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AREA TO GET MORE VALUED PUBLICITY

Chamber of Commerce to Meet With Blowing Rock Group to Consider Publicity

Mr. J. H. Quattlebaum, traffic manager of the Queen City Coach Company, informs Mr. Herman Wilcox, president of the Boone Chamber of Commerce, that he will be able to secure stories and pictures of this section in the National Trailways Magazine, a publication of the National Trailways Motor System, perhaps the second largest motor operator in the nation. Mr. Wilcox also believes he will be able to secure space in the Russell Motor Coach Guide, a guide used by all bus terminals as well as most leading hotels in the United States and Canada.

With the further hope of securing publicity again in the Highway Traveler, Mr. Wilcox has arranged a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce at the Watauga Hotel Friday evening at 7:30 for dinner, and has asked the directors of the Blowing Rock Chamber of Commerce to meet with the local group. Mr. Wilcox says:

"We wish for the people of Blowing Rock to co-operate with us in preparing these stories for the publications mentioned. We feel that what is good for Blowing Rock is good for Boone, and the Chamber of Commerce here is anxious for the two towns to work together on all matters of this kind. We are glad to have them meet with us and wish to assure them of our continued co-operation at all times.

"It is earnestly requested that all business people and others make their plans to attend this meeting."

REPORT MADE OF XMAS SEAL SALES

Mrs. Moose Says Unusually Five Response in Offering of Tuberculosis Stickers

Due to the severe weather since the holidays, Mrs. G. K. Moose, chairman for the sale of the anti-tuberculosis Christmas seals, is just now making her complete report, and states that the people have responded in an unusually generous way to her appeal for funds with which to combat tuberculosis. \$131.21 having been received from the campaign.

The Boone demonstration school heads the list in volume of sales, having disposed of \$36.25 worth of the stickers. Other sales follow:

Boone high school	\$12.47
Cove Creek school	18.18
Valle Crucis	10.00
Blowing Rock	12.36
Town of Boone	20.96
Bethel school	8.00
Deep Gap	4.39
Appalachian College	3.38
Miss Elizabeth Taylor	1.00

Winter Sports Are Enjoyed at Blowing Rock

Blowing Rock, Jan. 29—Old Man Winter's assault on comfort and convenience has in many cases proved costly and inopportune, but in this mountain hamlet the snow, ice and sub-zero weather proved, in one way, to be a pleasure and a valuable asset which may not be as frozen as the temperature has indicated.

The citizenry of Blowing Rock has turned out these past few days to make a silver lining where there had been only dark clouds before, and shovels, scrapes, fire hose, and hundreds of pounds of man-power have been brought into action to make a municipal skating rink, a sliding hill, and a ski field. Every afternoon the men and boys of the town were seen clearing and smoothing the ice, and packing the snow on the sled runs so that they, and visitors from all over the state, might enjoy the same fun that usually has been associated with Lake Placid, New York, Switzerland, and other winter spots.

Reservations were made at the local inns for the past week-end, and a large crowd of sledders, skaters and skiers were guests of the Blowing Rock Sports Club, recently organized to sponsor winter sports as well as the summer games for which this town has long been famous. This club expects to co-operate with winter sports devotees throughout the Carolinas, and to sponsor these gala activities throughout the winter months. It may not be idle talk when the Blowing Rockers say:

"Why go north to Lake Placid when you can stay south an enjoy real winter sports?"

The first head of the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis was Franklin Buchanan in 1845.

The office of postmaster-general was not considered a cabinet office until 1829.

Faith, Hope, Charity and One Unnamed Boy



Jasper, Ala.—Each of the Short quadruplets, born to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Short near here on Jan. 15, wear a little cap as they lie in bed at the local hospital. Left to right they are the boy, so far unnamed, and three girls, Faith, Hope and Charity.

Doughton Reconsiders; To Again Seek Nomination

LOCAL RED CROSS GETS CITATION

Local Chapter Singled Out For Distinguished Achievement Roll Call Drive

Mrs. James H. Council, chairman of Watauga Chapter, American Red Cross, has been notified by the Washington authorities that her organization has been awarded an honor certificate for distinguished achievement in the twenty-third roll call campaign. The letter notifying Mrs. Council of the award follows:

"My dear Mrs. Council:

"An honor certificate for distinguished achievement in the 23rd roll call has been awarded your chapter, and will be mailed to you under separate cover.

"I know you will be interested to learn that reports to date indicate our membership this year will be the highest in 19 years, exceeding the seven million mark. I wish to congratulate your chapter upon enlisting such fine public support.

"Please express our sincere appreciation to the roll call chairman and to the members of his committee for their efforts in making your 23rd roll call such an outstanding success.

Very sincerely yours,
"RICHARD F. ALLEN,
Manager, Eastern Area."

HARDYS PLEASED WITH BURLEY SALE

Market Closed Friday With Sale Slightly Less Than Two Million Pounds

Boone's Mountain Burley Warehouse closed last Friday and Hardy Brothers, operators of the market, expressed themselves as being highly pleased with the first year's sales. Before they left town they signed a new lease on the warehouse property, and took additional option for four years.

The total sales for the first season were 1,969,000 pounds.

It is authoritatively stated that a second warehouse will be constructed by the opening of the 1940 season and that the second house will be conducted under the same management.

ASKS RELIEF FOR WAR SUFFERERS

Local Red Cross Chapter Co-operating in Furnishing Clothing for War Torn Areas

Mrs. James H. Council, chairman of Watauga Chapter, American Red Cross, states that there is a growing demand for clothing for the civilian population of the warring nations of Europe, and asks for the continued co-operation of the people in donations of materials or cash to be used in this work.

Mrs. Council states that the National Youth Administration in the county has already knit 24 sweaters and made twelve heavy dresses for this relief work, and that 24 more sweaters are being knit by members of this organization. The NYA will make the garments, but the Red Cross is the only avenue through which the materials may be secured.

Any contributions of materials or cash to be used for the relief of people in the devastated regions will be greatly appreciated by Mrs. Council and her entire organization.

DR. DOUGHERTY MEMBER OF DELEGATION URGING DOUGHTON TO MAKE RACE

Washington, Jan. 26—A statement is expected to come from Representative Robert L. Doughton of the ninth North Carolina district tomorrow afternoon announcing that he will run for renomination in the primary May 25.

This was indicated after a delegation of some 15 from all counties in his district conferred with him during most of today. Mr. Doughton announced he will issue a statement (Continued on page eight.)

REALTY IS MOVING AT BLOWING ROCK

Mrs. Cameron Morrison Buys Valuable Property; Prevette Predicts Banner Season

Mr. C. S. Prevette, leading realtor of Blowing Rock, tells The Democrat of recently having sold to former Senator and Mrs. Cameron Morrison of Charlotte, the W. P. Bickett property in Mayview Park, the consideration having been \$24,000. The Morrisons had rented the estate during the 1939 season, and when they acquired it it was in turn given to their daughter, Mrs. James J. Harris.

Mr. Prevette also reports the sale of the Ed Hollifield property on Boone's Fork to Julian Price, Greensboro insurance official. The 62 acres brought \$2,100, and adjoins the boundary bought by Mr. Price some time ago.

Mr. Prevette says an unusual number of inquiries for property are coming to him already and predicts that the 1940 season at the Rock will be the best for many years. He bases his prediction on the fact that the Blue Ridge Parkway will be officially opened for travel from Deep Gap north in April, and that the national publicity given this thoroughfare will draw thousands of people. The war in Europe, it is also believed, will continue to prevent Americans traveling abroad, and they will in turn go to Blowing Rock and other mountain resorts.

MANY TO ATTEND PRESIDENT'S BALL

March of Dimes Campaign Being Carried On in Connection With Benefit Dance

A large number of people from Watauga and surrounding counties are expected to gather in Boone Friday evening for the President's Birthday Ball, which Chairman Pat McGuire and his committees believe will be one of the most successful events of the kind thus far promulgated.

The ball is to be held in the tobacco warehouse addition near the depot and Mr. McGuire states that regardless of the weather conditions the house will be entirely comfortable. The dancing is to start at 9:30 o'clock and the music will be by Hess' orchestra of Freze, Va., one of the best known musical organizations in this section.

Proceeds from the ball will be used for the prevention and cure of infantile paralysis, one-half of the money to be spent here and the remainder to go to the national foundation. At the same time the march of dimes campaign is progressing, and convenient receptacles are placed throughout the town for the benefit of the people who desire to aid the crippled children and prevent the spread of the malady. A picture show is being sponsored for the march of dimes fund and publicity concerning this is being issued today.

Rev. John Keller Succumbs Monday

Rev. John Keller died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. A. B. Harmon of Sugar Grove on January 22, where he had lived since October 11, 1938. He was born and reared in Watauga county, at Stony Fork near the Wilkes county line. When a young man he moved to Beech Creek where he married Sarah S. Harmon, and lived there until 1919 when he moved to near Somerset, Ky., where he resided until October, 1938, when on account of ill health he moved to the home of his daughter, Mrs. A. B. Harmon, where he remained until his death. He was a member of Zion Hill Baptist church, and was ordained as a minister before moving to Kentucky. There he united with the Eden Baptist church and remained a faithful member until death.

He is survived by his wife, Sarah Keller of Sugar Grove, and 11 children: Mrs. A. B. Harmon, Sugar Grove; Julius Keller, Beech Creek; Carroll Keller, Science Hill, Ky.; Mrs. Eb Pritchard, Eubank, Ky.; Mrs. Shelt Yaden and Calvin Keller of Bobtown, Ky.; Mrs. Lewis Claunch, Dabney, Ky.; Mrs. Raymond Parsons, Mrs. Etta Greene, Mrs. Bill McKinney and Roscoe Keller of Akron, Ohio. Also three brothers and three sisters survive, W. R. Keller, Waynesburg, Ky.; Calvin Keller, Mrs. Tillet Combs and Mrs. Lark Keller of Elizabethton, Tenn.; Mrs. S. M. Presnell, Elk Park, and Millard Keller of West Virginia.

On account of severe cold weather the funeral was postponed until a later date. Interment was in the Zion Hill cemetery on January 24.

Thomas Pinkney was the first ambassador from the United States to Great Britain.

The first recorded abdication of a sovereign was Sylla, the Roman dictator, in 79 B. C.

To Preach Here



Bishop Clare Purcell of the Methodist church, one of the leading figures of the denomination, who will preach at the Boone Methodist church on Sunday, February 4, at the 11 o'clock hour. Tentative plans indicate that the Bishop will speak to Appalachian College students at the 10 o'clock chapel hour next Saturday.

MANY TO ATTEND LINCOLN DINNER

Score of Watauga Republicans Plan to Attend Partisan Event; Taft to Speak

Twenty or more Watauga county Republicans are expected to go to Greensboro on February 12, at which time the annual Lincoln Day dinner is to be held at the King Cotton hotel, and Russell D. Hodges asks that those considering making the trip advise him at once so that reservations may be made, in view of the fact that a record attendance of near 2,000 is expected.

Senator Robert A. Taft of Ohio, son of the former President, and who is prominently mentioned as a Republican presidential possibility, will be the dinner speaker. Senator Taft is a gifted platform figure, and since this is his first appearance before a North Carolina audience, an unusually large crowd is expected to hear him.

On Sunday afternoon the Young Republican organization will meet at the King Cotton hotel and name a new slate of officers. Monday afternoon the Republican state executive committee will set the time and place for the state convention.

COLD WEATHER IS RELENTING HERE

Week Brings Slightly Rising Temperatures But No Appreciable Thaw in Prospect

Slowly rising temperatures thus far this week have led local residents to the belief that maybe the longest period of extreme cold known here for many years is definitely broken.

Monday was slightly warmer and today very slight thawing may be noted in places. Nothing, however, in the way of a general thaw is in prospect. The warmer weather comes on the heels of a two weeks period when the mercury hovered around and below the zero mark each evening, weather having been consistently cold since Christmas.

A large number of water pipes around the town are frozen in the ground, and some of the more ambitious householders have been able to uncover the feeders with sharpened picks, but the work is extremely difficult. The streets are in good condition and much of the snow has been hauled away from the principal business district.

To Speak On Politics And the WPA Program

Mr. C. M. Crutchfield, area chief engineer for the WPA, gives out the following announcement:

"On Saturday evening, February 3, from 10:15 to 10:30, EST. Howard O. Hunter, deputy commissioner of the Works Progress Administration, will make a nation-wide radio talk on the subject, 'Politics and the WPA.' His address will be carried by the following CBS North Carolina stations: WBT Charlotte, WBIG Greensboro, WDNC Durham, WSJS Winston-Salem, and WWNC Asheville."

ALL TYPES OF ACCIDENTS KILLED 93,000 DURING YEAR

Springfield, Mass., Jan. 30.—W. H. Cameron, managing director of the National Safety Council, announced today that 93,000 persons were killed in the United States during 1939 in all types of accidents.

Cameron, here to address a local safety organization, said 330,000 others were permanently disabled and that 8,500,000 suffered temporary disabling injuries.

RITE HELD FOR SECOND VICTIM AUTO ACCIDENT

Grady Eller Dies Late Wednesday From Injuries Received in Crash, Which Also Took Life of Conley Greene; Funeral is Held Friday

Funeral services were held last Friday for Grady Eller, 26-year-old resident of Beaver Dam township, at the Forest Grove Baptist church, Rev. J. C. Canipe, Boone Baptist divine, being in charge of the rites. Interment was in the churchyard cemetery.

Mr. Eller died late last Wednesday from the effects of spinal and other injuries which were sustained in the automobile accident which took the life of Conley Greene the day before. The automobile in which they and a daughter of Mr. Greene, were riding, slipped from a snow-banked highway at George's Gap and rolled about a hundred feet before coming to a stop. Mr. Greene was killed outright and Mr. Eller rushed in an unconscious condition to the Watauga hospital, Miss Carrie Greene, the third occupant of the car, was only slightly injured.

Mr. Eller was a farmer and conducted a mercantile establishment near Bethel school. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Eller, who survive, together with the widow, the former Miss Lena Kate Ward. Five brothers and five sisters survive: Don, Willard, Oscar, William and Newton Eller, all of Watauga county; Mrs. Joe Blackburn, Mountain City, Tenn.; Mrs. Gray Hartley and Mrs. Dean Wineberger, Boone; Misses Carrie and Arne Mae Eller of Sugar Grove.

MERCHANTS PLAN ANNUAL BANQUET

Evening of February 9 to Be Given Over to Fun and Frivolity, Sav Retailers

The annual ladies' night and employees' banquet will be given by the Boone Merchants Association Friday evening, February 9th, it was stated by Mrs. Ruby P. Ellis, secretary of the local retailers' organization, who states that there may be as many as 100 around the banquet board.

Present plans call for the elimination of speech-making on this occasion, no business matters will be discussed, and an evening of fun will be engaged in. Music will be provided and stunts engaged in. Mrs. Ellis would like for all business people to make their reservations quickly so that the dinner may be arranged.

Will Sponsor Show for March of Dimes Drive

The county committee for Foundation of Infantile Paralysis has arranged with Mr. C. H. Trotter, manager of the Appalachian Theatre, to sponsor the picture "Geronimo" to be shown Wednesday, February 7. "Geronimo" is one of the newest and best pictures to be released by Paramount. The cast includes Preston Foster, Ellen Drew, Andy Devine, Ralph Morgan, Monte Blue and hundreds of others. See this breath-taking picture with its sweeping spectacle, heart-moving romance in the true story of the west's last great Indian war, the fight to halt the ruthless plundering and killing Geronimo, Apache avenger. Not only will you enjoy the show, but it will give you a chance to help fight the dreaded disease of infantile paralysis as proceeds from the tickets sold by 11 o'clock Wednesday morning will go to the March of Dimes campaign.

The following will sell tickets: Jewell Hagaman, Mrs. Rob Rivers, Mrs. Alice Robbins, Mrs. Edgar Cooke, Mrs. Bill Rush, Mrs. Vaught Mast, Miss June Russell, Mrs. W. F. Miller, Jr., Mrs. H. M. Hamilton, Mrs. Gordon Nash, Mrs. Bill Casey, Pauline McGhee, Bernice Gragg, Marguerite Miller, Constance Shoun, Vanda Wicker, Earl Payne, Gladys Taylor and Wilma Baird. If they don't see you, make it a point to see them and get your tickets before 11 o'clock Wednesday, Feb. 7. Don't miss "Geronimo."

Mrs. Emma Matheson Dies At Forest Grove

Mrs. Emma Matheson, aged 75 years, died Saturday evening at her home at Forest Grove, after a long illness.

Funeral services were conducted Monday from the Forest Grove Baptist church, the pastor, Rev. R. C. Eggers being assisted in the rites by Rev. Ed Farthing, and interment was in the Story cemetery.

Deceased, who was the wife of J. M. Matheson and a daughter of the late Richard Isaacs, is survived by several sons and daughters.