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CITY PLAYGROUND TO OPEN FRIDAY

Parade and Address by Mayor Lovill to Feature Opening Program

The Worthwhile Women's Club of Boone, through its president, Mrs. John Conway, announces that the children's playground for the community, which is located just off Main street to the rear of the Boone Sinclair station, will be opened to the public Friday afternoon.

The exercises in connection with the formal opening of the playground will start at 4 o'clock with a parade of children through the streets of the city. The parade will form at the courthouse and club members are anxious that as nearly all the children in town as possible, take part. It is explained that the kiddies may be dressed in any way, if they have ponies they may ride, otherwise they may walk. The Boone high school band will take part in the parade which will end at the playground, where Mayor W. R. Lovill will deliver the address in connection with the opening ceremonies.

The playground, as now developed, provides entertainment in the form of tennis, paddle tennis, ping-pong, tether ball, while sand boxes and work tables are provided for the smaller children, together with swings. Later it is expected that the playground will be lighted so that men may enjoy tennis and horse shoes during the night hours. Miss Mildred Elkins, WPA recreational supervisor, co-operated with the club in establishing the playground and will have a worker to supervise the play each afternoon. Later there will be story hours to add to the enjoyment of the children.

The Worthwhile Club expresses appreciation for the help of Messrs. James Council and Bernard Dougherty, who graded the tennis court.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HAS 50 MEMBERS

Goal for Chamber of Commerce is Reached Tuesday; Reports President Wilcox

The goal of 50 members of the Boone Chamber of Commerce was reached Tuesday morning, according to Mr. H. W. Wilcox, president of the organization, who points out the record membership as evidence of the "fine spirit of co-operation that prevails among the business people, indicating that they really want to do something with the up-building of our town and county."

Mr. Wilcox expresses appreciation for the co-operation shown, and states that there are several who yet wish to join the Chamber of Commerce. Accordingly a new goal of 60 members has been set, and there are hopes that this number may be reached by July 15th.

The new members are: W. G. Hartzog, Watauga Insurance Co., I. S. Ayers Electric Co., Boone Photo Shop, E. L. Teague Gulf Station, Holler Grocery Co., Cook-Nichols Motor Co., W. R. Winkler, Watauga Motor Co., Southeastern Express Lines.

Surface Treatment Is Finished on 421

Surface treatment has been finished on the link of Highway U. S. 421 between the Wilkes-Watauga line and Miller's Creek, according to Mr. J. H. Council, resident highway engineer, who states that there will be no further interruption of travel this summer on this highway. It was opened to traffic Saturday afternoon.

During the period in which the road was closed traffic was routed via West Jefferson, the non-commercial travel going by way of the scenic parkway from Deep Gap.

Mortgage Concern Pays New Dividend

Mr. W. M. Thomas, manager of Rich Mountain Mortgages, announces the payment of a new dividend to stockholders in the corporation. Mr. Thomas asks that all stockholders either bring or mail their certificates to him on July 1 and get their dividend checks. Some stockholders have failed to get their checks due when the last dividend was paid. They are asked to get theirs, too.

ATTENDING CONVENTION

Mr. Frank M. Payne, local agent for the Security Life and Trust Co., left Wednesday for Myrtle Beach, S. C., where he will be in attendance at the convention of the Security Life agents which continues through the remainder of the week at Ocean Forest hotel. Mr. Payne was awarded the trip because of the outstanding amount of business written by his agency in recent months. Mrs. Payne accompanied him as far as Sanford where she is visiting at the home of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. M. L. Matthews.

To Visit Here



Hon. J. M. Broughton, Democratic candidate for governor of North Carolina, and Mrs. Broughton will spend the week-end in Boone, visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wade E. Brown. Mr. Broughton and Mr. Brown will attend the sessions of the State Bar Association convention at Mayview Manor, Blowing Rock.

BAR ASSOCIATION MEETS AT MAYVIEW

Senator Tom Connally to Speak Saturday Evening; Broughton to Attend

The address of Senator Tom Connally of Texas, will highlight the annual convention of the North Carolina Bar Association which meets at Mayview, Manor Blowing Rock, next Friday afternoon.

Senator Connally will deliver his address from an unannounced subject at the banquet session Saturday evening at 6:45.

The convention will get under way Friday afternoon at 2:30, when Solicitor L. S. Spurling of Lenoir, delivers the address of welcome. The session that afternoon deals largely with problems of legal interest and procedure as do the sessions Friday evening and Saturday morning.

At the close of the morning session Saturday Governor Clyde R. Hoey will speak. Governor-nominee J. M. Broughton will attend the convention but his name does not appear on the program.

WORK STARTED ON NEW BURLEY HOUSE

W. C. Greene Gets Contract for Erection of Second Warehouse; Dirt Being Moved

W. C. Greene, local building contractor, has signed a contract for the erection of a second burley tobacco warehouse, which is to be built on the same lot with the first one, and a steam shovel is now engaged in moving the six thousand yards of dirt from the site of the structure. The excavation will have been completed by the end of the week.

The new building will be 120x250 feet, of frame and metal construction and will contain 30,000 feet of floor space. The floor, which will be on a level with the floor of the present warehouse, will be of concrete.

Mr. Greene's contract calls for the completion of the structure by October 1, but it is likely that he will finish the job before that time.

Safety Institute At College Friday

A one-day safety institute, sponsored by the North Carolina highway safety division in co-operation with the New York university center for safety education, is scheduled to be held at Appalachian College here on Friday.

This institute, one of 17 being conducted at college summer schools throughout the state, will be conducted by representatives of the highway safety division, with the assistance of representatives of the state department of public instruction and Kenneth N. Beadle, director of the education division of the national conservation bureau, New York City.

The institutes are taking up the following three questions: "What is the accident problem?" "What is the state doing about this problem?" and "What can the schools of North Carolina do about it?"

The series of institutes will close with this session.

LOTS ARE SOLD

Dr. J. M. Deaton of Mead Camp township, was in town Monday, transferring 19 lots in Perkinsville to Mr. H. G. Farthing, but the purchase price was not made known. The lots comprise about one and a half acres of land.

SOAP BOX DERBY SUMMER FEATURE

Entrants Are Sought for All-American Competition; Winner to Go to Charlotte

Preliminary plans are now being made for the annual soap box derby which will be held in Boone on an undetermined date, likely just after the middle of July. The event differs this year from former ones, in that the winner of the local event will go to Charlotte to compete in the state derby, with the prize there being a trip to Akron, Ohio, for the national competition.

Mr. B. W. Stallings has conducted these derbies locally for a number of years, but this year he has made arrangements to compete in the state contest, through the co-operation of the Chevrolet Motor Company and the local newspaper. Mr. Stallings, by the end of the week, will have copies of the official rule book, containing instructions for the amateur racing machines, as well as the rules for the competition. Entry blanks will also be available and all the lads in the community and county interested in the derby, are asked to enter.

The soap box derby is the greatest amateur racing event in the world, and has become a powerful influence in shaping the character and lives of American youth. Thousands upon thousands of boys—in designing and building their cars, in testing them and racing them, in winning and losing—have gained something of far greater value to them than a mere race victory and the prize awards. That thing is the spirit of fair play. These boys have learned to play the game, to respect the rules, in short, they have learned true sportsmanship, . . . than which there is no better foundation for good citizenship.

Parents should encourage their boys to enter the soap box derby, and it is important that work start at once on the racers. The Farmers Hardware and Supply Company has co-operated by placing in stock ball-bearing wheels for these racing cars, and thus one serious handicap is removed. Get your application blank this week and prepare to enter Boone's greatest amateur racing event.

Miss Blanche Linney Dies On Thursday

Miss Blanche Cleopatra Linney, sister of the late Frank A. Linney of Boone, and last immediate member of the prominent Linney family of Alexander county, died in a New York hospital last Thursday evening at 6 o'clock from an extended illness.

Funeral services were conducted at 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon from the Methodist church in Taylorsville and interment was in the cemetery there.

Miss Linney was a daughter of the late Romulus Z. Linney and Mrs. Linney of Taylorsville. After completing her training in Boston as a registered nurse, Miss Linney moved to New York City, where she resided until death. She was well known by many people of Boone, where she often visited at the Linney home.

Surviving are the following nieces and nephews: Mrs. Alan T. Bowler, Richmond, Va.; Miss Dorcas Henderson, Baltimore; Mrs. Paul Coffey, Boone; Mrs. P. O. Brewer, Chapel Hill; Mrs. S. T. Crowson, Taylorsville; Baxter Linney, Lenoir; Kenneth Linney, Boone; Dr. R. Z. Linney, Madison, Tenn.; and Judge Roy L. Deal, Winston-Salem.

Merchants Elect New Board of Directors

The Boone Merchants' Association held a banquet meeting at the Watauga hotel Thursday evening, heard a splendid address by A. G. Foard, cashier of the Bank of Lenoir, received a report of the year's activities of the association and named a new board of directors for the coming year.

The new directors are: John Conway, M. L. Clark, W. O. Robertson, W. H. Gragg, L. T. Tatum, J. E. Clay, J. A. Mullins, R. D. Hodges, J. L. Qualls and R. A. Manship, Jr.

Revival Meeting At Methodist Church

Rev. R. L. Young of Glen Alpine, started a series of revival services at the Boone Methodist Church Sunday morning with a large audience in attendance, and services are being held each evening throughout this week at 8 o'clock, and next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

Rev. Mr. Young is a preacher of rare ability, and is bringing strong Gospel messages to his hearers. People of all denominations are cordially invited by both the pastor, Rev. Paul Townsend, and by Mr. Young to attend these special services.

David P. Allison, who has been spending a two weeks' vacation with his family in Daniel Boone Park, returned to his work in Winston-Salem Monday. Mr. Allison is doing research work for the United States government.

REPUBLICANS' MASCOT



Philadelphia.—This 17-year-old denizen of the Philadelphia zoo acts as official mascot of the Republican party at its convention now being held here. Samuel F. Pryor, Jr., chairman of the arrangements committee for the convention, dropped in at the zoo and bribed Josephine, an African elephant, with several bags of peanuts. She accepted the bribe and carried Mr. Pryor along with a six-foot metal sign reading: "Official Mascot, Republican National Convention, Philadelphia, June 24."

Against War



Herbert Hoover, former President, who spoke to the Republican national convention in Philadelphia Tuesday evening, and voiced his opposition to this country engaging in war.

Keep America Out of War, Hoover Urges

Philadelphia, June 26.—Former President Hoover demanded the abolishment of the new deal and a scrupulous avoidance of war last night before an excited Republican national convention which shouted back its approval and burst finally into the loudest demonstration of this two-day old party meeting.

Outbursts of applause, brief and occasional yet of a roaring lustiness, punctuated every section of the address. But the last sentence, which was also a question, brought the climax. Referring to the party battle that lies ahead, Mr. Hoover demanded: "Republicans are you prepared to go into this fight?"

"Yes," came the answer. "Yes," until ear-splitting bedlam drowned out the responses. A demonstration was in the making. Shouts, cries, whistles and applause, all reinforced by the scarcely distinguishable bleating of the band. Californians hustled into the aisles with a big banner and crushed through the crowded center aisle. Minnesota, West Virginia, Oklahoma, Nebraska, Tennessee, Texas, Arkansas and South Carolina banners were in action.

After six and one-half minutes, Chairman Joseph Martin attempted to still the tumult with heavy gavel banging, but it was two more minutes before he succeeded.

Whether the procession of standards means that few individual members of delegations had seized the state insignia without the approval of their colleagues could not, of course, be determined. But the demonstration was obviously a hearty tribute to the former President. Through it, he stood beside Martin, his face wreathed in the broadest of smiles.

In his address, Hoover emphatically impressed upon the convention two primary objectives—to oust the new deal and keep America at peace, "unless the western hemisphere is attacked."

At the same time, the former President told the vast throng gathered in this huge and resounding auditorium that for America there was no such thing as "isolation,"—that a realistic view of foreign problems dictated that all lawful assistance be extended to the allies.

Dr. and Mrs. R. Z. Linney and son, Romulus of Madison, Tenn. and Mrs. R. Z. Linney, Sr. of Taylorsville visited last week with Mrs. F. A. Linney.

B. AND L. LEAGUE CLOSES MEETING

W. H. Gragg Named as One of Directors of Organization; Gregory President

The North Carolina Building and Loan League closed its 37th annual convention at Mayview Manor, Blowing Rock, Thursday, after paying tribute to past presidents and officers of associations with long service records, and naming a new slate of officers and directors.

Convention hosts were the two Lenoir associations and the Watauga Building and Loan Association of Boone. W. H. Gragg, secretary of the latter organization, was chairman of the general convention committee.

At the annual election of officers, the league chose R. H. Gregory of Rocky Mount as president, E. H. White of Greensboro as vice-president, Martin Gaudin of Raleigh as executive secretary, J. F. Stevens national councilman, and Watt H. Gragg of Boone, Wheeler Martin of Williamston and Paul Kiler of Wadesboro as directors.

The Tuesday evening banquet was addressed by Jonathan Daniels of Raleigh, editor of the News and Observer, who presented the service awards.

Dr. Julian Miller, editor of the Charlotte Observer, was the speaker at Wednesday night's banquet.

NATIVE SHRUBS SHOWN IN CHICAGO

National Trailways Bus System Places Watauga Plants in Metropolitan Terminal

The Boone Chamber of Commerce recently shipped some rhododendron plants to the National Trailways Bus system in Chicago, to be used in their bus terminal there as a part of a display publicizing this section of the country. Mr. H. W. Wilcox has received word of their receipt from Mr. T. N. Gretzer, secretary of the National Trailways, who writes:

"I am very happy to tell you that the rhododendron plants arrived safe and sound yesterday, the 6th. We immediately sent them to the florist to be potted and to be given a few days to straighten up. They will be placed in our windows with proper signs and advertising literature either Saturday or Sunday.

"I think you will be very glad to know that our tours embracing your region are proving popular this year. We expect to have especially heavy movements out of New York and Chicago and I am sure you and your folks will at least get some benefit out of it. I do want to thank you greatly for your co-operation."

Many Teachers Attend Conference at A.S.T.C.

Approximately 125, more than double the number expected, attended the State Elementary Education conference which was in session Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at Appalachian State College. The conference was under the direction of Miss Julia Whittington of the state department of education, Raleigh.

The conference consisted of discussions and forums of the teacher's observations at the Appalachian demonstration school. The teachers were taken on a tour of scenic points Wednesday afternoon by Professors Chappel Wilson and John T. Howell.

SLOT MACHINES ARE BANNED BY MAYOR'S ORDER

Mayor Lovill Stops the Operation of Slot Machines in City; Had Been Lively Issue Following Protest of Ministers Filed Week ago

Slot machines which were placed in a number of business houses of the city a week ago, were banned from further use by executive order of Mayor W. R. Lovill, posted on the streets of the town Monday morning.

Mayor Lovill in his proclamation, gave the operators of the machines until eight o'clock Tuesday morning to close the machines out of business, and in the event that the notice should be disregarded promised indictments of those operating the devices, as well as the seizure of the machines.

Tuesday morning the mayor's orders were carried out, and the machines were put out of business in the city.

A good deal of controversy had developed over the slot machine issue since they were placed in operation last Tuesday. The town council insisted that the action was taken for the sole purpose of raising needed revenue with which to finance new improvements for the city, and that they had replaced pin-table machines from which no revenue was derived, and which, they say, were operated as illegal devices.

Official information Wednesday morning indicated that the town during the week in which the machines operated, received the sum of \$199.43, as its part of the receipts.

The ministers of the town immediately set to work to launch a mass protest against the machines, petitions to the city government were circulated throughout the town, and also presented at the morning services at the different churches of the town Sunday. However, it is understood that the mayor's order was drafted before the petitions were received by the town board.

Mayor Lovill has received a letter signed by the various ministers of the city, congratulating him upon his stand in the matter, and expressing the deep appreciation of the churches for his action.

STORES OF CITY TO CLOSE FOR FOURTH

No Celebration Planned for the Day; Legion Sponsors Fiddlers' Convention

The business houses of Boone will observe a full holiday Thursday of next week for the Fourth of July, only the drug stores and restaurants remaining open for the day.

However, no celebration has been planned in connection with Independence Day, and store managers, together with their employees will enjoy the day at home or visiting at other points.

In the evening the Watauga post American Legion is sponsoring a fiddlers' convention at the courthouse, at which time stringed bands and vocalists from a number of counties will appear. It is expected that a large crowd will attend this entertainment.

As usual, large numbers of people from the lowlands are expected to come to the mountains for the Fourth.

New River Power Co. Store to Close July 1

The New River Light and Power Company, which for some years has operated an electric appliance store in connection with its business office here, has announced that this store will close on July 1, but that the light bills will be collected for the time being, at the usual place. It is explained that at the time the store was opened, there was not an electrical appliance store in town, but that since then a number of establishments have been set up to fill the needs of the trading public and the need for the power company operating such a store has ceased.

The power company takes this opportunity to express its appreciation to the people that the store has served, assuring them that guarantees on appliances now existing will be handled through them.

Local Contractors Finishes Seven Jobs

Mr. W. C. Greene, local building contractor, states that this week he expects to complete seven building and remodeling jobs in the town, which represent the expenditure of about \$20,000. They are: The Sims Body Shop building; John W. Hodges store building; remodeling on the home of Melvin F. Burgess, leveling and filling lot for R. F. Greene, basement for Ralph Moretz,