. C. Payne and Rev. J. C. Canipe being in charge of the rites, and interment was in the cemetery near the church.

An unusually large crowd gathered to pay their respects at the bier of the beloved citizen, and many were unable to enter the building.

Active pallbearers were: George Greene, John Clawson, Ray Brown, Willie Clawson, Wade Clawson, Abner Farthing, Carol Younce, Clyde Brown, Honorary: L. A. Greene, Alfred Brown, Jont Norris, Walter Greene, Bud Ragan, B. H. Gross, Tom Farthing, Jack Norris, John Brown, S. H. Jones, M. A. Mull, Howard Gragg, Cloyd Norris, Dr. W. A. Deaton.

Ladies in charge of the beautiful floral offering were: Misses Annie Clawson, Jean Clawson, Josephine Norris, Aileen Norris, Thelma Ragan, Celia Ragan, Elizabeth Wilson, Virginia Greene, Vivian Duckworth, Buena Hodges, Messames George Greene, Ben Bentley, Ebb Tucker, Edna Williams, Albert Michael, Clarence Johnson, Fred May.

Six sons and daughters survive. Mrs. Ragan joined Meat Camp Baptist church at the age of 16 years and remained a devoted and loyal member until her death. She was reared in Watauga county, where she had a wide acquaintance and a host of friends.

## Blowing Rock High School Starts Monday

The Blowing Rock high school will begin next Monday, September 11th, according to word given out by W. H. Halter, county superintendent of schools.

It had previously been reported that the school would not start until the 15th, and patrons are asked to take notice of the changed date.

## PROSPECTS FOR BURLEY MARKET GROW BRIGHTER

Special Committee Now Starting Solicitations for Stock in New Corporation; Interest Centers in Getting Local Subscriptions Rather Than Outside Capital

Prospects continue to brighten in regard to the establishment of a warehouse in Boone this fall for the sale of burley tobacco, and the decision of large manufacturers to furnish buyers for the proposed market leaves the way open for actual organization plans.

At a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce and others interested persons held Friday evening, a special committee composed of W. E. Mount Shous, Tenn., W. H. Gregg and S. C. Eggers of Boone, whose duty it shall be to contact the people of Watauga and adjoining counties in regard to subscribing for stock in the proposed venture. Accordingly all those interested in the venture in this area are asked to communicate with the committee, or any member of it, so that names may be recorded and the stock in the enterprise issued in due time.

Members of the committee urge the full co-operation of the people of the mountain counties to the end that the profits from the warehouse will remain with the tobacco growers and business men of this immediate territory. The committee is anxious that it be unnecessary to accept outside capital in this instance, which is said to be available at this time.

It is expected that the necessary stock will be subscribed within a short length of time, after which the organization will be completed and the construction of the warehouse pushed to completion in time for the opening of the market in December.

## SPAINHOURS WILL CLOSE STORE HERE

Decision to Remove Local Store Marks Beginning of Big Sale; Statement by Mr. Spainhour

Announcement was made Monday of the decision of the Spainhour stores company to close their Boone establishment and the store was closed in order that sales people might be able to get the stocks in readiness for the close-out sale, which begins today (Thursday).

Mr. W. R. Spainhour, secretary-treasurer of the corporation, and the manager of the Boone store for a while after its founding 14 years ago, is in town this week, and expresses deep regret that needed expansion in some of the other Spainhour stores made this move judicious.

The Spainhour store was established in Boone in 1925 and has always enjoyed a splendid patronage. The institution has handled high grade merchandise, and has been a potent factor in the life and activities of the community. Deep regret is being expressed on every hand over the removal of the store.

A portion of Mr. Spainhour's prepared statement in connection with the close-out, is here given:

"Our decision to close is no reflection on Boone or this community. Boone has grown and made much progress. But the necessity for making some needed expansion in our other stores makes this imperative.

"Even though we will leave Boone in a short time, we will ever remain a strong booster for this section, and we feel it will continue to move forward even faster than it has in the past.

"It is with deep regret that we announce the closing of this store in a town so progressive and fine as Boone. The loyalty of the entire citizenship of this county has been very gratifying and we appreciate it a great deal."

## Grading Started On New Section of 421

Grading is now under way on the new link of highway 421 from Boone to Vilas, the first dirt having been moved Tuesday in the vicinity of Adams postoffice. The grading will be completed as rapidly as possible, in order to escape as much of the winter weather as possible.

## REVIVAL AT OAK GROVE

A revival meeting began at the Oak Grove Baptist church September 4, and will continue for two weeks. Rev. J. C. Canipe is assisting the pastor, Rev. A. G. Hamby in the meeting. The public is invited.

## LIVESTOCK ASSN. DIRECTORS MEET

Ten Per Cent Dividend Declared on Outstanding Stock of Newly Formed Livestock Mart

At a meeting of the directors of the Watauga Livestock Association held here Saturday, the report of the secretary, indicating the activities of the recently-formed livestock market, was tendered, and a ten per cent dividend was declared on all the stock of the enterprise, the checks to be distributed at the stock sale Wednesday, September 13.

The directors were described as being highly pleased with the reports of the progress of the association, and wish for the continued support of both buyers and sellers. The market, it is pointed out, has been blessed with a fine group of buyers, and livestock of all kinds has been demanding the highest market prices.

The directors decided to hold a heifer sale at an early date, and would like for all farmers having high quality breeding or stock heifers to furnish the secretary, Mr. Lester Carroll, the number and kind available, and a strong effort will be made to contact buyers interested in this kind of stock. Mr. Carroll insists that this information be made available to him at once, either in person or by letter.

## 30 Gallons Moonshine Taken By Officers

Thirty gallons of blockade whiskey and one of the men occupying the machine carrying the contraband, were the net results of activities of Police Chief Ed Mast and Sheriff Edmisten Friday evening. The liquor-laden car passed through the city and aroused the suspicion of the police officer who notified the sheriff and they overtook the vehicle a short distance from town on 421. Jess Street of Johnson City, Tenn., a passenger in the car was lodged in jail, while the driver, believed to have been Marshal Ford, also of Johnson City, made his escape. Meantime the car, a 1939 Chevrolet sedan, is being held at the city hall.

## Illness Is Fatal to Mrs. Fred Holman

Mrs. Fred Holman, aged 30, well-known resident of Meat Camp township, died at the home Tuesday evening of last week after an illness which had lasted throughout the summer.

Funeral services were conducted from Mt. Pleasant Lutheran church Friday at 11 o'clock. Rev. J. A. Yount and Rev. E. F. Troutman being in charge of the rites, and interment was in the cemetery at old Mt. Pleasant church.

Surviving Mrs. Holman are the husband and one small son, Gene.

## Edmisten Reunion Will Be Held on Sunday

There will be a reunion of the Edmisten family and connections at the state fish hatchery at Rutherford next Sunday, September 10th. All members of the family residing in Watauga, Wilkes, Ashe, Caldwell and Burke counties are invited to attend, and to bring plenty of good things to eat.

Mr. Newton Vest of Columbia, S. C., visited with Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Hamilton, Jr., last week.