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AHSA BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT IS FEATURE OF WEEK

Ashe, Avery and Watauga Counties Represented in Fifth Annual Contest; Thirty Teams Will Compete

Beginning this (Wednesday) afternoon at one o'clock in the college gymnasium the annual Appalachian High School Association basketball tournament will get under way, with the prospect that greater interest will be shown by the public in the competitions than in any former event of the kind. The contest continues for four days, the finals being Saturday evening.

There will be eight boys' games the first day, beginning at one and continuing until eight o'clock. On Thursday there will be six, Friday the semi-finals, and the finals Saturday night. This same schedule will also be observed by the sixteen girls' teams, with their games being played in the girls' gym and the boys' games in the boys' gym. All told, there will be thirty games played during the process of elimination.

There will be representatives from the sixteen high schools of Ashe, Watauga and Avery counties attending the tourney. This is the fifth year for the event which grows larger and more efficiently planned each year. At the present time no definite pairings have been made for the first round of play.

As has been the practice in past tournaments all officials will be selected from the student body. Appalachian students have been calling all high school games scheduled in the above mentioned counties during the past season. Those officials selected for the tourney are: Girls—Alice Karr Hendrix, Margaret Greene and Elsie Lee Brake; boys—Francis Hoover, Andre Nadeau and Garnette Clark. These will alternate, with two refereeing each game.

As in the past campus students will be admitted to the games on their athletic tickets. Last year boys were admitted all nights with the girls attending the semi-final and final games. No announcement has been made by the administration yet but it is supposed that the same procedure will be followed this year.

During the halves of the night games of the tourney, demonstrations will be given by students of the physical education department.

Mrs. Simpson Gets NYA Appointment

Mrs. Clara P. Simpson, NYA supervisor for Watauga county, has received notification from State Administrator John A. Lang, that she was an appointee of the National Youth Administration and had been placed on annual salary, under benefits accruing to regular governmental employees. Mrs. Simpson has also been given a full-time assistant for the NYA office, in addition to the present office helpers. Miss Doris Walker of Boone, has been named assistant.

Information has been received to the effect that over a thousand dollars worth of furnishings for the girls' work shops will be shipped soon. Electric and oil cook stoves, refrigerators, dining room sets, chairs, rugs, etc. are included.

About 300 youths are in training throughout the county on various training programs, sponsored by the board of education, State Teachers College, Red Cross, Lions Club, Masons, Parent-Teacher Associations and other organizations.

Members Board of Elections Named

Recommendations to the state board of elections for the members of the Watauga county board have been forwarded to Raleigh. Democratic County Chairman E. B. Mast has recommended the appointment of Grady Greer and J. C. McConnell as the Democratic members, while T. E. Bingham, Republican county chairman, has submitted the names of Russell D. Hodges, J. E. Holshouser and Thos. Miller. One Republican member will be appointed from the three names.

TO INCOME TAXPAYERS

Mr. Joe Sink, deputy commissioner of revenue, will be in the office of the clerk of the superior court of Watauga county on February 29 and on March 7, for the purpose of assisting taxpayers in filing their state income tax returns. There is no charge for this service and those required to file returns are urged to see Mr. Sink on one of these days.

Elected President



Paris, France.—Ignace Jan Paderewski, world famous pianist, who was unanimously elected president of Poland's national council—the parliament of the Polish government-in-exile—here recently is shown with Wladyslaw Ratakwicz (left). It is Paderewski's first return to politics since he resigned as premier of Poland in 1919.

SPORTSMEN WILL MEET ON MARCH 2

Ways and Means of Preserving Wild Game to Be Discussed at Meeting Here

On next Saturday night, March 2, at 7:30 o'clock, sportsmen of the town and county are asked to gather at the Junior hall in Boone for the purpose of discussing the present condition of mountain game and to devise ways and means of preserving it.

Many reports have been circulated to the effect that during the long cold winter, nearly all the quail have frozen or starved, and it is felt that unless something is done to replenish them, the number for the coming year is bound to be small.

Among the things that are spoken of for discussion at the meeting are the following:

1. Ask for a number of pairs of quail to be liberated in the county, and that hunting seasons for all game birds open and close at the same time.
 2. To agree not to hunt out of season.
 3. To agree not to take more than the bag limit.
 4. Counsel together on the advisability of forming a game club.
- With these and other subjects to come up for discussion, it is hoped that all the sportsmen of the town and county will attend the meeting Saturday evening.

Appalachian Wins North State Title

Win Tuesday Night Over Elon is 12th Straight for Mountaineers; To Enter National Cage Tourney

Appalachian State Teachers College clinched the North State conference basketball title here Tuesday night by defeating Elon, 60 to 41.

The Mountaineers won 12 consecutive victories in the loop this season. Elon won 10 and lost three.

Coach Flucie Stewart's lads took an early 10-point lead and stayed that far ahead until the last few minutes when they spurred again.

Appalachian will represent the Carolinas at the national intercollegiate tournament at Kansas City March 11-16. Next Monday night the Mountaineers play the New York Celtics at Asheville.

95 Boys Enrolled in 4-H Clubs of County

There are 95 boys enrolled in seven 4-H Clubs in Watauga county. These 4-H Clubs are located in the following communities: Deep Gap, Rutherford, Green Valley, Valle Crucis, Cove Creek, Mabel and Bethel.

Most of these boys have selected their projects and are busy at work on trying to make a good 4-H Club record.

The different projects that are being carried by these boys are: Corn, tobacco, cabbage, potatoes, beans, garden, poultry, pig, baby beef and sheep.

The 4-H Club boys and girls hold joint meetings once a month at which time programs are given and projects discussed.

INTERESTING PROGRAM TO BE GIVEN AT MABEL SCHOOL

There will be a program at Mabel school on Friday night, March 1st, at 7:30 o'clock, consisting of a womanless wedding, a negro play with added features of jokes, singing, etc., to which the public is invited.

This program is given by local talent and the proceeds are to be used for books and materials for the school library. Admission will be 10 and 15 cents. Come and bring a friend for an evening of fun and enjoyment.

DISTRICT G. O. P. MEET ARRANGED

Chairman Clyde R. Greene Announces Republican District Convention for April 16

Mr. Clyde R. Greene, chairman of the Republican organization in the ninth district, today issued the call for the congressional convention of his party, which will be held at 1 o'clock, April 16, at the courthouse in Taylorsville.

At this time, says Mr. Greene, two delegates and two alternates will be named to the Republican national convention which meets in Philadelphia June 24. At the same time two presidential electors will be nominated.

The several county chairmen of the district are asked to call their county conventions before April 13, which is the deadline for filing for county offices and seats in the general assembly. Since the Republicans are using the state primary this year, no candidate for congress will be nominated at the district convention.

Mr. Greene points out that anyone desiring to enter the primary as a Republican candidate for congress in the ninth district this year, should file and pay the required fee to the state board of elections by sundown on March 16, 1940.

BUS HOUSES BEING BUILT AT BETHEL

Model Home Being Constructed; Other Bethel News by Our Regular Correspondent

The NYA forces are busy on two projects on the Bethel school campus. One crew of boys, under the supervision of Mr. John W. Ward, is constructing a large number of bus houses, which are to be distributed throughout the county to be used by school children who have to wait for buses. A number of these buildings are now being painted and will be removed to the bus routes soon.

Another group of workers is erecting what is to be called a model home near the school. The excavating has been done. The pouring of the concrete for the foundation will start soon when the weather permits. This building is to be a demonstration of the ability of the NYA to do constructive work along useful lines. Since all furnishings, including furniture, draperies, etc., are to be made by the boys and girls who belong to the NYA, this project will naturally give them valuable training which they can capitalize upon in later life. Mr. Wiley Perry is foreman over the boys who are constructing the building.

Bethel Girls Win
Bethel girls' basketball team won the championship of the Avery-Watauga division in the A. H. S. A. by defeating Cove Creek in their last conference game. The girls came through with a good record, losing two games, one by a forfeit to Blowing Rock, and tying one. Bethel lost the conference championship game to Jefferson Friday night. The score was 28 to 13.

The boys' and girls' teams go to Boone Wednesday, where they are to take part in the A.H.S.A. basketball tournament. In the first game of the meet, Bethel boys are set to go against West Jefferson, while the girls play Lansing at 3 o'clock. Both teams hope to come out victorious.

Use of Lime and Phosphate Given

At this time of year a number of farmers are engaged in spreading lime and phosphate, therefore, it is important that the correct amount of this material be used per acre, say the county agents.

In order to get the most economical results from lime, farmers should use from one to two tons per acre rather than four or five as is often used.

In applying triple phosphate on pasture or meadow, from one to two hundred pounds per acre is recommended.

It will be better to cover more land with these materials and use them more often than to apply too much at one time.

IMMEDIATE FARM BENEFIT FUNDS APPROVED BY HOUSE

Washington, Feb. 26—In response to a radiogram from President Roosevelt, the house voted today to make \$60,000,000 of next year's agriculture fund available immediately to keep crop control checks flowing to farmers.

Members of the house appropriations committee reported that the President had approved the transaction in order to replenish the regular \$500,000,000 benefit payment fund which has been depleted by increased farmer compliance with crop control plans. The measure is now before the senate.

PIE SUPPER

There will be a pie supper at the Valle Crucis public school Saturday evening, March 2, at 7 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Where Tornado Struck With Full Force



Albany, Ga.—Scenes in this city which received the full effect of the devastating tornado which swept through this southwest winter resort and industrial city, killing at least 21 persons and injuring 500 with an estimated damage of more than \$5,000,000.

Please Stop Ad!

Mrs. L. R. Homnell of Wilmington, N. C., recently inserted an ad in the Watauga Democrat seeking domestic help, and now she is deluged with applicants, and wants relief. Mrs. Homnell says:

"Please do not run the ad brought in there by Mrs. Sherrill for me any further. I am swamped with applicants. . . I have never seen such response from an ad in my life."

Whether you want household help, or desire to dispose of any kind of merchandise, Democrat advertising brings the buyer and seller together quickly and economically.

DISTRICT JUNIOR MEETING MARCH 4

District Fraternal Gathering in Boone; To Elect Orphans Home Trustee

A special district meeting of the Junior Order, United American Mechanics, will be held at the hall of the organization in Boone on the evening of March 4, at 7:30 p. m., pursuant to the call of Wallace Gentry, district counselor.

This gathering, which takes the place of the regular spring meeting for the district, is called primarily for the purpose of electing a trustee for the Orphans Home at Lexington from this district. Clyde R. Greene of Boone, a prominent figure in Junior Order circles, is reported to have strong support for the position of trustee.

Mr. Richard E. Keiley, recording secretary of the Juniors, who made the announcement of the meeting locally, earnestly requests every member of Daniel Boone Council to be present.

Mrs. George Austin Succumbs on Tuesday

Press-time information tells of the death on Tuesday evening of Mrs. George Austin, well-known resident of the Winkler's Creek section. Mrs. Austin, who was 52 years of age, had almost recovered from a second illness with pneumonia, when she suffered a heart attack. She lived only a few minutes.

The exact time of the funeral has not been set, pending the receipt of messages from relatives who reside at distant points. However, it is said that Rev. R. C. Eggers, Baptist minister, will conduct the rites and that interment will be in the Winkler cemetery.

The husband, together with the following sons and daughters survive: Mrs. Lizzie Setzer, James and Frank Austin of Shulls Mills; Samuel Austin, Sugar Grove; Henry and Jack Austin of Boone; Misses Besie and Nora Austin, Mack and John Austin of Shulls Mills. Four brothers, Tom, Frank, Harvey and Grady Moody survive, and three sisters, Mrs. Pearl Haynes, Mrs. Jim Simmons and Miss Dora Moody, all of Watauga county.

Mrs. Austin was before her marriage, Miss Lillie Moody, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Moody, and was born and reared in this county. She was esteemed in her home neighborhood and held in high regard throughout the county, where she was well known and had a large family connection.

RAMSEY TO BE KEYNOTER AT DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

D. Hiden Ramsey, general manager of the Asheville Citizen-Times company, will deliver the keynote speech at the state Democratic convention in Raleigh May 17, Governor Hoey announced Monday.

Hoey said he had been informed of Ramsey's designation by Mr. Gregg Cherry, state Democratic chairman. Ramsey will also serve as temporary chairman.

COMMERCE BODY JOINS IN TOURNEY

Chamber Commerce and P.-T. A. Organize Basketball Tourney For Coming Month

The Boone Chamber of Commerce and Parent-Teacher Association have joined in arranging for a basketball tourney, which is to be held at the Appalachian high school building, beginning March 7.

Four teams will participate in the tourney, the following organizations having supplied players and managers as indicated: Boone Lions Club, M. I. Clark; Boone Merchants Association, Ralph Winkler; Chamber of Commerce, W. H. Wilcox; and P.-T. A., Prof. Orby Southard. The first three teams will represent business and professional men of the town and the P.-T. A. team will include members of the faculty of the high and demonstration schools.

The schedule is as follows: March 7, 7:30 p. m.—Faculty vs. Merchants Association; Lions vs. Chamber of Commerce.

March 14: Faculty vs. Lions; Merchants Association vs. Chamber of Commerce.

March 21: Faculty vs. Chamber of Commerce; Lions vs. Merchants Association.

The round robin system will be used, which will take three weeks with a double header once a week and the two leading teams will play the finals.

All players are asked to be at the high school to practice Friday night at 7:30 and each Tuesday night thereafter.

Wilcox Makes Statement

In announcing the tourney, H. W. Wilcox states: "Did you ever stop to consider just what our P.-T. A. is doing for our children? They have given many a meal to some child which otherwise would have had to go without it, they have enabled many unfortunate ones to go to school. This organization has furnished good warm clothing to many children going to school that hardly had sufficient clothes on their bodies to keep them from freezing. These are only a few things the P.-T. A. has done for those less fortunate."

"Would you not like to have a part in helping these little ones? Out of them will come some of the future leaders. It is an investment that will pay dividends as long as eternity lasts. You can help by backing this tournament, and coming out to support it. We, too, would like to know just what you think of your commerce body. Are you willing to co-operate with it in worthwhile endeavors? We know you are, and will. We are sure you will do your best for both of these organizations."

"It has been decided to charge each person 10 cents admission to the first three double-headers. Every cent of this will go to some worthwhile cause. You will have a lot of fun watching your husband, friend or sweetheart play this clean game."

Preachers, Deacons To Meet on Monday

A preachers' and deacons' meeting is to be held Monday afternoon, March 4, at 2 o'clock at the Boone Baptist church, at which time the topic for discussion will be the eighth chapter of Romans. Rev. N. M. Greene will conduct the devotional and following is the remainder of the program:

1. D. M. Edmisten—Rom. 8:1-4.
2. W. J. Cook—Rom. 8:5-13.
3. A. G. Hamby—Rom. 8:14-17.
4. W. D. Ashley—Rom. 8:18-25.
5. G. M. Watson—Rom. 8:26-27.
6. R. C. Eggers—Rom. 8:28-31.
7. J. C. Canipe—Rom. 8:35-39.

Messrs. Grady and Vilas Minton, who compose the program committee, issue the following statement: "We as your committee expect you to bring an exposition on these Scriptures. You have ten minutes each to discuss them. Come and let us have fellowship together."

SCHOOL BUILDING AT COVE CREEK TO BE STARTED SOON

Huge Stone Structure Will Cost About \$75,000; Two Stories High With Basement; Is First Unit of High School Plant

By WHEELER FARTHING

Construction of the new Cove Creek high school building will begin on March 12, it was announced here today by Howard Walker, Watauga county superintendent of public schools. The building, which will be constructed through the cooperation of the federal Works Progress administration, will be situated on the spacious lot between the residences of A. B. Harmon and the Bingham heirs and will be almost parallel with the old public highway.

Land for the location was recently purchased by county officials from Principal S. F. Horton, T. J. Moody and A. B. Harmon. These grounds, which extend for several rods on all sides and front of the building site, afford ample room for playgrounds, parking places for school buses and athletic fields. The main athletic field, it is learned, will be laid off in the field just to the rear of Mr. Horton's residence.

The structure, as drawn by Architects Clarence F. Coffey and Bernard Olson of Lenoir, will be built of native stone and will measure 224 by 57 feet. It will be two stories high and will be heated by a steam heating system to be located in the basement.

The architects' blueprint indicates that the first floor will contain two teachers' offices, six class rooms, a cafeteria room and two toilets. On the second floor there will be eight class rooms, a large science room, the library and reading room combined, and two toilets. These floors will be connected by modern, fire-proof stairways.

According to Mr. Walker, the federal government has contributed to the county the sum of \$52,000, about \$10,000 of which will be used for the purchase of building materials. For its part, the county has borrowed from the state library fund the sum of \$25,000. From these last mentioned funds came the money expended in the purchase of the school site. Other building materials are to be bought with the amount remaining.

Unless present schedules are unduly interfered with, the structure will be completed in a period of ten months, and judging from the schedule, it will be ready for use by the fall of 1941. Construction was scheduled formerly to begin on February 27, but because of the inclement weather of this section it was thought by authorities that the date given above would be the better time.

The project as explained here does not include the entire plans for the new high school, for there still remains the construction of three additional wings in which will be housed the home economics department, gymnasium, auditorium and various departments of vocational agriculture classes.

Dance To Be Held Saturday Evening

A leap year benefit dance is to be held at the county office building Saturday evening, starting at 8 o'clock, under the auspices of the Tuesday Night Club.

George G. Farthing's well-known dance orchestra will provide the music for the dancers and a nickelodeon will be used on occasions to provide a brief rest for the musicians.

The proceeds from an admission charge of 35 cents per person will be used to take care of the hospital expenses of a needy citizen of the county.

Monroe Adams Will Run For Congress

Monroe Adams of Statesville, told the Statesville Record Monday that he had filed his candidacy with the state board of elections for congress in the ninth district subject to the action of the Republican primary.

Mr. Adams, who was a candidate for congress on the Republican ticket in the last election, will likely be unopposed in the primary, it is rumored locally.

Boone Contractor Gets Power Award

Melvin F. Burgess of Boone, has been awarded a contract of \$149,619 for building the entire power system, consisting of 239 miles of line for the Community Electric co-operative at Norfolk, Va., it was announced Monday by the Rural Electrification Administration in Washington.

Theodore Roosevelt was the first President of the United States to leave the legal boundaries of his country while in office, to visit another country. In 1906 he sailed to the Panama Canal Zone and visited the city of Panama.