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## COOKING SCHOOL TO BE HELD HERE ON NEXT TUESDAY

Mrs. Lois Shelton, Well-Known Lecturer to Be in Charge of Event Sponsored by Worth While Club; To Stress Short Cuts in Cooking Economy

Under the sponsorship of the Women's Worth While Club, a cooking school will be held at the Pastime Theatre building next Tuesday afternoon and evening, and all the housewives of the community and county, together with other interested persons, are cordially invited to attend.

Mrs. Lois Shelton, home service director of the Standard Gas Equipment Company, will conduct the school at 3 o'clock in the afternoon and 8 in the evening—a school of modern gas cookery with Esotane.

Mrs. Shelton comes here highly recommended as a nationally known home economist and radio speaker. She has been associated with gas companies for 25 years and has conducted schools in the larger cities all over the country.

The school, it is explained, is not to be conducted with the idea of teaching the ladies of this county how to cook (they already know plenty about that) but to give them a few short cuts in cooking economy and how to cook in the oven while they wait on the front porch. The following will be only a few of the things in store for you:

1. Buy cheap cuts of meat and cook them the best way.
2. Pie crust that is "perfection."
3. Boiled icing that never fails.
4. Maringue that stands up and "sasses" you back.
5. A dinner for eight cooked with 1c of gas.
6. Oven dinners and oven dinners plus.
7. Broiling the easy way.
8. Use the oven for canning.
9. Bake ice cream in oven at 500 degrees F.
10. Many nice prizes.

## WORK PROCEEDS ON TOBACCO HOUSE

Frame Work for Warehouse Almost Done; Contractor Says 10 Days Required to Finish

Work moved steadily forward last week on the construction of the second burley tobacco warehouse here, and Walter C. Greene, contractor on the job, believes that if materials were readily available, he could finish the large structure in about ten days good weather.

The framework is almost done, but absence of sufficient materials has delayed the work. The house when finished will have a floor space of 30,000 feet, nearly the same size as warehouse No. 1. The new structure is built to the rear of the present warehouse.

## Advent Camp Meeting To Be Held Aug. 10-18

The annual Advent Christian camp meeting of the fifth national region will be held this year August 10-18 at the assembly ground located seven miles from Blowing Rock on the Yonahlossee highway.

Arrangements have been made this year for a larger and better program than ever before. Everybody is cordially invited to attend and enjoy these extensive programs, the fine summer climate above the clouds and also the beautiful scenery.

The annual meeting of the Piedmont Advent Christian conference will convene on the camp ground just preceding the camp meeting. The date for the conference sessions is August 8-10.

There will be no services in the Boone Advent Christian church during the camp meeting.

## Surface Being Put On Highway to Vilas

U. S. Highway 421 between Boone and Vilas is closed this week for asphalt surfacing and should the weather have remained fair, traffic would have been turned on the new highway next Saturday. Heavy rains, however, Tuesday evening, with prospects of more today, will delay the completion of the thoroughfare.

The official detour being used is via Blowing Rock, Linville, Banner Elk, Valle Crucis and to Vilas, this being the only route the highway commission considers favorable for the larger buses and trucks which usually traverse 421. Most traffic, however, is going via Hodges Gap, the prison camp and on to the county home by the old grade, then down the Laurel to Valle Crucis and back to Vilas.

## Demonstrator



Mrs. Lois Shelton, home service director of the Standard Gas Equipment Corporation of New York, will conduct the cooking school at the Pastime Theatre building August 13, at 3 and 8 o'clock p. m.

## JURORS SELECTED FOR COURT TERM

Watauga Superior Court Convenes September 16; Judge Don Phillips Presides

The fall term of Watauga superior court will convene on Monday, September 16, for a one-week term with Judge Don Phillips presiding. There are now about 75 cases of a criminal nature docketed for trial, about one-half of which involve driving motor vehicles under the influence of whiskey, most of the remainder being for minor infractions of the law. There are about 25 civil cases, but it is not expected that many of these will be reached for trial during the one-week term.

Following is a list of those drawn for jury service:

- Bald Mountain—M. H. Stephens, E. E. Ragan.  
Beaver Dam—Bert Farthing, Ira Scott, R. J. Millsaps.  
Blowing Rock—Collis Greene, H. E. Coffey, Walter Holler.  
Blue Ridge—J. W. Hollifield, Dock Ford.  
Boone—W. H. Cragg, Howard Cottrell, D. G. Earnisten, P. W. Morditz, J. C. Canipe, John Dugger, C. W. Cragg, Ward Billings, A. E. Hanby, Cove Creek—Bert Mast, Lawrence Moody, G. H. Thomas, G. M. Hendon, Henry Norris.  
Elk—C. C. Triplett, H. C. Hoages, Laurel Creek—V. D. Ward, E. B. Hagaman.  
Meat Camp—Willie Clawson, A. W. Hodgson, Grady McNeil.  
North Fork—C. R. Wilson, Clyde Wallace, Frank Lang, W. C. South, Shawneehaw—Martin Yates, Jas. Michael.  
Stony Fork—K. W. Brown, Walter Moretz.  
Watauga—M. L. Townsend.

## Photographers Meet At Blowing Rock

The North Carolina Photographers' Association met at Blowing Rock Saturday for a business session and a banquet. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Chapel Hill where the organization will discuss with the coaches of various institutions the football prospects.

Two Charlotte bankers, John M. Scott and W. A. Twitty, judged the prints on exhibit at the meeting. Emerson Humphries of Pinehurst, was awarded first place in the contest with a picture of a jumping horse. Herman Kenebel of Charlotte, rated second with a picture of Beverly Nalle of Jacksonville, Fla., posed on her championship horse, Jack.

Jack Houston of Charlotte, and Conrad Frederick Smith of Charlotte, were masters of ceremonies at a program, with Paul Weston of Boone, at the piano, Rush Hamrick of Shelby, at the accordion, and Charlie Stimson of Blowing Rock at the guitar. The program also included dance specialties by Helen Powell Pool and Helen Farah of Charlotte.

## Noted Tenor to Sing at Blowing Rock Sunday

Capt. Bruce C. Boney, noted tenor, will sing at Blowing Rock Sunday, when Grandfather Orphanage day is to be observed at Rumples Memorial Presbyterian church.

For many years, Rev. Edgar Tufts, founder of Grandfather Orphans Home, was pastor of the Blowing Rock church and during the time Dr. James I. Vance was a summer resident of Blowing Rock. Under their joint sponsorship the annual orphanage day was instituted. The entire offering on this day, which has amounted to as much as \$5,000, goes to the support of the 85 to 100 children in the home.

The service Sunday at 11 a. m. will feature the singing of Capt. Boney and a chorus of children from Grandfather Home with talks by Mr. David Owens and Rev. Walter K. Keys.

## ROBERT BOLICK IS KILLED IN CRASH OF TRUCK, TRAIN

Blowing Rock Man One of Six Victims of New Hampshire Rail Crossing Accident; Funeral Services Conducted at Blowing Rock Tuesday Morning

Robert Bolick, 36, resident of Blowing Rock, was one of six men killed last Friday when a truck, owned by Melvin F. Burgess Contracting Company of Baltimore, Md., was struck by a Boston & Maine railway train at a grade crossing in West Canaan, New Hampshire.

Two of the bodies were found on the cow-catcher of the locomotive which traveled about 1,000 feet after the crash, while the other bodies were strewn along the right-of-way. The men were en route to a rural electrification project in West Springfield, for which the Maryland company had the contract, and Bolick was in charge of the crew. Hummie Adams of Boone, who was working on the same job, had ridden to work on the ill-fated truck every day, but luckily on the day of the accident had chosen to drive his own car to work.

The railroad issued a statement asserting that the accident occurred at an "open crossing, protected by automatic flashes, which were operating properly," adding that "it was reported the weather was foggy."

Funeral services for Robert Bolick were conducted Tuesday morning from the residence in Blowing Rock by Rev. R. H. Shore, and burial was in the Blowing Rock cemetery.

Mr. Bolick was a native of Blowing Rock and had been in New Hampshire for about one year.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Almida Bolick of Blowing Rock; four brothers, H. L. Bolick of Lenoir; W. M. and Charles Bolick of Blowing Rock, and Carl Bolick of California; two sisters, Mrs. Carrie Hughes, Tacoma, Wash., and Miss Clarissa Bolick, Bedford Hills, N. C.

## SAYS URGENT NEED OF MORE HOUSES

Local Realtor Says Housing Facilities in City Inadequate; Many Seek Homes Here

Mr. S. C. Eggers, local real estate dealer, states that there is a definite shortage of houses in the city, which are available to rent those who seek to establish summer homes here, and that at this time at least 50 persons have appealed to him for houses to be occupied during the remainder of the summer. Others, says Mr. Eggers, are anxious to rent houses for the fall and winter months, in order to take advantage of the educational facilities offered at Appalachian College.

The realtor says that applications reaching his office this year are far in excess of those of 1939, and that many vacationists are now going to other places because of their inability to procure houses here. The growth of the city is being definitely retarded, in his opinion, since the understanding has been prevalent throughout the country that one can't find housing accommodations in Boone.

## Road To Tater Hill Lake Is Completed

Messrs. Morris Eggers, Bill Norris and Carl Eggers put the finishing touches on the roadway to the Tater Hill lake last week and visitors to the mountain top may now enjoy boating and swimming.

Mr. S. C. Eggers, superintendent of the development, says that a large number of rainbow trout have been placed in the lake and that a recreational as well as beauty spot has been established. Lovers of wild life are particularly interested in the white herons which have made their appearance at the lake-side.

## Ovens to Speak to Chamber Commerce

David Ovens, manager of Ivey's department store in Charlotte, and summer resident of Blowing Rock, will speak at the ladies' night banquet of the Boone Chamber of Commerce Friday, August 16.

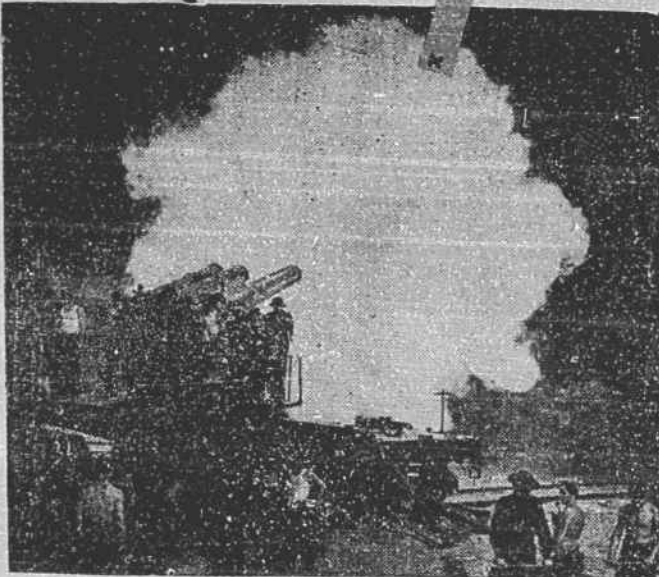
Mr. Ovens, besides being one of the leaders in state mercantile circles, is widely known as an after-dinner speaker.

More complete details of the meeting will be announced next week.

## Date For Flower Show Is Announced

The annual Boone flower show, conducted under the auspices of the missionary societies of the local Baptist and Methodist churches, is to be held on Tuesday, August 20, in the basement of the Baptist church. Full details concerning the event will be released within a few days.

## LOUDSPEAKING FOR U. S. DEFENSE



Sandy Hook, N. J.—Whiter than a rose is the corona of smoke that hangs over the Atlantic waters from Sandy Hook during target practice. The seacoast defense guns of all types are being put through their paces as the U. S. arms for defense.

## TRAFFIC LIGHTS INSTALLED HERE

Limited Parking Also Instituted to Aid in Solving Traffic Problem in City

A stop light has been installed at the intersection of Depot and King streets as a first step toward providing a greater degree of safety for the increased number of motorists traversing the main street of the town, and it is the purpose of the city administration to install other lights along King street in the near future. One will be located at the Water street intersection, one at Smithey's store, one at the College street corner and one at the junction of the Blowing Rock road with 421. At the same time restricted parking on the south side of King street from the Sinclear station to the Smithey store is being enforced. Between 10 a. m. and 6 p. m., cars will be allowed to park for only one hour in this territory. Already the new parking regulations have greatly relieved the congestion of cars along the street.

## Three Fatal Accidents In Watauga This Year

Seven of the 3,709 highway accidents in North Carolina during the first six months of 1940 occurred in Watauga county, according to a six-months summary just released by the North Carolina highway safety division.

Watauga's seven accidents were classified as follows: three fatal, three non-fatal, and one involving property damage only.

For the state as a whole, there were 317 fatal accidents, 1,412 non-fatal and 1,974 property damage accidents the first six months of this year.

Eighteen counties maintained clean slates the first half of this year with respect to traffic fatalities, these being: Alleghany, Bertie, Caldwell, Camden, Caswell, Chowan, Clay, Currituck, Gates, Greene, Hyde, Jackson, Onslow, Perquimans, Person, Randolph, Tyrrell and Yancey. Four of these counties, Alleghany, Chowan, Hyde and Tyrrell, reported no traffic fatalities in 1939. Eighteen other counties reported only one fatal accident each for the first six-month period.

Forsyth led the state in total number of accidents reported, with 324, and Guilford led in the number of fatal accidents with 20.

Two hundred and seventeen of the 317 fatal accidents occurred on roads in rural areas, 13 in towns of less than 500 population, 8 in towns from 500 to 1,000 population, 19 in towns from 1,000 to 5,000 population, 10 in cities from 5,000 to 10,000 population, 16 in cities from 25,000 to 50,000, and 30 in cities from 50,000 to 100,000.

Mr. Lewis Reese of this city, is the owner of the Second Hand Store, which will open its doors next Friday morning in the building recently vacated by the New River Light & Power Co.

## Second Hand Store Will Open Friday

Mr. Reese is featuring a complete line of second hand clothing, shoes, blankets, etc., at very low prices and expects a large patronage. He says all the garments have been dry cleaned and thoroughly sterilized and that in many instances the merchandise is just as good as new. Mr. Doughton Greene will manage the new store.

One hundred and thirteen daily newspapers are published in Great Britain.

## SHERIFF MILLER OF ASHE COUNTY SUICIDES TUESDAY

Edward Miller Fires Fatal Shot After Restless Night; Funeral to Be Held This Afternoon; Was Serving Second Term as Ashe County Sheriff

Jefferson, Aug. 7.—Wiley Edward Miller, Ashe county sheriff and tax collector, shot and killed himself with a .38 calibre pistol early Tuesday morning in his apartment at the county jail here.

Dressed in pajamas and sitting on the edge of his bed, Sheriff Miller fired a bullet through the left side of his head and died within a short time.

For the past several months Miller had been suffering with sinus trouble. His wife said he spent a restless night last night and even threatened to kill her.

"This morning I got up earlier than usual and he forced me to go back to bed," she told friends in discussing the tragedy. "Later, when I got up and went into the living room he shot himself," she said.

Funeral services will be held at the West Jefferson Methodist church Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Burial will be made in the town cemetery.

Miller was serving his second term as sheriff. He was born and reared in this county, being the son of the late Rev. and Mrs. Jesse Miller. Before his election in 1936, he was a contractor and cattle trader. He was 45 years old at the time of his death.

He was a member of the Ashe post of the American Legion, the Forty and Eight, the West Jefferson Masonic Lodge, and took an active part in civic activities.

He is survived by his widow, the former Miss Elizabeth Vannoy of Abingdon, Va., and four children, Jack, Billy, Dean and George; two sisters and one brother; Mrs. Mertie Williams, Smethport, Mrs. Ella Mae Hodge, Rugby, Va., and Carl Miller of West Jefferson.

During the last general assembly the sheriff's term of office for this county was extended from two to four years, and Miller had a little more than two years left to serve. Mrs. Miller had been acting as chief clerk in the office and her work has been highly praised.

The Ashe county board of commissioners will meet next Tuesday to name a successor to Sheriff Miller. Meanwhile, Dr. B. E. Reeves, Ashe coroner, is acting as sheriff.

Dr. Reeves made an investigation of Miller's death and pronounced it suicide.

Mr. Miller was well known in Boone where he had formerly been engaged with Mr. Jenkins in construction work. He helped build the Shell Service station and the Baptist parsonage, among other structures.

## GREENE BABY IS FATALLY SCALDED

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank O. Greene of Vilas, Succumbs to Accidental Burns

Robert Franklin Greene, 11-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank O. Greene of Vilas, died in the Watauga hospital Tuesday evening from the effects of burns inflicted a week ago. Mrs. Greene, it is said, was doing home canning when in some manner a vessel containing hot water toppled from a table where she worked and near which the baby was playing. The child never improved appreciably from the burns received.

Funeral services are to be conducted this (Thursday) morning from the Willow Valley Baptist church by Rev. G. A. Hanby and interment is to be in Cove Creek cemetery.

The bereaved parents are the only immediate survivors.

## Widening New River Bridge To 26 Feet

The state highway commission, through the co-operation of the WPA, has started the work of widening the concrete bridge across New River on Highway 421 near Boone to a 26-foot roadway, and the work will likely be completed during the month of October.

The bridge was formerly 20 feet wide, and when completed will be four feet wider than the 22-foot pavement on the roadway, in order to take care of "over-hang" on certain types of trucks.

ATTEND REUNION  
Mr. S. C. Eggers and family attended the annual reunion of the Eggers family at Backbone Rock in Virginia last Sunday. About 200 members of the Eggers family from North Carolina, Kentucky, Virginia, Maryland, South Carolina and Tennessee attended. Mr. Eggers extended an invitation for the reunion to be held on Tater Hill next year.