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MRS. EVERETTE IN ADDRESS TO LOCAL TEACHERS FRIDAY

State Educational Leader Reviews Acts of Recent Legislature as Affects the Teaching Profession; Sees "New Day for Education" in North Carolina

Mrs. Ruth Vick Everette, field secretary of the North Carolina Education Association, addressed an assembly of Watauga county teachers and principals in their first annual banquet at the Gateway Cafe here last Friday evening.

The banquet, last monthly meeting of the Watauga unit of the N. C. E. A. for the school year, was planned at an earlier assembly and organized through the chairmanship of Prof. John Howell, principal of the Boone demonstration school, who was assisted by Mrs. R. T. Greer, Cove Creek economics teacher, and Miss Bassett, Appalachian high economics teacher.

Mrs. Everette was introduced by Prof. E. S. Christenbury, dean of men at Appalachian College. Mrs. Everette, well-known in educational circles of the county, began her address in praise of the local NCEA unit, asserting that it did its part in convincing the members of the general assembly that enactment of the five-point educational program would greatly aid in the improvement of the school system.

The address was chiefly an explanation of the school legislation passed by the general assembly, and Mrs. Everette stated that the five-point proposal submitted by the NCEA was passed with little opposition. The legislation was proposed by the NCEA last fall, and is comprised of retirement of teachers, continuing contracts, salary increases, enriched curriculum, and the creation of a centralized state board of education.

Including her talk, Mrs. Everette asserted that "a new day has dawned for education in North Carolina, and we can now go forward with a feeling of greater security than ever before. However, as one member of the general assembly told me soon after the passage of our five-point program, we will be watched from now on by the people and lawmakers of the state to see how we use the enactments accorded to us by this legislature."

One hundred and ten persons, including County Superintendent W. H. Walker, and J. B. Horton, county board chairman, were present.

48 TO GRADUATE AT COVE CREEK

Graduation Exercises to Begin Sunday, April 20; Elementary Exercises 11th

Graduation exercises of Cove Creek high school were announced yesterday by Prof. S. F. Horton, principal, who stated that approximately 48 seniors, total of tentative graduating list, would be awarded their diplomas on Friday, April 25. The exercises will begin on Sunday, April 20, with the Rev. James B. McLarty, pastor of the Boone Methodist church, delivering the baccalaureate sermon in Henson's Chapel Methodist church at Amana.

Class night exercises, Prof. Horton stated, have been scheduled for Friday evening, April 25. At this time the seniors will present a program based on national defense, and the class valedictorian and salutatorian, to be designated later in the spring, will deliver the chief addresses.

Miss Vanda Whicker, director of the senior play, announces that she had chosen the three-act comedy, "Aaron Slick From Pumpkin Crick," to be produced by the graduating class this year. Date of presentation of the comedy has been set for April 26.

Elementary school exercises will be held on Friday, April 11, and a special seventh grade graduating program has been scheduled for Saturday, April 26. Special high school awards will be made at this time also, stated Mr. Horton.

BUYS MOTOR BUSINESS

Mr. Earl Cook, for the past two years a partner in the Ford motor agency here, known as the Cook-Nichols Motor Co., has bought out the interest of A. F. Nichols in the business, and is the sole owner of the flourishing business. The company, which is now known as the Earl Cook Motor Company, last year occupied its handsome new building on Depot street.

Dinner Speaker



Senator Scott W. Lucas of Illinois, prominently mentioned for the Democratic nomination for vice-president last year, who will deliver the principal address at the annual Jackson Day dinner in Raleigh Friday night, April 4. A World War veteran and staunch friend of the farmer and labor in congress, the senator was a strong supporter of the "aid to Britain" bill that recently became law. National Democratic Chairman E. J. Flynn will also attend the dinner.

COMMERCE GROUP TO HOLD BANQUET

Ladies' Night Meeting to Be Held Friday; New Officers to Be Elected

The Boone Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual ladies' night banquet at the Watauga Hotel Friday evening at 7:30, at which time new officers of the organization will be elected.

J. C. Baskerville, head of the advertising department, state department of conservation and development and executive secretary of the governor's hospitality committee, will deliver the address of the occasion.

Mr. Herman Wilcox, president of the organization, insists on a full attendance at this meeting, and those expecting to attend should call either Wade E. Brown or S. C. Eggers, so that places may be reserved at the banquet table. The meeting will be informal.

Burley Stockholders To Gather on April 3

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Mountain Burley Warehouse will be held in the Junior hall in Boone at 2:30 p. m., on Thursday, April 3.

At this meeting a financial statement will be presented, directors for the ensuing year will be elected and such other business as may properly come before the meeting will be transacted.

Stockholders are requested to attend this meeting, but in cases where they are unable to come, are asked by the officers to fill in and return the proxy blanks which have been mailed to them.

MRS. J. W. THOMAS DIES AT MOUNTAIN CITY, TENN.

Mrs. J. W. Thomas, aged 77, died at the home of a daughter, Mrs. J. W. Dyer, in Mountain City, Tenn., Tuesday, March 18.

Funeral services were conducted from the Holy Cross Episcopal church at Valle Crucis Thursday afternoon and burial was in St. John's cemetery.

Survivors include one son and five daughters: G. A. Thomas, Valle Crucis; Mrs. Mattie Dyer, Mountain City, Tenn.; Mrs. Mollie Tester, Valle Crucis; Mrs. Alberta Crosswhite, Riverdale, Md.; Mrs. Wilma Reid, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Wade Bolick, Sarasota, Fla. Two brothers also survive: George A. Hopkins, Mountain City, and Thomas W. Hopkins, Lenoir.

Mrs. Thomas was the former Miss Mary Hopkins, daughter of the late George W. and Mrs. Hopkins of Gap Creek. She was a sister of the late Mrs. John W. Hodges of Boone and where she had many friends.

PASTOR'S MEETING

The monthly meeting of Baptist pastors and deacons will be held at the Boone Baptist church on April 7. The devotional will be by Rev. R. H. Shore.

The following Scriptures will be discussed: John 14-13, Rev. J. C. Canipe; Acts 1-8, Rev. Vilas Minton; Acts 3-6, Rev. G. A. Hamby.

LABOR SHORTAGE IS VISUALIZED BY COUNTY FARMERS

Shortage of Farm Help One of Subjects Discussed in Township Farm Gatherings; Fewer Acres and Larger Yields Seen by Some as Remedy

The county agents held farm meetings in each township in the county during the last week in February. At this meeting a motion picture containing a large number of scenes on Watauga county farms was shown and all who saw this picture were very favorably impressed. The pictures were made during the 1939 farm tours in August. Around 400 people attended these meetings. At each meeting short talks were made by the county agent and assistant agent. An open discussion was also held at each meeting with the farmers taking part in the discussion.

Some of these discussions were unusually good. In one meeting the farmers said that the biggest problems confronting their section was labor shortage on the farm. They suggested that the way to solve this labor shortage was to reduce the acres in cultivation and increase the yield of the various crops. They also suggested that more farmers keep a small flock of sheep in order to help raise the farm income. They said that sheep would not require very much labor and that they could look after them during the winter when other farm work was slack.

These farmers also suggested that better pastures would help solve their labor shortage problem. They recommended that pastures be cleaned up of briars and bushes and that more seed along with phosphate and lime be applied in order to improve them. They also recommended that if the quality of livestock was improved that this would furnish an additional source of income and help solve the labor shortage problem. These farmers were thinking along the right line and as one farmer said, "That system of farming will solve labor shortage in every section of Watauga county."

DUKE PROFESSOR SPEAKS TO FORUM

Labor Situation in National Defense General Theme of Meeting

The third presentation of Boone's public forum was held here Monday night with Dr. Frank De Vyver, professor of economics at Duke University, as the chief speaker of the evening.

The speaker was introduced by Amos Abrams of the college faculty, following words of welcome by Prof. E. S. Christenbury.

Meanwhile, plans were announced for the fourth and last forum of this year for the fourth week in April, and the presidents of the Chamber of Commerce, business men, Parent-Teacher Association, and Lions Club were advised to select an executive committee for next forum year opening in September.

Dr. De Vyve's address involved the labor situation in national defense, and he spoke from his experience on several labor boards. "The present labor problems," he said, "are not due to communist influence altogether, but many of our strikes occur because elevated living conditions create a demand for higher wages among the working masses."

"BARBER BILL" BROADCASTS

Barber Bill's well-known quartette will be featured in a broadcast over Boone's experimental oscillator system, a creation of K. L. Dacus, on Sunday afternoon at 2:30. The station is heard at 800 kilocycles on your dial.

SELLS GROCERY STORE

Mr. Sam A. Norris, for 12 years one of the city's most successful retail merchants, has sold his stock of goods to Mr. P. C. Wyke, who took charge of the business last week.

MINSTREL SUCCESSFUL

A local-talent minstrel show given at the Mabel school Saturday evening, was well attended and the sum of \$27.50 was realized, which will be used to purchase books for the library.

Mr. W. C. Eggers of Beaver Dam township, was brought to the Watauga Hospital Tuesday, seriously ill, and little change has been noted in his condition.

British Raid Nazi- and Norse Isle



This photo, released by the British admiralty shows British marines watching the burning of oil tanks during the spectacular raid on the Nazi-held Loftofen Islands off the Norwegian coast. Two hundred and fifteen German prisoners were taken, 11 Nazi ships sunk and a number of Norwegians were rescued.

SERIOUSLY HURT IN BUS ACCIDENT

Thelma Farthing of Boone Is Crushed Between School Buses at Appalachian High

Miss Thelma Farthing, 16 years old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. C. Farthing of Boone, and popular student at Appalachian high school here, was critically injured last Wednesday afternoon, when pinned between the bumpers of two school buses, parked near the campus.

Information is that another student of the high school, Jack Ward, was in one of the buses, between which Thelma sought passage, and in some accidental manner got the machine in gear, fastening the child between the two buses. As quickly as she could be released, she was taken to the Hagaman clinic, where X-ray examination revealed the fracture of both legs just above the knees. She was taken to Duke Hospital, Durham, where physicians believe she will recover from the critical injuries, without any permanent disability.

James Williams Dies After Long Illness

James H. Williams, 17 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cameron A. Williams of Blowing Rock, died at Duke Hospital, Durham, last Thursday after an illness extending over a period of about three years.

Funeral services were conducted Friday at 2 o'clock from the Presbyterian church at Blowing Rock, by Rev. Walter K. Keys, assisted by Rev. John I. Rhea of Boone. Interment was in the Reformed church cemetery.

Surviving besides the parents are two brothers, Bill and Ernest, and one sister, Mary Louise Williams. James was a student of the Blowing Rock high school until illness precluded his attendance. He was one of the most popular youths of his community and his death has occasioned much sadness.

Blue Ridge Parkway Is Open To Public

The National Park service has recognized the approach of spring by reopening the Blue Ridge Parkway after a long winter hibernation, the state highway and public works commission announced Saturday.

Parkway sections totaling approximately 200 miles now are open to travel, the park service announcement said. These sections are: From Adney Gap in Virginia to Deep Gap in North Carolina, about 140 miles; from Beacon Heights to Swannanoa Gap, about 48 miles and from Asheville to Craggy Gardens, about 15 miles.

SENATE VOTES HUGE BRITISH AID FUNDS

Washington, March 25—The senate passed the \$7,000,000,000 lend-lease appropriation bill yesterday by a national-unity vote of 67 to 9 and plans were laid to fly it today to President Roosevelt, vacationing in the Caribbean.

The action came after less than two hours' discussions and the opposition did not so much as offer an amendment.

GOODFELLOWS CLUB

The Goodfellows Club will meet Thursday evening at 7 o'clock at Watauga Cafe. Those desiring to attend should make their reservations with J. O. Cook or T. M. Greer as early as possible.

URGENT NEED FOR HELPERS TO MAKE WAR AID CLOTHES

Members of Sunday School Class and Others Join in Sewing for Red Cross as Chairman Asks for Increased Aid to Meet Now Quotas for Garments

Seventeen members of the Fidelis Sunday school class of the Boone Baptist church and invited guests met at the home of Mrs. Wiley Smith March 19 for a covered dish luncheon. The hours were spent sewing for the Red Cross. Any individual or groups desiring to aid the Red Cross in sewing are asked to call Mrs. Mae Miller.

The quota of garments to be made by June 1 in this county is larger than any previous quota. The finished garments will go to Britain, Greece and China. All materials are being furnished by the National Red Cross. Most of the materials have arrived and there is on hand the following to be made into garments by volunteers:

- 450 yards flannel for layettes.
- 550 yards diaper material.
- 101 yards for women's dresses.
- 101 yards for girls' dresses.
- 51 yards for men's pajamas.
- 50 yards for boys' shirts.
- 73 yards woolsens for girls' skirts.
- 293 yards for hospital and operating gowns.
- 100 yards for baby blankets.
- 45 pounds of yarn for knitting sweaters and mufflers.

In order to complete the layettes the local chapter must buy baby shirts, hose and safety pins. If anyone wishes to give money for this special fund, it will be greatly appreciated.

Money is also needed for buttons to complete the garments. You are asked to go through your button box and collect some that can be used in finishing the above garments. The local chapter would also like to have odds and ends of lace, rick-rack, bias tape or ribbon that could be used in trimming baby clothes.

The Campfire girls will aid in collecting and sorting the buttons for use. Call Miss Maisie Jean Jones, Mrs. Mae Miller, Mrs. Gaitner or Mrs. Garbee if you have buttons for the girls to collect.

FARMERS URGED TO PLANT BURLEY

Coleman Gives Advice to Burley Growers, and Says Full Quota Should Be Used

Farmers in Watauga County and its surrounding territory are urged to plant their full quota in tobacco acreage this year by R. C. Coleman, warehouseman, who will operate both of the Mountain Burley warehouses this year.

Mr. Coleman, who has been on the Boone market since its beginning, first as buyer, and last year as a warehouseman, is very anxious to see the market reach 3,000,000 pounds this year, and feels that with the cooperation of the farmers and businessmen, this goal can be attained.

Extreme care in the preparation of seed beds and tobacco land, together with every farmer doing his best to obtain the highest yield, will be a major part in developing the local market and increasing the number of pounds sold here.

Sauline Players Will Appear at Cove Creek High School April 2

The Sauline Players, professional actors of Chicago and New York, will give two plays at Cove Creek high school on April 2. "David Copperfield" will be presented on Wednesday afternoon, April 2, and another production, not yet announced, will be given that evening.

The six-person cast, headed by Director Josef Sauline, makes its second appearance here with this date, having entertained at the Watauga Agricultural Fair in September of last year.

Admission charges in the afternoon will be 10 cents for all students and 25 cents for adults. Admission charges for the evening performance will be 15 and 25 cents.

PIANO RECITAL

The piano students of Mrs. Esther S. Boone will be heard in recital on Wednesday, April 2, at 4 o'clock p. m. in Appalachian College auditorium. Friends of the pupils and the public generally are invited.

CITY ELECTION TO BE HELD MAY 6TH

Democratic Chairman Calls Nominating Convention for Evening of April 10th

A mayor and board of aldermen will be elected for the ensuing two years at the regular election to be held in this municipality on May 6, and today Chairman T. B. Moore issues notice to the Democratic voters of the city of a nominating convention to be held at the courthouse on April 10, at 7:30 p. m.

Considerable speculation as to probable candidates on both sides of the political fence has been engaged in for some time, and a heightened interest in municipal politics will be evidenced from now until the election. The Republican party has not yet called its convention.

Eastern Star Chapter Is Instituted Monday

Snow Lodge, U. D., Sugar Grove, was instituted on March 24, at 7:30 p. m., by the following officers: Worthy grand matron, Mrs. Leola Eyerly of North Wilkesboro; district deputy grand patron, Roy Harmon of Banner Elk; and worthy grand patron, John L. Orr of Bryson City.

Initiation of the charter members was conducted by Lodge No. 135 of Cranberry. The worthy grand matron and worthy grand patron installed the following officers for the coming year:

Worthy matron, Mrs. Constance Stallings; worthy patron, Beach Keller; associate matron, Mrs. Mildred Garbee; associate patron, Mrs. E. E. Garbee; secretary, Mrs. Alice Wolfe; treasurer, Bernice Gragg; conductress, Marguerite Miller; warder, Mrs. Amelia Greer; sentinel, Andy Greer; organist, Mrs. Honor D. Winkler; chaplain, Mrs. Bess Brown; and other officers include Mrs. Mary Farthing, Mrs. Blanche Keller, Mrs. Pauline Shoemaker, Mrs. Fay Hodges, Mrs. Jean Rivers.

Two Are Injured as Scaffold Gives Way

Fred Shull and Charlie Eggers, who were employed in the construction of the Cove Creek high school building, were right seriously injured last Thursday when a scaffold on which they were working collapsed when they attempted to put a heavy building stone in place on the second story of the large structure.

Shull sustained severe injuries of the right foot and knee, chest and right hand. Eggers suffered from a severely strained back and lacerations of the left hip.

Local Briar Pipes Now Being Offered

The Boone Drug Company now has on display a number of smoking pipes, manufactured from the native ivy and rhododendron burls, and produced by the D. & P. Pipe works of this city.

Mr. David P. Laviets, who has just returned from New York, brought back the pipe collection, which he had manufactured to show the people of the neighborhood the quality of the local product. The Boone Drug Company is offering these pipes, strictly in an effort to publicize the town's manufacturing enterprise at a small portion of the retail value of such products. Even non-smokers are showing keen interest in the display.