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MURAL DESIGN IS SELECTED FOR BOONE POSTOFFICE

Alan Tompkins, Noted Artist of Stratford, Conn., Will Execute Work for Local Government Building; Design to Be Exhibited at Corcoran Gallery.

The winner of a contest for a mural design to be placed in the new postoffice in Boone, was announced on Tuesday by Federal Works Administrator John M. Carmody in Washington.

Alan Tompkins, 32-year-old artist of Stratford, Conn., was awarded the local work. He has already executed murals for postoffices in Martinsville and North Manchester, Ind., and for the roof garden of the Columbia University Club in New York City. He has also been a painting instructor at the New York City and Indianapolis, Ind., art schools.

Tompkins' design, which is to be placed on the walls of the Boone federal building in December, will be exhibited to the public for the first time at the Corcoran Art Gallery, Washington, on November 2. It depicts two tobacco farmers at work in a field, alongside a wagon loaded with the leaf. The background shows a series of curing barns.

The competition just closed was the largest ever held in the country, and winning designs were selected by a jury of nationally-known artists. Seventy-four murals for federal buildings throughout the nation were approved.

Rev. Townsend Returns To Local M. E. Church

Rev. Paul Townsend, for the past three years the popular pastor of the Boone Methodist Church, was returned to the local congregation on Monday by Bishop Clara Purcell, at the close of the Western North Carolina Conference in Greensboro. The return of Mr. Townsend meets with the unanimous approval of his congregation, and because of this fact it was not seriously believed that a change would be made.

Rev. J. W. Parkey returns to the Watauga Circuit, which Rev. W. W. Hager goes to the Todd circuit.

Rev. W. A. Stanbury, a native of Boone whose ministerial career has been watched with interest by his friends here, goes to the pastorate of the Central Methodist Church at Asheville.

Rev. J. S. Hiatt is the district superintendent for the Elkin District, in which the Boone church is included.

Halloween Dance To Be Given Saturday

Under the auspices of the Tuesday Night Club, a benefit dance and Halloween carnival will be given at the county office building Saturday evening starting at 8:30 and continuing until 12, the purpose of the event being to raise funds for the hospitalization and other care of certain needy children of the county.

A colored band from North Wilkesboro will produce the syncopation for the dance, refreshments will be served, bridge and setback games will be engaged in and a good time is in prospect for those attending.

The ladies responsible for the carnival bespeak the co-operation of the people in this connection, in order that helpless children may receive the aid to which they are entitled.

\$52,000 Allocated To Caldwell Mutual Corp.

Allotment of a final \$52,000 for the completion of the Caldwell Mutual corporation of Lenoir, was announced Friday by the Rural Electrification administration in Washington.

In addition to completing the project, the funds will be used to defray certain expenses connected with the initial operation of the project which cannot be covered by the construction loan.

The project previously had been allotted \$905,000 to build 780 miles of line to serve 4,202 members in Ashe, Caldwell, Watauga and Alleghany counties in North Carolina and Johnson county in Tennessee, and \$118,400 to finance house wiring and plumbing installation. G. F. Messick is the superintendent of the project.

Sunday Afternoon Meeting Cancelled

The rally which was to have been held at the Baptist church in Boone Sunday afternoon, as a part of the county-wide temperance field day, has been cancelled, according to Rev. M. A. Adams of the United Dry Forces, who is now in the county. Mr. Adams states that other meetings throughout the county will be held just as announced.

Miss Loree O'Daniel spent the week-end with relatives in North Wilkesboro.

Sunday Speaker



Rev. M. A. Adams, field representative of the United Dry Forces of the State, who speaks next Sunday, October 29th, at Henson's Chapel at 10 a. m., and at the Cove Creek Baptist Church at 11, and Oak Grove Baptist Church at 7:30 p. m. Mr. Adams is now in the county arranging for the annual temperance field day Sunday. At that time various speakers will deliver temperance addresses at the churches throughout the county.

POT OF GOLD EVENT STARTS NEXT WEEK

Local Merchants Complete Plans for Unique Contest Among Shoppers in City.

Plans are virtually complete for the Pot of Gold Campaign being conducted by the Boone Merchants Association, and which will result in the distribution of prizes of \$25 each Saturday afternoon for a period of several weeks, or, at any rate, until further notice.

The first twenty-five dollars will be awarded Saturday afternoon, November 4, at the Shell Cafe corner, and on each subsequent Saturday afternoon until further notice. Awards are made on the basis of trade tickets which are to be distributed throughout next week with sales in the stores of the participating members, and an advertisement in The Democrat today gives the details of the event.

Officials of the local retail organization point out that in the past the people of the county have been so generous in their response to appeals for patronage during special sales events that it was decided to conduct this novel contest in lieu of a community sale at this time. However, it is pointed out, individual merchants will have special prices on their merchandise during the Pot of Gold Campaign and extend a special invitation to their patrons at this time.

RECREATION UNIT NOW IN CITY HALL

WPA Center in Newly-Renovated Quarters; Evening Social Activities Announced.

The WPA Recreation Center, which was formerly located on the college campus, has moved to the second floor of the City Hall. The large room has been completely renovated, including a rear entrance and a fresh paint job.

The center will offer such activities as weaving, woodwork, marionette-making, clay modeling and mask making; ping pong, dart baseball, checkers, and other indoor games.

A special feature of the reorganized program will be evening social activities. The center will be open each week night for bridge and setback parties, community night programs and game tournaments.

Mildred Elkins, county supervisor of the recreation projects, wishes to urge all age groups to take advantage of this opportunity to participate in wholesome recreational activities.

A grand opening date is being planned, at which time the public will be cordially invited to visit the new recreational center. Watch for the date.

Jim Thomas Dies at Home in Kansas

James Thomas, former citizen of Watauga County who resided near Trade, Tenn., died suddenly at his home in Hutchinson, Kansas, last week, according to information received by relatives here. No details concerning his death or the funeral arrangements were contained in the message.

FIVE THOUSAND ARE EXPECTED TO VISIT AT A. S. T. C.

Plans Almost Completed for Annual Homecoming Event at Appalachian College; Mountaineers to Engage King College Football Squad.

Near five thousand former graduates and friends of the local educational institution are expected to gather here for Appalachian State Teachers College Homecoming Day celebration, Saturday, October 28.

The program will open Friday evening at 6:30 with a pep meeting and bonfire in a spirit-building rally for the occasion next day. Following at 8:30, the Appalachian Play-crafters will present an amusing comedy, "Nellie Was a Lady."

The Saturday morning session will feature the King Ambassador Quartet and Bell Ringers, famous musical organization, which will present a repertoire of Grand Opera, light opera and humorous songs.

Various organizations on the campus have joined in preparing competitive welcoming projects. Foremost in this line is the arrangement of a barometer to record the attendance.

Cosch Flucie Stewart's hard-hitting Mountaineer football team will feature the day's events against the King College eleven on the local gridiron, beginning at 2 p. m. The homecoming program will be completed with a banquet in the college cafeteria Saturday night at 7:30.

MERCHANTS ASKED TO DECORATE THEIR WINDOWS

Mr. Clyde R. Greene, president of the Merchants Association, suggests that the members co-operate in decorating their windows for Homecoming Day and sounding a note of welcome to the visiting throngs.

"The business interests of the town will go their full length this year in extending welcome to visitors and making them feel at home in the community when they leave the college campus."

Improvements Being Made At Hardware

The Farmers Hardware and Supply Company has let a contract to the Hibbard, Spencer, Bartlett Company of Chicago, for the complete re-finishing and re-arranging of the store rooms, and Mr. J. T. Lewis started the work Monday morning.

The shelving is being rebuilt, new display tables are to be installed, the walls are to be redecorated, and the store departmentalized. When the work is finished the store will be thoroughly modern, and will be appointed in line with the newest thought in mercantile arrangement. About three weeks will be required to finish the work.

Mrs. Hugh Hagaman Dies In Virginia

Mrs. Hugh Hagaman, aged 67 years, mother of Dr. J. B. Hagaman of this city, died at the home in Lynchburg, Va., last Wednesday. Funeral services were conducted from the late residence and burial was at Victoria.

Surviving are four sons: Dr. J. B. Hagaman, Boone; Harley Hagaman, Staunton, Va.; Robert Hagaman, Victoria, Va. One brother also survives, Mr. Ed Martin, Wellsville, Va.

Mrs. Hagaman was the former Laura Jane Martin, daughter of the late D. Y. and Mrs. Martin of Ashe county, and the widow of Hugh Hagaman, who had a wide connection in this county. The family had resided in Virginia for many years, but Mrs. Hagaman had many friends in this section, where she had visited at the home of Dr. Hagaman on different occasions.

TATER HILL LAKE IS BEING BUILT

First Steps in Huge Development on Scenic Mountain Is Being Made. Lake Contract Let.

A contract for the construction of a lake covering from five to seven acres of land on the Tater Hill property has been let by S. C. Eggers, local realtor, to the Perry M. Alexander Construction Company of Asheville, and a crew of men started Monday clearing away the timber and underbrush from the lakesite. A steam shovel will be moved to the property the latter part of the week and will start moving the necessary dirt the first of next week.

Mr. Eggers, who is in charge of what will eventually be one of this section's largest tourist developments, states that during the winter some camp cottages will be erected, and that the first step in the development will cost about \$25,000.

The steam shovel, while on the property, will grade a road leading from the highway of standard width, and bridge trails have already been laid out covering about six miles on the mountain.

TO SPEAK AT TEMPERANCE RALLY



Hon. L. A. Martin of Lexington, who comes here next Sunday, October 29, to assist in the field day for the United Dry Forces. He will speak at the Boone Baptist Church at 11 a. m. and at the Blowing Rock Baptist Church at 7:30 p. m.

Mr. Martin is an able lawyer and is a member and Deacon of the First Baptist Church of Lexington. He has served as a Sunday School teacher for thirty years and is now teacher of the Men's Bible Class of his city. He was educated at Oak Ridge Institute and the University of North Carolina. He is chairman of the city board of Lexington, and was the leader of the dry forces in the 1937 Senate. He has served in five sessions of the State Legislature and is an able speaker. He was a member of the House in 1927, State Senate in 1928 and 1937, and has served in two extra sessions of the Legislature.

He will have the latest information on the temperance situation in this State and in the Nation. You are urged to hear his important messages Sunday.

PORTER BEACH IS DEAD AT AGE 81

Well-Known Resident of Cove Creek Township Succumbs to Week's Illness.

Willard Porter Beach, aged 81 years, an admirable citizen of Cove Creek Township, died at the home early Monday morning from an illness which had been considered serious for only about a week. Uremia was given as the immediate cause of his demise.

Funeral services were conducted from Henson's Chapel Methodist Church on Tuesday morning. Rev. J. W. Parker being in charge, and interment followed in the nearby cemetery. Active pallbearers included nephews of the deceased.

Survivors include three sons and one daughter: Charles and Bradford Beach of Cove Creek; John Beach of Clinchcave, Va.; Mrs. Jason Miller of Meat Camp Township. Mrs. Beach, the former Miss Elizabeth Henson, died eleven years ago.

Mr. Beach, who was reared in Watauga County, was a citizen of the very finest qualities and was held in the highest regard by all of his acquaintances. For 69 years he had been a member of Henson's Chapel Church, and always manifested great concern over the religious life of his community. He was a farmer by occupation.

Burley Growers To Have Grading School

Burley tobacco grading demonstrations are to be held in Watauga on October 31, 1 to 4 o'clock, at the L. A. Henson farm, Vilas; and on November 1, 9 to 12 o'clock, at Niley Church's, Mabel.

Mr. W. P. Hedrick of the state department of agriculture; W. S. Covert of the U. S. department of agriculture, and Mr. L. T. Weeks, extension tobacco specialist of Raleigh, will be in the county and assist with the demonstrations.

A CORRECTION

Information coming from Patterson's Flowers, Shelby, N. C., indicates that a story carried in The Democrat last week concerning the loss of hydrangeas in a recent freeze at the Boone growing plant, was erroneous, and we are glad to state that more than half of the plants had been stored at Shelby and a large number of the plants on the ground are still good. The firm will fill orders for these plants just as formerly.

Whatever of misinformation was published in this connection is regretted.

MARKET, STORAGE PLANT LIKELY TO BE ERECTED SOON

Meeting of Chamber of Commerce Tuesday Evening Centers About Possibility of Creating Market and Refrigeration Facilities for Section.

About forty business men of the city and visitors attended the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday evening, when the proposition of the establishment of a produce market and refrigeration plant here, came in for the most of the discussion.

Mr. C. W. Sheffield, marketing specialist with the state department of agriculture, was present and discussed the advantages to be derived from the newest civic venture. While refrigeration facilities are in use over eastern North Carolina, he said, this is the first attempt in this section to use the facilities of the REA in connection with the refrigeration.

Mr. G. F. Messick of the Caldwell Mutual Corporation, and one of the directors of the corporation, Mr. Price of Ashe county, were present and the former described the liberal terms under which REA funds might be available for the refrigeration plant. Mr. Messick explained that if 200 people could be interested in the use of the plant, the REA would build and supervise a refrigeration unit here, costing from \$25,000 to \$50,000, Wednesday morning a number of subscribers to the venture had already been secured and it is thought likely the 200 will have indicated their willingness to co-operate within the next few days. Under the plan, meats, vegetables, eggs, etc., could be stored during the summer and removed at will, and the advantages thus accruing to the farmers are obviously great.

R. D. Hodges was named chairman of a committee to carry on the solicitation of membership, the other members of the group being Wade F. Brown, Harry Hamilton, C. M. Watson, Clyde Perry, L. A. Henson and W. M. Thonia.

Mr. Christenbury, the county agent for Ashe, was also present. Near the close of the meeting a committee was appointed to go to Low Gap today to confer with Congressman Doughton, Highway Commissioner Hackett and others, relative to getting work under way on the construction of the Laurel Creek highway. Information is that Tennessee has failed to make arrangements to meet North Carolina builders at the state line, and it is now thought special federal legislation may be secured which would result in the construction of the road, regardless of the former handicap.

Local Red Cross Leaders Gather at Appalachian

The executive committee of the Watauga County Chapter of the American Red Cross held its regular annual meeting on October 18, at the Administration Building of A. S. T. C.

Mrs. J. H. Council, chairman, presided. The treasurer's report was submitted by Miss Bernice Gragg, Dr. J. D. Rankin, vice-chairman, and the following committee chairmen were present: Home Service, A. J. Greene; First Aid, Eugene Garbee; Life Saving, Mrs. W. M. Matheson; Junior Red Cross, Miss Maude Cathcart.

The following Roll Call chairmen were appointed: Mrs. Herman Eggers, Boone; Miss Constance Shoun, Cove Creek; Mrs. Wade Wagner, Valle Crucis; Mrs. H. C. Hayes, Blowing Rock; and Mrs. Dale Norris, Beaver Dam.

It was decided to continue the distribution of yeast to pellagra patients in the county, to furnish first aid supplies to all schools having a teacher who has had Red Cross first aid training, and to assist the County Welfare Office with its nutrition program.

Mrs. Martha Hodges, 81, Passes on Sunday

Mrs. Martha Hodges, 81 years old, life-long resident of Meat Camp Township, died at her home in the Sands neighborhood Sunday, from a long illness. Mrs. Hodges had been an invalid for the past several years.

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon from the Meat Camp Baptist Church by Rev. W. C. Payne, and interment was in the Gragg Cemetery near the old home. Dr. F. E. Warman and Rev. Tipton Greene also participated in the rites.

Mrs. Hodges, whose husband, L. P. Hodges, died 45 years ago, is survived by two sons, Mr. Charles G. Hodges, of Boone R. F. D. 2, and Dr. J. E. Hodges of Maiden.

Mrs. Hodges was before marriage Miss Martha Miller, daughter of the late Jonathan and Mrs. Miller, and was born and reared in Watauga County. Throughout most of her adult life she was a member of the Meat Camp Baptist Church. She had many friends in this county, who will share the sorrow occasioned by her death.

TOBACCO HOUSE TO BE FINISHED SOON

With Continued Fair Weather Warehouse May Be Finished by End of Next Week

Work on the construction of the Mountain Burley Warehouse is being pushed during the splendid autumn weather. Wednesday morning a large portion of the roof structure had been erected and by the end of the week it is thought likely the building will be ready for the roofers. Barring the interference of rain or hindrance in the delivery of materials the warehouse should be almost if not entirely completed by the end of next week.

From fifty to seventy-five men have been employed as carpenters on the huge frame structure and Mr. Niley Cook, who is furnishing the half million feet of lumber, has had trucks busy delivering the timber to the site.

Tobacco companies who are to furnish buyers for the new market will be notified when the building is ready, and sales are to open on December 6.

BLOWING ROCK MAN IS KILLED IN CRASH

Grant Baldwin Dies from Injuries Sustained When Car Hits Bus at Ashford, N. C.

Grant Baldwin, 30, of the Blowing Rock section of Watauga, is dead, and several other persons of the Hickory area are in a Marion, N. C. hospital with injuries, as the result of an automobile-bus collision near Marion.

The crash occurred at Ashford, 16 miles from Marion, early Saturday night.

Baldwin was a passenger in an automobile with Eubert Teague, his sister Miss Dorothy Teague, and their two younger sisters. All of the Teagues were taken to Marion General Hospital. Miss Dorothy Teague's condition was considered serious yesterday.

Tate Kincaid, of Morganton, one of several passengers on the bus, was also taken to the hospital for treatment of fractured ribs and internal injuries. Investigators said Clifton McCoy, 22 was driving the bus.

ATTENDS RED CROSS MEET
Mrs. James H. Council, chairman of Watauga Chapter, American Red Cross, was in Winston-Salem Tuesday, where she attended a meeting of State Red Cross leaders at the Robert E. Lee Hotel.