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MERCHANTS GROUP TO STAGE DOLLAR DAYS THIS MONTH

Plans Going Forward for Annual Spring Merchandising Event; to Be Held Later in Month; Details to Be Announced Later

At a meeting of a special committee of the Boone Merchants Association held last week, it was agreed that the annual spring merchandising event of the association members would this year take the form of Dollar Days, and that the community sales are to be held on Friday and Saturday, May 16 and 17.

During these two days all the members of the Merchants Association will join in a concerted effort to bring to the attention of the shopping public the advantages to be derived by trading in this community, and special prices will be featured in individual advertisements appearing in The Democrat that week.

Although the detailed plans for the Dollar Days haven't been worked out, further announcements will be made in subsequent editions of this newspaper.

JURY FEE ORDER MADE BY JUDGE

Jury Fees Not Chargeable Where Plea of Guilty is Entered Before Empanelling

Judge H. Hoyle Sink, presiding over Watauga superior court, has signed an order that in the future the clerk of the court shall not make a charge of jury fees in cases where a plea of guilty is entered prior to the empanelling of the jury.

The judicial order is as follows: It having been called to the attention of the presiding judge that the county commissioners have in their official capacity been charging the clerk of the court with jury fees in cases where pleas of guilty were entered before the jury was empanelled in the regular and orderly manner as though the cases were tried before a jury, and the court being of the opinion that the law makes no provision for charging of jury service where none is actually invoked;

It is, therefore, ordered and adjudication of this court that in the future the clerk of the superior court shall not make any such charge in any case where a plea of guilty is entered prior to the empanelling of the jury.

The court will be glad to hear the county commissioners or their duly appointed attorney at its convenience, or note an exception to this order, if desired.

FEDERAL COURT TO CONVENE ON MAY 19

Wataugans Are Drawn for Jury Service at Wilkesboro; Hayes to Preside

The May term of federal court, which will dispose of cases originating in Wilkes, Ashe, Alleghany and Watauga counties, will convene in Wilkesboro on Monday, May 19.

The following Watauga county citizens have been summoned to serve as jurors for the term: E. B. Hagaman, Beech Creek; H. M. Cornell, Zionville; L. M. Cook, Stony Fork; J. E. Young, Blowing Rock; Ed Yates, Matney; Charles Trivette, Beech Creek; Grady McNeil, Zionville; John W. Hodges, Boone; Voyne Edmisten, Boone; Walter Edmisten, Boone; Battle Norris, Boone.

Mrs. Leander Norris Succumbs in Arkansas

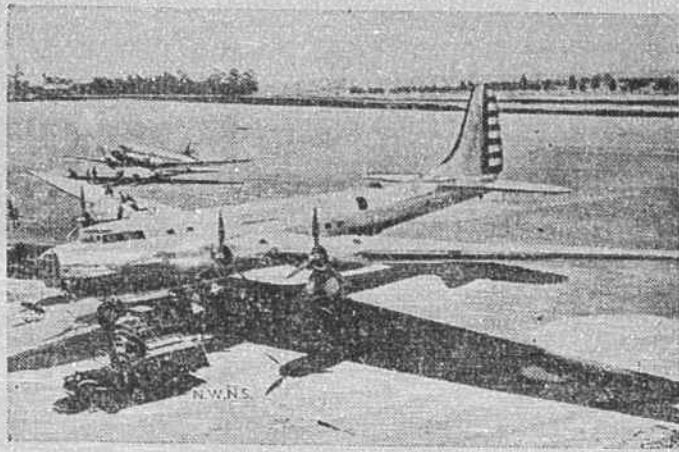
Word reaches The Democrat of the death of Mrs. Leander Norris, which occurred in Bentonville, Ark., on April 4, after an illness following a paralytic stroke.

Funeral services were conducted in that community, but details are unavailable.

Mrs. Norris will be remembered by the older residents of the county as the daughter of the late Rev. Mr. Floyd of Boone. She had lived in the state of Arkansas for many years.

In the immediate family only the husband survives. One brother, John Floyd, lives in Nashville, Tenn.

WORLD'S LARGEST AIRPLANE



Shown here prior to its final inspection and ground check, the Douglas B-19, "Guardian of the Hemisphere," poses for one of its first pictures outdoors. Its mighty wings, designed by the army air corps to span two continents, measure 212 feet from tip to tip. Four motors total more than 8,000 horse power on this—the world's largest airplane. Its cruising range is 7,750 miles.

Three Wataugans Are Named By Governor On Parkway Commission

Farmers Ready To Plant Huge Crop Of Garden Peas

Mr. E. L. Hazen of the Black Carter Marketing Company, was back in town Tuesday looking after the seeding of a large acreage in Watauga county to garden peas, the product to be handled by this concern at their warehouse in Boone this year.

Mr. Hazen states that contracts have been signed to insure the planting of about 30 acres of peas this year, and says that actual seeding will begin about the fifth of the month. There is yet time for other farmers interested to make their plans for planting peas, and complete information about this crop, which has never before been grown commercially in Watauga, may be secured from the Farmers Hardware & Supply Co., or the county agent's office.

Mr. Hazen says that the culture of peas is not at all difficult on a commercial scale and believes that with a sure market in Boone, and a guaranteed price of 75 cents per bushel, or the day-by-day market price as desired, the income from peas will be better than that from other crops which have been produced here.

Cucumbers, squash and many other truck crops can be produced profitably for the market in this locality, says Mr. Hazen, and information along these lines will be gladly furnished any interested farmer.

Late War Bulletins

Heavy forces of German bombers again assaulted a southeastern English city, apparently Plymouth, Tuesday night and early Wednesday after a 7-hour bombardment of the Dover area by long-range German cannon. Much of Plymouth already had been declared an evacuation area because of steady Nazi bombings that destroyed whole zones and left hundreds homeless.

Russia, in a move which may be of great significance, was reported to have decreed that henceforth no war material would be allowed to cross her territory. Germany is reported to have received considerable war materials from Japan via the Transsiberian railway.

The war's heaviest cross-channel bombardment in the Calais-Dover area began shortly after 8 a. m. Tuesday and continued intermittently until some time after 3 p. m. It was the sort of barrage to be expected with any invasion attempt.

German pursuit troops pounded after the retreating British in Greece and informed Berlin circles said they were approaching the last inlets and bays affording the British a chance to escape by boat. Nazi dive-bombers attacked all craft putting to sea.

Axis mechanized forces in north Africa were stalled near Salum, in Egypt just across the Libyan frontier, the British said. A furious sandstorm aided British troops and planes to halt three German-Italian columns there, Cairo dispatches said.

The average circus elephant's daily ration includes 125 pounds of hay, one-half bushel of oats, seven pounds of bran and about 50 gallons of water.

Gordon Winkler, S. F. Horton and Lyles Harris Are Chosen On New Parkway Commission; Body Authorized by Past Legislature

Gordon H. Winkler of Boone, Sam F. Horton of Sugar Grove and Lyles Harris of Blowing Rock, have been named by Governor Broughton as members of the Blue Ridge Parkway commission, together with 51 others from the 18 counties adjacent to the new scenic highway.

The commission was authorized by an act of the 1941 general assembly in order to "contract and co-operate with agencies of the federal government" in matters affecting the parkway which has been under construction in western North Carolina for several years.

The act authorizes the governor to appoint the chairman of the commission and to set his salary. No appropriation from state funds is provided and the commission itself have to raise any salary paid. The governor indicated he would follow wishes of the commission in naming the chairman.

Other members of the commission are as follows: Wilkes, T. E. Story, J. B. McCoy and Dr. H. B. Smith, all of North Wilkesboro; Caldwell, Mark Goforth, F. L. Townsend and R. L. Gwyn, all of Lenoir; Alleghany county, Eugene Transou, W. D. Edwards and W. F. Osborne, all of Sparta; McDowell, L. J. P. Cutlar and William W. Neal, Jr., both of Marion; and J. C. Rabb of Pleasant Garden; Burke, A. B. Stoney, W. I. Davis and Frank S. Thomason, all of Morganton; Jackson, Dan K. Moore, Dan Tompkins and T. W. Ashe, all of Sylva; Swain, McKinley Edwards, W. E. Elmore and Frank Hyatt, all of Bryson City; Avery, J. V. Bowers of Newland; J. F. Hampton of Linville and J. P. Dellinger of Crossnore; Polk, Jack Arledge, Charles J. Lynch and George A. Cathey, all of Tryon; Buncombe, J. S. Howell, Hubert C. Jarvis and Jack Enwright, all of Asheville; Ashe, Judge H. C. Tucker, Lem Hafer, both of West Jefferson, and L. P. Colvard of Jefferson; Mitchell, C. A. Peterson and B. C. Burgess, both of Spruce Pine, and W. F. Hughes of Bakersville; Yancey, D. F. Fouts and G. L. Hensley, both of Burnsville, and R. N. Silver of Micaaville; Henderson, L. L. Burgin, Harry Buchanan and M. M. Redden, all of Hendersonville; Surry, Dr. Moir S. Martin of Mount Airy, T. N. Woodruff of Low Gap, and H. C. Dodson of Elkin; Madison, Guy V. Roberts, Philip Elam and Dr. J. H. Hutchins.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Verne S. Greene of Meat Camp township, at Watauga Hospital on April 11, a son, who has been named Dennis Linney.

COMBAT ZONES DECLARED OPEN TO U. S. PATROLS

Washington, April 29.—President Roosevelt reaffirmed his determination to extend operations of the naval neutrality patrol as far as necessary to safeguard the Western Hemisphere, and pointed out that United States fighting ships may legally enter combat zones fixed under the neutrality act.

He said at a press conference that only merchant ships are barred from combat areas and emphatically stated that his explanation did not mean that naval craft were to be sent into these danger zones.

At the same time he refused to say how far into the seven seas—the all-inclusive area into which he has declared the patrol would be sent, if necessary—units of the patrol now are operating to create a safe lane for war shipments to Great Britain.

Boone People Narrowly Escape Death In Fayetteville Disaster

Mrs. Louise Aldridge, two children, Joan, 7, and Patricia, 6, and Mrs. Aldridge's mother, Mrs. Edna Hodges, Boone citizens, narrowly escaped death Monday evening when the Fayetteville apartment house in which they were living, was destroyed by fire of an unknown origin.

The family had been living in Fayetteville for several months, where Mrs. Aldridge is employed. The apartment building in which the local people resided

MAYOR AND THREE ALDERMEN WILL BE ELECTED TUESDAY

Registration of New Voters Closed Last Saturday; Considerable Interest in Developing in Municipal Contest as Election Date Draws Near

Voters of the town of Boone will on next Tuesday elect a mayor and a three-member board of aldermen to administer the affairs of the municipality during the next two years, and considerable interest is beginning to develop in the approaching election.

Registration of new voters came to a close last Saturday afternoon and a checkup reveals that 135 names were added to the roster of eligible voters. One hundred and one of these new voters indicated that they were Democrats; 18 Republicans, while 16 registered as independent voters. Next Saturday will be observed as challenge day, it is pointed out.

The Democratic ticket is composed of Wade E. Brown for mayor; Chappel Wilson, W. R. Winkler and D. P. Wyke, candidates for aldermen.

The Republican slate is headed by W. H. Gragg as mayoralty candidate; G. K. Moore, D. L. Wilcox and Kenneth Linney, candidates for aldermen.

All candidates are leading citizens of their community, and it is expected that a large vote will be cast. Usually around 700 vote in the municipal election.

LIONS CLUB HOST TO DISTRICT MEET

Two Hundred and Twenty-five Attend Banquet at College Cafeteria

With 225 delegates from six districts in western North Carolina present, the Boone Lions Club was host to visiting Lions and Lionesses at a banquet in the college cafeteria last week.

Following two-minute reports from presidents of the North Wilkesboro, Valdese, Newland, Lenoir, Morganton and Boone clubs, the Appalachian tumbler and baton twirlers entertained. Morganton received the traveling trophy for having the largest delegation present.

Lion Governor "Heck" Everett of Charlotte, Earl Reese of Hickory, deputy governor; Frank Tillotson of Charlotte, district secretary; Dr. B. B. Dougherty and Dr. J. D. Rankin, of Appalachian College, appeared on the program with short talks relative to the meeting and announcements about the state Lions club meeting in Asheville in June.

Dr. W. Amos Abrams, president of the local Lions, delivered the address of welcome, and Gene Wike, publicity director of the college, served as toastmaster. Wike has been invited by the Lion governor to appear on the program during the state meeting in Asheville.

Mrs. John Lewis, 55, Dies at Florida Home

Mrs. John Lewis, native Watauga county citizen, but for the past few years a resident of Plant City, Fla., died at her home in that city on Tuesday of last week, according to meager information reaching friends and relatives here. Death followed an illness beginning last fall.

Funeral services and interment were in Plant City.

Mrs. Lewis was reared in Watauga county, and was the former Miss Emma Wilson, daughter of the late Harvey and Mrs. Wilson of Meat Camp township. After her marriage the family lived in Boone for several years, where Mrs. Lewis was held in the very highest esteem. From Boone she moved to Johnson City where she lived for four years before moving to Florida about the year 1937. Mrs. Lewis had been a member of Meat Camp Baptist church since childhood and lived a life of devotion to the Christian cause. Her friends in this locality were numbered by her acquaintances.

Surviving are the husband and three sons: Glenn, Rufus and John Thomas Lewis.

See \$10,000 Damages In Death of Girl By Electrocutation Last Fall; Court May Adjourn Thursday

Duty Calls



Ending their honeymoon of less than a week, following their recent marriage, Captain James Roosevelt, the President's son, bids his wife goodbye on leaving for marine duty. He then boarded a Pan-American Clipper for Honolulu and his official mission there.

GRAND JURY IN REPORT TO COURT

Jury Finds County Property in Good Shape; Minor Repairs Suggested

The grand jury for the spring term of Watauga superior court finished its work on last Wednesday and submitted the following report to Judge Hoyle Sink, who is presiding:

We, the grand jury, beg to submit the following report:

1. We have carefully examined all bills that have come before us, and passed on the same.

2. We visited the convict camp located one mile west of Boone, and find this camp with 95 convicts under the capable management of Capt. C. J. Farthing, to be a model of sanitation and that this institution is conducted and managed under the very best and approved regulations.

3. The county home was visited and found 11 inmates, who expressed themselves as being splendidly cared for and the premises and home appeared to be in excellent condition, except we recommend that a dozen mattresses be provided; also the wood-work on the porch be repaired and painted. This jury commends Mr. and Mrs. Simmons for the work they are doing.

4. The county jail was found to be capably kept, and the building in good condition except the replacement of broken windows, plumbing checked and special attention be given to the public toilets in the basement of the jail.

5. The county offices were examined and found that the records and management were of the very best so far as our body could ascertain.

The report was signed by Donley Hagaman, grand jury foreman. Other members of the jury were:

LOCAL JUNIORS IN DISTRICT POSTS

W. T. Casey and Howard Cottrell Win District Junior Offices at Morganton

At the third district meeting of the Junior Order, United American Mechanics, held in Morganton Tuesday evening, W. T. Casey of Boone, was elected district warden, and Howard J. Cottrell, also of this city, was made district inside sentinel.

At the same time it was decided that the next Junior district meeting will be held with Daniel Boone Council No. 129 in Boone sometime next fall, the actual date for the gathering to be determined later.

J. L. White, state councilor, was the principal speaker at the Morganton gathering. Also appearing on the program was Clyde R. Greene of Boone, one of the trustees of the Children's Home.

The third district is made up of councils in Avery, Burke, Mitchell, Caldwell and Watauga counties. Howard Cottrell, W. T. Casey and Ray Estes were the delegates to the meeting from the Daniel Boone council.

PASTORS AND DEACONS TO GATHER ON MONDAY

The pastors and deacons conference of the Baptist church will be held at the Boone Baptist church on Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Rev. D. M. Edmisten, who makes announcement of the conference, urges a full attendance and says there will be a round table discussion on these subjects: "Our Problems as Pastors," and "Our Problems as Deacons." Devotionals will be led by Rev. Carl Triplett.

Local Utilities Concern is Defendant in Suit Brought by Relatives of Gladys Yates; Civil Calendar May Be Finished and Court Adjourn Today

The Northwest Carolina Utilities Company is the defendant in a suit expected to be brought up for trial in superior court today (Wednesday) in which relatives of Gladys Yates seek to recover the sum of \$10,000 as a result of her death by contact with a live electric transmission line, allegedly owned by the defendant.

The Yates girl met her death last December as she gathered Christmas greens in the woods. It was alleged at the time that the live wire was so near the ground that the girl touched it in an effort to pass beneath it. Death was instantaneous.

The plaintiff is being represented by Messrs. T. E. Bingham and W. R. Lovill, while Trivette & Holshouser appear for the defendant.

Other Cases Tried

Other civil cases tried this week in Judge Sink's court included one brought by T. L. Moretz against the state highway commission for damages inflicted by the building of the Parkway near Deep Gap. The jury awarded the plaintiff \$2,500.

In a compromise T. L. Mast was given \$2,750 as damages to his property because of the rebuilding of highway 421 at Lovell.

The trial of civil cases is expected to end Thursday afternoon. Following are the remaining judgments of the court in criminal actions, which were not published last week:

Joseph Carl Ellington, embezzlement, 7 months on roads.

Douglas Norris, public drunkenness, prayer for judgment continued for three years.

Faye Trivette, larceny, 18 months in state prison; capias to issue within three years upon breach of the peace.

Ed Lowrance, public drunkenness and resisting arrest, 6 months on roads for resisting; prayer for judgment continued on public drunkenness charge.

Dwight Moody, public drunkenness and resisting arrest, 15 months on roads, suspended for two years during good behavior.

General Lee Richards, breaking and entering, 90 days on roads, to begin December 1.

James C. Welch, resisting an officer, prayer for judgment continued upon payment of costs.

Bloom Gragg, assault with deadly weapon, prayer for judgment continued on payment of \$40 costs.

John Wheeler, abandonment, set-Continued on page eight)