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## ABRAMS NAMED TO HEAD LIONS CLUB

### R. A. Manship Again Secretary; a Review of the Activities of Local Organization

Dr. W. Amos Abrams was elected president of the Boone Lions Club for the ensuing year at the regular meeting held at the Daniel Boone hotel Tuesday evening, June 18. He succeeds Richard E. Kelley.

R. A. Manship, Jr., was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

In closing one of the best years in the history of the club, and with a report of the activities of the club for the past year, President Kelley welcomed the newly-elected officers to their respective offices.

Other officers named for the coming year include: C. A. Price, lion lamer; C. H. Trotter, first vice-president; Jas. H. Council, second vice-president; Flucie Stewart, third vice-president; Wade E. Brown, tail twister, and Council Cooke, Orby Southard and Dr. Robert R. King, directors.

Among the successful activities of the past year were the sponsoring of the Avery County Lions Club, sponsoring of the widening and beautifying of the highway connecting Boone and the Blue Ridge Parkway; sponsoring the erection of a confectionary stand in the postoffice and stocking it with merchandise for a blind lady; Miss Floy Hodges; sponsored the erection of an information booth in front of the postoffice; erection of "traffic" and "school zone" signs at all main intersections and crossing used by school children; co-sponsors of a "crippled children's clinic" that treated 35 children, and presented a minstrel which bought glasses and corrected the eyes of 43 school children of Watauga county.

## FATALLY HURT IN FALL FROM TRUCK

### J. C. Harmon of Beech Creek Dies From Injuries Sustained Monday Afternoon

Joseph Carroll Harmon, resident of the Beech Creek section of Watauga county, died in the Watauga hospital Tuesday afternoon from injuries sustained when he fell from a moving truck near Sugar Grove. He was 77 years old.

Besides a fractured skull, Mr. Harmon suffered other serious injuries, but the cerebral condition is given as the direct cause of his demise.

Funeral services are to be held today from the Windy Gap Baptist church, with Rev. D. M. Edmiston in charge, but the hour for the rites has not been determined.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Lydia Henson Harmon; three sons, V. C. Floyd and Dewey of Beech Creek; two daughters, Mrs. John Rominger of Sugar Grove, and Mrs. Robert Ward of Beech Creek; a sister, Mrs. John Keller of Sugar Grove.

## New Legion Officers Are Elected Friday

New officers to serve Watauga post, American Legion, were elected at a meeting held in the Legion hut Friday evening, June 14.

Charles E. Rogers of Boone, was re-elected commander; Ed Luttrell, Shulls Mills, first vice-commander; T. A. Weaver, Blowing Rock, second vice-commander; Marshall Brown, adjutant; Wilson Norris, finance officer, and Lionel Ward, service officer.

Delegates to the state Legion convention to be held in High Point June 22, 23, 24 and 25 were elected as follows: Lionel Ward, Boone; Ed Luttrell, Shulls Mills. Alternates are Wilson Norris and Cleve Gross, both of Boone.

## Miss Lorraine Carter Named Beauty Queen

Blowing Rock, June 15.—Lorraine Carter, 18-year-old brunette, was declared Miss Blowing Rock in a beauty contest here last night over a field of 20 contestants. She will be eligible to enter a state contest to name Miss North Carolina later in the summer.

Runners-up to Miss Carter were Jean Hartley and Jean Ingle. In the junior queen contest, Carolina Greene, sponsored by the Blowing Rock Drug company, took first place.

Barbara Lantz and June Herring were runners-up. The pageant was conducted at the Yonahlossee theatre by Miss Ruby Crockett.

## NORRIS SAYS ROOSEVELT CANNOT REFUSE 3RD TERM

Washington, June 16—Senator Norris of Nebraska, said yesterday he did not believe President Roosevelt could refuse to accept the Democratic presidential nomination.

"It is too late now to turn it down," Norris, a new deal supporter, remarked after a visit to the White House. He added however, that he had not discussed the question with Mr. Roosevelt.

## R. W. Colvard Buys Hodges Tire Company

### West Jefferson Man Takes Over the Management of Established Local Business

Mr. R. W. Colvard, well-known West Jefferson business man, has closed a deal for the business known as the Hodges Tire Company, an old established Boone firm, which has been owned and managed by A. E. Hodges for the past eight years.

The transfer which included the realty as well as the equipment, involved about \$25,000, it is said.

Mr. Colvard took over the business Tuesday and Mr. Carl Miller of West Jefferson, is in charge. The firm will continue to maintain its modern auto servicing depot, and carry a complete line of tires, automobile accessories and supplies.

## BEAUTY CONTEST SPONSORED HERE

### 'Miss Boone' and 'Miss Junior Boone' to Be Selected at Theatre Next Week

On Wednesday, June 26, the Worthwhile Club will sponsor a beauty contest to select "Miss Boone" and "Miss Junior Boone" at the Appalachian Theatre. Only local girls will be considered, and the entrants will be sponsored by the leading business firms of the city. The contest will be at 7:30.

The Worthwhile Club wishes the co-operation of all the merchants. The money to be used for the further beautification of the town and for the establishment of a playground for the children of the town and county.

Next week the list of the firms and sponsors will appear in the local newspaper.

### Baby Contest

At the same time it is announced that a baby contest will be held, infants as well as children up to eight years of age being eligible. An entrance fee of 50 cents will be charged. This contest will be at 4 p. m.

The competition will be under four groups and a prize will be given to the winner of each group as follows: Infants to one year; one year to three years; three years to five years; five to eight years. Those desiring to enter children should register with one of the following ladies: Mrs. Cicero Greer, chairman in charge of infants to one year group; Mrs. J. E. Holshouser, one to three years; Mrs. Russell D. Hodges, three to five years; Mrs. W. B. Collins, five to eight years.

Mrs. John Conway, president of the Worthwhile Club, urges all mothers in the county who have babies under eight years of age to enter them in the contest.

## MERCHANTS WILL GATHER TONIGHT

### New Slate of Directors to Be Named at Annual Meeting of Merchants Association

A. G. Foard, cashier of the Bank of Lenoir, and prominent civic leader of that city, will deliver the principal address at a banquet meeting of the Boone Retail Merchants Association to be held at Hotel Watauga Thursday evening, June 20, at 7:45 o'clock.

A new board of directors will be named at this gathering, and a complete report of the past year's activities of the association will be presented.

## Revival Services at Methodist Church

A series of revival services will begin at the Boone Methodist church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. The services will continue on Sunday evening at 8 o'clock and every evening through the week, according to the pastor, Rev. Paul Townsend.

Rev. R. L. Young, pastor of the Glen Alpine Methodist church, will preach. Mr. Young is known as a preacher of great power and has been consistently successful in revival services. During his ministry he has served at Elmwood and Taylorsville in the Statesville district; Dallas in the Gastonia district, and is now in his first year in the pastorate at Glen Alpine.

All the people of Boone, of all denominations, are extended a cordial invitation to attend these services.

## SINGING CONVENTION ON GRANDFATHER SUNDAY

A great Pentecostal meeting and the sixteenth annual tri-state and tri-county singing convention and Sunday school picnic will be held on the beautiful Yonahlossee road at the Alexander McRae place on the fourth Sunday in June.

Mr. J. L. Hartley, chairman of the event, which draws hundreds of people from a wide area annually, cordially invites all singing classes in western North Carolina and east Tennessee to be present for the occasion.

## LEADERS AT BUILDING AND LOAN MEETING



W. H. Gragg, secretary of the Watauga Building and Loan Association, and general convention chairman for the annual meeting of the Building and Loan League, which closes a three day session at Mayview Manor today; center Wheeler Martin, president of the league, who is presiding at each session; right, Martain Gaudin, executive secretary of the league.



## WIDENING OF 421 NEAR COMPLETION

### Pavement Widened on Seven Miles of Highway East of Town; to Push Landscaping

About a year ago the Watauga Democrat proposed that highway US-421 from Boone to Deep Gap be beautified by landscaping the roadside, and the suggestion met with prompt and hearty endorsement by the Lions Club of Boone, this organization taking the matter up with the state highway officials, urging that the project be undertaken.

In response to this request, the highway officials made a study of the proposition and decided to sponsor a WPA project for this improvement. After a careful study it was found that to make a well-balanced project it would be feasible to widen the existing concrete pavement four feet, thereby making it 22 feet wide, which is considered ample for two-lane highways.

The project was approved by WPA and work started late in the fall of 1939. After a mile of concrete widening had been finished bad weather forced the postponement of this phase of the work and during the winter considerable progress was made on landscaping. With the arrival of spring the concrete work was resumed and is now completed. The highway commission has placed a power shovel and additional trucks on the project to supplement the WPA labor and plans to speed up this phase of the work.

Mr. James Saunders, highway landscape architect, was called in soon after the project was approved to offer advice on landscaping features. He was enthusiastic as to the possibilities and has rendered valuable service in planning the work.

One of the most encouraging features of the project, according to Mr. J. H. Council, resident state highway engineer, is the splendid response and co-operation of property owners along the route. Every land owner thus far contacted has readily agreed to give additional right-of-way where needed and to co-operate in the preservation of any beautification accomplished.

### To Widen Bridge

The highway commission is now sponsoring a project for the widening of the bridge across New River from a 20-foot roadway to a 26-foot roadway, in order to promote safety. It is expected that this project will be approved and started at an early date.

It is felt that with the completion of the entire project that the value of all property adjacent to it will be enhanced and that our town and county will have been provided with an adequate and attractive connection with the Blue Ridge Parkway.

## Hickory Firm Gets Paving Contract at Boone Postoffice

The public buildings administration announced Wednesday in Washington that the Elliott Building Company of Hickory, submitted the lowest bid—that of \$690—for constructing sidewalks at the Boone postoffice. Next lowest bidder was F. D. Lewis and Son of Greensboro, with a price of \$692, and third lowest was the bid of \$863 submitted by the Theriault Contracting Company of Philadelphia.

### OPPOSE WAR

Baltimore, June 15—The Southern Baptist convention adopted a resolution yesterday urging President Roosevelt and all others in high governmental positions to do everything possible to keep the United States out of the war in Europe.

Bones of 2,000 hippopotami, killed by prehistoric hunters, were found in a single cave in Sicily.

## 'Watauga Supper' Features Building and Loan Meeting

### ERA OF GLOOM NOT NEW, SAYS DANIELS

### Convention of Building and Loan League in Session at Mayview Manor; Banquet Tonight is Highspot of Meeting; Many Notables Appear on Three-Day Program

The thirty-second annual convention of the North Carolina Building and Loan League, which convened at Mayview Manor, Blowing Rock, Tuesday morning approaches its climax this (Wednesday) evening with a banquet session at which W. H. Gragg, secretary of the Watauga Building and Loan Association, and general convention chairman, will act as toastmaster.

The banquet this year is known as a "Watauga Supper" due to the fact that Mr. Gragg arranged to have the Mayview management serve only foods produced in Watauga county. The menu has been so localized both as to the viands themselves as well as the names they have been given, that there is interest in its contents.

Cone estate apple cider, Watt Gragg relish tray, Appalachian consommé, Mayview Manor honey-cured ham, Johns River fried chicken with cream gravy, Blowing Rock asparagus, Rebecca Boone beans, Watauga sauer kraut, Daniel Boone new buttered potatoes, Yonahlossee Trail salad, Joe Hartley strawberry shortcake, Grandfather Mountain coffee.

Rev. Paul Townsend, pastor of the Boone Methodist church, delivers the invocation, and following the singing of "Star Spangled Banner" Dr. Julian Miller, editor of the Charlotte Observer, widely known as an after-dinner speaker, will address the group. The subject of Dr. Miller's address will be "Capitalism and Capitalists."

An additional feature of the banquet session will be the presentation of past president's awards and prizes by Frank Hancock, former congressman and member of the Federal Home Loan Bank board of Washington.

Mrs. Ammie Sides Beattie will sing several solos during the course of the banquet, while the music will be by Frederick's Mayview Manor orchestra.

More than four hundred delegates from building and loan associations throughout the state are in attendance at the convention.

### Initial Session Tuesday

The Building and Loan convention got under way Tuesday morning officially, although W. H. Gragg had arranged an old-fashioned get-together for the delegates Monday evening. The session was more or less in the form of a get-acquainted gathering, with mountain music, square dancing, etc., featuring the evening.

Rev. J. C. Canipe, pastor of the Boone Baptist church, said the invocation at the opening session Tuesday morning, while Mayor G. C. Robbins was scheduled to deliver (Continued on page two)

## Leaves Friday For G. O. P. Convention

Mr. Russell D. Hodges, local political leader, leaves Friday for Philadelphia, where he will be in attendance at the Republican national convention which convenes Monday. Mr. Hodges and Hobart Morton of Albemarle, are the ninth district delegates.

Mr. Hodges states that the Republicans in the ninth district are rather overwhelmingly in favor of Thos. E. Dewey for the presidential nomination, but sees a growing demand within the party for Herbert Hoover. The state's delegation is unstructured.

Mr. Hodges will visit relatives in Washington, D. C., following the convention and will not return to Boone for about two weeks.

## CITY LICENSES SLOT MACHINES TO GET REVENUE

### Ministers of City Hold Meeting to Protest Action of City Council; Town Board Meets This Afternoon to Hear Protests; Board Says New Funds are Needed

On Tuesday morning the town of Boone allowed a number of slot machines to be placed in different business houses on a per-capita basis, to raise additional revenue, displacing the pin table machines which had been operated here for some time, and the ministers of the city in a special meeting Wednesday morning vigorously protested the use of the devices in the town. The ministers contend that the machines are gambling devices and are contrary to the state laws, and following their meeting they demanded a meeting with the city council to discuss the situation. Accordingly the ministers and the town board are to meet together at 2 o'clock this (Wednesday) afternoon.

### Say It's Revenue Slop

Members of the city council, when contacted by The Democrat Wednesday morning, insisted that the installation of the machines was in order to provide badly needed additional funds for the city, in order that improvements and expansion of the water system might be made, and that other work might be done which could not be financed except by the levy of an additional real estate tax, or some other form of new revenue. Officials state that the slot machines had been placed in other towns in the territory for the same purpose, and that the machines displaced pin table boards, which were being used as illegal devices, and which did not pay the town a portion of the receipts. They continue that the only thought in taking the step was to prevent additional taxation.

The situation has been the principal topic of conversation about the town today, and much interest centers about the outcome of the board session this afternoon.

## URGENT NEED OF RED CROSS FUNDS

### Contributions Continue to Come to Local Chapter as Demands For Aid Increase

Some contributions continue to come in to the Watauga chapter, American Red Cross, for the relief of suffering in the European war zones and the county has come close to the doubling of the original \$300 quota, says Mrs. E. E. Garbee, chairman. Information from the national headquarters of the organization indicates that the quota system has been more or less abandoned, and that the "utmost generosity" of the American people will be required to meet the grave emergency.

Mrs. Garbee states that she has had numerous requests from organizations and individuals seeking to promote entertainments for the benefit of the Red Cross. She explains that the name of the Red Cross cannot be used for any such benefit performance except in cases where the entire proceeds are turned over to the organization.

Following is the list of contributions:

Previously reported	\$566.54
Union Baptist Church	5.00
A. & P. Tea Co.	2.50
H. G. Farthing	5.00
Mrs. S. L. Perry	1.00
Cove Creek S. S.	4.40
Rev and Mrs. Townsend	3.00
Mrs. Mary A. Marr	5.00
Total	\$592.44

## Good Sale Reported At Livestock Market

One hundred and sixty-eight head of cattle, sheep and hogs were disposed of at the livestock sale here last Wednesday. Cattle prices were steady, while lambs were off 25 to 50 cents from the previous week. Here are the prices paid:

Good lambs \$10.70; second lambs, \$10.10; choice buck lambs \$9.20; good buck lambs \$8.80; small lambs \$8.20; good pigs \$3.50; medium pigs \$1.50-\$2.50; shoats \$6.00-\$7.00; no choice veal calves; good veal calves \$8.00-\$9.00; medium veal calves \$7.00-\$8.00; others according to grade \$4.00-\$7.00; no choice stock calves; good stock calves \$28.00-\$32.50; good steers \$8.80; medium steers \$5.50-\$7.00; stock heifers \$30.00-\$50.00; good cows, fat \$6.00-\$8.50; medium cows \$5.00-\$6.00; others \$4.00-\$5.00; good milk cows \$45.00-\$55.00; good milk cows \$30.00-\$45.00.

A plan has been worked out whereby the local market can assure the farmers top market value on lambs. There will be plenty of buyers and no mistake will be made in selling your lambs on the local market.

Medieval Iceland, inhabited by a few thousand people, produced literature still famous.