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## DRYS PLAN FIELD DAY FOR WATAUGA

### Temperance Rallies to Be Held In Various County Churches on Fifth Sunday.

The United Dry Forces will observe a field day for Watauga County on October 29th, when well-known speakers will deliver temperance addresses at various churches of the county.

Following is a list of the churches and the speakers who will make up the program:

Antioch, Roy Dotson, 7:30 p. m.; Beaver Dam, J. O. Cook, 11 a. m.; Bethany, Clyde R. Greene, 11 a. m.; Bethel, W. D. Ashley, 11 a. m.; Blowing Rock Baptist, Hon. L. A. Martin, 7:30 p. m.; Boone Baptist, Hon. L. A. Martin, 2:30 p. m.; Brushy Fork, T. E. Bingham, 7:30 p. m.; Cool Springs, Dr. R. R. King, 7:30 p. m.; Cove Creek Baptist, Cale K. Burgess, 11 a. m.

Elk Knob, R. C. Eggers, 11 a. m.; Forest Grove, J. O. Cook, 7:30 p. m.; Gap Creek, Vilas Minton, 11 a. m.; Howard's Creek, Doughton Greene, 11 a. m.; Laurel Springs, J. A. Yount, 11 a. m.; Meat Camp, Doughton Greene, 7:30 p. m.; Middle Fork, Rev. M. A. Adams, 11 a. m.; Mount Calvary, T. E. Bingham, 3 p. m.; Mt. Gilead, Roy Dotson, 11 a. m.; Mt. Lebanon, Wade E. Brown, 11 a. m.

Oak Grove, Cale K. Burgess, 7:30 p. m.; Pleasant Grove, T. E. Bingham, 11 a. m.; Poplar Grove, Grady Minton, 11 a. m.; Proffitt's Grove, R. C. Eggers, 7:30 p. m.; Rich Mountain, Jim Brown, 11 a. m.; Shulls Mills, Rev. M. A. Adams, 7:30 p. m.; South Fork, F. E. Warman, 11 a. m.; Stony Fork, Vilas Minton, 7:30 p. m.; Three Forks, Wiley Smith, 11 a. m.; Timbered Ridge, W. D. Ashley, 7:30 p. m.

Union, J. W. Parker, 11 a. m.; Willowdale, D. J. Whitener, 11 a. m.; Willow Valley, A. K. Smith, 11 a. m.; Zion Hill, A. R. Smith, 7:30 p. m.; Zionsville, J. P. Walhouse, 7:30 p. m.; Rutherswood, J. A. Yount, 7:30 p. m.; Henson's Chapel, J. C. Cemper, 11 a. m.; Valle Crucis, J. T. C. Wright, 11 a. m.; Matney, Clyde R. Greene, 7:30 p. m.; Mabel Methodist, W. M. Thomas, 11 a. m.; Rominger, D. M. Edmisten, 11 a. m.; Hopewell, N. M. Greene, 11 a. m.; Thomas's Chapel, J. E. Holshouser, 11 a. m.; Fairview, N. M. Greene, 7:30 p. m.; Clark's Creek, Clyde R. Greene, 3 p. m.; Soda Hill Lutheran, A. E. Mertz, 11 a. m.; Kelsey Advent, S. E. Gragg, 11 a. m.; Mt. Vernon, S. C. Eggers, 11 a. m.; Watauga, W. C. Greene, 11 a. m.; Boone's Fork, S. E. Gragg, 7:30 p. m.

Mt. Ephraim, Herman R. Eggers, 11 a. m.; Sandy Flat, H. W. Wilcox, 11 a. m.; Laurel Fork, Will Cook, 7:30 p. m.; Doe Ridge, Jim Brown, 7:30 p. m.; Rock View, Bill Brown, 11 a. m.; Mt. Paron, Vilas Minton, 3 p. m.

At 2:30 p. m. at the Boone Baptist Church, a general rally for all the churches will be held and Hon. L. A. Martin will be the speaker. All churches are urged to send representatives in large numbers.

Each speaker is asked to take a free-will offering where he speaks, the money to be used in forwarding the temperance work in general.

## Baptist Hospital Day Be Observed Oct. 29

Winston-Salem, Oct. 11.—Baptist pastors throughout North Carolina will observe October 29 as Hospital Sunday in support of the enlargement campaign of North Carolina Baptist hospital. The pastors will preach that day on some phase of the ministry of healing, and the benefit that the entire state will reap from the creation of a great new medical center at Winston-Salem, where Wake Forest College is moving its medical school, and where it will work hand in hand with the enlarged Baptist hospital.

Hospital Sunday was originally set for October 22, but because State Mission Sunday of the Baptist denomination in North Carolina falls on that day, Hospital Sunday was moved ahead.

State-wide meetings held in connection with this campaign for \$200,000 are attracting hundreds of leading Baptists. The first regional meetings were held at Fayetteville and Durham. Meetings next week include one at Shelby on October 16, North Wilkesboro on October 18, and Asheville on October 20.

Every county in the state is represented in the list of patients received at North Carolina Baptist hospital. Demands on it are increasing so fast that about 3,000 patients a year are turned away from its doors for lack of room. The enlargement of the hospital will eliminate this overcrowding and enable the institution to cooperate with the new medical school of Wake Forest College in turning out doctors and nurses who will be mainly from North Carolina and usually remain in North Carolina for their careers.

## ATTENDS DENTAL MEET

Dr. Wm. M. Matheson attended the annual meeting of the First District Dental Society which convened Monday in Morganton. From there he went to Charlotte to attend the second day session of the Second District Dental Society.

## Watauga Steers Carry Off 31 Of 78 Prizes And Win Asheville Championships

### NYA Workshop Will Be Constructed Here

Five thousand, two hundred and eighty-seven dollars of NYA funds has been earmarked for the construction of a woodworking shop in Boone, according to an announcement made last week by John A. Lang, state NYA administrator.

The local project is one of 11 approved which totalled \$63,079.80 and are designed to give employment to 275 youths.

## H. C. MARTIN DIES AT BLOWING ROCK

### Prominent Hotelist and Former Newspaper Publisher Succumbs at Age 81.

Harry C. Martin, retired newspaperman and operator of a resort hotel at Blowing Rock, died there on Friday morning at 8 o'clock of a heart ailment. He had been critically ill since Monday before his demise.

Mr. Martin, who had resided in Lenoir except during the summer season at Blowing Rock, for the past fifty years, was one of the organizers of the Lenoir Board of Trade in the early nineties. He established the Lenoir News-Topic in 1893 and operated it until 1916. He was former secretary of the Citizens Building & Loan Association of Lenoir, and for the past many years had operated the Martin Cottage, one of the most popular hosteries at Blowing Rock. He was senior warden of St. James Episcopal Church for many years.

Funeral services were conducted on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at St. James Episcopal Church, Lenoir, and internment was in Belleview Cemetery.

Mr. Martin was a son of the late Leland and Laura Corpening Martin. He is survived by the widow, the former Miss Ida Clarke of Lenoir, one son and one daughter, Harold C. Martin and Mrs. J. R. Todd of Lenoir.

## Bank Resources Show Substantial Increase

Resources of the Northwestern Bank lacked only \$18,000 of reaching the four million dollar mark, the condensed statement of business as of October 2nd and released by officials of the bank at its home office in North Wilkesboro Monday disclosed.

Resources October 2nd totaled \$3,982,079.92, representing an increase of \$219,900.52 over the total of \$3,762,179.40 as of June 30th this year.

The bank was formed as a consolidation of the Deposit and Savings bank, and banks at Boone, Sparta, Bakersville, and branches at Blowing Rock and Burnsville on July 1, 1937. At that time resources were approximately \$2,500,000.

On September 30th this year the bank paid a stock dividend of \$25,000 to stockholders of record September 20th. This represented a 13.88 per cent stock dividend.

Cashier W. D. Farthing, of the Boone bank, when interviewed by the Democrat on Tuesday, stated that when the bank was organized the local institution had \$268,000 in deposits. When the deposits recently reached their peak, he stated, they totaled \$556,000, or more than double the original amount. Mr. Farthing states that increased business has necessitated adding another full-time helper at the bank, and that it has been arranged to have a teller at each of the three banking windows during banking hours, except at noon, to relieve the congestion in the lobbies.

The cashier states that the bank has been forced to close its doors promptly at 2 o'clock in order to balance the books and comply with the Federal wage and hour act. He states that most banks throughout the State have closed at 1 o'clock, but that it is the desire of his institution, with the co-operation of the people, to maintain the present banking hours.

Mr. Farthing states that the bank is still growing rapidly and is optimistic about the business outlook for the future.

## LOCAL BOY TO MIDWEST STOCK JUDGING CONTEST

Bill Bingham, of Cove Creek, who last July became a member of the state livestock judging team, winning one of three places in the competition in Raleigh, in which more than 16,000 F.F.A. boys participated, leaves today for Kansas City, where his team will enter the national livestock judging contests, sponsored by the national Future Farmers of America organization.

Young Mr. Bingham will judge the breeding and market prices of stock as follows: Beef cows, sheep, horses and hogs.

## Harry Hamilton's 4-H Boys Hit Their Stride at Asheville Fat Stock Show; Champion Steer Said to Be Best Ever Shown in South; At State Fair This Week

Harry Hamilton's Watauga county 4-H club boys again took top honors in Asheville's fat stock show last week, claiming the grand champion steer, the reserve champion, and gathering in 31 of the 78 prizes offered in the different competitions.

Two white-faced Hereford steers, owned by John Edmisten and Joe Brown were crowned champion and reserve champion of the show, which was attended by more than 1,000 persons, several hundreds remaining throughout the afternoon to witness the sale of the entries.

With Asheville hotel men participating for the first time in the buying, and with a record number of Asheville market men bidding, prices paid this year soared sharply in comparison with last year's figures, and despite the fact that meat prices generally are lower than a year ago, sale prices on the prize steers ran about \$3 a hundred above the levels of 1938.

A bid of \$25 per hundred for the thousand-pound grand champion owned by John Edmisten of Watauga county was rejected by the owner, who is entering his steer in the state fair at Raleigh, but the reserve champion was auctioned off to the George Vanderbilt hotel on a bid of \$13.50 per hundred. Many bidders were present, including hotel managers, packing house representatives, markets and stockmen.

Prices ranged from the \$18.50 per hundred paid for the reserve champion, down to \$8 for one steer, but only two sales were made below the \$10 mark, which was last year's high mark. For feeder calves prices ranged from \$10.50 down to \$7.

Watauga county steer captured nine of the ten first prizes offered in the show and walked off with five of the ten second prizes and four of the eight third prizes. Haywood county steers took 17 prizes, Buncombe stock captured 12 places and Madison county animals won ten places.

Edmisten's steer was termed by the judges the "best steer ever shown in a southern stock show," and was ranked by L. I. Case, North Carolina agent in animal husbandry for the extension service, as "far superior to anything which has ever been shown at the state fair."

As good as the winner was Brown's steer was ranked close behind by the judges. Edmisten carried off top honors in Class 2, medium weight fat steers, and Brown was awarded first prize in Class 3, heavy weight fat steers. Class 1, lightweight fat steers was awarded to another Watauga county boy, Jimmy Dugger.

Only entry from outside Watauga county able to break into the first prize circle was a steer owned by J. D. Wallin of Madison county, awarded top honors in Class 7, feeder calves.

## Watauga Awards

Following is a list of the awards made to Watauga boys under the different classifications:

Class 7, lightweight fat steers: Jimmy Dugger, first; Russell Hodges, second; Burrell Greene, fourth; Maston Hodges, fifth; Joe Brown, 15th.

Class 2, medium weight fat steers: John Edmisten, first; Council Henson, third; Gene Reese, fourth; Earl and Gilbert Edmisten, sixth; Junior and Billy Henson, 12th.

Class 3, heavyweight fat steer: Brown, first; Asa L. Reese, second; Burrell Greene, third; H. W. Mast, fourth; Gilbert Edmisten, fifth; Frank Mast, sixth; Baker Edmisten, seventh; Earl Edmisten, ninth; Paul Brown, 11th.

Class 4, county groups of five fat steers, made up of animals from Classes 1, 2 and 3: Watauga first.

Class 5, get-of-sire: Watauga county group, sired by bull owned by John Dugger, first.

Class 6, champions: John Edmisten, Watauga, grand champion; Joe Brown, Watauga, reserve champion.

Class 7, feeder calves: Tom Lawrence, second; Horace Edmisten, third; Tom Lawrence, fourth.

Class 8, get-of-sire feeders: Watauga county first.

Class 9, showmanship: Maston Hodges, first.

Special event sponsored by the North Carolina Hereford Breeders' Association: John Edmisten, first; Joe Brown, second, and Asa L. Reese, third.

## On to Raleigh

County Agent Hamilton and his boys are in Raleigh this week, where a number of the animals taken to Asheville will be shown at the state fair, and in view of the remarks of experienced stockmen, it is expected that last year's record of Watauga Holsteins will even be bettered this year at the state exhibition.

## CELEBRATION TO FEATURE OPENING BURLEY MARKET

### Tentative Plans Call For Inauguration of Christmas Shopping Season at the Same Time Warehouse is Officially Opened; Program to Be Arranged

The board of directors of the Boone Merchants Association gathered at the Junior Order hall Tuesday evening, together with officials of the Lions Club and of the Chamber of Commerce, and a committee was appointed to arrange the program details for a celebration marking the opening of the burley tobacco warehouse simultaneously with that of the Christmas shopping season on December 2.

Two members from each of the three organizations constitute the committee on arrangements. The merchants are represented by John Conway and W. H. Cragg; Lions Club committeemen are Wade E. Brown and Dr. Amos Abrams, while R. D. Hodges and Harry Hamilton were appointed from the Chamber of Commerce.

It was tentatively agreed, pending initial action of the committee, to turn on the Christmas lights in the shopping district on December 2, and to hold the celebration commemorating the opening of the burley market at the same time. Quite likely some of the leading figures in the life of the state will speak, and an entertaining program used in conjunction with the features usually associated with the opening of the holiday season.

More detailed information will be available following action of the committee.

## Rev. John I. Rhea Arrives Wednesday

Rev. John I. Rhea of Blountville, Tenn., who has been elected as pastor of the local Presbyterian congregation, will arrive in Boone today (Wednesday) and will preach his first sermon here at the 11 o'clock hour next Sunday morning.

Mr. Rhea, who is recognized as a most able minister, is accompanied by Mrs. Rhea and small daughter, and the home will be established in Cherry Park.

## PROSPECT BRIGHT FOR PRODUCE MART

### Chamber of Commerce Head Says Much Interest Being Shown in New Project.

Mr. Herman Wilcox, president of the Boone Chamber of Commerce, says considerable interest is being shown by farmers and business men alike in the establishment of a local produce market, so that products of the mountain farms could be handily disposed of at the highest market prices. Truckers who visit Boone and often spend days traveling about the county in an effort to secure a load, say they could pay higher prices if the produce could be centrally assembled.

Business men of the town, Mr. Wilcox says, are interested in pushing the proposition, and tentative plans call for refrigeration facilities in connection with the market. It is pointed out that the tobacco market might be used during the summer and fall for this purpose.

Mr. Wilcox asks all interested in the proposition to contact him or some other member of the Chamber of Commerce. A meeting will be held within the next two weeks, when this matter will be more fully discussed.

## Revival Meeting at the Advent Church

Revival meeting at the Advent Christian church will begin next Sunday morning, October 15th. Five ministers will take part in this special effort. The meeting will continue for one week, therefore, it is hoped that the members and friends of the church will start with the very beginning of the meeting and work hard for this short time.

Every member of the church is asked to be present next Sunday, and also all others who would like to attend.

The four ministers who are members of this church will have part in the revival. All are cordially invited to attend the service every night during the week at 7:30.

## NYA CONSTRUCTING GYM AT COVE CREEK SCHOOL

Fifty youths between the ages of 18 and 25, employed by the National Youth administration are at work at Cove Creek high school, building a large modern gymnasium, with Mr. Orville Hagaman as foreman. The youths will receive definite vocational training and at the same time render a public service which is also a major objective of the NYA program.

## Work Started Monday On Burley Warehouse; Will Be Finished In 40 Days

### New Legion Head



Chicago.—Raymond J. Kelly, above, 45-year-old Detroit lawyer, was elected national commander of the American Legion at the recent convention here. Kelly, graduate of Notre Dame and father of six children, is corporation counsel for Detroit.

## STORES TO CLOSE FOR GRID BATTLE

### Brief Holiday Period Will Be Observed Friday Afternoon For Football Tilt

All of the stores of the city are to close Friday afternoon when Western Carolina's football aggregation comes to Boone to engage Coach Flucie Stewart's Appalachian Mountaineers in the second home game of the season, according to an announcement coming from Mrs. Ruby P. Ellis, secretary of the Boone Merchants Association.

Scrimmage session yesterday found the Appalachian team in good shape. Both first and second lineup ran with better timing than they have this season, and decided improvement was noted in play of the forward wall.

The Catamounts rate better than they have in seasons past with a renovated squad and four new coaches. Their eleven is as heavy as the Mountaineer team, with a strong aerial attack promised as the major threat to the Stewartmen.

Incidentally Coach Flucie Stewart, popular football mentor, asks the Democrat to express to the business men of Boone his appreciation for their splendid spirit of co-operation. This attitude, he says, on the part of the local people, is an added incentive to be had to his players.

## NYA GIRLS' WORKSHOP OPENED AT OAK GROVE

Located in the Oak Grove school building in Boone township, a girls' home-making project is being opened for 40 or more youths, sponsored by the State Teachers College and other agencies.

The girls will refinish furniture, do handicrafts of many types, make bed linen and quilts for the county home, uniforms for the Red Cross, etc.

Mrs. Leola Mast of Boone, will supervise the project full time, working two crews, each crew working 80 hours, 10 of which will be related information given by the foreman and other capable people.

## HIGHWAY PATROL PLANNING DRIVE ON COAL TRUCKERS

Asheville, Oct. 9.—Lieut. W. B. Lentz, commanding officer of the state highway patrol in the western section, announced last night that the patrol planned to make a drive against coal truck operators who are operating in this section without having first paid privilege licenses.

The trucks, Lieut. Lentz reported, are bringing coal into North Carolina from West Virginia mines and therefore are subject to the privilege tax.

Weighting stations will be maintained by the patrol at Boone, Mt. Airy, North Wilkesboro and Newland, Lieut. Lentz reported.

## AT BREVARD COLLEGE

Brevard, Oct. 8.—Among the 400 people to register at Brevard College, Brevard, N. C., starting its sixth and most promising year of operation as a junior college under the auspices of the Methodist church, were Alonzo Pearson Glenn and Lillian Marie Parker of Sherwood.

Glenn is the son of Mrs. A. P. Glenn, and Miss Parker is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Parker.

## Erwin-West Construction Company Gets Contract for Erection of Warehouse to Cost \$21,500; Doughton Speaks at Gathering of Stockholders on Monday

Ground was broken Monday for the erection of the Mountain Burley Warehouse, and about twenty five men are now engaged, with the prospect that by the end of the week a crew of 60 or 75 will be rushing the work on the large structure. Erwin-West Construction Company, of Statesville, who are erecting the building at a cost of around \$21,500, say the structure will be ready in forty days.

The building is being erected on the property purchased from Mrs. Mattie Jones and which is located on Queen Street and North Depot Street, near the center of the business district of the town. It is to be a frame structure 120x300 feet with a basement 50x180. The side walls are to be of metal and a built-up roof will be used.

Members of the board of directors state that stock subscriptions are being made enthusiastically, and that the goal has about been reached. All those who have not subscribed to the enterprise should get in touch with some member of the committee, it is said. The directors and others interested in the venture are hopeful that in the next few days a number of the farmers of the county will become stockholders and thus participate in the profits resulting from the operation of the warehouse.

A number of propositions have been made the directors for the lease of the property, but definite action on the matter has been withheld until next Friday. A meeting of the board will be held at that time and most likely a lease will be closed.

**Doughton Speaks**  
At a meeting of the stockholders and prospective stockholders held in the Junior Order hall Monday evening, Congressman R. L. Doughton, who aided materially in securing buyers for the market, spoke of the value of the market to this section of the State, and urged the continued cooperation of the people. Mayor W. R. Lovill, Dr. B. B. Doughterty, W. H. Cragg and S. C. Eggers spoke briefly and numerous stock subscriptions were made at the close of the meeting.

## HOMECOMING DAY PLANS COMPLETED

Plans for homecoming at Appalachian are now complete for October 28, with a varied arrangement featuring the program, according to Mary Williams, executive secretary of the Appalachian Alumni Association.

It is now evident that the day will bring together a larger aggregation than last year, with a portion of the event set aside to welcome students. Aside from the King quartet of bell ringers at 11 o'clock a. m., the football game with King College in the afternoon promises full entertainment.

## 4-H MEMBERS TO SEE FAIR FREE ON FRIDAY

Every day will be 4-H day at the 1939 state fair, to be held in Raleigh October 10-14, says L. R. Harrill, state 4-H club leader, but all 4-H members and their coaches will be admitted free to the grounds on Friday. Harrill is director of the club department of the fair, assisted by Miss Frances MacGregor and H. B. James.

On Friday the 4-H members will engage in seed, livestock and poultry judging contests, and members of the teams will be feted Friday evening at a banquet in the State College dining hall. The 4-H Jersey cattle show will be held Thursday morning, and the 4-H pig show and judging is scheduled Tuesday afternoon. Wednesday the club Guernsey show will be held in the morning and the baby beef show is set for the afternoon.

## FORMER GERMAN ENVOY DIES

Geneva, Oct. 6.—Count Johann Heinrich von Bernstorff, one-time gay German ambassador whose diplomatic assignment in Washington ended with the United States' entry into the World War in 1917, died today of heart disease, a refugee from his own country since the rise of the Hitler regime.

He that cannot forgive others, breaks the bridge over which he himself must pass if he would ever reach heaven; for everyone has need to be forgiven.—Herbert