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## PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF COUNTY WILL OPEN ON MONDAY

Flood-Damaged Roads May Keep Buses Off Part of Routes Temporarily; Students to Cross Watauga River on Foot Bridge; Book Rental Fees

All of the public schools of Watauga county will open for the 1940-41 session on Monday morning, September 2, it is announced by County Superintendent W. H. Walker.

Due to the flood damage to roads, it is expected, the school buses may not be able to get to the end of all the bus routes, but will go as far as possible. School children are asked to co-operate for a few days and walk to where they can be met by the buses. At V. D. Ward's school children will cross the Watauga River on a footbridge, where another bus will be waiting to take them to Cove Creek school.

High school students are requested to bring \$2.40 to pay their book rental fee in order that they may get their books on the first day. Text books for elementary students are furnished by the state without cost.

## ANNUAL FLOWER SHOW ON FRIDAY

Increasing Interest Being Shown in Event Sponsored by City's Religious Groups

The summer flower show, an annual event in this community, and which is sponsored by the ladies of the Brown, Methodist and Baptist churches, will be held in the basement of the Baptist church Friday of this week from 3 to 9 o'clock.

Entries will be received from 9 o'clock in the morning until 1 in the afternoon and are not to be withdrawn until the end of the show, it is explained. A silver offering will be taken.

Each year an increased interest has been shown in the flower show, and this year it is desired more than ever full co-operation be given in promoting interest in growing and arranging flowers for exhibition. In this way the sponsors of the event hope to make Boone and Watauga county a more attractive place in which to live and create a greater desire on the part of visitors to return to the community.

Everyone is invited to send entries, to visit the show and enjoy the flowers.

## McNARY ATTACKS NEW DEAL

Salem, Oregon, Aug. 28—Charles L. McNary formally accepted the Republican vice-presidential nomination yesterday with typical moderation—chided the Roosevelt administration for its doctrine of "statism," but refused to "condemn the new deal in its entirety."

Oregon's beloved "Charley Mac" told westerners who gathered for the acceptance ceremonies that "we must decide whether America shall advance again along the path of her historic mission, or retreat still further into the fields of futility."

But in the next breath Wendell L. Willkie's running mate said: "I should be guilty of narrow partisanship... were I... to condemn the new deal in its entirety. Candor requires me to credit this administration with certain social gains which have made the lot of the average man more secure—if not more fruitful and satisfying. I, for one, do not choose to relinquish these advances, where they are genuine."

He took sharp issue, however, with the new deal's effort to "inculcate reliance on the government in place of self-reliance, and to supplant hope with fear of what lies ahead."

## PRIZE-WINNING ONIONS

The Democrat thanks Rev. Tipton Greene for the gift of five huge onions taken from his state farm garden. The five tubers of the Yellow Denver variety, weighed exactly five pounds, which would lead one to suspect that Mr. Greene really "knows his onions."

## A CORRECTION

Mr. Worth Greene of Stony Fork township, calls attention to an error made in the routines of the Democrat last week. The wall of a house which was reputedly the Andrew Greene home, was in reality that of Millard Greene, he says. The home of Andrew Greene where four perished was totally destroyed and nothing at all of the house is visible.

## F. D. R. MAPS CAMPAIGN

Washington, Aug. 28.—President Roosevelt discussed Democratic campaign plans yesterday with Senator Lucas of Illinois, then turned toward Hyde Park, N. Y., for the start of a seven-day tour that will end with two Labor Day speeches in the south and inspection of arms plants in West Virginia.

## Rulers of Bahamas



Hamilton, Bermuda.—En route to Nassau in the Bahamas where the ex-king will take up his duties as governor general and commander-in-chief, the Duke and Duchess of Windsor posed for pictures.

## 94 GRADUATE AT APPALACHIAN

Summer Term Closed Thursday With Address by Dr. J. Henry Highsmith

Appalachian State Teachers College concluded its 15th annual summer school last Thursday with the graduation of 94 students in ten combination fields.

Dr. J. Henry Highsmith, state high school inspector, delivered the commencement address. Dr. B. B. Dougherty, president, assisted by Dean J. D. Rankin and Registrar H. R. Eggers in conferring the degrees.

Mrs. Pearly Story Hartley of Boone, led the class in scholastic achievement, graduating with the highest mark in summa cum laude.

Most of the graduates fell within the grammar grade and primary classification, with English, mathematics, history and the sciences ranking next in popularity.

Appalachian regular winter term opens for freshmen September 4, with upper classmen registration set for September 10, it was announced by Dr. Rankin, dean of the administration.

## President Designates Nov. 21 Thanksgiving

Washington, Aug. 22.—President Roosevelt has decided Thanksgiving Day will come on November 21 this year. The White House has informed Representative Bryson of South Carolina.

This information was conveyed to Bryson as the result of a request he received from Prof. John B. Gentry of Clinton high school, who said he was having trouble with his football schedule due to the indecision over the date of Thanksgiving.

Presidential Secretary Steve Early took the question up with the President and solved the problem. What the President holds in this respect applies legally only to the District of Columbia and insular and territorial possessions, the question of the dates in the states being solely with the governor.

## Program For Veterans Basket Picnic Given

The Tri-State Veterans Association is holding its annual basket picnic at Johnson City at the Veterans Home, Sunday, September 1. The meeting will commence at 10 o'clock a. m., eastern standard time, and at 11 a. m. there will be a business meeting at the offices of the Spanish American hall directly in the rear of the postoffice. During the morning, in addition to the tour of the reservation, there will be a baseball game, band concert and other entertainment.

All ex-service men, their wives, children and sweethearts are urged to make this their best picnic of the year. All will be expected to bring their own picnic dinner. Hot coffee, cream, sugar and lemonade, however, will be furnished by the association, but all visitors will furnish their own glasses and plates. Dinner will be spread at 12 o'clock and immediately after dinner there will be the main attraction of the day, General W. T. Kennerly of Knoxville. General Kennerly will address the gathering and as he is a well known Spanish American veteran and considered one of the outstanding orators of the south, his address will be awaited with interest.

## BODY OF MRS. MILLER HASN'T BEEN RECOVERED

The body of Mrs. Iona Miller, which was washed away in the flood in Stony Fork township has not yet been recovered, and hope of finding it is diminishing. All the others of Watauga's seven teen fatalities are accounted for.

## COUNTY SINGING

The semi-annual county singing convention will be held on the first Sunday in October at the Cove Creek high school auditorium, beginning at 10:30 a. m., says Mr. N. L. Harrison, chairman of the singing association.

## TRUSTEES MEET AT APPALACHIAN; BOWIE PRESIDES

Dougherty Re-elected President of Local Institution and Plans Made for Repairing Flood Damage; \$39,332 Has Been Appropriated From Emergency Fund

The trustees of Appalachian State Teachers College met in annual session Tuesday with Judge T. C. Bowie of West Jefferson, presiding.

Dr. B. B. Dougherty was re-elected as president of the college and a motion was passed empowering him to work with the executive committee in repairing flood damages to power plant, college farm, bridges about the campus. \$39,332 has been appropriated from the state emergency fund to take care of these repairs. Appalachian was the only state institution to suffer serious damage from the flood waters.

Apartment House Talked Meanwhile, the board pondered the possibility of building another apartment house for faculty members, but definite decision was held up, pending further investigation of the proposal by the executive committee.

V. D. Gure of Lenoir, was elected chairman of the board of trustees, while G. P. Hagaman of Boone, remained vice-president and secretary of the board. The executive committee consists of G. P. Hagaman, G. H. Geitner of Hickory, and Eugene Transou of Sparta.

Trustees present for the meeting were Eugene Transou, G. H. Geitner, T. C. Bowie, H. H. Sullivan, Asheville; Hugh A. Cranor, Wilkesboro; I. T. Avery, Morganton; Mrs. E. F. Reid and V. D. Gure of Lenoir.

## FSA Loans Provide Work For Carpenters

Local carpenters and contractors will have the opportunity to submit bids for construction and repair of farm buildings in connection with the tenant-purchase program of the Farm Security Administration, according to a statement by Paul J. Chappell, county FSA supervisor.

"Following the approval of loans to tenant farmers in this county to buy and improve farms, invitations for bids for construction work will be issued from my office," Mr. Chappell said.

He pointed out that the individual buying a farm borrows the money to buy the farm and build his own house or make necessary repairs, but FSA helps the borrower to draw up his house plans, and assists him in letting the contract.

Notice for bids will be issued in the Watauga Democrat at a later date. Further information can be secured from Mr. Chappell whose office is located in the courthouse.

## BOILING OF WATER NOW UNNECESSARY

Order of Health Department is Rescinded; Dr King Urges Typhoid Vaccination

Repairs have now been made in the broken water mains, says Dr. Robert R. King of the district health department, and super-chlorination is carried on until there is no longer a necessity for residents of the city to boil their drinking water.

At the same time, however, Dr. King stresses the importance of being vaccinated against typhoid fever, and says: "This year above all others it is advisable to be immunized against typhoid fever. The excessive washing and general disturbance of water supplies makes this a much more dangerous period from the point of pollution of water than any we have experienced in a long time. See your doctor."

## WINS IN JUDGING CONTEST

The Cove Creek FFA livestock judging team, accompanied by their coach, Ernest Hillard, attended the Farmers' Federation day at Swanoona last Saturday. The judging team, Ralph Stokes, John Shepherd and John Pressnell, competed in a judging contest sponsored by the experiment station. The classes judged were draft horses, dairy cows and dairy heifers. Ralph Stokes tied for first place in judging draft horses with a score of 99 points out of a possible 100. Stokes was also sixth high scoring man out of approximately 60 contestants from all over Western North Carolina.

## NEWSPAPERS FAVOR WILLKIE ELECTION

New York, Aug. 24.—Editor and Publisher printed yesterday a national table of the political preferences of 1,030 daily newspapers in the United States which showed that 683 of them had declared for Wendell L. Willkie, the Republican nominee. The canvass was as of August 21.

In 1932, according to the tabulation, 537 daily newspapers opposed Mr. Roosevelt.

## CANDIDATES—OLD AND NEW



Alfred M. Landon, 1936 Republican presidential candidate, talks over the campaign which Wendell L. Willkie, 1940 Republican standard bearer, started with a bang in his Elwood, Ind., acceptance speech.

## First Straw Poll Is Being Conducted

Mr. Grover C. Robbins, mayor of Blowing Rock and operator of the establishment at the Rock itself, is the instigator of the first presidential straw poll to be started in this section.

Mr. Robbins has had several thousand ballots printed to present to those visiting the Rock, wherein they are asked to give their name, address, and their choice for President.

Since more than a thousand people per week from various states are expected to visit the Rock during the next while, the results of Mayor Robbins' poll will be watched with interest.

## FATE OF RAILWAY BE DECIDED 10TH

Question as to Rebuilding of Linville River Railway to Come Before Directors

The Linville River railway which has been out of commission between Cranberry and Boone since the flood, may or may not be rebuilt, according to decision of the board of directors, which will hold its annual meeting in Cranberry September 10.

It is believed that there is a serious question as to whether the line will be rebuilt, since the falling off of freight revenue in the last few years is said to have made the end of the road a non-paying activity. Should a considerable portion of the tonnage coming into Boone be placed back on the rails it is believed it would have a very good effect on the directors, who thus far have said nothing to indicate their intention.

Hurried surveys of the storm-damaged tracks indicate that about \$50,000 would have to be expended to put the train through to Boone again.

## Burley Specialist Visitor In County

Mr. L. T. Weeks, extension tobacco specialist of Raleigh, spent half a day in Watauga county Monday, for the purpose of inspecting tobacco demonstrations and also tobacco that was damaged by the recent high waters. Mr. Weeks said he would advise all farmers who had tobacco which had begun to fall over as a result of the flood to cut it at once in order to save as much of it as possible. The tobacco that isn't damaged should be left until it is matured before cutting.

## Roosevelt to Visit State Labor Day For Dedication of Great Smoky Park

Washington, Aug. 27.—President Roosevelt will dedicate the Great Smoky Mountains National park in mid-afternoon on Labor Day, September 2 at Newfound Gap, the joint North Carolina-Tennessee park gateway.

This information was learned definitely Friday by Representative Zebulon Weaver, 11th district congressman.

Weaver reported that he had talked with the White House earlier in the day on the matter and had subsequently been assured by both Secretary Stephen Early and Brigadier General Edwin M. Martin, military aide and now substituting for Presidential Secretary Marvin McIntyre, that Mr. Roosevelt would appear at Newfound Gap for the dedication September 2.

According to Secretary Early's statement, Weaver said, the President will leave Hyde Park by special train for Chattanooga, Tenn., on September 1. He is scheduled to inspect the Chamauga dam on the Tennessee river 10 miles above Chattanooga and speak there about 10 a. m.

Continuing on to Knoxville by train, Mr. Roosevelt will then go by automobile the 10 miles to Newfound Gap where he will dedicate the 400,000 acres of one of America's greatest recreational parks, about 2 p. m.

Park officials here, however, are keeping their fingers crossed until the President is actually on his way. The dedication has already been postponed three times because of troubled international affairs, and with the crisis of the battle of Britain expected at any moment it is realized that a fourth postponement may unexpectedly be added.

The President's speech probably will be broadcast by short-wave on a coast-to-coast network. Knowing Mr. Roosevelt's tendency to select such occasions for significant speeches, there is some speculation among observers here that the President may choose the Great Smoky dedication to take an advanced stand on political or foreign affairs.

## NATIONAL RETAIL EVENT IS TO BE OBSERVED IN CITY

Merchants Stand Squarely Behind Defense Program and Join in Nation-wide Demonstration Week; Service Retailers Render to Be Paramounted

Members of the Boone Merchants Association are standing squarely behind the national defense program and are making plans to actively participate in the celebration of National Retail Demonstration Week, September 16-21, which this year will tie in closely with the defense program of the federal government.

This far-reaching, nation-wide movement on behalf of all retailers is now three years old. During this week the retail merchants will work side by side to demonstrate to the people of Boone and vicinity the vast service that retailers render to the customer. During this week they will endeavor to demonstrate to the public that every retailer is a "purchasing agent for the public," that they have an important part in the social and economic life of the community and that they render a vast and essential service to the public.

The stores will be decorated with flags, streamers and banners, and will attempt to show the public what they have to offer, the efficiency of the salesforce, the improvements made to the stores and will put greater emphasis on what they are doing to illustrate that they are the purchasing agents for the public in this community.

## FALL TERM OPENS AT COLLEGE TUES.

375 Freshmen Already Accepted at Local Institution; Dormitories Are Filled

The regular fall term opens at Appalachian next Tuesday and indications are that the enrollment will be as great or even greater than a year ago, all the space in the dormitories having been reserved some time ago. Three hundred and seventy-five freshmen have already been accepted for the regular term, it is stated.

This year the college will operate on a schedule of six days a week, it having hitherto been the custom to observe Monday as a holiday. At the same time Appalachian high and demonstration schools will have Saturday as a holiday rather than Monday, in order to comply with the state school law.

Appalachian has the distinction of being perhaps the only teachers college in the United States that did not suffer a loss of students during the summer terms. In fact, Appalachian gained about 40 in the total enrollment over 1939, whereas at Columbia University summer school for teachers the loss was about one thousand, with other colleges suffering proportionately.

## Premium List Local Fair Out This Week

The premium list for the Watauga Agricultural fair will be out for distribution about September 1st. The premiums will be very attractive and the exhibits will be similar to those of last year.

The fair association announces that a washing machine will be given away to the man and wife winning the fair sweepstakes—the most blue ribbons.

The date of the fair has not been changed and will start on Thursday, September 12th. The Saulins players will be here to give three plays and the amusements will be furnished by the A. B. B. attractions from Winston-Salem.

It is hoped that the people of the county will not come to the fair just for entertainment alone but that they will help make it educational as well by bringing their best exhibits and taking part in its program.

## FORD CAR UNDER TEN FEET WATER STILL RUNS

Mr. Hard Thomas of Watauga River, was in town Monday driving his Ford A model coupe, which had been immersed in the flood waters of Watauga River for more than three hours and as its proud owner says it "runs like a Cadillac."

When the waters of the Watauga began to immerse the Ford car, Mr. Thomas attempted to move the vehicle to higher ground. Slippery soil prevented this and he hurriedly chained the car to a sycamore tree. The top of the car was under ten feet of water for three hours and the vehicle is slightly scraped by rafts of saw logs which passed over it. When the mud was cleaned out, however, it was found there was no water in the crankcase and nothing but gasoline in the fuel tank. The jalopy is good as new, says its proud owner.