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EGGERS IS NAMED MODERATOR THREE FORK CHURCH BODY

Association Comes to a Close With Spectacular Pageant Commemorating One Hundredth Anniversary of Baptist Association in This Area

S. C. Eggers of Boone was named moderator of the Three Forks Baptist Association at the close of the sessions of the organization at Three Forks church last week, succeeding Rev. R. C. Eggers, who had served in this capacity for five terms.

Clyde R. Greene was re-elected for the seventh term as clerk to the association and following are the other officers named: Wade E. Brown, vice-moderator and chairman of the executive committee, which includes the following members: Grady Minton, W. D. Farthing, Lee Swift, Mrs. D. P. Coffey, S. C. Eggers, Clyde R. Greene.

Sunday school director, Ralph Be-shars; orphanage director, Russell D. Hodges; B. T. U. director, H. W. Wilcox; hospital director, D. M. Edmisten; chairman promotion committee, N. M. Greene.

Of interest is the fact that during the 100 years of the association's existence there have been 12 moderators and 12 clerks. The first moderator was Isaiah Wilcox and the first clerk, Richard Gentry.

The three Forks association which observed its centennial at this meeting is the oldest and largest organization of its kind in this entire region. It is composed of 37 churches with a membership of 6,130, and with a Sunday school enrollment of 4,970. During the past year the contributions of the various churches for all purposes was \$27,474.72, and there was noted a substantial gain in contributions to orphanage and hospital. All the churches were represented at the gathering.

On the first day of the association's gathering, Rev. Grady Hamby delivered the annual sermon, and following is a text of a resolution which was passed, dealing with public morals:

"Resolved that the Three Forks association in its 100th session at the Three Forks church August 27, 1940, go on record for the following:

1. That we call upon the members of the next legislature to give us a referendum on the question of liquor and beer in the state of North Carolina.

2. That we call on our officers of the law in Watauga county to enforce the law against slot machines and all gambling devices. And that we pledge them our support in such enforcement.

3. That we as individuals and as churches will do our part against the above named evils, and

"We will make honest effort to carry the gospel of Christ to those who are engaged in this nefarious business."

On Thursday Smith Hagaman, of the Baptist hospital, I. G. Greer, superintendent of Mills Home, and M. O. Alexander of the Baptist state convention, took part in the program, and the history of the association was presented by A. J. Greene.

Mr. Hagaman based his address on the history of the church and association; Rev. J. C. Canipe discussed the pioneer preacher and Mr. Greene's address was on Baptist progress in North Carolina.

Thursday evening Wade E. Brown was in charge of a program commemorating the centennial of the association and the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of Three Forks church. A pageant presented was written by Rev. J. C. Canipe and staged under the direction of Prof. Antonakos of Appalachian college. The pageant depicted the growth of the church and the association from the early days to the present time and was well received by a large audience.

The next meeting of the association will be at Pleasant Grove Baptist church on Tuesday and Wednesday after the fourth Sunday in August, 1941.

Railroad Meeting At 8 This Evening

An important meeting of the citizens of the town will be held Thursday evening at 8 o'clock at the Junior hall, for the purpose of discussing rail service to this city, and to consider plans for encouraging the rebuilding of the flood-damaged lines.

Directors of the Linville River Railway will meet next Tuesday and it is important that whatever action is taken be taken at this time. A full attendance of all those interested in the rebuilding of the railroad is urged.

Edmisten Reunion To Be Held At Hatchery

Due to the condition of the roads since the recent flood, the reunion of the Edmisten families, which was to have been held at Mulberry church on September 8, will be held at the state fish hatchery at Ruth-erwood. The date is unchanged.

French Envoy



Paris, France—Perhaps the most delicate diplomatic job in the world is that held by Henry Hays, new French ambassador to the United States. Conditions have placed France in the position of puppet of Germany in the eyes of American citizens. Hays' policy in the United States will be watched with interest.

MAYORS, OTHER LEADERS TO MEET

Western North Carolina Communities Sponsors District Gathering in Boone

The mayors and other leading citizens from eight northwestern Carolina counties will gather at the Junior Order hall in Boone next Friday afternoon at 2:30, according to an announcement made by Mayor Grover C. Robbins of Blowing Rock, vice-president of Western North Carolina Communities Association, which organization is sponsoring the local gathering.

The purpose of the meeting is to bring together leaders of the northwestern counties of the state to talk over matters of co-operative interest, to consider some outstanding legislative problems, and lay some plans regarding the advertising program of the association, and other matters of mutual interest.

The territory which is to be represented in this meeting includes the following counties: Iredell, Wilkes, Alleghany, Avery, Ashe, Watauga, Caldwell and Alexander.

WATAUGA FAIR TO OPEN THURSDAY

Program Given for Annual Agricultural Fair at Cove Creek; Many Events

The tenth annual Watauga agricultural fair will be held at the Cove Creek high school Thursday, Friday and Saturday, September 12-13-14, and following is the program for the event:

Program
Tuesday and Wednesday evening, September 10 and 11, midway attractions.

Entering of Exhibits
Thursday, Sept. 12, entering of poultry exhibits.

Thursday afternoon, athletic contests.

Thursday afternoon 4 p. m., judging of poultry exhibits.

Thursday evening 8 o'clock, free agricultural movies.

Thursday, midway attractions.

Friday, Sept. 13, 3 to 10, entering of flower exhibits; judging of flower exhibits.

Friday, 2 to 4 p. m., play, "David Copperfield." Presented by Sauline Players. Admission 10c and 25c.

Friday evening 8 o'clock, play by Sauline Players, "The Whole Town's Talking." Admission 15c and 25c.

Friday evening, 10 o'clock, midway and free minstrel show.

Saturday morning, Sept. 14, entering and judging of livestock.

Saturday, 9 a. m., F.F.A. judging contest.

Saturday afternoon, 1:00, baby show.

Saturday, 2:00 p. m., horse shoe pitching contest.

Saturday, 3:00 p. m., hog, cow and chicken calling contest.

Saturday, 8:00 p. m., comedy play by Sauline Players, "Mother Knows Best." Admission 15c and 25c.

Saturday, 10:00 p. m., exhibits released.

Saturday, midnight, closing of fair.

Admission charges of 10 and 15 cents will be made on Friday and Saturday.

MAY INFANT

An infant son born to Mr. and Mrs. Glenn May at Kings Mountain hospital, Bristol, died last Wednesday. The body was brought to Trade for burial. Surviving are the bereaved parents.

CITY'S MOST AGED CITIZEN IS DEAD

John H. Norris Succumbs Wednesday Morning at Age of 91; Rites Thursday

John H. Norris, the town's most aged and one of its most beloved citizens, died at the home of a daughter, Mrs. R. K. Bingham, early Wednesday morning, from a sudden illness. Mr. Norris had been in feeble health for several months, but the fatal attack was unexpected. He was 91 years old.

The funeral services are to be conducted from the Methodist church in Boone Thursday afternoon at 2:30, by Rev. Paul Townsend, and interment will be in the city cemetery.

Surviving are the following sons and daughters: S. A. Norris, Boone; J. F. Norris, Charlotte; Mrs. Joe Cooke, Mrs. R. K. Bingham, Boone; Mrs. McCoy Moretz, Charlotte; Mrs. E. K. Whitener, Gastonia; Mrs. K. A. Link, Lenoir; Mrs. N. O. Coffey, Greensboro.

Further details of the funeral and of the life of this estimable gentleman will appear in the next edition of The Democrat.

Miss Lona Moretz Dies This Morning

Miss Lona Moretz, aged 63, for many years a valued employee of Appalachian College, died at Watauga hospital this morning after an illness of about eight months.

Funeral services are to be conducted Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Grace Lutheran church here by Rev. E. F. Troutman, pastor, and interment will be in the old Mount Pleasant cemetery in Meat Camp township.

Miss Moretz, who was well known throughout this area and held in the highest regard by a wide circle of friends was the daughter of the late Jonathan Moretz and Mary Norris Moretz, and is survived by the following brothers and sisters: T. M. Moretz, Mrs. L. L. Norris, Boone; Mrs. Winnie Greet, Brownwood; J. F. Moretz, Mrs. L. W. Greene, Mrs. H. C. Greene, Mrs. Cicero Norris and Mrs. C. H. Howell, Boone.

Rev. J. G. Pulliam Rites Are Today

Funeral services for Rev. J. G. Pulliam, former resident of this city, will be conducted from the Boone Baptist church this (Thursday) afternoon at 4 o'clock by the Rev. J. C. Canipe, pastor, and interment will be in the family cemetery at Perkinsville.

Information is that Mr. Pulliam died in Santa Maria, California, following a paralytic stroke. Further details as to the death and funeral will be published next week.

Surviving are the widow, one son and one daughter: Mr. Robert W. Pulliam, Washington, D. C., and Mrs. F. P. Marshall, Santa Maria, Calif.

McNeill To Speak In Boone September 16

Robert H. McNeill of Statesville, Republican candidate for governor, spent Tuesday at state headquarters in Charlotte mapping his speaking itinerary for the next two weeks.

Mr. McNeill will make his next address at Asheboro on September 14, speaking that same day in Jefferson. On September 16, he will speak at Boone at 11 a. m., at Lenoir at 8 p. m. On September 17 he will speak at Marion at 11 a. m. and at Asheville at 8 p. m.

Surplus Seed Available Flood, Drought Areas

ice has compiled a list of sources of surplus legume and small grain seed available for the drought and flood stricken areas of North Carolina. A copy of this list has been placed in the hands of every county farm agent in the state.

John W. Goodman, assistant extension director, acted promptly when it was evident that the dry weather in July and the heavy rains and floods in August had destroyed thousands of acres of food and feed crops, and many bushels of stored seed. He called upon extension agents to report on seed surpluses in their counties.

The survey showed that there are available: 124,835 bushels of oat seed, 61,232 bushels of wheat, 18,500 bushels of barley, 1,000 bushels of rye, 30,000 pounds of crimson clover, 17,000 pounds of Italian rye grass, and 5,000 pounds of vetch.

"Farmers who have lost a part of their corn and hay crops should immediately communicate with their county farm agent and learn the sources of this surplus seed," Goodman said. "This is the planting season for small grains and winter cover crops in most of the state, and even in areas where the drought and floods did not cause any damage, it is wise to have some of these crops growing to protect and enrich the soil during the winter months."

The extension leader said that 11 varieties of oats, three varieties of wheat, three of barley and Abruzzi rye are available.

Corn Husking Agriculture Head



Camden, Indiana.—Claude R. Wickard, former under-secretary of agriculture, pictured husking corn on his farm near Camden. Wickard was appointed secretary of agriculture, succeeding Henry A. Wallace, Democratic nominee for the vice-presidency, who has resigned. The new secretary entered the agricultural department's corn and hog division of the AAA in 1932. He later became head of the AAA and was appointed under-secretary last February 1st.

Ring Lost In Power Dam In 1939 Found

Miss Juanita Glenn recovered through an advertisement in The Democrat a Cove Creek high school class ring lost in 1939. Nothing strange about this, but believe it or not, the ring was accidentally dropped in the water of the New River Light and Power Company's dam, and was miraculously recovered after the flood waters washed away the concrete reservoir.

The Democrat would be glad to know just where the ring was found, if the person bringing it to The Democrat office would be so kind as to let us know.

FALL TERM OPENS AT APPALACHIAN

360 Freshmen Seeking Admission to Local College; Total Enrollment 1,000

Appalachian College opened its fall registration, Wednesday with 360 freshmen seeking admission.

The total enrollment will be 1,000. First year students number 146 boys and 214 girls, 318 of whom are from North Carolina and 42 out-of-state students.

Most of these students represent the upper quartile, 23 claimants of valedictorian, and 25 salutatorians in their respective high schools. Freshmen week, designed for orientation and classifications began with the president's words of welcome Wednesday morning, after which Professors H. R. Eggers and D. J. Whitener appeared on the program with special instructional addresses.

Registration Friday will be followed by a faculty reception for the freshmen Saturday night, to round out the week's activities.

Registration for upper classmen will begin next Tuesday, and classroom activities start next day.

Two Have Narrow Escape From Lightning

Messrs. T. J. Greene and Lloyd Moretz of Route 2, had a narrow escape from death last Wednesday evening, when lightning struck a group of trees about 18 feet from where they were sitting, listening to a fox chase. Both the gentlemen suffered a temporary paralysis of their legs from the shock of the bolt, but in a short while regained the normal use of their limbs and are none the worse for their harrowing experience.

Stony Fork Association To Meet At Bailey Camp

The Stony Fork Baptist Association will have its regular gathering at Bailey Camp Baptist church on Tuesday and Wednesday, September 10-11, says Rev. Carl Triplett, the moderator.

The Tuesday session will start with devotional by W. M. Brown, the organization and appointment of committees, and the annual sermon by Rev. G. M. Watson. In the afternoon there will be devotion and Sunday schools, missions, benevolences and miscellaneous business.

On Wednesday the session will start at 9:30 with devotional by E. F. Wilson, with the following order of business: Reading of minutes, duties of pastors and churches, religious training. In the afternoon the program includes: devotion and religious literature, woman's work, temperance, resolutions, business and closing worship.

TYPICAL WOMAN CUSTOMER WILL BE CHOSEN HERE

Contest to Locate Mrs. Typical Customer to Be Feature of National Retail Demonstration Week in Which City Merchants Will Take Part

Who is she? Where is she? Will she be the woman selected in the nation-wide contest of the National Dry Goods Association as "Mrs. Typical Customer of 1940?"

During National Retail Demonstration September 16-21, the merchants of Boone want to find this woman. She should be a housewife and intelligent, observing and discriminating.

Maybe you are the woman? If you think you are "Mrs. Typical Customer" of Boone present your qualifications in writing to the Chamber of Commerce on the special entry forms which will be available at Boone stores.

You will be asked to write a short essay on what you think of shopping in Boone stores, and a \$10 prize will be given the winner. Final selection will be made on the judge's standards as to whether you really are "Mrs. Typical Customer of Boone."

When National Demonstration is over, on the 21st, one woman will be selected from the nation to go to New York as the guest of the National Retail Dry Goods Association as "Mrs. Typical Customer of 1940."

Who is the "Mrs. Typical Customer" of Boone? Please tell us. We want to know. If you think you are, go to your local store and ask for the blank, or write Mrs. Ellis of the Merchants Association.

PRESIDENT LAUDS RETAILERS EVENT

Roosevelt Says "Business Statesmanship" Exhibited by Merchants in Emergency

President Roosevelt has heartily endorsed the National Retail Demonstration September 16-21, in which the merchants of Boone will join, and has forwarded the following letter to Mr. F. M. Mayfield, president of the National Dry Goods Association:

"My dear Mr. Mayfield: It is with real pleasure that I again send a message of greeting on the eve of National Retail Demonstration week.

"Your observance last year took place shortly after the outbreak of the tragic hostilities in Europe. At that time I said it was essential, because of this new situation, to prevent any general rise in prices that would absorb purchasing power and block expansion of sales volume. All of us can look back with pride now on the business statesmanship displayed by the nation's retailers as well as other segments of our economic life in preventing a price boom.

"We face this year a world torn even more by warfare. Our very thought and action now are focused upon national defense. I am delighted that the retailers of this country are keeping defense foremost in their celebration of the National Retail Demonstration. The need to keep prices in check is as strong, if not stronger, than it was a year ago. Prevention of any runaway rise in the cost of living is an important phase of total national defense. Because of the enlightened conduct of the nation's retailers last week, I am confident they will discharge their responsibility as well this year.

"I hope you have a very successful demonstration.

"Very sincerely yours,
"FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT."

A PROCLAMATION BY THE MAYOR

I, W. R. Lovill, mayor of the town of Boone, North Carolina, do hereby designate the week of September 16-21, as National Retail Demonstration Week in this locality, during which time local merchants will observe "open house" for the benefit of the people of this region, in an effort to show the important part the retailers play in the life of our community.

At this time I would suggest that the people come to a better understanding of what the retailer means to the city. He pays a large percentage of the taxes which provide our improvements, he contributes to the civic and religious life of the community, and upon his shoulders largely rests the responsibility of meeting emergencies in which human welfare is concerned.

I want to laud our retailers for their progress, their vision and their enterprise in the building of a modern small city. Their patriotism is unquestioned, as is proven by their outstanding loyalty to the national defense program. They deserve the unqualified support of us all.

W. R. LOVILL, Mayor.

SECOND FLOOD IS THREATENED HERE

Rainfall of More Than Five Inches Last Friday Brings Returning High Waters

A rainfall of five and three tenths inches between 6 p. m. last Thursday and 8 a. m. Friday, brought additional damages to highways and bridges in this section, and for a time it appeared as if the high waters of the 13th would be duplicated.

The temporary bridge across Watauga River at Valle Crucis was partially washed away, causing the highway to be closed for a time and another bridge went out at Shulls Mills. Considerable damage to roads under repair from the former high waters was reported. The Yanahlossee highway was closed for a short time.

Three schools, Cove Creek, Mabel and Valle Crucis, scheduled to have opened Monday, will not be opened until next Monday due to the rain.

DOUGHTON TO AID VICTIMS OF FLOOD

Representative Anxious That Incomes Be Provided For Desistute During Winter

Hon. R. L. Doughton, ninth district representative, was in town Monday and conferred with the people regarding the situation arising from the recent flood.

Mr. Doughton expects to use his influence in an effort to enlarge the local quotas of the WPA so that monthly incomes may be received by those people who are left destitute. He is also seeking to secure the location of a CCC camp in this immediate area.

Mr. Doughton will do everything in his power to aid in the emergency which has been created, it is said.

Red Cross Continues To Aid Storm Victims

The Red Cross emergency organization here continues to function for the relief of the local victims of the flood and three case workers are now engaged in the work: Mrs. Mildred Taylor Edwards, Miss Miriam Hooper and Miss Gladys Evans, while Miss Edith McAlister, assistant regional director of Bristol, is spending considerable of her time in the local emergency operation.

The recently elected local advisory committee met last week and passed on the merits of 19 cases. This committee is to meet each week.

Although contributions are not being solicited for the Red Cross relief work in this locality, voluntary offerings are being accepted. Those who have recently made contributions include: W. F. Montgomery, \$10; a friend, \$2; Miss Eloise Luger, \$10; employees of Boone Steam Laundry, \$10; Mrs. Frank Holder, 50c; Elsie Hagaman, \$1; R. F. Greer, \$1; F. C. Watkins, \$5; Boone M. E. church, \$7.80; T. B. Moore, Sr., \$1; Mrs. F. E. Barnes, \$1.

Young Democrats To Meet Next Monday

A meeting of the Young Democratic organization of Watauga county is to be held at the courthouse in Boone next Monday evening at 7:30 for the purpose of naming officers, and delegates to the state convention which meets in Raleigh September 12, 13 and 14. A full attendance is desired.